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Monticello Kiwanis Awards Scholarships



From Left - Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport, VP Robert Green, Hailey Kaplan, Andrew Weiner, Lyndsey Kaplan, William Cooper, Geliana Marie Fernandez, Camilla Hernandez, Blayre Carnell, Belle Zhou and Principal Mrs. Jennifer Gorr.

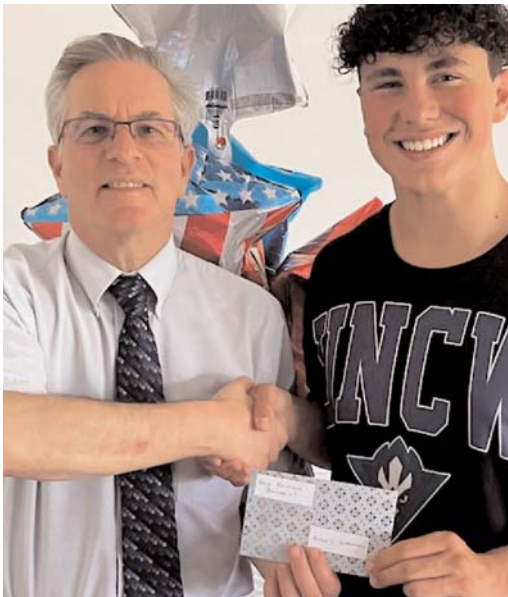
On Monday, June 9th, The Monticello Kiwanis Club presented nine (9) scholarships, \$1,000 each, to exceptionally well deserving Monticello High School Seniors. The venue was Robert Green Truck Division Board Room where the recipients and their families enjoyed a delicious pizza party and graduation cup cakes. The recipients shared their plans for schooling going forward and their professional aspirations. Principal Jennifer Gorr was in attendance and shared her pride of the students and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

The recipients were:

Hailey Kaplan - Monticello Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship; Lyndsey Kaplan - Ben Golden Memorial Scholarship; Andrew Weiner - Founder's Scholarship; William Cooper - Max Shapiro Memorial Scholarship; Blayre Carnell - Leo Rappaport Memorial Scholarship; Camilla Hernandez - Selma & Robert Green Memorial Scholarship; Morris Germann (absent)- Rose Raimond Memorial Scholarship; Belle Zhou - Florence Leshner Memorial Scholarship and Geliana Marie Fernandez - Irving Kaufman Memorial Scholarship.

Retiring MCSD Driver Education Teacher/Kiwanis Key Club Faculty Advisor Stephen Raabe was recognized and thanked for his many years of service to the school and to the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program.

All the scholarship recipients were congratulated and wished much success.



Robert Green and Morris Germann



Marvin Rappaport and Retiring Teacher/Key Club Advisor Stephen Raabe.

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Proverbs 16:3

**DAYS OF
YORE....**

Today's History

June 22, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano became the parents of a son, Walter, weighing 9 lbs., on Sunday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter of Grahamsville are the grandparents.

No more pencils, no more books
No more teacher's searching looks!
Run and play, laugh and shout
Summer's here and school is out!!
Shop at Krum's for summer meals
and sturdy vacation togs.
KUM TO KRUM'S

June 9, 1965

George Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of the Sundown Rd., was graduated from Swarthmore College on June 7th with a degree in History. He will be studying History at the University of Indiana in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Huffman of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Lorraine, to Robert Harris, son of Mrs. Julia Harris and the late Philip Harris of Brooklyn, N.Y. The future bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and Sullivan County Community College. She is employed at the Sullivan County National Bank in Liberty. Her fiancé is a graduate of Boys High School in Brooklyn, and Sullivan County Community College. He is presently employed by Middlecreek Constr. Co. in Callicoon. No wedding date has been set.

June 25, 1975

Floyd and Gladys VanWagner celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 25th. Congratulations!! Will you try for 50?

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Al Carr, married 40 years on June 26th; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bonnell, married 10 years on that day; Mr. and

Mrs. Al Visscher will be married 24 years on June 30th and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, 8 years on July 1st.

June 27, 1985

The Reverend Diane Zanetti Johnson was one of nine persons recently ordained in the U.M. Church. Bishop Neil Irons of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference presided at the ordination. Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University where she was twice recipient of the Lois Otten Scholarship and a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society.. Rev. Johnson, an honor graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti of Liberty.

June 22, 1995

Local Lion Frank Smith was elected District Governor of Lions District 20-0at the Annual NYS Convention held in Syracuse.

The Old Time Fiddler's Gathered at the Grahamsville UM Church last Sunday. Part way through the show there was a POP and the electricity was gone! Later it was found that a fallen tree was the cause.

It was recently learned that back in May, Charlie Dill of Ulster Heights took a 20 lb. striper on light tackle while fishing on the Hudson.

The Tri-Valley FFA Chapter recently attended the 70th Annual NYS FFA Convention. The Tri-Valley team consisted of Christie Godowski, Moderator, and members Amy Barkley, Theresa Griesbeck, Chad Turner and Eric Goldstein. The TVS Chapter placed 5th in the State in FFA Fundraising.

Christina Kortright graduated from Phase I radiologic specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. Students were taught the theory of basic electricity, radioographic techniques, radiographic films and chemical processing and basic medical rediness.

Christina is the daughter of Donald W. and Sharron L. Kortright of Neversink. She is a 1994 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published June 26, 1997

In September 1930 Dan and I moved our family to the Shiner Farm in old Neversink where we settled down as caretaker for Mr. Shiner.

Mr. Shiner's job was in New York City and he enjoyed spending his vacations on his farm. He owned a little Beagle hound which was also left in our care.

Shiner's farm joined the Andre Vasko farm. Mr. Vasko owned and operated a shoe repairing harness shop in Liberty. Mrs. Vasko and son Charles worked the farm with another son, Julius who attended school in Liberty.

Mrs. Vasko and I soon became good friends, running back and forth for tea and gossip as friends did in the good old days. I always felt so comfortable in her kitchen with the hand crank coffee grinder on the wall by the wood stove and she always had her coffee pot brewing.

One morning I asked her for her coffee recipe and she replied, "I fill my coffee pot with water, add the right amount of coffee, set the pot on my stove. When the pot is empty, I just add more water and coffee and place it back on the stove to boil. This I repeat until I empty the grounds on my vegetable garden or flower bed." She had a great sense of humor and was one of the best cooks I ever met. I sometimes watched as she made homemade noodles, rolling them off and spreading them out to dry on a table cloth on her kitchen table.

One morning she came over to our house carrying a basket of eggs saying, "Bea, I came to teach you the art of making noodle." Laughing, talking we got out the pans we needed and worked hard making the noodles. We spread them out on a clean table cloth to dry. Then we went out on the porch to rest with a cup of tea. Soon we went inside to see how the noodles were doing and Mr. Shiner's beagle had pulled the table cloth off the table and our beautiful noodles were all ruined. Mrs. Vasko said, "Oh my, oh ho," as she gathered them up and put them in her egg basket saying, "next lesson you get at my house, my dog I leave outside!"

Household Hint:

Use a Dryer Sheet to Keep Thread from Tangling

There's no need to get frustrated over threads that knot up while you stitch. When you are ready to start hand sewing or doing needlework, run the thread between a folded dryer sheet to keep it tangle-free. The silicon coating will help the thread smoothly through the fabric.

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

Simply Sophisticated Daisy

Right now blooming throughout the Catskills is the Oxeye Daisy, a wildflower of fields, roadsides and other open areas. Known to botanists as *Leucanthemum vulgare*, daisies are a familiar and attractive grassland perennial that is often considered a weed. They are not Native to North America. They were introduced here long ago from Eurasia where they were used medicinally and grown in gardens for over 4,000 years.



A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. The Oxeye Daisy prefers sun but can survive in part-shade.

Did you know that daisies sleep at night and wake up in the morning? The Oxeye daisies that we are seeing in the fields, along the roadsides, and in many other places around Tri-Valley are also known as Moon Daisies because they open at dawn. In fact, the Daisy got its name from Old English "Day's Eye," describing how the petals close at night and open at daybreak, revealing the yellow center.

The flowerheads of daisies can be large, and measure up to 2 inches across. They usually begin to bloom in the middle of May and are at their peak until around the end of June. We will continue to see isolated specimens throughout the summer, especially in areas where they are undisturbed by the cutting of the hay or mowing, such as on railway banks, or along roadways where the plant flourishes well.

Daisies are not made of just one flower. A Daisy is made up of two types of flowers - disk florets and petal-like white ray florets. The disk florets are at the center and the ray florets are at the outer edge, but they are arranged to give the impression of being a single flower. This arrangement on Daisies is a type of inflorescence known as a capitulum - a compact head of a structure, in particular a dense, flat cluster of small flowers or florets.

Beneath each flower-head is a ring of green sheathing bracts, the involucre. These not only protect and support the bloom, but prevent insects from trying to bite their way to the honey from below. They, as well as the rest of the plant, are permeated with an acrid juice that is obnoxious to certain insects. The open flower heads of a daisy does attract a large range of pollinating insects particularly bees and butterflies.

A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. The Oxeye Daisy prefers sun, but can survive in part-shade. The stems of Daisies are smooth and leafless and support a single flower. The leaf texture varies and may be smooth or hairy, narrow at the base and slightly lobed. The Daisy flower stalks are generally longer than the leaf stalks. The plant generally grows from 1 to 2 feet high. The perennial root is somewhat creeping. Daisies can be propagated by division in spring or through sowing seeds in spring or late autumn. Daisy seeds are a prime source of food for songbirds in winter.

These sunny springtime blooms have several positive meanings. The meaning of a daisy flower can be purity, innocence, new beginnings, joy and cheerfulness. During the Victorian Era, daisies symbolized innocence, loyalty and an ability to keep things secret. It was the Victorians who chanted, 'he loves me, he loves me not' while plucking off individual Daisy petals.



It's already June and summer here! Time for the barbeques and outdoor fun. Time for the students to celebrate the end of the school year by taking a break before the next school year begins. And for NRAMA, it's time to award its well-deserved scholarships. Our scholarship committee, headed by NRAMA club member John McHugh, spent hours reviewing the many scholarship applications NRAMA received. The competition was very close, and all the applicants were deserving. John and his committee had a tough decision, so tough that they asked club members to approve awarding two scholarships this year. The club members unanimously agreed. NRAMA is very proud to award the 2025 scholarships to William Reilly of Swan Lake and Katie Dauch of Hurleyville. Mr. Reilly is looking to pursue his education at SUNY Delhi, with the focus on their Turf Management Program which includes large equipment operations and maintenance; grounds equipment management; and fleet management. Ms. Dauch has been accepted into SUNY Morrisville where she will continue her education in Environmental & Natural Resource Management to work towards her goal of becoming an Environmental Conservation Officer. Both are well deserving of the scholarships which will be awarded at the NRAMA club meeting on Wednesday July 16th at 7:30 pm at the Grahamsville Fire Department. The meeting is open to the public and we welcome all who would like to join us in congratulating William and Katie on this special honor.

What else does summer mean to NRAMA? It means parades and tractor runs. Club members just recently participated in the Wings and Wheels for Warriors and the Callicoon Tractor Parade. We will be participating in the Ellenville 4th of July parade (scheduled for Friday July 4th) and the Village of Montgomery Tractor Parade and Farm Day (scheduled for Saturday, August 30th. Vice-president Seymour Streigold organizes our tractor runs and is currently working on plans for our late summer run.

While the parades may be open to anyone, the tractor runs are for NRAMA members only. The benefit of being a NRAMA club member is that you can participate in any sanctioned event, such as the Ellenville 4th of July parade or the Montgomery Tractor Parade and covered by the NRAMA insurance. Membership is an annual fee of \$15 per person/\$20 per family. Small price to pay for the benefits you receive, including the insurance coverage. Want to join the club? Contact vice-president Seymour Streigold at ssstreigoldfarms@aol.com.

We cannot forget the biggest event NRAMA is gearing up for. The 25th Silver Anniversary Annual Tractor Show is scheduled for September 20th (rain date 9/21) at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10-6pm. The show committee (Walt Zeitschel, Paul &



NRAMA Club president Paul Kelly and member Tim Rexford at the Wings and Wheels for Warriors event.

Kathy Kelly, Eloise McKeon, Seymour Streigold, Lloyd Greer and Chair Cher Woehl) have been working hard on planning this year's show. We've met with Vickie and Keith Kraus from the Catskill Region AACA Car Club to talk about the Car Cruise-In. We are very excited to have the AACA Car Club joining us this year and want to invite anyone with a very special vehicle they are proud of to join the cruise-in. What better way to show off your pride and joy then to have it on display at our tractor show. All vehicles are welcome---cars, motorcycles, trucks and any means of transportation. Another exciting addition to our show is the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club. They will be sponsoring the Sportsmen's Flea Market which is always a great event for all the sportsmen out there. (Contd. Pg. 11)



Tractor Show Committee members Lloyd Greer, Paul & Kathy Kelly and Walt Zeitschel meeting with Vickie & Keith Kraus from the AACA Car Club

Sarah Kramer-Harrison to Serve as UC's First Director of Arts, Culture, and Open Spaces

KINGSTON, NY - Sarah Kramer-Harrison will serve as the County's first Director of Arts, Culture, and Open



Spaces, a newly created position in the Department of Tourism that will support the arts as an economic, educational, and community asset, and capitalize on opportunities to integrate arts and culture in parks and open spaces. County Executive Metzger included the position in her 2025 Executive Budget to advance

the County's recently completed Arts and Culture Master Plan and promote the County's unique artistic, cultural, and natural resources.

The Arts and Culture Plan - "Imagine Ulster" - was commissioned by the County Legislature and drew on the input of hundreds of residents and cultural stakeholders. The Plan outlines strategies to strengthen support for artists and cultural organizations, expand arts education and access, and promote the arts as a driver of economic development. (For more information on the Plan, visit: <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/arts-culture-plan>.)

Among the responsibilities of her new position, Kramer-Harrison will develop a centralized platform to publicize arts culture events across the County, create a resource hub for artists, promote the use of parks and open spaces for arts-related events and activities, and work with other County departments to integrate the arts in County initiatives and programs, from public health to youth programming to economic development.

Kramer-Harrison is uniquely positioned to lead this work, with extensive experience in both the arts and government, and a track record of integrating the arts in County programming, including in her previous position with the Crime Victims Assistance Program and the Intimate Partner Violence Intervention program in the Office of the District Attorney. She brings more than 20 years of cross-sector leadership in arts

education, trauma-informed programming, youth engagement, and grant development.

Kramer-Harrison holds a Bachelor of Music from Berklee College of Music, with a concentration in sound engineering and production, and a Master of Education from Marist College. She is certified to teach music and mathematics in New York State and has completed extensive training in grant writing and management.

Prior to assuming this new role with the County, Kramer-Harris served as Director of Projects for the Ulster County District Attorney's Office, and before that, as Senior Crime Victims Counselor and Volunteer Coordinator with the County's Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP) from 2016 to 2024. She is also founder and owner of Kramer-Harrison Music, leading youth and elder-focused arts programs for more than 20 years. She has contributed to the SageArts elder storytelling project, collaborated with schools and nonprofit partners, produced multiple albums, and earned recognition for her lifelong volunteer work promoting equity, access, and the arts.

"As an artist and arts educator with experience in government and a track record of integrating the arts in County services, Sarah brings the perfect combination of skills and knowledge to this unique position and a deep commitment to arts," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I look forward to working with her as we bring the Arts and Culture Plan to life and position Ulster County as an artistic and cultural hub for the region."

"Ulster County's artistic community is a vibrant, diverse, and vital part of who we are, and I'm honored to support and uplift the people who make it thrive," said Sarah Kramer-Harrison. "I'm excited to work side by side with artists, cultural leaders, and creative organizations to bring our Arts and Culture Plan to life, and to help build a stronger, more connected arts ecosystem - one that celebrates local talent, expands access to the arts, and brings creative energy into every corner of County life."

