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Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk and TAG Day - May 3, 2025



Volunteers and Walkers at May 3, 2025 Annual Journey For Sight at First Aid Squad Building



L-R First Aid Squad Manager Tom Cintula, Lions Ismael Berrios, Mike Ryan, Tom Manell, Pat Menje, Jorge Sanchez and Ilene Wizwer

On May 3, 2025, the Tri-Valley Lions celebrated our Annual Journey For Sight Walk with registration at 8:30 am in the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, which Tom Cintula, Manager and EMT of the Squad helped us set up for the Walk to

begin at 9am around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Several of us had our blood pressure checked by Nicole, First Lieutenant, Treasurer and EMT and their new member, Taylor. We thank the Grahamsville First Aid



First Aid Squad new member Taylor and Nicole, EMT, 1st Lieutenant and Treasurer 1st Aid Squad

Squad for use of their building and staying with us throughout the day. See photos attached. With all the rain we have had, we were lucky that the rain held out until the Walk and Tag Day was done - it was perfect walking weather. We were joined by several members of the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department, and you can see photos attached showing some of the Fire Fighters who walked in the Journey For Sight Walk, which helped boost their mileage for the Sullivan 180 Healthy Fire Department Competition. We also wanted to thank the Fire Department for their generous donation for the Walk. We would also like to thank Mark, Cris, and Angel of the Neversink General Store for providing the rolls, bagels, condiments, coffee, milk, half & half, and cups again this year. Of course, we would like to thank all the Lion Volunteers and non-Lion volunteers who help us year after year for The Journey For Sight Walk. (Contd. Pg 4)

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

May 25, 1955

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

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

May 12, 1965

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

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

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

May 28, 1975

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

May 23, 1985

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

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

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley Published May 25, 1995

Happy belated birthday, *Townsman*! Looking back to the May 7th copy of *Townsman*, did you realize our birthdays are less than two weeks apart? You and I are not spring chickens" anymore, *Townsman*. Congratulations. We girls have our dignity too, and like you I'm not telling my age.

As I sit here writing I am thinking, now that spring has arrived, it must be gorgeous up on Old Man Davis farm. In my mind's eye I can see the farm house and the winding lane which runs from the house to the top of the hill where strawberries will soon be ripening in abundance.

When Dan and I married in November of 1924 I moved in with his family. Grateful as I was for well-meaning in-laws, I still longed for the freedom of banging my own dishes and to clatter up and down our own stairs, and I yearned to cook for our family... and when the owner of Old Man Davis farm near Grahamsville offered us a good deal we jumped at the chance of a place of our own.

The house was only a a three-room bungalow but it had four walls and it would be our own, so in January we moved to the farm. The following spring we enlarged the kitchen and added two more rooms. It was nice living there on the farm - from early spring until late fall birds sang and flowers bloomed, and at harvest time there was the aroma of vegetables as my step-children and I brought them up from the garden in the wheel-barrow and placed them in our cellar, laying aside the larger ones to enter in the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville, which in those days was held in late September and for only one day.

Household Hint:

Get Rid of Offensive Kitchen Odor

Get rid of offensive cooking odors or simply sweeten up your kitchen by boiling cinnamon sticks. Cover cinnamon sticks with water in a small saucepan on the stove, and bring the mixture to a boil. After a few minutes, a comforting aroma will fill the room, reminding you of the best holidays at Grandma's house.

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

The Tiny Fairy Spud
A Real Spring Beauty

A Real Spring Beauty

The delicate little spring wildflowers gracing the forest floor in our backyard are little Fairy Spuds, also known as Spring Beauties (Claytonia virginica). Fairy Spud are small low-growing wildflowers that appear in a star-like cluster of five white to light pink flowers.



The Fairy Spud is one of the most common native perennials in eastern North America. One reason it is so common is its ability to survive in areas that have suffered through the breakdown of a forest; in our case in Sundown, erosion from Hurricane Irene. Many other native woodland wildflowers didn't fare as well.

This perennial wildflower is about 3-6" tall, consisting of a flowering stem with a pair of opposite cauline leaves (leaves

arising directly from the root/root-

stock) and some basal leaves (located at the base of a plant or stem) that are linear or linear-lanceolate, (shaped like a head of a lance) slightly recurved, glabrous, smooth along the margins, and slightly fleshy. There is a single central vein along the length of each leaf. The leaves are about 2-5" long; their width varies somewhat depending on the local ecotype, but it is approximately 1/4 inch across.

The stem is light green or slightly reddish green, glabrous (smooth), and rather succulent. The stem terminates in a floppy cluster of flowers. Each flower is about 1/3 of an inch across when it is fully open, consisting of 5 petals, 2 green sepals, 5 stamens with pink anthers, and a pistil with a three-part style. The petals are white with fine pink stripes; these stripes vary from pale pink to bright pink. The flowers open up on warm sunny days, and close during cloudy weather and at night. They are more or less erect while open, but nod downward when closed. The blooming period occurs from mid to late spring and lasts about 1-2 months. Each fertile flower produces an ovoid capsule containing several seeds; this capsule is enclosed by the 2 sepals. The root system consists of a small corm and secondary roots. This wildflower spreads by reseeding itself; sometimes forming rather loose colonies of plants.

The Fairy Spud thrives in deciduous forests and forest edges in upland and riparian settings.

Honey bees and butterflies are attracted to the pollen of the Fairy Spud flower.

The corms of the Fairy Spud are often dug up and eaten by some small rodents, including the White-Footed Mouse and Eastern Chipmunk while the foliage is sparingly eaten by White-Tailed Deer.

According to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, the short-lived Fairy Spud are not only beautiful, but a tasty spud-like vegetable. The tubers are often compared to tiny potatoes but taste much sweeter than the average spud! They are rich in nutrients including potassium, calcium and vitamins A and C. No wonder the name - Fairy Spud!

If you take a hike through the Catskill Park during April or early May chances are you will see these enchanting little flowers along the way.

Conceivably, no other wildflower announces the magic of the new spring with such passionate intensity as the tiny little Fairy Spud - a real Spring Beauty!

Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk and TAG Day



Lion Pat leading a blindfolded Tanya to installation ceremony by Stu Wizwer

(From Pg. 1) Between the Tag Day coordinated by 1st VP Lion Hugh Delaney and many Lion Volunteers collecting at Route 55 and Route 42 in Grahamsville, and 2nd Tag Day location near the Fire Department in Neversink, and the donations collected by member Lions on their pledge sheets for the Journey For Sight Walk, over \$4,000 was raised by our Club. We wanted to thank everyone who walked, volunteered, and donated to this year's Journey For Sight Walk. Your generosity allows us to continue our donations and assistance to the community and organizations we support. See more photos of the Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey for Sight Walk and TAG Day.

On Monday, May 5, 2025, we had our monthly dinner meeting at Casa Mia in Hurleyville. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner and had a fruitful meeting in which our newest member, Tanya Huggler, was installed as a Tri-Valley Lion. Pat Menje, our membership chair, was Tanya's sponsor, and Lion Director Stu Wizwer performed the installation of Tanya into our Club and performed an older installation method, in which Tanya was blind-folded and led into the installation. In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions to become Knights of the Blind, and many Lions in district 20-O (which is the district that the Tri-Valley Lions is in) have taken up that challenge by supporting The Lions Eye Institute (LEI) through their donations to the Lions Foundation at Albany NY. See photos of Tanya and the installation ceremony. We also approved a \$250 donation for Juvenile Diabetes. We have received several applications from Tri-Valley Seniors, which will be reviewed by the TV Lions Club Awards Committee to select students who have submitted applications which meet the criteria to receive for our annual Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Award and will receive a check.

Also, during the dinner meeting, Lion President Stephen Miller was presented the

Bronze Lion award by his wife Susan in appreciation for his generous support of the Lions Foundation at Albany and the Lions Eye Institute. Stephen has been a Lion for 40 years and was a member of the Fallsburg Lions, before coming to the Tri-Valley Lions. During his tenure at the Fallsburg Lions Club, Stephen served as Secretary, then 2nd VP, then 1st VP and finally President of the Fallsburgh Lions. He also was Secretary for the Sullivan County Sight and Hearing and then became Chairman. We lucked out when Stephen and Susan Miller both transferred to the Tri-Valley Lions several years back bringing their



Bronze Lion Award given to Current Lion President Stephen Miller

R-L Lion President Stephen Miller, his wife Susan and Lion Director
Stu Wizwer

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Lion President Stephen Miller
Lions several years back bringing their
knowledge and expertise of Lionism. Stephen has been a 1st VP and has been
President of the Tri-Valley Lions for the last 4 years and is current Chairman of the
Sullivan County Sight and Hearing Committee. See photo of Stephen receiving the Bronze Lions award.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 48th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding by selling sodas from our Soda Booth for events at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies, our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hyacpat69@gmail.com

or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a happy, HEALTHY and safe Spring, and hope you will stop by our Soda Booth at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the 2025 Annual Little Worlds Fair and all forthcoming Fairground events. (Contd. Pg. 5)





Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk and TAG Day (From Pg. 4)





L-R Lion Fran Fuller and volunteer Julia (Susie) Mednick

L-R Kelly Whipple and children David & Sara



L-R Lion William Brenner and Townsman Editor, Linda Comando



Lions Merry White and Pat Menje



Lions and volunteeers getting ready to walk in this year's Journey for Sight



L-R Lions Maryann Cosentino and Esta Jacobs



L-R Lions Claire Rennison and Fran Fuller



L-R Lions Gene Froehlich, Carmen Salvemini, Tom Cosentino and Pat Menje



L - R Lions Paula Ryan, Gne Froehlich, and Terri Delaney.



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 132 The End of October

Mysterious Book Report No. 405

Published May 14, 2020 by John Dwaine McKenna

Some novels are more entertaining than others, some are more exciting, thrilling, intricately-plotted, eye-opening or educational. But, if you find one having ALL of those elements, it's bound to be a number one best-selling smash hit. Such is the case with the

just published thriller, *The End of October*, (Knopf, \$27.95, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-65865-8) by Lawrence Wright, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of ten non-fiction works, including the best seller, *The Looming Tower*.

In a stunning bit of drama that feels as if it were ripped from the headlines, *The End of October* opens with the discovery of a new and previously unknown, deadly virus which causes acute hemorrhagic fever and is almost always fatal, destroying the victim's lungs. Sounds familiar . . . wait . . . it gets scarier.

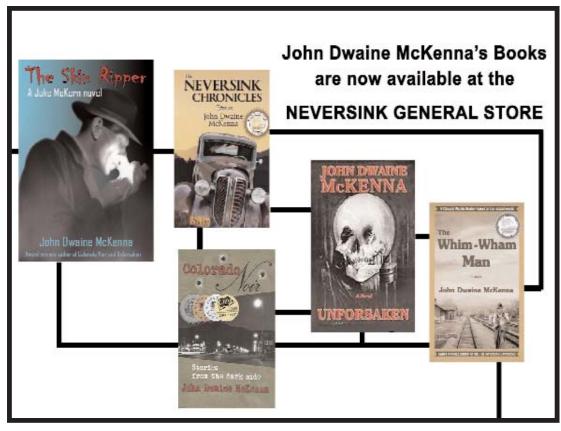
When forty-seven people die of a mysterious Ebola-like fever in an Indonesian refugee camp, world-renowned microbiologist Dr. Henry Parsons is sent to investigate. There, he finds squalor, lack of sanitation and medical care, the corpses of a team of NGO doctors who were ill-equipped and totally unprepared to deal with a highly infectious, universally fatal pandemic in the making, as well as bureaucratic bungling, resistance and denial. And, despite the marshalling of world health resources and quarantines, the disease cannot be stopped or contained. When Dr. Parson's driver, who is a devout Muslim, goes on his obligatory once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Mecca-known as the Hajj to the faithful-he unwittingly exposes three million individuals from all corners of the world to the deadly, highly contagious viral killer.

As the virus spreads, unprepared governments scramble to respond, and the lying, finger-pointing, rumors, speculation and conspiracy theories run rampant. Relationships between nations fracture, old animosities are revisited and hostilities begin as the world crumbles in this dystopian masterpiece that's crammed full of scientific and political facts and insights. Its an electrifying walk on the wild side that's near enough to reality to make your hair stand on end!!

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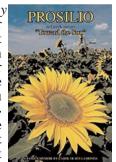
The Woods



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... in Greek means **"Toward the Sun,"** was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye*

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"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." Henry David Thoreau

There is something calming and healing about at walk in the woods. I am not talking about a hike with a destination but a walk that ambles and takes time to breathe in the fresh scent of the unique mix of bark, leaves, flowers, and soil. It is a slow pace that notices the colors and textures that change with each step.

Walking with a dog teaches us how to enjoy nature. Hudson, my chocolate lab, forges a path in a random design with his legs following his nose and eyes. I do the same, following him as he zigs and zags and circles and spirals around rocks and trees and patches of tall grass.

It is a non-thinking, thinking time. No planning or strategizing, just free-form pondering. I always take the time to sit upon a bolder and place both feet connected to the earth. There really is a sense of "grounding" as one becomes solidly bonded to the soil. From that grounded seat, I can notice the sounds and smells and sights that can soothe the anxiousness that the chaotic, non-woods, creates in my over-worked mind.

