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## Tri-Valley FFA Shines at 100th NYS FFA Convention



Tri-Valley's FFA Chapter had an outstanding showing at the 100th New York State FFA Convention, earning numerous accolades and recognitions across a wide variety of categories. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work, leadership, and dedication. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## *The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting* a new exhibition at the Time and the Valleys Museum Public Opening Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] *The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting*, a new exhibition will open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

Curated by long time quilter Phyllis Coombe of Grahamville, this new exhibition tells the story of quilt and quilt making through the centuries, highlighted by beautiful local quilts from the 1800s through the present day. Besides the many beautiful quilts, many handmade, it includes a video history of quilting and puzzles for kids.

The exhibition will be open weekends through the end of September, noon to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, children under 6 FREE which includes admission to all exhibitions and the 1930s Catskill Farm. For the opening weekend of June 7th and 8th, there will be light refreshments and quilters will be in attendance to answer questions. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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## On the Front Burner:

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Romans 8:14-15

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### May 25, 1955

Several of our ladies have procured work at the Grahamsville Dress Factory. Among them are Mrs. Bertha Lewis, Mrs. Bessie Bailey and Mrs. Catherine Hornbeck.

Mr. Fred Eckert, 73, of Middletown, died on Friday, May 20, 1955 after a short illness. He was born in Grahamsville, the son of Charles and Olive Eckert. He was a Mason and a member of the Brotherhood of Local Firemen. He is survived by his wife, Leona; one son, Charles; two sisters: Mrs. Pearl Rose of Grahamsville and Mrs. Otis Sherman of Woodbourne.

#### May 12, 1965 -

Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Sheeley were honored last Sunday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley, where there 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated. The honored couple were given flowes, an orchid for the bride and a carnation for the groom, in time to be worn to church. A buffet afterward was enjoyed by all the guests.

It has been announced by Robert W. Pyle, Dean of the college that John V. Higgins has been named to the Dean's List at the State University College at New Paltz for the winter quarter.

Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois on May 17th when they celebrated their 44th anniversary.

#### May 28, 1975

The Scoutmaster of Troop 187, Grahamsville, attended ceremonies at the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodbourne in honor of John Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberts of Woodbourne. John received the God and Country Award there on May 11th. Congratulations are extended to John from the Troop, Scoutmasters and Committee members for obtaining this most coveted award.

#### May 23, 1985

Bill Long, former resident of Sundown, was recently invited by Queen Elizabeth of England to compete in the Royal Windsor Grand Prix Horse Show in Windsor, England. He was accompanied by his wife, Linda and son, Bill Jr.

Melissa R. Costa and Scott L. Tompkins were married April 13, 1985 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne with Father John Maher officiating. The bride is the daughter of Fernando and Marilyn Costa of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of Gerald and Patricia Tompkins of Scio, N.Y. The bride is a Tri-Valley Central School graduate and attended Alfred State College, Alfred N.Y., earning an A.A.S. in Medical Lab Technology. The bridegroom graduated from Scio Central School and served three years in the U.S. Army. He is currently employed by Bush Industries in Little Valley, N.Y. They now reside in Rudolph, N.Y.



# LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published June 20, 1996

I think every one of us look forward to Spring, as the welcome sun warms and awakens our part of the world, fresh flowers and summer birds dazzle our eyes and life's tempo perks up the pace.

As I grow older, each season brings back many memories. When my children were growing up in the 1930's we usually took them for a visit to their grandmother's farm in Meridale, Delaware County. Before haying time, the hay would be low in the barn, and they had one game they always looked forward to playing. It frightened me, but my brother said it wasn't dangerous, and I guess it was O.K. for they never got hurt.

First, two kids would climb clear to the ceiling of the barn where they would lower the hay rope which was looped over a pulley. Another kid on the barn floor would grab the loosened rope. The two up above would hold the rope tightly and then jump off their perch. This quickly yanked the one on the floor upward nearly to the top of the barn, and then the other two (now on the floor) would lower them down.

Today they say, "How did you dare do it?" but it was fun. This was many years ago, but in my mind's eye it could have been yesterday.

## Household Hint:

### Use Salt and Lemon Juice to Clean Outdoor Furniture

It is that time of the year to take the outdoor furniture out of storage. Here is a hint. Use salt and lemon juice to remove all that built-up grime from outdoor tables and chairs. For an extra boost, you can leave salt-coated furniture in direct sunlight for a few hours. The combination of salt and sunlight can help break down stains and enhance the cleaning process.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## The BarnSwallows have Returned!

Barn swallows are, called "neotropical migrants," meaning they spend six or more months in southern locations before returning north, to the Catskills in spring to mate and rear their young.

While spending their time in the Catskills this spring and summer, the barn swallows will travel up to a half-mile to gather mud from the edges of ponds, puddles, and ditches to construct their nests. The collection sites will be marked with numerous small holes made by the birds as they poked their beaks into the mud several times to get a good load. You may also see swallows flying with feathers or grass that they will use in the final stages of nest building.

As its name implies, the Barn Swallow typically nests inside accessible buildings such as barns and

stables, or on the front porch.

Barn swallow's have had a close association with humans that goes back to Europe for over 2,000 years. It has been theorized that one reason barn swallows choose to nest on door stoops, light fixtures, and porch fronts is because the close proximity to humans keeps crows and other predators away. Of course, when we have a barn swallow nest on the front porch, we have to deal with the droppings and other debris they deposit. There are remedies: spread newspaper, an old sheet, or even install a board under the nest. It is worth it to watch these wonderful birds that feed on flying insects. In fact, did you know Swallows are federally protected? Once an adult swallow occupies a half-built nest, or a fully built nest, even without eggs, then the law protects it.

Once the nest has been completed, the female will lay two to seven, reddish-spotted white eggs that are about 0.6 x 0.8 in size, and weigh 0.07 oz, of which 5 percent is shell. The incubation period is normally 14-19 days; with another 18-23 days before the chicks develop wing feathers the young stay with, and are fed by the parents for about a week after leaving the nest. There are normally two broods, with the original nest being reused for the second brood and being repaired and reused in subsequent years. Occasionally, birds from the first brood will assist in feeding the second brood.

While there has been a decline of the Barn Swallows in some countries where they use DDT, there has been an increase in the population in North America due to greater availability of nesting sites and subsequent range expansion.

Because of their long journeys, barn swallows have been well observed. A swallow tattoo is popular amongst nautical men as a symbol of a safe return. The tradition was that a mariner would receive a tattoo of this fellow wanderer after sailing 5,000 nautical miles.

As we will observe during the spring and summer, swallows will dart and sail overhead, with airborne grace, a wonder to behold.

No bird in North America is better known as a welcome companion and a useful friend to the farmer, as it comes each spring to fly in and out of the wide-open barn door, delighting them with its cheerful twittering. It will fly about the barnyard in pursuit of the troublesome insects that annoy both man and beast.

As long as there are insects, the Barn Swallow will remain in its summer home.

This is main reason for their seasonal migration - the lack of insects to eat during winter in the north. Avoiding cold temperatures is actually a less important reason for leaving. Swallows will migrate during the day, catching flying insects along the way. They will fly from dawn to dusk, sometimes coming within inches of the ground to catch flying insects. Their airborne grace is a wonder to behold.



## The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting a new exhibition at the Time and the Valleys Museum

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Information on local quilting groups will be available. Call 845 985-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

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

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

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

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

o *1930s Lost Catskill Farm*, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

o NEW! *The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting by Exhibition* curator Phyllis Coombe, of Grahamsville in collaboration with several local quilting groups, this exhibition tells the history of quilting through beautiful local quilts from the 1800s through the present day.

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





## Tri-Valley FFA Shines at 100th NYS FFA Convention

(From Pg. 1) Below are the full results of this year's convention. Congratulations to all participants and award recipients - you have represented our school and community with excellence!

### Chapter Awards

- o **100 Year Challenge Award**
- o **State Winner - Model of Innovation: Growing Leaders** (Eligible for Nationals)
- o **State Winner - Model of Innovation: Building Community** (Eligible for Nationals)
- o **3rd Place - Model of Innovation: Strengthening Agriculture**
- o **Premier Chapter Ranking** - 2nd Place FFA Chapter in New York for 2025 (Eligible for Nationals)

### Jacket Awards

Griffin Garigliano, Calie Mackenzie, Sariah Mulholland, Logan Noren, Anthony Pisaniello, and Jeremy Rhode

### Empire Degree Recipients

Grace Deyo, Emily Lucak, Calie Mackenzie, Sariah Mulholland, Emily Poley, Adam Olsen, and Brenton Katelyn Sauer

### State Chorus Participants

Cadence Buckler, Daniella Mulholland, Sariah Mulholland, Tabitha Mulholland, Mia Murphy, Eden Noren, Emily Poley, and Ariana Small

### Talent & Special Recognitions

- o **National Anthem Singer & Talent Participant:** Ariana Small
- o **\$500 SAE Grant Winner:** Logan Noren

### Proficiency Award Winners

- o **Poultry Production:** Grace Deyo - 2nd Place
- o **Agricultural Education:** Allison Rogers - 1st Place (Eligible for Nationals)
- o **Diversified Horticultural Production:** Mya Ibarra - 1st Place (Eligible for Nationals)
- o **Service Learning & Community Development:** Katie Dauch - 1st Place (Eligible for Nationals)

### Career Development Event Results

- o **Marketing Plan:** Calie Mackenzie, RJ Leach, and Emily Poley - 1st Place Team (Eligible for Nationals)

o **Agriscience Fair - Food Products and Processing Division 5:** Katelyn Brenton Sauer - 1st Place Individual (Eligible for Nationals)

o **Sr. People in Agriculture:** Emily Lucak - 3rd Place Individual

o **Ag Issues Forum:** Katie Dauch, Emily Lucak, Calie Mackenzie, Eden Noren, Allison Rogers, Ariana Small, and Chrissy Wachter - 4th Place Team

o **Discussion Meet:** Grace Deyo - 4th Place Individual

o **Sr. Quiz Bowl:** 4th Round Qualifier - Grace Deyo, Allison Rogers, John Rose, and Zoey Sullivan

o **Jr. Quiz Bowl:** Honorable Mention - Cadence Buckler, Griffin Garigliano, Mia Murphy, and Anthony Pisaniello

o **Maple Production & Operation:** Honorable Mention

o **Team 1:** Nick Foley, Griffin Garigliano, Lorenzo Haffner, and Logan Noren

o **Team 2:** Joey Douglass, John Rose, Jeremy Rhode, and Antonio Walsh

o **Food Science & Technology:** Honorable Mention

o **Team 1:** Nathan Babcock, Mya Ibarra (6th Place Overall Individual), RJ Leach, and Sariah Mulholland

o **Team 2:** Daniella Mulholland, Tabitha Mulholland (3rd Place Overall Individual), Adam Olsen, and Emily Poley

o **Junior Tool Identification:** Honorable Mention - Anthony Pisaniello and Zoey Sullivan

o **Veterinary Science:** Honorable Mention - Katie Dauch, Eden Noren, Katelyn Brenton Sauer, and Chrissy Wachter

### Adult Recognition

o **Honorary Empire Degree Recipients:** Andrew Berescik, Regina Hartman, and Todd Huebsch

o **Golden Owl Award - District 2 Winner:** Tara Burke

Thank you to everyone who supported our students throughout this journey. The achievements listed above reflect countless hours of preparation and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

**Way to go, Tri-Valley FFA!**



## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 135 **American Spy**

Mysterious Book Report No. 377

Published June 1, 2023  
by John Dwaine McKenna

Near the end of the Cold War in the mid-1980s, the African continent was busy rediscovering itself. Having thrown off the restraints of colonialism, countries large and small were struggling to determine what form of self-governance best suited them

... a struggle that promoted much bloodshed. Civil wars, coups and military takeovers were common, as was behind-the-scenes meddling by the world's superpowers, who were eager to gain influence and easy access to the motherlodes of untapped natural resources the region had to offer. It's an epic awakening, and the setting for a searing new thriller by a much admired, talented and whip-smart debut novelist who's on a fast train to stardom.

*American Spy*, (Random House, \$27.99, 289 pages, ISBN 978-0-8129-9895-5) by Lauren Wilkerson, is an intelligent, complex, engaging, perceptive and chilling espionage novel that will, at times, make you think, make you uncomfortable, make you angry ... and leave you squirming in place and wondering if you know anything, whatsoever, about another's point-of-view.

It's 1986 as the novel begins, and we meet a thirty-year-old black woman named Marie Mitchell who's an intelligence officer working for the FBI in New York City. She's smart, ambitious and frustrated. Pushed aside and relegated to mundane, spirit-destroying, monotonous routine tasks by the "old boy" network she's surrounded with, Marie is desperate for action of a more meaningful kind. So when she's offered a chance to join a shadowy covert task force that's aimed at undermining the newly-formed government of Thomas Sankara, the charismatic –and communist –leader of Burkina Faso, (Formerly known as Upper Volta. It's at about 10 o'clock, if the African continent was a clock-face.) she jumps at the chance, even though she secretly admires what he's doing for his country.

Marie Mitchell agrees to take the job ... even though she's a woman in conflict over the untimely and mysterious death of her only sister, as well as a nagging belief that she's being used because of the color of her skin. So begins a year of subversion, seduction, treachery, revolution and a re-examination of what it means to be an American, a spy, a paramour and a traitor to love –all at the same time. Partially inspired by true events, *American Spy* is a powerful and compelling work set against the backdrop of the Cold War and the world's wildest continent. It's the much talked about, highly-praised first novel of an emerging world-class talent who, no doubt, will have much more to say to all of us in the future!

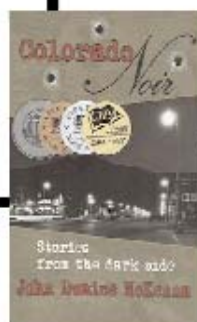
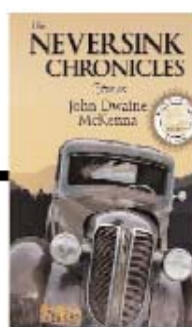
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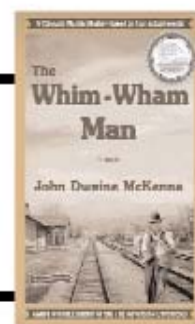
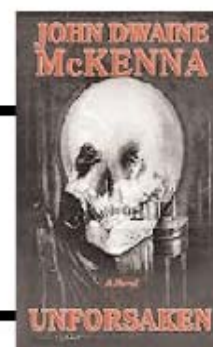
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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Becoming Rich

"Every day is a bank account, and time is our currency. No one is rich, no one is poor, we've got 24 hours each."

-- Christopher Rice

Our good friend, Gene Gormley, a mortician, once quipped, "There's no Brinks truck following the hearse, and there are no pockets in a shroud."

Actually we are equally rich when we are born. Each is given a lifetime to spend as we choose. Some may collect dollars or bitcoins or stocks and bonds and expensive possessions, but these things can be meaningless without the love and respect of others and the presence of good health and happiness. Steve Jobs final speech is a reminder that wealth, which I define as anything over "enough", cannot buy these things.

When my mom passed away, I found a check in her wallet. It was made out to herself with the amount filled in with the word "ABUNDANCE." It was signed "the Universe."

Watching the news now, pundits throw around amounts in millions and billions and trillions with umpteen zeroes I cannot even fathom. I remember being on a strict household budget and rejoicing when there was a cushion of double digits left over.



bank account of time is, and we become careful about how we spend it and with whom we spend it.

May your wallet or bank account hold enough to enjoy your life account. I wish you ABUNDANCE so you have enough to share.

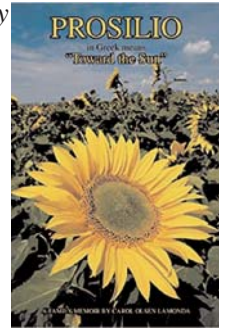
"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

--Albert Einstein

### 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:

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ABUNDANCE is having just a little more than ENOUGH. ABUNDANCE means you have security, and discretion to splurge or to share.

As I look around at the possessions I just had to covet and buy, I realize how few really have value. The Westmoreland milk glass pitcher worth about \$119. will probably wind up on a garage sale table marked \$2.00. My overstuffed wardrobe closet will be emptied into garbage bags and donated to some bin of used clothing somewhere.

Our idea of being "rich" changes over time. Our beginning decades are spent in wanting and craving; the middle decades in accumulating, and the final decades in downsizing and just plain being. We begin to realize how very precious our

## DPL Summer Program Unveiled 'Fun for all ages' events and literacy challenges galore

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's the moment we've all been waiting for: the unveiling of our Daniel Pierce Library 2025 "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program, and what an exciting lineup we have in store for you all.

While the general setup of the program remains the same as years' past, with age-appropriate reading logs and bingo game boards and our popular bookmark contest for ages 5-18, there are a few new aspects of the program that runs June 29 to August 29. This year, we're inviting everyone to paint and grow our very own Pierce the Python rock snake. You can paint your rock any design you wish, be it a summer-time garden theme, book character, or animal; the more colorful the better, but please spray a clear coat on afterwards to make it weather resistant. How long will Pierce grow? We don't know. It all depends on what type of python he is. The typical pet python, the Ball python, grows to 3 to 5 feet long while the Burmese python can grow to 26 feet and a Reticulated python can grow to a whopping 30 feet. It's going to be amazing to watch Pierce grow throughout the summer! All of our reading logs and book bingo boards are printable from our website (these are open to Tri-Valley residents). As is the information and registration for all of our summer programs (which are also only open to Tri-Valley residents).

