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Countdown to the Annual Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk On Saturday, May 3, 2025

Meet in the **Grahamsville
First Aid Squad Building.**

Doors open at 8am.

Registration for the Walk is
at 8:30am

Group Photo outside the First Aid
Squad Building at 8:50am.

Breakfast Foods and Beverages
available before, during and after
the Walk compliments of the
Neversink General Store.

Walk starts at 9:00am around the
Grahamsville Fairgrounds and
is a variable length –walk based
on Walkers ability.

**Complimentary Blood Pressure
Checks** available to all thanks to
the **Grahamsville First
Aid Squad crew.**

The **Grahamsville Volunteer Fire
Department** will join in the
Walk again this year for the
Sullivan 180 competition.

We have also invited the
Neversink Fire Department to
join us this year.

Event will be held **Rain or Shine.**

For additional information
or to sign up for

The Journey For Sight Walk,
contact Lion Esta Jacob at
845-866-1579 or
ejacob4848@gmail.com

Tri-Valley



Lions Club

Chartered November, 18, 1977

Our annual Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day are just a few days away and will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, rain or shine. We will meet at The Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building at 8am with registration at 8:30am. We encourage our community to come out and participate in Saturday's Walk. If you haven't already registered, you can do so at 8:30am in the First Aid



2024 Tri-Vally Lions Journey for Sight

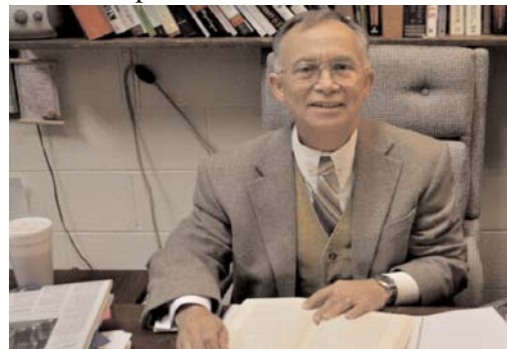
Squad Building. Continental breakfast compliments of the Neversink General Store will be available before, during and after the Walk. First Aid Squad personnel will be onsite and provide blood pressure screenings to Walkers, Volunteers, and anyone in attendance at this event. Personnel from the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department will join us for this Walk again this year. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus Tom Lambert

Please join us on Friday, May 2 at 1 p.m. on campus as we remember Professor Emeritus Tom Lambert, who dedicated many years to educating and inspiring his students during his distinguished career as a Professor of Sociology at SUNY Sullivan.

His passion for teaching and his deep commitment to his students left an indelible mark on those who had the privilege of learning from him, as well as those who worked beside him.

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On the Front Burner: God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.
Psalm 82:1

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

May 11, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Van Wagner of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen to Mr. Allen Atkins, son of Mrs. Irene Atkins and the late Elmer Atkins of Liberty. No date has been set for the wedding.

Our steaks and chips
are always tips,
our luncheon meat is dandy,
For the best of meat that you can eat,
Krum's store is always handy.
KUM TO KRUM'S

The Methodist Church in Grahamsville was the setting for the wedding of Miss Jane Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irwin of Napanoch and Mr. George Gorton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gorton of Woodbourne. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Gorton will make their home in Woodbourne where Mr. Gorton operates a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlsen of Ellenville are the proud parents of a son, born May 9th at the Veterans' Hospital in Ellenville. Scott Christian is his name and he weighed 8 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Thorvals Carlsen of South Hill are the paternal grandparents.

Dennis Gene Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Muthig, was christened in the Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Sunday Morning. Dennis's grandfather, Mr. Floyd Murray came from Grand Gorge for the christening. Also present was Mr. Andrew George, the baby's great-grandfather.

April 28, 1965

On Monday morning, two sixth grade classes and a special class occupied the recently completed room at Tri-Valley Central School. Students and teachers were impressed with the modern and spacious classrooms which were constructed by

Gross-Garigliano, Inc., Liberty, N.Y.

According to the announcement by Gerald T. McDonald, Guidance Director at Tri-Valley, the following students have received acceptance at Hunter College: Rosalyn Kalishock, Diane Kinne and Linda Ruderman. Rosalyn and Diane plan to major in English. Linda will major in Social Sciences. This brings the total acceptances at colleges for 1965 to thirty-two.

May 14, 1975

Mrs. May Lappin Ackerley, 96, of Holden, Mass., died May 8, 1975. She was a former resident of Grahamsville. Her husband, Burr J. Ackerley, died in 1952. Mrs. Ackerley is survived by a son, Raymond J. of Brooklyn, N.Y. and two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude A. Joerger of Pinellas Park, Florida and Mrs. Evelyn A. Gage of Holden, Mass.

College acceptances: William Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, has been accepted in the engineering division at Clarkson College of Technology; Andrew Kremer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kremer, has been accepted at George Washington University where he also won a scholarship.

May 9, 1985

Greg Smith, son of Don and Jane Smith of Claryville, has just received notice of appointment for the position of U. S. Senate Page from Howard O. Greene, Jr., Secretary for the Majority, United States Senate, Washington D.C. Greg's sister, Penny, was Senate Page last summer and has been offered an internship with Sen. John East of North Carolina for the summer of 1986.

We have received word that Richard Slater, son of Morris Slater, formerly of Claryville, now of Tennessee, passed away suddenly on April 26, 1985 in Gainesville, Florida. He was employed by DuPont Chemical and was being transferred to the Gainesville area.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published May 11, 1995

It is all depending on where you are at just the right time that has a lot to do with what you see... and that's how it came about that afternoon so many years ago. I can't remember the exact year, but I know it was close to 1914. That day my friend Erelene and I were down in Koons Bros.' cow pasture picking and eating black cherries from the tree which grew on the bank overlooking the road, when we spied the convoy coming from the direction of Livingston Manor - team after team of mules, each team drawing a huge piece of machinery. We stood spell-bound and just watched until the last one went on up the road and disappeared from sight. And then we hurried up to the post office to tell my Dad what we had seen.

He looked at us, smiling, and said we must have witnessed a mirage, but then went on telling us Reese Sheriff Lumber Company from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, had recently bought a large tract of timber land just above Orchard Lake, and they were moving in along with their supplies that day to set up a sawmill, which they did. Issac Southard was the company's representative who became director of operations at the mill. He along with his wife and daughter joined our little church in Grooville. Mr. Southard and his daughter organized a church choir. She sang like a bird and played our church organ beautifully, and he had the nicest tenor voice I think I ever had the pleasure of listening to. As for me, I had the opportunity of singing with the choir.

Household Hint:

Sugar Scrub

Now that we can go out in our gardens and get our hands extra dirty here is a hint to to get them clean again. Add a teaspoon of sugar to the lather when you wash them. They'll clean up easily.

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

Bloodroot: A beautiful Spring Flower with Many Names

Bloodroot, a native plant that blooms in early spring is so much more than meets the eye. Before blooming, it looks like a simple, leafy plant. But when spring comes, before the leaves are on the trees, bloodroot erupts with pollen-rich white flowers.



Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria Canadensis*), a perennial herbaceous flowering plant is native to eastern North America. It is a member of the poppy family. The delicate, white flowers open and set seed in early spring. The large, scalloped leaves remain throughout the summer. The common name refers to the acrid red sap found throughout the plant.

Bloodroot is also known as Bloodwort, Coon Root, Indian Plant, Indian Red Paint, Pauson, Red Puccoon, Red Root, Sang-Dragon, Sang de Dragon, Sanguinaire, Sanguinaria, *Sanguinaria canadensis*, Snakebite, Sweet Slumber, and quite a few other names, too.

Bloodroot grows from approximately 7 inches up to 20 inches tall. It has one large basal leaf that measures about 4 1/2 inches across, with five to nine lobes. The leaves and flowers sprout from a reddish rhizome that grows at or slightly below the soil surface. The rhizomes grow longer each year, and branch to form colonies. After blooming the leaves expand to their full size and become dormant in mid to late summer.

The flowers bloom from March to May depending on the region and weather. They have 8-12 delicate white petals, yellow stamens, and two sepals below the petals, which fall off after the flowers open. The flower stems are clasped by the leaves. The flowers produce pollen, but no nectar. Various bees and flies visit the flowers looking for nectar. Some types of flies and bees visit the flowers to collect pollen. Bees are the most effective pollinators.

The bloodroot has an interesting way of reproducing. After the plant is pollinated, seed pods will develop under the leaves and then split open and scatter seeds containing a food.

Bloodroot is one of many plants whose seeds are spread by ants by way of a process called myrmecochory. The seeds have a fleshy organ called an elaiosome that attracts ants. The ants take the seeds to their nest, where they eat the elaiosomes, and put the seeds in their nest debris, where they are protected until they germinate. The plants benefit from growing in soil made richer by the ant nest debris.

Bloodroot plants are found growing in moist to dry woods and thickets, often on flood plains and near shores or streams on slopes.

A break in the surface of the plant, especially the roots, reveals the reddish sap.

This sap was a popular red natural dye used by the Native Americans, especially when making baskets, arrowshafts, and clothing.

Perhaps it is better to admire the pretty little Bloodroot right where it is growing rather than in a little vase on your coffee table as the alkaloid-laden red latex sap is poisonous and can cause skin irritation. If you happen to spot a flowering bloodroot in the wild, make sure to take a moment to admire its beauty and its versatility!

Tri-Valley Lions Club

(From Pg. 1) For the last 48 years, with funds The Tri-Valley Lions raised by selling soda from our Soda Booth for several Grahamsville Fairground events, our chocolate Easter rabbit sales campaign, donations & pledges raised for our annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day, we have been able to:

- donate to multiple Hearing & Sight Organizations
- donate to several local church food pantries
- perform eye screenings for young children at local schools
- assist local families in need due to illness, death in family, fire, flooding
- send children to Lion Camp Badger
- donate to multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, hospice, leukemia and lymphoma, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and so many more
- donate to Christian Children's Fund
- donate to the Tri-Valley Little League
- sponsor Rabies Clinics & vaccinate thousands of local cats & dogs
- present service & achievement awards to many local students
- donate to Daniel Pierce Library
- donate to the Heart-A-Thon to assist our local hospital purchase a video magnifying system



If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please stop by the First Aid Squad Building on Saturday, or contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com



Journey for Sight 2023

For more information on Saturday's Journey for Sight Walk, please email Lion Director Esta Jacob at ejacob4848@gmail.com or call my cell phone at 845-866-1579. Hope to see you on Saturday. Stay well and safe.

If you need a **Journey for Sight Pledge Form**, go to Page 27 b

P.S. The next Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pavilion. Pets must be leashed or crated. Please bring previous rabies certificate if you have one.



Journey for Sight 2015

Memorial Service for Professor Emeritus Tom Lambert

(From Pg. 1)



The Thomas J. Lambert Memorial Fund

Honoring a Legacy of Education, Inspiration & Service

Remember and celebrate the profound impact of Professor Emeritus Thomas J. Lambert, a cherished educator who inspired countless lives.

To honor his legacy, we have established The Thomas J. Lambert Memorial Fund to Support Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Health Sciences. This fund will advance academic initiatives reflecting Professor Lambert's dedication to learning, equity, and interdisciplinary education.

Your contribution will empower SUNY Sullivan to continue his vital work of fostering student growth, achievement, and meaningful contributions to the world.

To make a donation in Professor Lambert's memory, click here, <https://sunysullivan.edu/foundation/donate/> email foundation@sunysullivan.edu, or call (845) 434-5750 x3188.

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SUNY Sullivan's CPL follows national best practices. CPL looks at a wide range of experiences, even including standardized examinations like CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) and college-designed challenge exams. Community service, military education and training, and other life experiences that align with academic course objectives could be eligible for credit. Additionally, credits may be awarded for industry-recognized certifications, and completed training programs. Trained staff and faculty will walk students through the process.

Anthony Dos Santos enrolled at SUNY Sullivan to earn his AAS in Emergency Management after more than

20 years in county law enforcement. He used Credit for Prior Learning to earn credits through work experience. "The ability to apply for Life Credit played a significant role in helping me complete my degree program," Officer Dos Santos said. "To be able to use prior 'work' education and experiences greatly reduced my course load and ultimately expedited my degree."

Students enrolled in the CPL program can earn up to 75% of the credits required for their degree, certificate, or micro-credential through this flexible option. Every student's prior learning is assessed individually to ensure that their unique experiences are recognized.

"Over the years, students gain valuable knowledge and experience," said Jaime Schmeiser, Director of Workforce Development at SUNY Sullivan. "With CPL, students can turn that experience into college credit. It's a faster, more cost-effective path to earning your degree. Not only will it boost your confidence, but it'll also bring you closer to your goals-and maybe even that dream job-sooner than you imagined."

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Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 130

Cheater's Game**Mysterious Book Report No. 404**

Published April 30, 2020

by John Dwaine McKenna



A series of fortunate events brought our attention this week, to an awesome crime fiction novelist and master of the thriller genre. His work is inspired, captivating and totally entertaining as he weaves a complex plot together in such an electrifying manner that the reader just can't put the book down. If you're craving an intricate, well-plotted suspense novel full of twists and turns that makes you think, South African author Deon Myer has everything you're looking for. His newest, *The Last Hunt*, (Grove Atlantic, \$27.00, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-5692-1) is his thirteenth, and most powerful novel to date, because it deals with political corruption at the national level and the

kleptocracy which accompanies it.

The story begins when a cold case file is given to Captain Benny Griessel and his partner, Captain Vaughan Cupido of the Serious and Violent Crimes Unit of the South African Police Force. It's an elite group of criminologists, known simply as 'The Hawks.' When Cupido asks, "Why are we being tasked with something like this?" The answer is succinct: "Because we are the best . . ." The Hawks are also the least corrupted, or 'captured' as the ones on the take are called. That's important. Because the cold case murder of a private detective named Johnson Johnson on The Rovos the world's most luxurious train, as it journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria is just the beginning of what turns out to be a deep dive into murder, political intrigue and the awakening of an entire nation to the notion that the ideals which sparked a revolution and set them free from apartheid has been hijacked and sold out for greed.

At the same time that Griessel, Vaughan and the Hawks are trying to sort out the Johnson Johnson murder, a fifty-five year old South African man named Daniel Darret is living quietly in Bordeaux, France. He's working as a humble tradesman, apprenticing to a master antique restorer, trying to leave the revolutionary life he once led behind, and live out his days in quiet peace. Then, out of the blue, a comrade from Daniel's old life reappears and begs him to do one last job, using his special skill set to strike back at a corrupt regime.

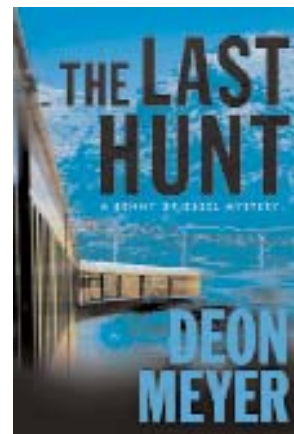
Daniel Darret's decision and his actions will then collide with Benny Griessel and Vaughan Cupido's murder investigation and leads to a stunning, electrifying and shattering conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for their next breath!

Deon Myer's works have been translated into twenty-seven languages, several TV and movie dramas, and a truckload of literary awards. He's an author other writers envy and wish they could be like when they grow up . . . an added bonus, our interview with him is attached. We hope you enjoy it!

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are now available at the
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Re-Use



“One man's trash is another man's treasure.” I do not know who the wise man, or woman, was that said that, but it rings true now.

In times of inflation or

just plain common sense, the plan to buy used, or to repair, and to repurpose the old spurs me to go on a fight against planned obsolescence and our “throw-away” abundance.

Thrift shops are a treasure trove of gently used or unloved items. At a fraction of the cost, one can look like a fashion plate by spotting upscale labels and new items that were rejected because someone deemed them the wrong color, a size too big or too small, a tad uncomfortable, or just un-flattering.

Our library and many other sites offer Repair Cafes. Many items can be fixed with a wrench, a screwdriver, or a replacement battery. Duct tape, WD-40, and tacky glue are essentials in my home.