"The hiring of Sarah as Ulster County's first-ever Director of Arts, Culture, and Open Spaces marks a historic moment for our community," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "This role was born out of a two-year collaborative effort to develop the Ulster County Arts and Culture Plan, and Sarah is the ideal person to bring that vision to life. As a lifelong musician, educator, and seasoned County employee, she brings a rare and powerful blend of artistic insight and government expertise. I'm confident that under her leadership, we'll see transformative support for individual artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses - and a bold, inclusive implementation of our strategic priorities."

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The Korean Woman**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 dotting 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!

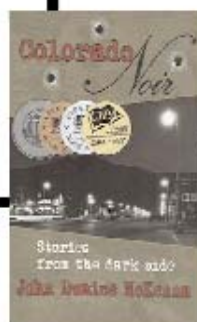
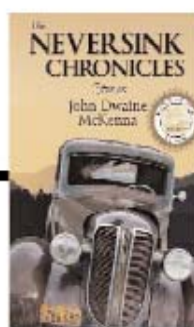
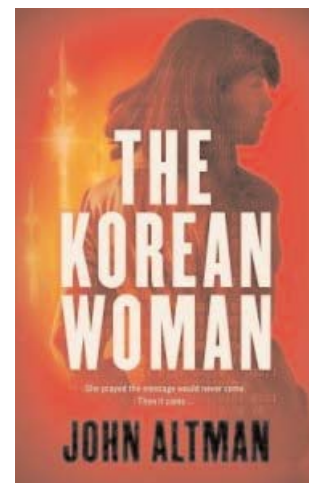
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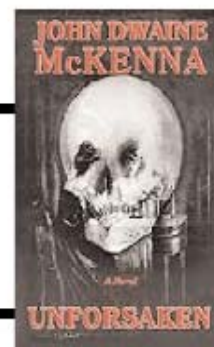
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Hudson

Hi, everyone. This is Hudson the chocolate lab, here. That is my formal name; I am also called "Huddy" or "Stinky" (although I smell just fine). I am writing my own obituary because my human mom keeps making these funny barking sounds and wiping her eyes and snout of the water whenever she walks around my house and yard and realizes I have already gone on to my next adventure.

I wasn't planning on leaving so soon but my hips and back legs wouldn't work any more.

My human parents adopted me from Juan Pacheco whose dogs, my canine parents, Rocky and Honey, had a litter of five labs, all different colors. My human dad took one look at me and said, "that's the one." My human mom named me Hudson and I came home to my new place.

I think I won the puppy lottery because the house was mine to share and the seven acres of forest were mine to sniff and roam.

Everyone said I was a "good boy", and I really was. I loved everyone and showed them how much by wagging my strong otter-like tail that could clear a coffee table of its contents with a single swipe. I could wag it so hard it sounded like a drum, thump, thump, thump.

What I like to do best was take walks in the woods with one of my many stuffed animals in my mouth. I would take "Turtle" or "Llama" or "Peg-leg bunny" out with me on our walks with my humans. I love to water walk in Lake Sacandaga where I could dive for rocks and bring them back to the beach. I had good buddies too. Peek-a, Molly, Lily, Chica, and Lucy were all my pint size friends (I was a gently giant of 116 lbs). I also loved to ride to the dump.

Mostly I loved to lie by the deck slider and watch the birds and be on squirrel and chipmunk patrol. If I saw a bear, I would alert my humans. I loved getting hugs and pets and belly-rubs. I was a good watch-dog too. They called me "the doorbell" and always told me to watch the house and that they would be back soon. They always came home to me because they loved me so. Everyone loved me, so I guess I really was a good boy.

So, now I am off to cross that Rainbow Bridge. I hope there is a lake and liverwurst on the other side.

Love,
Hudson

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*



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Community-Wide Support for the DPL: Thanks, Everyone!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE –The Daniel Pierce Library staff and board of trustees would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to the community for showing tremendous support this past week by passing our budget. “This will allow us to continue to offer excellent library services and programs,” DPL Library Manager, Cathy Russo, said. We are further humbled by the support of local organizations, especially the Hudson Valley Credit Union, whose foundation, The HVCU Charitable Foundation, just informed us that the library will be receiving a grant for our 2025 Summer Reading Program. It takes a lot-both financially and via invaluable resources (time, staff/volunteers, community outreach and support) to do what is done at the library, to offer the kind of services and programs we can, to cultivate the incredible collection we have, and to have available the space for community organizations to meet-and we're so fortunate to have the backing of our community!

June 29th kicks off our 2025 “Color Our World” Summer Reading Program. If you have school aged Tri-Valley CSD students, they came home with paperwork describing the many programs and reading incentives we are offering this summer. You can also stop in and pick up the age-specific reading logs/bingo game boards and review our program flyers or print them from our website. While perusing our website, please register yourself or your child(ren) for programs that interest you/them. Seats fill up quickly! Also, if you haven't been receiving emails on the different programs and happenings at the library, please register on our website under “Email Sign Up” or visit us at the library and we'll set you up. It's a great way to keep up-to-date with what's going on. You can also follow us on social media (Facebook and Instagram).

The RCLS Road Trip 2025 is also starting June 30th and will run through September 30th. Much like in years past, the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) has



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designed a fun, interactive summer program to entice patrons to visit as many of the 47 member libraries as possible throughout the summer. Along the way, patrons can earn chances for prizes and learn about the different programs and services each library offers its community. For our patrons, you just have to stop by the library and tell us you're interested in joining the road trip. We'll set you up with a travel log, where you'll record each visit to other libraries. At each, you'll earn a raffle ticket and get your log stamped. There are also interesting challenges and fun facts throughout the travel log. For every fifth different library you visit, you'll get a special raffle ticket. If you are already a DPL card holder, you can check out books and materials from any library you visit (and return them to us-we'll get them to the right library for you!) If you are not yet a DPL card holder, but live in the Tri-Valley Central School District, you can apply for a card. I'd like to add that by visiting member libraries throughout Sullivan, Orange, Rockland and southern Ulster Counties you'll get the opportunity to check out some really awesome communities that you may not have had the chance to yet!



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Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association

(From Pg. 5) If anyone is interested in a booth at the Sportsmen's Flea Market contact Sean Miller at 845-706-6538 (call or text) or via email at treasurer@uhro-dandgunclub.org. If you need your knives sharpened, the Buley Family will once again be at the show to help you out.

This is also the time of year the show committee reaches out to vendors to join the show. If you have crafts you want to sell come join us. If you have equipment you want to sell we would love to have you at the show. And of course, everyone always appreciates the yard sales. So if you have gently used items or antiques that you just don't want or need anymore, set up space at the show to help them find their new homes. Spaces are \$10 for a 10' x 12' space and vendors need to bring their own tables, chairs, and tents. For more information contact show committee chair Cher Woehl at 845-985-2401 (home phone-leave message if no answer) or via email at cherwoehl@gmail.com.



NRAMA Club Member Tim Rexford with his award winning Farmall Tractor at the Callicoon Parade

have food and drinks from the Grahamsville Fire Department, the Tri-Valley Little League, the Lions Club and Bridge & Tunnel Brewery in our Beer Garden. We also have some great entertainment with Jon Zanger and DJ Mark Hyzer joining the show again. And the Grahamsville Fire Dept. is having their incredible chicken BBQ from 4-6 pm. You can preorder your BBQ dinner at fd.grahamsville@gmail.com. It wouldn't be a show without any fun for the young ones including Timmy the Train, hayrides, "cow milking, pedal tractors and the popular sand box. We also have special trophies for kids 12 and younger who have their very own tractors (toy or real). And it wouldn't be a show without our Tractor Bingo, with one at noon and one at 4 pm. Tickets for our 50/50 Raffle are on sale now (contact Cher for more info) with the drawing to be held at the end of the show.

All vendors, all car cruise participants and everyone bringing a tractor, hit & miss engine or garden tractor enter the tractor show for free. Otherwise the fee for the show is \$5 per car with proceeds going towards our scholarships. So mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20th (rain date 9/21) from 10 am - 6 pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for a day filled with food and fun. Any questions on the show contact show committee chair Cher Woehl at 845-985-2401 or via email at cherwoehl@gmail.com.

And check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/399517618394690> (please use the complete URL to get to the correct Facebook page). We are continually posting information about the club; other club shows and our show on Facebook.

Keep checking your *Townsmen* for more information from your Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association and our Silver Anniversary Tractor Show.



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Checking out all the tractors and cars and shopping at all the vendor booths can make you hungry and thirsty. Well the show has you covered. We

The Neversink River Craft Co-op First Show of the 2025 Season!

The Neversink River Craft Co-op is having the 2025 season's first show and sale on Sunday, June 29th from 10am-5pm at 2554 Frost Valley Road and everyone is invited!



Members of the group will be displaying new work in ceramics, jewelry, woodworking, stained glass, resin art, photography, painting, and more.



There are always new surprises at the co-op shows, which are set up in a historic barn with a local story. For those who haven't been yet, you are in for a beautiful drive along the Neversink River from Claryville to Frost Valley.

Directions: From Rt 55 in Grahamsville, go up Claryville Road and just past the church in Claryville take Frost Valley Road for four miles to the co-op signs. Come visit, bring a friend, meet the artists and see some wonderful local handmade work. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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Sheriff Mike Schiff Announces Meeting Recruitment Goals

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff has announced that he expects his Jail Division to be fully staffed by the end of this July. The Sheriff took an aggressive approach to recruiting correctional deputies last year when the last civil service test for the jail was announced. The Sheriff then offered jobs to state DOCCS personnel after the wildcat corrections strike this past winter.

Since November of 2024, 20 new deputies have been hired in the jail. Another 3 state corrections officers are expected to transfer after they complete their background examinations.

"Mandation, where jail staff gets stuck on overtime after their regular shift, has been an ongoing problem in many jails across New York State," said the Sheriff. "With the hiring of new staff we believe we are looking at the light at the end of the tunnel".

The Sullivan County Jail has an authorized staffing level of 99 sworn members. The new jail deputies are expected to mitigate the mandatory overtime.

College Scholarships Available for Volunteer Efforts Volunteer with a Sullivan 180 Project to be Eligible

[LIBERTY, NY] - The 2025 Sullivan 180 Scholarship application is now available. The scholarship recognizes volunteer efforts in projects that support the Sullivan 180 mission to build a healthy community through people, places, and policy: with an intentional focus on prevention and empowering a healthier generation. Communities and organizations participating in the 2025 Sullivan 180 grant program welcome volunteer assistance with a variety of activities, including but not limited to gardening, beautification, caring for public spaces, project documentation, outreach, and fundraising.

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, through a donor-advised fund established by Sullivan 180, offers a limited number of scholarships for undergraduate studies to Sullivan County residents who volunteer with a current Sullivan 180 funded project.

Applications are due by August 21, 2025, and must be completed electronically via the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's Online Portal. Applicants should submit a personal essay explaining their volunteer experience, a letter of recommendation from the project leader, a letter of recommendation from a member of the community or other non-relative and photos from the volunteer experience. Visit Sullivan180.org for directions and links for applying.

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Scholarships are announced in September and are applied toward the 2026 spring semester at an undergraduate college of one's choice.

For more information on the scholarship program or how to get involved in a Sullivan 180 project, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405 or at Anne-Louise@Sullivan180.org.

SC SLAC MEETING June 27, 2025

The meeting will be held in the Legislator's Rm at 10AM

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Update on the hiring of a Manager for the ACC by Sullivan County.
2. Update on the elimination of another vital service in the Garnet System, including the firing of 42 employees.
3. A review of the responses, if any, of the letters sent to our Representatives, regarding the Garnet Hospital's reduction of services, in both facilities.
4. A review of the NO KINGS demonstration.

We hope to see you and hear your ideas on these projects, because everybody's input is essential.

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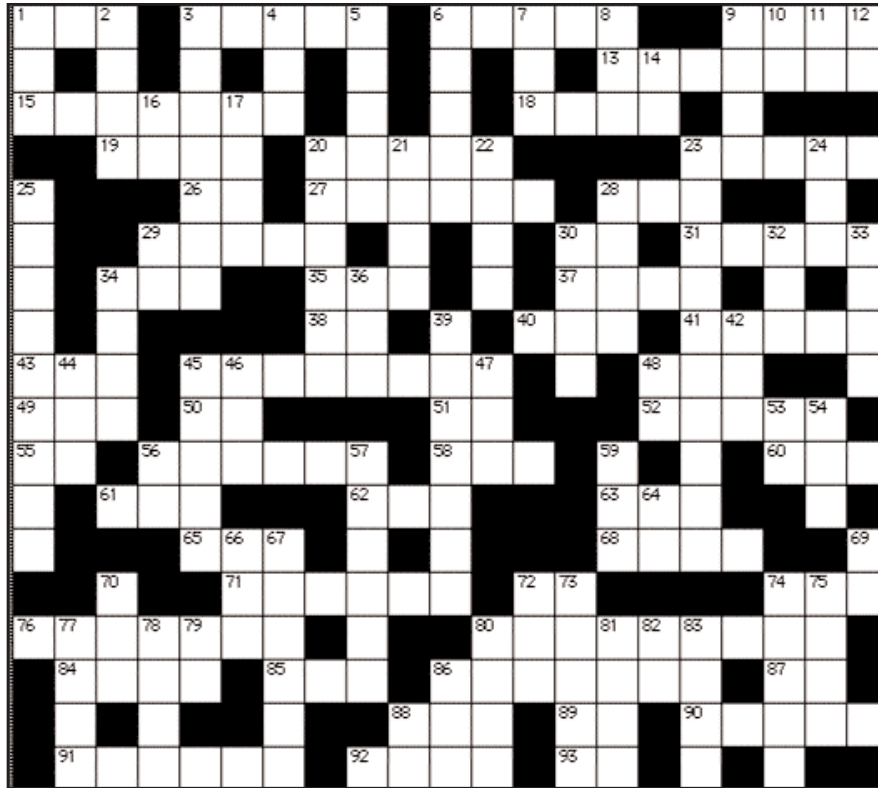
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ACROSS

1 Used to play a violin
3 Irregular surface
6 Make fabric on a loom
9 A 1930's version of one can be seen at the Time and the Valley Museum
13 Grant an official pardon
15 Continue to exist
18 Makes lace
19 Product of three and three
20 Used for draining waste material
23 Light meal
26 Combining form; having two
27 A red wine
28 19th century Gothic poet and critic
29 Pigment

30 To such a great extent
31 Have a particular idea
34 Pull along with a rope
35 Upper limb
37 Nuisance
38 Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
40 Dismal
41 Cloth woven from flax
43 Irish Republican Army
45 Medieval military expeditions
48 Limb used for standing
49 Automobile
50 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
51 Associated Press

52 A mental interpretation of an idea
55 Indefinite article
56 Material
58 Strong alkaline solution
60 Writing tool
61 Fuel
62 Make a choice
63 Long period of time
65 Fasten with stitches
68 Picnic pests
71 Deserving respect
72 Brit's way of saying 'thank you'
74 An object used for play
76 More easily understood
80 Composed of different elements
84 Wreckage
85 Family
86 Woven fabric
87 Used to link alternatives
88 Ocean

89 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
90 Book of maps
91 Legendary King of Britain
92 Cloth shelter used by campers
93 Common Era

DOWN

1 Motorcoach
2 Threadbare
3 Arch of colors
4 Employ
5 Establishment for accommodating tourists
6 H₂O
7 Expression of human creativity
8 Consume food
9 Flowerless plant with leafy fond
10 Used in comparisons
11 Right

(abbrev)
12 Possessive pronoun
14 Title before a woman's surname
16 Roman numeral
17 Something used to conceal
20 Small pieces of leftovers
21 Comfortably high summer temperature
22 Slender leaved grass plant
23 Where people establish a community
24 Be able to
25 Violent summertime storm
28 Rhyme
29 Colorado
30 Whirl around quickly
32 Guest house
33 Group of things with similar characteristics

34 Rip
36 Long narrow inlet
39 Rich
42 Independent Grocers' Association
44 Move faster than a walk
45 A group of students
46 Steal
47 Secret agent
48 Long Island
53 General Practitioner
54 Snake-like fish
56 4th note of the major scale
57 Soft white fibrous substance
59 Hot brewed beverage
64 Not off
66 Female sheep
67 Employee
69 Next to
70 Large fast-running bird
72 Heavy demand
73 Place you may find an old quilt

74 Mythical creature
75 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
77 Old-time TV show, "My Friend"
78 Half a quart
79 Logarithm
80 Boggy decomposed matter used for gardening
81 Mention as an example
82 Hectoliter
83 Destroy by use
86 A decade
88 Southeast

Summer Tortellini Salad

Dressing:

1/4 c. vinegar
3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
4 cloves of garlic
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
4 tbsp. olive oil
Hand full of fresh basil

Salad

1 package of frozen tortellini
1/2 lb. fresh broccoli
1 cup cherry tomatoes
1 can black olives (drained)
2 tbsp. fresh Parmesan cheese

In a blender combine all salad dressing ingredients and blend well. Chill. Cook and cool tortellini. Cook and cool broccoli. Half tomatoes unless very small. When all ingredients are cool, combine all and serve.