Also like in years' past, this summer's program lineup screams fun and excitement! For our youngest patrons (ages 0-5) we offer "Bubble Painting" on Tuesday, July 8 at 6PM. Join us for a fun-filled bubble painting session where your little ones can create their very own masterpiece. It's all about the process so please dress accordingly. For children entering grades 1 through 3, come in on Tuesday, July 15 from 6:00-7:00PM for our Rock Painting Event. Join us for a creative and colorful evening where your young artist can transform ordinary rocks into extraordinary masterpieces. Let's spread kindness, creativity and color throughout our world-with a brush and a bit of paint. Take your rock home or hide it around the community to brighten someone's day. While here, you'll paint another rock to jump start Pierce's growth spurt! Then, for children entering grades 4 through 6, come on Thursday, July 17 from 6:00-7:00PM to our Frame-tastic Fun Glass Frame Painting Event. Paint what you love! Whether it's your favorite furry friend, person, place or thing, you'll bring it to life on a glass frame to keep forever. You're encouraged to bring a photo of your pet or favorite thing for inspiration. For our secondary school students, entering 7th-12th grade, join us on Tuesday, July 22, for Bleach Art. Learn how to turn an ordinary t-shirt into a masterpiece using bleach. In this hands-on event, we'll teach you the techniques for creating awesome designs. No experience necessary, but please wear clothes you don't mind getting bleach on. And finally, for our adults, join us on Thursday, July 10 from 6:00-7:00PM for a paint & sip night. Whether you're a seasoned artist or just looking for a fun evening out, this event is perfect for all skill levels. While you're here, you'll get step-by-step guidance from local artist, Robin Raykoff, all painting materials needed, a welcome drink to kick things off, and a fun, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy with friends. Again, all of our programs are available to Tri-Valley residents and registration is required and completed through our website (and the earlier the better, as space is limited).



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"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

Capping off our summer programs is our popular Entertainment Night. This year, we'll be hosting Skyhunters in Flight at the Grahamsville fair grounds on Thursday, July 24 at 6PM. This event is open to all Tri-Valley residents (no age requirements) and their families. Come to the fairgrounds rain or shine for a live birds of prey experience. Presented by Brian and Teddy, Master Falconers with over 30 years of experience, this program features live trained birds of prey in action. You'll have the rare opportunity to witness these powerful hunters up close, learn about their natural behaviors and discover the ancient art of falconry. It's going to be an awesome event! Please register online.

#### In other news,

Our first Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event on Thursday, May 29 was a blast. Everyone had a great time and learned new decorating skills thanks to Heather of Cuppie Cake Desserts of Jeffersonville.

On Friday, May 30, we were able to participate in Tri-Valley Central School Districts' first student run Volunteer Fair set up by secondary student Christopher Prousalis through his Civics and Social Justice coursework. "We're honored to be part of this day, to get the word out on volunteer opportunities at the library and the importance of volunteering in our community," Nicole Richardson, DPL Community Programs Associate, said. We have lots of opportunities for teen and adult volunteers throughout the year (and older children for GPP in October). Please stop in if you're interested in joining our mighty volunteer group-these amazing individuals are invaluable to what we do here.





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## Fallsburg High School Valedictorian Earns 2025 Salon Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Johnson, a graduating senior at Fallsburg High School, has been named the 2025 recipient of the Marion and Philip Salon Memorial Scholarship Award.

Hannah is the daughter of Erin and Willie Johnson Jr. of Woodridge, N.Y. She will receive \$1,000 toward her first year of post-secondary studies at Syracuse University this fall.

She was selected for overcoming personal challenges early in her high school career and for her commitment to community service. Hannah served as the captain of several varsity sports teams at Fallsburg HS and is the valedictorian of her 132-member graduating class.

In a letter of recommendation for Hannah, Town of Fallsburg Councilman Dean Wall-Carty said: "Her service on the Student Equity Committee highlights her commitment to fostering inclusivity and fairness in her school and community. She has worked to amplify student voices and creative positive changes."

The scholarship, which is named in memory of two lifelong Hurleyville residents, is designated annually for at least one graduating senior at Fallsburg Central School who has made a serious commitment to service in ways that benefit the community and its citizens or has overcome a significant personal challenge.

The annual Salon scholarship is funded by the children and relatives of Marion and Phil Salon, whose two children, Shep and Rebecca, graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in the 1960s.

Marion and Phil Salon were the owners and operators of a bungalow colony and Salon's Corners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the board of education of the Fallsburg Central Schools.

## Fallsburg CSD Hosts Second Annual Community Awards Banquet

FALLSBURG - On May 30, 2025, the Fallsburg Central School District hosted their second annual Community Awards Banquet at Tarry Brae Golf Course. The ceremony recognized twenty-one seniors who received scholarships from the Fallsburg Alumni Association, Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, Lions Club, and Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship Fund. The scholarship recipients are as followed:

**Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship:** Elisheva Sudranski.

Edward Bryan Scholarship: Emy Sierra Mejia.

Esthyr Mintz-Flanagan Scholarship: Luciano Esposito.

Fallsburg Alumni Association Award: Maya Ballard and Erli Maldonado Garcia.

**Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award:** Maya Ballard, Isabelle Batista, Hannah Johnson, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Owen Messenger (Monticello CSD) and Bella Muscia. Jack Leshner Memorial Award: Nancy Martinez Cadena.

**Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Central Community Scholarship:** Hannah Johnson, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Bella Muscia, Vivian Ordonez Cabrera, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Angie Rodriguez, Jaily Sebastian, and Jordyn Wall-Carty.

**Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship:** Daris Koljenovic.

**Woodridge Kiwanis Scholarship:** Isabelle Batista,



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## Fallsburg CSD to Hold Summer Food Program

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District has announced that its summer food program is officially underway. This free program is available to all children in the district under the age of 18. From July 7 to August 15, meals will be delivered to five

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Woodland Townhouses  
5 Woodland Road  
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759  
Lunch: 12:15pm to 12:45pm

Main Street Houses  
5254 S Fallsburg Main Street  
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Lunch: 1:00pm to 1:30pm

Morningside Park  
11 Morningside Park Road  
Hurleyville, NY 12747  
Breakfast: 8:30am to 9:30am  
Lunch: 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Woodridge Housing  
Authority  
357 Mountain Dale Road  
Woodridge, NY 12789  
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different locations each week, Monday through Friday. The following are the locations and times for meal pickup:

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For more information, please contact the Fallsburg Central School District at (845) 434-6800 or 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, NY 12733.

## Narrowsburg Beautification Group Plant Swap

(TUSTEN) - The Narrowsburg Beautification Group is hosting its biannual Plant Swap on Saturday, June 7th. Find us at the Narrowsburg Farmers' Market, 7 Erie Avenue, from 10am until 1pm.

This is an opportunity to exchange plants, seeds, bulbs etc. from your garden with your neighbors. Please label your items with plant name and info. Nothing to exchange? Make a donation instead. For more information visit Facebook.com/NBGtusten.

## Learn to Be a Lifeguard, or Recertify! SC County Parks Office Offering Necessary Courses

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department is offering American Red Cross Blended Learning: Lifeguard Courses, Lifeguard Recertification Courses, and CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers Recertification Courses!

Throughout May and June 2025, Sullivan County's Assistant Recreation Director Fiona Feltman will give these courses in the Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School Indoor Pool (115 Brickman Rd, Fallsburg).

### Lifeguard/Lifeguard Recertification Courses

New Lifeguard Candidates must be 15 years old by the last day of the course. Recertifying Lifeguards must bring their current certification. Participants must be able to complete the prerequisite swim test.

Lifeguard Certification course is \$350 for Sullivan County Residents/\$400 for Non-Residents.

Lifeguard Recertification course is \$175 for Sullivan County Residents/\$225 for Non-Residents.

Upon successful completion, certification will include: Lifeguarding (Deep Water), CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, First Aid, and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (CPRO) Recertification Courses

Participants must bring current certification. CPRO Recertification is \$100 for Sullivan County Residents/\$125 for Non-Residents. Upon successful completion, certification will include:

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

See a full list of course dates offered and the registration form at the Parks & Recreation Department in the County Government Center or at

<https://www.sullivanyny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation>.

Questions? Reach out to the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 or email [scparks@sullivanyny.gov](mailto:scparks@sullivanyny.gov).



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## Sullivan County Aired Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry

[HURLEYVILLE, NY] - The Coalition for a Vape Free Sullivan celebrated World No Tobacco Day on Friday May 30, 2025 at the O&W Rail Trail in Hurleyville. This global celebration, created by the World Health Organization (WHO), informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what is being done to fight the epidemic and what people around the world can do to claim their health and protect future generations.

This year's theme was "Unmasking the Appeal" and focused on giving young people the truth about the tobacco and nicotine industry's carefully engineered products that are designed to entice young people with their candy flavors. According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 16,000 unique vape flavors on the market today that have hooked an estimated 37 million children aged 13-15 years old worldwide. The Hurleyville event on Friday featured an art display titled "Airing Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry" which was created by nearly 50 local high school students participating in the Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens program.

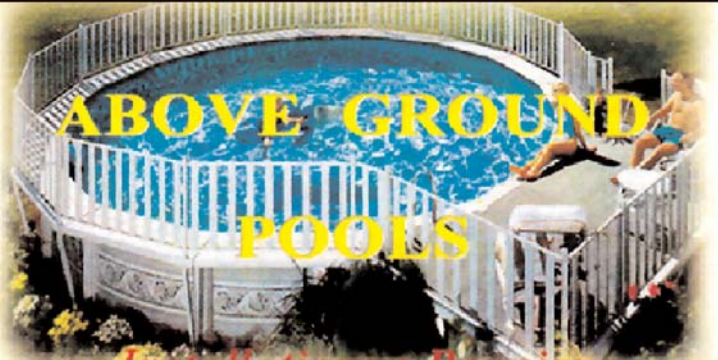
Dr. Jessie Moore, Public Health Director for Sullivan County stated, "tobacco and nicotine use remain major public health challenges, particularly among youth. At the Sullivan County Department of Public Health, we are dedicated to supporting prevention efforts, promoting education, and helping our community make healthier choices." A proclamation endorsing World No Tobacco Day and encouraging smoking cessation was read by Sullivan County Legislator Catherine Scott. Community leaders spoke about the local effects of nicotine addiction, the impacts on schools and the resources available to help people quit. A very special youth speaker, Celeste D'Andrea, Monticello High School student shared, "as a society we need to start realizing that this is not simply teenage rebellion or a trend. Parents, educators and community leaders must shift from immediate discipline to proactive education and cessation for those teens who are hooked. Vaping is not a harmless trend. It is a threat to the health and future of our youth."

After the remarks, the trailhead turned into a 'Quit Party' inviting the public to kick start their quit journey with cessation resources and a fresh-air walk on the rail trail. Supportive community agencies including the American Lung Association, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Sullivan County Department of Health, Tobacco Free Action Communities, Restorative Management and Sullivan 180 tabled along the trailhead. Those who visited were able to sign up for a Freedom from Smoking class that is happening on Monday evenings in June and July at the Sullivan County Government Center.

For more information visit [www.sullivan180.org](http://www.sullivan180.org) or to sign-up for Freedom from Smoking, contact Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Director of Prevention Programming at 845-295-2681 or [amanda@sullivan.180.org](mailto:amanda@sullivan.180.org)

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## Scale Hours Expanding at County's Transfer Station in Monticello

Monticello, NY - In order to better accommodate commercial haulers, Sullivan County's scale at the Monticello Transfer Station will operate on an expanded schedule, starting June 2.

"Our private waste haulers have said they need increased access to our main transfer station, and I'm pleased to say that is about to become a reality," said District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "We'll be staffing our scale in Monticello a full hour-and-a-half longer Mondays through Fridays, and 45 minutes more on Saturdays."

Monday through Friday, inbound scale hours will be from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (hand-unloaders must be weighed out by 3 p.m.), and Saturday, inbound scale hours will be from 7-11 a.m. (bags will be accepted until 1 p.m.).

For more information or to ask questions, contact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at [Kassie.thelman@sullivanny.gov](mailto:Kassie.thelman@sullivanny.gov) or 845-807-0291.

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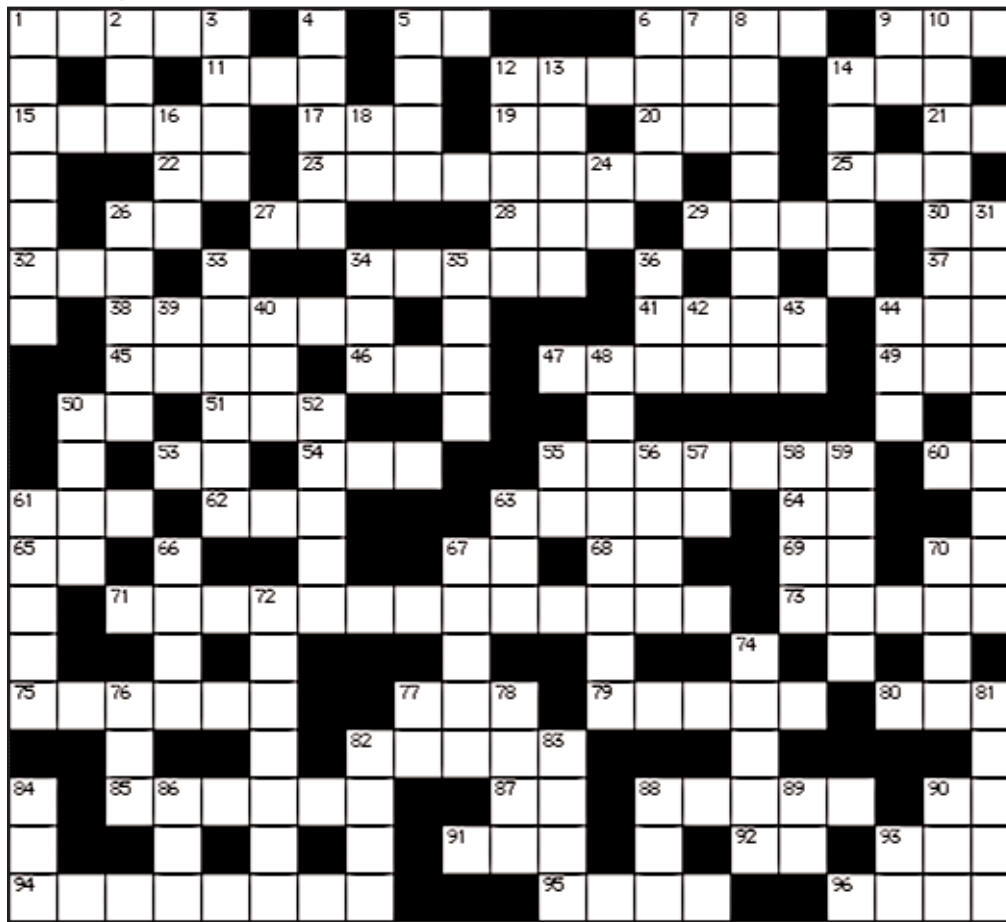
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## Pretty Flower Fun -L. Comando

**ACROSS**

1 Bedeck  
5 In the way shown  
6 Unit of electrical power  
9 1st person sing. to be  
11 A vase for cremated ashes  
12 Harm  
14 Extremely long period  
15 Existed before  
17 Period of time  
19 American League  
20 Not  
21 Thing previously mentioned  
22 United States  
23 Snail delicacy  
25 Tall hardy shade tree  
26 Southeast (abbrev)  
27 Florida (abbrev)  
28 Hearing organ  
29 To feel a glow  
30 Indefinite article  
32 Lunar excursion  
34 Shovel  
37 Look!  
38 Process of growth  
41 Skilled  
44 "\_\_\_," tac, toe  
45 Straight dividing mark  
46 Maiden name of a married woman  
47 Cultivated ground  
49 Hardy cereal grain  
50 Kiloliter  
51 Chat  
53 Maine (abbrev)  
54 Skill  
55 Body organ capable of contracting and expanding  
60 Physician  
61 Oil prod-

**uct**

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

**teeth of a mollusk**

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

**DOWN**

1 Not plants or minerals  
2 Unwrought metal  
3 Kernels  
4 Bend at the knee  
5 Senior Legislative Action Committee  
6 To have a need  
7 Before now  
8 Long flexible growth  
9 Archaic form of woe  
10 Snail Kingdom  
12 Ventured  
13 Pond snail food  
14 Foe  
16 To feel remorse  
18 Rupees (abbrev)  
24 Either  
26 Aroma  
31 Of the night  
33 Dealer or trader  
34 Indonesian monetary unit  
35 Peak  
36 Paddle used to row a boat  
39 Roman six  
40 Meadow  
42 Board (abbrev)  
43 Half an em  
44 Foot digit  
48 Tank for

where a snail's eyes are located  
live water animals  
50 Turk-ish ruler  
52 Light, sweet yeast cake  
55 Mascu-line title  
56 Parody  
57 Com-mon Era  
58 More than one ovum  
59 Piece of rock  
61 Breathing organs for water animals  
63 Ghost-ly sound  
66 Lega-tee  
67 Move slowly  
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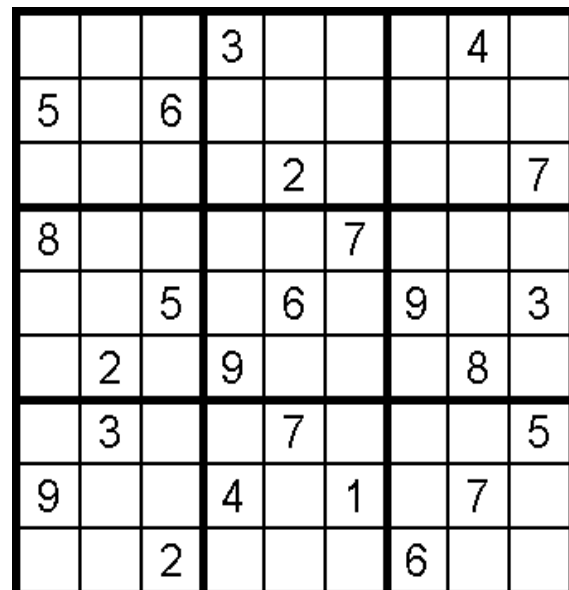
83 Workstation  
84 Catskill Art Society

86 Before  
88 Angry  
89 Therefore  
90 Adult male  
93 That man

**Morning Glory Muffins**

1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup whole wheat flour  
1 1/4 cups white sugar  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups grated carrots  
1 apple - peeled, cored, and chopped  
1 cup raisins  
1 egg  
2 egg whites  
1/2 cup apple butter  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts  
2 tablespoons toasted wheat germ

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly oil 18 muffin cups, or coat with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, egg whites, apple butter, oil and vanilla. In a large bowl, stir together flours, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir in carrots, apples and raisins. Stir in apple butter mixture until just moistened. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling them about 3/4 full. In a small bowl, combine walnuts and wheat germ; sprinkle over the muffin tops. Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the tops are golden and spring back when lightly pressed.