Yard sales and on-line market places offer free and inexpensive household items. Someone's excess might just be what you need right now. Also shop “side of the road” giveaways that people put curbside, or in our case, roadside. My father used to cruise the neighborhood on garbage day and bring us treasures. It inspired him to get his Antique Dealer's license. Many of my crystal, silver, and china heirlooms came from someone's discard.

Buy misfits. A refrigerator with a dent or scratch that will not show against a wall might save you hundreds.

Pass on that book you enjoyed. Double a recipe and share it.

Buy bulk as long as you can use it all. Freeze small portions or cook three recipes from a whole chicken or the bulk package of ground beef.

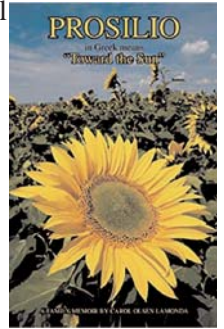
One of my favorite ways to buy used is to visit the Town of Olive, and many other, transfer stations, commonly know as the dump, where there is a “give-away” section. I scored a brand new Shark Vacuum that had a stuck power button. A little WD-40 and a hammer fixed that! Two of my friends have dubbed the donation pile “the Olive Home Redecorating Center” and “the Bushkill Boutique.”

Lastly, repurpose. I have a silver-plate pitcher that just collected dust until it became the toilet brush holder. An odd creamer that lost its mate, the sugar bowl, became the perfect size for spring flowers like violets and lily of the valley.

My grandmother's voice echoes with, “Make Do.” “Use it all up.” “Fix it.” “Find a new use.” “Share.” “Waste not; want not.”

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



Spring into the library for fun activities and great reads!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE—It's sure been a busy week at the DPL, and as the weather gets nicer, more programs and opportunities seem to be sprouting up.

Our 8-week Spring Children's Programs started off fantastically this week. While many are returning families, we've had a few new faces join and couldn't be happier. Children are enjoying the programs, crafts and are checking out many books! We look forward to watching the classes develop their rhythm throughout the next few weeks, with little friendships blossoming amongst the children and guardians alike.

The first Spring Color Our World with LEGO program went well. Our next one is on Wednesday, April 30 for Tri-Valley residents in grades 2-3. This will be followed by the Tri-Valley UPK-Grade 1 group on Wednesday, May 7th and the Toddlers (ages 3 and 4) group on Wednesday, May 14th. Registration is required and there are still a few spots available. For more information and to register, please visit our website.

We are getting ready for our summer book tent here at the DPL and are accepting donations of good quality books, DVD's, music CD's and audiobooks. Books can be paperback, softcover or hardcover but need to be in good condition and clean. We accept children's, YA (young adult) and adult materials, but do not accept damaged, dirty or old books, textbooks, encyclopedias, reference sets or condensed books, magazines/newspapers or VHS and cassette tapes. If you are interested in donating, please call the library at 845-985-7233 X 104 and speak with Michelle, who will set up a time to do so. Please—under no circumstances—just leave donations outside of the library or under the tent! We go through a thorough procedure vetting the donations and processing them appropriately. When people choose to just put their donations under the book tent, it throws off the whole process and becomes very costly.

Our famous "Boujee" Bingo library fundraiser is sold out! Thank you to all who purchased tickets to this year's event. There are a lot of amazing bingo prizes as well as raffle baskets to win. In fact, there are so many raffle baskets to potentially win, that we've decided to open the doors at 6PM instead of 6:30PM to give bingo gamers more time to peruse the baskets and purchase raffle tickets before gaming starts at 7PM. It's going to be a fun, fabulous night!

On Thursday, May 15 we will be hosting a community blood drive from 2PM to 6PM in our community room. Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblodd.org to make your appointment. While walk-ins are welcome, appointments are preferred. The Red Cross recommends eating well and hydrating before your appointment and a reminder to bring your ID.

We are offering an exciting new event on Thursday, May 29: Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating! Join us for this special spring-themed event from 6:00-7:30PM, hosted by Heather DeGori from Cuppie Cake Desserts. Since this program is designed for an adult and their someone special (ages 6 and up), every pair will receive one kit. Each kit will consist of one cookie for each person to individually decorate and one to decorate together. All of the other necessary supplies will be included and refreshments will be offered. Cost of attendance is \$20 per kit and space is limited (Tri-Valley residents) so please register as soon as possible to ensure a spot.



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

Okay—now on to my book pick of the week. I read a lot (lots of different genres and types) but also a decent amount of YA. That's young adult for anyone unfamiliar. Typically, books fall into the YA category if their main characters are teenagers and the plot is appropriate for readers 12-18 years old. Anyways, this week I have fallen head-over-heels in love with a new to me YA series. It's called *The Rule of Three* by Eric Walters. The first book, *The Rule of Three*, was published in 2014 and there are a total of four in the series. It's the best kind of "post-apocalyptic" story as it's full of angst, worry, trepidation...but also with a full cast of hopeful characters who are trying to survive. I don't like to be a plot spoiler, but I do want to say that this book makes you think. So in the story, anything that runs on a modern computer—cars, planes, cell phones, cash registers, etc. stops working abruptly. No one knows why or for how long but after a few days things start to go awry...and the plot takes off.

And while I'm reading this book, I'm talking to my family about what we would do in that situation. Would we have enough food in our pantry to make it? How would we communicate with our family who lives further away? If we were separated when everything stopped working, would we all know to move independently towards home? And all of that doesn't take into account what the characters in *The Rule of Three* are now facing as I've read more of the book—they're trying to protect their neighborhood from others trying to take their resources. What moral lines will be crossed when their situation lasts longer than three weeks, longer than three months? And would that be something to consider if it were to really happen. While of course, this story is fictional, it's just so plausible that it really makes you think. It's a great read so far and I hope others will check it out.



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Heartbeat Music Hall in Grahamsville Reopens for Summer

On Wednesday April 23, 2025, starting at 7 p.m. sharp, David and Teresa Trestyn's Heartbeat Music Hall re-opened for the summer of 2025. This is its 7th year.

The huge, iconic folk hall was packed with every seat, table and couch taken. Across the street, the Town of Neversink parking lot was full.

The hostess and Master of Ceremonies was Debbie Fisher, who introduced up 10 musical acts of every conceivable variety.

Then came the free for all jam session with guitars, drums, bongos, bass (and harmonist Jay Wallace), saxo-



phone, keyboardist and Debbie Fisher soloist. The floor in front of the stage was for spontaneous dancing.

It was after 10 p.m., when things started to slow down a bit.

At 6 p.m., Grahamsville rolls up the sidewalks-except every Wednesday at 7 p.m., when the startled deer and woodchucks head for the hills, as the music starts.

Admission is by donation. BYOB (Bring your own booze), and also bring cookies and donuts.



Dave Trestyn always ends the "Wednesday's Open Mike" at the Heartbeat Music Hall with his Pick-Up Band.

Forestburgh Playhouse Kicks Off 79th Season with Blockbuster Pride Weekend: Drag Me to the Catskills Returns June 13-15

FORESTBURGH, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse is proud to launch its 79th Season with a dazzling celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride and performance excellence during a spectacular weekend of drag entertainment, June 13-15, 2025. In partnership with the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, Drag Me to the Catskills returns for its second year of fabulous fun, bigger and better than ever.

The weekend kicks off Friday, June 13, at the Tavern at the Forestburgh Playhouse with Comedy Queens of the Catskills, hosted by RuPaul's Drag Race star Mrs. Kasha Davis. Audiences can expect an unforgettable evening filled with fierce performances and non-stop laughter.

On Saturday, June 14, the legendary drag icon Lady Bunny takes center stage for the first-ever Wigstock in the Catskills, a show-stopping mainstage event paying tribute to the glamour, music, and history of drag performance.

The festivities continue Sunday, June 15, with the return of Drag Me to Brunch at the Tavern. Guests will enjoy a delicious brunch menu, refreshing cocktails, and a vibrant drag show to round out the celebratory weekend.

All events offer VIP experiences and are expected to sell out quickly. Tickets are available now at www.fbplayhouse.org or by calling the Forestburgh Playhouse Box Office at 845-794-1194.

Join us in Forestburgh to celebrate Pride Month and the opening of our 2025 season with this extraordinary weekend of love, laughter, and live performance.

About the Forestburgh Playhouse

Founded in 1947, the Forestburgh Playhouse has served as a beacon of the arts in the Sullivan Catskills for over 75 years. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, the Playhouse continues to deliver high-quality theatre productions and foster the development of new works. With a mission that encompasses professional theatre, arts education, and youth programming, the Playhouse attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and is a proud pioneer in the resurgence of live performances.

Carburetor: A Ghost Sonata

by Jessica López-Barkl
and directed by Nick López

Performances at FarmArts Collective

MAY 9 and 10 at 7 PM

Pay What You Can (\$20 Suggested) at the Door



Jessica López-Barkl

Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective will present the performance, Carburetor: A Ghost Sonata on May 9 and 10, at the new Agri-Cultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm. Farm Arts Collective welcomes long-time friend and collaborator, Jessica López-Barkl who brings a deeply personal new work entitled Carburetor: A Ghost Sonata. Written by López-Barkl and directed by her husband, Nick López, this original ensemble theatre performance explores how a neurodiverse person experiences grief, how they see the world, and experience love. Exploring the connection between 3 generations of neurodiverse people, the company (many neuro-diverse themselves) has created an award-winning production that was recently seen at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in early 2025.

Barkl has written a dream-like musical play that is an allegory of the neurodiverse person, and the sonata musical form has inspired the structure of the play. Her sensitive and creative presentation of how non-verbal and non-speaking autistics experience the world gives audiences an opportunity to experience this point of view with a unique use of language and non-linear kaleidoscopic storytelling. The cast includes Joe Cólón, Kyra Lee Zanatta, Ayana Banks, Jada Lawson, and James Faraci. Showtime both nights is 7 PM

Tickets \$20 suggested Pay-What-You-Can price and can ONLY be purchased at the door (no online sales). Following the performance there will be a reception with light farm-fresh fare, BYOB.

Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane Damascus, PA 18415

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Daniel Pierce Library

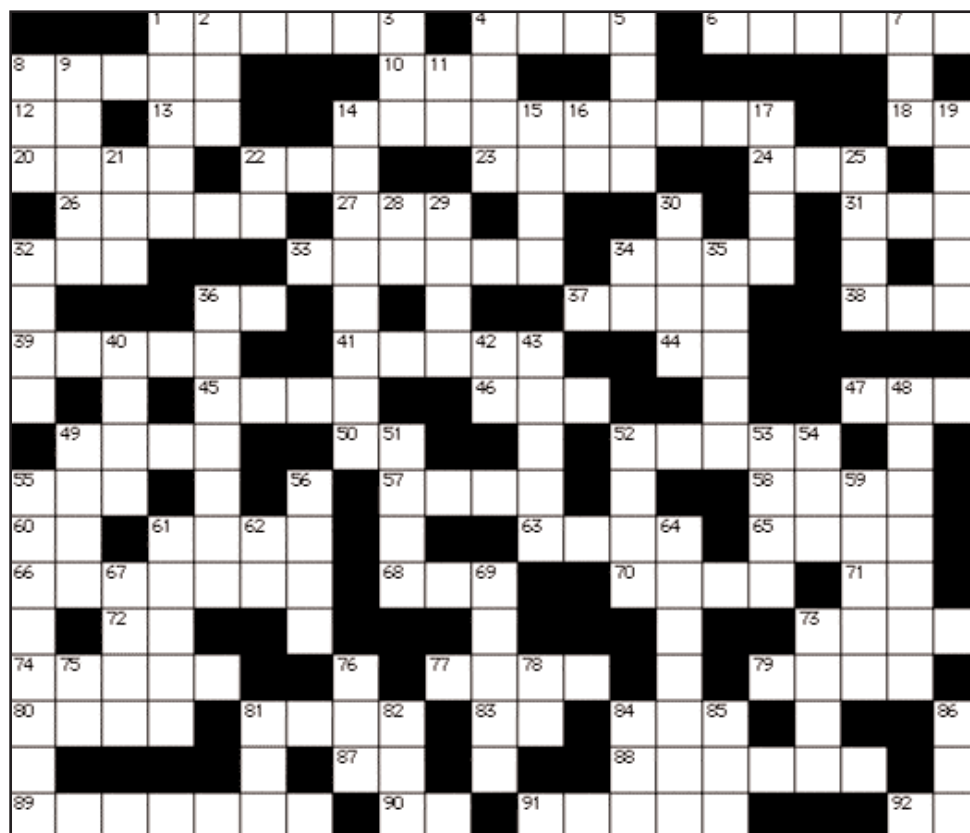
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It's Fiesta Time! - L. Comando



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 6 A city in Mexico where Cinco de Mayo is celebrated
 8 Seat without back or arms
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 12 Links alternatives
 13 Lumens
 14 1864 Emperor of Mexico under French auspices
 18 Expressing location of a particular place
 20 Long narrow mark
 22 Missing in action
 23 Where money is coined
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 31 In the past
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 18th century dance
 34 Body of traditions
 36 Georgia (abbrev)
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 38 Habitual drunkard
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 41 Five in Mexico
 44 District Attorney
 45 Dome
 46 Dwarf-like creature
 47 That girl
 49 Device that gives off light
 50 Exists
 52 Advance
 55 Respectful way of addressing a man
 57 Slender woodwind instrument
 58 A bar

60 Mystical sound
 61 Small numbered cube used for game play
 63 Small circular band
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 66 Pair of percussion instruments
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 77 May in Mexico
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 90 Negative response
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 2 Tall deciduous tree
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 4 Slender
 5 Droop
 7 Grassy meadow
 8 The sun
 9 Common place
 11 Hatchet
 14 Traditional Mexican folk music
 15 Fog
 16 Surrounded by
 17 Message
 19 Type of fish that

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 21 Member of a religious community of women
 22 Belonging to the speaker
 25 Low-pitched
 28 Supported by
 29 Set fire to
 30 Grasp
 32 According to reality
 34 Los Angeles
 35 Highways
 36 Relating to visual art
 40 Cherished
 42 Common Era
 43 Having aged longer
 48 Feast day
 49 Type of bean
 51 Malleable
 52 Small body of water
 53 Fleur-de-lis delis
 54 Scottish hat
 55 Mexican hat
 56 Writing table
 59 Full point

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 61 Gambol
 62 California (abbrev)
 64 Network of cells forming nerve center
 67 Faster pace than walking

69 Allure
 73 Need to
 75 Associate of Arts
 76 Domesticated animal
 78 Archaic form of the
 81 Folk pro-

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 82 Poetic form of 'that'
 84 Toward the stern of a ship
 85 Snakelike fish
 86 Vocalize

Fabulous Fajitas for Cinco de Mayo

1-1/2 pounds beef top sirloin steak, cut into thin strips
 2 tablespoons canola oil
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 1 large sweet red pepper, julienned
 1 large onion, julienned
 8 mini flour tortillas (5 inches)

• Optional toppings: shredded cheddar cheese, fresh cilantro leaves, sliced jalapeno pepper and avocado
 In a large skillet, brown steak in oil over medium heat.

Place steak and drippings in a 3-qt. slow cooker. Stir in the lemon juice, garlic, cumin, salt, chili powder and red pepper flakes.

Cover and cook on high until meat is almost tender, 2 hours. Add red pepper and onion; cover and cook until meat and vegetables are tender, 1 hour.

Warm tortillas according to package directions; spoon beef and vegetables down the center. Top as desired.