In the woods, I do not try to fix things that I cannot repair. I simply am. Just another living creature of the woods.

Here is a poem that sums up this feeling of spiritual healing the woods can offer:

"Ordinarily, I go to the woods alone, with not a single friend, for they are all smilers and talkers and therefore unsuitable.

I don't really want to be witnessed talking to the catbirds or hugging the old black oak tree. I have my way of praying, as you no doubt have yours.

Besides, when I am alone I can become invisible. I can sit on the top of a dune as motionless as an uprise of weeds, until the foxes run by unconcerned. I can hear the almost unhearable sound of the roses singing.

If you have ever gone to the woods with me, I must love you very much."

Mary Oliver ~ Swan: Poems and Prose Poems



It's raining. It's pouring. It's time to come to the Library!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Anyone interested in a book on how to build a rowboat? It's been one crazy stretch of rain lately, which while doesn't bode well for landscaping, does inspire some indoor comfy reading time! Whether it's a deluge of rain, a stifling hot day or something in between, the library is an excellent place to visit, check out some books or participate in our many programs.

Speaking of programs, we have two new ones coming up with just a few seats remaining in both. The first, on May 29 from 6-7:30PM, is our Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating hosted by Heather DeGori of Cuppie Cake Desserts. This program is designed for adults and their someone special, ages 6 and up. Online registration is required and cost of attendance is \$20. Participating groups will each receive one kit of three cookies and all the necessary supplies for decorating. It's going to be a fun, creative spring evening out! Our second new program, Bonsai for Beginners, will be on Saturday, June 7 from 11:30AM-1:00PM. Come meet Paul Manning, an experienced horticulturist and Bonsai enthusiast for this beginner-friendly class. Participants, adults and children 6 and up, will be guided through the essential knowledge and techniques to cultivate their own miniature masterpieces! Through hands-on experiences and Paul's expert instruction, participants will leave the program knowing the proper watering and feeding requirements of their bonsai, basic pruning and shaping skills and how to create the perfect home for their little tree to thrive in. Online registration is required. While there is no participation cost, you may choose to order your own bonsai (\$20 for small and \$40 for large) when registering.

Also, on Thursday, May 15 from 2:00-6:00PM we will be hosting a community blood drive. Please call 1-800 Red Cross or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. While appointments are preferred, they do accept walk-ins. The day before, May 14 from 3:00-4:30PM, we will be hosting our final spring LEGO program. This one, "Spring is in the Air" is for toddlers ages 3 and 4. Please note, a parent or guardian must be present for your child to attend this program. This challenge will spark your child's imagination, inspiring them to think creatively about the limitless possibilities of what they can build with LEGO bricks. Whether they build flowers, bugs, or things that soar though the sky, they are sure to have a blast at our LEGO program!

We are also accepting book donations for our summer book tent. We're planning on getting the tent up in the next few weeks, but in the meantime, we are processing the donated materials. Please visit our website for donation guidelines and contact information.



As for this week's book pick, I needed a break from dystopian survival story lines and grabbed Lucy Score's new book, Story of My Life. She is by far one of my most favorite writers. Her zany heroines are always so hilarious and Hazel didn't disappoint. She's a romance writer who hit rock bottom after a messy divorce. So she and her BFF Zoey flee NYC for a new beginning in Story Lake, PA where they inevitable meet grumpy hero, Cam and his equally attractive brothers Gage and Levi and their awesome sister Laura. As you read along, you just can't help falling in love with each of the characters (which is good since this is the first book of Score's new series.) While it has a great story line, it wouldn't be a Lucy Score book without a healthy dose of spice so...there's that. And, anyone who reads her books knows that there's a HEA-happily ever after-waiting for the characters and while it's not a story line that many would call compelling or life-altering literary work, that's her point in *The Story of My Life* precisely...that there is a place for rom-com's, that the genre itself gives readers hope, an escape, a "good vibes" opportunity. It's just a great book (and genre) so if you haven't given it a try, go ahead. (However, everyone and their sister wants to read this book so the wait time is going to be crazy...in the meantime, if you'd like to try a Lucy Score book we have many to choose from.)





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The Heat is on in the 2025 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge

[HURLEYVILLE, NY] - The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge has officially reached the halfway mark of the 8-month-long initiative with local fire fighters logging over 1,000 activities toward improved wellness.

2025 Participating Fire Departments: Bloomingburg, Callicoon Center, **Grahamsville**, Hortonville, Hurleyville, Jeffersonville, Kauneonga Lake, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Lumberland, Monticello, Narrowsburg-Lava, Rock Hill, Roscoe-Rockland, Smallwood-Mongaup Valley, White Lake, and Woodbourne.

"These dedicated individuals have embraced a wide range of physical challenges, including daily walking, litter pickups, wall sits, plank challenges, and even weekly yoga sessions," said Lindsay Wheat, Outreach Program Manager at Sullivan 180. "But the commitment to health goes beyond the physical - firefighters have also prioritized mental well-being by completing suicide awareness training, watching mental health webinars, and engaging in reflective practices such as journaling after calls."

The Healthiest Fire Department Challenge calls attention to the mental and physical health of our firefighters. Firefighting is physically and emotionally demanding from the moment the tones drop. More than half of all firefighters have elevated blood pressure; are obese and pre-diabetic. 90% or more have poor diet or exercise habits, additionally, suffering from heart disease, PTSD and lead in suicide more than any other first responder. Firefighters are consistently managing the balance between family, work and serving their community. Absorbing the trauma of each call has impacts that are not always visible or obvious.

To make this challenge fun and competitive, departments receive credit in the form of 'turtle points' for each health focused activity they complete. The department that earns the most turtles will be eligible for grant funding through Sullivan 180 and community partners. To date, Black Bear Fuel Oil Heating & Air Conditioning, Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills, Jeff Bank, Liberty & Monticello Rotary Clubs, Schmidt's Wholesale, Sullivan Fire Protection Corp, and Thompson Sanitation have committed to being Turtle Award sponsors.

Grantee levels are based on the final points completed by September 1, 2025. The two departments that earn the most turtle points will be eligible for a grant in the amount of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Additional grants will be awarded based on a tiered point system. Winners will be announced at the Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Parade in Monticello on September 6, 2024.

Grahamsville Fire Department currently holds the lead but Kauneonga Lake Fire Department just a few points behind. Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Department grabs third place. Support your local firefighters by following the challenge at Sullivan180.org and by joining our Facebook where you'll find live updates and photos.

Celebration Student Art Exhibit and a 'Quit Party' on the Hurleyville Rail Trail.

[HURLEYVILLE, NY] - The Coalition for a Vape Free Sullivan will celebrate World No Tobacco Day on May 30, 2025 at 2pm the at the trailhead of the O&W Rail Trail in Hurleyville. This global celebration, created by the World Health Organization (WHO), informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what is being done to fight the epidemic and what people around the world can do to claim their health and protect future generations.

This year's theme is "Unmasking the Appeal" and is focused on giving young people the truth about the tobacco and nicotine industry's carefully engineered products, including disposable vapes and nicotine pouches, that are designed to entice young people with their candy and fruit flavors. According to the World Health Organization, there are more than 16,000 unique vape flavors on the market today that have hooked an estimated 37 million children aged 13-15 years old worldwide.

The day will feature an art display titled "Airing Big Tobacco's Dirty Laundry" created by participants in the Sullivan 180 Warrior Teens program. A proclamation endorsing World No Tobacco Day and encouraging smoking cessation will be read by the Sullivan County Legislature at 2pm. Several community leaders will speak about the local effects of nicotine addiction and the resources available to help people quit. From 2:30 - 5:30pm the trailhead will turn into a 'Quit Party' inviting the public to kick start their quit journey with cessation resources and a fresh-air walk on the rail trail.

Supportive community agencies including the Sullivan County Department of Health, Tobacco Free Action Communities, Restorative Management and Sullivan 180 will be available along the trailhead. 'Quitters' will be encouraged to throw out their last cigarette or e-cigarette in exchange for a 'quit kit' and they will be treated to a cowbell send-off for their walk. The first ten 'quitters' to sign up for the upcoming Freedom from Smoking class, will earn a \$50 Walmart gift card!

Quitting smoking has countless short and long-term health benefits, some of which start to impact the body almost immediately after putting down one's last cigarette, vape or nicotine pouch. The Truth Initiative shares that 90% of people surveyed, who stopped vaping, felt less stressed, anxious or depressed after quitting vaping nicotine.

For more information visit www.sullivan180.org or to get involved contact Amanda Langseder, Sullivan 180 Director of Prevention Programming at 845-295-2681 or amanda@sullivan.180.org

Statement by Ulster County Director of Emergency Services Everett Erichsen:

"Emergency responders acted swiftly to contain the spill and limit environmental impact following the rollover of an oil delivery truck carrying approximately 2,300 gallons of home heating oil on Macdaniel Road in the Town of Woodstock. The Woodstock Fire District, City of Kingston Fire Department HAZMAT Team, Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Spill Response Unit responded to the incident along with the Woodstock Police Department, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Police. Responders deployed more than 250 feet of absorbent boom in the nearby waterway to contain the estimated spill of less than 500 gallons of heating oil.

The Ulster County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health are actively involved and are coordinating with local and state stakeholders to monitor environmental and public health concerns. The NYS DEC Spill Response Unit will continue to coordinate directly with the oil company responsible for the delivery in overseeing and implementing the necessary site remediation efforts. The unified response of these agencies reflects our commitment to protecting public health, safety, and the environment."

Statement by Director of Public Health Eve Walter:

"On Thursday, a truck overturned at 30 Macdaniel Road in Woodstock, near the Sawkill River, causing an oil spill. The cleanup is being handled by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York Department of Transportation, Ulster County Emergency Management, and the Woodstock and Kingston Fire Departments.

The Ulster County Department of Health (DOH) is working with DEC to develop a plan for testing the Town of Woodstock water system and will update communities as more information becomes available. As a precaution, Woodstock Town Supervisor Bill McKenna has taken the closest town well offline. Additionally, DEC will work with DOH on a plan for individual well testing, with results provided to DOH to determine appropriate next steps.

Residents with private wells who have concerns should call (845) 340-3010 for more information."

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Public Health Issues Advisory After Measles Case Confirmed in Region Though It's in Orange County, Local Healthcare and Camps Need to Be Aware

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Department of Public Health is alerting all local healthcare providers and summer camp operators to a confirmed case of measles in neighboring Orange County, as announced by the Orange County Health Department on May 7, 2025.

"Measles is an extremely contagious viral disease that can lead to serious health complications, particularly in young children and individuals with compromised immune systems," notes Sullivan County Public Health Director Dr. Jessie Moore. "Given the proximity of this case, we urge heightened vigilance to prevent potential spread within our community."

Key Information for Healthcare Providers

- Clinical Vigilance: Be alert for patients presenting with symptoms such as high fever, cough, runny nose, red watery eyes, and a characteristic rash. Measles symptoms typically appear 7 to 14 days after exposure.
- Infection Control: Implement appropriate isolation protocols for suspected cases to prevent nosocomial transmission.
- Reporting: Promptly report any suspected measles cases to Sullivan County Department of Public Health at 845-292-5910. This is a 24-hour line with an after-hours answering service.
- Testing Kits: The Sullivan County Department of Public Health has submitted a request to the Division of Vaccine Excellence for measles testing kits. Once received, these kits will be distributed to local healthcare providers. Please note that testing will not be conducted at Sullivan County Public Health Services.

Guidance for Summer Camp Operators

- Vaccination Compliance: Ensure all campers and staff are up to date with the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine, as per New York State requirements.
- Health Screenings: Conduct pre-arrival health assessments to identify any individuals exhibiting symptoms consistent with measles.
- Education: Inform campers, staff, and parents about the signs and symptoms of measles and the importance of vaccination.

For Community Members

• Check Your Immunity: Adults who are unsure of their vaccination status or immunity can request a measles



(rubeola) IgG titer from their healthcare provider. This simple blood test can confirm whether you are protected.

- Vaccination Recommendations: Anyone born after 1957 should have documentation of two MMR doses or a positive titer. Those without documented immunity are encouraged to get vaccinated.
- Protect Vulnerable Populations: Infants, pregnant individuals, and those with weakened immune systems are at highest risk for severe complications. Ensuring community-wide immunity helps protect them.

Preventive Measures for All

- MMR Vaccine: It's safe and effective, with two doses providing 97% protection.
- Hygiene: Practice frequent handwashing and avoid close contact with sick individuals.
- Stay Informed: Follow local health alerts and guidelines, especially when traveling or participating in group activities.

"The Sullivan County Department of Public Health remains committed to safeguarding the health of our community," says Dr. Moore. "We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary."

For more information and resources, please visit www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/Publichealth or contact Public Health directly at 845-292-5910.