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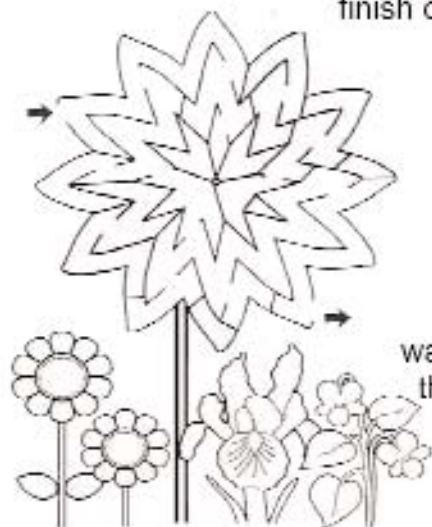


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## **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Daniel Pierce Library Budget Vote**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library (the "Library") at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for Library purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Special Meeting.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (EDST). The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

#### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$533,438 separate and distinct from the School District's tax levy, for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year and each year thereafter?

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 4, 2025 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 12, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 17, 2025. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this Special Meeting. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the District Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.



**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES** (From Pg. 17)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5202 and [samanthadamms@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:samanthadamms@trivalleycsd.org). For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2025. Military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2025. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration application, military ballot application, and/or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than May 23, 2025. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the District by 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2025, in order to be counted.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 10, 2025) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 16, 2025), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 10, 2025) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 16, 2025), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Early mail ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
Grahamsville, New York  
Samantha Damms, District Clerk

Dated: May 21, 2025



## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

### Pool Passes on Sale

2025 Pool Passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville will go on sale at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville on June 5, 2025. The cost of a pass is \$15.00 per person ages 3 and up. Children 2 and under are free.

Forms are available in the Town Hall Lobby and also on the Town of Neversink's web site under Documents. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. The pool's anticipated opening date July 2nd. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985- 2262 x300 or 307.

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

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### REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center. It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held prior to the start of this meeting. This meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

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## Managing Riparian Invasive Plants

Learn how to care for Catskills waterways on Saturday, June 7th at 1 PM. Join the Catskill Center's Terrestrial Invasive Species Manager, Dan Snider-Nerp, for a guided walk along the Catskill Water Discovery Center's new Nature Preserve Pathway. You'll learn to identify invasive plants, understand their impact, and explore thoughtful management practices.

To register to to:

[https://givebutter.com/5xX3Yi?mc\\_cid=34e14b7646&mc\\_eid=741885eb1c](https://givebutter.com/5xX3Yi?mc_cid=34e14b7646&mc_eid=741885eb1c)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Editor -

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff has been a steady figure in Sullivan County Government. His leadership led to a modern county jail, successfully transferring operations & inmates from the old, antiquated facility, navigating Sullivan County through the COVID pandemic, and the foresight to protect children in their schools. Sheriff Schiff recognizes the need to do more with less, and that budgets demand what is have to have, not nice to have. Sheriff Schiff has made and continues to make strides in the changing landscape of law enforcement. Without equivocation, Sheriff Mike Schiff is the only candidate with the experience, vision, and comprehensive plans to lead the Sullivan County Sheriffs Office.

As Past President of the New York State Sheriff's Association and the longest serving Sheriff in the history of Orange County, NY, I am proud to give my endorsement to Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff for Re-Election in the Republican Primary Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

Hon. Carl E. DuBois

Orange County NY Sheriff, Retired

Dear Editor:

Living in the Catskills we constantly hear about how important our environment is, and the issues that we face regarding a changing world. But how do we actually make a change in our county? As a student at Tri-Valley Central School, and a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in New York State, I believe that it is crucial to educate the public about the environment, before people can make a change.

This is why I have worked with elementary students at Tri-Valley, as well as the Sullivan County Girl Scout Troop to educate children about wildlife safety during the season of spring. To educate the general public, I have spoken to the Catskill Center and am planning to work through social media to speak about important environmental topics in our county; one of these decided topics being invasive species. I have also organized and hosted a garbage pluck, sponsored by the Town of Neversink, in order to enact an actual change in my community.

My purpose is to save our wildlife, conserve the environment, and help people who also want to make a difference in the Catskills. If any environmentally-passionate people are interested in what I am doing, want to help, or simply just want to learn about where we live, I am constantly posting informational media on @CatskillSanctuaryForTheWild on Instagram and Facebook. I challenge you to learn more about our amazing environment, and make an effort to continue to make the Catskills an environmentally beautiful and diverse area. Sincerely, Chrissy Wachter Student and Wildlife Rehabilitator

Sincerely,

Chrissy Wachter Student and Wildlife Rehabilitator  
89 Ackerley Road  
Grahamsville, NT 12740



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## Community Impact Grants Awarded to Neversink & Wurtsboro Funding to support recreational facilities for youth and the community

[LIBERTY, NY] - The Town of Neversink has been awarded the 2025 Sullivan 180 Golden Feather Community Impact Grant to renovate and improve the popular seasonal ice rink at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. This well-loved community amenity draws hundreds of residents each winter and serves families from the Tri-Valley, Liberty, and Fallsburg areas. Upgrades will enhance accessibility, safety, and recreational opportunities for youth and families across the region. The grant of \$125,000 is leveraged with the Town's in-kind contribution is \$25,000 for a total grant package of \$150,000.

"The Golden Feather funding marks a pivotal moment for the Town of Neversink. This permanent ice rink will not only provide a space for recreation and community engagement but will also serve as a catalyst to build on our town's revitalization. It underscores our commitment to fostering a vibrant and active community for all our residents," said Town of Neversink Supervisor Chris Mathews.

The Village of Wurtsboro has been awarded the 2025 Silver Feather Community Impact Grant in the amount of \$75,000 to transform a long-vacant lot into a vibrant pocket park featuring basketball and pickleball courts. Located within walking distance of Chase Elementary School and residential neighborhoods via the D&H Canal Trail, this new park will expand access to recreation and green space for local youth and families.

"We are immensely grateful and overjoyed at the opportunity to provide our community with this invaluable resource where residents of all ages can get outdoors, exercise, and socialize. We appreciate the help and support from Sullivan 180 in providing this project for our community," said Village of Wurtsboro Mayor Frank Sisco.

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org) or call (845) 295-2680.

## Town of Thompson Modernizes Land Use Review with Innovative Digital Platform

THOMPSON, NY – June 2, 2025 - The Town of Thompson today announced its adoption of MuniCollab's digital platform to modernize operations for its public land-use review process. This implementation represents a significant advancement in the Town's commitment to efficient governance and transparent municipal processes.

"Adopting MuniCollab's platform is a major step forward in our efforts to streamline operations and better serve our residents," said Town Supervisor William J. Rieber, Jr. "This technology will make the application and review process more accessible while increasing transparency throughout the entire land use review lifecycle."

Beginning May 1, 2025, the Town of Thompson Planning

Board began accepting new applications through the MuniCollab portal. The Zoning Board of Appeals will follow shortly behind. The comprehensive system will digitize the entire land use review process from initial submission to final decision, creating a more efficient experience for applicants, board members, and the public.

Key benefits of the MuniCollab platform for the Thompson community include:

- Digital submission and processing of all planning and zoning applications
- Streamlined collaboration between applicants, town officials, and the public
- Improved accessibility to project materials
- Enhanced transparency throughout the review process
- Reduced paperwork and administrative burden

The adoption of MuniCollab aligns with Thompson's ongoing initiatives to leverage technology to enhance municipal operations and foster sustainable community development.

For more information about the Town of Thompson's implementation of MuniCollab, please contact: Laura Eppers, Planning Board Secretary at 845-794-2500 x321 or [planning@townofthompson.com](mailto:planning@townofthompson.com) Link to the Town of Thompson Planning Board Portal on MuniCollab: <https://townofthompson-ni.municollab.com/planning-board/projects>

About MuniCollab: MuniCollab puts modern technology to work for local communities. Based in Kingston, NY, the company's digital platform turns endless paperwork into smooth digital workflows. By making the land-use approval review process clear and accessible, MuniCollab helps municipalities shape their future with confidence. QR Code:

### Daniel Pierce Library

### Color our World

## PAINT & SIP NIGHT

### Summer Reading Program | Adults

### Thursday, July 10, 2025

### 6 - 7 pm

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

**What's Included:**

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

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

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

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



**Daniel Pierce Library**  
328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268  
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



## 2025 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**WHEN: SUNDAY, June 8, 2025 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station**

91 Landfill Drive

Monticello, NY 12701

### WHAT TO KNOW:

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

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

### Questions?

Kassie Thelman, Recycling Coordinator  
(845) 807-0291  
recycling@sullivanyny.gov





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9 am - 1 pm

**Covered Dish  
Supper**  
5:30 pm  
June 7, 2025

*Sundown  
United Methodist  
Church Hall*

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

**Mass Times**

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST**

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

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

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**

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

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**

Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday  
Mass at 8:30AM.

Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

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**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Grahamsville  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

**Thrift Sale**

**Sat., June 7th**  
9 am - 12 noon



**Grahamsville & Sundown  
United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for  
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

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Claryville Road  
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



**All Aboard!**  
Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
FREE FUN  
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In the upstairs meeting room  
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Also  
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answer

2	1	7	3	8	6	5	4	9
5	4	6	7	1	9	2	3	8
3	8	9	5	2	4	1	6	7
8	9	1	2	3	7	4	5	6
4	7	5	1	6	8	9	2	3
6	2	3	9	4	5	7	8	1
1	3	4	6	7	2	8	9	5
9	6	8	4	5	1	3	7	2
7	5	2	8	9	3	6	1	4



## Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

June 7, 2025 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items  
available for sale**(Covered Dish Suppers are held the  
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm  
at the Church Hall)

Clip &amp; Save

Grahamsville


**United Methodist Church**  
356 Main St. P.O. Box 86  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
**Thrift Sale Schedule 2025**

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

May - 17th

June - 7th and 21st

July - 5th and 19th

August - 2nd and 16th

Sept - 6th and 20th

October - 4th and 18th

Nov - 1st and 15th

(weather permitting)

### Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays,  
starting March 11, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appoint-  
ment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

## The Boiceville Inn Dinner Theater Presents

# Steel Magnolias

By: Robert Harling

Directed By: Linda Burkhardt

**Dates: June 13, 14, and 15, 2025**Friday and Saturday Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.  
with show at 7:00 p.m.Sunday Dinner served at 3:00 p.m.  
with show at 4:00 p.m.

Price: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children under 8

To reserve your space, **call Amanda at 845-594-9050.**Leave a message with your name,  
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## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/7/25	<b>Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Yard Sale</b> 9 am - 1 pm
6/7/25	Grahamsville <b>UMC Thrift Sale</b> 9 am - 12 Noon
6/7/25	<b>Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper</b> 5:30 Church
6/10/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
6/11/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
6/15/25	Claryville FD <b>All You Can Eat Father's Day Pancake Breakfast</b> 8 am - 12 noon
6/18/25	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association</b> Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
6/19/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
6/19/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm
7/1/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

## Weekly Update For The Week Of

June 2 - June 6, 2025

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

**Monday, June 2**

- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

**Tuesday, June 3**

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

**Wednesday, June 4**

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

**Thursday, June 5**

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

**Friday, June 6**

- o No Meetings



## SONG CLUB at MISU

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# *The Secret World of Streams.* **EXPLORING AQUATIC INSECTS**



**Saturday, June 14**



**12:00 - 3:00 PM**



**Grahamsville Fairgrounds,  
8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY**





## New Medicare Card Scams on the rise

Have you received any calls from "Medicare" asking you to verify your Medicare number for the new card being sent your way? If so, hang up. This is a scam. Medicare will NOT call you, does not need you to verify your number (they already have it), and is NOT sending out new cards to beneficiaries.

This is a growing scam and we're receiving a rising number of reports of beneficiaries being inundated with calls. One beneficiary recently reported getting at least four calls a day, even after hanging up and telling the person he did not want a new card and that he wasn't going to give any information.

Many of these scammers can come across as very professional and some have access to a surprising amount of personal information. In some cases, they may know your address, your doctor's name, types of illnesses or conditions you may have. This is all to try to lure you into trusting them and giving them your Medicare and/or other personal information. They may also falsely tell you that Medicare is issuing an updated or new card—that is a plastic one, metal one, or one with a chip.

While Medicare did start sending new Medicare cards to all beneficiaries in April 2018, all cards had been sent by January 2019. These cards have new numbers which were designed to better protect against identity theft by removing their Social Security number. And although the rollout of these updated cards was completed five years ago, scams around these new cards are continuing and rising.

### Here are some red flags to be aware of:

- o Unsolicited calls from someone claiming to be from Medicare.
- o Anyone needing your information so that they can send you an updated Medicare card.
- o Anyone claiming that your card is expiring and that you will be charged a fine if you do not get a new one.
- o Anyone stating that Medicare is issuing new cards and you need to verify your number.

If you believe you have experienced potential fraud, report it to our California Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at 1-855-613-7080.



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(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week  
 (3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week  
 1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week  
 Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

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

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

### All Vendors are wanted!

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

**When:** Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

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





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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

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# 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.*

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Pavilion: \_\_\_\_\_ Inside the building: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

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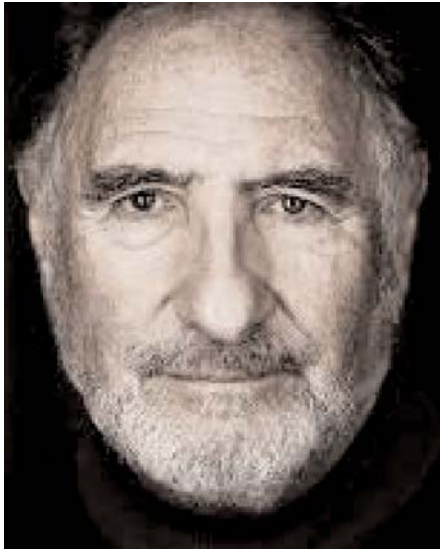
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**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**  
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The stage manager is Nicole Caroselli, and assistant stage manager is Aidan Countryman. The lighting design is by Tony-winner Ken Posner (*Wicked*), scenic design by Christopher and Justin Swader, costume design by Lizzie Donelan, sound design by Jeff Knapp, props by Julia Register, and fight direction by Thomas Schall.

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.

Shadowland Stages' artistic director Brendan Burke said "We're thrilled and honored to offer this production as a celebration of 40 years of live theatre here at Shadowland; it's a remarkable gift to us and our audiences."

Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM, with "Pay What You Can" pre-view performances on the first Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM of each run.

For tickets go to:

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## It's out of control...and it's coming your way

That, of course, is a line from "The Towering Inferno" delivered by Steve McQueen to Paul Newman referencing the impending doom that awaits the guests in the 135th-Floor Promenade Room.

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### 2025 Summer Schedule

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Tues September 2

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Thurs July 24

Thurs August 21

Thurs September 18

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Tues July 22

Tues August 19

Tues September 16

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Narrowsburg, NY

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Thurs July 17

Thurs August 14

Thurs September 11

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Hortonville, NY

#### LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues July 15

Tues August 12

Tues September 9

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Livingston Manor, NY

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Thurs July 10

Thurs August 7

Thurs September 4

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273 Main St  
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#### LIBERTY

Tues July 29

Tues August 26

Tues September 23

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15 Sullivan Ave  
Liberty, NY

#### BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

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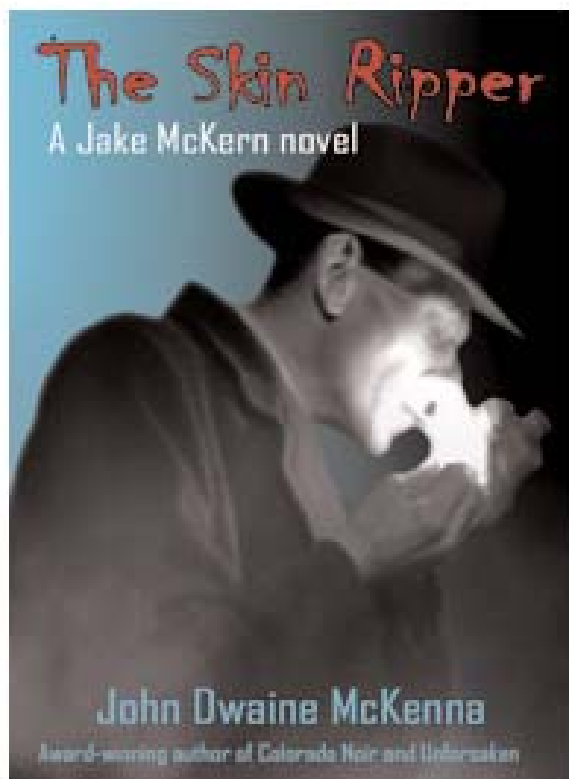
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## Ulster County: Your Ultimate Summer Music Festival Getaway

Picture this: a sun-drenched weekend in the Catskills. The mountains echo with guitar riffs and drum beats. Food trucks dish out local eats and festival favorites. You're surrounded by the stunning nature of the Catskills, friends, and perfect moments only possible with live music. Whether you're chasing an epic upstate road trip or you call Ulster County home and want to spice up your summer, one thing's for sure—music fans win when it's summer in Ulster County.