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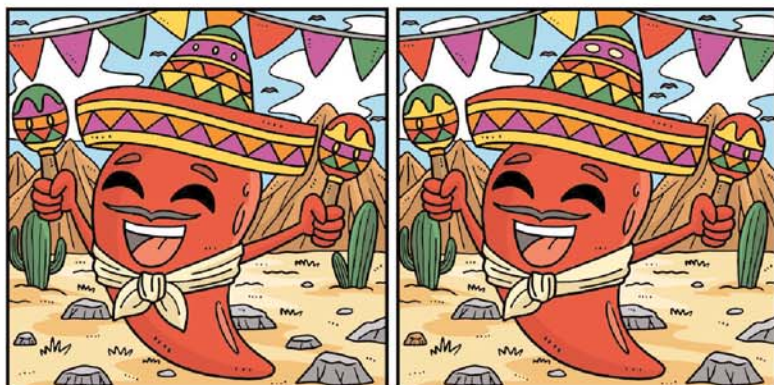
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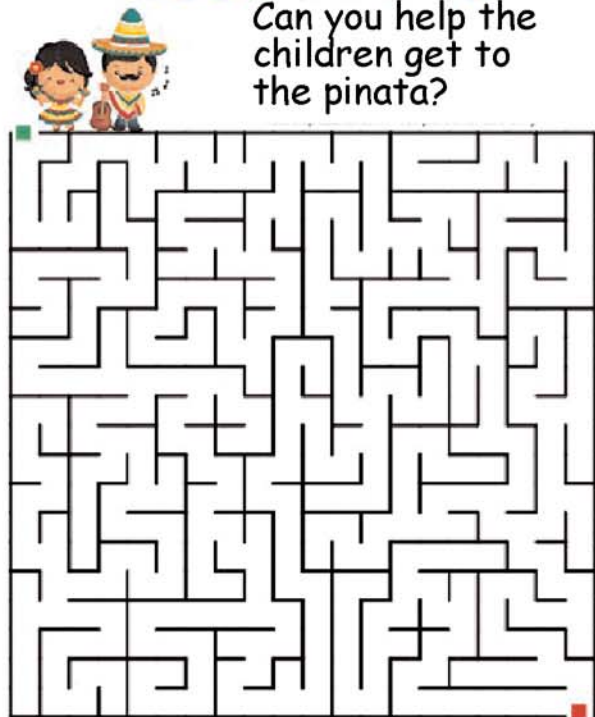
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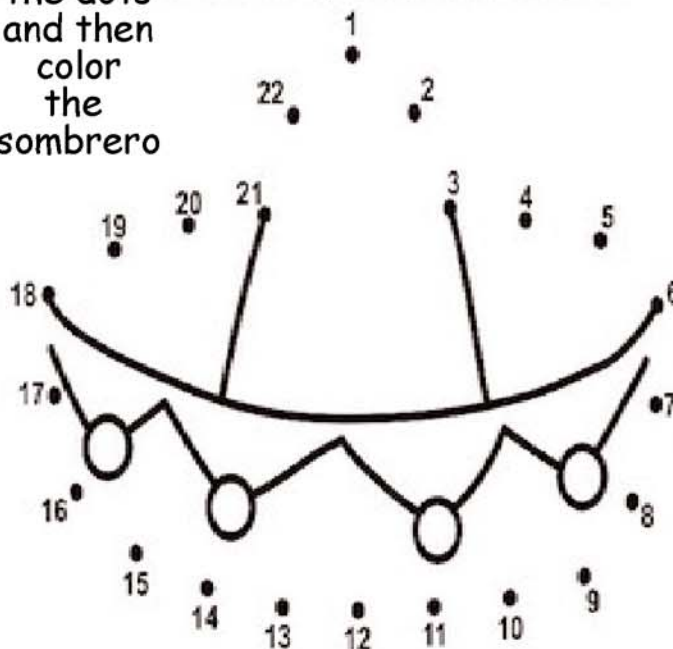
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Can you help the children get to the pinata?



Follow the dots and then color the sombrero



Cinco Fiesta Parade Mayo
Taco Salsa Party Pinata
May Nacho Fifth Mexico

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Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/Daniel Pierce Library Vote, OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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 at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 06, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$75,000.00, for a total tax levy of \$533,438.00, for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2024-2025 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$458,438 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2024-2025 fiscal year?

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 12, 2024 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 13, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 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 18, 2024. 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 election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES (From Pg. 17)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a 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 election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. 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 election. Any qualified voter may 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: April 11, 2025

**LEGAL NOTICE
2025 ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Tri-Valley Central School District's 2025 Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center. The public hearing shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Town of Denning and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor has completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sole Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Wednesday in May during regular business hours or by appointment.

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing themselves to be aggrieved.

I will be available by phone, 845-549-0552, email assessor@denningny.gov or in person by appointment. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 1112 State Route 52, Walden, NY 12586, or drop it off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please call to set up an appointment if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared.

Dated April 30th, 2025
PATRICIA MASTERSON
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
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**LEGAL NOTICE
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 Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:30 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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LEGAL NOTICE:

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA
(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)


Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Denning, which will be filed on or about May 1st, 2024. The information may be reviewed, by appointment in the Assessor's Office at the Denning Town Hall at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville NY 12725.

An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor at (845) 549-0552 or emailing the Assessor at assessor@denningny.gov.

Dated: 30th day of April, 2025
Patricia Masterson
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
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GARBAGE PLUCK

LET'S KEEP OUR RESERVOIR CLEAN!

Garbage bags are supplied by the town of Neversink. Please reach out to Chrissy Wachter at (845) 866-8777 or chriswachter2007@gmail.com if interested in participating. Rules, safety, location and more information will be shared with participants.

MAY 10TH AT 9AM



Shadowland Stages Kicks off 40 Years of Theatre with Judd Hirsch Leading a Thrilling Anniversary Season

Ellenville, NY – In 2025, SHADOWLAND STAGES—one of the Hudson Valley’s cultural cornerstones—celebrates **its landmark 40th Anniversary Season**, marking four decades as one of the region’s leading professional theatre companies. From exhilarating dramas and laugh-out-loud comedies to fresh, relevant works from America’s most exciting playwrights, SHADOWLAND continues to deliver the magic of live theatre in the charming village of Ellenville, NY.

The 40th season opens with a theatrical powerhouse. From May 30 through June 29, the Shadowland Mainstage will host Herb Gardner’s classic comedy *I’m Not Rappaport*, directed by Tony Award nominee Neil Pepe and starring the legendary Judd Hirsch. Set on a park 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. “Rambunctiously funny!” hails the New York Post.

Next, SHADOWLAND shifts gears with a contemporary story of camaraderie in Rajiv Joseph’s *King James*, running July 5–20 in The Studio. Directed by Jammie Patton, this funny and poignant play traces the unlikely friendship of two men over a 12-year span—from LeBron James’ rookie season through his triumphant NBA championship. Their evolving bond, rooted in a shared devotion to “King James,” becomes a touching exploration of loyalty, identity, and the power of connection. “One of the funniest and most moving plays about friendship in years,” says TheatreMania.

The summer heats up even more with the arrival of a Broadway favorite: the Tony-nominated musical *Waitress*, running July 25 through August 24 on the Mainstage. Directed by Brittany Proia, and featuring a book by Jessie Nelson and music and lyrics by Grammy winner Sara Bareilles, *Waitress* tells the story of Jenna, a gifted pie maker in a small town, trapped in a loveless marriage and grappling with an unexpected pregnancy. A nearby baking contest and a handsome new doctor offer a tempting recipe for change. It’s a heartfelt, empowering musical bursting with humor and soul. “A deep dish of feel-good feminist comfort food,” declares The Hollywood Reporter.

From August 29 to September 14, SHADOWLAND is proud to present the New York premiere of the newest play by John Cariani, *Darker the Night, Brighter the Stars*. Written and directed by Cariani himself, this lyrical new play revisits the magical world of northern Maine. As the Perseid meteor showers dance across the northern Maine skies, a tapestry of characters searches for meaning, connection, and love in a series of tender, hopeful vignettes.

The season continues with a remarkable true story in *Becoming Dr. Ruth* by Mark St. Germain, directed by Stephen Nachamie, playing September 19 through October 5 in The Studio. While most know Dr. Ruth Westheimer as

America’s trailblazing radio and television sex therapist, few know the extraordinary life that preceded her fame. From fleeing the Nazis on the Kindertransport to serving as a sniper in Jerusalem, and eventually immigrating to the U.S. as a single mother, her journey is as inspiring as it is incredible. “An illuminating portrait,” raves The New York Times.

In October, the Mainstage welcomes David Auburn’s *Proof*, directed by Brendan Burke, running October 10–26. Winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play, this absorbing and emotionally charged drama follows Catherine, a young woman grappling with the loss of her brilliant but mentally ill father—himself a renowned mathematician. As she navigates grief, an estranged sister, and a burgeoning romance, a deeper mystery unfolds: has she inherited her father’s genius... or his madness? “A compelling evening of theatre,” says the New York Daily News.

Finally, the holiday season closes the year with warmth, wit, and a touch of Austen. From December 5–21, SHADOWLAND presents *Georgiana & Kitty: Christmas at Pemberley*, the joyful conclusion to the beloved trilogy by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon. Also directed by Brendan Burke, this festive tale brings Jane Austen’s younger characters to the forefront. With meddling relatives, musical interludes, and unexpected romance, Georgiana and Kitty step out from the shadows of their famous siblings to forge their own paths during a magical Christmas at Pemberley. “Bringing a modern sense to Austen’s sensibility,” notes The Courier.

With performances held in two intimate venues—the stunningly restored art deco Mainstage Theatre at 157 Canal Street and the vibrant black box Studio Theatre at 14 Market Street—SHADOWLAND STAGES provides audiences with an unmatched experience. Add to that the convenience of free parking, ample dining options, and a commitment to affordable ticketing, and it’s easy to see why the Times Herald-Record has called it “one of the region’s treasures.”

Performances are held Thursday through Saturday at 8 PM and 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. Additional matinees are offered throughout the season—check the website for full details.

TICKETS & BOX OFFICE

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

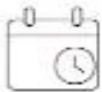
Season subscribers can save up to 20% on ticket prices, and groups of 10 or more qualify for significant discounts. Call the box office for more information on group packages.

As SHADOWLAND STAGES celebrates this extraordinary 40-year milestone, audiences are invited to take part in a season that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks with excitement to the future. Whether you’re a long-time supporter or first-time visitor, this is the season to experience the transformative magic of live theatre in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

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May 3, 2025

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*Sundown
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Mass Times

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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

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Thrift Sale

**Sat., May 3
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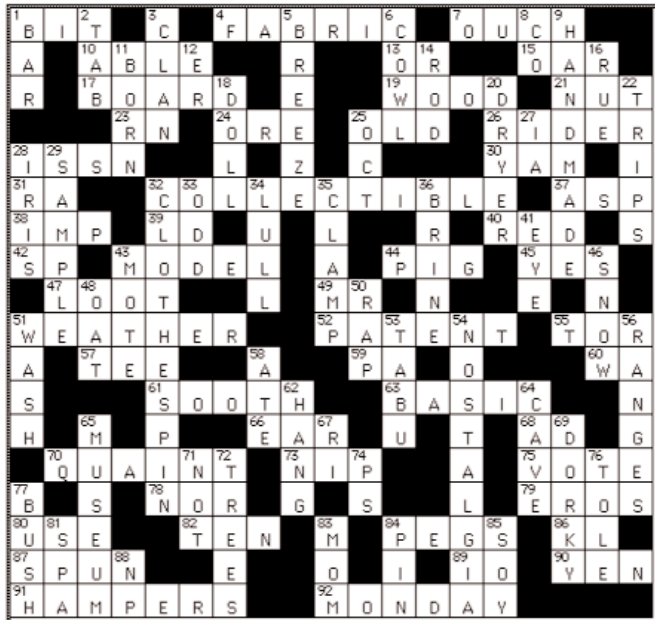
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Holy Days 5:30 pm

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

Ans to last week's Crossword

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answer

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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

May 3, 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)*

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86
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Thrift Sale Schedule 2024

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

May - 3rd and 17th
June - 7th and 21st
July - 5th and 19th
August - 2nd and 16thSept - 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,
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ment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

2025 Journey For Sight Walk

Saturday, May 3, 2024 Journey For Sight Walk at the
**Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building and Grahamsville
Fairgrounds.** We would love to have you join us this year, and you
will see more information about **The Journey For Sight Walk** in
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/3/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
5/3/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
5/6/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/13/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
5/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
5/21/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
5/15/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
5/15/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

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 April 28 - May 2, 2025

Monday, April 28

- o 6:30 PM - Climate Smart Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Zoom Meeting ID: 812 5415 3072

Tuesday, April 29

- o 5:30 PM - Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Wednesday, April 30

- o 5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2025, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2026), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), In Relation To Legislator Qualifications, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 104, 94 Mary's Avenue, Kingston & Via Zoom Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571

Thursday, May 1

- o No Meetings

Friday, May 2

- o No Meetings

**SONG CLUB at MISU**

Every last Saturday of the month
 All ages and voices welcome

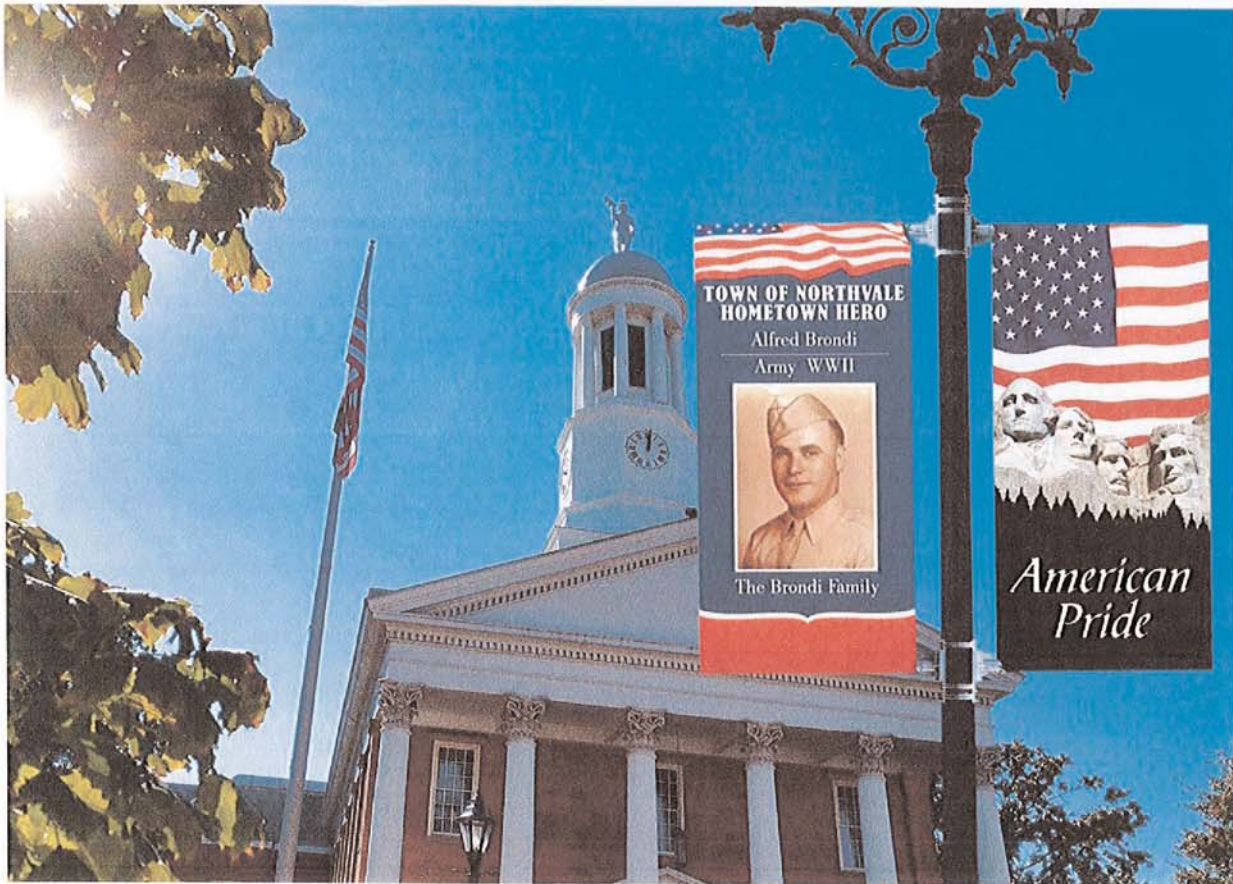
Song Club is a drop-in singing experience that builds community through singing original arrangements of familiar songs in a safe and welcoming environment.