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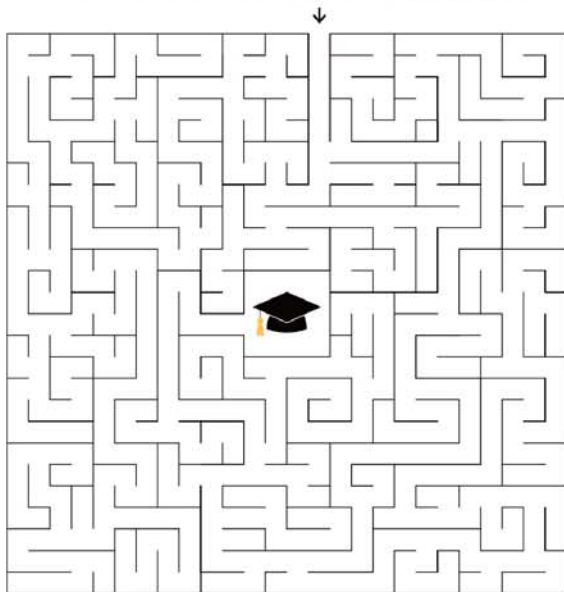
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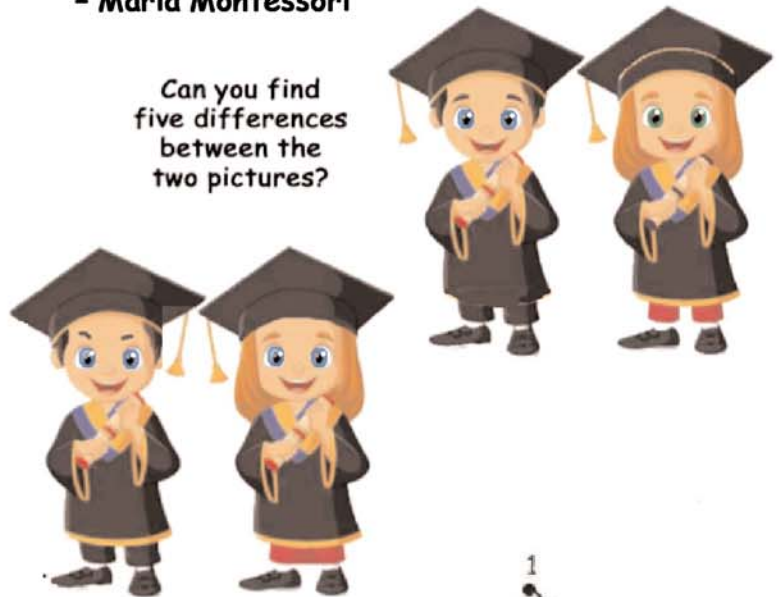
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- Maria Montessori

GRADUATION MAZE



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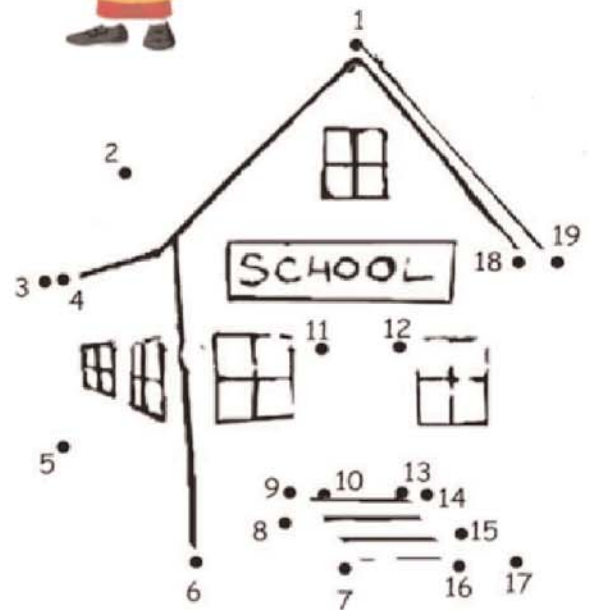


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Follow the dots to see an old-fashioned one-room school house.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

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

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June 30th, 2025

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The Town of Denning Republican Caucus will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M. at the Sundown Church Hall, 3 Greenville Road, Sundown, 12740 for the set purpose of electing candidates to be on the November 4th, 2025 General Election.

Gregory Vurckio, Chair

6/26; 7/3

The Village of Monticello ZBA meeting & Public Hearing scheduled for Tomorrow, 6/26/25, has been CANCELLED. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th, 2025 at 6:00pm. All are welcomed to attend.

6/26

UCAT New Paltz Loop Bus Route will Include Direct Service to the UC Pool in New Paltz

Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) is pleased to announce that beginning Wednesday, June 25, the New Paltz Loop (NPL) bus route will include direct service to the Ulster County Pool in New Paltz. This expanded service will run daily at 10:30 AM, with additional trips to and from the pool every two hours throughout the summer on weekdays and weekends.

The Ulster County Pool, located at 241 Libertyville Road in New Paltz, is open daily from 11 AM to 7 PM. For more information about the pool, including admission and amenities, visit ulstercountyny.gov/pool.

The NPL route serves multiple convenient pickup locations throughout the Village and Town of New Paltz, including:

- o Zero Place
- o Rt. 32 @ Henry Dubois Dr. (Stewart's)
- o Main Street @ Prospect St. (Trailways)
- o ShopRite Plaza
- o Tops Plaza
- o SUNY New Paltz Campus Transportation Hub
- o Southside Avenue @ Rt. 208

This service enhancement is part of UCAT's ongoing commitment to improving access to recreational opportunities for Ulster County residents and visitors.

For more information, including route maps and schedules, visit ucat.ulstercountyny.gov or call UCAT at 845-334-8458.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camping

All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves)

Use of portable generators

Alcohol

Glass containers

Coolers larger than 12" in any dimension

Radios and other audio devices

To obtain a permit to the Peekamoose Blue Hole, please visit DEC's website.

Legislature Celebrates Juneteenth By Honoring Local Family Tommy Watson Sr. Leads a High-Achieving Group

Monticello, NY - In recognition of Juneteenth, the Sullivan County Legislature on Thursday recognized the Watson family, led by Monticello native Tommy Watson Sr.

"Especially during times of strife and struggle, it is so important to lift up those who inspire us, and Tommy and his family have inspired many," stated District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward, who organized the ceremony. "Juneteenth is the perfect opportunity to spread that kind of inspiration, and as Sullivan County's first African-American legislator, I was pleased to welcome the Watsons to the Legislature's first official observation of Juneteenth."

About Tommy Watson Sr.

Tommy L. Watson Sr. was born and raised in Monticello, graduating Monticello High School in 1983. He attended Orange County Community College as a Criminal Justice major but was accepted into the New York State Police academy during his sophomore year, earning his badge in 1987. Assigned to the Ferndale and Wurtsboro barracks, he patrolled as a uniformed trooper until 1990, when he became a training officer for new recruits.

Continually impressing his superiors, Watson consistently received promotions: to the Highway Task Force in 1992, to Investigator in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation in 1994, to the Community Narcotics Enforcement Team in the same year (as Case Agent for Sullivan County), to Senior Investigator in 2003 (supervising hundreds of undercover narcotics operations across the Hudson Valley region).

In 2006, Watson was put in charge of Troop F's Hudson Valley Gun Investigation Unit, and by 2011, he was overseeing all narcotics and gun investigations in Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Rockland counties.

He retired in 2013 but was hired the next year to be one of the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office's welfare fraud investigators, under former DA and now County Court Judge Jim Farrell. And in 2015, the Orange County District Attorney's Office snapped him up as a senior investigator, appointing him Co-Commander of the Orange County Drug Task Force, alongside Paul Arteta (who's now the Orange County Sheriff).

Last year, he was appointed Chief Criminal Investigator for the Orange County DA's Office (under David Hoovler), supervising the Criminal Investigations Unit, Digital Forensic Unit, Arson & Explosion Unit, and the White Collar Crime Unit, in addition to the Drug Task Force. Ensuring a smooth transition between investigations and prosecution, Watson also serves as the DA's liaison with local, city, State and Federal law enforce-

ment agencies. In total, he oversees 21 investigators, who with assistant DAs handled over 11,400 cases in 2024.



Tommy Watson Sr. received high praise and congratulations from his current boss, Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler.

"Tommy Watson is one of the best investigators I've ever worked with in my career in law enforcement, and he is deserving of any award bestowed upon him," remarked Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler.

"Tommy Watson is a prime example of how determination and hard work will open doors for you in any

career you may pursue. I worked with Tommy for many years,

and he always had my back, as he did everyone else's, and I am proud to call Tommy Watson my trusted and dear friend," added Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff. "It was my honor to be part of Tommy's personal journey. I was able to witness firsthand how he dealt with people who were under stress, who were grieving, or who were injured. His moral compass always kept him straight, and he always seemed to have the right words and take the appropriate action in any situation."



Tommy Watson Sr. (left) called Sheriff Michael Schiff (right) a mentor when both were in the NY State Police. These days, Watson's son Tommy Jr. (center) works under Schiff in the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office..

A Family of Tenacity and Achievement

"I've had a blessed career," Watson affirms. "Serving in law enforcement has been in my blood a long time, and it hasn't stopped yet!"

Indeed, Watson's father Freeman was a part-time officer in the Monticello Police Department in the late '60s and early '70s, and his son Tommy Jr. works in the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. In fact, Watson met his wife, Dora, on the job, as she was a New York State Police investigator herself (now retired).

"Dora had 23 years with the New York State Police, serving in Troop F, the Community Narcotics Team and the Specialized Investigation Unit," Watson notes. "She's currently working part-time for the Ulster County Sheriff's Office."

Not all of the Watson family has taken a law enforcement path, but they have followed the wisdom of Watson's grandmother, who was an Alabama schoolteacher in the 1940s and '50s.

"Education was always instilled in us," says Watson, who's proud of his six other children as well: Ashley, a daycare aide; Kevin, a self-employed DJ; Talon, a security officer; Zayne, a Center for Discovery employee; Leticia, a high school senior; and Mya, a high school freshman.

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Legislature Celebrates Juneteenth By Honoring Local Family Tommy Watson Sr. Leads a High-Achieving Group

(From Pg. 18) Leticia is about to graduate and will be attending Dominican University as a psychology major in the fall, where she also has been recruited to play NJCAA Division II basketball. That athleticism has been cultivated by her father, who for two decades has been a fixture on the Sullivan County Board of Basketball Officials (referee) circuit.

"My goal was to move up to refereeing at the college level," he recalls, "but my daughter started playing basketball, and I didn't want to miss that!"



Singing at today's Juneteenth ceremony were legendary Chantels member Renee Minus White and her talented daughter Naomi White Randolph.

Celebrating and Nurturing Diversity

Watson fondly remembers growing up in a thriving, diverse Sullivan County.

"There was very little racism," he states. "You grew up with everyone of every background."

He remembers being trained and mentored by Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff back when both were troopers, along with longtime Sheriff's Deputies Luis Alvarez (now District 6 Legislator) and Roland "Gator" Ward (father of Legislator Amanda Ward). As an African-American man himself, Watson is proud to have inspired and nurtured talent from all walks of life and ethnicities.

"I've recruited many minorities into law enforcement, and I know several young minority officers who looked up to me as kids," he nods. "You have to have equal representation in order to relate with the commu-

nities you serve. As an agency, you have to be as diverse as your community is - that's the way we build bridges."

And Watson still maintains deep ties to Monticello, where he continues to own a residence.

"It will always be home to me," he says.

Radio Catskill Wins Four Excellence in Broadcasting Awards from the New York State Broadcasters Association

LIBERTY, NY - June 17, 2025 - For the fourth year in a row, Radio Catskill has won Excellence in Broadcasting Awards from the New York State Broadcasters Association (NYSBA). The Excellence in Broadcasting Awards is a state-wide competition, with stations competing against other stations in similarly sized markets.

According to NYSBA, this year was highly competitive. More than 550 entries were submitted, with over 200 entries in the radio division. To ensure fairness, the entries were judged by broadcasters located outside of New York State.

"We're honored to be recognized once again by the New York State Broadcasters Association. These awards are a testament to the hard work, integrity, and commitment of our team. This recognition reaffirms the vital role Radio Catskill plays in informing and serving our community with thoughtful, impactful journalism. I'm incredibly proud of our team," said Tim Bruno, Radio Catskill General Manager.

Radio Catskill won in the following categories:

- Outstanding Spot News - Correctional Officers Strike Over Unsafe Conditions (Patricio Robayo, Reporter/Producer)
- Outstanding Interview - Some NYSEG Customers Taking Drastic Measures to Lower Bills (Kimberly Izar, Reporter/Producer)
- Outstanding Election Coverage - Election Night 2024 (Jason Dole, Co-Host, and Patricio Robayo, Co-Host/Producer)
- Outstanding Public Affairs Program or Series - The Local Edition (Jason Dole, Co-Host, and Patricio Robayo, Co-Host/Producer)

The Excellence in Broadcasting Awards will be presented in Binghamton, NY, in the fall.

About Radio Catskill:

Radio Catskill is an independent community voice of the Catskills and Northeast Pennsylvania. We connect listeners through locally focused and globally aware programming to inform, entertain, and inspire our communities, and promote understanding among people of diverse social, cultural, economic, and political backgrounds.

Celebrating the New Graduates of County-Funded Electrician Course *Fourteen Complete Successful Series of Tuition-Free Classes*

Liberty, NY - Fourteen local residents successfully graduated this month from a Sullivan County-funded electrical certification course, the fifth in an ongoing series of skilled trades classes the Center for Workforce Development (CWD) is offering in conjunction with Sullivan BOCES and SUNY Sullivan.

“Congratulations to these hardworking adults, who made time in their lives to learn new skills, improve their job prospects and aim for higher wages and responsibilities,” said CWD Director Loreen Gebelein. “Thanks to the Legislature's financial commitment, the CWD continues to enhance our local workforce with practical, career-building skills.”

The 10-week program was administered by the CWD, part of the County's Division of Community Resources. Open to those 18 and older who applied and passed a rigorous selection process, classes were held twice a week at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake. Tuition for the course was entirely paid for by the County, with the expectation that graduates quickly secure local employment in that field (aided by the CWD).

“I was very impressed by the students and their capability for precise, quality work in such a short time period,” affirmed Deputy County Manager Michelle Huck. “But I was most impressed with the fact that we invested in a group of people already intent on bettering their lives, their families and the County in general.”

“This was hands-on training by a skilled instructor, and graduates of this program are now ready to work - or are already employed - with a number of local employers who value their newfound skills,” said Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley. “Since 2023, we've offered free courses in the construction, security guard, welding, and automotive trades, and I look forward to helping locals become certified nursing assistants this fall.”

CWD is now taking applicants for a Certified Nursing Assistant course that will begin in September, open to up to 15 adults residing in Sullivan County. To find out more or to apply, contact the Center for Workforce Development at 845-794-3340 or sccwd@sullivanny.gov.