From mountaintop jam fests to riverside concerts, Ulster County's summer is packed with music festivals of every kind. Plan your getaway around one (or all!) of these unforgettable events:

**Mountain Jam: A Rock & Roll Pilgrimage to Highmount**

If your idea of perfection is three days of non-stop music with the Catskill Mountains as your backdrop, then Mountain Jam is your perfect place to be. From June 20-22, Belleayre Mountain becomes the heart of the Hudson Valley's festival scene. This year's headliners—Khruangbin, Goose, and Mt. Joy—lead the charge for a weekend of indie rock, jam bands, and unexpected musical moments.

Set up camp, ride the scenic gondola between sets, and spend your days discovering new artists and frolicking under the stars. With craft beer tents, food vendors, and mountaintop views, it's more than a concert—it's a high-elevation music-fueled adventure.

**Pro tip:** Upgrade to VIP for access to exclusive lounges and the best stage views.

**Midnight Ramble at Levon Helm Studios: Where Legends Play**

Nestled in a rustic Woodstock barn, The Midnight Ramble is no ordinary concert—it's a deeply personal music experience in the home of the late, great Levon Helm. Throughout the summer, this beloved venue hosts intimate shows featuring big-name artists and rising stars alike in an atmosphere that feels like a living room jam session.

The acoustics are warm, the vibes are unmatched, and the legacy of rock, folk, and roots music is alive in every chord. If you love authenticity in your live music, this is your must-stop destination.

**Pro tip:** Shows here often sell out—grab tickets early [levonhelm.com](http://levonhelm.com)

**Opus 40 Summer Concert Series: Sculpture Meets Sound**

Imagine live music surrounded by the towering blue-stone sculptures of Opus 40 Sculpture Park and Museum, a one-of-a-kind outdoor venue in Saugerties. Their summer series pairs dreamy settings with equally atmospheric performances—indie folk, world music, Zydeco, rock, ambient sets, silent disco, live DJs, and more.

Each event is a blend of art, nature, and sound. Bring a picnic blanket, sip on something local, and get swept away by performances that are as expansive as the views.

**Pro tip:** Arrive early to explore the sculpture park before the music starts.

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### **Maverick Concerts: Classical in the Catskills**

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From acclaimed quartets to genre-defying soloists, the acoustics and atmosphere here are unbeatable. It's a quieter kind of festival, but every bit as moving. The venue alone, a barn-like, rectangular building with a gambrel roof, is worth the visit to Hurley.

**Pro tip:** Pack a picnic and enjoy the surrounding forest before the show.

### **Free Music Fridays at Belleayre + Twilight Music in the Parks**

Looking for something mellow and magical? Ulster County's free summer concert series offers laid-back options with million-dollar views of the Catskill skies. Belleayre hosts Free Music Fridays, where you can unwind to live local bands. Bring a chair, bring a cooler, and bring the whole family.

Over on the Ulster County side of the Walkway Over the Hudson, Twilight Music in the Parks presented by the Hudson Valley Folk Guild features folk and acoustic sets as the sun dips below the mountains—pure summer magic.

**Pro tip:** These are perfect for spontaneous weeknight plans or a budget-friendly date night.

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### Even More Can't-Miss Summer Music Festivals & Venues

The Falcon in Marlboro brings genre-spanning live shows almost every night—jazz, soul, rock, and more, in an intimate riverside, donation-based setting.

The Assembly in Kingston offers a more underground vibe with fresh, experimental acts that usually play much larger venues.

Bearsville Theater, Colony Woodstock, and The Local in Saugerties each host special summer festival weekends, themed events, and absolutely killer lineups.

Make It a Festival Weekend: Your Ulster County Itinerary

Between the shows, don't miss everything else Ulster

County has to offer. Swim in hidden swimming holes like the Blue Hole, hike the Mohonk Preserve, explore charming towns like Phoenicia and Rosendale, and discover a new favorite café, gallery, or antique shop.

Every festival stop in Ulster County is a chance to discover something new.

### The Call of Music

Whether you're a lifelong local or just rolling into the Catskills for the summer, Ulster County's music festivals offer the perfect rhythm for your escape. From mountaintop anthems to riverside folk, every beat brings you closer to the ultimate upstate experience.

So cue up your favorite playlist, rally your road trip crew, and let Ulster County be your stage for a summer of music, adventure, and unforgettable memories.

Your perfect weekend of music in Ulster County is calling. Will you answer?

Ready to Escape? Plan Your Visit

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## DEC Announces 2024-25 Deer Harvest Estimates

### New Yorkers Encouraged to Remain Vigilant to Prevent the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease; Response Report Released

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that hunters in New York harvested an estimated 223,304 deer during the 2024-25 hunting seasons. In addition, DEC announced the release of a report noting agency actions in response to the Herkimer County chronic wasting disease (CWD) incident and the State's plans for continued, intensified disease surveillance.

"New York hunters had another safe and productive hunting season, providing a sustainable food source for themselves and their families and helping DEC manage the state's deer herd," said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "By engaging in safe and ethical hunting practices and reporting their harvest, hunters continued the tradition of being conservation stewards. We also thank hunters and responsible landowners for assisting in actions to reduce the spread of CWD to New York's white-tailed deer and moose populations to help protect the future of deer hunting and support the sustainable use of venison."

The 2024-25 estimated deer harvest included 122,427 antlered bucks (i.e., adult males) and 100,877 antlerless deer (i.e., adult females and fawns of either sex). Statewide, this represents a nine percent increase in antlered buck harvest and a three percent increase in antlerless deer harvest from last season. However, the total deer harvest was slightly below the five-year average. The Western Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario Plains regions had the highest deer harvest densities, with more than 10 deer harvested per square mile in WMUs 8G, 8H, 8M, 8N, 8R, 8S, 8T, and 8X.

#### Notable Numbers

1. 15.7 and 0.6 --- number of deer harvested per square mile in the units with the highest (WMU 8R) and lowest (WMU 5F) harvest density.
2. 66.9% --- portion of the adult buck harvest that was 2.5 years or older statewide, up from 52% a decade ago, and 30% in the 1990s.
3. 53.6% --- portion of successful deer hunters that reported their harvest as required by law. This is greater than the five-year average of 48.2%.
4. 13,488 --- number of hunter-harvested deer checked by DEC staff in 2024 to determine hunter reporting rate and collect biological data (e.g., age, sex, antler data). This represents 6% of the total 2024-25 deer harvest.
5. 18,372 --- number of deer harvested using a crossbow, less than half as many as were taken with a vertical bow.

Deer harvest data are gathered from two main sources: harvest reports required within seven days of harvest of all successful deer hunters and DEC's examination of harvested deer at meat processors and check stations across the state. Harvest estimates are made by cross-referencing these two data sources and calculating the total harvest from the reporting rate for each zone and tag type.

DEC's 2024-25 Deer Harvest Summary report provides tables, figures, and maps detailing the deer harvest and CWD surveillance efforts around the state. Past harvest summaries are also available on DEC's Deer and Bear Hunting webpage. Appendix two of DEC's Management Plan for White-tailed Deer provides information on how DEC sets deer population objectives throughout the state.

#### Chronic Wasting Disease Not Detected in Wild Deer

Last fall, a case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was confirmed in a captive red deer herd in the town of Columbia, Herkimer County. In coordination with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), all captive red deer at the facility were tested. DEC also increased its sampling efforts for wild white-tailed deer. With the assistance of local hunters, landowners, and USDA Wildlife Services, DEC collected samples from more than 200 wild deer within the six towns surrounding the captive deer facility where CWD was confirmed in 2024; none tested positive, providing hope that CWD may not have spread into the wild deer herd.

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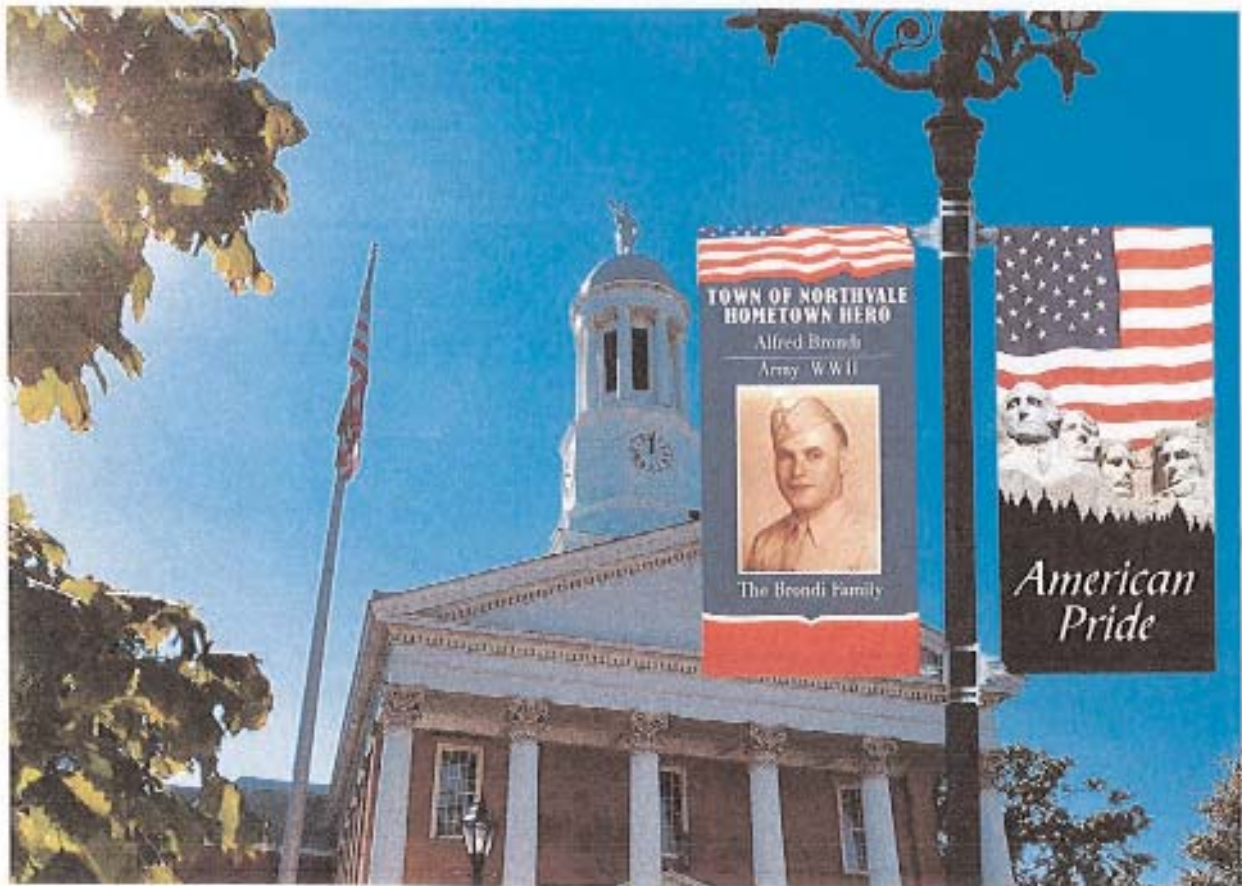
A report of agency actions in response to the Herkimer County CWD incident and plans for continued intensified disease surveillance in the area are available on DEC's website.

Statewide, DEC collected samples from and tested 3,189 deer for CWD in 2024, the largest sampling effort since 2008. Since 2002, DEC has collected and tested more than 69,000 deer for CWD. No positive cases of CWD have been detected in wild deer since 2005.

It is important that hunters remain vigilant to prevent the spread of CWD and practice the following guidelines:

1. If hunting any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou outside of New York, debone the harvest before bringing it back to the state. DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported carcasses and parts;
2. Avoid deer urine-based lures or attractant scents, as these could contain infectious material. If using lures, use synthetics;
3. Dispose of carcass waste in a landfill, not out on the landscape;
4. Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles;
5. Do not consume game that appears sick or diseased; and
6. Contact the nearest DEC regional wildlife office or Environmental Conservation Police Officer to report a deer that appears sick, unusually thin, or behaves abnormally.

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From May 30 through June 29, the Shadowland Mainstage will host Herb Gardner's classic comedy *I'm Not Rappaport*, which premiered 40 years ago on Broadway. Joining Hirsch in the cast will be Eugene Lee (*A Soldier's Play*, *Gem of the Ocean*) as Midge, Cassie Beck (*The Humans*) as Clara, Zane Pais (*Modern Love*) as The Cowboy, Jim Bracchitta (*The Exonerated*, *Gypsy*) as Danforth, Lena Pepe (*Cornelia Street*) as Laurie, and Owen Campbell (*The Americans*) as Gilley.

The stage manager is Nicole Caroselli, and assistant stage manager is Aidan Countryman. The lighting design is by Tony-winner Ken Posner (*Wicked*), scenic design by Christopher and Justin Swader, costume design by Lizzie Donelan, sound design by Jeff Knapp, props by Julia Register, and fight direction by Thomas Schall.

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.

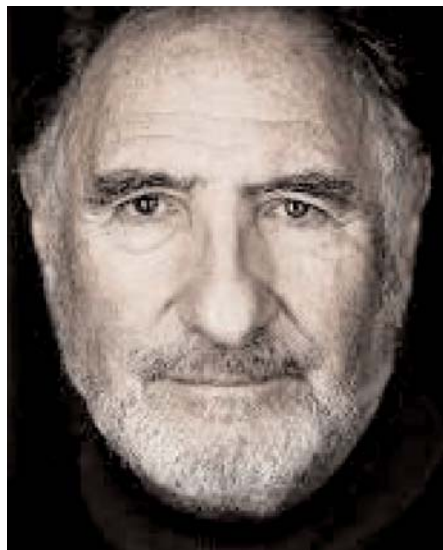
Shadowland Stages' artistic director Brendan Burke said “We're thrilled and honored to offer this production as a celebration of 40 years of live theatre here at Shadowland; it's a remarkable gift to us and our audiences.”

Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM and Saturdays & Sundays at 2 PM, with “Pay What You Can” pre-view performances on the first Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM of each run.

For tickets go to:

[https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc\\_cid=fca14340ee&mc\\_eid=138a9b9d06](https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/events?mc_cid=fca14340ee&mc_eid=138a9b9d06)

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## It's out of control...and it's coming your way

That, of course, is a line from "The Towering Inferno" delivered by Steve McQueen to Paul Newman referencing the impending doom that awaits the guests in the 135th-Floor Promenade Room.

But what I'M referring to is actually really great news! THE NEVERENDING STORY opens in just over three weeks. This is the stage adaptation of the classic fantasy novel. It's just as exciting as The Towering Inferno. It has an all-star Sullivan Catskills cast, the technical elements will be as cool. Only this isn't about a skyscraper on fire. It's about the power of imagination.


I promise you, this will be a magical adventure for all ages.

There are only 4 chances to see this. Reserve your tickets today. You won't be sorry (like William Holden's character is in The Towering Inferno).

Live on stage at the Delaware Valley Opera Center: June 21 & 27 at 7 pm and June 22 & 29 at 2 pm.

Tickets \$20 (Children 12 and under half price)

Purchase tickets at [myrivertickets.com](http://myrivertickets.com)



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# THE NEVERENDING STORY

*Live on stage  
at the Delaware Valley Opera Center*

**June 21 & 28 at 7pm  
June 22 & 29 at 2pm**

**DIRECTED BY  
CHRISTOPHER PEDITTO**

**FEATURING**  
ARTHUR AULISI, TIFFANY ESTEB, TIBOR FELDMAN, ELLIE J. LEXEE MCENTEE, COOPER QUINN, MALCOLM STROTHER, JIM SULLIVAN, WAVERLY VAN AALSBERG, LAURA VELEZ AND HUDSON WILLIAMS

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY DAVID S. CRAIG SET DESIGN BY NEIRA SINANBASIC COSTUME DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION BY ELIN AUGUSTSSON, BETH DEVRIEZE AND LIZ HUNTINGTON  
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MUSIC BY KLAUS DOLDINGER AND GIORGIO MORODER

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

### More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

*For any other questions*  
845.798.2077 [nickneedsokidney@gmail.com](mailto:nickneedsokidney@gmail.com)



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### A New Exhibition

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

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

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

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

#### Time and the Valleys Museum

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

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



SATURDAY-JUNE 7, 2025

# Daniel Pierce Library

## Bonsai for Beginners



June 7th, 2025

11:30 - 1:00 pm

For adults & children  
ages 6 and up

**Welcome to the exciting world of Bonsai!**



**Added bonus!**

**You can pre-order your own Bonsai!**

**\$20 for small & \$40 for large**

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This beginner-friendly class will guide you through the essential knowledge and techniques to cultivate your own miniature masterpiece.

Through hands-on experience and expert instruction, you'll learn about proper watering and feeding, basic pruning and shaping, and creating an environment for your tiny tree to thrive in.