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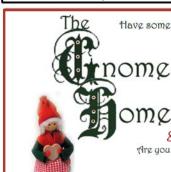
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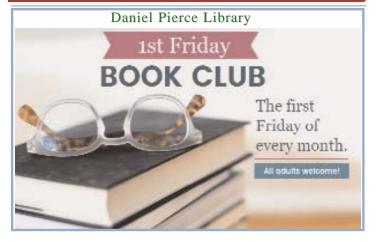


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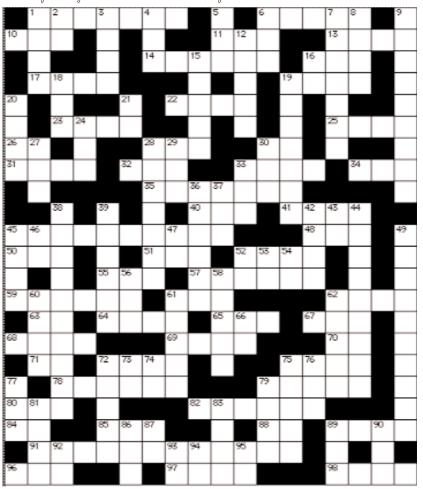
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Join this collaborative group as we create and inspire each other. Please bring any art supplies that you plan to work with to create your piece. Adults only.



Sunny Days are on the Way - L. Comando



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From Scratch **Old-Fashioned Sunny Yellow Cake**

(No artificial ingredients or preservatives, but made from staples from your cupboard)

> 2 cups cake flour 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup butter, softened 1 cup sugar 3 large eggs, room temperature 2 teaspoons vanilla 3/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9" cake pans.

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt with a wire whisk.

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla and mix until completely combined. Slowly add flour alternatively with milk. At end of addition batter should be smooth. Divide between the 2

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool 5 minutes in the pan, then invert onto a rack and cool completely before frosting with your favorite recipe - or top it off with s strawberries and whipped cream!

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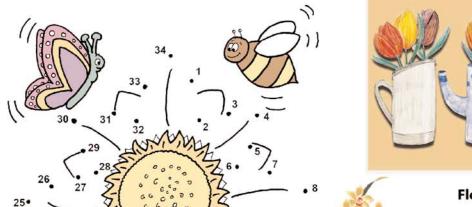
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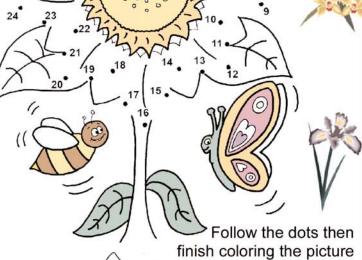
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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. (Contd. Pg 18)

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

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MAY 5, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE 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 20, 2025, at approximately 9:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School's Lower Level Collaboration Center. This Board of Education meeting will occur after the 2025 Budget Vote and Board of Education Member Election

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2025 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 319.

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Welfare Fraud Task Force Announces Arrests

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Welfare Fraud Task Force has arrested:

March 10, 2025 - Crystal J. Barclay, 39, of

Liberty, was charged with Welfare Fraud in the 3rd Degree, a Class D felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between April 19, 2023 and November 30, 2023, Barclay was in receipt of SNAP Benefits issued by the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. It is also alleged that during the time period indicat-



Crystal Barclay

ed, Barclay was employed at a local business but failed to disclose this employment on a SNAP re-certification application in June 2023.

(Contd. Pg 19)

Welfare Fraud Task Force **Announces Arrests**

(From Pg. 18) This failure to disclose truthful and accurate information about employment to the Department of Social Services resulted in Barclay receiving \$3,672 in SNAP Benefits to which she was not otherwise entitled. Barclay was arrested and released pending a future court date in the Town of Liberty Court.

March 27, 2025 - Maureen F. Mago, 48, of

Newburgh, was charged with Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between January 28, 2022 and October 31, 2022, Mago was in receipt of SNAP Benefits issued by the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. It is also alleged that during this same time period that Mago was employed. This failure to disclose her employment to the Department of Social Services resulted in Mago receiving \$1,745 in SNAP benefits to



Maureen Mago

which she was not otherwise entitled. Mago was arrested and released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

April 17, 2025 - Alberto L. Conde, 38, of Wurtsboro, was charged with Offering a False Instrument for Filing in

the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between April 7, 2021 and June 4, 2021, Conde was gainfully employed by a local business. On a SNAP Application/ Recertification dated June 4, 2021, Conde failed to disclose income from that employment. This failure to report income to the Sullivan County Department of Social Services resulted in Conde receiving \$659 in SNAP benefits to which he was not other-



Alberto Conde

wise entitled. Conde was arrested on a warrant and arraigned in the Town of Liberty Court. He was subsequently remanded to the Sullivan County Jail pending a future Court Date in the Town of Liberty Court.

April 26, 2025 - Janeth A. Flores, 38, of Monticello, was charged with Welfare Fraud in the 4th Degree, a Class E felony, and Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree, a Class E felony. It is alleged that between February 15, 2023 and June 30, 2023, Flores was in receipt of SNAP benefits issued by the Sullivan County Department of Social Services. It is also alleged that Flores was gainfully employed from November 10, 2022 through the date of her Application/ **SNAP** Recertification (February 15, 2023), where she failed to disclose her income. This unreported income resulted in Flores receiving \$1,296 in SNAP Benefits to which she was not otherwise entitled. Flores was arrested and



Crystal Barclay

released on an appearance ticket to return to the Town of Liberty Court at a later date.

Money in Your Pockets: Governor Hochul Sighs New Legislation to Cut Taxes for Middle-Class New Yorkers as Part of FY 2026 State Budget

Expanding New York's Child Tax Credit to Up to \$1,000 Per Child For 1.6 Million Families Cutting Taxes For the Middle Class To Lowest Level in 70 Years

Sending Inflation Refund Checks of Up To \$400 To Over 8 Million Households Free School Meals Save Families Around \$1,600 Per Child

Governor Kathy Hochul signed new legislation as part of the FY26 Enacted Budget to put money back in the pockets of millions of New Yorkers. This includes tripling the size of New York's Child Tax Credit, cutting taxes for middle class New Yorkers, sending inflation refund checks to millions of households and ensuring free school meals for students statewide. These initiatives help address the rising cost of living for families of all sizes and across the income spectrum. When accounting for their collective impact, these policies will deliver nearly \$5,000 of relief for many families of five in New York over the coming year and beyond.

"The cost of living is still too damn high, so I promised to put more money in your pockets - and we got it done," Governor Hochul said. "Putting money back in the pockets of millions of families means helping New Yorkers afford the rising costs of groceries, raising kids, and just enjoying life. When I said your family is my fight, I mean it - and I'll never stop fighting for you.'

Expanding New York's Child Tax Credit

The FY 2026 Budget includes Governor Hochul's plan to give 1.6 million New York families an annual tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child under age four and up to \$500 per child from four through sixteen. (Contd. Pg. 20)

Money in Your Pockets: Governor Hochul Sighs New Legislation to Cut Taxes for Middle-Class New Yorkers as Part of FY 2026 State Budget

(From Pg. 19)

This is the largest expansion of New York's child tax credit in its history - and it will benefit approximately 2.75 million children statewide. Governor Hochul's expansion of the credit will double the size of the average credit going out to families from \$472 to \$943.

This historic expansion of New York's child tax credit will drive significant assistance to families with the youngest children and help families across the income spectrum. By eliminating a longstanding provision that restricted New York's poorest families from accessing the credit while also delivering new relief to many middle-class families whose incomes were previously too high to qualify for the credit. As a result, more than 187,000 children will now be newly eligible for the credit.

The revamped credit will be instrumental in helping to address child poverty in New York State, cutting poverty among children statewide by 8.2 percent, and when combined with other measures already advanced by Governor Hochul, including drastically expanding subsidized child

care, reducing child poverty by 17.7 percent.

For example, under New York's newly expanded child tax credit, a family of four with a toddler and school-age child, and a household income up to \$110,000, would receive a credit of \$1,500 per year - representing nearly \$1,000 more per year than what that family receives under the current program. Additionally, the expanded credit means that even a family of four with household income of \$170,000 would receive over \$500 per year. That family would not have qualified for any credit under the current program.

Cutting Taxes for the Middle Class

The FY 2026 Budget includes Governor Hochul's plan to cut taxes for more than 75 percent of all tax filers in New York. This huge win will deliver nearly \$1 billion annually in tax relief to 8.3 million New Yorkers. This will provide savings to taxpayers earning up to \$323,000 for joint filers.

Under this tax cut, nearly 80% of New Yorkers will start to see fewer state taxes taken out in your first payroll check of 2026.

Once the rate change is fully phased in, the middle class tax cut will deliver hundreds of dollars in average savings to three out of every four taxpayers in the state. This will bring taxes for the middle class to their lowest level in 70 years.

Sending Inflation Refund Checks to New Yorkers

While inflation has driven prices higher, sapping the income of New Yorkers, it has also driven sharp increases in the State's collection of sales tax. Governor Hochul believes that money belongs to hardworking New York families and should be returned to their pockets as an Inflation Refund.

The FY 2026 Budget includes Governor Hochul's plan to send New York's first-ever inflation refund checks,

which will put \$2 billion back in the pockets of over 8 million New York taxpayers. Later this year, New York State will send direct payments to everyday New Yorkers.

Joint tax filers with income up to \$150,000 will receive a \$400 check, and joint filers with income over \$150,000 but no greater than \$300,000 will receive a \$300 check. Single tax filers with income up to \$75,000 will receive a \$200 check, and single filers with incomes over \$75,000 but no greater than \$150,000 will receive a \$150 check.

There are no age restrictions. Filers do not need to do anything to receive a refund. If you filed a tax return, are below the income (NYS AGI) thresholds, and no one else claimed you as a dependent, you will receive a refund.

More details regarding the timing for sending inflation refund checks will be announced in the near future.

Free School Meals for New York Students

The FY 2026 Budget includes Governor Hochul's plan to ensure all of New York's over 2.7 million students can receive breakfast and lunch for free at school, including roughly 280,000 students who would not otherwise be eligible for free meals. This monumental program will help save parents money, address food insecurity among New York kids, and create more opportunities for students to succeed.

By eliminating any financial requirements to receive this benefit, New York State will level the playing field and give parents back the money they would be spending. Free school meals are estimated to save families \$165 per child in grocery spending each month and have been shown to support learning, boost test scores, and improve attendance as well as classroom behavior.

Start to Finish 2025

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, in the spirit and the study of creating fine drama, has a treat for you - the audience! This year's new event is a series of short plays in development. Our playwrights all are local - from Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties. Come to the first readthroughs, live on the Rivoli Stage in South Fallsburg.

You will meet the actors and directors (and possibly the playwrights) of each play and will have the opportunity to participate in discussions giving constructive feedback. You will be invited to express what you liked and what didn't work for you. You will have the unique opportunity to be part of the creative process! Perhaps you will be inspired to audition for a part!

Come back in September when the polished plays are presented and find out if your feedback was incorporated into the finished product.

SCDW's Plays in Development, produced by Jean Eifert and Peter Nastasi, welcome you to contribute your input to START TO FINISH. Performances at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on Friday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May17 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

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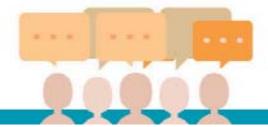




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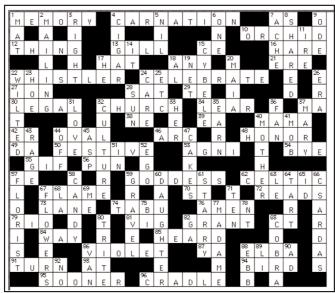
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Ans to last week's Crossword





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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	5/17/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
	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
	5/24/25	Sundown UMC Ladies Memorial Day Weekend Indoor Yard Sale Hot Dogs•Chips•Drinks available forsale
	5/26/25	Town of Neversink Holiday MEMORIAL DAY
		11:00am Flag Exchange Ceremony Grahamsville Rural Cemetery
	6/3/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
	6/7/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
	6/10/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
	6/11/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. 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

May 12 - May 16, 2025 Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

Monday, May 12

- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Community Services Board, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Tuesday, May 13

- o 9:00 AM Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kinston
- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Board of Health, in the Director's Conference Room, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Kingston

Wednesday, May 14

No Meetings

Thursday, May 15

- o 2:00 PM Audit Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 4:00 PM Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:00 PM (or Immediately Following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) Ways & Means Committee, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Friday, May 16



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Borscht Belt Museum Receives \$50,000 Grant from UJA-Federation of NY to Expand its Flagship Summer Event

Ellenville, NY - May 12, 2025 - The Catskills Borscht Belt Museum, a nonprofit cultural institution 90 minutes north of Manhattan, is proud to announce that it has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from UJA-Federation of New York.

This generous support will help the museum expand and improve its marquee summer event, Borscht Belt Fest, which takes place on July 26 & 27, 2025, in Ellenville, NY.

S ince its inception three years ago, Borscht Belt Fest has become a beloved regional cultural extravaganza, drawing thousands of attendees from across the Hudson Valley, the Catskills and the entire New York metropolitan region.

The weekend-long event celebrates Jewish-American culture and cuisine with stand-up comedy, art exhibitions, panel discussions, live music and a street fair with dozens of vendors offering a rich array of culinary classics.

The event, which takes place at venues all across Ellenville, highlights the vibrant legacy of the Catskills resort era, the birth-place of American stand-up comedy and a refuge for countless Jewish families who had been barred from most of the region's gentile-owned hotels in the early 20th century

With UJA's support, the museum will professionalize the largely volunteer-run event and ensure its future success.

"We are deeply grateful to UJA-Federation of New York for recognizing the potential of Borscht Belt Fest and its vital role in fostering Jewish joy and community, something that's more important than ever," said Andrew Jacobs, board president of the Borscht Belt Museum. "This grant will allow us to take the Borscht Belt Fest to new heights and create meaningful opportunities for Jews from all walks of life to come together and celebrate their shared cultural heritage."