Celebrating the electrical trades students' graduation earlier this month were, standing from the left, Sullivan BOCES District Supt. Robert Dufour, District 5 Legislator Cat Scott, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, SUNY Sullivan Director of Workforce Development Jaime Schmeiser, Deputy County Manager Michelle Huck, District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, District 9 Legislator Terry Blosser-Bernardo, Sullivan BOCES Executive Principal for Career & Technical Education Jeff Molusky, Center for Workforce Development Director Loreen Gebelein, graduates Justin Winters, Parris Owens, Shayne Durbin, Leticia Malave, Bradley Jennex, Justin Marte, Jake Nystrom, instructor Gunther Jensen, Center for Workforce Development Employment & Training Supervisor Renee Vandermark, CWD Board Chair Jacob Lerner, and CWD Employment & Training Specialist Samantha Nietzel. Kneeling from the left are District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone, Planning Commissioner Heather Brown, District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, and graduates Luis Diaz, Cruz Marin-Herrera, Aiden Reindl, Angel Rodriguez, and Zachary Jaycox. Unable to attend the event were graduates Rudy Roth and David Barnes.

The Spirit of Philadelphia by Chris Gibson: New Bestseller Generating National Appeal for Renewed Common Purpose

Chris Gibson a 24-year active service US Army Colonel (Ret), he became the former NY Congressman representing upstate New York in Congress 2011-2017. After three terms, Chris honored his pledge and stepped aside and transitioned to academia to help prepare the next generation of Americans for leadership.



In his new book, *The Spirit of Philadelphia* Chris reflects on the outgrowth of that experience and his reflections on our current moment. He brings a lifetime of scholarship, study, and leadership to help us reset a nation at a crossroads on the philosophical underpinnings of America's constitutional founding.

The Spirit of Philadelphia explores the deeper philosophical foundations of America's success—common sense realism, self-governance, and the balance of rights and responsibilities—and how a renewal of those principles can guide us through today's political division, civic apathy, and institutional dysfunction.

Many Americans are asking:

- Why can't we have civil discourse anymore?
- Why are we so divided and anxious - especially our youth - despite our wealth and connectedness?
- Can the American Dream still be realized-or has it slipped away?

The Spirit of Philadelphia tackles these questions head-on and offers practical, grounded reforms rooted in our founding philosophy. It's a cautionary tale, yes—but also an optimistic one. According to Chris, “I believe we can still recover what's best in the American tradition and move forward-together.”

- The last section of the book features tips for civic use today and outlines options for many of our most daunting policy challenges.

THE BOOK:

- This book proposes a return of the American government to the philosophical roots as articulated by the U.S. Constitution and its Framers. Grounded in realism, the Founders successfully balanced the needs and rights of the individual with those of the collective, creating a system that prioritized both personal liberty and societal order. Culminating with a comprehensive list of policy recommendations that logically analyze issues in the American political system, Chris Gibson proposes an agenda aimed at restoring faith and functionality in national institutions and leaders, fostering bipartisan communication and collaboration, and

revitalizing civic engagement at the individual level.

Editorial Reviews

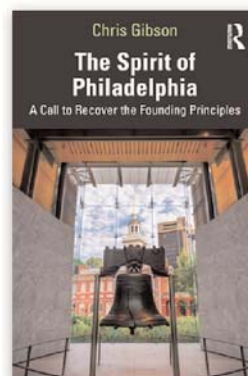
• “Chris Gibson has issued a clarion call to all Americans-- regardless of party or ideology-- to participate in a much-needed reset of our struggling experiment in self-governance. Gibson first grounds his analysis in a thoughtful and expansive consideration of political philosophy and history as they relate to the modern challenges of our constitutional republic. He then leverages his impressive and diverse experiences in public service to arrive at a systematic program of system- and citizen-centered reforms that would enable us to recover the spirit of cooperation and pragmatism that animated the Constitutional Framers. While we can agree or disagree about specific proposals that he offers with this goal in mind, we can all agree that the status quo is unsustainable... and that this vitally important conversation needs to happen. Chris Gibson has provided us with a timely vehicle and a logical framework for such a national conversation.” –Lewis G. Irwin, Professor of Public Policy and American Government, Duquesne University; and Major General, U.S. Army (retired)

• “Chris Gibson - former Army Colonel, Iraq combat veteran, recipient of a Purple Heart and four Bronze Stars, Ph.D., three-term congressman, professor, and former college president - is singularly qualified to diagnose our current American malaise and to offer time-honored remedies of compromise, nonpartisanship, and shared sacrifices that date back to our founding and have helped America to heal in the past. A unique diagnosis and course of correction for an ailing America in its fourth century from a rare Renaissance American.” –Victor Davis Hanson, Senior Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University and author of *The Dying Citizen*

To Read the Intro Excerpt from *The Spirit of Philadelphia* from go to:

<file:///Users/user/Downloads/Preview%20-%20Intro%20to%20Spirit%20of%20Philadelphia%20-%20Chris%20Gibson.pdf>

To purchase a copy of *The Spirit of Philadelphia* go to: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=The+Spirit+of+Philadelphia%3A+A+Call+to+Recover+the+Founding+Principles&crid=VN9YRHISEYYD&sprefix=the+spirit+of+philadelphia+a+call+to+recover+the+founding+principles+%2Caps%2C106&ref=nb_sb_noss



The Spirit of Philadelphia: A Call to Recover the Founding Principles

Chris Gibson

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Covered Dish

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5:30 pm

July 5, 2025

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Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

5:00 PM Saturday Evening

7:30 AM Sunday Morning

10:00 AM Sunday Morning

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**Sat., July 5th
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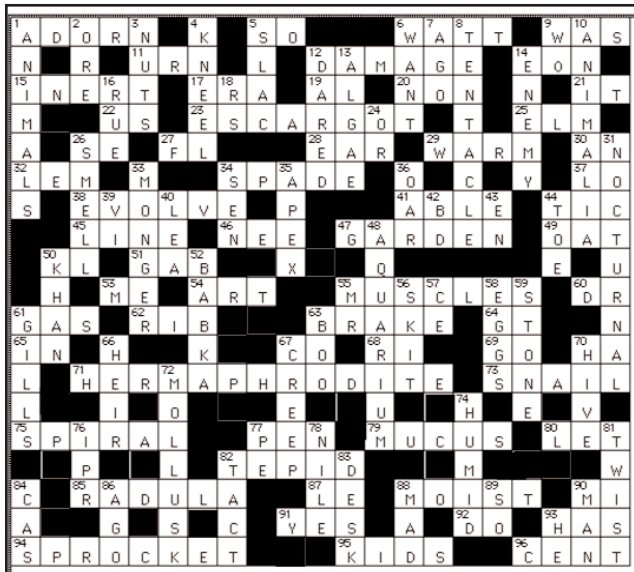
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8	2	4	6	9	5	1	3	7



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
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86

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Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

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

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/5/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
7/5/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
7/8/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
7/8/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
7/9/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
7/16/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
7/17/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
7/17/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
6/28/25	Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm

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 23 - June 27, 2025

Monday, June 23

o No Meetings

Tuesday, June 24

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory Committee, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551

Wednesday, June 25

o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419

o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council, in the Department of the Environment Conference Room, 17 Pearl Street, Kingston

o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

o 7:30 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, June 26

o No Meetings

Friday, June 27

o No Meetings

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Benjamin Cosor Elementary Honors New Middle Schoolers



FALLSBURG - On June 24, 2025, the Fallsburg Central School District held their annual Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. Each of the 109 sixth grade students were recognized for completing their elementary education and transitioning into becoming middle school students.

The following students who were recognized are: Nila Ahmed Anha, Dilver Aleman, Saleisha Aleman, Armani Alencaster, Janelli Anderson, Hayden Atkins, Heather Avila Ramirez, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Kadija Bamba, Kalifa Bamba, Brandon Banegas Osorio, Ava Berrios, Jaymes Bland, Elias Blandon Rivera, Reina Brizuela Avila, Rocket Budde, Dominic Bush, Jeyko Cajamarca Taday, Nyomi Canales_Fuentes, Giana Canto, Rafael Carrasco Jimenez, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Katherine Castro Dominguez, Jeramiah Castro, Samantha Clark, Aubrianna Clark_Wheat, Aaron Cubias, Melanie Davila Suarez, Aiden DeGraw, Jordan Duarte Rodriguez, Greyson DuBose_Olmo, Muhammad Dumbuya, Nelson Duque Moroy, Livingston Elvir Castro, Aleczandra Esparza, Ariana Esteril, Anthony Frunzi, Taylin Frunzi, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Genesis Fuentes, Awa Gai, Valentina Garcia Delgado, Johan Aaron Garcia Gallardo, Selena Garcia, Wilmer Garcia, Catalina Gilmore, Genesis Gonzales Lopez, Alexsa Granados Duarte, Emanuel Granados, Julian Helm, Maria Hurtado Iniguez, Loresa Idrizi, Arayaah-Laurice Irby, Kristty Izaguirre Chirino, Lizelena Jimenez Bonilla, Jordan Ketcham, Selina Lazroe, Yoslin Leon Mota, Ashley Leon Santos, Isaiah Lopez, Katie Lopez, Bryan Lopez_Romero, Christopher Maldonado_Rodriguez, Alexandria Mann, Caleb Mapes, Brittany Monserrat Martinez, Marvin Martinez Gonzales, Camden McKenny, William Medina Moore, Theresa Medina, Samuel Melendez, Pedro Mendieta Quiroz, Jellian Mendoza Valle, Paolo Moran Mazariego, Grayson Mungeer, Gabriel Newkirk, Harlow Oathout, Nicholas Ortiz Jr, Hansel Pacheco Murillo, Derek PadillaAvila, Dayana Padilla Orellana, Da'Navaeh Palmer, Angie Perez, Jaime Perez Pascual, Keylit Pineda Nieto, Elias Reyes Renderos, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Elias Ricketts, Erick Rivera Moreno, Christian Robles_Hernandez, Jonatan Rodas Monzon, Jean Rodriguez Canales, Kendra Rodriguez, Sthephan Rodriguez Moran, Nelly Roman Guarchaj, Madison Samora, Derrick Saravia, Blerina Selimaj, Blinera Selimaj, Gabrielle Spruill, Kaleb Toledo, Alydia Torres_Fitzroy, Annabella Vences_Urquiza, D'Andrew Wallace, Melanie Wang, Benjamin Wizwer, Marleena Wright, Karla Zacapexpan_Reyes, and Anayeli Zaragoza.

Additionally, many students received certificates for their academic achievements, leadership abilities, and acts of kindness. Here are the following students and their respective award:

English as a Second Language Award: Maria Hurtado Iniguez and Saleisha Aleman

New York State Comptroller's Achievement Award: Gabrielle Spruill, Derrick Saravia, Blinera Selimaj, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Melanie Wang, and Taylin Frunzi.

Triple "C" Award: Aaron Cubias and Harlow Oathout

Moses B. Searles Memorial Award: Karla Zacapexpan-Reyes and Alydia Torres-Fitzroy.

Mary E. White Award: Kadija Bamba and Gabriel Newkirk

Robynne Anderman-Pacheco Memorial Award: Dilver Aleman

Lion's Club Service Award: Alexandria Mann and Benjamin Wizwer

Irene Kushner Memorial Art Award: D'Andrew Wallace and Blerina Selimaj

PTA Lenore Wasserman Memorial Award: Melanie Wang

PTA Nancy Solomon Character Award: Selena Garcia

PTA Shirley Wiles Memorial Award: Aramni Alencaster

PTA Student Progress Award: Livingston Elvir Castro

PTA Academic Achievement Award: Selina Lazroe

Bonnie Hinckley Memorial Award: Erick Rivera Moreno

Allen Payton Memorial Award: Jaymes Bland and Harlow Oathout

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award: Aaron Cubias, Gabrielle Spruill, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Jordan Ketcham, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Kendra Rodriguez, Blinera Selimaj, Ava Berrios, Emanuel Granados, Grayson Mungeer, Paolo Moran Mazariego, Keylit Pineda Nieto, Aleczandra Esparza, Muhammed Dumbuya, Awa Gai, Harlow Oathout, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Erick Rivera Moreno, Madison Samora, Benjamin Wizwer, and Anayeli Zaragoza

Outstanding Academic Excellence Award: Armani Alencaster, Derrick Saravia, Anthony Frunzi, Blerina Selimaj, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Hayden Atkins, Annabella Vences-Urquiza, Melanie Wang, Rocket Budde, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, and Selina Lazroe

Gillibrand Statement on Senate Passage of the GENIUS Act

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand lauded Senate passage of the GENIUS Act, landmark legislation that will establish a regulatory framework for stablecoins. Senator Gillibrand was the lead Democratic senator on the bill and shepherded the legislation through to final passage.

"Senate passage of the GENIUS Act is a landmark moment in the bipartisan effort to regulate stablecoins. This bill will enable U.S. businesses and consumers to take advantage of the next generation of financial innovation," said Gillibrand. "A product of months of bipartisan negotiations, the GENIUS Act will protect consumers, enable responsible innovation, and safeguard the dominance of the U.S. dollar. The bill targets illicit finance, places limitations on Big Tech, puts in place ethical guardrails, and strengthens national security. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Senators Hagerty, Scott, Alsobrooks and Lummis, who worked tirelessly to find common ground and produce this excellent legislation. The GENIUS Act will position our country for the 21st century, and I will continue working to ensure it is signed into law."

Senator Gillibrand, alongside Senators Hagerty (R-TN), Scott (R-SC), Lummis (R-WY), and Alsobrooks (D-MD), introduced the GENIUS Act earlier this year. The bill passed out of the Senate Banking Committee with bipartisan support in March 2025.

Senator Gillibrand has been working on cryptocurrency legislation since 2022, when she and Senator Lummis introduced the Lummis-Gillibrand Responsible Financial Innovation Act, a comprehensive bipartisan framework for cryptocurrency regulation. The framework was re-introduced in 2023. In 2024, Gillibrand and Lummis also introduced a stablecoin bill that included many of the provisions that passed in the GENIUS Act.

6th Annual Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival

when: August 16, 2025, 12-7pm

where: Kingston Point Beach, Kingston, NY 12401

Seasoned Gives is seeking enthusiastic and community-minded volunteers to support our 6th Annual Caribbean Carnival, taking place on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Kingston, NY.

This free, family-friendly event honors the vibrant traditions of the Caribbean diaspora through music, dance, food, art, and community connection. With hundreds of attendees expected, we are counting on volunteers to help us create a welcoming, joyful, and safe environment for all.

Volunteer Roles Include:

- Event setup and breakdown
- Assisting performers, artists, and vendors
- Supporting youth and art activities
- Greeting guests and hospitality
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All Vendors are wanted!

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When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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(NOTE: There will be no sale on July 12th)
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)

Peace de Resistance

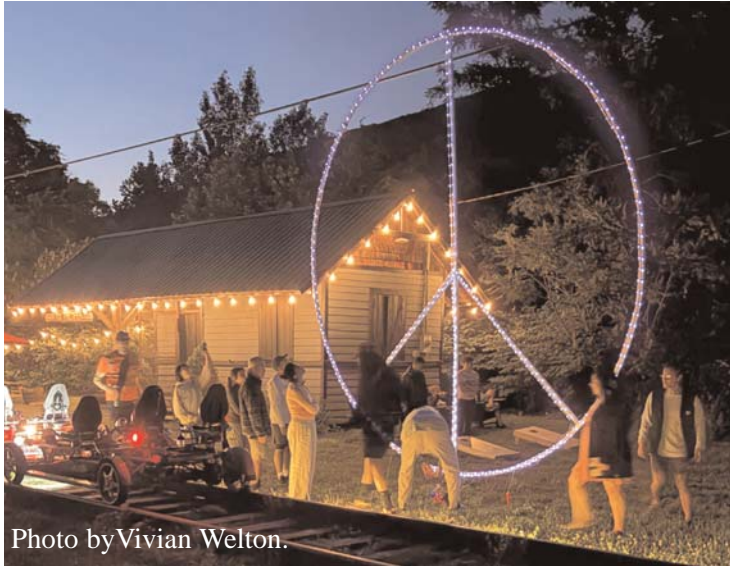


Photo by Vivian Welton.