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Bonsai for Beginners registration

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVi2g5cSQmkWVMOq\\_gZyWZ4IWchacgUaQ3YQ1HfjdeI0qt\\_g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVi2g5cSQmkWVMOq_gZyWZ4IWchacgUaQ3YQ1HfjdeI0qt_g/viewform)



## From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

June is busting out all over for sure - as we continue the good work of the Monticello Rotary Club. There was a terrific Monster Run Meeting last week with many participating to ensure success for this year's event. The Scholarship Committee is finalizing its work on the selection process. We will be asking the successful candidates to join us for dinner on June 10th to present them with their checks. The Scholarship Golf Outing is scheduled and the committee has begun its preliminary work on that as well.

The club is continuing with very productive Membership and Club Structure Meetings. We are excited to move into a new growth period ensuring all members needs are being met in the organizational structure of our meeting. We will continue our work on this during this week's meeting.

Special shout out to DG Leo Kaytes, DGE Beau Loendorf, DGD Carrie Hernandez, PDG Tony Marmo, PDG Peter Sullivan, AG Jack Strassman, and PAG Jacob Lerner for their help and Guidance as we restructure our club.

Please be on the look out for your annual dues notice. 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.

Rotary Program for this Week - Follow-up of Membership Meeting/New Club Structure

Agenda for June 3, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Past President Bob Ernst
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Program (See above)
5. Committee Reports:
  - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
  - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
  - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
  - BBQ - Alex Rey
6. Regional Updates/District Updates - 7210 Conference
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Happy Dollars
10. 50/50
11. Adjourn

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

### Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Monticello Rotary Scholarship Presentations - Tuesday, June 3, 2025 during our regular meeting.

Monticello Rotary Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and Scholarship Presentation Awards Night - Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4pm - 7pm. DeHoyas Park Rotary Pavilion, Monticello.

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

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

With Rotary Pride,  
Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

## 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 Starnier, 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."



## A Special Message to the Members of CFFCM

We write today to share meaningful news about a treasured part of our fly fishing community and history.

The Wulff School of Fly Fishing-founded in 1979 by Lee and Joan Wulff in the heart of the storied Beaverkill region-has entered a new chapter. The school has officially transitioned to new ownership. Yet while hands may change, the tradition of excellence that Lee and Joan so passionately embodied continue under new stewardship committed to preserving their vision.

As many of you know, the Wulff School and the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum have long shared a unique and enduring synergy. Since their earliest days, these two institutions have worked in parallel to protect, teach, and celebrate the rich heritage of fly fishing in the Catskills. That bond, rooted in common values and a shared sense of purpose, remains strong-and continues to grow.

To further this shared mission, the Wulff School has generously committed to donating 20% of the tuition cost for each individual who attends the school this year directly to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. This contribution to CFFCM will be made in the member's name. This thoughtful gesture underscores the close alignment of our missions and the Wulff School's commitment to supporting the broader fly fishing community.

We are honored to continue this long-standing relationship and look forward to building new opportunities for collaboration, education, and stewardship in the spirit of Lee and Joan's remarkable legacy.

With gratitude,  
Anthony J. Magardino & Charlie Vandercook

**2025 Annual Members Meeting**  
June 7, 2025 @ 10am

The Annual Members Meeting of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum is coming up, and we invite all members to attend. Your voice and presence help keep our mission strong-join us as we reflect on the past year and look ahead together.

Saturday Tyers Series

Every Saturday, in partnership with the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, drop by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum to watch the region's most talented tyers transform feathers and steel into stunning flies. It's fly fishing art in motion-come be inspired!

**Get Ready-Summerfest Returns August 2 & 3!**

Mark your calendars! Summerfest and the Hardy Cup Casting Competition are set for the first weekend in August 2025

Join us for a weekend of fly fishing fun, community, and tradition at CFFCM, featuring a fantastic lineup of top fly fishing vendors from across the region.

## Paint the Town, Hawley

Hawley is happy to announce that all 34 of our Art Banners are now in place along Main Avenue and side streets of Hawley for all to see. We invite the public to enjoy these colorful additions of artwork by regional artists.

Our 2025 banner artists are - Catiebel Bulmer, Jill Carletti, Barbara Carpenito, Tom Holmes, Rich Klein, Lilli Millon, Adam Parkes, Michael Seiden, Ellen Silberlicht, Connor Simon, Raul Vega and Kathe Williams. Our 2024 banner artists are Deborah Hussung, Rip Bodman, Diane M Lyons Stout, Sondra Brooks, Bozena Janiszewski, Linda Murphy, Heather Lockwood, Lauren Kuhn, Shaun Walsh, Rachel Sebelist, Deanna Lamour, Barbara Morcerf, George Penyak, Thomas Colbert, Susan McClellan, Alison Warnock, Sue Stephan Foster, Judith Bodman, Erica Hart, Colleen Campbell, Victoria Sanok, Claire Shickora, Nancy Palubniak.

Images of the original art and information about these talented artists are online at

[www.waynecountyartsalliance.org/paint-the-town-hawley/](http://www.waynecountyartsalliance.org/paint-the-town-hawley/)

Paint the Town, Hawley is an exciting new art project in Hawley, PA led by the Wayne County Arts Alliance in collaboration with the Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Foundation for Harmony Presents. These beautiful banners bedecked with the images of original artwork are displayed on poles along Main Avenue and side streets in Hawley, creating a dazzling art trail. Thank you to the Paint The Town, Hawley committee of Hawley leaders and project manager Kate Hayes for bringing this project to life.

## Statement from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton Upon Confirmation by the NYS Senate

It is the professional honor of a lifetime to serve under Governor Kathy Hochul to lead the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) critical work and be confirmed as Commissioner by the New York State Senate. Despite strong headwinds in Washington, Governor Hochul is delivering time and time again and proving that our environment and economy are inextricably linked. With strong leadership at the State level, we will continue to take the reins to protect our environment and public health, support equity and inclusivity, invest in our communities, advance sustainable development, and rebuild trust in government.

I'm grateful to the Governor for this exciting opportunity, and to the members of the Senate for entrusting me to lead the incredible New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at this key moment in the fight to protect our planet.

With great challenge comes enormous opportunity. Time is of the essence. I'm ready to get to work. See Governor Kathy Hochul's announcement on the confirmation here.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-confirmation-three-cabinet-members>

## June Agricultural Workshops from CCE Sullivan's Agricultural Department

LIBERTY, NY - Every program at CCE Sullivan, no matter its subject focus, strives to improve the quality of life for residents in Sullivan County through educational resources and opportunities. For June, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's (CCESC) agricultural department is excited to announce the following programs and workshops geared to support farmers through the year:

### 1. **Farmland Forever:** Understanding Easements and Funding for Long-Term Farm Viability

Wednesday, June 4th, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CCE Sullivan, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY

Learn how conservation easements can be tailored to protect farmland, support farm viability, and preserve working landscapes for future generations. We will begin with a presentation from Michael Sweeton, Orange County Land Trust Community Liason, on agriculture friendly conservation easements. Shanna Abeles, OCLT Conservation Project Manager, will provide an overview of New York State's Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG) program, followed by a Q&A and open discussion.

### 2. **Farmer Mixer and Tour at Little Pebble Farm**

Tuesday June 10th 5:00 PM - 1:00 PM

101-103 Knob Hill Rd., Wurtsboro, NY

Join us at Little Pebble Farm for great conversation and community with seasoned, beginner, and aspiring farmers in our region! This is a potluck, please bring food and drinks to share.

### 3. **Lunch & Learn Webinar with NY FarmNet**

Thursday, June 12th, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Webinar

Learn about the business support and personal well-being services NY Farm Net provides to New York's agricultural community. Join us for a presentation and stay for a Q&A session! Learn about the free and confidential services available including business services such as:

- o financial planning
- o farm business planning
- o transition and succession planning
- o risk management
- o market diversification support.

Additionally, they offer personal well-being services including stress management, mental health support, family and relationship assistance, crisis intervention, and behavioral health resources.

Participation in these programs is free to all attendees! If interested in any of these opportunities, please visit <https://sullivancce.org/events> to learn more and to register. Registration is required. Those with related questions can contact the CCESC office at (845) 292-6180 or [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu). Many more agricultural programs and events are to come, so stay tuned!

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

## Sullivan Fresh Cooking Class Fundraiser Returns with Summer Flavors and Community Impact

Liberty, NY - Following the overwhelming success of our March cooking class, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is thrilled to announce the next installment of our community-centered culinary series: the Sullivan Fresh Cooking Class and Fundraiser, taking place on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in our brand-new, fully-equipped teaching kitchen in the Extension Education Center at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754.

Led by the talented Chef Erin Moore, this hands-on workshop will explore the vibrant flavors of summer. Participants will cook a full seasonal dinner using farm-fresh, locally sourced ingredients while learning practical kitchen skills and food knowledge. Chef Erin will guide attendees through the preparation process, sharing her culinary expertise and passion for food justice.

Chef Erin, a Wurtsboro native and founder of Hermana Catering, brings years of experience from NYC's elite culinary scene and a deep commitment to community nourishment. Her motto, "Food should be luxurious but not a luxury," reflects the spirit of this event.

### A Proven Recipe for Success

Our March 13th class was a triumph, raising funds for the Sullivan Fresh Food Security Program and bringing together community members for an evening of learning, laughter, and delicious food. Attendees praised the event for its welcoming atmosphere, practical tips, and the joy of cooking and dining together.

### Support a Worthy Cause

Registration for the class includes a \$65.00 fee, of which all proceeds will be put towards and benefit the Sullivan Fresh Food Security Program. This program works to ensure access to healthy, nutritious food for all Sullivan County residents through Farmers Markets, Mobile Markets and the Community Cupboard Food Pantry. All participation helps fund future programming for underserved communities and strengthens our local food system.

Spaces are limited and filling fast! Participants are encouraged to reserve a spot today at \$65 per person and be part of a movement that's changing lives-one meal at a time. Registration is required. Those with related questions can contact the CCESC office at (845) 292-6180 or [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu). To learn more about the Sullivan Fresh program, visit our website at

[www.sullivanfreshmarkets.org](http://www.sullivanfreshmarkets.org).

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## Join the Daypack Adventure Hashtag Challenge

Explore the great outdoors, such as Sullivan County's O&W Rail Trail Network. The O&W Rail Trail Alliance, Sullivan Public Library Alliance (SUPLA), and Sullivan County's Division of Planning are excited to announce the successful distribution of the Tracks and Trails Daypack Program to 26 locations, including schools and libraries across the county. Made possible by Sullivan 180's Community Development Grant, this initiative is designed to inspire adventure while promoting safety and awareness of the county's scenic parks and trails.

### What's Inside the Daypack?

Each daypack is thoughtfully stocked with essentials to ensure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience. Items include, but are not limited to:

- A first aid kit, binoculars, sunscreen, and bug repellent wipes
- A hiking journal, flashlight, rain ponchos, and a bivy sack (emergency sleeping bag)
- Informational resources like the Sullivan County Parks & Rec brochure, O&W Rail Trail map, trail use guidelines, and clothing tips
- Fun activities for kids from the National Park Service

These daypacks are the perfect companion for exploring the O&W Rail Trail or any of Sullivan County's open spaces.

Join the Daypack Adventure Hashtag Challenge

Ready for an adventure? Borrow a daypack and participate in the Daypack Adventure Hashtag Challenge! To complete the challenge:

1. Visit three O&W trails-one designated trailhead and two of your choosing.
2. Snap photos with your daypack at the trailheads and post to social media using the hashtags #ExploreSullivanOW and #SullivanCatskills.
3. Submit the completed challenge form to enter for a chance to win your very own daypack!

One grand prize winner will receive a personal daypack, and all participants will earn a prize (while supplies last).

For more information about the Tracks and Trails Daypack Program or the Daypack Adventure Hashtag Challenge, please contact:

- Austin Davis, Research Analyst, Sullivan County Planning: [Austin.Davis@sullivanny.gov](mailto:Austin.Davis@sullivanny.gov)
- Shoshana Mitchell, Junior Planner/Environmental Specialist, Sullivan County Planning: [Shoshana.Mitchell@sullivanny.gov](mailto:Shoshana.Mitchell@sullivanny.gov)  
<https://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/resources/documents/d974f571-4c54-4d49-90d5-966a44e44e25.pdf>

## Get Outdoors & Get Together Day Coming Soon!

Join the Catskill Center in partnership with the NYSDEC & NYS Parks on Saturday, June 14 from 12-3 PM at the Catskills Visitor Center for a FREE day of fun, inclusive outdoor activities-including archery, crafts, birding, field sketching, and more!

Click here for more info and to register for an archery time slot.

[https://catskillcenter.org/events/2025/6/14/get-outdoors-get-together-day?mc\\_cid=34e14b7646&mc\\_eid=741885eb1c](https://catskillcenter.org/events/2025/6/14/get-outdoors-get-together-day?mc_cid=34e14b7646&mc_eid=741885eb1c)

The Catskill Center is thrilled to partner with NYSDEC and NYS Parks to celebrate Get Outdoors & Get Together Day, a statewide event that welcomes people of all abilities, ages, identities, and backgrounds to enjoy the outdoors together.

Join us on Saturday, June 14th from 12-3 PM at the Catskills Visitor Center for a day full of fun, inclusive, and healthful activ-

ities - including archery (with adaptive equipment available), a field drawing workshop, and much more!

The ongoing activities from 12-3 PM include:

- o Welcome Table
- o Archery
- o Birding Table
- o Lawn Games
- o Macros & Stream Health Station
- o Crafts Station:
- o Pine Cone Bird Feeders
- o Seed Planting
- o Butterfly Creations
- o Imagination Binoculars
- o Story Walk™: Mount Tremper Has a Temper

Timed programs include:

- o o 1:00 PM - Field Sketching for Beginners
- o o 2:00 PM - Sister Rain and Brother Sun Puppet Show

No registration is required to attend this event, but we kindly ask that you sign up for a time slot if you'd like to participate in archery.

<https://givebutter.com/VyJMw6>

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day was created by DEC and State Parks, in partnership with the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), NYS Department of Veterans' Services, Office of the Chief Disability Officer, Office of Mental Health, and the NYS Justice Center.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day brings together people of all abilities, ages, identities and backgrounds together for fun, healthful activities as part of the Governor's initiative to broaden the diversity of users and ensure inclusivity of access to state public lands.

Note: If you are planning on joining us at the Catskills Visitor Center for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day but will NOT be participating in archery, you do NOT need to register ahead of time.

We can't wait to see you outdoors!

## JEFF GEORGE Artist Talk at Wayne County Arts Alliance

The Wayne County Arts Alliance (WCAA) announces they will be hosting a gallery talk given by multimedia artist Jeff George, whose work is currently on exhibit at the WCAA Gallery in Honesdale. The gallery talk will begin at 5 PM on Saturday, June 14th and be followed by a closing reception for the artist from 6-8 PM. Both events are open to the public and free of charge.

The exhibition, entitled "Dent," opened on May 8th and includes paintings, prints and sculpture illuminating George's wide-ranging vision. "Most of my paintings and sculptures are whimsical and humorous, taking common or familiar items and arranging them into new works that challenge most conventional thinking and ideas. I like creating works that people aren't expecting to see in a gallery setting. Something that makes them stop, think for a minute, then maybe crack a little smile."

A Honesdale, PA resident, Jeff George has designed and painted a variety of large- scale, site-specific murals in NEPA. Jeff George Design and Salvage, George's design company, seamlessly connects the Wayne County business community with the local arts community, and beyond. "Dent" brings Jeff George's quirky vision into the WCAA Gallery in a celebration of flora, fauna, letter forms, and graphic storytelling.

What: JEFF GEORGE Gallery Talk followed by Closing Reception  
When: June 14th, 5 PM Gallery Talk/6-8 PM Closing Reception

Where: Wayne County Arts Alliance

959 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Regular WCAA Gallery hours - Thursdays thru Sundays 11am-4pm.

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Are you planning a visit to our nation's capital this summer? Contact our office for assistance in setting up tours of some of our nation's most historic landmarks! We are eager to help you schedule a tour of the United States Capitol, where you can explore the beautiful Rotunda, the Old Supreme Court Chamber, Statuary Hall, and more. This is a can't-miss experience when visiting our nation's capital.

I recently had the privilege of giving the Baker family from Wayne County a tour of the Capitol, including a visit to the Speaker's Balcony overlooking the National Mall. To book your Capitol tour, please reach out to our office at least 21 days in advance.

House. Please provide up to 90 days' notice for White House tours. While availability is limited, our team is eager to help. During the East Wing tour, you'll see the stunning Vermeil Room, the Library, the China Room, and more rooms with profound significance to our nation's history.

For a full list of services we provide to constituents visiting our nation's capital, visit our website or call our DC office.

[https://tenney.house.gov/address\\_authentication?form=/services/tours-and-tickets](https://tenney.house.gov/address_authentication?form=/services/tours-and-tickets)

Are your summer travels taking you abroad instead of to our nation's capital? We can assist with your passport needs, whether you're updating a current passport or expediting a new one. International travel can be stressful, but our office is here to help make the process easier by ensuring your passport is ready to go.

From Capitol tours to passport assistance, our office is here to serve you!

### Advancing America's Energy Dominance through Nuclear Power

President Trump has furthered his commitment to advancing American energy dominance by signing three pivotal Executive Orders (EOs) that bolster our nation's nuclear power capabilities. The EO's- Deploying Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security, Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Reforming Nuclear Reactor Testing at the Department of Energy - will streamline unnecessary and duplicative regulations, overhaul archaic Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) practices, and pave the way for innovation in new nuclear technologies.