About the Borscht Belt Museum

The Borscht Belt Museum is dedicated to preserving the rich cultural history of the Catskills resort era, celebrating its legacy as a sanctuary for Jewish families, the birthplace of modern stand-up comedy, and a region that shaped American culture in profound ways. Through exhibits, events, and programs, the museum keeps the spirit of the Catskills alive, sharing its stories with new generations.

About UJA-Federation of New York

Working with a network of hundreds of nonprofits, UJA extends its reach from New York to Israel to nearly 70 other countries around the world, touching the lives of 5.5 million people annually. Every year, UJA-Federation provides approximately \$180 million in grants.

...But We Lost a Federal Grant

Amid the joy, we were disheartened to learned that the second half of a \$11,000 grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services has been terminated as part of Elon Musk's efforts to slash federal spending.

No reason was given for the cancellation. The grant was awarded last year in preparation for America250, the upcoming commemoration of the nation's 250th birthday. The grant would have supported the museum's oral history project.

Can We Count on You?

We could really use the support. The Borscht Belt Museum is almost entirely funded by individual donors like you. Please take a moment to make a tax-deductible contribution. No amount is too small.

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BOCES Students Shine at New York State SkillsUSA Competition

LIBERTY - Twenty-four talented students from the Sullivan BOCES Career & Technical Education Center recently showcased their skills at the prestigious New York State SkillsUSA Competition in Syracuse, NY. Competing against top students from across the state, two local students earned honors for their outstanding performance.

Serenity Moore (Liberty Central School) took home 3rd Place in Cake Decorating, while Cathy Flores (Liberty Central School) earned 3rd Place in Nail Care. Their creativity, technical skill, and dedication earned them a spot on the podium in highly competitive events.

"Competing at the state level takes courage, preparation, and a true commitment to excellence," said Kathleen Wilcox, Principal at the Sullivan BOCES Career & Tech Center. "We are incredibly proud of all 24 students who represented Sullivan BOCES with professionalism and pride."

SkillsUSA is a national organization that empowers students to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible citizens through hands-on competitions in skilled trades and leadership events.

Congratulations to Serenity, Cathy, and every student who competed and demonstrated the valuable skills of their trade. You make your school district and Sullivan BOCES proud!

List of students who competed

Joseph Tucker - Roscoe CS - Automotive Tech I - Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair

Nicholas Foley - Tri-Valley CS - Automotive Tech II - Automotive Service Technology

Evyonna Gilliard - Fallsburg CS - Culinary II - Baking and Pastry Arts

EmmaRae Owen - Livingston CS and MacKenzie Cole - Livingston Manor CS - Early Childhood Education - Banner Contest (Team of 2)

Serenity Moore - Liberty CS - Culinary I - Cake Decorating

Aden Volpe - Sullivan West CS - Cosmetology II - Cosmetology Senior

Braedan Clarke - Liberty CS - Culinary II - Culinary Arts Rachael Yusko - Sullivan West CS - Automotive Tech II -Diesel Equipment Technology

Skylar Wright - Fallsburg CS - Early Childhood Education - Early Childhood Education

William Burns - Monticello CS - New Vision - Extemporaneous Speaking

Rebecca Gashinsky - Roscoe CS, Hailey Kaplan - Monticello CS, Morris Germann - Monticello CS, and Quinn Allen - Liberty CS - New Vision - Health Knowledge Bowl (Team of 4)

Jared Kratz - Sullivan West CS - Natural Resources II -

Heavy Equipment Operation

Joseph Metz - Tri-Valley CS - Automotive Technology II - Job Demonstration A

Giada Marone - Monticello CS - New Vision - Medical Math

Abiiana Alvarez - Monticello CS - New Vision - Medical Terminology

Cathy Flores - Liberty CS and Kayla Tapia - Liberty CS - Cosmetology II - Nail Care (Team of 2)

Cahl Darling - Livingston Manor CS - Welding II - Welding

Landen Boyd - Sullivan West CS, Logan Park - Livingston Manor CS, and Vincent Nervegna - Sullivan West CS - Welding II - Welding Fabrication (Team of 3)

Cops N' Bobbers Ulster County



ECO Radomski attends Cops N' Bobbers youth fishing event with Samantha and Gunner

On April 26, ECOs Chomicki and Radomski assisted the Town of Loyd Police Department with its fourth annual "Cops N' Bobbers Youth Fishing Tournament" organized by the Police Benevolent Association of New York State. Approximately 500 brown, brook, golden, and rainbow trout were stocked days before the tournament, which had decent attendance despite the rainy forecast. ECO Radomski's wife, Samantha, sons Gunner and Reed, and nephew Jonathan were among the attendees.





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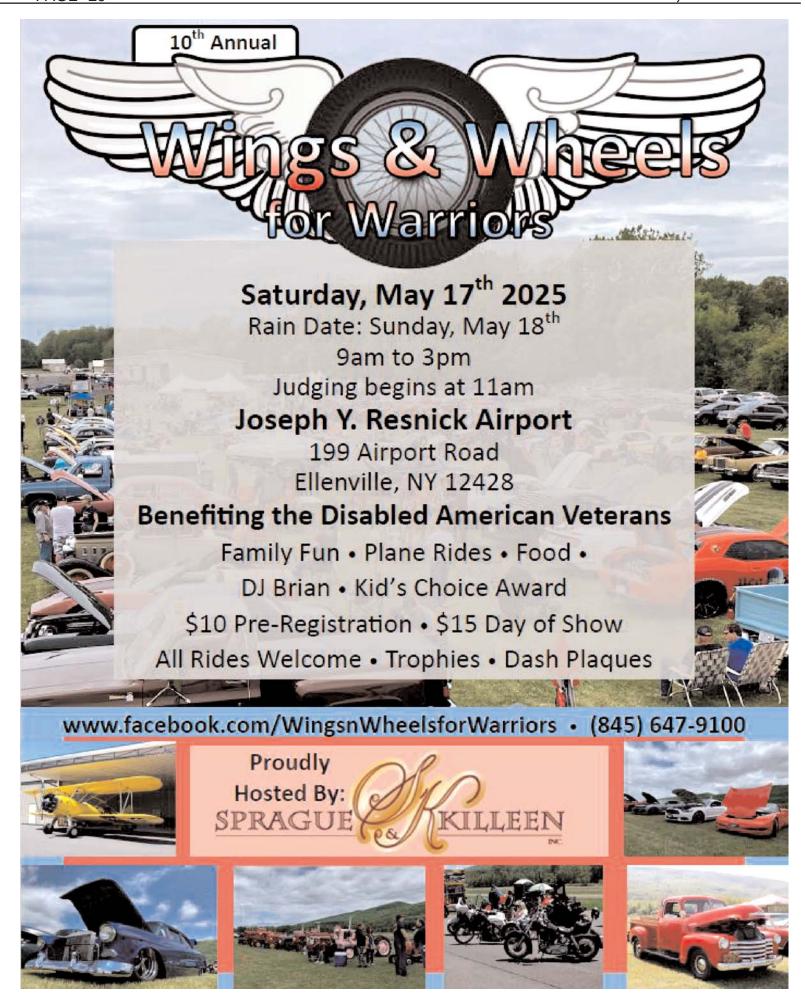




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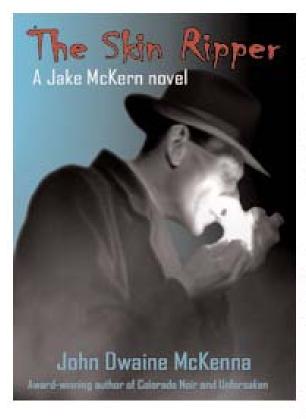
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Liberty Museum Opening a Great Success

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center kicked off its 2025 season with an Artists Reception on Friday, May 2nd. Well over 60 people crowded the Museum, enjoying the eclectic mix of art from across the region and as far away as Philadelphia. All but one of the showcased artists was on hand to discuss their work and techniques as well what inspired them in the first place.



One entire gallery is devoted to Kathe Frantz's "10 Minutes on 52", a large canvas inspired by a 10-minute drive along Route 52 and it is configured for the visitor to sit and allow the mind to ponder the painting. Accompanying the large canvas are many smaller detailed works, all intended to intensify the visitor's experience. Charles Farless' paintings, written about extensively in the New York Times, are out-of-this worldly images, with larger-than-life plantlife models.

Marjorie Morrow chose to display her "Bales" series, abstract images inspired by the wide variety of hay bales she runs across every year. Frank DiModica's widely eclectic work includes his extraordinary triptych, inspired as are all of his paintings by his involvement in

music...he was a professional musician for most of his life..., and had people scrambling to see if they had wallspace to hang the work.

Irina Chulanovaexplores Kurtz the geometry and curves of the human body in her dramatic work. Internationally collected en plein artist, Lisa Lebosky of Rockland County and Roscoe, has on display one of her iconic iceberg paintings, painted on aluminum, with several along smaller works. Lisa travels the world from Nova Scotia to the Antarctic, painting outdoors, her paintings inspired by and reflecting her envi-



ronmental concerns which she has experienced in her travels. Nina Hurwitz traveled up from Philadelphia hauling a wide variety of her amazingly eclectic art. Every piece is striking in its own way and, had her name not been affixed to them, you would often not believe it was the same artist. Hurwitz's associate, TyWho? traveled with her from Philly and his "superhero" inspired paintings are grabbing attention in the Museum's windows.

The Museum is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 PM, and runs through Sunday, June 29th. The Museum is located at 46 South Main Street, in the village of Liberty, across from the newly-renovated Liberty Theater. Admission is free and there is ample parking behind the KeyBank. For more info, call or text (845) 807-6055.

Farm Arts Collective presents THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS by Kathy Randels

by Kathy Randels
Saturday, May 24 at 7 PM at Farm Arts
Collective on Willow Wisp Organic FarmA
Performance about Incarceration



Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective presents The Road to Damascus (as told by Grandmother to Little Red) on Saturday, May 24 at 7 PM. Written and performed by acclaimed New Orleans performer, Kathy Randels, the play is currently touring the northeast and is making a stop at Farm Arts Collective. Produced by ArtSpot Productions (long time friends) the play is directed and co-created with Odile Del Giudice.

The Road to Damascus, draws upon Randels' upbringing in two generations of Southern Baptist preachers, and her life long commitment to the work of making theatre with incarcerated women at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women for the past 24 years. The Road to Damascus began as a prayer for the release of Gloria "Mama Glo" Williams, a longtime member of the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women Drama Club whose 52 years behind bars was the longest sentence served at the prison. From 2019-2022, a "Free Mama Glo" campaign was held with many organizations including ArtSpot Productions to encourage Louisiana's Governor John Bel Edwards to grant her pardon, which he finally did on January 25, 2022.

finally did on January 25, 2022.

Gloria "Mama Flo" Williams will be present at the performance on May 24th at Farm Arts Collective.

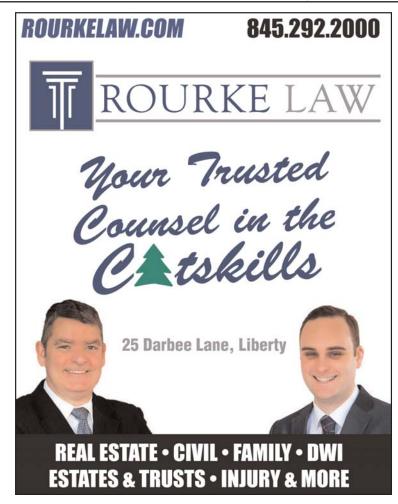
The play: Grandmother is an incarcerated woman who tells the story of Saul/Paul's conversion experience to her granddaughter during prison visits to illuminate the persecutorial nature of the system





in which they live. They share stories of encounters with the Wolf and the Huntsman that leave questions as to which of these two figures is predator and which is savior. The play examines the perpetrator/victim/savior dynamic that is

present in both stories, in ourselves, and in our national consciousness. Kathy Randels is a captivating performer with a distinctly beautiful singing voice, her performances are very moving experiences.



In a recent interview about her work Randels says, "I'm drawn to wounds, and I think of my work as participating in healing at some level-or trying to facilitate healing. New Orleans has so many wounds; So many things that have gone unexamined or unresolved here. Probably the deepest for me is slavery and racism-and how that has played out, reformed, and repeated itself with the prison system."

The creative team includes Designers Diane Baas (lighting), Kevin Griffith (set), Steve Gilliland (sound and music) and Shawn Hall (costumes), along with stage manager Tricia Anderson.

Tickets are \$20

Pay-What-You-Can tickets are also offered at all Farm Arts performances.

There will be a post show reception with food, audiences a re invited to bring their refreshment of choice and enjoy the patio prior to the show.