"Peace de Resistance" is up and glowing at the Rail Explorers Mt. Tremper train station, right next to the Emerson Resort on Rt 28. Some will call it the "Peace Station"! The 16 foot tall peace sign was built and installed by local artists Dave Channon and Steve Neville with the help of Joe "Muscles" Duffy. Rail Explorers shows their dedication to peace on Earth - and to the community - by inviting artist to exhibit sculpture along their pedal power rail ride. Power to the Pedal! This soft opening will be followed by a celebration of peace soon, look for upcoming announcements of date and time. In a world of war and suffering we all must do what we can to bring harmony and joy to all.

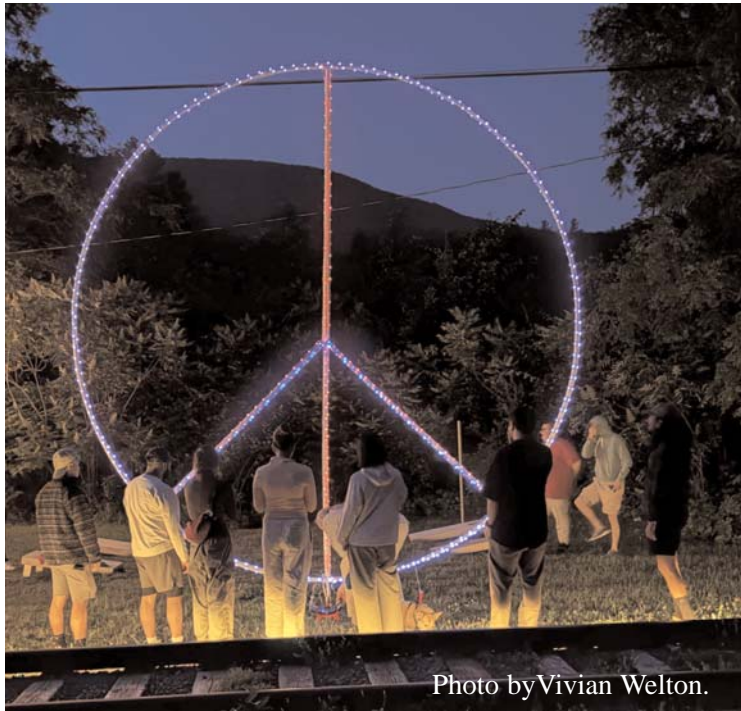


Photo by Vivian Welton.

Peace maker Steve Neville has built dozens of peace signs that glow in the dark, and offering them to people and businesses for charitable donation. You can see them all over Shandaken.

Please stop at the "Peace Station" parking area and spend a few moments in a prayer for peace. Visit Rail Explorers Phoenicia Train Station and see Joe Chirchirillo's Rock solid concrete Peace sign along the tracks. Ride the Peace Train!

Photo credit Vivian Welton. For more information contact: Dave@EsopusCreek.com

Sullivan 180 Interns at Work Youth making a difference in their communities

[LIBERTY, NY] - The 2025 class of Sullivan 180 Interns have begun their work to care for gardens and other public spaces throughout Sullivan County. From small planters and established gardens to park enhancements and beautifying Main Streets, interns are working with volunteers to make a difference in their neighborhoods and communities.

"In addition to connecting with peers, the internship program offers a great way to learn about Sullivan County and connect with other community members," said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at Sullivan 180. "Interns work on expanding their communication, interpersonal, problem-solving and leadership skills while being part of a team."

The 2025 Sullivan 180 Interns are:

- Adam Mednick - Town of Thompson
- Aiden Tambascio - Callicoon Depot Inc. and Callicoon

Business Association

- Alyena Galvin-Bliefernich - Town of Highland
- Christian Curry - Town of Liberty
- Coben Pittaluga - Village of Woodridge
- Howard Kiefer - Town of Bethel
- Olivia Counts - Town of Lumberland Parks and

Recreation

- Olivia Tyler - Livingston Manor Renaissance
- Payton Huebsch- Narrowsburg Farmers' Market
- Riley McLean - Town of Thompson
- Walter Bivens - Town of Liberty

Interns also participate in weekly meetings where they discuss current issues, meet with local leaders, develop leadership skills, and explore career options. Together they will choose, plan and implement a service-learning project.

The Sullivan 180 Internship Program is intended to engage Sullivan County youth between the ages of 16 - 20 years old in the movement to change and shape the future of their communities. Through the program projects funded by Sullivan 180 receives additional help, and the adult volunteers provide mentoring and support.

For more information on the internship program or how to get involved in a Sullivan 180 project, contact Anne-Louise Scandariato at 845-295-2405 or Anne-Louise @Sullivan180.org.



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5:30 pm

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
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P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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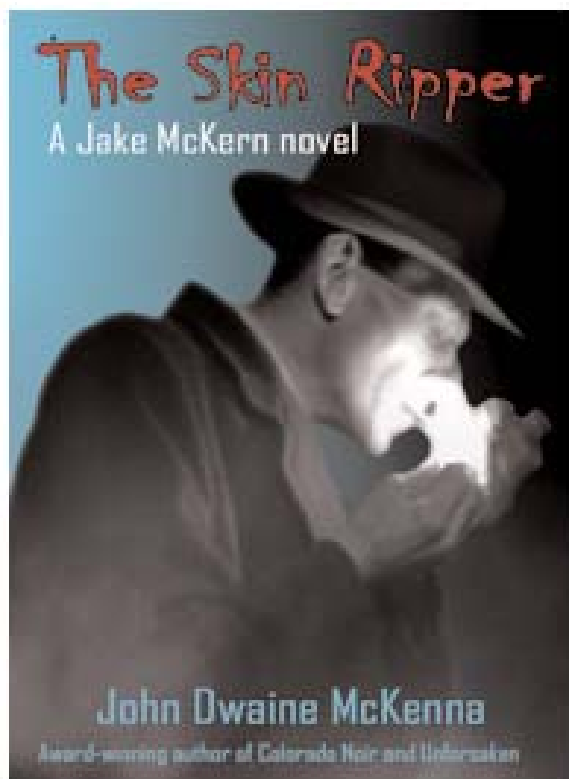
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Gillibrand, Colleagues Reintroduce Older Americans Act to Empower American Seniors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, joined nine of her colleagues to reintroduce the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act. This legislation renews funding for the OAA and strengthens services for American seniors.

The OAA has provided vital nutrition, social, and health services to millions of seniors since its passage in 1965. Last reauthorized in 2020, OAA expired in the 118th Congress. The previous OAA reauthorization passed the Senate unanimously last year.

This legislation would reauthorize OAA programs through fiscal year 2030 and make improvements to promote innovation and flexibility, strengthen program integrity, and better support family caregivers and direct care workers. The bill also takes steps to better serve Tribal seniors and those with disabilities in their communities.

"The OAA has been a lifeline for American seniors since its passage over half a century ago," said Senator Gillibrand. "This landmark legislation helps our nation's seniors thrive by supporting programs that provide nutrition assistance, home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation services, caregiver support, disease prevention services, long-term care, and more. One in six older Americans are served by programs funded by the OAA. We owe it to seniors to strengthen and continue funding these programs so they have the support they need to age with dignity and respect. As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, I am firmly committed to getting this bill passed with bipartisan support."

Senator Gillibrand was joined on this legislation by Senators Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee; Bernie Sanders (I-VT), ranking member of the HELP Committee; Rick Scott (R-FL), chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging; Lisa Murkowski (R-AK); Tim Kaine (D-VA); Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM); Ed Markey (D-MA); Markwayne Mullin (R-OK); and Susan Collins (R-ME).

"The Older Americans Act is crucial in helping American seniors live healthy and independent lives in the settings they choose," said Dr. Cassidy. "This legislation strengthens these programs, ensuring they meet the needs of older Americans now and in the future."

"The Older Americans Act provides federal funding for many essential services for our nation's seniors including activities to combat loneliness and isolation, job training, protections from abuse, rides to the doctor's office and grocery store, preventing disease, helping older adults live at home, and supporting our

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nation's caregivers," said Senator Sanders. "Not only does the Older Americans Act save lives and ease human suffering, it saves money. We can choose to continue to waste billions of dollars on emergency room visits and unnecessary hospital stays, or we can provide older Americans with the resources and the services they need to live healthier, more secure, and more dignified lives. In my view, it is our responsibility not simply to reauthorize this legislation and maintain the status quo. It is our responsibility to expand the Older Americans Act so that every vulnerable senior in America can receive the services that they need."

"I'm proud to help lead this bipartisan legislation to strengthen support for America's older adults and reaffirm our commitment to helping them enjoy their golden years with dignity and independence. As Chair of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, I understand how essential it is that the more than 59 million older Americans in communities across our nation have access to critical services made possible through the Older Americans Act like nutrition, in-home care, and caregiver support. I was proud to lead a bipartisan resolution recognizing May 2025 as Older Americans Month, and am determined to work alongside my colleagues to see the Older Americans Act quickly reauthorized. Our seniors have spent their lives building and serving this country, and this bill is one way we ensure they continue to be supported, respected, and valued," said Senator Scott.

The full text of the bill can be found here.

https://www.help.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/oa_text.pdf



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2025 Summer Schedule

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Tues August 5

Tues September 2

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Thurs August 21

Thurs September 18

Registration Appts Only

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Wurtsboro, NY

NARROWSBURG

Tues July 22

Tues August 19

Tues September 16

Registration Appts Only

280 Bridge St
Narrowsburg, NY

HORTONVILLE

Thurs July 17

Thurs August 14

Thurs September 11

Registration Appts Only

10-1 Lower Main St
Hortonville, NY

LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues July 15

Tues August 12

Tues September 9

Registration Appts Only

95 Main St
Livingston Manor, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs July 10

Thurs August 7

Thurs September 4

License & Registration Appts

273 Main St
Grahamsville, NY

LIBERTY

Tues July 29

Tues August 26

Tues September 23

License & Registration Appts

75 Sullivan Ave
Liberty, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

Thurs September 25

License & Registration Appts

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DEC Proposes Changes to Deer Hunting Regulations

Proposed Regulation Changes to Modernize Reporting and Expand Youth Hunting Opportunities

Public Comments Accepted until Aug. 18, 2025

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced several proposed regulation changes to streamline use and reporting of hunting tags and provide new deer hunting opportunities. Hunting is important in New York State for wildlife population management and contributes an estimated \$2.6 billion in economic benefits annually to the state's recreational economy through license sales, equipment purchases, and related travel and lodging expenses.

"DEC is proposing to update regulations to improve deer management and hunters' experience by offering a streamlined digital option for tagging and reporting," Director of DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife Jacqueline Lendrum said. "The proposals released today reflect public desires for hunting opportunity and improvements to deer management to benefit hunters, wildlife managers, and landowners."

The proposed regulation, available on DEC's website, consists of three components: using electronic hunting tags and revising the harvest reporting time period; providing enhancements for youth deer hunters; and making improvements to the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP).

First, DEC proposes a process for using electronic carcass tags for deer, bear, and turkey. Hunters can choose to obtain a paper license and tags, as is currently available, or use the HuntFishNY mobile app as electronic proof of licensure and possession and use of tags for deer, bear, or turkey. An electronic harvest report, submitted immediately upon taking a deer, bear, or turkey through the HuntFishNY app, will serve as "e-tagging" the carcass.

The HuntFishNY app provides a confirmation number for the report and works even without immediate cell service, as it stores the harvest report and transmits it to DEC upon reconnection to cell service. Hunters using e-tags will not need to attach a physical tag to their harvested deer, bear, or turkey while they remain in possession of the carcass, including in their vehicle and home. If e-tag users otherwise leave the carcass unattended or deliver the carcass to a taxidermist or processor, they would need to affix a tag that includes their name and reporting confirmation number to the carcass.

For hunters using paper tags, this proposal reduces the timeframe required to report a deer, bear, or turkey harvest from seven days to 48 hours, encouraging prompt reporting and providing greater opportunity for quick law enforcement oversight. As in the past, hunters can report their harvest online, via the HuntFishNY app, or by phone.

Second, DEC proposes to provide a replacement regular season deer tag to youth hunters who successfully use that tag during the Youth Big Game Hunt weekend. Some successful young hunters may not have another tag available to use during the subsequent regular firearms season. This rulemaking will enable youth hunters who successfully fill their regular season tag during the Youth Deer Hunt and who do not have a Deer Management Permit to receive a replacement tag for the regular firearms season. Replacement tags would be for the

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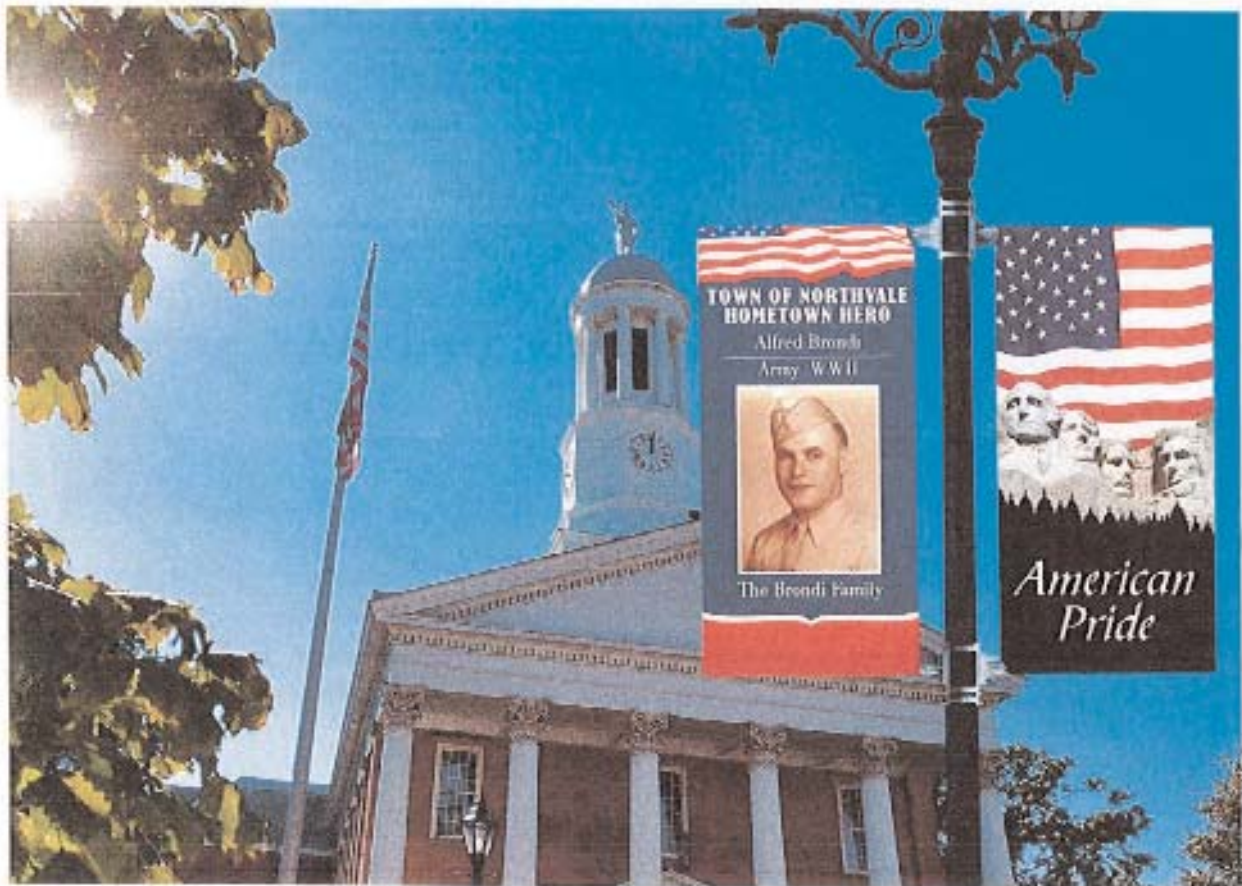
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opposite sex deer as was harvested during the youth hunt (e.g., harvest of an antlered deer during the Youth Deer Hunt would yield an antlerless-only replacement tag for the regular season).