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Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

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

Town of Neversink
273 Main Street
Grahamsville Ny 12740

Jenna Carmody
845-866-2213

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Enjoy Community Fun at SUNY Sullivan's Springfest: Kites, College & Community

We've made our annual event even bigger & better! Springfest's festivities include FREE kites for the first 300 kids, bouncy houses, dance and theater performances, an art show, food trucks, live farm animals, hiking trails, and so much more.

Join over a thousand members of the community for a day of fun, special events, and surprises at SUNY Sullivan's Loch Sheldrake campus!
Saturday, May 3 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more than 30 years, the festival has brought kites, crafters, food vendors, community organizations, and family-friendly activities to campus. Enjoy dance and theater performances, an art show, a professional kite demonstration with candy drops, free bouncy houses, and free kites for the first 300 kids.

In addition to the traditional outdoor fun, participants can explore the campus hiking trails, check out Hope Farm, visit with live farm animals, and tour our apiary.

The SUNY Sullivan community welcomes alumni back to campus. SpringFest is the perfect opportunity to reconnect and see how SUNY Sullivan has grown. Alums can stop by the alumni table for a special gift!

Stockade FC is Back at Dietz

We are so excited that Stockade FC is back at Dietz Stadium in Kingston this season! After two seasons in Poughkeepsie (while Dietz Stadium was under renovation) we're ready to kick off our 2025 season in front of an army of local fans. Did you see the video about our return to Kingston?

On Saturday we're hosting a pre-season friendly at 6:30pm. It'll be our first time using the new facilities (including the fancy new video scoreboard, the improved pavilion + concessions area, and all-new entrance and box office). The City of Kingston is hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1pm and we'd love for you to join us for the match later that evening.

Stockade FC vs New Haven United FC (pre-season friendly)

Saturday May 3 @ 6:30pm (gates open at 5:30pm)

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Tri-Valley Lions
Journey For Sight Annual Walk
Saturday, May 3, 2025

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 3, 2025

at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

**Please be available no later than 8:45am for a group photo before
The start of the Walk.**

**Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the First Aid Squad Building
and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds that
each walker feels comfortable doing.**

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

**For additional pledge sheets or questions about the Journey For Sight Walk,
please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927 or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.
Thank you.**



2024 Journey for Sight Annual Walk

Tri-Valley Lions

Journey for Sight Rules

1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.
3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.
4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
6. The event will be held rain or shine.
7. All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.
8. Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.
9. It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$20.00.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

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(845) 292-6180 x 122 | sullivanccrc@cornell.edu

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Winter/Spring 2025 schedule

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Apr 7

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June 2



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PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2005 & NEWER, TOP 12 2004 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

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May 3, 2025
5:30 pm

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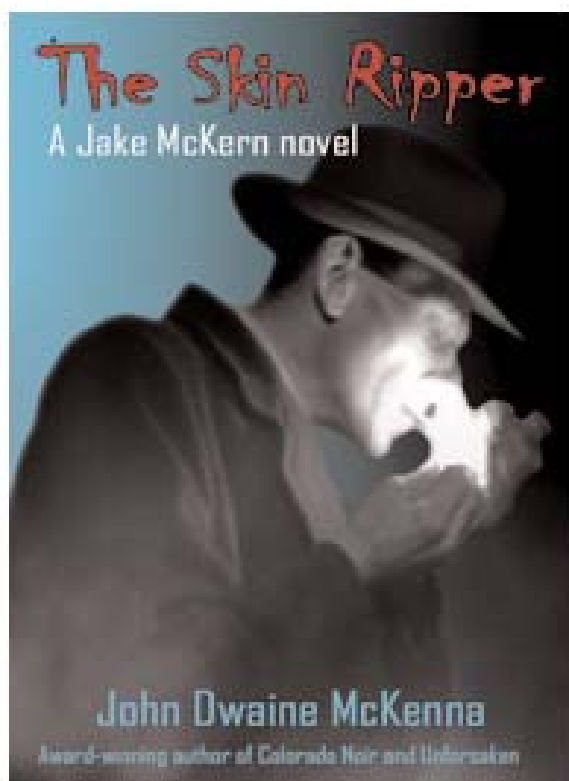
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GRAHAMSVILLE, N.Y. (April 24, 2025) —Tri-Valley Central School District proudly recognizes the following students for achieving academic excellence during the third quarter of the 2024–2025 school year. Students have been named to the Principal's Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Honor Roll based on their outstanding academic performance.

Principal's Honor Roll

12th Grade

Nicholas Altman, Nicholas Bender, Jenna Carmody, Mya Ibarra, Misha Khodakovski, Dallas LaPolt, Jai Patel, Talise Rogers, Abigail Ruef, William Seward, Ariana Small, Chrissy Wachter

11th Grade

Savannah Chaboty, Grace Deyo, Sophia Richardson, Emma Richardson, Gwenneth Redman, Serenity Somers

10th Grade

Allyson Chevalier, Luis Cholula-Jimenez, Anna Furman, Christopher Prousalis, William Richardson, Rebecca Squires

9th Grade

Avery Carrier, Wyatt Chaboty, Timothy Kufert, Grace Nichols

8th Grade

Ali Bashir, Jonielis Cholula-Jimenez, Caleb Davison, Mason De La Cuadra, Emily Hadden, Sophia Horton, Andrew McGregor, Alexander Meade, Brea Sheeley, Thomas Verbert, Kellan Williams

7th Grade

Cadence Buckler, Paityn Closs, Abigail Kennedy, Kenzie Krier, Brianna Mendez, Madeline Mingo, Navya Patel, Eldina Radonicic, Mason Tenbus, Tia VanValkenburg

6th Grade

Ophelia Barrett, Sadie Barrett, William Conjura, Zoe Crickmore, Aubrey DeMondo, Alexander Horton, Amaya Meade, Tyler Simanovicz

5th Grade

Burton Garigliano, Odin Geyer, Mason Gorman, Gwen Illing, Joonyub Kim, Caleb Kortright, Alex Parlapiano, Aislynn Weyant

4th Grade

Fred Moore IV, Jacob Mickelson, Leona Salvadge, Jack Sullivan, Titus Malone, Yaseniya Lazerka

High Honor Roll**12th Grade**

Devyn Callahan, Travis Capawana, Dayra Cuji Calle, Katie Dauch, Joshua Fanslau, Joshua Fiske, Joselin Flores Glaeas, Nicholas Foley, Van Furman, William Graham Jr., Kristoff Guanzon, Brandon Huggler, Jorja Kinney, Isabella Maiori, Joseph Metz, Wyatt Morton, Boe Mueller, Brynn Poley, Haiden Sanders, Matthew Trojahn, Molly Van Etten, Ethan Whitted, John Woods Jr.

11th Grade

Caelynn Babcock, Kara Carlsen, Madison De La Cuadra, Jordan Dymond, Dakota Evans, Kaedyn Freeman, Dexter Hannold, Emily Lucak, Katricia McLennon, Connor Mendez, Amelia Morton-Curry, Andrew Papadopoulos, Emily Poley, Isabella Rion, Christopher Rossi, Marbella Santiago Guzman, Spencer Scanna, Antonio Walsh, Logan Weyant

10th Grade

Alvaro Aca Hernandez, Juliana Adams, Jacob Davison, Aaron Edwards, Andrew Kelly, Shayden LaForge, Hailie Prince, Yan Zheliazouski

9th Grade

David Allen, Adam Babcock, John Botsford, Ava Bush, Shelby Carroll, Matthew Cuji Angamarca, Emma DeGraw, Sage Fiore-Yansick, Angelina Flores, Julia Sweetman, Quintin Goodman, Kenneth Green, Sanaa Lawrence, Laryana Lamb, Troy Magie-Porter, Lilia Murden, Logan Noren, Christopher Parken, Jiya Patel, Abigail Rusin, Elle Stanley, Cora Stephenson, Jacob Whitted, Celia Woods

8th Grade

Samiyah Allen, Samantha Carroll, JoHanna Clarke, Cristopher Cuji Calle, Austin Delo, Zachary Diaz, Santino Haffner, Logan Hendrickson, Wesley Lewkiewicz, Penelope Papadopoulos, Mya Patton, Zoey Sullivan, Carl Sweatt, Eli Williams

7th Grade

Alicia Adams, Uriah Bush, Andrew Castelli, Addison Dymond, Adele Drown, Derrick Edwards, Charlie Flores Galeas, Jacob Hinkley, Maria Gelsomino, Griffin Garigliano, Ava Mioglionico, Jordan Miller, Mia Murphy, Naiya Patel, Jayneil Patel, Makenzie Rainey, Travis Simanovicz, Tsimafei Lazerka, Liam Weyant

6th Grade

Jay Barnes, Hope Harb, James Hartman, Bradley Kenney, Andrew North, Amalia Papp

5th Grade

Tiara Aslankyzy, Lena Cassidy, Hunter Freaney, Michael Lazdauskas, Kruhi Patel, Masen Pellot, Chase Sheeley, Lara Trotti Noren

4th Grade

Giuseppe Carraccia, Julianna Calvello, Lily Constable, Emma Ehrets, Mia Horton, Aviana Roycroft, Onyxx Stanton

Honor Roll**12th Grade**

Jake Edwards, Chloe Geelan, Gary Hadden, Madyson Kirkpatrick, Kolbie Damms, Joseph Douglass, Taylor Drake, Summer Decker, Eden Noren, Adam Olsen, Allison Rogers, Ashley Rock, Kaitlin Stungis, Tabitha Mulholland, Lilliana Morton-Curry

11th Grade

Danial Bashir, Joniel Cholula-Jimenez, Nathan Closs, Brianna Cookingham, Nicholas Furman, James Kachelriess, Abigele Lawrence, Roy Leach, Gregson McKenna, Angelia Raykoff, Bryan Rogerson, Aaliyah Salim, Leah Sherwood, Lucas Smith, Shelby Stephenson, Andres Tixi, Ariona Zeininger

10th Grade

Mackenzie Bush, Karley Davidson, Lorenzo Haffner, Calianne Harasemovech, David Hermann, Angelina Hinkley, Brady Knight, John Mingo, Caitlyn Monell, Diya Patel, Hiram Roman III, Kiera Tixi, Hope Woods

9th Grade

Tammy Altman, Kevin Cotto, Tess Edwards, Quintin Goodman, Kenneth Green, Brandon Hinkley Jr., Gage Houghtaling, Laryana Lamb, Paxton Mead, Matthew Ortiz Jimenez, Tyler Pelayes, Leland Reinshagen, Savannah Stickle, Carter Ukaj

8th Grade

Charles Altman, Everett Gilman, Tyler Graham, Anthony Jacobs Jr., Karin Johnson, Hailey Smith, Justice Whitted, Mason Witthohn

7th Grade

Judith Altman, Louis Barbato V, Charlie Flores Galeas, David Flores, William Flores, Isabella Garritt, Arianah Hinkley, Roman Malone, Bianna Meyer, Jack Nevin, Hailie Ortiz Jimenez, Jacob Parlapiano, Kavy Patel, Jaelyn Post, Braedon Scanna, Onamarie Thompson

6th Grade

Jake Altman, Kristen Barasa, Layla Brink, Aubree Carter, Lijah LaRue-Mangabang, Mason

Malone, Riley Mioglionico, Cooper Morton, Chelsi Parken, Michael Roycroft, Briell Sanders, Abigail Sweetman, Ty Walker, Rachael Webber, Benjamin Woods

5th Grade

Alexander Babcock, David Bertholf, Keira Brown, Sophie Burns, Brayden Correa, Edgar Cuji Calle, Ariana Davis, Henry Fitzpatrick, Lilyana Freeman, Mason Garber, Addelyn Geelan, Keyunna Johnson, Sebastian Kozachuk, Timothy Landis Jr., Ariana Margillo, Aubree Mercer

4th Grade

Caleb Advincula, Antonio Chumpitazi, Gabriella Burkey, Muzi Li, Liam Landis, Raegan McCarthy, Tyce VanValkenburg, Jayce Walter, Jamielynn Yonker

Liberty Museum to Host Artist Talk

Internationally-collected artist, Lisa Lebofsky, will give an Artist's Talk on Saturday, 1 PM, May 3rd, at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center at 46 South Main Street in Liberty, NY.



Lebofsky is a nomadic plein air painter, collaborating with nature and people. She paints the susceptibility of nature, correlating its restlessness with our own human vulnerabilities. Her direct participation with the landscape is vital to imbue a painting

with the energy of a specific place, so that viewers can connect viscerally: to move, excite and engage them. The paintings are on surfaces that remain visible through various layers of paint, permeating the entire image. The push and pull of lights and darks, opacity and transparency, abstract and real, enhances the variability of these transient scenes. By painting in this dichotomous manner, nature becomes a metaphor for our emotional struggles and encounters.

Lebofsky finds inspiration by traveling extensively, often to remote parts of the world, in order to immerse herself in different environments and cultures. She seeks out areas around the globe that are particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change, and meets with local residents to discuss how their community is impacted. To a great extent, these personal interactions inform what areas and what subject matter is ultimately painted. Recent regions visited include Antarctica, Newfoundland and Labrador, Greenland, and The Maldives. Currently, Lisa is in the midst of a multi-year mission to travel around North America painting en plein air, to better know the changes happening in our environment and the people it is affecting.

The doors open at noon. The talk is part of the Grand Opening weekend for the Museum's Second Invitational Art Show, inaugurating the Museum's 2025 season. Admission is free.

For more information, call or text Naomi Frumess at (845) 807-6055.

Ulster County "I Voted" Sticker Contest Now Open for Student Artists Ages 9-18

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County invites young artists to make their mark on democracy! The 2025 "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest is officially open for submissions from student artists ages 9 to 18. The winning design will be featured on the official "I Voted" stickers handed out at polling places across Ulster County during the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Submission window: April 15 - June 30, 2025

Sticker size: 2-inch circular design

Requirements: Must include the words "I Voted" - the rest is up to you!

Mediums accepted: Crayon, paint, pencil, digital (iPad, etc.). Artwork may be hand-drawn or digital.

Submit as: Photo, PDF, or JPEG

Email submissions to: elections@co.ulster.ny.us

This year, the top 5 designs will be selected by both the Ulster County Board of Elections Commissioner and, for the first time ever, a panel of community arts leaders under the county's new Arts, Culture, and Open Spaces initiative, led by the Tourism Department.

Panelists include:

- Danielle Bliss, Owner, Wishbone Letterpress & Producer, HV Hullabaloo Holiday Market
- Vanessa Cappuccio-Baer, Arts Mid-Hudson
- Margaret (Maggie) Inge, Board President, Midtown Kingston Arts District
- Melanie Martin, Sales Director, New York Foundation for the Arts
- Bryant Andrews, Executive Director, Center for Creative Education
- Ulster County Director of Arts, Culture, and Open Spaces

The public will have a chance to vote on the finalists later this summer. The winning design will be printed and distributed to voters countywide on Election Day this November.

This contest is a fun, creative way for Ulster County's youth to participate in civic life while celebrating the power of the vote. For more information, visit voteulster.com or call 845-334-5470.

Fallsburg CSD Honors Winter Scholar Athletes

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce its NYSPHSAA scholar-athletes for the 2024-2025 winter season. Each season, the NYSPHSAA honors teams and individuals who excel academically. To qualify as a scholar-athlete team, at least three-quarters of the team's members must have a grade point average of 90.00 or above.

The girls' indoor track and field team was recognized as a scholar-athlete team. Team members include Gelsey Aguilar Torres, Autumn-Rain Atkinson, Arslyn Cantave, Ajalise Carattini, Alexia Clark, Kaddyjatou Darboe, Aaliyah Davis, Isabella Gonzales, Camdyn Hoefling, Genesis Inestroza, Hannah Johnson, Zoey Ketcham, Adryana Kozachuk, Francely Maradiaga, Joslyn Odell, Tatiana Parada Escalante, Jaily Sebastian, Alish Tremper, Jordyn Wall-Carty, and Skylar Wright.