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Kathy Randels is a native New Orleanian, a theatre artist/educator, and the artistic director of ArtSpot Productions. She studied, lived and worked in Chicago from 1987-1994, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Performance Studies in 1991 from Northwestern University. Upon returning to New Orleans in January 1995, she founded ArtSpot Productions. She has written, performed in, and directed numerous original solo and collaborative group works for professional, student and incarcerated ensembles in Louisiana and beyond. Her soul-shaking work has been presented in a dozen countries on four continents and in more than thirty of these United States. Randels performed at NACL Theatre in "The Spirits of Lakewood House" and has shared her work with the NACL-Farm Art





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DEC Issues Annual Spring Reminder to Help Keep Wildlife and People Safe: If You Care, Leave It There

Fawns, Baby Birds, and Other Young Animals Are Rarely Abandoned and Handling or Moving Animals Carries Risks

With spring in full swing and young animals more visible, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today reminded New Yorkers to appreciate wildlife from a safe distance and resist the urge to touch or move young wildlife. Fawns, baby birds, and other offspring may seem abandoned, but their parents are often close by and well-intentioned interference can pose risks to the animals and humans.

"Spring's warmer weather brings with it more sightings and encounters with wildlife, especially young birds and other animals," said DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "While some might think these baby animals need assistance, human interactions with wildlife typically do more harm than good. Please remember-if you care, leave it there."

Avoid Interactions with Young Wildlife

Interacting with young wildlife can be problematic for both the animal and people. When young wildlife venture into the world, for a brief time they may have limited ability to fly or walk on their own. While one or both parents teach survival skills to their offspring, some young wildlife receive little or no care. DEC reminds the public that young wild animals like fawns and baby birds are rarely abandoned. Parents often place their young somewhere to keep them hidden from predators while they are off collecting food.

Bird nestlings can have closed eyes and can be featherless, spending approximately two weeks in the nest until they begin to outgrow the space. Once they outgrow the nest, nestlings become fledglings, a bird with developed feathers, and begin to flap their wings and learn how to fly. In both stages (nestlings and fledglings) the adult birds are nearby and care for them. If a nestling is found on the ground and cannot be easily and safely returned to the nest, the public is advised to refrain from approaching and instead should call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Fledglings, on the other hand, can hop and flutter on their own, and spend short periods out of the nest on the ground or in low branches. If a young bird is alert, fully feathered, and moving around, people are encouraged to watch from a distance and not intervene.

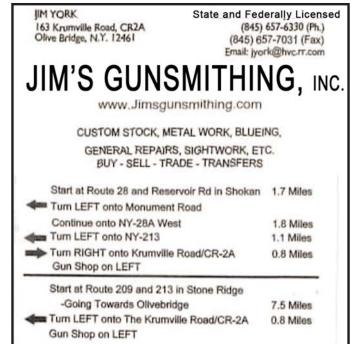
Fawns are born during late May and early June, and although they can walk shortly after birth, they spend most of their first several days lying still in tall grass, leaf litter, or sometimes relatively unconcealed. During this period, a fawn is usually left alone by the adult female (doe), except when nursing. Fawns are vulnerable to predators during this period. If human presence is detected by the doe, the doe may delay its next visit to nurse.

Fawns should never be picked up. A fawn's protective coloration and ability to remain motionless help it avoid detection by predators and people. By the end of a fawn's second week of life, it begins to move about, spend more time with the doe, and eat on its own. At about 10 weeks of age, fawns are no longer dependent on milk, although they continue to nurse occasionally into the fall.

A Reminder Regarding Avian Influenza

Avian influenza is a viral disease in wild birds such as ducks and geese, gulls, raptors, and shorebirds that is commonly called "bird flu." With the recent winter spike and public concern of avian influenza, the Wildlife Health Program has been monitoring the occurrence and impact across the state. You can report suspected avian influenza bird mortalities to DEC. Once completed, the form will automatically be forwarded to regional staff who will determine the best course of action to follow. Avian influenza is widespread in wild birds and mammals, so not all reports will result in DEC retrieving the animals for testing and/or disposal.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that the



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recent HPAI detections in birds pose a low risk to the public. People should minimize contact between wild birds, especially waterfowl, and domestic animals to reduce animal and human health risks.

Sick or Injured Animals

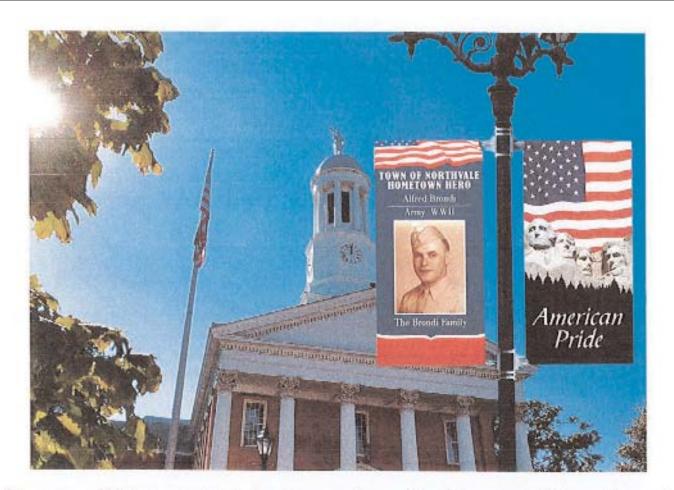
Anyone who encounters a wild animal that is injured or obviously orphaned should call a trained and DEC-licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Licensed wildlife rehabilitators are the only people legally allowed to receive and treat distressed wildlife, and have the experience, expertise, and facilities to successfully treat and release wild animals.

Additionally, the public should note the increased risk of rabies in mammals and are reminded not to handle species like skunk, foxes, raccoons, or bats directly. Anyone who observes wildlife that appears to be behaving abnormally should contact their closest DEC regional wildlife office or an Environmental Conservation Police Officer. For more information on wildlife health, visit DEC's webpage.

Additionally, DEC reminds the public that young wildlife are not pets. Keeping wildlife in captivity without authorization from DEC is illegal and harmful to the animal. Wild animals are not well-suited to life in captivity and may carry diseases that can be transferred to humans. DEC also advises the public to keep domestic pets indoors when young wild animals are present. Many fledgling birds cannot fly well when they first leave the nest and are easy prey for house cats.

M ost people have the best intentions when they find wild animals, but if a fawn, baby bird, or other young wildlife is found, please remember, "If You Care, Leave It There."

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions about young wildlife, visit DEC's website.



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.

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Annual Dinner Banquet and Catskill Legends Awards

Don't miss the chance to celebrate with us and honor the 2025 Catskill Legends - Judy Van Put, Rick Miller & Martha Mason on Saturday May 31, 2025 at the Rockland House.

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we pay tribute to these outstanding individuals. Reserve your seat today!

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A celebration in honor of Ed Van Put

This will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 1pm at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Ed was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, life-long conservationist and renowned fly-fisherman and outdoorsman.

1-3PM - Wulff Gallery @ CFFCM

Kindly RSVP to office@cffcm.com to assist us with food and beverage arrangements. We look forward to celebrating Ed's life and legacy with you.

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

August 2 & 3 join us for a weekend of fly fishing fun, community, and tradition at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, featuring a fantastic lineup of top fly fishing vendors from across the region.

Neversink Native Writes His First Book

When the box arrived containing the proof copy of his first novel, a moment five years in the making, Sean W. Bagan propped up his cell phone and began recording.

The video shows Bagan, a French teacher at Cranford High School in Union County, fighting back tears as he cuts the tape, pulls open the flaps, and takes out the proof. Sweeping his hand over the cover and turning it toward the camera, he finally breaks down.

"That's my book," Bagan says in the clip posted to Instagram and shared by many of his current and former students. "Oh my goodness. It feels very surreal."

In "On Ravens & Riddles: From the Shelves of the Noktern," Bagan, 33, takes readers inside a post-apocalyptic world where most of the survivors are half-human and half-animal. The story revolves around a bookish teen who becomes an unlikely hero.

Bagan conceived the idea as a child and finally began writing during the pandemic. When finding a literary agent proved difficult, he decided to self-publish on Amazon. He hired reviewers to give editorial feedback and a professional artist to design the cover art.

Bagan's supervisor and fellow teachers surprised him with a certificate just before the May 1 publication date, and today his students welcomed him to class with cupcakes and macarons to celebrate his achievement. They also signed a copy of the book, giving their teacher a keepsake—like a school yearbook—to remember the moment.

In this Q&A, Bagan talks about the book, the overwhelming support he's received, and what it's like to selfpublish in 2025.

How did you develop such a passion for reading? Like my main character, Gideon, my passion for reading started with my mom. Growing up, she used to read to me and my brother before bed. Our first dive into fantasy was Harry Potter. She would put on different voices for each character and did full theatrical productions to make the story come to life for us. From there, I couldn't stop consuming literature: "Eragon," "The Maze Runner," "The Hunger Games," "Six of Crows." The list just kept growing.

After reading so many books throughout your life, what inspired you to write your own?

I'd had the outline of this story in my head since I was 10 years old, but I never had the time or agency to bring it to life. I kept waiting, hoping someone else would write something close enough. Then the pandemic lockdown happened and suddenly I had the ability to write.

By the time the world opened up, the bones of the book were there. I knew I had to see it through.

What is your book about and what makes it such a unique story?

The story is deeply character-driven. I worked hard to make sure every character sparks a real emotional response, whether you love them, hate them, or feel everything in between.

At its core, the book follows the classic hero's journey. Gideon, a shy, bookish boy, doesn't fit the mold of a "champion," but it's his love of stories and imagination that make

him exactly what the world needs. It's about learning to embrace who you are, even when you're not what others expect.

But what truly sets the book apart is the world built within. Long ago, a cataclysm known as the Great End devastated humanity, wiping away the old world and giving rise to something entirely new. From the ashes, new species of humanoids emerged. "On Ravens & Riddles" focuses on the Avians, a collection of skybound tribes who fly through the air with the same wild freedom they bring to their lives. What is the Noktern? When building my world, I wanted to weave in real places wherever I could. The Noktern is inspired by the Svalbard Global Seed Vault in Norway, a secure facility that stores a wide variety of plant seeds. It's a safeguard against natural or man-made disasters, ensuring that the world's agricultural biodiversity can be restored after a crisis. Remote and mysterious, it felt like the perfect place to house the Owls, the tribe that wants to rebuild civilization after the Great End.

What was the process of getting published?

It took five years of writing, revising, querying agents, facing rejections, deciding to self-publish, and learning every step along the way. I used the freelance platform Fiverr to hire reviewers and a professional artist to design the cover. By the time I held the first copy in my hands, it was overwhelming in the best way. You can see that in the video. It wasn't just a book, it was years of work, hope, and resilience, all made real. I'll never forget that feeling.

What's it like being a teacher and now an author? I'm very fortunate to have an amazing community of students, parents, and co-workers in my school. While I didn't really share much during the writing process, my students have been some of my biggest supporters now that the book is out. It has been incredible to have them support me and be proud of this moment in my life, and I'm so grateful for them every day. Where can readers get your book?

You can find the book on Amazon! I'm hopeful it will make its way into local bookstores and maybe even bigger retailers like Barnes & Noble one day. That would be a dream come true.

I'm thrilled to say there are two more books already in the works for this series. I am hopeful to get the second book, "On Hawks & Harpies," out by early next year! Beyond that, the world is wide open—Bengalan Cats, Aligaidan Crocs, lost continents across the sea. There's so much more to discover, and I can't wait to see where the journey leads.



Sean W. Bagan, a Neversink native and 2008 Tri-Valley graduate, has been writing a fantasy fiction novel for the last five years and it just came out this month. Sean now works as a high school teacher in New Jersey, where his students and fellow teachers have been some of his biggest supporters.

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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From President's Corner Lori Orestano-James

The Rotary Year is quickly moving toward its annual transition at the end of June. Much still to do this year and for planning into the future.

Guest Speaker:

The Monticello Rotary Club was deslighted for local actor Oliver King to join the meeting to present a bit of his accomplishments as well as performing and sharing his work with poetry by Langston Hughes. Hughes is best known as a poet, novelist, playwright, and social activist who led the arts world in his use of jazz rhythms and Black vernacular language in his works during the Harlem Renaissance. King discussed how he researches and why he selects so many historic figures to present. Thank you Les Kristt for bringing Oliver to the Monticello Rotary Club.



Guest Speaker This Week - Sullivan County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Mike Schiff & DARE

Agenda for May 13, 2025

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

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 7210 Conference
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Happy Dollars
- 10. 50/50
- 11. Adjourn

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Rotary Scholarship Interviews at Albella - May 13, 2025 at 5pm & at Marty's Office, May 14, 2025 at 2025

Nominations Special Committee & BOD Meeting Meeting, May 20, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rotary Don't Bottle It Up - May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Monticello Rotary Club Member Jackie Rutledge, President Lori Orestano-James, and Past District 7210 Assistant Governor Jacob Lerner are proud to take part in the Rotary International "Don't Bottle It Up" campaign. The goal of the "Don't Bottle It Up" campaign is to break the stigma of not talking about mental health issues, raise awareness, and increase mental health access to those who need it. (Contd. PG. 48)

Montigram (From Pg. 47) May is Mental Health Awareness Month. More than 264 million people worldwide are affected by depression, according to the World Health Organization, and although many mental health conditions can be effectively treated at relatively low cost, many people who need treatment do not receive it.

Rotary has a remarkable record when it comes to health initiatives. They have helped bring polio to the brink of eradication, and clubs have carried out myriad projects focused on preventing disease and supporting maternal and child health. Now the global pandemic has brought attention to another aspect of health that is often overlooked: mental health. In many places, depression, anxiety, and suicide are seen as things to be ashamed of and kept quiet. But Rotary members are recognizing the gaps in understanding and resources and are stepping up to help.