Finally, DEC also proposes to enhance the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) by extending the permit renewal cycle from three years to five years and rescinding the limit on number of DMAP tags that may be used per hunter. Extending the DMAP permit renewal cycle will further enable enrollees to implement steady and consistent deer management on private properties while also reducing paperwork for permittees. Currently, hunters are limited to using no more than four DMAP tags per permit. This proposal removes that restriction, benefiting landowners by allowing them to maximize use of the tags issued. The total number of DMAP tags issued to a landowner will still be set by DEC staff based on property size and management need.

DEC is accepting comments on the proposed regulations through Aug. 18, 2025. Submit comments to wildliferegs@dec.ny.gov (subject: "e-tags and DMAP") or to: NYSDEC, Attn: Deer Hunting Regs, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

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

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

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Ulster County Announces Funding Opportunity and Informational Webinar for Projects Supporting the Lower Esopus Creek

Grants Available for Community-Based Projects to Improve Water Quality and Ecological Health Along the Lower Esopus

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County, in collaboration with the Hudson River Foundation, is pleased to announce a call for Letters of Interest for grants supporting priority projects identified in the Lower Esopus Stream Management Implementation Plan. This funding opportunity is part of a multi-year initiative to restore and protect the health of the Lower Esopus Creek, a vital natural resource flowing through the towns of Olive, Marbletown, Hurley, Ulster, and Saugerties, as well as the City of Kingston and the Village of Saugerties.

The Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan (SMP) was developed to address ecological challenges, such as sedimentation and flooding, while honoring the creek's cultural, recreational, and environmental significance. Supported by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection through an Order on Consent, the SMP identifies a set of actionable, community-driven projects that aim to promote long-term, sustainable management for a healthier, more resilient watershed.

This year's solicitation will provide up to \$500,000 in available funding, with a focus on projects that address water quality impairments and are ready for near-term implementation.

Funding for individual projects will vary, with awards up to \$100,000. Eligible applicants include municipalities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, particularly those with strong ties to the Lower Esopus region.

Interested applicants must first submit a Letter of Interest through the Hudson River Foundation's online application system by Friday, July 25. For details and submission instructions, visit: hudsonriver.org/grants/#le-smp-grants.

To support prospective applicants, Ulster County will host a two-part informational webinar on Thursday, June 26, from 11 AM to 2:30 PM:

- o Part 1 (11 AM - 12 Noon): Jonathan Kramer, President of the Hudson River Foundation, will provide an overview of the current funding opportunity, including guidance on how to submit a letter of interest and apply for implementation funds.

- o Part 2 (1 PM - 2:30 PM): Kristen Wilson, Deputy Director of the Ulster

County Planning Department, will present on the NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process, share tips for writing competitive proposals, and explore synergies between CFA and Lower Esopus funding priorities.

Register for the webinar here: tinyurl.com/LowerEsopus.

A recording will be made available on the Ulster County Planning Department YouTube channel after the event.

For more information about the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan and Implementation Plan, visit:

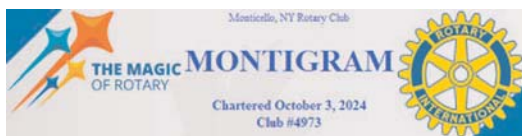
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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

And, just like that...the Rotary Year 2024-25 has flown by. Stay tuned for a Special End of Year MontiGram.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our Annual BBQ last week. Even with the rain, the community came out to support the event. And, although not the usual sell out event, we were able to ensure 75 chicken dinners for those in need donating the meals to the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Just a reminder to members who have not turned in their ticket money, please do so immediately so we can close out the project as part of the year end accounting.

Thank you to Alex Rey for chairing the event. Special thanks to Bobby Sipos for cooking up a delicious meal. And thank you to the all the club members who helped in the set-up, serving, and clean-up to ensure a smooth operation.

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

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 24, 2025

1. Welcome
2. Pledge - Incoming President Les Kristt
3. Intro of Guests
4. Program - Year End Celebration and Service Recognitions
5. Monster Run Update
6. Golf Outing Update
7. Sullivan Central Rotary Club Update
8. BBQ Recap
9. Other
10. Adjournment

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M2lCSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

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 Kristt, "Too many of our veterans need assistance with heating, food, transportation for medical serves, rent and mortgage assistance just to name a few. They have given to us all through their service to our country. Monticello Rotary is glad to sponsor this race to raise awareness and funds as a way of giving back to those who served and are currently serving." (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."

**DEC Announces
\$1 Million Available for
Community Forest
Conservation Grants**
*Funding Available for
Municipalities to Conserve Open
Space; Informational Webinar
Scheduled for June 25*
**Grants Contribute to Goal of
Conserving 30 Percent of New
York State's Lands and Waters by
2030 and Planting 25 Million
Trees By 2033**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced \$1 million for grants is now available through the third round of the State's Community Forest Conservation Grant Program. Municipalities can use this funding to purchase land or conservation easements to create or expand community-owned forests to sustain and protect wildlife habitat, promote clean air and water, preserve biodiversity, and increase access to recreation opportunities and open space.

"Keeping forests as forests is a cornerstone of DEC's strategy to support working landscapes and help communities safeguard critical natural resources, ensure forests continue to contribute to local economies, protect jobs, and build more resilient, healthier communities across New York State," said Commissioner Lefton. "Through programs like the State's Community Forest Conservation grants, New York is supporting smart, locally driven investments that deliver environmental, economic, and public health benefits."

New York State's forests absorb carbon and mitigate the impacts of climate change, improve a community's climate resilience, and create opportunities for public access and outdoor recreation. DEC's Community Forest Conservation Grant Program helps support these missions by funding projects that protect forest biodiversity, and the ecosystem benefits forests provide, including mitigating stormwater, regulating temperature, and sequestering carbon.

Sustainably managed community forests can yield forest products like timber and maple syrup

and create jobs and support livelihoods that are integral to New York State's economic growth. Community forests are also educational spaces, providing opportunities for students to learn about forest ecology and land management, and offer guidance to local landowners to manage their forests sustainably. Funded projects also contribute to the State's 30x30 goals of conserving 30 percent of New York's lands and waters by 2030 and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Municipalities may apply for a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum of \$300,000. Awarded applicants will receive the funding in installments as they complete specific stages of the land acquisition process. Expenses eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the purchase price of the land or conservation easement, appraisal, survey and boundary marking, title search, environmental assessment, and management plan. Acquired properties must be 10 or more contiguous acres, have forests on at least 75 percent of the property, be accessible to the public, and provide public benefits such as recreational opportunities, flood mitigation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and forest products. Applications are due by Sept. 17, 2025.

DEC is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, June 25, at 10 a.m., to provide interested applicants with information on the program requirements, funding details, and how to use the new State Financial System for grants. Register for the webinar.

To further enhance forest protection, DEC is working with partners across the state to implement Governor Hochul's goal of planting 25 million trees by 2033. This goal furthers the State's tree planting efforts, supports private nurseries, and bolsters New York's vital forest products industry. Learn how the 25 Million Trees Initiative is enhancing tree planting and forest restoration efforts to improve climate resilience on DEC's website.

Funding for Community Forest Conservation Grant Program comes from the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which provides critical funding for environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, water quality improvement, and environmental justice projects. Among the many environmental victories in the enacted FY2025-26 State Budget, Governor Hochul boosted EPF funding at \$425 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history.

To learn more information about this grant program and how to apply, visit DEC's website.

TICKETS ARE SELLING OUT FOR 'I'M NOT RAPPAPORT'



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CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=15c2b89126&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

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.

TICKETS & BOX OFFICE

Tickets can be purchased anytime at shadowlandstages.org, or by calling our box office at 845-647-5511 (open Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 PM or until curtain). You can also buy tickets in person at the venue where the show is being performed, beginning two hours before curtain.

Season subscribers can save up to 20% on ticket prices, and groups of 10 or more qualify for significant discounts. Call our box office for more information on group packages.

As we celebrate this extraordinary 40-year milestone, we invite you to join us for a season that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks with excitement to the future. Whether you're a long-time supporter or first-time visitor, this is the season to experience the transformative magic of live theatre in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

Flea Market/Craft Fair

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

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



Vendors Wanted

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What you are selling: _____

Make check out to: BIOFC Ladies Aux

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

Questions to: marylou.stapleton@aol.com



Shady United Methodist Church Summertime Fair & Yard Sale

Saturday, July 12

9AM - 1PM

Breakfast & Lunch

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

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

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



Honoring Dairy Farmers during National Dairy Month

To acknowledge the hard-working farmers and producers who drive one of New York's most vital industries, I introduced a resolution expressing my support for the designation of June as National Dairy Month. With nearly 3,200 dairy farms producing over 15.7 billion pounds of milk each year, New York ranks as the third-highest milk-producing state in the country, and Wyoming County, right here in NY-24, leads the state in milk production. Our district is proud to be the fourth-largest dairy-producing district in the nation.

Despite their essential contributions, our dairy farmers are constantly under threat from burdensome regulations, rising costs, and unfair trade practices. Now, Albany Democrats are pushing legislation to limit the size of dairy farms to just 700 cows, which would be a death sentence for the industry and devastate rural communities across New York.

Our farmers deserve recognition, not restrictions. I will continue fighting for our agricultural economy and standing with the dairy families of NY-24 to ensure they get the respect and support they've earned.

Reiterating the United States' Unwavering Support for Israel

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

The United States must remain committed to our unwavering support for Israel as it takes bold action to dismantle Iran's nuclear enrichment capabilities and defend its people from escalating attacks. For decades, the Islamic Republic of Iran has violated international agreements, funded terrorism, and openly threatened the destruction of Israel and the United States. Despite repeated diplomatic efforts, Iran continues to obstruct inspections, expel international monitors, and enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels. I introduced a resolution this week that sends a clear message: the U.S.-Israel alliance is strong, and we fully support Israel's right to self-defense and its targeted operations to prevent the Iranian regime from acquiring nuclear weapons, a threat not only to Israel, but also to the United States and the entire free world. I will always stand with our greatest ally in the Middle East and work to ensure Iran is never allowed to threaten global peace and stability with nuclear weapons.

READ MORE: Bipartisan House resolution backs Israel's strikes on Iran <https://jewishinsider.com/2025/06/israel-iran-brad-sherman-claudia-tenney-resolution/>

Protecting the Second Amendment Regardless of Financial Status

Under current federal law, individuals going through bankruptcy are allowed to keep certain personal items like jewelry, musical instruments, and even a television. Yet, there is no clear exemption for firearms, one of our most fundamental constitutional rights. The Protecting Gun Owners in Bankruptcy Act ensures that every American's constitutional right to self-defense is protected, regardless of their financial status. This legislation corrects that injustice by exempting up to \$3,000 worth of firearms from bankruptcy proceedings, recognizing them as essential property. Americans should never have to choose between financial stability and personal safety. The Second Amendment is not conditional; it applies to all Americans, including those facing hard times.

Attorney General James is Targeting Our Local Law Enforcement Sheriff Hilton and I at the 2025 Joint Session of Congress

Welcome to New York State, where violent criminals walk free and the state Attorney General targets law enforcement officers for doing their jobs. This week, New York State Attorney General Letitia James launched a politically motivated investigation into local law enforcement across the state, including Oswego County Sheriff Don Hilton, for properly doing their jobs and cooperating with federal law enforcement. Instead of going after gang members, drug traffickers, and violent offenders, AG James is using taxpayer dollars to harass local sheriffs who are enforcing the law and making our communities a safer place. These anti-police, pro-criminal policies are a disgrace to our state and a direct threat to public safety. I stand with Sheriff Hilton and every sheriff in NY-24 who refuses to back down in the face of Albany's radical agenda. We must restore law and order in New York, and that starts with supporting those who wear the badge, not punishing them.

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.Res.494: Condemning the Violent Acts Against Law Enforcement Officers and Military Service Members, and Destruction of Personal Property in Los Angeles, California:

This resolution condemns state and local governments' attempts to undermine Federal immigration officials' mission to keep communities safe due to misguided sanctuary city policies, such as those of Governor Gavin Newsom. Additionally, this resolution denounces any acts of violence that occurred in the city of Los Angeles during the protests. This resolution reaffirms the duty of federal immigration agencies to carry out their positions and condemns any action of sanctuary city officials to stop this process. I will always support law enforcement and ensure their safety and protection.

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This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 53)

H.R. 3643, the VA Data Transparency and Trust Act: This bill would require the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to issue annual reports to Congress that detail how VA benefits are being delivered, anonymous details on the types of veterans using benefits, and how well the system of the VA is working, while protecting the privacy of individual veterans. The VA has struggled to make consistent and well-defined metrics available to Congress so that we can make informed policy decisions. Veterans deserve a VA that provides benefits based on transparency, accountability, and data-driven decisions.

H.R. 3917, the Protection of Women in Sports at Military Academies Act: This bill would ensure that women's athletic programs and activities at military service academies are only for women and prohibits biological men from participating in these programs. The radical Left continues to assault women's rights by allowing biological men to participate in women's sports, which erases the Title IX protections for which generations of women fought so hard to achieve. I will always fight to protect women's sports and recognize the biological differences between men and women.

H.R. 3816, the Weather Act Reauthorization: This bill makes critical improvements to our nation's weather systems. Specifically, it strengthens severe weather forecasting by updating key research programs from the 2017 Weather Act and expanding NOAA's access to critical data. It also launches new R&D initiatives on advanced radar, storm surges, aviation weather, and other high-impact hazards. This will better ensure that we are staying ahead of disastrous weather events and save lives.

The Army's 250th Birthday Celebration in Livingston County Our team, alongside state and local officials, joined the Kenneth B. Keating VFW Post 26 in Lima to celebrate the United States Army's 250th birthday this weekend! The Army's legacy of courage and unwavering service to our country has continued since 1775, and we are indebted to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice over these 250 years. Thank you to all who have served or are currently serving!

Celebrating Gene Gerrard's Birthday

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the 103rd birthday celebration of U.S. Coast Guard veteran Gene Gerrard! Gene served in WWII, became a successful business owner, and is a proud family man. He continues to be the living embodiment of courage, tenacity, and service that we should all strive to emulate. Happy birthday, Gene!



It was a big week in the Hudson Valley and worldwide. I was honored to join many of you for events across our community -- but I also know that these are scary times.

Before diving into how we're working together for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley, I wanted to be sure to take a moment to provide a statement on the evolving situation in the Middle East.

MY STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

I love our country. I served in America's longest wars, where I saw the best of humanity in my fellow veterans' heroism and selfless service (much like we witnessed this weekend); and saw the worst of humanity and horrors of war up close and personal.

Twenty years ago, in their rush to appear strong and tough, politicians - from both parties - failed to ask the hard questions before starting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now, trillions of dollars and countless deaths later, we still haven't gotten accountability.

America must not make those same mistakes again.

I am under no illusions about the nature of the Iranian regime and its proxies - they are evil. We must continue to stand strongly with our Israeli allies - including active and robust support for the defense of the state of Israel and its people, as we have for decades.

But Trump's actions, taken without any case being made to the American people or the Congress, coupled with his speech doubling down on his sole authority to further escalate the conflict, risks repeating history and starting another forever war in the Middle East.

The Constitution explicitly grants the power to make war to Congress, on behalf of the American people - not the President. I am supporting the War Powers Resolution because we must act immediately to reclaim that authority.

CELEBRATING THE FLAG AND ALL IT STANDS FOR

The American flag is a symbol of the values all Americans hold dear - freedom, resiliency, & unity.

They're the values I risked my life to defend.

I founded the Democratic Veterans Caucus because I love this country. This Flag Day, I urged my colleagues to remember what brings us together, and that true Patriotism means putting country first - always.