In addition to team recognitions, students from the girls' alpine skiing, boys' indoor track and field, boys' and girls' basketball, wrestling, and cheerleading teams were named individual scholar-athletes. These students are Sanaya Aquil, Jefferson Banegas Gallo, Xzavier Berrios, Fatoumata Gai, Adrianna Garcia, Andrew Garcia, Erli Garcia, Chanel Han, Treyvon Hayden, Daris Kolijenovic, Nazir Lopez, Francely Maradiaga, Madeline Pantel, Dillan Padilla, Robert Perrera, Jozyr McNeil, Conner McManus, Eric Moocz, Kayden Saravia, Marilyn Santos, Jiahnnny Sebastian, and Noelle Varner.

SUNY Sullivan Board Chair Honored for Role in Aaron Judge All Rise Foundation's Reading Initiative

SUNY Sullivan Board Chair Dr. Nancy Hackett was recently recognized by New York Yankees star Aaron Judge's ALL RISE Foundation for her pivotal role in designing the organization's successful worldwide book club. Dr. Hackett, a lifelong educator and former superintendent, collaborated with the Foundation's president, Patty Judge, to create the initiative aimed at inspiring children and youth to become responsible citizens through reading.

What began with a goal of reaching just one more reader has now expanded significantly, impacting students across 26 states and five countries. Dr. Hackett was honored with the Aaron Judge ALL RISE

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Outstanding Advocate award for her dedication, and her work has led to initiatives like virtual author visits and book donations for students. The ALL RISE Foundation offers various programs beyond the book club, all focused on empowering young people. Dr. Hackett expressed her joy in seeing children engage with reading and the Foundation's genuine belief in their potential.

Read More:

https://www.scdemocratonline.com/stories/aaron-judge-all-rise-foundation-promotes-reading,173445?mc_cid=91bd5360c5&mc_eid=89c39ce9b4

Kickstart Your SUNY Sullivan Journey!

Ready to take the next step toward your college education? Join us for our Open House on Saturday, May 3. Whether you're just exploring your options or you've already been accepted, this is your chance to discover all that SUNY Sullivan has to offer.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., you can take a campus tour, attend an admissions presentation, meet with advisors, and even complete important steps like submitting your transcript and applying for financial aid.

Walk-ins are welcome, and families are encouraged to attend.

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DEC Announces Opening Day for Many Popular Coolwater Fish Species

Walleye, Northern Pike, Pickerel, and Tiger Muskellunge Fishing Season Begins May 1
Abundant Angling Opportunities for New Yorkers to 'Get Offline, Get Outside'

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the fishing season for Walleye, Northern Pike, Pickerel, and Tiger Muskellunge begins on May 1. New York's coolwater fish species provide excellent fishing opportunities for anglers of all ability levels.

"Fishing is a great way to get outside and enjoy nature, and New Yorkers are fortunate to have such a large variety of popular sportfish to choose from in the state's abundant waterways," said Acting Commissioner Lefton. "I encourage all anglers to enjoy the great fishing that can be found here in New York and share the fun with others, especially those new to the sport."

Anglers looking for walleye should not have to go far to find high quality fishing opportunities. Walleye occur in more than 140 waters and in every major watershed in New York State. Information on fishing locations for walleye can be found on DEC's website. Early to mid-spring can be particularly good for walleye fishing. Walleye are aggressive post-spawn feeders and can often be found in relatively shallow water near spawning locations this time of year. Typical gear used for walleye fishing includes spinning or baitcasting reels, medium weight rods, and monofilament or fluorocarbon line. Reliable baits include artificial lures, live baits, or both. Jigs, crankbaits, stickbaits, and live bait harnesses can all be effective. More information on fishing for walleye can be found on DEC's website.

Spring is also one of the best times to fish for northern pike. Northerns move into shallow tributaries, bays, and wetlands in early spring to spawn, typically just after ice-out. After spawning, these fish tend to stay near these shallow water areas and feed aggressively before returning to deeper water areas for the summer. Pike fishing gear typically includes a medium heavy rod and a spinning or baitcasting reel with monofilament or braided line used with a steel or heavy fluorocarbon leader. Casting swimbaits, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and spoons along and around structures works well in the spring.

Although smaller than pike, pickerel can be relatively easy to catch and provide anglers with some great action when they are on the bite. Lures used for pickerel are similar to those used for pike, but usually smaller in size.

Tiger Muskellunge, which is a cross between a Northern pike and muskellunge, can grow appreciably large. These fish are stocked by DEC at select waterbodies to provide anglers the opportunity to enjoy targeting big, hard-fighting fish.

For information on fishing destinations for northern pike and other esocids such as chain pickerel and tiger muskellunge see: Musky, Pike, Tiger Musky, and Pickerel Fishing Opportunities.

DEC offers a host of resources for those interested in getting started in fishing. Anglers are encouraged to check out DEC's 'Tackle Box' feature in the HuntFishNY App, which provides anglers one-stop shopping for waterbody-specific information on fishing regulations and fishing/boating access sites.

2025 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide

A digital version of the new guide is available to down-

load on DEC's website. Hard copies of the guide are available wherever sporting licenses are sold. For locations, visit DEC's website.

To help make fishing more affordable and help inspire the next generation of anglers, DEC partners with libraries across the state to provide a free fishing rod lending program. In addition to borrowing a book, patrons at participating libraries can sign out a fishing rod. This affordable opportunity for people to try fishing before purchasing their own gear supports Governor Hochul's "Get Offline, Get Outside" initiative, to promote physical and mental health by helping New York's kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings. For more information and a list of participating libraries, visit the DEC's website.

Safe Fish Consumption

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) offers health advice on eating fish caught across New York's waterways. More information on New York State Fish Consumption Advisories and advice by specific waterbody location can be found on DOH's website.

DEC Announces Opening of Spring Turkey Season May 1

Youth Turkey Hunt Scheduled for April 26-27

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that the regular spring turkey season for all licensed turkey hunters opens May 1 throughout upstate New York (north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary) and in Suffolk County on Long Island. DEC is also holding a Youth Turkey Hunting Season in advance of the regular season this Saturday, April 26, and Sunday, April 27.

"Engaging youth hunters and their adult mentors is an opportunity to instill safety, responsibility, ethics, and an appreciation for the outdoors in the next generation of hunters," Acting Commissioner Lefton said. "Guided by experienced mentors, young hunters can gain hands-on skills while enjoying the challenge and excitement that turkey hunting offers."

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Eligible hunters for the Youth Turkey Hunt weekend are 12 to 15 years of age who hold a hunting license and a turkey permit. All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult, as required by law for a junior hunter. Some conservation organizations host specific events during the Youth Hunt weekend. Each youth hunter can harvest one bearded bird during the two-day season. For more information, visit the DEC website.

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Regular Season Opens May 1

New York is home to some of the best turkey hunting opportunities in the Northeast, with diverse landscapes and abundant turkey populations across the state. From hardwood forests and rolling hills in the Southern Tier, to agricultural fields and mixed woodlands in the Hudson Valley, hunters can find prime turkey habitat throughout New York. (Contd. Pg. 40)

DEC Announces Opening of Spring Turkey Season May 1

(From Pg. 39) Spring turkey harvests in New York average 16,000 to 18,000 birds, fluctuating based on participation and turkey productivity in previous breeding seasons. With improved summer poult production in recent years, DEC expects an increase in turkey harvest this spring. Since hunters primarily target toms (2+ year-old birds), turkey harvest often reflects productivity trends from two years prior.

Although New York turkey populations experienced declines from their peak in the early 2000s, populations are generally stable statewide. DEC continues to monitor population trends and implement conservation efforts to support sustainable hunting opportunities. Hunters play an essential role in monitoring populations by reporting their harvest and participating in DEC hunter opinion surveys. These efforts help DEC assess population dynamics, hunter participation, hunter values, and help ensure sustainable turkey populations for the future.

Other Important Details for the Spring Turkey Season, May 1-31, 2025:

- o Hunting is permitted in most areas of the state, except for New York City and Nassau County;
- o Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to their hunting license;
- o Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day;
- o Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day and no more than one bird per season in Wildlife Management Unit 1C (Suffolk County);
- o Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or handgun loaded with shot sizes no larger than No. 2 or smaller than No. 9, or with a bow or crossbow (except crossbows may not be used in Westchester or Suffolk counties);
- o Successful hunters must fill out the tag that comes with their turkey permit and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested;
- o Successful hunters must report their harvest within seven days of taking a bird. Call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT) or report harvest online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting webpage; and
- o For more information about turkey hunting in New York, see the 2024-25 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or visit the "Turkey Hunting" pages of DEC's website.

Tips for a Successful and Safe Turkey Hunting Season

Turkey hunting is safe and it is important that hunters remain vigilant to keep it that way.

- o Don't stalk. More than half of turkey hunting injuries happen when one hunter stalks another.
- o Always assume any call or footsteps you hear are from another hunter. Don't shoot until you clearly see the whole turkey and know its sex.
- o If you see another hunter, talk to him or her clearly, and don't move. Never wave or use a turkey call to alert another hunter.
- o When calling, sit still with your back against a big tree, to hide you from turkeys and stalkers.
- o Never wear turkey colors-red, white, or blue. Wear hunter orange when going in or out of the woods and when walking around. When sitting still waiting for a turkey, put hunter orange on a tree near you.
- o If you take a turkey or carry a decoy, wrap it in hunter orange.
- o Turkeys are tough. You need to be close (30 yards or less is best). You need to get a clear head and neck shot. Do not try to shoot them in the body or when they are flying.
- o Smaller shot, no. 4, 5, and 6, work better than larger shot, due to denser shot patterns. New shotshell technologies allow for shot sizes as small as 8 and 9 to be effective for turkeys. Do research and pattern your shotgun to learn what works for your setup.

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Sporting licenses may be purchased online at any time and hunters, anglers, and trappers can immediately print a paper copy of their license at home. Licenses can also be displayed digitally using the HuntFishNY mobile app, available for download on the Apple App and Google Play stores, however a physical valid turkey carcass tag must be carried when hunting turkeys.

If purchasing a hunting license, permit, or privilege online or by phone and you do not have a valid email address and printer, allow up to 14 business days to receive your back tag, carcass tags, and license by mail. Sporting licenses are also available in person at more than 1,100 License Issuing Agents (LIAs) across New York State, where licenses and tags are printed immediately upon purchase. To locate a license vendor, use the LIA location search on DEC's sporting license sales website.

For more information about sporting licenses, visit the Hunting Licenses webpage.

Citizen Science Opportunity: DEC Seeks Turkey Hunters for Ruffed Grouse Drumming Survey

Turkey hunters can record the number of ruffed grouse they hear drumming while afield to help DEC track the distribution and abundance of this game bird. To get a survey form, go to DEC's website or call (518) 402-8883. To participate in DEC's Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey or other wildlife surveys, visit DEC's "Citizen Science" page.



From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

Special Late Edition Taste of Sullivan Sweet Taste of Success

A fabulous evening was had by all who were in attendance for the Second Annual Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless on April 22, 2025. The event brings together a myriad of local food and beverage proprietors from throughout the county to raise money for those in need.

Thank you to the local restaurants and food/beverage establishments who donated samplings of foods to be served to the over 150 community members who also supported the cause through 38 additional raffle items.

The ToS Committee Chair Helen Diehl said, "We are delighted by the outpouring of support for this worthwhile cause by the entire community. We are grateful to all of the businesses in Sullivan County who supported this event."

Diehl would also like to give a special shout out to SUNY Sullivan for partnering with Monticello Rotary to make this event happen. "The use of the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse and having the SUNY Culinary Department involved make this a true community event," said Diehl.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James who also served on the committee praised Diehl for her tireless commitment as chair along with active committee members Dr. Jeffery Weinstein, Dr. Peter Chester, Orshii Boldiis, Brad Rutledge "Food insecurity is real issue in our community with many of our neighbors in need of services like never before. Events like this help to provide additional funds to keep needed agencies and organizations like The Federation for the Homeless to continue to do the great work they do in helping others." She further states, "We run many events locally in which folks can help throughout the year from food drives, coat drives, toy drives, Comfort Closet drives as well as provide hands on assistance for those in need. It is what makes 'The Magic of Rotary' and its motto, 'Service Above Self' the true driving forces in what the Monticello Rotary Club does."

Photos from the event on page 42. To catch an additional glimpse of some amazing moments, please visit: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/5HmfSxfaVoR86CQn8>

Food Establishments Participating:

The Blue Fox Motel
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SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department
Savory Sweets
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Basket of Cheer - Dr. Jeff Weinstein
Toast
DiFillipis Bakery
Bethel Market Café
Colosseo
Patti Sonnenschein Art Work
Local Table & Tap
Yiasou Café
Miss Monticello Diner
Gift Baskets - Barbara Carr
SUNY Sullivan Opera Tickets
Foster Supply Hospitality
Kevin's Restaurant
Pampered Chef Basket (Lori Orestano-James)
Liberty Diner
3-Fer Wine Basket - Barbi Neumann Marty
Sweet Treats Basket - Kaplan Family

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SUNY Sullivan Administration & Staff
Lori Orestano-James for Potted Flower Centerpieces

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

- Day of Service Food Drive to Benefit United Way - Saturday, May 17 9am - 1pm

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

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

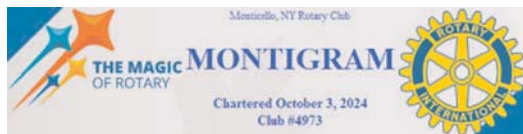
TEAM Monticello Rotary Joins In Walk to Fight Parkinson's

The Monticello Rotary Club is joining in the Unity Walk raising funds to fight and find a cure for Parkinson's. Monticello Rotary Members Hudson Cooper and Les Kristt are co-chairing Team Monticello Rotary at the local Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson's Unity Walk sponsored locally by the Liberty Rotary Club. Under Cooper's and Kristt's leadership Monticello Rotary will solicit funds to garner much needed financial resources to eliminate this terrible disease. The local walk will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am on the Hurleyville Rail-Trail. It is an easy 1.3-mile walk that is quite scenic, pleasant, and will provide a first hand look of the beauty of Spring in Sullivan County. All are encouraged to join in the efforts walking/donating with the Monticello or Liberty Rotary teams. The walk is easy enough where children and grand children can take part making this a family fun event for a good cause.

To Join Team Rotary or find out more information on how to participate and/or make a donation, please contact Hudson or Les at RotaryMonti@gmail.com

Monticello Rotary has already pledged to donate \$250 for the cause with individual members of Rotary making donations to fight this dreaded disease. You can make your tax deductible donation and/or join the team at: <https://give.michaeljfox.org/team/651164> or by sending a check made out to Monticello Rotary with "Michael J. Fox Walk" written in the memo, and send it to Monticello Rotary, POB 444, Monticello, NY 12701. Thank you all for your help on this important project.





From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

A very busy week for Monticello Rotary with more to come. We have Rotary Day of Service, Scholarship Selections, Annual BBQ, Installation, and more as the weather continues to warm up and we move forward.

Guest Speaker: Diane Seaman

Last week, the Monticello Rotary had an amazing evening raising funds to benefit The Federation for the Homeless at its 2nd Annual Taste of Sullivan event at SUNY Sullivan. A Special Edition MontiGRAM was sent right after the event so we also wanted to share the information on the terrific speaker we had the week before.

Diane Seaman is the Branch Manager for the new Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union and she shared the understanding between a traditional bank and a credit union with our members.

The key difference is that those using the bank are not exactly customers, rather members of the bank holding an interest in its set up.

Diane is shared that in the transition, all employees have remained intact which was something they were happy to be part of.

Diane looks forward to participating with Monticello Rotary in the community service as they have made a commitment to become a corporate member of the Monticello Club.

We look forward to welcoming the entire HVFCU family as we continue in doing good things for others.

Thank you Barbara Carr for setting up Diane to come in to



speak with the Monti Rotarians

Guest Speaker This Week - Our speaker this Tuesday is Lindsay Kesten to speak about Club 180/Sullivan 180. In addition, she will be providing updated Narcan kits and review training for those wishing to renew their previous skills. If you have not been trained before, that is fine, too.