Facts to Know:

Although there are effective treatments for mental disorders, between 76% and 85% of people in low- and middle-income countries receive no treatment for their condition.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 29-year-olds globally.

Depression and anxiety disorders cost the global economy \$1 trillion per year.

There are 800,000 deaths per year from suicide.

Mental health conditions are especially common in populations affected by humanitarian crises.

A mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact: NAMI HelpLine: M-F 10 am - 10 pm ET

Call: 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)

Text: 62640 Chat: nami.org/help

Email: helpline@nami.org

For more sources visit the Sullivan NAMI at https://namisullivan.org/crisis-info/

Story Credit: World Health Organization, Anne Stein - Rotary Internation, NAMI

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 an additional glimpse of some amazing moments, please visit: https://photos.app.goo.gl/5HmfSxfaVoR86CQn8

UC Board of Elections: Mail Check Cards Arriving This Week

Ulster County voters are advised that annual mail check cards are arriving in mailboxes this week. These cards contain important



information about voter registration and polling locations. Voters are encouraged to carefully review the card upon receipt and verify their information.

If a mail check card is received for someone who no longer resides at your address, please help keep our voter rolls

accurate by either:

- · Marking the card "No longer at this address" and placing it back in the mailbox, or
- · Calling the Ulster County Board of Elections at 845-334-5470 Please note: Primary Elections in Ulster County are being held only for Democratic races in the following locations:
- · Towns of Hurley, New Paltz, Olive, Rosendale, Shandaken, Wawarsing, Woodstock
- · Village of Ellenville
- · Parts of the City of Kingston, Marbletown, and Saugerties

All details for the June 24, 2025 Primary voters -including sample ballots, early voting information, and a poll site lookup tool-can also be accessed at voteulster.com.

For information on obtaining an absentee ballot, voting early by mail, or serving as an election inspector, visit voteulster.com or call the Board of Elections directly at 845-334-5470.

While this card serves to alert voters to all elections administered by the Board of Elections during the 2025 calendar year we would also invite voters to retain their card with their records. This card is not required to be presented during voting but may aid in streamlining a voter's check in process when casting a ballot in person.



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Celebrating Military Mothers at the White House

Thank you to President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump for welcoming military mothers to the White House this week. It is encouraging to see this administration's strong support for our military and their families, recognizing their sacrifices and ensuring they receive the respect and resources they deserve. As the mother of an active-duty Marine, it is a true honor to stand among so many who share that bond. I am deeply grateful for my son, Trey, and his service to our country.

Introducing Legislation to BAN Federal Funding for Gender Transition Procedures

Taxpayers should never be required to pay for high-risk and irreversible gender transition surgeries. I have introduced the No Subsidies for Gender Transition Procedures Act to ensure that American taxpayers will not be forced to subsidize individuals looking to mutilate themselves. This would apply to both minors and adults and apply to as many federal funding streams as possible. We are working to guarantee that not a dime of federal funds will be used to pay for gender transition procedures.

READ MORE: EXCLUSIVE: GOP Senator Sets Out To Codify Trump Order On Transgender Surgery Funding https://www.dailywire.com/news/exclusive-sen-marshall-urges-gop-to-end-funding-for-trans-surgeries

Supporting Expectant Mothers and Their Families

Being pro-life means supporting mothers and their babies during every phase of life. This week, I reintroduced the More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed (MOMS) Act to provide essential resources and assistance during pregnancy and the earliest stages of motherhood and childhood to ensure mothers and babies receive the care and support they deserve. We must ensure that all mothers receive the physical, emotional, and financial support necessary to carry their pregnancies to term, support themselves and their newborn babies, and ultimately choose life.

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.3259, the Post Quantum Cybersecurity Act: This bill advances the rapid deployment of post quantum cybersecurity standards across the United States economy and supports

United States cryptography research. Quantum computing will allow our adversaries to easily infiltrate material secured by pre-quantum cryptography standards. This makes it critical for the United States government to transition to post-quantum cryptography standards in order to ensure that sensitive data remains secure in the future. This also supports the important work being done at the Air Force Research Lab-Rome in Rome, NY for quantum research and post-quantum standards.

H.R.3155, Childcare for American Families Act: This bill will increase the Employer-Provided Childcare Tax Credit (Section 45F) amount businesses can claim. Additionally, this bill would direct the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to create an outreach program to educate employers. Supporting employer-provided childcare centers will assist American families in the workforce and expand childcare opportunities throughout NY-24.

H.R. 2683, Remote Access Security Act: This bill closes a loophole in U.S. export control law that has allowed companies connected to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to access restricted American technology through cloud services. As cloud computing and storage capabilities develop, the U.S. must maintain strict security measures against CCP-backed exploitation of remotely controlled computer systems, which allows for intellectual property theft and malware installation.

H.R. 3044, No Vaccine Mandates in Higher Education Act: This bill would stop federal funding for any higher education institute that requires students or staff to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of attendance or employment. The decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is between a student or employee and their doctor, not their university or the government. This legislation ensures that colleges and universities adhere to the principles of civil liberties and freedom.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here. https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained

Monday, May 5

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 530, the ACES Act. This bill initiates a research agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to conduct a study of toxic exposures associated with military occupations for any military aircrew member. This legislation will allow the VA to further study and understand the effects of military service on aircrews across all branches of the armed forces. Additionally, this legislation also extends limits on pension payments to institutionalized veterans, ensuring that veterans receive the benefits they have earned while they are seeking medical assistance. This bill passed by a vote of 376-5. (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 53) I voted "Yes" on H.R. 36, the MEGOBARI Act. This bill requires a comprehensive sanctions review of Georgian officials that have undermined Georgia's democracy and sovereignty. International election observers raised concerns over the legitimacy of Georgia's recent election due to Russian. Iranian, and Chinese Communist Party interference. This bill will ensure that the U.S. supports the Georgian people in their desire for democracy without Russian or Chinese influence, and deepen the relationship between the United States and Georgia. This bill passed by a vote of 349-42.

Wednesday, May 7

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 881, the DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act. This bill takes a critical step to defend against the attempts of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to infiltrate higher education institutions by restricting Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funds to colleges and universities that have relationships with Confucius Institutes, the Thousand Talents Programs, or other Chinese entities of concern. The CCP has been increasing its attempts to gain access to critical research and steal over \$500 billion worth of U.S. intellectual property annually. I strongly support efforts to safeguard taxpayer dollars against Chinese influence and protect against attempts to undermine our research institutions. This bill passed by a vote of 266-153.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1503, the Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act. This bill would create new sanctions for those involved with forced organ trafficking and would require the State Department to update its annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices with information about forced organ trafficking. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has long engaged in forced organ trafficking by harvesting individuals' organs by force and then trafficking them within China and abroad. This bill will help combat this heinous practice by the CCP and uphold international human rights. This bill passed by a vote of 406-1.

Thursday, May 8

I voted "Yes" on H.R.276, the Gulf of America Act. This legislation cements a bold reaffirmation of American identity by codifying part of President Trump's Executive Order 14172, Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness. Central to this order is the permanent renaming of the body of water formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America. Issued on President Trump's first day back in office, the executive order reflects a broader initiative to reclaim geographic names in a manner that celebrates American strength and sovereignty. As the world's largest gulf, with over 1,700 miles of U.S. coastline, this vital region is not only rich in cultural history but also serves as a critical engine of economic activity for the nation. This bill passed by a vote of 211-206.



It was another busy week fighting to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free.

I wanted to give you an update on the work I've been doing this week, for my family and for yours: LOWERING THE COST OF HOUSING

I hear it from folks every day - costs, especially housing costs - are still way too high.

We have to use every tool at our disposal to push through the bureaucracy, cut the red tape, and rise above politics to build a more affordable Hudson Valley.

We need to remove the barriers that are making it harder to build, not put more up, especially when it comes to transit-oriented housing, which is crucial in our region.

I'll keep fighting like hell to bring down costs for your family and for mine.

Read the full press release: In House Budget Hearing, Congressman Ryan Continues Push to Lower Costs for Hudson Valley Families, Introduces Legislation to Bring Down Housing Costs

https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/housebudget-hearing-congressman-ryan-continues-push-lowercosts-hudson-valley

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

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

Whether you need help navigating your Social Security benefits, have questions about your taxes, or are worried about your health care, my team is here to help - come to an event near you!

This week, we'll be in New Windsor on Wednesday the 14th, and Monroe & Warwick on Thursday the 15th. Check out the details below, and find an event near you! You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van and view the full schedule here

https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amid-unprecedented-threats-medicaid-and-other-federal-programs-congressman

FIGHTING FOR A MORE AFFORDABLE HUDSON VALLEY: PROTECTING MEDICAID AND LIFTING THE SALT CAP

Lowering costs for Hudson Valley families is my top priority.

Folks are getting crushed by the affordability crisis; what they need is relief - not to lose health care and get hit with blatant double-taxation.

I'm pushing to lower taxes and fully protect Medicaid for Hudson Valley families, and I'll continue using every single tool at my disposal to deliver. (Contd. Pg. 55)

Pat Ryan

(From Pg. 54)

My Republican colleagues claim they're not trying to cut Medicaid.

But their proposal mathematically requires catastrophic cuts - up to \$880 billion.

I proposed a simple amendment: No cuts to Medicaid.

They refused to even discuss it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H03oJ49K8qM

Hudson Valley families are struggling to make ends meet, and the SALT cap's blatant double-taxation has been making it worse.

Hardworking teachers, firefighters, police officers & more deserve so much better.

It's time to repeal the SALT cap once and for all. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJm2OcApjbQ

I'll never stop fighting for a more affordable Hudson Valley - for your family, and for mine.

FIGHTING FOR VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

This week, I was proud to join veterans from across the country with a simple message:

VA health care saves lives.

VA health care is essential, VA health care is sacred, and VA health care is NOT for sale.

CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY MOTHERS

Wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all the moms across the Hudson Valley.

We can never thank you enough for your endless love and support.

GET YOUR REAL ID

As of this week, you need a REAL ID to fly commercially within the U.S.

Learn how to get yours: https://t.co/Ag99cxQwRv

THANKING MAYOR JAMES GAGLIANO FOR HIS SERVICE

Mayor James Gagliano is a workhorse for the Hudson Valley.

Cornwall-on-Hudson is a better place following years of his leadership. And while I will miss working with him greatly, I wish him the best in this new chapter.

Thank you, Mayor Gagliano, and #GoArmy!

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES DAY

This week we celebrated National Nurses Day.

Please join me in thanking all of the NY-18 nurses who spend every day keeping our community healthy.

Your dedication & selfless service to all of us does not go unnoticed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARCUS MICKEY

CELEBRATING POPE LEO XIV

Congratulations to Pope Leo XIV and to every member of the Hudson Valley Catholic community as we celebrate the first pope from the United States!

MEETING WITH DUTCHESS DAY SCHOOL STU-DENTS

It was a pleasure to meet with Dutchess Day School 7th & 8th graders in DC last week for their annual trip to the

Capitol!

It's always great to talk to tomorrow's leaders about everything we can do to deliver for the Hudson Valley. GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Request for Proposals

Acres for America 2025

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

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

Pre-Proposal Due Date: May 20, 2025, by 11:59 pm ET Invite-Only Full Proposal Due Date: July 9, 2025, by 11:59 pm ET

Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund 2025

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

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

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

Applications are due by June 26, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET. 2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

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

The COPS Office will host an informational webinar on the COPS Hiring Program on May 20, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET. Register for the Webinar

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

FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

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

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

\$80 Million in Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Funding Now Available to Support Resiliency Initiatives (Contd. Pg. 56)

Pat Rvan

(From Pg. 55) 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!



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Protecting Head Start

Head Start-a federal program that provides free comprehensive early childhood education to low-income families-is an investment in our kids and our future. It's been repeatedly proven to be highly effective at preparing children for school and improving both their social and physical health outcomes.

But President Trump is threatening to end the program. That would be catastrophic for the 50,000+ Head Start students and their families in New York.

That's why last week, Kirsten visited Head Start centers in Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse to meet with the families, teachers, and kids who rely on Head Start and to call on President Trump to preserve funding for the program.

https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/local-news/senator-gillibrand-makes-stop-in-rochester-pushes-to-continue-head-start-programs/

2. Fighting for families

President Trump's chaotic tariff policy is making life more expensive for American families. His tariffs on China are set to make the cost of baby essentials like strollers, car seats, and cribs skyrocket. It's unacceptable.

This week, Kirsten called on the Trump administration to exempt baby safety products from tariffs immediately.

https://www.silive.com/politics/2025/05/gillibrand-these-baby-products-will-skyrocket-with-trump-tariffs.html

3. Demanding no cuts to the 9/11 Health Program

The Trump administration's repeated attempts to cut the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP) are a betrayal of our 9/11 survivors and first responders.

This week, Kirsten joined Senator Schumer in New York City to demand a reversal of the WTCHP cuts. Thanks to their efforts, the staff who were fired from the WTCHP were re-hired, but uncertainty about the future of the program remains. Kirsten is committed to continuing her fight for permanent funding and full restoration of the program.