Nuclear will play a crucial role in powering the next generation of American technological advancements. Department of Energy reports show that data centers alone could consume as much as 12% of all power generated in the United States by 2028. To remain ahead of our growing energy needs, it is vital that we have affordable and reliable baseload power. As constituents of NY-24 know full well, the energy output and consistency offered by nuclear technologies is immense. The three nuclear plants in my District- Nine Mile Point, James A. FitzPatrick, and Ginna- supply a whopping 22% of the entire state's energy. In order for Americans to continue to have dependable, 24/7 energy, we must do everything we

can to reverse the past decades of backward, alarmist Washington regulations that hindered this great industry.

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

**H.R.3325, the CHEERS Act:** This bill supports local businesses, bars, and restaurants by expanding tax incentives for energy-efficient systems to include kegs and tap properties. Local restaurants and bars are the backbone of the Finger Lakes region, and during this time of high prices it has never been more imperative that we support our local establishments.

**H.Res.408, Censuring Representative LaMonica McIver of New Jersey:** This resolution formally censures Rep. LaMonica McIver of New Jersey for her disgraceful and illegal actions at the Delaney Hall Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey. Rep. McIver unlawfully entered a secure federal facility, interfered with official proceedings, and compromised the safety of law enforcement personnel and others present. This type of behavior is beyond unacceptable for a member of Congress.

**H.R. 3514 Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act:** This bill establishes an electronic prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and includes standardization processes that are more transparent. This expands beneficiary protections against fraud and clarifies timeline standards for prior authorizations and expedited determinations. Modernizing and improving our Medicare system in a way that decreases wait times and establishes more transparency for beneficiaries will safeguard this program for our future.

Honoring our Servicemembers at the Fulton Fire Watch

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Fulton for the annual Fire Watch ceremony to honor and remember our fallen servicemembers. It was a privilege to stand alongside County Clerk Terry Wilbur, the Fulton Fire Department, and other local leaders this Memorial Day weekend as we paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Our community stands with our servicemembers and will never forget their sacrifice. I also want to thank the Gold Star Families and loved ones of the fallen. As the mother of an active-duty Marine, it is a true honor to stand with the families of loved ones who have served, and I am deeply grateful for everyone who came together for this solemn event.

### Remembering and Honoring our Veterans Across NY-24

This Memorial Day weekend, our team had the privilege of attending several ceremonies across New York's 24th Congressional District. From places like LeRoy and the New York State Veterans Cemetery in Seneca County, we joined these communities to remember and reflect on the immense sacrifices made by the brave men and women who served our nation. These ceremonies are a powerful reminder that freedom is earned through the courage and selflessness of those who serve this great nation.

### Unveiling the Orleans County Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Wall

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the grand reopening of the newly renovated Orleans County Legislative Chambers in Albion. This redesigned space pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of our community, featuring five local Medal of Honor recipients. Their stories, and the legacy of all who have served, will now be a permanent fixture in the county. Thank you to our State, County, and local officials for celebrating the extraordinary service of our military veterans.





I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial Day Weekend spent with family, friends, and - most importantly - honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

I wanted to take a moment and update you on what I've been doing this week to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free:

#### **HONORING OUR HEROES: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN THE HUDSON VALLEY**

On Memorial Day, we remember and honor our country's bravest.

They gave their entire selves to protect each and every American, to safeguard their rights and freedoms. We owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

I wear a bracelet every single day with the names of my 21 classmates from West Point who aren't with us this Memorial Day. It's a reminder for me that every day their loved ones - as well as Gold Star families across the country - wake up to the memory of the person behind that sacrifice.

Every day, we must honor their memory by emulating their lives grounded in service, by coming together as Patriots and putting country ahead of any party or ideology.

America is at its best when we put aside politics and show up united behind our core values. Living that out every day is how we immortalize our fallen heroes.

I was honored to recognize Memorial Day with communities across the Hudson Valley last weekend, including in Kingston, Newburgh, Town of Woodbury, and Town of Wappinger.

I will always fight to preserve the memory of our fallen heroes and take care of everyone who has served.

#### **CELEBRATING WEST POINT CADETS AND DEMANDING THE BEST FOR OUR VETERANS**

I love West Point. I love the cadets. And I love our country. As a proud alum and the Academy's representative in Congress, I was honored to participate in last weekend's graduation and celebrate these inspiring young men and women. They deserved the day to be totally focused on their selfless dedication to serving our country.

Unfortunately, that is not the speech they got from the President. Instead, donning a bright red MAGA hat, he delivered an overtly political and incredibly divisive campaign speech. Trump didn't even have the decency to stay and shake the graduating cadets' hands, a longstanding tradition embraced by every president from Biden to Reagan - instead he went golfing.

Given his hasty departure, I did not have an opportunity to raise any of the long list of concerns I've heard from constituents across my district - including many who voted for him. Below is the letter I instead sent to the President after graduation concluded.

#### **HONORING TOWN OF NEWBURGH POLICE OFFICER BILL McLEAN**

This weekend, at the Town of Newburgh Memorial Day ceremony, I was honored to present the family of Sergeant William McLean with a Congressional Record in recognition of his decades of service to our community and our country.

Read more: Mid Hudson Times: Newburgh honors fallen heroes with ceremonies and parades

<https://www.timeshudsonvalley.com/mid-hudson-times/stories/newburgh-honors-fallen-heroes-with-ceremonies-and-parades,173237>

#### **PUTTING HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES FIRST**

Trump's bill is a triple-whammy: it makes devastating cuts to food and healthcare programs while driving up costs for everyone;

gives massive tax breaks to big corporations and the ultra-rich instead of the middle class; and irresponsibly adds over \$5 trillion to the national debt.

It is fundamentally unfair and un-American: Families will lose health care. Hospitals will close. Kids will go hungry. All so the wealthiest 0.1% can get even richer.

I will never stop fighting for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley; and I will ALWAYS put your family first. This bill does the opposite.

Rest assured: this fight is not over.

Read more: Congressman Pat Ryan Votes Against Republican Bill That Drives Up Costs and Takes Healthcare From Hudson Valley Families in Exchange for Record Breaking Tax Cuts for Billionaires <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-votes-against-republican-bill-drives-costs-and-takes>

#### **DELIVERING RELIEF FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLOOD VICTIMS**

This week I was excited to announce that we secured the Town of Woodbury \$2 million to repair severe damage to the Earl River Dam.

The dam, which was built in 1912, sustained substantial damage during July 2023's severe storms and flooding incidents. Fixing the damages is critical; if the dam were to burst, there would be widespread damage to surrounding homes, roads, and utilities.

I've kept up the fight for infrastructure funding to both fix the damage and ensure we are better prepared for floods in the future. This money is a monumental investment not just for Woodbury but also the entire Orange County community.

By building back the Earl Reservoir Dam and increasing its resilience, countless families will be spared from widespread damage and fallout from a future storm.

I'll keep pushing to ensure everyone in our Hudson Valley community gets the relief they deserve.

You can read the full press release and learn more about my continuing efforts to recover from the 2023 floods and deliver relief here: Congressman Pat Ryan Delivers Relief to Orange County Flood Victims

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-delivers-relief-orange-county-flood-victims>

#### **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.

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 - come to an event near you!

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

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

#### **CELEBRATING ULSTER COUNTY EMS FIRST RESPONDERS**

I was honored to speak at the Ulster County EMS Awards Ceremony this week.

EMS first responders are as brave as they come. They are essential to our community, showing up day and night in our darkest hours.

As a proud member of the Congressional EMS Caucus, I'll keep fighting to ensure they have the tools they need to save lives. **MAKING A SPLASH THIS SUMMER: CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE DELANO-HITCH AQUATIC CENTER IN NEWBURGH!**

Thanks to federal funds, Newburgh's Delano-Hitch Aquatic Center is open to the public just in time for summer! (Contd. Pg. 55)

**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 54)

Thank you to everyone that helped get this project over the finish line.

**CELEBRATING A GOSHEN SPELLER IN THE SCRIPPS NATIONAL BEE**

Congratulations to Cora on this accomplishment!

It was great to watch you represent the Hudson Valley at the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

**GRANTS CORNER****APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:****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 Regrants and Services are now open.

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

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

**FY2025 Regional Food System Partnerships Program (RFSP)**

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

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

Applications are due on June 27, 2025.

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

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

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

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

**Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund 2025**

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

Full Proposal Due Date: June 26, 2025, 11:59 PM EDT  
2025 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

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

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

**2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**

The goal of this program is to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law

enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

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

**FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

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

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

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

Last week, Governor Hochul announced \$80 million in new grant funding available to communities across New York State for climate resiliency projects. The grants, funded through the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, will support nature-based and green infrastructure projects designed to reduce flood risk and enhance community resilience to extreme weather.

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

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

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

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

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

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, carfentanyl, or other opioids, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. (Contd. Pg 56)



**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 55)

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 interruption, law enforcement task force engagement, homelessness and squatting, nuisance abatement, and other crime and disorder problems.

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

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

**Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 2025 Safer Outcomes program will encompass two separate solicitations:

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

Support for law enforcement agencies

Approximately \$18 million is available for this program.

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

COPS Blue Alert Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon



## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

### 1. Assisting New Yorkers with federal agencies Image

So far in 2025, Kirsten's office has helped over 3,200 constituents resolve issues with federal agencies. This includes approximately:

\$300,000 in Social Security benefits restored to seniors and Medicare bills covered for enrollees

\$200,000 in benefits reinstated to veterans from the VA

\$600,000 in revenue saved for New York cultural organizations that were in danger of canceling events without their top performers

\$51,000,000 released back to constituents and small businesses from delayed tax refunds

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/>

### 2. WATCH: Kirsten on ABC7

<https://abc7ny.com/post/close-bill-ritter-president-trumps-reshaping-washington-newark-mayor-ras-baraka-arrest-bid-nj-governor/16526420/>

This week, Kirsten spoke with ABC7's Bill Ritter about opposing efforts to cut basic needs like health care and food assistance for New Yorkers to pay for tax breaks for the super rich.



She discussed the ways that these cuts will harm seniors, veterans, and working-class New Yorkers. Watch here.

<https://abc7ny.com/post/close-bill-ritter-president-trumps-reshaping-washington-newark-mayor-ras-baraka-arrest-bid-nj-governor/16526420/>

### 3. Helping veterans get their benefits

When a Korean War veteran from the North Country needed to secure VA Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits so he could pay senior living facility fees, he contacted Kirsten's office for assistance.

Kirsten's team liaised with the VA, and as a result, he is now receiving the benefits payments he relies on to pay for care and housing for himself and his wife.

### 4. Congratulations to the Cornell men's lacrosse team!

This week, the Cornell men's lacrosse team brought the national championship trophy home to New York, securing their first NCAA title in almost 50 years. Congratulations to the Big Red!



## Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Last weekend, communities across our Nation came together to observe Memorial Day, a day set apart by its solemn purpose: to honor the brave servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

From parades and ceremonies to quiet moments of reflection, we remembered those who gave everything in defense of our freedoms. These selfless individuals answered the call to serve, fully aware of the risks they faced. Their courage and sacrifice are the foundation of the liberties we enjoy today. It is a debt we can never fully repay, but one we must always strive to honor.

I had the privilege of attending several Memorial Day services throughout the 51st District. Each ceremony was powerful—from the playing of Taps to the heartfelt stories shared by Gold Star families and local veterans. Each community showcased our shared values and deep sense of gratitude. Memorial Day reminds us of what matters most: love of country, service to others, and honor above self.

To our fallen heroes, we remember you. To the families left behind, you are not forgotten. And to our veterans and active-duty military, thank you for your continued service and sacrifice.

May the spirit of Memorial Day stay with us throughout the year as we honor the freedoms those who perished bravely defended.

Sincerely,

Peter Oberacker  
(Contd. Pg. 58)



## Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

(From Pg. 57)

### Honoring Our Local Fallen Heroes

This Memorial Day, I had the honor of attending two incredibly moving ceremonies in Otego and Burlington Flats, each a powerful reminder of the deep gratitude we owe to those who gave their lives in service to our Nation.

In Otego, the community gathered for a heartfelt dedication at American Legion Field. The new memorial is a truly beautiful and fitting tribute to our fallen heroes, and I encourage everyone to visit and reflect. A huge thank you to the organizers and volunteers who made the event so meaningful.

Later in the day, Burlington Flats hosted its annual Memorial Day service with an incredibly turnout. It was heartwarming to see so many families, neighbors, and friends come together to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. You couldn't have asked for a more perfect afternoon.

Let us carry the spirit of Memorial Day with us, not just on this day, but every day.



*First Sergeant (Ret.) Richard "Bunk" Bingham  
Inducted into Senate Veterans Hall of Fame*

From the battlefields of Vietnam to the training grounds of New York, First Sergeant (Ret.) Richard "Bunk" Bingham has lived a life defined by service, selfless sacrifice, and strength.

Bunk's journey began on April 23, 1968, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army and deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Aviation Brigade. He served with grit and determination as a Motorpool Sergeant and returned home in 1969.

Bunk answered the call again in 1977, joining the 414th Civil Affairs Company in Utica. His leadership took him across the country to California's 426th Civil Affairs Company, where he served as a Military Police Supervisor. But perhaps his greatest impact came when he returned home, mentoring young recruits as a First Sergeant with the 1165th Training Unit-instilling discipline, purpose, and pride in the next generation of American soldiers.

With nearly 40 years in uniform, Bunk's list of accolades is long and well-earned: the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and

Humanitarian Service Medal, to name just a few.

His medals only tell part of the story. Bunk didn't wear the uniform for glory. He wore it because he believed it was a sacred honor, an oath to serve something greater than himself.

That's why it was my distinct honor to name First Sergeant Richard "Bunk" Bingham as the 51st Senate District's 2025 Veterans Hall of Fame nominee. His story is one of courage, resilience, and unwavering dedication. Congratulations, Bunk! Thank you for your selfless service to our Nation!

### In Case You Missed It: Food Safety & Disclosure Bill Advances!

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/6QjvyXLvIV4>

### Celebrating National EMS Week

Last week marked National EMS Week and I've been reflecting on what it truly means to live a life of service. For me, it comes down to one powerful phrase: Save the shoes.

I've been a volunteer firefighter and first responder for my entire adult life. I've driven pumpers and tankers. I've rushed into burning buildings on the brink of collapse. I've stood in moments that felt hopeless-when only courage, training, and trust in my fire service brothers and sisters carried us through.

But for a volunteer first responder, it's never about the glory. It's about serving your community and stepping up when you're needed most.

If you have a few minutes, I highly recommend this TED Talk by Mark Bezos. It's a simple but powerful reminder of the humility and humanity at the core of being a first responder.

As EMS Week comes to a close, join me in thanking the incredible individuals who answer the call. Show kindness, offer support, and above all-save the shoes!

Watch [https://www.ted.com/talks/mark\\_bezos\\_a\\_life\\_lesson\\_from\\_a\\_volunteer\\_firefighter/transcript](https://www.ted.com/talks/mark_bezos_a_life_lesson_from_a_volunteer_firefighter/transcript)

What's Happening in the 51st District?

Major Win Against Ulster County Landfill Project  
Learn More

[https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/05/22/ulster-landfill-process-on-indefinite-pause-agency-says/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKlZP1leHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETf0SDhhaUFWMGdqUmpkb2tZAR6zPH25PN\\_zlw002U7l9\\_2ID5IBoo9CpIJXGJtFNlPNJ0G5ziOvsZdO6g2tA\\_aem\\_zL4GvOSXK50fGilGCBsuqg](https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/05/22/ulster-landfill-process-on-indefinite-pause-agency-says/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKlZP1leHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETf0SDhhaUFWMGdqUmpkb2tZAR6zPH25PN_zlw002U7l9_2ID5IBoo9CpIJXGJtFNlPNJ0G5ziOvsZdO6g2tA_aem_zL4GvOSXK50fGilGCBsuqg)

### SUNY Announces \$2.6m in Workforce Dev. Funding

Learn More <https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/4-25/4-28-25/gwgp.html#:~:text=Albany%2C%20NY%20%E2%80%93%20State%20University%20of,of%2Dthe%20art%20training%20equipment>

### Stay Safe - Take a Boating Safety Course this Summer

Learn More <https://parks.ny.gov/newsroom/press-releases/release.aspx?r=666>

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## Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker (From Pg. 58)

### This Week in Albany

Central Baptist Christian Academy Visits the State Capitol  
2025 State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

51st Senate District Honors Nine Office of the Aging Volunteers

Milford Central School Visits Sen. Oberacker in the Chamber

### Social Media Spotlights

#### **Celebrating Cancer Survivors!**

June is Cancer Survivors Month-a time to honor the incredible strength of those who have faced a cancer diagnosis and continue to fight each day with courage.

Cancer changes lives in an instant, but through it all, we witness something powerful: the resilience and unbreakable spirit of our loved ones

Join me in celebrating the survivors who've worn the gown, braved the treatments, and shared their stories. We stand with the caregivers who've supported them every step of the way and recognize the dedication of the doctors, nurses, and advocates who fight beside them.

#### **Sheriff Akshar Drops in for a Visit!**

Look who dropped by the Capitol-my former Senate colleague and Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar!

While we certainly miss him in Albany, Sheriff Akshar is doing an outstanding job in Broome County. He's cracking down on crime, strengthening public safety, and building strong community partnerships.

Thanks for visiting, Sheriff!

#### **Congratulations to the SUNY Ulster Class of 2025!**

Your hard work, determination, and resilience have brought you to this incredible milestone. Today, you celebrate not just a degree, but the journey that led you here. The late nights, early mornings, challenges overcome, and goals achieved.

As you step into this next chapter, know that your education has prepared you to lead, to serve, and to make a difference. Whether you're continuing your studies, entering the workforce, or exploring new opportunities, your future is bright.

Congratulations, graduates! Keep reaching higher and never stop learning!