Agenda for April 29, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Helen Diehl Pat President
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Guest Speaker (See above)
5. Committee Reports:
Taste of Sullivan - Helen Diehl

Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
Rotary Day of Service - Food Drive for United Way
RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
BBQ - Alex Rey

6. Regional Updates/District Updates - District Learning Day May 3, 2025 at New Paltz High School.

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:

Monster Run Committee Meeting, April 29, 2025 5:30pm, Albella

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

Stories

Taste of Sullivan Sweet Taste of Success

Loch Sheldrake - A fabulous evening was had by all who were in attendance for the Second Annual Monticello Rotary Taste of Sullivan to Benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless on April 22, 2025. The event brings together a myriad of local food and beverage proprietors from throughout the county to raise money for those in need.

Thank you to the local restaurants and food/beverage establishments who donated samplings of foods to be served to the over 150 community members who also supported the cause through 38 additional raffle items.

The ToS Committee Chair Helen Diehl said, "We are delighted by the outpouring of support for this worthwhile cause by the entire community. We are grateful to all of the businesses in Sullivan County who supported this event."

Diehl would also like to give a special shout out to SUNY Sullivan for partnering with Monticello Rotary to make this event happen. "The use of the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse and having the SUNY Culinary Department involved make this a true community event," said Diehl.

Monticello Rotary President Lori Orestano-James who also served on the committee praised Diehl for her tireless commitment as chair along with active committee members Dr. Jeffery Weinstein, Dr. Peter Chester, Orshii Boldiis, Brad Rutledge "Food insecurity is real issue in our community with many of our neighbors in need of services like never before. Events like this help to provide additional funds to keep needed agencies and organizations like The Federation for the Homeless to continue to do the great work they do in helping others." She further states, "We run many events locally in which folks can help throughout the year from food drives, coat drives, toy drives, Comfort Closet drives as well as provide hands on assistance for those in need. It is what makes 'The Magic of Rotary' and its motto, 'Service Above Self' the true driving forces in what the Monticello Rotary Club does."

To catch a glimpse of some amazing moments, please visit:

<http://photos.app.goo.gl/5HmfSxfVoR86CQn8>

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Stories

TEAM Monticello Rotary Joins In

Walk to Fight Parkinson's

The Monticello Rotary Club is joining in the Unity Walk raising funds to fight and find a cure for Parkinson's. Monticello Rotary Members Hudson Cooper and Les Kristt are co-chairing Team Monticello Rotary at the local Michael J. Fox Foundation Parkinson's Unity Walk sponsored locally by the Liberty Rotary Club. Under Cooper's and Kristt's leadership Monticello Rotary will solicit funds to garner much needed financial resources to eliminate this terrible disease. The local walk will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10:30am on the Hurleyville Rail-Trail. It is an easy 1.3-mile walk that is quite scenic, pleasant, and will provide a first hand look of the beauty of Spring in Sullivan County. All are encouraged to join in the efforts walking/donating with the Monticello or Liberty Rotary teams. The walk is easy enough where children and grand children can take part making this a family fun event for a good cause.

To Join Team Rotary or find out more information on how to participate and/or make a donation, please contact Hudson or Les at RotaryMonti@gmail.com

Monticello Rotary has already pledged to donate \$250 for the cause with individual members of Rotary making donations to fight this dreaded disease. You can make your tax deductible donation and/or join the team at: <https://give.michaeljfox.org/team/651164> or by sending a check made out to Monticello Rotary with "Michael J. Fox Walk" written in the memo, and send it to Monticello Rotary, POB 444, Monticello, NY 12701. Thank you all for your help on this important project.



Montigram

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Food Establishments Participating:

The Blue Fox Motel
 Kenoza Hall
 Sticky Fingers Delectables
 Pasta D'Oro
 Miss Monticello Diner
 Rock Hill Cafe & Deli
 SOONY Side Up at SUNY
 SUNY Sullivan Culinary Department
 Savory Sweets
 Solaia
 El Sombrero
 The Eldred Preserve/Homestead Restaurant
 The Red Dot
 Two Farms Brewing
 Seminary Hill
 La Salumina
 Starter's American Eatery

Raffle Donors

All Establishments Above Plus
 Albella Restaurant
 Basket of Cheer - Dr. Jeff Weinstein
 Toast
 DiFillipis Bakery
 Bethel Market Café
 Colosseo
 Patti Sonnenschein Art Work
 Local Table & Tap
 Yiasou Café
 Miss Monticello Diner
 Gift Baskets - Barbara Carr
 SUNY Sullivan Opera Tickets
 Foster Supply Hospitality
 Kevin's Restaurant
 Pampered Chef Basket (Lori Orestano-James)
 Liberty Diner
 3-Fer Wine Basket - Barbi Neumann Marty
 Sweet Treats Basket - Kaplan Family

Committee Special Thanks:

David Hubert & Livingston Manor
 Technology Class
 Fisher & Kean Music
 Brad Rutledge - MC & Sound Equipment
 All Community Sponsors the ToS Journal
 Les Kristt/ Kristt Kelly Copy Center
 SUNY Sullivan Administration & Staff
 Lori Orestano-James for Potted Flower
 Centerpieces

Liberty Rotary Visits Monti Rotary

Monticello had some surprise visitors from fellow club Liberty Rotary Members. We were delighted to welcome them to our meeting and we delighted to hear about all the good things happening at our neighboring club.

Fallsburg CSD Announces Class of 2025 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce the Class of 2025 valedictorian, Hannah Johnson, and salutatorian, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval. Hannah and Rachel will graduate with overall grade point averages of 101.06 and 99.54, respectively.

Upon graduation, Hannah plans to study biology at Syracuse University, with the goal of becoming a physician assistant. At Fallsburg, she is a member of the varsity volleyball team, as well as the indoor and outdoor track & field teams. Additionally, she participated in the National Honor Society and senior band. In her spare time, she enjoys roller skating and reading.

Rachel is an active member of the art club, National Honor Society, Comet Chronicles, ecology club, and Key Club. Although she has not yet finalized her college decision, she is considering attending Nazareth College. She plans to study nursing with a focus on prenatal and postnatal care. In her free time, she enjoys baking and reading.

The Fallsburg Central School District congratulates Ms. Johnson and Ms. Montenegro Sandoval on their outstanding achievements and wishes them continued success in all their future endeavors.

It's **THAT** time of year again!!!



Spring
Cleaning

in the Village of Monticello!!!

Monday, May 5th, 2025 - Friday, May 9th, 2025, the
 Village will be going around picking up all of your
 unwanted items!!!

NO VOUCHERS or PERMITS NEEDED!!

We will not be picking up the following items:

Tires, Freon Units/ Appliances (AC, refrigerators, dehumidifiers etc.), Household Garbage, Florescent Bulbs, Propane Tanks (20 lbs or smaller), CRT TV's, Yard Waste, Liquids, Cans of Paint, Hazardous Waste, Household Hazardous Waste (Collection days available), Tanks and Drums unless cleaned and open, Asbestos, Explosive/Ammunition, Car Batteries, Radioactive Material, Medical Waste/Sharps, Prescription Medication

We will be picking up the following items:

Wooden Furniture/Plate Glass/Plastic Toys/Plastic Appliances/ Scrap Wood & Building Debris/Ceramic Toilets, Ceramic Sinks & Mattresses

Please have all of your items at your curb,
 Monday, May 5th at 8am!!!

Please call the Village at 845-794-6130 with any questions

Kicking off Spring and Summer with Workshops and Events at CCE Sullivan!

LIBERTY, NY - Spring has arrived, and summer will soon be on its heels! To usher in the warmer weather, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE Sullivan) is excited to announce the following programs and workshops open to local community members taking place during the upcoming months:

1. Sullivan Fresh Kitchen Takeover at the Cochection Fire Station

Monday, May 19th, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Sullivan Fresh staff are taking over the Cochection Fire Station kitchen! This is no ordinary fundraising event, participants will have the opportunity to experience a one-of-a-kind Sullivan Fresh Menu featuring locally sourced ingredients prepared and served by our team! All proceeds from this event will go to the Sullivan Fresh Food Security Program which continues to serve hundreds of people in the community. No registration is needed to attend, interested participants are welcome to stop in at any time and enjoy a plate with the team!

2. Friday Fitness Series

Fridays, April 25th - May 16th & May 30th - June 20th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM; Friday, June 13th, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

This non-impact aerobics class series offers participants a full-body cardiovascular workout featuring basic choreography and free dance, set to a variety of music from around the world. Participants will be asked to wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if they have one, or request one from the instructor if they don't. Registration for this class series does have a required fee, and interested participants with questions should contact the instructor and CCE Sullivan's Nutrition and Physical Activity Educator, Joy Leon.

3. Gardening 101: A Three-Part Series

April 29th, June 11th, August 6th, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Learn the ins and outs of starting your own garden, from start to maintenance! This gardening series will feature a presentation from CCE Sullivan's Horticulture Subject Educator, Katie Gasior, followed by two separate hands-on workshops where participants will have the opportunity to sow seedlings into CCE Sullivan's Community Garden and practice maintaining the garden! Registration for this class series does have a required fee, and interested participants with questions should contact the instructor.

4. Eat Healthy, Be Active

Tuesdays, June 3rd - July 8th, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Community members are invited to learn how to experience healthy eating and physical activity as an enjoyable part of their lifestyle that supports them physically, men-

tally, and emotionally! Instructor for this series and Nutrition and Physical Activity Educator, Joy Leon, will go over planning and preparing nutritious meals for the week, the five food groups on MyPlate, the role macro and micronutrients play in your diet, and more! Registration for this class series is free, and interested participants with questions should contact the instructor.

5. Farmers' Market Panel

Thursday, May 29, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Farmers are invited to get the knowledge, strategies, and resources they'll need to successfully enter and thrive in farmers' markets. A panel of farmers' market vendors and farmers' market managers will each share their experiences, challenges, and best practices related to farmers market sales, pricing strategies, customer engagement, and market policies. Additionally, the panel will be open to questions on how to get started at markets, increasing sales, and navigating challenges in direct-to-consumer sales. Registration for this class series is free, and interested participants with questions should contact Ag. Program Coordinator, Haley Collins.

6. Cooking Matters in Your Community

Tuesday, May 20th, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Extension Education Center

Sunday, June 1st, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Callicoon Farmers' Market

Thursday, July 3rd, 3:00-4:30pm - Mamakating Library

Wednesday, July 16th, 11:00am-12:30pm - Fallsburg Senior/Youth Center

Tuesday, July 22nd, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM - Liberty Public Health

Friday, August 8th, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Liberty Farmers' Market

Learn a variety of skills from food safety to how to get produce from the Farmers' Market ready for your dinner table! Each class in this program series will focus on a specific healthy eating theme or cooking technique and include a recipe to demonstrate the concept. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about local, in-season produce and sample food prepared in class together.

Registration for this class series is free, and interested participants with questions should contact the instructor and CCE Sullivan's Nutrition and Physical Activity Educator, Joy Leon.

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

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

For any other questions
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com



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The Daniel Pierce Library

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Library Fundraiser

What happens at BINGO stays at BINGO!

Friday, May 2, 2025

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$40 per Person

Includes: 7 games, door prize entry & light refreshments
\$5 tickets available for more chances to win

7 PRIZES

One winner per game over \$3,500 worth of prizes including:

- Meat Package
- Resort World Stay
- LEGOLAND
- Splash Pass & Stay
- 65" Smart TV
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Tickets on sale now

Reserve tables of 8 or 10 per request

Raffle Prizes

Tickets available for an additional purchase & winnings

Fun for all 18 and older!

Seating is limited, call 845.985.7233 today!





Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

**Saturday, May 17, 2025
4 to 6 p.m. \$15**

**Museum and Library Parking Lot
332 Main Street, Grahamsville**

- ♦ *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- ♦ Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- ♦ Brownie from *Frost Valley YMCA*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ # of Meals: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this form with your check to:
Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740

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UPK REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be 4
years old by December 1, 2025 please
call us at

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

and leave your name, your child's
name and phone number where you
can be reached.



Legislature Appoints Members to Human Rights Commission

Monticello, NY - A majority of Sullivan County legislators this month approved naming the following members to the Human Rights Commission:

- o Joel Santiago, a small business owner from Monticello, former vice president of La Llave del Futuro and advocate through PathStone
- o Ari Mir-Pontier, a Barryville resident and former executive director of the Commission (having also served as a commissioner)
- o Amanda Ward, District 8 Legislator and South Fallsburg native
- o Charles Wade, a local DJ and resident of Wurtsboro
- o Margaret Gans, an energy management consultant from Cohecton with a law degree and 30 years' experience managing affordable housing properties
- o Bill Liblick, a prior member of the Commission (chairing the Outreach Committee) and longtime advocate for and defender of the rights of the most vulnerable populations (including on national TV), who lives in Swan Lake
- o Ricardo Nieves, a local business owner from Woodridge
- o Miranda Behan, a longtime Hurleyville resident and Fallsburg Town Councilperson
- o Alex Portugal, a Jewish community leader from Monticello

These appointments come on the heels of County Manager Joshua Potossek's appointment of Ramone E. Wilson as the first full-time executive director of the Human Rights Commission.

"The Legislature is intent on having a Human Rights Commission that is relevant and responsive to our community," affirmed Legislature Chair Nadia Rajs. "Our commitment is reflected by the fact that we aren't required by law to have such a Commission, but we would prefer citizens, nonprofits and businesses have someone local to reach out to - so we've made the necessary investment."

"I am immensely pleased and honored to both serve on the Human Rights Commission and to have spearheaded its rejuvenation," stated District 8 Legislator Amanda

Ward. "My father served on the Commission formerly, and its mission is deeply important to me. It is imperative that we offer a conscientious and caring hand to anyone in our community who feels they have been discriminated against, to listen to their concerns, and to address them promptly."

Formed by the Legislature in October 2005, the Human Rights Commission's mission is:

- o To foster mutual respect and understanding in the general population for the rights of all persons in Sullivan County.
- o To encourage equality of treatment for, and discourage discrimination against, a person on the basis of race, creed, color, religion or national origin, gender, age, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation/preference, marital status, or criminal conviction to the extent provided by Correction Law §752.
- o To inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between various racial, religious, and nationality groups, and to act and relieve such tensions.
- o To conduct and recommend programs of education to increase good will among the inhabitants of Sullivan County.
- o To receive complaints of alleged discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion or national origin, gender, age, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation/preference, marital status, or criminal conviction to the extent provided by Correction Law §752, and attempt to resolve such conflicts through intervention or referral.

The Commission does not have investigatory powers - that authority rests with the NYS Division of Human Rights, to which the County's Commission may refer serious cases requiring formal investigation.

The Human Rights Commission has also been tasked with focusing on consumer affairs, mediating and educating about customer/business issues.

For more information about the Commission, Executive Director Ramone Wilson welcomes calls at 845-807-0189 or emails at Ramone.wilson@sullivanny.gov.

Serve Your Community, Build Your Future: Empire State Service Corps

Do you want to give back to your community in a meaningful way while gaining valuable experience AND earning a stipend? The Empire State Service Corps at SUNY Sullivan is seeking passionate individuals to participate in impactful service projects. This is an incredible opportunity to develop leadership skills, network, and make a difference right here in our community.

Learn more: https://sunysullivan.edu/empire-state-service-corps/?mc_cid=91bd5360c5&mc_eid=89c39ce9b4

Color Our World

with **LEGO** at the

Daniel Pierce Library

Up in the AIR Program Spring 2025

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Up, Up & Away (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 9

LEGO hot air balloon challenge. Think outside the brick and see how else you can use your LEGO pieces for this design! Team up if you'd like.

Treehouse (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, April 30

Build the ultimate backyard treehouse of your dreams, high up into the sky!

Balloon-powered Vehicle (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 7

Build a balloon-powered car that goes! Race your car with a friend and see how far it can travel.

Spring is in the Air (Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, May 14

This challenge will spark your child's imagination, inspiring them to think creatively about the limitless possibilities of what they can build with their LEGO bricks, from flowers and bugs to things that soar through the sky.

PLEASE NOTE: A parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program.

*Imagine, create and learn with **LEGO**!*

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org. If you wish for your child to take the bus from school, please send a note to the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.