Read more: Politico: Democrats reclaim the American flag

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/06/13/dems-rally-flag-00402458>

And more about the Democratic Veterans Caucus: 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

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Last weekend we celebrated 250 years of the United States Army!

The 5 years I served in uniform made me the person I am today.

It is an honor to represent West Point in Congress, where I carry the lessons I learned from serving with me each and every day.

As always, #GoArmyBeatNavy!

CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE

I was completely horrified to hear about the targeted attack on public servants in Minnesota.

Rep. Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark were shot and killed in their home last week.

State Senator John Hoffman and his wife were shot, and are thankfully recovering.

The shooter had plans to target dozens more elected officials.

I'm grateful to the brave law enforcement officers who immediately acted and did not rest until they found the suspect. (Contd. Pg 55)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 54)

Political violence has no place in America. I am praying for the victims, their families, friends & colleagues as the entire community reels from this heinous act.

FIGHTING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS: THE EQUALITY ACT

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

In the face of these attacks, I'm proud that our Hudson Valley community is standing up and fighting back - pushing together to pass the Equality Act.

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

Read the full release: Amidst Historic Threats to LGBTQ+ Community, Congressman Pat Ryan Reintroduces Equality Act, Pushes Alongside Hudson Valley Community to Pass Critical Legislation

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amidst-historic-threats-lgbtq-community-congressman-pat-ryan-reintroduces>

INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ISRAEL

We are closely monitoring the situation in the Middle East and praying for all those impacted.

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

Please be sure to follow the instructions of local authorities on the ground. For information on appropriate action to take when hearing a siren or explosion, visit the Israel Defense Forces Home Front command at this link: <https://oref.org.il/eng/articles/i>

Note: This will only be available on devices within Israel.

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

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Last week, it was my great honor to celebrate Juneteenth with communities across the Hudson Valley, including in Middletown, Poughkeepsie and with the North Dutchess NAACP.

On Juneteenth, we commemorate the end of slavery in the U.S., and reflect on long how the word of freedom took to travel from the battlefield in Gettysburg to finally reach Galveston, Texas. We recognize how long the road to true freedom was and still is.

Together, we carry on the fight for equality & to protect the freedom of each & every American.

ULSTER COUNTY BLACK BUSINESSES COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

I was also honored to attend last week's Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce Black Businesses Community Celebration, where four community leaders were honored for their contributions to the Hudson Valley.

Especially as we celebrate Juneteenth, it's so important that we lift up the incredible accomplishments & contributions of our Black community.

To all of the honorees: congratulations, and on behalf of the entire Hudson Valley community, thank you.

You can read more about the honorees here: 2025 Black Business Community Celebration <https://www.ulsterchamber.org/black-business-community-celebration/>

REPRESENTING THE HUDSON VALLEY AT THE CONGRESSIONAL BASEBALL GAME

Read more: Hudson Valley Press: Rep. Ryan Represents West Point and Renegades

<https://hudsonvalleypress.com/2025/06/18/rep-ryan-represents-west-point-and-renegades/>

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

I hope all the dads across the Hudson Valley had a happy Father's Day last weekend.

As a father to two young sons and member of the Congressional Dads Caucus, I'm proud to fight for legislation to support Hudson Valley families - like paid family leave & the expanded child tax credit.

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 Wappingers Falls this Friday, 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

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/hudson-valley/news/2025/05/20/congressman-pat-ryan-s-c-a-r-e-s--van-visits-plattekill-library>

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

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/after-voting-against-gop-bill-drives-costs-and-takes-healthcare-hudson-valley>

FIGHTING FOR ORANGE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESSES

I had a great conversation last week with members of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at Cosimos in Middletown, to discuss the impact of tariffs on our local businesses.

Thank you to Board President Heather Bell for organizing - I'll always fight for a more affordable Hudson Valley.

THANKING HUDSON VALLEY DAIRY FARMERS

June is National Dairy Month!

Let's raise a glass of milk to all the hardworking dairy farmers across the Hudson Valley & the entire country!

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)**U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

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

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

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

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE APPLICATION NOW OPEN

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

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

Learn more about last year's winners here: Congressman Pat Ryan Celebrates Dutchess County High School Students on Winning NY-18 Congressional App Challenge with "Invest4Better" <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-celebrates-dutchess-county-high-school-students-winning>

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.

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

Register Here <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/mid-hudson/events/mid-hudson-2025-person-cfa-information-session-may-05-2025>

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. (Contd. Pg 57)

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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)

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

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

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

Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program

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

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

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

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

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

The 2025 LEMHWA program will fund projects that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities

Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation

Approximately \$4 million is available for this program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)

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

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

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

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

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

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 -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. (Contdd. Pg. 58)

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

The 2025 Safer Outcomes program will encompass two separate solicitations:

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

Support for law enforcement agencies

Approximately \$18 million is available for this program.

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

COPS Blue Alert Program

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

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

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

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

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!

1. Fighting to protect Medicaid and SNAP

If President Trump's so-called "Big Beautiful Bill" is passed, it would cause 10.9 million Americans, including up to 1.5 million New Yorkers, to lose their health insurance coverage by 2034, and 11 million would be at risk of having their SNAP benefits reduced or eliminated. This is unacceptable.

This week, Kirsten visited Buffalo, Rochester, and Saranac Lake to share how the proposed bill will impact families, low-income Americans, and rural hospitals in Upstate and Western New York. President Trump's bill is not "beautiful"—it's a betrayal of millions of hard-working

Americans, and Kirsten is doing everything in her power to stop it from passing.

Read more. <https://www.mynbc5.com/article/sen-gillibrand-warns-of-proposed-medicaid-cuts-during-saranac-lake-visit/65080887>

2. Working to eliminate food deserts

Making sure every New Yorker has easy access to affordable, nutritious food is critical to maintain the health of our communities.

That's why this week, Kirsten reintroduced legislation to provide \$50 million annually to incentivize grocery stores to establish locations in areas where residents lack easy access to fresh food retailers.

Read more.

<https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/new-york/gillibrand-pushes-50m-bill-for-food-deserts/71-4d3f3b8c-b635-4296-98d0-efc80463dfdc>

3. Supporting seniors

Passed over half a century ago, the Older Americans Act (OAA) is landmark legislation that supports programs that provide nutrition assistance, meal and transportation services, caregiver support, disease prevention services, long-term care, and more for America's seniors. This week, Kirsten reintroduced the OAA Reauthorization Act, which renews funding for the OAA and strengthens these services.

We owe it to seniors to expand and continue funding the programs they need to age with dignity and respect. As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, Kirsten is firmly committed to getting this bill passed with bipartisan support.

Read more.

<https://oswegocountytoday.com/politics/gillibrand/gillibrand-colleagues-reintroduce-older-americans-act-to-empower-american-seniors/>

Interested in learning more about Kirsten's work as ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee?

4. Celebrating Juneteenth

160 years ago, on June 19, 1865, the news of freedom reached some of the last enslaved people in America.

This Juneteenth, Kirsten celebrated freedom and reflected on our nation's history alongside members of Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains.

5. Helping constituents with Social Security

When an Erie County constituent needed help to secure the benefits entitled to her under the Social Security Fairness Act, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Social Security Administration, and the agency released a payment to her of over \$19,000.

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/>



Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The 2025 legislative session came to a close early last Friday morning and I want to take the opportunity today to highlight a slate of key victories that advanced out of the State Senate—an aggressive legislative agenda focused on transparency, accountability, and standing up for the hardworking families across the 51st District. I am incredibly proud to report that we have delivered.

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

Additionally, many initiatives I advocated for this session passed on the Senate Floor, including:

Transparent and Accountable Utility Billing Practices - I was proud to lead the charge against predatory utility billing practices and pass three key bills to protect consumers: one to prohibit utility companies from using ratepayers fund to cover corporate losses; another to ban ratepayer-funded corporate lobbying and political contributions; and a third to establish a state watchdog agency dedicated to advocating for ratepayers.

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, which is why I carried legislation to ease this burden and create a statewide career and job listing database tailored to veterans.

Protecting School-Based Health Centers - I doubled-down on my 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.

These are important steps forward, but our work is not done. My office remains focused on delivering results that benefit the hardworking families of the 51st District. I will continue to fight for the values that matter most to our communities.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.
Sincerely,

Peter Oberacker

Something is seriously wrong - families across my district are being crushed by outrageous charges. These companies are playing games with people's money... and with people's

lives. Enough is enough. We're going to get answers and we're going to fix this.

We're still collecting feedback through our utility rate survey at [Oberacker.nysenate.gov](https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/peter-oberacker/struggling-high-utility-costs-were-here-help). These accounts are the heart of this potential investigation and I urge every resident who experienced these outrageous billings to take a few minutes and share your experience.

Also, kindly help an older neighbor or family member complete this survey as well. Our aging population on fixed incomes are impacted most and this fight only moves forward if people speak out.

Take The Survey!

<https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/peter-oberacker/struggling-high-utility-costs-were-here-help>

WATCH: Senator Oberacker Calls for a FULL Investigation into NYS Utility Companies

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1410945120102814>

Sen. Oberacker's Food Safety Bill PASSES!

As the only food scientist in the State Legislature, I am incredibly proud to have successfully moved this important bill across the finish line. Throughout my career, I've had the privilege of working in nearly every facet of the food industry—from the kitchens to the production lines and, of course, in the science behind it all. This bill represents not just my professional journey, but also my deep commitment to ensuring the health and safety of New Yorkers through the food we consume.

I've seen firsthand the importance of food safety, quality, and transparency, which is why this bill is so personal to me. It's a reflection of years of experience and dedication to making sure that the food we eat is not only delicious but also safe and sustainable.

Watch Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jziyU-Jb1X0>

Celebrate National Dairy Month!

Here in New York, we're incredibly proud to be one of the top dairy producers in the nation. Our hardworking dairy farmers play an essential role in feeding families not just across the state, but around the country. With the summer weather upon us, it's the perfect time to show our support for these local heroes who work tirelessly to bring us the high-quality dairy products we all enjoy. What better way to support them than by treating yourself to a double-scoop cone of your favorite ice cream?

Stopping by your local ice cream parlor not only gives you the chance to indulge in a delicious treat, but it also helps keep the wheels turning for local businesses and farmers alike. Each scoop of ice cream, each pint of milk, and each carton of yogurt you enjoy is a reminder of the dedication and hard work of our local dairy farmers. By choosing to support these local establishments, you're helping to sustain an important part of our agricultural economy and ensuring that these family-run farms continue to thrive.

As for me, I'm partial to raspberry chocolate rocky road—it's the perfect blend of tart and sweet with just the right crunch! Let's celebrate New York's dairy industry and support our local farmers by enjoying our favorite flavors and spots! (Contd. Pg 60)

Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

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What's Happening in the 51st District?

Help a Local Student in Need Through the Angel Network

Learn More

<https://angelnetworkofcooperstown.org/how-we-help/>

Otsego Announces Broadband Expansion Initiative

Learn More

<https://www.otsegocountyny.gov/broadband.php>

Summer Saturdays at the Kaneonga Lake Farmers Market

Learn More

<https://business.catskills.com/events/details/kauneongalakefarmmakersmarket-06-28-2025-16365?calendarMonth=2025-06-01>

This Week in Albany

Save Our Cattle From Downstate Rattle Press Conference

Senator Oberacker Passes Crucial First Responder Bill

Keep School-Based Health Centers Red Tape Free

Let Them Play! Sen. Oberacker Fights for Homeschoolers

Social Media Spotlights

Last Day of Legislative Session!

On the last day of session we tackled this HUGE agenda of bills that hit the Senate Floor.

It was certainly a long day (and a longer night), but I was ready to fight for safer streets, affordability, and REAL RESULTS for our rural communities!

June is Great Outdoors Month!

Whether you're out for a walk, hiking or riding the trails, or simply enjoying in the views at one of New York's stunning state parks, there's no better time to step outside and embrace the beauty around us.

New York State Parks & Recreation offers something for everyone and it's all right in our backyard! We're incredibly lucky to live in a state filled with such natural wonder.

Find a park near you and make the most of Great Outdoors Month: <https://parks.ny.gov/>

Celebrating Flag Day in the 51st District!

On Flag Day, we honor the Stars and Stripes-our Nation's proud symbol of freedom, unity, and resilience. Whether it's waving on your front porch, stitched onto a uniform, or flying high above a school or firehouse, the American flag reminds us of who we are and what we stand for.

So take a moment to fly it high, thank a veteran, and reflect on the values that bring us together as Americans.

Here's to Old Glory-long may she wave!

Senator Oberacker in the News

Senator Peter Oberacker Demands Full Investigation into Skyrocketing Utility Bills

Read Here <https://riverreporter.com/stories/senator-peter-oberacker-demands-full-investigation-into-skyrocketing-utility-bills,203559/>

Oberacker Highlights Legislative Wins During Legislative Session

Read Here

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/06/17/oberacker-touts-bills-he-pushed-during-legislative-session/>

Cornell Raptor Program Soars at Afton School and Impresses Students

Read Here

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/06/17/oberacker-touts-bills-he-pushed-during-legislative-session/>

Health Care is a Human Right

Since its inception, Health Care is a Human Right has offered free clinics in the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York. We work with dedicated professionals who volunteer their services and expertise in a range of holistic wellness modalities. HCHR coordinates free holistic wellness clinics in Woodstock, Phoenicia, and in Kingston.

Ways you can help:

You may join us at any clinic and help us in a variety of tasks, such as setting up, usually an hour or so before clinic, or by staying afterward to help us with the take down.

If you would like to join HCHR as a practitioner or to help us run the clinics, we welcome you! Email us at info@hchrny.org or use the form on this page, and we will get back to you promptly.

Upcoming Clinics:

Kingston Clinic

Thursday, June 12th, 2025, 4-7pm

The Kirkland, 2 Main Street, Kingston, NY 12401

Phoenicia Clinic Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 4-7pm

Phoenicia United Methodist Church

29 Church Street, Phoenicia, NY 12465

Kingston Clinic

Thursday, July 10, 2025, 4-7pm

The Kirkland, 2 Main Street, Kingston, NY 12401

Woodstock Clinic

Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 4-7pm

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, Woodstock
2578 S.R. 212, Woodstock, NY 12498

Mike Beiling and the Bertholf Family and Friends Present

Matty Bertholf's Annual Horseshoe Tournament

Sunday, July 13th, 2025
Neversink Firehouse

Times

Registration 8:30 am

Tourney Begins 9:00 am

Entry Fee \$25

Contests

50-50 drawings

Beverages

Bring your own

Non Players all donations appreciated**

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

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

All donations are tax decuctible

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
DIRECT SALE VENDORS
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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

**1st Wednesday
each month
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Feb 5

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

**Action Toward
Independence
309 E Broadway,
Monticello, NY 12701**



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

To register:

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

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

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County**

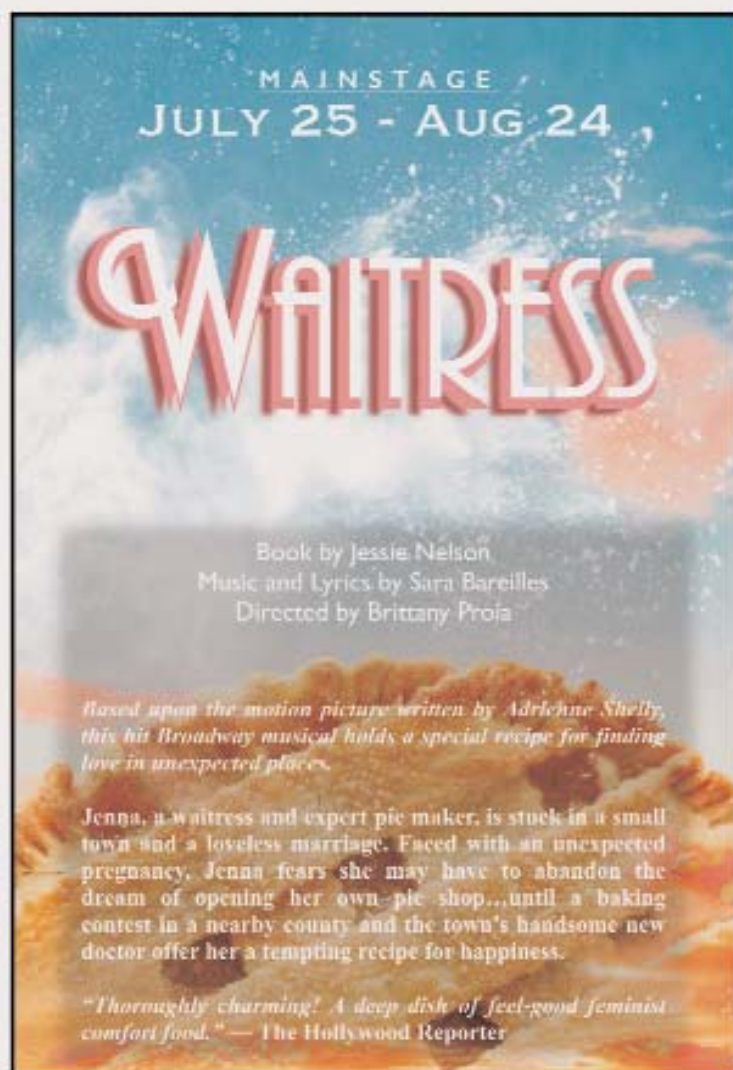


A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

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

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

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



Support the Ellenville
Regional Auxiliary and enjoy
lunch and a show!