### Senator Oberacker in the News

SUNY Ulster Students Awarded Diplomas, Certificates  
Read Here

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/05/24/suny-ulster-students-awarded-diplomas-certificates/>

Gov. Hochul's Directs Flags to Half-Staff Following Upstate NY Trooper's Death  
Read Here

<https://www.syracuse.com/state/2025/05/hochul-orders-flags-to-half-staff-after-upstate-ny-troopers-death.html>

Be featured in the 2025 Friends of the Olive Free

## Paint the Town, Hawley Art Banners in Place



Paint the Town, Hawley is happy to announce that all 34 of our Art Banners are now in place along Main Avenue and side streets of Hawley for all to see. We invite the public to enjoy these colorful additions of artwork by regional artists.

Our 2025 banner artists are - Catiebel Bulmer, Jill Carletti, Barbara Carpenito, Tom Holmes, Rich Klein, Lilli Millon, Adam Parkes, Michael Seiden, Ellen Silberlicht, Connor Simon, Raul Vega and Kathe Williams. Our 2024 banner artists are Deborah Hussung, Rip Bodman, Diane M Lyons Stout, Sondra Brooks, Bozena Janiszewski, Linda Murphy, Heather Lockwood, Lauren Kuhn, Shaun Walsh, Rachel Sebelist, Deanna Lamour, Barbara Morcerf, George Penyak, Thomas Colbert, Susan McClellan, Alison Warnock, Sue Stephan Foster, Judith Bodman, Erica Hart, Colleen Campbell, Victoria Sanok, Claire Shickora, Nancy Palubniak.

Images of the original art and information about these talented artists are online at [www.waynecountyartsalliance.org/paint-the-town-hawley/](http://www.waynecountyartsalliance.org/paint-the-town-hawley/)

Paint the Town, Hawley is an exciting new art project in Hawley, PA led by the Wayne County Arts Alliance in collaboration with the Downtown Hawley Partnership and the Foundation for Harmony Presents. These beautiful banners bedecked with the images of original artwork are displayed on poles along Main Avenue and side streets in Hawley, creating a dazzling art trail. Thank you to the Paint The Town, Hawley committee of Hawley leaders and project manager Kate Hayes for bringing this project to life.



# Matthewis Persen House Museum Welcomes June Guest Hosts

## *Ulster County Landmark Features Living History, Music, and Games for All Ages*

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office is pleased to announce a vibrant lineup of guest hosts and programs at the Matthewis Persen House Museum throughout the month of June 2025. Located at the historic intersection of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston, the Persen House offers visitors the chance to explore centuries of local history through engaging exhibits and interactive events.

June's programming includes historical reenactments, live Civil War-era music, a visit from a vintage baseball club, and an immersive three-day experience in colonial play. All events are free and open to the public.

### **June Schedule of Guest Hosts:**

o Saturday, May 31 - Kingston Guards Vintage Baseball Club

Step back in time with the Kingston Guards, Ulster County's own vintage baseball club. Players dressed in 19th-century uniforms will be on hand to share the history of the game and their club, providing a fun and educational experience for sports fans of all ages.



o Saturday, June 7 - Hank Yost, WWII Reenactor and Historian

In honor of the 81st anniversary of D-Day, WWII reenactor Hank Yost will return to the Persen House with a special presentation on the Allied invasion of Normandy and the sacrifices made by the Greatest Generation.

o Saturday, June 14 - Friends of Historic Kingston - NYS Path Through History Weekend

Learn about Kingston's architectural and cultural heritage with the Friends of Historic Kingston. Their knowledgeable volunteers will share insights into local landmarks and preservation efforts.

o Thursday, June 19 - Closed in Observance of Juneteenth

The Persen House will be closed in recognition of Juneteenth, the national holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.



o Saturday, June 21 - Veterans in a New Field: Civil War Era Concert

Enjoy a stirring musical performance by Veterans in a New Field, featuring authentic Civil War-era songs played on period instruments. Their spirited renditions bring to life the voices and emotions of a divided nation.

o Thursday to Saturday, June 26-28 - Colonial Game Days

Families are invited to join us for Colonial Game Days, a special three-day event filled with hands-on activities and historic games from the 17th and 18th centuries. Try your hand at hoop rolling, graces, and other pastimes that entertained generations of children long before screens and smartphones.

As an official site in New York State's Path Through History Weekend, the Persen House is honored to take part in this statewide initiative, which celebrates destinations of historical and cultural significance.

Its inclusion highlights the vital role the Persen House plays in preserving and sharing the rich history of Ulster County and New York State.

Throughout the season, the Persen House also features exhibits that delve into Ulster County's rich and complex past, including Gysbert's Inventory: A Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life in Wiltwyck and an upcoming season-long exhibit from Harambee.

Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck remarked:

"The Persen House is a living classroom and a space for community connection. Each guest host adds another layer to the story we're telling-one that honors our shared heritage while making history come alive for today's audiences."

Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran, who oversees programming at the site, added: "Whether you're a longtime resident or a first-time visitor, there's always something new to discover at the Persen House. June's programs reflect our commitment to inclusive, hands-on, and family-friendly history."

The Matthewis Persen House Museum is open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is always free.

For more information, including a full schedule of events and exhibits, visit <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house>, follow us on Facebook, or contact the Ulster County Historian at (845) 340-3415 or [countyhistorian@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyhistorian@co.ulster.ny.us).





# Save the Date!

## Women Veterans Recognition Days

New York State Department of Veterans' Services

presents

# WRAP YOURSELF IN WELLNESS

Dress casually, NO OPEN-TOED SHOES, bring a lawn chair if you have one  
Light Picnic Lunch provided

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 10 am – 4 pm**

**Long Shadows Farm**  
84 Dr Brown Lane  
Cambridge, NY 12816



### Featuring

- Hearts in Harmony's equine assisted learning program w/Valerie Buck, ACTT Naturally
- Belly dancing w/Laura Laz
- Wellness Session w/Rachel Magnell, PhD, Kairos Center for Change

## Please Register







[www.acttnaturally.org](http://www.acttnaturally.org)

570-578-6377

In 2013 Valerie Buck founded **ACTT Naturally** after working for nearly 30 years in the thoroughbred racing industry as an exercise rider and assistant trainer.

She rode some of the best racehorses of her generation but found value in every horse she met. Valerie now uses the same patience and gentle hand while transitioning former racehorses for new careers. Valerie's care and compassion are also part of her **Hearts in Harmony** programs, to help begin the process of healing.

**ACTT Naturally's** equine facilitated **Hearts in Harmony program** is designed to provide life-changing programs to Veterans, first responders and their families, helping to reduce the effects of PTSD and the repercussions it can cause. We also offer our programs to victims of domestic and other types of abuse.

Based at **Long Shadows Farm in Cambridge NY**, the beautiful privacy of the farm is healing in itself and allows us to shut the world away for some time while we are able to open up to the wonderful healing gifts that our horses have to offer.

Our goals through our Hearts in Harmony programs are:

- Provide a non-judgmental safe space where participants can express emotions freely without fear of criticism or rejection.
- Improved self-esteem, confidence, mutual respect and healthy boundaries.
- Reducing stress and anxiety.
- Support mindfulness, and present moment awareness.
- Social interaction with peers who understand their experiences.



Patriot Hills of New York

*Transition, Reintegration & Therapeutic Healing  
for Our Nation's Veterans*



[www.patriothills.org](http://www.patriothills.org)

[phnyjeannine@gmail.com](mailto:phnyjeannine@gmail.com)

March 2003 MSG Jeannine Mannarino established a small grass roots effort to address difficulties of the transition and reintegration for the members of the National Guard, Reserves and Active-Duty members. The grass roots effort was incubated and developed by civilians and several members of the Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard (EANYNG) and members of the Military Association of the New York.

**Patriot Hills of New York** was nationally endorsed August 12, 2009, by 245 members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).

**Patriot Hills of New York** mission is to take care of our Veterans and their families by providing assistance with Transition, Reintegration and Therapeutic Resources. Patriot Hills of New York is a portal of services and resources for our Veterans and their families. Providing morale, welfare, educational events and recreational services for our military members and their families. Our vision is to establish a customized community-based resource and retreat center for our Veteran's and their Families

Jeannine has served over 11 Years as a representative for Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Military Academy Selection Committee; she served over 16 years as the Executive Secretary and 5 years as the Resolutions Committee Chair and Co-Chair for EANGUS; and she served 6 years as the Area 1 Chair for the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). Jeannine also serves as the NYS Ladies Ancient Order Hibernians as the Military and Veteran Affairs Appointee.

Kairos Center for Change, LLC

*The foundation for everlasting change is spiritual engagement.*



[www.kairoscenter4change.com](http://www.kairoscenter4change.com)

Dr. Rachel Magnell founded **Kairos Center for Change** in 2013. She is a Spiritual Director, Kairos coach, and teacher for women seeking witness as they respond to an inner call, an inner longing inviting them more deeply into experiencing their spiritual lives, their higher Self.

Rachel Magnell, Ph.D. is studied in Counseling Psychology, Neuroscience, Neurofeedback, Archetypal Patterns, Science of Language (NLP), Yoga Science/Meditation, Buddhist and Christian contemplative practices, Jungian-Christian dialogue with Marist Brother Don Bisson, Advaita Vedanta (Non-Duality) with Acharya Andre, and ongoing Torah teachings with Rabbi Joshua Sussman.

Dr. Magnell received her training as a Spiritual Director at Linwood Spiritual Center. She is a proponent of a mystic interspiritual heart of understanding that points to the universal shared spiritual heritage expressed in the symbols of religion, myth, dreams and folklore. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International (<https://www.sdcompanions.org/>) and in ongoing spiritual formation with Linwood peers, Buckingham Torah Circle, the federated church of Presbyterian United Church of Christ as Deacon Chair and St. Clements Church in Saratoga.



# CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

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

**Feb 5**

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

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



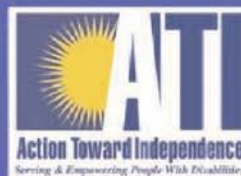
*An estimated 80% of veterans will have some need for long-term services and supports in their lifetime. Supporting caregivers helps reduce stress and caregiver burnout and improves wellness.*

## To register:

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

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

**Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Sullivan County**



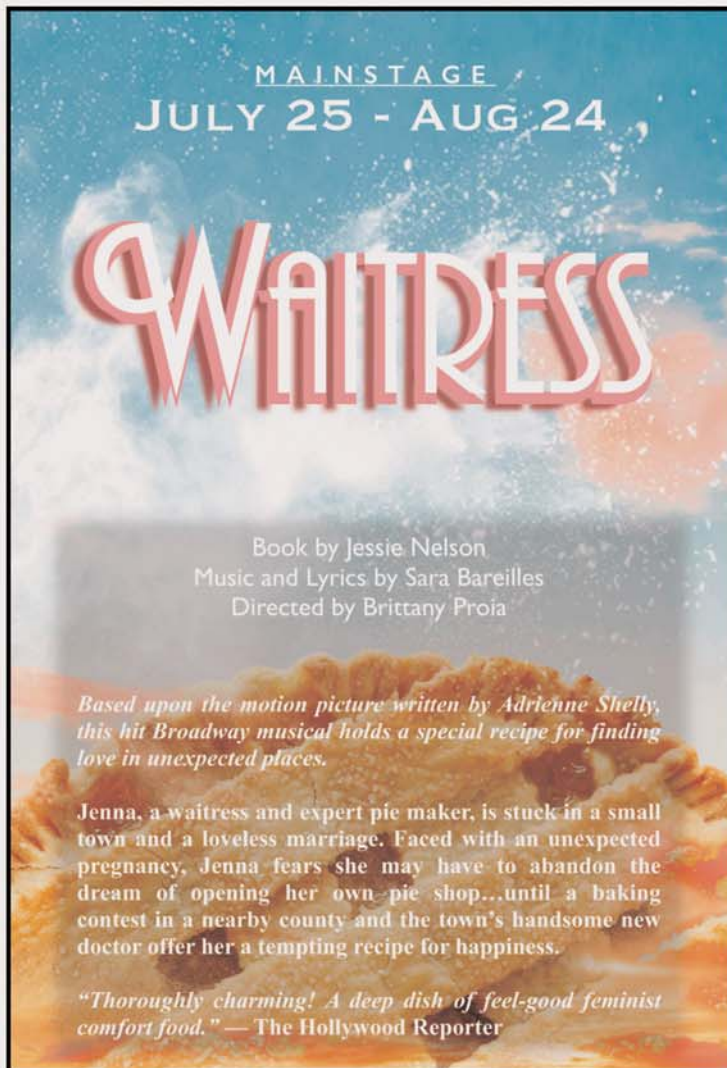


# A TASTE OF BROADWAY IV "WAITRESS"

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  
 To The Top 25 Vehicles Up To 2005



Food & Refreshments



50/50  
 Drawing

Special Awards  
**Fireman's Choice**  
**Presidents Choice**  
**Best of Show**

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

Dash  
 Plaques  
 For the  
 First 100  
 Cars



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

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

#### REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Father's Day Pancake Breakfast



### Sunday, June 15th

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

**Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11**

**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs: \$13**

**Call 845-985-7270**

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

**Pancakes, French Toast, eggs any style, Hash brown, Sausage,  
Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry



## Town of Thompson Announces Switch to .gov:

### ThompsonNY.gov Now Live with Added Security & Features June 2, 2025, Town of Thompson, NY – The Town of Thompson has converted its website from

Town of Thompson.com to Thompson NY.gov, as per New York State mandate. According to New York County Law Section 55, all municipal corporations with a population of 1,500 or more must maintain a .GOV domain by June 19, 2025. This will also change all town emails to the new domain. For example, supervisor@townofthompson.com is now supervisor@thompsonNY.gov.

There are many benefits of this switch for residents and for the Town of Thompson; most importantly, enhanced security and trust. Only verified U.S. government organizations can utilize a .gov domain name. Plus, as a .gov website, the Town is required to have an HTTPS (SSL/TLS encryption) - this essentially ensures that the Town website is highly secure. The Town already had the SSL/TLS technology in place, but the .gov domain adds another layer of security.

"We were proactive in getting our website and emails switched over to .GOV well before the deadline. We've ensured that the website is secure and running smoothly! In addition, we've just launched the MuniCollab platform on our website which provides unprecedented access, transparency, and convenience for anyone submitting or wanting to view applications to the Thompson Planning Board," said Town Supervisor Bill Rieber, Jr.

You can view the MuniCollab platform now, here: <https://townofthompsonny.municollab.com/planning-board/projects>

Thompson encourages residents, businesses, and visitors to visit ThompsonNY.gov for anything related to life in Thompson. From the latest Parks and Recreation events, to agendas and meeting minutes for all Town Board and Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings. From permit applications and forms, to town history articles, it's all available now at ThompsonNY.gov. There are helpful links to frequently requested forms and procedures through the "How Do I...?" section as well.

Note that when visitors go to TownofThompson.com it will automatically forward to ThompsonNY.GOV, however users should update their bookmarks just in case. Also be sure to update your address books for staff emails, as they will only forward through December 31, 2025. For further information contact:

William J. Rieber, Jr. Supervisor  
supervisor@thompsonny.gov  
845-794-2500 ext. 306 | 914-799-0387 (c)

## Knightly News - Children's Opera

June 7 & 14 at 10am and 2pm, June 8 & 15 at 2pm  
Admission \$10 for adults and free to children under 14 years of age.

*Knightly News* is an opera for children by Jonathan Stinson, the Artist in Residence at DVO for 2025.

"*Knightly News*" is a one-act family opera, music composed by Jonathan Stinson and lyrics by Jonathan Stinson and Sarah Rogevich. Originally commissioned by Chicago Opera Playhouse, productions have been performed by Atlanta Opera, Green Light Vocal Productions in Illinois, and multiple schools throughout the country.

Characters from "Cinderella", "Little Red Riding Hood", and "The Three Little Pigs" make up the cast. Little Red has a crush on Prince Charming who has become a television news reporter. Pig and Little Red decide to look for Pig's brothers and Little Red's grandmother who all disappeared after witnesses heard a "huff and a puff". In their search they are interviewed by Prince Charming who is still looking for a girl with the right sized foot to fit into a slipper left behind by a dance partner. Little Red convinces him he should stop looking and choose her, someone who would never run away from him. He agrees. Soon they are joined by the disguised Big Bad Wolf who pretends to want to help them search for their missing family members when, in fact, he really wants to eat them. But Wolf gives himself away. He is distressed that he is a failure at being a big, bad, wolf but Pig recognizes his talent as a demolition expert and hires him in her building business.

To buy \$10 Adult Tickets Now for Knightly News - Children FREE  
Go to: <https://delawarevalleyopera.org/index.php/tickets>



Color our World

Daniel Pierce Library

Summer Reading Program

Ages 0-5 Years

**BUBBLE PAINTING**

It's all about the process!

Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
6 - 7 pm

Come join us for a fun-filled bubble painting session  
where your little one can create their very own  
masterpiece!

All supplies provided.  
Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on!  
(It's going to get messy!)

Don't miss out on this colorful event - creativity awaits!  
Sign up today!

Open to Tri-Valley residents.  
Register online @ [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



Daniel Pierce Library  
328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268  
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

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 [sullivancsrc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivancsrc@cornell.edu).