Register here: DPL Color our World

<https://www.danielpiercelibrary.org/pages/index/229643/color-our-world-with-lego>



Condemning NY AG James' Failure to Comply with Federal Orders to Protect Girls' Sports and End Woke Gender Curriculum in Schools

By promoting radical gender ideology and allowing biological males to compete in girls' sports, New York's Attorney General Letitia James and New York State Education Department Commissioner Betty Rosa are jeopardizing the safety of children across New York. This week, I sent a letter to the NY Attorney General and Commissioner condemning their failure to comply with President Trump's recent Executive Orders. These orders ban biological males from participating in women's sports and aim to put an end to the woke gender ideologies that have dominated our nation's classrooms. Their refusal to comply with common-sense federal orders that protect girls' athletics and prohibit the teaching of woke gender ideologies to young children puts New York students at risk of losing critical federal funding. I stand with President Trump in his efforts to dismantle the Left's woke agenda that has infiltrated our schools and put an end to the indoctrination of students with these fringe gender mutilation ideologies.

Read the full text of the letter here:

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/lettertojames.pdf>

Holding Disgraced Governor Cuomo Accountable

Disgraced former Governor Cuomo can no longer escape accountability now that Republicans control Congress and the White House. This week, we took decisive action to ensure he is held responsible for his deadly nursing home directive, which led to the untimely deaths of over 15,000 nursing home residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week, the White House revamped the COVID.GOV website to reveal the truth about the origins of COVID-19 and expose the deadly propaganda pushed by the Left Wing Media throughout the pandemic. One of the key points the website emphasizes is former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's March 25 order, referring to it as "medical malpractice." It highlights evidence that Cuomo and his administration attempted to conceal the tragic consequences of the Nursing Home Directive in an effort to avoid accountability.

Additionally, the House Oversight Committee is re-upping a criminal referral for Governor Cuomo after it was revealed he intentionally lied to Congress to cover up the COVID-19 nursing home tragedy. Lying to Congress is a federal crime, and Cuomo must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

With every day that passes, we are moving one step closer to justice for thousands of New Yorkers and their families.

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.2783, the Infrastructure Project Acceleration Act: This bill will streamline environmental reviews for infrastructure projects dealing with duplicative state and federal regulations. Specifically, this bill allows infrastructure projects to opt out of federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews in states like New York, where state environmental regulations are stricter than those of the NEPA. This bill will help expedite investments in New York State and lower the duplicative regulatory burdens on these projects.

H.R. 803, the Sergeant Gary Beikirch Medal of Honor Act: This bill would allow a surviving spouse of a Medal of Honor recipient to receive a special pension simultaneously with dependency compensation. No Medal of Honor recipient should have to worry about their spouse's income after they pass. This bill will provide peace of mind to our Medal of Honor recipients and ensure their spouses will always have financial security.

H.R. 2452, the Keep Our Girls Safe Act: This bill prohibits locker rooms from being used by individuals of multiple biological sexes at the same time. The Biden administrations' radical pro-gender mutilation policies required schools to allow biological men in women's locker rooms, putting our children at risk. This bill will ensure that biological men are never allowed to use a women's locker room while biological women are using that space.

Celebrating Orleans County's Bicentennial

Recently, our team joined state and local leaders in presenting a proclamation celebrating Orleans County's bicentennial! Home to the scenic shorelines of Lake Ontario, world-class sports fishing, and thriving agricultural and small business communities, I am humbled to represent this great county in Congress. I wish every resident of Orleans another fantastic 200 years!



It was another productive week working to make our community more affordable, more safe, and more free.

I wanted to take a moment and update you all on what I've been up to in the Hudson Valley this week!

SPEAKING OUT AGAINST CUTS TO OUR LOCAL FOOD-BANK

Trump's cutting a billion dollars in food assistance at USDA.

That's 2 MILLION fewer meals for Hudson Valley families this year alone.

That's our kids, seniors, and veterans going hungry. That's our family farms being hurt.

Our Hudson Valley community is standing up with one voice, and we are urging Trump with everything we've got to hear our call.

It's time to put money back in farmers' pockets and nutritious meals back on families' tables.

It's time to put country before politics and restore food shipments. Immediately.

Read the full press release: Congressman Pat Ryan Leads Hudson Valley Community Speak Out Against Trump Cutting 2 MILLION Meals From Hungry Kids, Veterans, and Seniors

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-hudson-valley-community-speak-out-against-trump>

FIGHTING FOR HUDSON VALLEY POLICE OFFICERS

More affordable, more safe, more free - that's the Hudson Valley I want for my kids and yours.

Working with Sheriffs Figueroa, Imperati, and Arteta, I pushed relentlessly for landmark investments to bolster public safety across the Hudson Valley.

Frankly, I was shocked when Trump and Johnson took every single dollar for our Sheriffs out of their budget.

I truly didn't think they'd cut crucial public safety efforts. I proudly voted against these cuts, but unfortunately, President Trump signed it into law.

That's why it's more important than ever that we pass my 'Invest to Protect Act,' critical bipartisan legislation that would support smaller police departments like those in the Hudson Valley that are too often left behind.

I refuse to let the chaos, divisiveness and cruelty of Trump get in the way of delivering for Hudson Valley law enforcement, and I'll keep working every single day to make our community safer for your kids and for mine.

Read more: Mid Hudson News: Ryan & Figueroa blast House Republicans for cutting nearly \$6 million for law enforcement
<https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/04/21/ryan-figueroa-blast-house-republicans-for-cutting-nearly-6-million-for-law-enforcement/>

Read the full press release: Congressman Pat Ryan and Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa Slam House Republicans for Cutting Nearly \$6 Million for Hudson Valley Law Enforcement,

Push for Passage of Ryan's "Invest to Protect Act" to Support Hudson Valley Police Departments

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-and-ulster-county-sheriff-juan-figueroa-slam-house>

HONORING THE LIFE OF POPE FRANCIS

This week, I joined the world in mourning the loss of a moral, compassionate leader and a truly decent man in Pope Francis.

May his life and legacy inspire us all.

WORKING TO MAKE HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

Bringing down the cost of living, specifically when it comes to housing, is my top priority.

Building 100 new apartments in Middletown is exactly what we need to be doing across the Hudson Valley.

That's why I fought for nearly \$1M in water infrastructure grants to help pave the way for critical housing projects like this one.

Huge thanks to all our partners, let's keep up the momentum!

Read more: Mid Hudson News: City of Middletown to build more affordable housing

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/04/15/246130/>

STICKING UP FOR HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS

I'll be damned if I'm gonna let draft-dodging Donald keep me or any other Hudson Valley veteran from going to our local VA to receive care.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE THAT YOU CAN AFFORD

Everyone in our community deserves high-quality, affordable health care.

That's why I was excited to break ground on a new facility in Beacon last week, which will help Hudson Valley families get the care they need at a cost they can afford.

But the fight doesn't stop here.

Community Health Centers like Sun River Health play a unique and irreplaceable role in keeping our community healthy.

They must be fully funded.

Amidst catastrophic threats to Medicaid and increased uncertainty with funding for health centers nationwide, I will keep pushing **RELENTLESSLY** to stop the cuts and protect our community.

Read more: Mid Hudson News: Ryan, Sun River Health celebrates \$2 million expansion of Beacon facility

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/04/20/ryan-sun-river-health-celebrates-2-million-expansion-of-beacon-facility/>

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

The C.A.R.E.S. Van is coming to Stanfordville!

Whether you need help with accessing a payment, or need assistance navigating a federal program, we are urgently working around the clock to get you the answers you need and services you deserve.

Come to Stanford Town Hall on Tuesday 4/29 at 11am for the one-on-one help you deserve:

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Ryan (From Pg. 54) **CELEBRATING EARTH DAY**

From fighting to clean up harmful chemicals in the Hudson River, to removing toxic lead cables from our communities, this Earth Day I'm continuing to push for the clean water, soil, and air that Hudson Valley families deserve for generations to come!

RECOGNIZING YOM HASHOAH

Wednesday marked the beginning of Yom HaShoah, Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day.

We must never forget the 6 million Jews & millions of others who were murdered, and vow to never again let such evil return to this earth.

SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION!

The 2025 Congressional Art Competition for New York's 18th Congressional District is open for submissions!

This annual competition is open to all high school students who reside in NY-18 (grades 9-12). The winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The winner will also receive an invitation to attend the National Winner's Celebration in Washington this summer (details to be announced).

Read the full rules and instructions here

https://www.house.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/2025_Rules_and_Regulations_for_Students_and_Teachers.pdf

Students should drop off or mail their artwork, along with a completed 2025 Student Information and Release Form ,

https://www.house.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/2025_Student_Release_Form.pdf

to:

Office of Congressman Pat Ryan
29 N Hamilton Street, Suites 112-113
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Feel free to email brandon.gonzalez@mail.house.gov with any additional questions!

We're excited to showcase the incredible talent of young artists across the Hudson Valley - and we can't wait to see this year's submissions!

GRANTS CORNER: APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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)

Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR)

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is preparing to launch a new grant program to fund the development and improvement of municipal parks and recreation sites. Funds for the MPR Grant Program are provided by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreation-

al sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.

Applications will be available March 19, 2025, through the on-line Consolidated Funding Application with a deadline of May 2, 2025, at 4 p.m.

\$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.

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

The DFC Support Program is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. It provides community-based coalitions with up to 10 years of funding to promote positive youth engagement and address the local conditions that drive youth substance use. The grant is a 5-year grant with a maximum award of \$125,000 per year.

Apply for New (Year 1) Drug-Free Community Support Program Funding

Apply for Competing Continuation (Year 6) Drug-Free Community Support Program Funding

View DFC Applicant Training Webinar Recordings

Application Deadline: Due on May 5, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

Last week, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the availability of \$1.35 Million in capital grants to expand services for organizations that serve veterans, service members, and military families. Funding through the Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program is provided for architecture, design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or expansion of an eligible facility; and purchase of eligible furnishings or equipment.

Application Deadline: Due on May 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. 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!



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 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, May 11th

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

Daniel Pierce Library

Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event



THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

\$20 per kit. Space is limited

Join us for a Spring inspired cookie decorating event,
hosted by Heather DeGori from *Cuppie Cake Desserts*!
Every pair will receive one kit of 3 cookies to decorate. Each kit contains
one cookie for each person and one to decorate together.

All of the necessary supplies will be included.

Refreshments will be offered as well.

For Adults and their special someone, adults, teens and 6 & up ♥



Open to Tri-Valley residents only.

Advanced registration is required at danielpiercelibrary.org

Register here for Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMdOfelFyo7-ROmhdGbrRS-1ect4D7_PYdGsRzxWPcGsYGNg/viewform



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

All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello



**THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION
IS CELEBRATING ITS**

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

**WITH 25 YEARS OF OUR
ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW**

ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th from 10 am-6 pm (raindate Sept. 21)

At the

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY

*This year we are featuring **MASSEY-HARRIS, FERGUSON & MASSEY-FERGUSON** Tractors
BUT ALL tractor makes and models are welcome to participate.*

Trophies will be awarded to working Tractors, Hit & Miss Engines and Garden Tractors

*Joining us this year will be the **Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club**, the
Catskill Region AACA Car Club and Knife Sharpening by the Buley Family.*

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

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

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

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

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

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

The purpose of the NRAMA Scholarship is to encourage graduating high school seniors from Sullivan County to pursue secondary education opportunities in any field related to either heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one individual selected by the NRAMA Scholarship Committee. The Value of the scholarship is \$500.00, and is non-renewable. Scholarship proceeds will be utilized for tuition, fees or books. In addition, the winner will also receive a one (1) year membership to the NRAMA.

The scholarship monies will be distributed after proof of obtaining a 2.0 or higher GPA and completion of first semester. Facility must send proof of GPA and semester completion.

The Applicant may use the scholarship to study any field related to heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture at any accredited academic or vocational school.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in your Sullivan county home school and career and technical education during Junior and Senior years.
- Illustrate a commitment to the fields of heavy equipment, automotive mechanics or agriculture by either graduation from a related program at Sullivan County BOCES or related work efforts outside of school.
- Be accepted as a full time student at an accredited academic or vocation institution

Submit a completed application to the NRAMA by May 2nd, 2025.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

What school(s) have you applied to? _____

What school(s) have you been accepted at? _____

What is the course of study? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief essay describing your career goals and what you hope to gain by furthering your education and what you may bring to our club in the future. Also include with this application one letter of recommendation from a teacher, educator or employer.

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application
P.O. Box 393
Grahamsville, NY 12740

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AT THE
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*ALL STERLING, STAINLESS AND ONE OF A KIND
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**THURSDAY, MAY 8
FRIDAY, MAY 9
10:00 AM TO 3:00PM**

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Presents

Women's Empowerment Group

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of
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from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Discuss topics impacting women today, in a safe and judgement free
environment. Opportunities to exchange ideas and share life experiences.
Attend educational workshops and learn from guest speakers.

Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You

Location:

126 Seward Ave

Middletown, NY 10940

For More Information Call

845.343.4284

*Please RSVP
Seats are limited*

Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.



Find us on
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"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

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)**

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THIRD ANNUAL

Father's Day

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AMERICAN MADE STIHL PRODUCTS

- 1ST PRIZE:** STIHL MS 271 FARM BOSS CHAINSAW
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3RD PRIZE: STIHL GTA 26 GARDEN PRUNER
4TH PRIZE: \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO
ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE

DRAWING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025



TO PURCHASE, PLEASE
SEE ANY MEMBER OR
STOP BY OUR FIREHOUSE
THURSDAYS AT 7PM!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHIEF NOLAN AKERLEY - 845.707.2975
ASSISTANT CHIEF ERIC AKERLEY - 845.707.1483

SPECIAL THANKS TO ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE, N.Y. FOR THEIR SUPPORT

The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2025

The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading!

Calling all caregivers and their little ones, ages 12 months to 4 years, who live in the Tri-Valley Central School District! We've got some awesome programs lined up just for you. The spring session will kick off the week of April 21st and run for eight fun-filled weeks. It's completely free, thanks to the kindness of our amazing community! Registration is a must.

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)

Beginning Wednesday, April 23rd

Toddler Time (24-35 months)

Beginning Thursday, April 24th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)

Beginning Friday, April 25th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. Children will be registered at school.

*Register
Today!*




P.O. Box 268 • 328 Main Street • Grahamsville, NY 12740
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PRESENTS:
REEL BONDS
VETERANS FISHING
DAY

**Catch the Biggest Fish and Win a New
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 MAY 16, 2025

 9:30AM - 3:00PM
(RAIN OR SHINE)

<Free Lunch Provided>

HANOFEE PARK

129-143 Sunset Lake RD
Liberty, NY 12754

***Valid NY State Fishing
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50 North Street,
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A program for DPL Patrons

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Bring your own
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Receive help on a variety of basic tech
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- ▶ *Smartphones*
- ▶ *Tablets*
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- ▶ *Website navigation*
- ▶ *Downloading apps*
- ▶ *Social Media*
- ▶ *Messaging Apps*
- ▶ *Streaming platforms*
- ▶ *And more...*

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Caring for Yourself, Your Brain and Loved Ones

Virtual education programs presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



When you are a dementia caregiver, caring can take various forms: self-care to reduce stress levels; adopting a healthy lifestyle to care for your own brain; and knowing the latest research to help care for your loved one.

We'll explore these different ways of caring during June, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. Join us for one or all three of our virtual programs presented in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This statewide program series will provide tips and strategies, as well as identify local support services, to help navigate your journey.

Register for one or all of the programs by calling 800.272.3900 or clicking on the link in the program title below.

Self Care 101: You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup

Tues., June 3

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

**Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body:
Tips from the Latest Research**

Tues., June 10

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

**Advancing the Science: The Latest in
Alzheimer's and Dementia Research**

Tues., June 17

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



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- Must be a Sullivan County Resident

Class information

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Starting May 13th through July 31st 2025
from 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Clinicals will be Monday through Friday
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from 9am to 3pm

Test will be August 11th 2025
Classes held at SUNY Sullivan
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Every Monday



10:00AM - 11:00AM


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**Place: 309 East Broadway
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**Call 845-794-4228 for more
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Veteran Peer Support.
Call to speak with our Veteran
Peer Advocates.
We didn't fight alone while
we served, we don't need
to fight alone at home.**

Vet 2 Vet



**Sullivan County
NEW YORK**

Pvt Joseph P Dwyer Peer Support Program

Call or email us to register!