GABY'S CAFE
SHADOWLAND
STAGES

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

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

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

"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

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

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

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



The Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club

Presents:

The 40th ANNUAL BIG INDIAN CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 2025

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

THIS Years Trophies Will Be Awarded
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VEHICLES 2005 OR NEWER WILL HAVE THEIR
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For the
First 100
Cars



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

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

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

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

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

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



Daniel Pierce Library Senior Social!

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

Open to all community retirees & senior
patrons

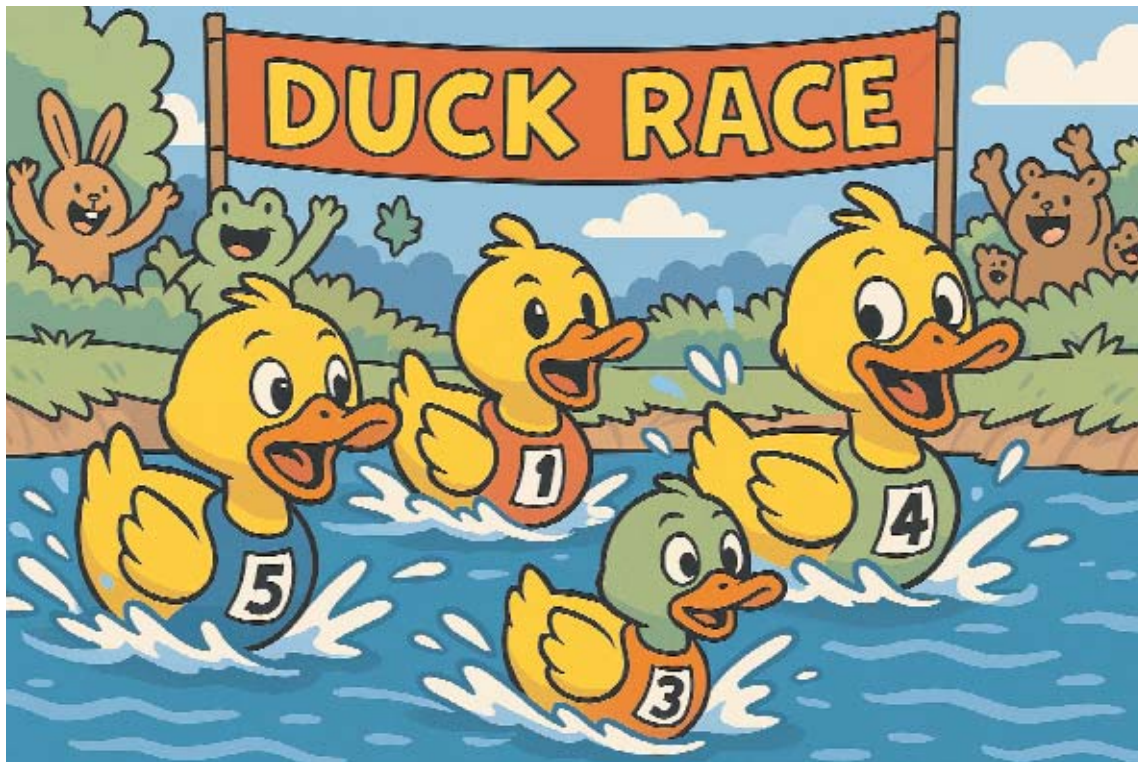
Join us for an afternoon of
conversation with fellow retirees in
our Adult Reading Room.
Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Adele Barnard at
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To register go to: Register Now

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

2025 Caregiver Resource Center Monthly Virtual Support Groups

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

To register:

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



**3rd Wednesday
each month**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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
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BLUE MOUNTAINS TROUT NEWS

JUNE 2025

By Ed Ostapczuk



*Strange Esopus Creek hatch caught on camera.
Photo by Ed Ostapczuk.*

June Meeting will be Esopus Fishing Outing

No meetings scheduled during summer month, BUT...we are hosting a chapter Esopus Creek fishing outing next Tuesday, on June 24. Members and friends who'd like to fish with someone else should assemble in front of the Boiceville Inn at 5:30 PM. Then at 8:30 PM, folks should gather back at the Boiceville Inn for pizza on the chapter; buy your own liquid refreshments. You don't have to fish to enjoy some free pizza and comraderie at the Boiceville Inn. Just show up!

Note that this event is being held two days earlier than the fourth Thursday of the month when we normally meet due to Onteora high school's graduation the following day. We had to move it up yet another day to accommodate a private event at the Boiceville Inn on Wednesday. In the event of bad weather, or poor river conditions, please watch for an email from the chapter on updated status, or call Tony Coccozza, our vice-president, at 845-675-6044.

Register Now for the Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring (CERM) Conference

Register now for the 2025 Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring (CERM) conference October 22-24, 2025 at the newly renovated Discovery Lodge at Belleayre Mountain Ski Center in the heart of the Catskill high peaks region. Register for all three days or a single day; the fee is \$20/day plus an additional charge for the conference Speaker Dinner, featuring Dr. Uldis Roze. Dr. Roze is Professor Emeritus of the Department of Biology, Queens College at the City University of New York (CUNY) and a foremost expert on North American porcupines. His presentation is on "Catskills, Porcupines, Fishers." Registration for this event closes October 15, so don't wait.

For more information on the CERM conference, visit <https://cermconference.org>. Visit <https://www.ccevents.org/e/cerm2025> to register.

Heritage Brook Trout Study



Brook trout photo by Ed Ostapczuk.

In recent years chapter volunteers, in conjunction with AWSMP, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC), and the scientific community have collected evidence of Catskill heritage brook trout on four different Esopus Creek watershed tributaries. In 2025 we are planning to study our fifth. Chet Karwatowski has been in contact with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture about our activities, recently sharing their recent newsletter with chapter board members.

2025 Esopus Creek Recreational Water Release Dates

Part 670.5 of the NYS Reservoir Release Regulations governing the Schoharie Reservoir-Shandaken Tunnel-Esopus Creek allows for up to four recreational (canoe/kayaking) events between May 1 and October 31 per year, but not more than one in any month. A few weeks ago I Googled when the 2025 events were scheduled, and vaguely recall a May date that did not happen. Since then I cannot relocate that info and there's no information on DEC's website about 2025, nor does anyone in DEC respond to my emails regarding this topic. I guess it will remain a mystery for now?

Acid Rain Report

Jody Hoyt reported during May there were seven measurable storms in Boiceville with 12.62 rain inches having a weighted pH average of 6.2. By comparison in May 2024 there were also seven rain events measuring 4.75 inches with a 5.8 weighted average pH. Thanks Jody!

Miscellany

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum (CFFC&M) is hosting their annual Summerfest the weekend of August 2-3; Check their website for the latest info.

Some Catskill angling history featuring Edward R. Hewitt on the Neversink.

Matt O'Neal of Savage Flies tying a Red Fox, a dry fly pattern of Ray Smith, Dean of the Esopus. If you're a fly tyer, you might enjoy the Savage Flies YouTube's, as I do.

Stay tick free. In recent years tick encounters when outdoors seem to have increased. Here are some tick free tips from NYS DEC, FYI: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/public-safety/be-tick-free>

Next Chapter Newsletter

Unless there are reportable activities or upcoming summer events, there might not be another chapter newsletter until late August or September. Enjoy summer!

Membership

If you have membership questions or concerns, or know someone who wants to join our chapter, please contact Russell Martin at: rmartintu@gmail.com.

Until next time,
Ed Ostapczuk
June 21, 2025

“I’m Not Rappaport” at Shadowland Stage is Special to Grahamsville

- William A. Brenner

“I’M NOT RAPPAPORT” the 2025 season opening play at the Shadow Land Stages 40th Anniversary Season in Ellenville was special to Grahamsville – The Co-Star of the show was Judd Hirsch – residing in Sundown – just a stone’s throw uphill from Grahamsville.

Judd Hirsch, age 90, has had a home in the foothills of Sundown since 1960. He had previously appeared in the same role as a very senior citizen, “Nate” one of two very senior citizens, independent and opinionated, who spend their remaining lives on two park benches in the heart of Central Park in New York City in October 1982.

Among his many awards, Judd Hirsch won an acclaimed Broadway Tony Award for his acrobatic, insightful and hilarious acting performance in Herb Gardner’s “I’m Not Rappaport”. He ran this performance every Tuesday thru Sunday at 8:00 pm, with a Sunday Matinee until June.

Among his prior credits Judd Hirsch won two Emmys in the TV series “Taxi” and acted in the science fiction movie “Independence Day”.

Co-starring in “I’m Not Rappaport” was the prestigious Eugene Lee (as “Midge”) who has worked and traveled with the renowned Negro Theatre Ensemble. Among his artistic achievements, he has brought playwrights and students together to work with professional directors and performers to work on new plays with those aspiring to have their voices heard.

Other invaluable supporting cast members were Jim Bracchitta, Lena Pepe, Owen Campbell, Zane Pais and Cassie Beck, recruited primarily from the Atlantic Theater Company in New York City.

Among Artistic Director Brendan Burke’s Production team the most spectacular stars were the Scenic Designers, Christopher Swader and Justin Swader, and their crew, who built the breathtaking stage wide exquisitely detailed stone Central Park Overpass where characters walked across the top and passed underneath.

One final note: The Shadowland Theater was packed with mostly older people. At the end of the show the performers were given a standing ovation, but much of the audience had trouble standing.

Farm to Food Pantry Blueberry Row Prep & Gleaning

**Gleaning - Monday and Wednesday mornings
beginning June 25th, 2025, 8:30-11am (Tuesday
& Thursday rain dates)**

Where: 2324 US-209, Hurley, NY

Please join us for blueberry gleaning Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30-11am beginning Wednesday June 25th through the end of blueberry season around mid August (Tuesday & Thursday rain dates). We'll be harvesting delicious fresh blueberries donated by the Hudson Valley Farm Hub for local food pantries, shelters and community meal programs. The address is at 2324 US-209, Hurley, NY.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome (youth volunteers must be supervised by a parent/guardian). Pantry friends are welcome to come glean for their program. Containers will be provided. On-farm training protocol provided upon arrival. Please wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen, long pants, and if possible bring your own water bottle (we will have plastic bottles available too).

To volunteer or for more information please call/text 845-481-0331 or email glean@ulster-corps.org or register online here.

Note: If the weather is questionable, be sure to check in with us before 8am the morning you are planning to glean (there is no cell service at the Farm Stand). We ask everyone to please register before coming.

Congressman Josh Riley Mobile Office Hours

Members of Congressman Josh Riley's team will be in your community for mobile office hours on Thursday, June 26 at the Phoenicia Library (48 Main St, Phoenicia, NY 12464) from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

This is your chance to get one-on-one help from our Congressional staff with Medicare, Social Security, veterans' benefits, passport delays, or any other issue involving a federal agency. No question is too small-and no appointment is needed.

If you can't make it but still need help, give us a call at (607) 242-0200 or visit riley.house.gov to connect with us.



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Belles

By Mark Dunn

July

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- 2pm

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Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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

- Set Your Goal – whether it's 5, 10 or 30 books, there's no limit!
- Read – explore new genres, authors and topics.
- Track Your Progress – add the titles as you go.
- Celebrate Your Success – complete the challenge by December 31, 2025 and be entered to win a book each time you fill out one side of your reading log!

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**Thursday, July 22, 2025
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Summer Reading Program | Adults

Thursday, July 10, 2025

6 - 7 pm

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

What's Included:

- Step-by-step guidance from local artist, Robin Raykoff
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Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

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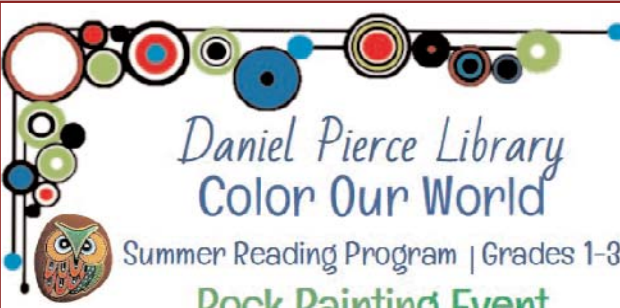
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Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

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EVERY 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30 PM



Daniel Pierce Library Color Our World

Summer Reading Program | Grades 1-3

Rock Painting Event

Come paint your world, one rock at a time!


Tuesday, July 15, 2025
6 - 7 pm

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

Take your rock home or hide it around the community to brighten someone's day!
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Summer Reading Program | Grades 4-6

Frame-tastic Fun

Glass Frame Painting Event

Thursday, July 17, 2025
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Grahamsville Fairgrounds
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For children of ALL ages and their families

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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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 or email ben@shadowlandstages.org

THE ACADEMY AT SHADOWLAND STAGES SUMMER 2025

SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

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

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

AGES 6-11 UNDER THE BIG TOP

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AGES 12-18 1PM - 4PM*
 WITH A PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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Give us a call or send us a text and
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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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Someone who can listen and help
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
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12 pm - 5 pm, June 21st

764 Route 9W, Ulster Park

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Mountain Jam 2025

12 pm - 12 am, June 20th & 21st

12 pm - 10 pm, June 22nd

181 Galli Curci Rd, Highmount

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JUNE

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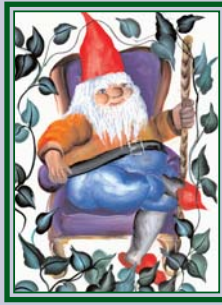
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When news of a Jane Doe (Joanna) hits the local news and Dean sees that the person he knows as Grant deny knowing her. He also sees an opportunity: he will claim to be her husband and make her his housemaid - which includes



her taking care of his four rambunctious sons - for about a month, which he considers the equivalent of what she owes him. As time goes on, Dean begins to have second thoughts about what he is doing because he is falling in love with her and it seems like she is falling for Dean. Can their love overcome the obstacles that include an ostentatious mother looking for her. Watch what happens when she ultimately regains her memory.

Written by Leslie Dixon, *Overboard* is directed by Garry Marshall, written by Leslie Dixon, starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell,[3] and executive produced by Roddy McDowall, who also co-stars alongside Edward Herrmann and Katherine Helmond. Music by: Alan Silvestri



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1987 American romantic comedy o MPAA
Rating: PG

Overboard

Joanna (Goldie Hawn) and Grant Stayton III are an extremely wealthy, pompous couple who live aboard their yacht. Joanna is a beautiful woman who treats others poorly. She cheats Dean (Kurt Russell) a hired carpenter out of \$600.

As a result of accidentally falling overboard Joanna develops temporary amnesia. Grant sees this accident as his opportunity to abandon her.



Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Ingrid Bergman

This weeks' Trivia question: What 1991 animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?