Read more. https://nypost.com/2025/05/04/us-news/schumer-gilli-brand-slam-trump-and-rfk-jr-over-cut-9-11-program-political-chaos-is-jeopardizing-healthcare-of-heroes/

4. Working to prevent overdoses

Naloxone - more commonly known as Narcan - is a lifesaving opioid overdose reversal medication that saves thousands of New Yorkers' lives every year. But now, the Trump administration is trying to end a program that distributes naloxone to law enforcement, community-based organizations, and tribes across the country - and trains them on how to use it.

This week, Kirsten condemned the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) plans to terminate this program and demanded that they implement measures to make sure this vital distribution and training continues.

Read more. https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/senator-gillibrand-urges-continuation-of-56m-naloxone-program-amid-ongoing-opioid-crisis

5. Helping seniors get their benefits

When a North Country senior with dementia needed help securing surviving spouse benefits to cover her health care costs, her family reached out to Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team contacted the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and now the constituent will receive \$1,500 per month in survivor benefits through the VA Aid and Attendance Program.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here. https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/senator-gillibrand-urges-continuation-of-56m-naloxone-program-amid-ongoing-opioid-crisis

Arts Funding in Sullivan County Artist and Non-profit Grants Announced! Award Ceremony at the Bethel Woods Event Gallery

WHAT: 2025 Sullivan County Grants Award Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025 at 4 PM

WHERE: Bethel Woods Event Gallery, 200 Hurd Rd,

Bethel, NY 12720

NOTES: RSVPs requested but not required:

https://forms.gle/AtGmdzY7h2jQuugBA

On Tuesday, May 20th, DVAA will honor the community groups and individual artists selected to receive funding in the 2025 grant cycle. The live in-person event will take place, from 4 PM to 6 PM at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts' Event Gallery, located at 200 Hurd Rd, Bethel, NY. In addition to the award presentations, the event will feature a number of spotlight performances featuring 2025 grantees including the screening of footage from Individual Artist Fellowship awardee Tina Spangler's forthcoming film "Finding Fanny", a reading by Individual Artist Fellowship awardee Pamela Tinnen, a live performance by musicians from Sullivan Arts and Heritage Grant awardee Weekend of Chamber Music, and a performance by Arts for Sullivan awardee Farm Arts Collective.

Dedicated to strengthening our communities through access to vibrant arts and cultural offerings in Sullivan County, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) proudly announces the recipients of our 2025 Regrant opportunities - Arts for Sullivan, in which 38 grants, totaling \$82,000, were awarded to artists, arts organizations and community nonprofits, and the Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants, in which 17 grants totaling \$20,000 were awarded to arts organizations, and community nonprofits to support arts and cultural programming throughout Sullivan County.

Administered by DVAA since 1983, Arts for Sullivan is funded through the New York State Council on the Arts' Statewide Community Regrant (SCR) Program. In 2025, Arts for Sullivan will support 32 Community Arts and Arts Education projects (\$64,000) as well as six Individual Artist Fellowships which are awarded in the Visual, Literary, and Compositional Arts. Each recipient receiving \$3,000, and in return they are required to incorporate an engagement component that connects their creative practice with Sullivan County communities.

The Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants program is made possible through a Legislative Discretionary Fund grant awarded by the Sullivan County Legislature. Administered by DVAA, the funding supports projects that focus on visual, performing, literary, media, and folk arts, as well as the culture and heritage of Sullivan County. Eligible groups include libraries, theaters, music groups, historical societies, museums, community development groups, environmental groups, and more. Since

2000, through the SCAHG, DVAA has distributed over \$318,000.

In 2025 DVAA's regrant programs will help fund dynamic projects ranging from lake-side concert series and immersive festivals to hands-on workshops for the young and the young-at-heart, and interactive townwide events including Callicoon Art Walk. They take place throughout every corner of our county and will generate creative energy and economic vitality throughout 2025!

"This year's grantees exemplify the remarkable role the Arts play in our communities here in Sullivan County and beyond. The projects and artists awarded this year affirm our connection with each other. They encourage engagement and inquiry. They celebrate the wide range of voices, ideas, and experiences that make our county such a special place to live, work, and visit.

These essential public dollars provide the vital spark our grantees need to realize their creative vision and help sustain the communities they occur in. This year, through our partnerships with NYSCA and the Sullivan County Legislature, DVAA is ensuring that artists and arts organizations in Sullivan County are being supported like no year prior. Our regrants in 2025 total more than \$100,000 in support of projects with budgets totaling nearly \$842,000 which is invested into the communities they take place in."



Opening Day is Wednesday, May 14

Have you been missing fresh local produce? The wait is over! Back Home Farm & Clove Valley Community Farm will be here. Missing your favorite loaf from Kingston Bread or munchies from Nosh Woodstock? Maybe you're in serious need of a Gnome Apothecary tincture or some fantastic fungi from Sustainable Sorcerers.

Want to try something new? The Challah Pixie makes their summer market debut with artisan baked products indicative of Eastern European Jewish culture and beyond.

Coleman's Catch Seafood joins us for the first time as well. Meat vendors Thistledown Farm and Northwind

Farm will be here again this summer!

Looking for something gluten-free? Vegan? We've got it! Check out Happy Belly for out of this world baked goods. New Confectioner will be here with all their exciting flavors of dreamy frozen desserts. And don't miss Urugula Creative Cuisine for plant-based cheeses that will blow your mind!

AND SO MUCH MORE!!! (Contd. Pg 58)

Woodstock Farm Festival

(From Pg. 57) Check out other market highlights and a full vendor list below.

Wednesday, May 15th, 3 - 7 PM Mountainview Parking Lot SNAP accepted (and doubled up to \$50 per market)

EVENTS

Woodstock Library will be here to entertain your little ones from 4:30-5:30

Musical Guest -Mike Herman Solo

North Country Blues musician from Schoharie County in the Northern Catskills. Mike's songs have a real down home, danceable quality to them. His rural tinged lyrics, bouncy melodies and solid fingerpicked guitar, reflects his deep Piedmont Blues influences and the love he has for the Country Blues.

This week's vendors!! Atina Foods Back Home Farm Bee Resonance Project Catskill Vintage Challah Pixie Clove Valley Community Farm Coleman's Catch Seafood Four Sisters Kimchi **Gnome Apothecary** Happy Belly Kingston Bread + Bar Land of Tamale La Ruta Del Sol Lorna's Naturals **New Confectioner** Northwind Farm Nosh Woodstock Sustainable Sorcerers Thistledown Farm Tonic Urugula Creative Cuisine Van Roy's Caribbean Grill Wuffy

DEC Forest Rangers -Week in Review Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

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

In 2024, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 122 wildfires covering nearly 6,500 acres, participated in 60 prescribed fires that served to

rejuvenate more than 1,155 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,200 tickets and arrests.

"DEC's Forest Rangers bravely protect State-owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether conducting a search and rescue call or responding to a wildfire burning out of control, Rangers are always ready when emergencies strike," DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "Every day and in all conditions, Forest Rangers demonstrate their expertise and leadership in protecting the public and State lands, serving as role models for the next generation of environmental stewards. DEC encourages interested New Yorkers to visit DEC's website to learn how to become the next New York State Forest Ranger."

Town of Hunter - Greene County

Wilderness Rescue: On May 11 at 10:22 p.m., Greene County 911 requested Forest Ranger assistance with a hiker who suffered a significant leg injury in Kaaterskill Wild Forest. On May 12 at 1:24 a.m., a team of rescuers from Haines Falls Fire Department and Tannersville Rescue reached the 26-year-old from Sherburne. The patient was nearly 1,000 feet off trail on steep and slippery terrain.



Ranger Dawson determined the safest way to rescue the hiker was with support from New York State Police Aviation at first light. Rangers Fox and Peterson stabilized the injury and kept the patient warm with a fire overnight. At 7:29 a.m., NYSP Pilots Bernardini and Leeder flew with Forest Ranger crew boss Cowart to the scene. Rangers Fox, Franceschina, and Martin prepared the hiker on the ground and Ranger Cowart successfully hoisted the subject into the helicopter. The pilots flew to a landing zone where crews transferred the subject to Med Flight for transport to Albany Medical Center. Resources were clear at 11:53 a.m.

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

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



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:						
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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



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



LET'S NOT GAMBLE ON OUR CASINO'S FUTURE

BY JOSHUA POTOSEK, COUNTY MANAGER

New York City is poised to see up to three new, full-fledged casinos begin operating within the next 5-10 years. We've known they were coming ever since our 18-story hotel and casino, Resorts World Catskills, was first built in Monticello, and we are pursuing mitigation strategies with the State, aiming to build those into the gaming licenses these new casinos will possess.

Sullivan County has received between \$2.4 and \$2.5 million each of the past two fiscal years (2023 and 2024) from Resorts World – our cut of the gaming proceeds, as per the State license under which they operate. The Town of Thompson has received the same, and the Monticello Central School District has gotten a smaller amount of those proceeds as well. Even our neighboring counties have received several million dollars since the casino opened in 2018.

Since that revenue is wholly dependent on Resorts World Catskills gaming activity, those monies are at risk of being siphoned away by downstate casinos in an already competitive landscape. Without such funds, Sullivan County alone would need to hike taxes by as much as 3.25%.

As the State's original intent was to site casinos in economically disadvantaged areas, the Sullivan County Legislature and I feel it is appropriate and necessary to ask State legislators to protect us from the negative impacts – lost revenue, diminished tourism, fewer jobs – that may result from the opening of NYC casinos. We cannot let our long-sought and hard-won gains be potentially eliminated by the granting of three more gaming licenses in New York.

To that end, legislators have brought on a lobbyist and a legal

firm to press our case in Albany, and are now reviewing an illuminating study on potential impacts (available at sullivanny.gov). In the meantime, I encourage folks to contact their State representatives to amplify the message that Sullivan County needs the revenue, jobs and tourists that the casino provides. Whether you personally agree with gambling or not, Resorts World Catskills' annual \$287 million economic output is worth fighting for.

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RESURRECTING 'RUST'

After a short hiatus, one of our Planning Division's popular programs has returned, thanks to the Legislature! Called "RUSt" (Remove Unsafe Structures), the initiative reimburses municipalities up to \$25,000 for demolition/disposal costs when removing unsafe or hazardous structures. Such expenses can be prohibitively high for our local towns and villages, allowing blighted properties to remain unattractive nuisances, or outright dangers. Let's change that! Applications are now being accepted through June 20 (to be extended if funding permits). Applicants must be municipalities who have control of the project site and have a goal of enhancing safety, improving visibility and/or redeveloping the property. They also must demonstrate matching funds totaling at least 50% of project costs. Find out more by calling our friendly Planning folks

at 845-807-0527 or emailing them at planning@sullivanny.gov.



SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV

on location 10:00am - 3:00pm



2025 Summer Schedule

You can also Schedule an Appointment at sullivanny.gov | County Clerk Russell Reeves

JEFFERSONVILLE

Tues July 8

Tues August 5

Tues September 2

License & Registration Appts

19 Legion St Jeffersonville, NY

LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues July 15

Tues August 12

Tues September 9

Registration Appts Only

95 Main St

Livingston Manor, NY

WURTSBORO

Thurs July 24

Thurs August 21

Thurs September 18

Registration Appts Only

2948 US 209 Wurtsboro, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs July 10

Thurs August 7

Thurs September 4

License & Registration Appts

273 Main St Grahamsville, NY

NARROWSBURG

Tues July 22

Tues August 19

Tues September 16

Registration Appts Only

210 Bridge St

Narrowsburg, NY

LIBERTY

Tues July 29

Tues August 26

Tues September 23

License & Registration Appts

15 Sullivan Ave Libertu, NY

HORTONVILLE

Thurs July 17

Thurs August 14

Thurs September 11

Registration Appts Only

104 Lower Main St Hortonville, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

Thurs September 25

License & Registration Appts

13 North Rd Bloomingburg, NY

MEET THE NEW (& FAMILIAR) FACES NOW AT WORK!

I'm pleased to introduce you to three people who are primed to make a major difference on behalf of our citizens - one new hire and two recent promotions.

Ramone Wilson is our first full-time Executive

Director of the Human Rights Commission. He's very

experienced in "meeting people where they're at," by providing both services and an open ear to those in need. Our search for this position dovetailed with his quest to constantly make a

meaningful difference in people's lives, and I'm excited to see how he and the commissioners will revitalize this department, not just with human rights but also with consumer affairs.

Having long had her office right next to mine, I can confidently say Sullivan County taxpayers are at the forefront of **Christine Panos**' mind. A five-year

veteran of County government, she has spent the past three years in our Compliance Office, ensuring we are always adhering to State and Federal laws, and our own policies. She has now



become our Compliance Officer. This is crucial work that keeps us away from fines, litigation and other costly sanctions. And it protects the people we serve, giving them the highest-quality services.

Tim Blais has just been promoted to Road Maintenance Superintendent, overseeing around 60 people engaged in paving, patching, ditching, plowing

and salting County highways. Any of us who drive truly depend upon him and his team, scattered across our garages in Barryville, Maplewood, Livingston



Manor and Callicoon. He's no novice at this, having spent 28 years (and counting) in our Division of Public Works.