**3rd Wednesday  
each month**

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

**Jan 15      Feb 19**

**Mar 19      Apr 16**

**May 21      June 18**

**July 16      Aug 20**

**Sept 17      Oct 15**

**Nov 19      Dec 17**

**Via Zoom or Phone**



**ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION®**

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



## Meet Lori Solomon, Chamber Foundation Board of Directors

*Lori Solomon brings a rich background in travel and tourism, economic development, and entrepreneurship to the Sullivan County Chamber Foundation Board.*

For over 10 years, she served as President of Duell Solutions, a property management company in Saratoga Springs, NY, where her leadership oversaw critical areas like finance, payroll, human resources, and sales and marketing. Her commitment to community development was evident during her time as Executive Director for the Feeder Canal Alliance in Glens Falls, NY, where she enhanced membership and increased funding by 20%. As Operations Manager at the Children's Museum at Saratoga, Lori employed strategic marketing initiatives that led to a 50% increase in membership sales and a 45% rise in revenue, showcasing her ability to drive growth engagement. During her tenure, as Director of Marketing and Development for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, she was instrumental in promoting sustainable tourism, collaborating with local, regional, state, and national partners on various projects and grants. She also was part of a team that was responsible for trail development along the Champlain Canal Corridor, was Chair of the Mohawk Valley Pathway to History (under Governor Cuomo), coordinated three major statewide Canalway events, and led a team of NYS agency partners which helped achieve the Erie Canalway Corridor's designation in the National Park Service's Network to Freedom program-the 1st National Heritage Area in the Nation to receive this honor. As the CEO of Van Tourism Solutions, Lori served as a chief consultant. She collaborated with clients such as ILNY and various tour companies/ DMOs across locations, including Kenya, Amsterdam, Texas, upstate New York, and the Fiji Islands Consulate. She has reopened her firm and now works with a global luxury ground transportation company and a new startup- an animal rescue organization.

Since relocating to Sullivan County in 2018, Lori embraced her role as Vice President of Travel Trade for the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (2018-2025), where she collaborated with numerous local, regional, statewide, and national partners on projects like Dove Trail and Catskill Cuisine 2023 & 2024. Her efforts were vital in promoting Sullivan County to tour operators and meeting planners, while she also contributed significantly to various programs she initiated through her grant writing.



In 2019, she and her husband opened Casa Di Longobardi, a restaurant that has evolved into Casa Di Longobardi Café, specializing in Italian imports and catering, with plans to reopen in late May to early June 2025.

Lori's Board experience includes her role as Vice Chair of Canal New York, a Chamber of Commerce for Canal businesses along the New York State Canal System and held positions on the Schuylerville Chamber Board, Secretary for Skat International, Albany, and the Sullivan Catskills Director of Sales representative for the New York State Destination Marketing Organizations.

Lori holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, SUNY Albany, and a Master's in Destination Management from George Washington University's Business School, DC.

On a personal note, Lori finds joy in being a mother to her three amazing children, Lauren, Leah, and Liam, a step-mother to Salvatore and Genaro, and a "bonus" nonna to baby Salvatore. She shares a quaint farm in Parksville with her husband, Castrese, their horse Cowboy, their dog Lucia, and two goats, Giuseppe and Josephin

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### *After A Dozen Years Overlook Mountain Center Finally Takes Possession of Land Containing Petroforms and Serpent Walls*

May 30, 2025, Woodstock, NY - Since its founding in 2012, the Overlook Mountain Center (OMC) has had three main goals for a 37 acre property on Overlook Mountain: to research the 'mysterious' stone piles and rock walls found on the site; to educate the public about its findings and share with them this remarkable property; and to protect the property for posterity so it can be studied and enjoyed by the population in the future.

The small nonprofit has made good on its goals, regularly conducting public tours of the property and facilitating scientific research that in 2020 dated two of the stone mounds (or petroforms) to 1540 and 1650 CE (+/-50 years), making them among the oldest documented man-made structures in Ulster County, NY.

Now it's made good on its third and most ambitious goal: taking ownership of the property from Guardian Antiquities Research, Inc. (GAR), a limited liability corporation the Villchur Foundation established on behalf of OMC to protect the property in perpetuity. Over the past two years, Villchur and OMC have been working toward the land transfer by having the land surveyed and appraised.

GAR purchased the property in May, 2014 from Lewis Hollow Corporation which was established in the 1970s by three local families to protect the property. In late December, 2024, GAR transferred the property to OMC and the new deed was recorded in the Ulster County Clerk's office. Additionally, OMC applied to the Woodstock, NY tax assessor's office and in April, 2025, obtained a tax exemption for the property. OMC was represented by pro-bono legal counsel through the nonprofit New York Lawyers for Public Interest (nylpi.org). In the coming months, OMC will amend and re-file the deed to protect it in perpetuity.

OMC is also working with the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to have the site listed in the state's Cultural Resource Inventory System (CRIS) database. An announcement is forthcoming.

"We were thrilled and honored to have helped OMC protect this important and beautiful property for these past years," said Robyn Pollins, Director, Villchur Foundation, a Woodstock-based nonprofit. "It's finally in the right hands and we'll eagerly support OMC to continue to research the stone formations and share this spell-binding property with the public."

"This is a great day for the land, and for the public," said OMC chairperson and co-founder Glenn Kreisberg. "We will be able to permanently protect the land in order for many generations to enjoy and study it in the future."

#### **Research Solves Mystery**

In 2020, OMC received a grant for Dr. James K.

Feathers, Research Associate Director, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, to conduct research using optical stimulated luminescence (OSL) to date two mounds on Overlook Mountain in Woodstock, NY. Results revealed a suggested construction dates of 1390 and 1550 CE (+/- 50 years) based on sediment analysis, likely making them among the oldest documented man-made structures in Ulster County, NY. These results are based on samples collected in the fall of 2020.

"Although the age corresponds to the time of earliest European contact, it predates European settlement and was likely constructed by Indigenous Communities who lived in the area prior to contact with Europeans," said Dr. Feathers whose research was published in *Quaternary Geochronology* 73 (2022).

Dr. Feathers, along with colleague Dr. Marine Frouin, Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences, Stony Brook University, took samples from two man-made stone structures on the south slope of Overlook Mountain. OSL is used when scientists and researchers want to minimally disturb the structures they are studying. It can work on a variety of materials - ceramics, lithics, quartz or feldspar sediments - and determines when sunlight was last shown on minerals in stones and sediments. Prior to the OSL dating, everything about the mounds' age - they were made by the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s or by hippies in the 1960s - was conjecture. In fact, one local archeologist dismissed the mounds entirely, considering them nothing more than the work of Irish quarrymen expressing their Celtic heritage. The OSL research proves otherwise.

Overlook Mountain Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 2013, promotes awareness and understanding of the relationship between Overlook Mountain and the human populations that have encountered it throughout time. OMC creates programs and conducts research to educate, experience and celebrate all aspects of Overlook Mountain and its ecosystems. More info: [www.overlookmountain.org](http://www.overlookmountain.org).

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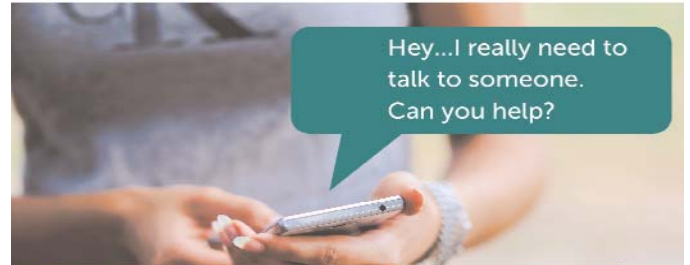
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# Ulster County Breaks Ground for New Resilient Emergency Communications Center in New Paltz

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, alongside elected officials, emergency personnel, and community leaders, celebrated the groundbreaking of the Ulster County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) today, a state-of-the-art facility to strengthen coordinated emergency response capabilities and improve the climate resilience of the County's emergency management system.

The 16,350-square-foot Emergency Communications Center, located on Paradies Lane in New Paltz, will house the Department of Emergency Services, including the Emergency-911 Center, which operates 24/7, an Emergency Operations Center to provide a rapid, coordinated response to natural disasters and larger emergencies, and the Divisions of Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services. The new ECC will also include a dedicated quiet room for dispatchers to decompress after handling stressful or traumatic calls.

Earlier this year, Ulster County was awarded a \$2 million NYSERDA grant to support the facility's energy-conscious design, including super-insulated walls, geothermal heating and cooling, and rooftop solar with battery backup. A substantial portion of the property will also be dedicated to a ground-mounted solar array to power 100% of this facility and as well as other County buildings.

"The new Emergency Communications Center is an essential investment in resilient emergency management infrastructure that will greatly enhance our ability to coordinate emergency response and disaster relief. The ECC will replace older facilities that are outdated, undersized, and vulnerable to severe weather and power outages, and will greatly strengthen our capacity to respond under any conditions," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to recognize the Legislature for its support of this important project and thank my team who have invested so much of their time, energy, and expertise in careful planning for this project over the last several years, including Emergency Services Director Everett Erichsen, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, and Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano. We're also grateful to NYSERDA for \$2 million in grant funding to make this facility a model in clean energy, as well as to Assembly Member Sarahana Shrestha for a \$40,000 capital grant through her office."

"Delivering for our first responders and keeping Hudson Valley families safe is one of my top priorities. That's why, going back to my time as County Executive and continuing in Congress, I've pushed relentlessly to build a new, state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center. I am incredibly proud and excited to see this crucial public safety initiative moving forward," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I'll continue to use every tool at my disposal to get this project the federal support it needs, including the over \$1M House Republicans removed from the last government funding bill. We cannot afford to let public safety get bogged down in politics - when we invest in our first responders, our entire community is safer."

"Breaking ground on this facility marks a major operational leap forward for public safety in Ulster County," said Everett Erichsen, Director of Ulster County Emergency Services. "Every day, our emergency services professionals work together to answer life-critical calls, coordinate complex incidents, and prepare for evolving threats, often simultaneously and under pressure. This facility brings those functions together under one roof for the first time, streamlining coordination, strengthening communication, and supporting faster, more effective response."

"This is definitely an exciting day in Ulster County," said Gina Hansut, Ulster County Legislator and Law Enforcement and Public

Safety Committee Chair. "After doing our due diligence, as we first introduced the resolution to initiate this project in November of 2022, much work has been done to get us here today. We have been steadfast that the Paradies Lane location will serve us well. Public safety, in my opinion, is the government's number one priority, and today as we officially launch the ECC, we thank all who have already put so much into this. Ulster County is committed to public safety, and this will only make us stronger."

"Projects like the new Emergency Communications Center, built under a cost-saving project labor agreement, support local contractors while providing workers with stable, well-paying jobs and valuable benefits, helping to strengthen the local economy and improve lives," said Michael Ham, Representative for Operating Engineers Local 825 and Chair of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency. "We thank County Executive Metzger and the Ulster County Legislature for partnering with Hudson Valley Building Trade Unions."

The ECC is being developed by a project team, led by Urbahn Architects as the lead architect, The Palombo Group as construction manager, and Alfandre Architecture as consulting architect. Additional engineering and design partners include GPI, overseeing structural, civil, and MEP engineering, and Cerami Associates, responsible for telecommunications, IT, security, audiovisual, and data systems design. The construction team consists of Andron Construction as general contractor, Perreca Electric for electrical work, The YMI Group handling mechanical and plumbing, and Merritt Construction managing site work. The New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC), a consulting firm, is also contributing to the project. A Project Labor Agreement is in place with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council and the associated local unions.

"Ulster County's leadership directed the designers to focus on resiliency, redundancy, efficiency, and longevity of the new facility," said Urbahn Architects Associate Principal Christopher Young. "The facility will be constructed on a five-inch slab-on-grade concrete foundation and have a gray standing-seam metal roofing system. The perimeter walls will feature an insulated concrete form system of interlocking blocks of insulation that create the formwork for a concrete core. This system will provide continuous insulation for the entire building without thermal leaks, as well as good sound insulation. Additionally, Urbahn designed the building to be in line with Ulster County Executive Order 01-2023, so the facility will meet New York State's NYStretch Energy Code 2020 standards for energy efficiency in public buildings."

Site work will include constructing access roads and an asphalt parking surface with 71 spaces, as well as landscaping of trees, bushes and grasses.

## BACKGROUND

The County purchased the 57.3-acre property in May 2024 for \$2.8 million - \$200,000 less than the 2022 agreed price between the property owner and the County. County Executive Metzger negotiated the price reduction to more fully account for environmental remediation costs, as the site is in the NYS Brownfield Program, and site remediation will be consistent with what is required by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The 2024 Executive Budget created an \$18 million capital reserve for the Emergency Communications Center. By dedicating these funds from the County's excess fund balance in a reserve, taxpayers will save more than \$1 million annually in borrowing costs.

The New Paltz location provides access to reliable, uninterrupted power and redundant fiber optic infrastructure, and is also ideally located to provide quick access to major thoroughfares: the New York State Thruway, and Routes 32 and 9W.

Currently, the County's Emergency-911 call center answers more than 130,000 emergency and non-emergency calls per year.

# Governor Hochul's Op-Ed in Empire Report: Washington Republicans are Trying to Take Your Health Care

Empire Report published an op-ed by Governor Kathy Hochul denouncing the disastrous impacts of the GOP's Big Ugly Bill. Text of the op-ed can be viewed online and is available below:

In just a few weeks, we will be observing the 60th anniversary of the signing of Medicaid by President Lyndon B. Johnson. When President Johnson signed this transformational policy into law, he told us all that there is a tradition we share. A tradition that calls upon us to never be indifferent to despair, to never turn away from helplessness, and to never ignore or spurn those who suffer in a land bursting with abundance.

Well this past week, Washington Republicans turned their back on that longstanding, righteous tradition when they passed a budget that takes a sledgehammer to our health care system.

Let's be crystal clear about what Washington Republicans are doing in their budget: they are gutting Medicaid. Not trimming or tweaking it. Certainly not improving it. No, their budget would slash nearly \$700 billion from Medicaid over the next decade.

In short, they are aiming a wrecking ball directly at working families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Here in New York, we stand to lose \$13.5 billion for Medicaid each year. That's not some hypothetical number on a spreadsheet. That's 1.5 MILLION of our neighbors who will lose their health insurance entirely. That's hospitals across this state - from Long Island to North Country - who will see their budgets slashed, staff cut, and care delayed.

And New York's seven GOP representatives happily voted for all this devastation, just so they could fund tax cuts for billionaires. That's their idea of putting America First. Well I think it's just Robin Hood in reverse.

It couldn't be more at odds with what I am fighting for here in New York. Because while Washington Republicans are trying to take health care away, I've worked hard to expand it.

From raising the eligibility threshold for the Essential Plan and giving more than 1.5 million New Yorkers access to high-quality, affordable coverage; to investing millions in health insurance subsidies; strengthening hospital financial assistance; and protecting hard working families from medical debt, I'm fighting every day to increase access to high-quality, affordable health care. And I'm proud to say that as a result, New York has the lowest uninsured rate of any large state.

But all that progress - and more - is now under threat.

I'd like to ask every single New York Republican who just sold out their constituents, how do you justify your vote to the people who elected you to represent them?

And to the Republicans who are hiding behind the thin excuse of work requirements, I say: red tape masquerading as 'work requirements' isn't about helping people find jobs. It's about kicking them off their health insurance. The facts are clear: most people on Medicaid are already working, in school, or too sick to hold a job. And the people who get caught in that red tape - the ones who lose coverage - are often those least able to navigate it. It's not that they stop needing care. They just show up later and sicker, at a higher cost to our system, putting a greater strain on our hospitals. This isn't smart policy. It isn't saving us any money. It's just plain cruel.

Medicaid is a lifeline for one out of every three New Yorkers, including 50% of every child in this state. But the reality is, even if you

don't rely on Medicaid, these cuts affect you. Because when millions lose coverage, hospitals and other vital healthcare providers lose funding. And that strains the entire system.

These cuts could mean that your local hospital or health center shuts down. They could look like you being forced to drive farther just to find a doctor. Or that you have to wait twice as long at the ER.

The bottom line is these cuts won't just hurt the most vulnerable - they'll make health care harder to get and more expensive for everyone.

Well I've never abandoned New Yorkers, and I certainly won't now.

So to New York's seven congressional representatives - and every Republican down in Washington - let me say this as clearly as I can: health care is not negotiable in the Empire State.

And to every New Yorker reading this: Pick up the phone. Call your representative. Tell them this is your red line. Tell them that we will not let them dismantle the safety net that millions of our neighbors rely on. Because here in New York, we fight for our kids. We care for our elderly. We show up for our neighbors. If Washington's forgotten that, then it's time we remind them.

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 6 - 7 pm


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

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

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

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 Thursday, July 17, 2025  
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There will be a free book for every child who attends. For your comfort, please bring chairs or blankets. We look forward to seeing you at the fairgrounds!

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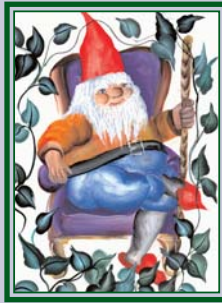
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Greta Garbo's superb performance as Sweden's Queen Christina. Garbo is considered one of the most beautiful women in the world.

*Queen Christina* is a pre-Code Hollywood biographical film, produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in 1933 by Walter Wanger and directed by **Rouben Mamoulian**. It stars Swedish-born actress **Greta Garbo** and **John Gilbert** in their fourth and last film together.

The film portrays the life of **Queen Christina of Sweden**, who became

monarch at the age of six in 1632 and grew to be a powerful and influential leader. She met many demands as a war-leader during the Thirty Years' War.

Queen Christina is expected to marry a suitable royal figure and produce an heir. However, she falls in love with a visiting Spanish envoy whom she is forbidden to marry as he is a Roman Catholic. She must choose between love and her royal duty.

The film was a major commercial and critical success in the United States and worldwide. . (Contd. Pg. 27)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: The Nazis

**This weeks' Trivia question:** Who plays a gritty old guy who takes off when his family tries to stick him in a retirement home in *Katari*