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[vet2vet@atitoday.org](mailto:veter2vet@atitoday.org)

309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

Introducing
Pages & Percs

Join us for a brand new experience at the DPL
Now you can sip, relax and read all in one place.

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee
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Room.

You can:


Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect
coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.

Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here.

Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or
just need a break, Pages and Percs is your perfect
spot to relax and recharge.

Enjoy!



Homeschooling Group

4th Tuesday of each month

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
at the Daniel Pierce Library

We invite all homeschooling families to join a self-guided group that meets monthly at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Together this group will share lessons, network, set up future field trips, have various guest speakers and programs. You can also... borrow books, check out DVD's, access the internet, research online databases and utilize library space! (If you have a RCLS library card).

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

**Text or call Dana
for more information:
845 707 – 2489**



**Beginning
September
24th**

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A

Daniel Pierce Library Card?

Explore everything your library card gives you!



Read any way you like
Printed books, magazines, and newspapers, e-books, and audiobooks



Listen at home or on the go
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Get online and get going
Free Wi-Fi

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Unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga

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SIGN UP TODAY! It's **FREE** and easy!
Visit the Daniel Pierce Library for more details.

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VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL




YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD
WEDNESDAY
@ 6:30 PM

VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL




PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

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

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

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

Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
Are you a teen having problems at home?

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and
someone will always be there to listen
and help you deal with your situation.



Text 845-372-1817
Call 866-372-2336

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



Free & confidential support
Someone who can listen and help
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders -
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -
Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -
Divorce - School Issues -
Substance Use -
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -
and more!

Text "Start" to:
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OFF HOURS:
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protegerás?**

Amigos

Family

Get the facts.



Familia

**Obtenga los
hechos.**

Community

**Talk to your
healthcare
provider about
the COVID
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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting for Social Security

Social Security is a lifeline for seniors and people with disabilities. We cannot allow the Trump administration to make it harder for Americans to get the benefits that they deserve.

This week, Kirsten held a rally in New York City to demand that Elon Musk and President Trump keep their hands off Social Security. Millions of New Yorkers will be harmed if President Trump gets his way, and Kirsten is committed to doing everything in her power to make sure Social Security benefits remain secure and accessible.

Read more. <https://www.newsfromthestates.com/article/us-senate-dems-request-report-cuts-social-security-administration>

2. Advocating for nonprofits

New York's nonprofit organizations fight for our environment, defend human rights, protect civil liberties, educate our youth, and provide necessary services in every corner of our state.

President Trump's attacks on nonprofit groups are an unconstitutional attempt to silence those who disagree with him and a gross abuse of executive power. That's why this week, Kirsten joined Senator Schumer in New York City to fight back and condemn these efforts.

Watch the rally here. <https://www.youtube.com/live/-Lchi-57LYk>

3. Protecting health care access

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is the primary federal agency tasked with improving access to health care for vulnerable populations, including uninsured and underinsured children and families, struggling postpartum mothers, and individuals living in rural communities. The Trump administration's abrupt and unprecedented mass firing of HRSA employees is jeopardizing New Yorkers' access to vital health services.

That's why Kirsten is fighting back. This week, she sent a letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy demanding answers about these egregious firings. HRSA employees are critical health care providers, and Kirsten is committed to ensuring that they can continue their work. Read more. <https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/04/19/gillibrand-hrsa-firings-2025-maternal-health-concerns/>

4. Making lithium-ion batteries safer

Lithium-ion batteries have caused over 1,000 fires and 34 deaths in NYC alone since 2019.

This week, Kirsten continued her efforts to protect consumers from these fires by urging the Consumer Product Safety Commission to move forward with federal regulations for lithium-ion batteries. We must ensure that these devices are subject to acceptable safety standards to save lives.

Read more. <https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2025/04/24/congressmembers-urge-for-rules-governing-lithium-ion-batteries/>

5. Helping constituents with Social Security

When a Nassau County constituent needed to speak with a real person at the Social Security Administration about SSI benefits for her disabled daughter, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the SSA, and within days, the constituent was awarded \$645 per month in payments going forward.

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

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Where: American Legion Hall*

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* 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY, handicap accessible, bathroom on site
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CCE Sullivan's FreshRx Program Offers Benefits to Orange County Community Members Who Attend Workshops and Events

ORANGE COUNTY, NY - Spring is here, and the bounty of farmers' market season is close behind! Summer brings so many wonderful opportunities, including the continuation of the FreshRx Produce Prescription Program, provided by Garnet Health in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE Sullivan) is excited to announce the following classes taking place in Orange County during the upcoming months:

In Orange County, 9.8% of the population lives with food insecurity. "We know that access to food plays an essential role in living a healthy lifestyle. But those who face food insecurity are often forced to choose between food and other essentials," said Moira Mencher, manager of community health for Garnet Health. "What this grant does is help us reach those in the community facing these challenges, who can benefit not only from educational nutrition programs but also from access to fresh fruits and vegetables."

Eligible recipients will receive \$40 per workshop in FreshRx vouchers, redeemable for fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets in Orange and Sullivan counties.

To receive the produce vouchers, eligible participants must:

- o Participate in or be eligible for SNAP or Medicaid.
- o Live in Orange or Sullivan County.
- o Participate in Garnet Health's Diabetes Prevention Program or one of the approved nutrition or physical activity classes offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension

The goals of the FreshRx Produce Prescription Program are to:

- o Improve health outcomes in Orange and Sullivan Counties through increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- o Reduce individual and household food insecurity.
- o Reduce healthcare use and associated costs.

How the program works:

Eligible participants will be screened for pre-diabetes and offered several paths to improve their health.

If a patient screens positive for pre-diabetes:

- o They will be offered enrollment in the Diabetes Prevention Program. Throughout this year-long program, eligible participants receive vouchers in exchange for produce at local farmers markets or freshly pre-packaged boxes of produce.
- o Patients can also choose to enroll in Cornell Cooperative Extension classes on physical activity and nutrition education and will receive vouchers after the completion of each class.

If patient screens negative for pre-diabetes:

- o They can enroll in Cornell Cooperative Extension classes on physical activity and nutrition education and will receive vouchers after completion of each class.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE Sullivan) is excited to announce the following classes taking place in Orange County during the upcoming months:

1. Eat Healthy, Be Active

Wednesdays, April 16th - May 21st, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Newburgh Free Library

Community members are invited to learn how to experience healthy eating and physical activity as an enjoyable part of their lifestyle that supports them physically, mentally, and emotionally! In this series, the instructor will go over planning and preparing nutritious meals for the week, the five food groups on MyPlate, the role macro and micronutrients play in your diet, and more!

2. Cooking Matters in Your Community

Saturday, May 31st, 11:00am-12:00pm - Newburgh Farmers Market

Saturday, June 14th, 11:00am-12:00pm - Port Jervis Farmers Market

Saturday, June 28th, 11:00am-12:00pm - Newburgh Farmers Market

Saturday, July 12th, 11:00am-12:00pm - Port Jervis Farmers Market

Tuesday, July 29th, 11:00am-12:00pm - Healthy Orange Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 19th, 11:00am-12:00pm - Healthy Orange Farmers Market

Learn a variety of skills from food safety to how to get produce from the Farmers' Market ready for your dinner table! Each class in this program series will focus on a specific healthy eating theme or cooking technique and include a recipe to demonstrate the concept. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about local, in-season produce, and sample food prepared in class together.



Participation in these programs is free to all attendees! Pre-registration is highly encouraged and can be completed through the event listing at sullivanccce.org/events. Interested participants with questions should contact the instructor and CCE Sullivan's Nutrition and Physical Activity Educator, Joy Leon at 845-292-6180 ext. 101 or freshrx@cornell.edu. (Contd. Pg. 84)

CCE Sullivan's FreshRx Program Offers Benefits to Orange County Community Members Who Attend Workshops and Events

(From Pg. 83) “Healthy diets and physical activity contribute to healthy lifestyles and overall well-being,” said Melinda



Meddaugh, ag & food systems issue leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension. “With this program, we want to remove barriers, allowing community members easier access to healthy foods like fruits and vegetables from our local farmers, while also teaching them how to maintain healthy habits for themselves and their family, which we ultimately hope will lead to better health outcomes.”

Participating farmers market redemption sites include:

- o Sullivan Fresh Mobile Market (<https://sullivan-catskillsfarmersmarkets.com/sullivan-fresh/>)
- o Callicoon Farmers' Market (<https://callicoonfarmersmarket.org/>)
- o Monticello Farmers Market (<https://purecatskills.com/member/sullivan-fresh-farmers-market-monticello/>)
- o Port Jervis Farmers Market (<https://www.orange-countygov.com/2540/Farmers-Market>)
- o Newburgh Farmers Market (<https://www.common-groundfarm.org/markets/newburgh-farmers-market>)
- o Healthy Orange Farmers Market (<https://www.orangecountygov.com/2540/Farmers-Market>)

The FreshRx Produce Prescription Program is made possible by the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP). Funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), GusNIP provides grants on a competitive basis to projects that help low-income consumers access and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through incentives that increase their purchasing power at locations like farmers markets. Please visit Cornell Cooperative Extension's website, <https://sullivancce.org/>, for more information about the FreshRx Program or available classes. Those with related questions can contact the CCESC office at (845) 292-6180 or sullivan@cornell.edu.

For those with prediabetes who are interested in learning more, visit Garnet Health's Diabetes Prevention Program website at <https://www.garnethealth.org/diabetesprevention>.

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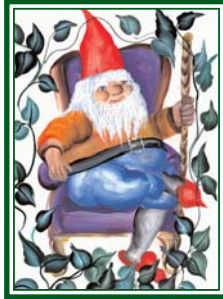
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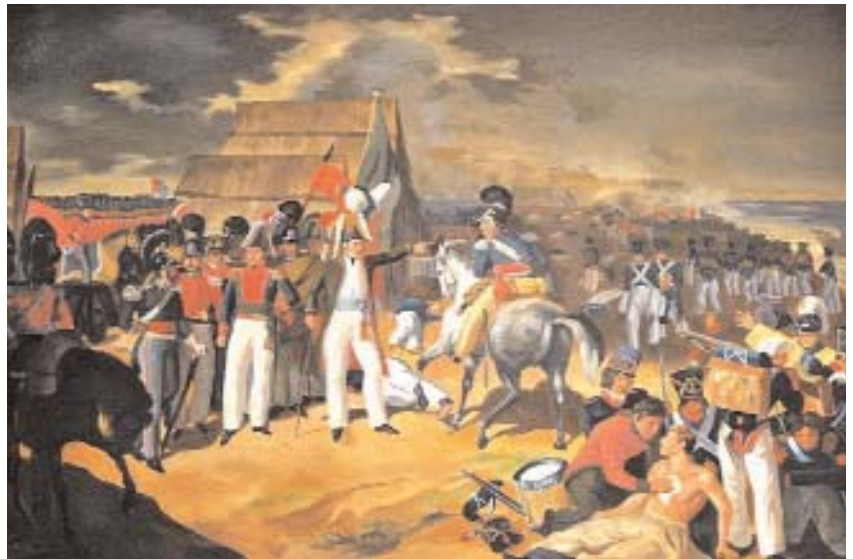
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**CINCO DE MAYO:
THE BATTLE**

(English Subtitled 2 h 6 min /
2013 Rated R)

Real history of this battle on Pg 76, in Spanish and English



On May 5th, 1862, a few thousand Mexican soldiers put their lives on the line against the world's largest and most powerful army in one legendary battle for freedom and for Mexico. This film chronicles the story of Mexico's Battle of Puebla, the most important battle in Mexico's history. When the unbeatable French army invades Mexico to set up a monarchy, General Ignacio Zaragoza must defend the people. **Directed by Rafa Lara, and starring Angelica Aragon, Kuno Becker, and Liz Gallardo.**

"True patriotism hates injustice in its own land more than anywhere else." – Clarence Darrow.

"Latinos have fought in all of America's wars, beginning with the Revolutionary War. Many Latinos are fighting and dying for our country today around the world today, just as several of their ancestors fought for freedom in Mexico over a century ago." – Joe Baca.

(Contd. Pg. 85)

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Meryl Streep

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

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES

ON AMAZON PRIME

CINCO DE MAYO:**LA BATALLA**

(2 h 6 min / 2013R)

Poco después del fin de la Guerra de Reforma, el ejército de Benito Juárez resulta triunfador y entra a la ciudad de México. Los pocos conservadores restantes son exiliados o inician una guerra de guerrillas. Mientras tanto, en París, Francia, un grupo de conservadores mexicanos (José María Gutiérrez de Estrada, José Manuel Hidalgo y Juan Nepomuceno Almonte - hijo ilegítimo de José María Morelos y Pavón) tienen audiencia con el emperador Napoleón III durante la ópera de Don Giovanni, a quien le explican la situación de México. Lleno de ambición, este decide enviar una expedición a México al mando del general Ferdinand Latrille (William Miller), conde de Lorencez, quien acepta gustoso de la nueva empresa. Meses después se reunirían los mandatarios de Francia, España y Reino Unido en Londres para organizar una invasión a territorios mexicanos.

En enero de 1862, Juan (Christian Vázquez) y Artemio (Javier Oliván), dos vigías del puerto de Veracruz, avistan una gran flota emergiendo de la niebla. Eran los barcos españoles provenientes de Cuba. Enterándose de la invasión, las tropas mexicanas en el puerto son rápidamente retiradas para reagruparse en el camino a la capital. Las tropas europeas en Veracruz comienzan a padecer de vómito negro por la humedad y el relieve. Mientras, en la capital, el presidente Juárez envía al delegado Manuel Doblado a parlamentar con el general español, Juan Prim (Ginés García Millán), quien siente que la invasión en sí no era muy buena idea. No así pensó el diplomático francés Dubois de Saligny (Álvaro García Trujillo), quien entendía la encomienda del emperador y esperaba el arribo de Lorencez. Una vez en México, Lorencez y Saligny revelan las intenciones de marchar hasta la capital junto con el Gral. Almonte y declaran rota la alianza tripartita.

El general Ignacio Zaragoza (Kuno Becker) se despidió de su moribunda esposa mientras es nombrado encargado de la defensa nacional y parte a Orizaba, donde comienza a reunir al ejército de Juárez.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES

ON AMAZON

**CINCO DE MAYO:
THE BATTLE**

(English Subtitled 2 h 6 min / 2013R)

Shortly after the end of the Reform War, Benito Juárez's army is triumphant and enters Mexico City. The few remaining conservatives are exiled or start a guerrilla war. Meanwhile, in Paris, France, a group of Mexican conservatives (José María Gutiérrez de Estrada, José Manuel Hidalgo and Juan Nepomuceno Almonte - illegitimate son of José María Morelos y Pavón) have an audience with Emperor Napoleon III during Don Giovanni's opera, to whom they explain the situation in Mexico. Full of ambition, he decides to send an expedition to Mexico under General Ferdinand Latrille (William Miller), Earl of Lorencez, who gladly accepts the new company. Months later, the representatives of France, Spain and the United Kingdom in London would meet to organize an invasion of Mexican territories.

In January 1862, Juan (Christian Vázquez) and Artemio (Javier Oliván), two lookouts from the port of Veracruz, spotted a large fleet emerging from the fog. It was the Spanish ships from Cuba. Upon learning of the invasion, Mexican troops at the port are quickly withdrawn to regroup on the way to the capital. European troops in Veracruz begin to suffer from black vomit from moisture and relief. Meanwhile, in the capital, President Juárez sends delegate Manuel Doblado to talk to Spanish general Juan Prim (Ginés García Millán), who feels that the invasion itself was not a very good idea. Not so thought the French diplomat Dubois de Saligny (Álvaro García Trujillo), who understood the emperor's entrusting and awaited the arrival of Lorencez. Once in Mexico, Lorencez and Saligny reveal the intentions of marching to the capital along with Gral. Almonte and declare the tripartite alliance broken.

General Ignacio Zaragoza (Kuno Becker) bids farewell to his dying wife while appointed in charge of national defense and left for Orizaba, where he begins to assemble Juárez's army.

Stay safe and stay well
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