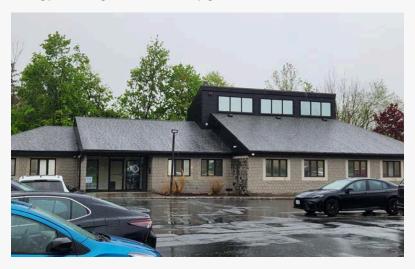
JOINING THE RANKS

Getting involved and making a difference isn't just for everyone else with "more" time or abilities. There are so many opportunities - or more accurately, needs - that are available for you to consider, regardless of your life circumstances.

Get a sense of these opportunities at our first Sullivan County Volunteer Fair, scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at Cornell Cooperative Extension on Ferndale-Loomis Road. Over 20 organizations seeking volunteers will be there from 10 a.m-2 p.m.

A NET-ZERO ENERGY OFFICE? YOU'RE LOOKING AT IT

Built more than three decades ago for a law firm, our District Attorney's Office on Bushnell Avenue in Monticello has notably become our first net-zero-energy building in all of County government.



The heating/ventilation system was converted wholly to air-to-air electric heat pumps from 2023-2024, and on our most recent utility bill, all of the electric to heat, cool and operate the building was remotely

credited from our solar array in Liberty. This achievement was made possible by the vision of Kristin Janowski and Ryan Brown in our Division of Public Works and Stephen Stuart in our Office of Sustainable Energy. They saw and seized the opportunity to replace an old, inefficient, oil-fired heating and chill water cooling system with coldclimate air source heat pumps.

We're following through on cost-effective sustainability initiatives to eliminate wasteful energy use and cut down on our carbon footprint.







CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

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

Mar 5 Apr 2

May 7 June 4

July 2 Aug 6

Sept 3 Oct 1

Nov 5 Dec 3

Action Toward Independence 309 E Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701

To register:

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

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County



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











Momen's Empowerment Group

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 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

Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.











Plenke, R.SI/P

Sents are limited

"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025 Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

<u>Menu</u>

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

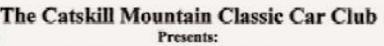
Flour tortilla stuffed with grilled zucchini, bell peppers, carrots, eggplant, melted cheese, red & green sauce.

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

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



The 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

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





50/50 Drawing

Please be advised that C.M.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. 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	1	
First Name:	Last Name:		
Address:	City/Town/Village:	State:	Zip Code:
Car Make:	Model:		Year:

Registration: \$15.00 Pre-Registration: \$10.00 (Must be received by May 31, 2025) Checks payable to: C.M.C.C.C. Mailing Address: Frank Stapleton, P.O. Box 85, Big Indian, NY 12410

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

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Father's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 15th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

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

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

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

VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PRESENTS:

REEL BONDS VETERANS FISHING

DAY

Catch the Biggest Fish and Win a New Fishing Pole

- 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 License Required

For more information please call our Veteran Peer Advocates at: 845-794-4228





www.atitoday.org



Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County

2025 Caregiver Resource Center Monthly Virtual Support Groups

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

To register:

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



3rd Wednesday each month

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Jan 15 Feb 19

Mar 19 Apr 16

May 21 June 18

July 16 Aug 20

Sept 17 Oct 15

Nov 19 Dec 17

Via Zoom or Phone

Caregiver Resource Center

ALZHEIMER'S PS ASSOCIATION

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

Tech Tuesdays

A program for DPL Patrons

Every Tuesday 9 am - 12 pm

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

- Smartphones
 - ► Tablets
 - ► Laptops
- ► Website navigation
- Downloading apps
 - Social Media
 - Messaging Apps
- Streaming platforms
 - ▶ And more...

We are here to help!

Bring your own device or use our computers!

ALZHEIMER'S CARING CONVERSATIONS 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 am. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Tues., June 10 11 am. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Tues, June 17 11 am. - 12:30 p.m.







U.S. Department of Vetmans Affairs VIII.) No York No. James Hullbary Science





Presented by



BECOME A CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

Get training to become a CNA and start your career in Healthcare at NO COST!

Eligibility Requirements:

- · 18+ Years Old
- · High School Diploma/GED
- Ability to pass background check, fingerprinting and drug test
- Valid NYS driver's license and reliable transportation
- Must be willing, ready and able to work up to 40 hours per week upon completion
- · 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
August 4th to August 8th 2025
from 9am to 3pm
Test will be August 11th 2025
Classes held at SUNY Sullivan
Sign Up Now

Limited seating available!!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

845-794-3340



Paid for by the Sullivan County Legislature and federal funding







Vet 2 Vet

Caffeine & Camaraderie



Every Monday

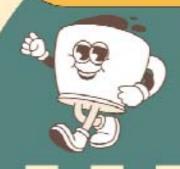


10:00AM - 11:00AM

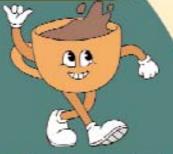
Come join us along with other Vets to share some coffee and some stories.

Place: 309 East Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

call 845-794-4228 for more info, ask for Matt or Vinny









Monticello, NY 12701

New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

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 and browse our book sale selection, located in our beautiful 1902 Room.

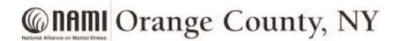
You can:

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.

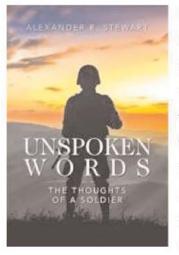
Enjoy!



NAMI Orange County NY welcomes you to attend our Zoom Education Meeting on Saturday, May 17, 1 — 2:30 PM

Topic: Unspoken Words: A Soldier's Fight Against PTSD & Stigma

Guest speaker: SFC Alexander Stewart is an active duty Soldier currently serving at Presidio of Monterey, CA. He has served through three separate combat deployments that include tours to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Outside of the military he is a professional speaker, author, and mental health advocate.



"Unspoken Words: The Thoughts of a Soldier", is a collection of poems that he wrote in order to help veterans and active members of the military understand their emotions and potentially deal with them in their own way through his words. The book allows a military spouse, child, parent, or friends to see the world through the eyes of a Soldier and learn to understand why the mind of a military member is the way that it is or why military members act the way that they act. He also wrote the book to show all military personnel that there are people out there who understand what they are

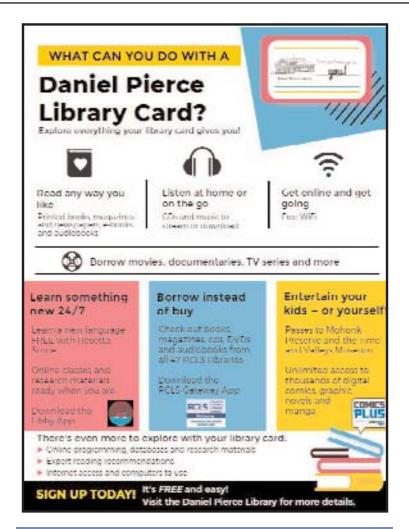
going through and that it is ok to not be ok. His hope is that those who are struggling but cannot find the words to describe what they are going through can find solace and comfort in his words, and potentially become encouraged to seek help.

Register in advance for this presentation:

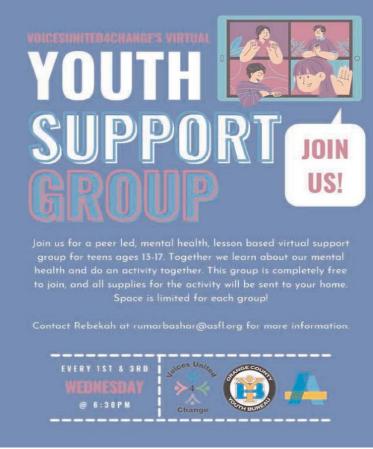
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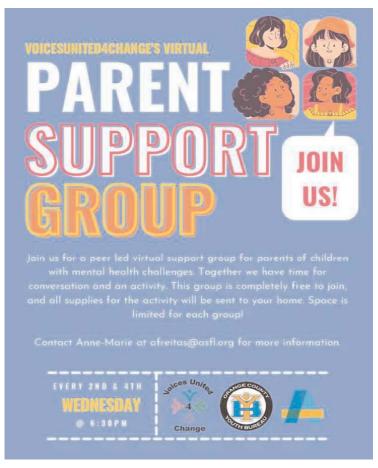
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

*If you do not have Zoom capacity at your home, you can request to watch the Zoom event at the Goshen Public Library, 366 Main St, Goshen by contacting info@namiorangeny.org. (There are a limited number of seats). If you are granted library attendance, do not register at the above link









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.



Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Friends

Who will you protect?



¿A quien protegerás?

Amigos Family

Get the facts.



Obtenga los hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.

Communidad



For more information, visit www.sullivanny.us



Sullivan County **Text For Teens**

4pm-10pm & Sunday 5pm-12am



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR **OUR UPCOMING**

CERTIFICATION CLASS!!

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the DESPERATE NEED for ages 8-18!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk (845) 645-6544 awowk@chowc.net



FOSTER HOMES

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RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

AMERICAN MADE STIHL PRODUCTS

1ST PRIZE: STIHL MS 271 FARM BOSS CHAINSAW
2ND PRIZE: STIHL FS 94 R WEED WHACKER TRIMMER
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!

\$10.00 EACH

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

Comell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

ALZHEIMER'S ON ASSOCIATION

Parkinson's Support Group



Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



Parkinson's disease can be different for everyone. While there's no cure for Parkinson's disease, certain lifestyle changes can help manage symptoms and improve overall quality of life.

REGISTER:



(845) 292-6180 ext. 122



sullivancrc@cornell.edu



https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9

MHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

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Oct 8 Nov 12

This program is supported with a grant from the NYS Department of Health, OFA, CCE/Caregiver Resource Center Program and the Alzheimer's Association. ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS CAN CALL ANGELA @ 845-292-8715 OR EMAIL: FOLKPLUS@GMAIL.COM



Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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

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

Challenge yourself and your family.

Expand your horizons with new books.

For ALL ages!

Read adventurously!



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/1FAIpQLSfMdOfeIFyo7-ROmhdGbrRS-1ect4D7_PYdGsRzxWPcGsYGNg/viewform

Child Care Providers Needed

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

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

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and

supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

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

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

referral services:

- o County wide of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com,

The Office of Children and Family Services at https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp , or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

Retrieved on 5/07/2019

: https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/sullivancountynewyork/AGE135217#AGE135217

Sullivan County Providing Grants Workshop Just in Time for State Applications Get the Jump on the Consolidated Funding Process

Monticello, NY -Money may not grow on trees, but you can explore the world of grants for your non-profit, small business, or municipality.

Each spring, through the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), New York State releases the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to improve New York State's economic growth. The CFA is a web-based application designed to streamline the application process for grants available through New York State agencies and authorities. Since its inception in 2011, the REDC initiative has awarded over \$8

billion to more than 9,900 projects.

Counties, municipalities, for-profit businesses, not-for-profit corporations, and others are usually eligible to apply for programs under several categories, including direct assistance to business and other organizations, community development, waterfront revitalization, energy, environmental improvements, sustainability planning and implementation, education/workforce development, and low-cost financing.

The Sullivan County Department of Grants Administration will host a CFA Grants Workshop on Monday, June 9, in the Legislative Hearing Room located on the 2nd floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. For the convenience of community stakeholders, the workshop will be offered at two separate times, from 9-11 a.m. and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The workshop will include a high-level introduction to grants and a summary review of the resources available through the CFA program.

"The workshop is ideal for municipal leadership, for-profit businesses, and not-for-profit organizations," noted Director of Grants Administration

Arthur Hussey.

Pre-registration is requested at www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/grants. Questions? Contact the Sullivan County Planning Division at 845-807-0527 for additional information.





10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cornell Cooperative Extension
64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY

Get involved. Make a difference. Connect in the community.

Explore volunteer opportunities and meet people from a variety of local organizations to find a volunteer match that works for you.

For more information, please call:



845-807-0255





Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services -2025

Saturday, May 24th

Mamakating: 9:00 - 11:15 am - Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold Memorial Day Services at the following: 9:00 am - Poplar Grove Cemetery, 9:45 am - Monument at the Phillipsport Community Center, 10:30 am - Burlingham Cemetery, and 11:15 am - Pine Hill Cemetery. (Times are approximate)

Sunday, May 25th

Roscoe: 2:00 pm - The Beaverkill Valley Fire Department will be Hosting a Chicken Barbecue. Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: The Tusten-Highland-

Lumberland VFW Post 6427 will have cemetery ceremonies to honor our deceased Veterans: 11:00 am - Lava Cemetery, 11:30 am - St. Francis Cemetery, 11:45 am - Glen Cove Cemetery and 2:00 pm - Ceremony at the Old Tusten Church, Town of Tusten.

Monday, May 26th

Bethel: 11:00 am - The SGT Andrew Brucher-Bailey-Richman VFW Post 5499 will hold a small service commemorating Memorial Day, in the Veterans Park across the street from the Kauneonga Lake Fire House. The guest speaker will be The Honorable James R. Farrell, Sullivan County Court Judge. Please arrive before 11am.

Barryville: 9:15 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Barryville Cemetery on Mail Road.

County Service: Liberty: 1:00 pm - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will hold a Memorial Day Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, 181 Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Master of Ceremonies is Director Stephen Walsh.

Eldred: 8:45 am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will host a Memorial Service at the Eldred Cemetery.

Fremont Center: 9:30 am - Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and H. Russell Kenyon VFW Post 5808 will have the 141st Annual Memorial Service at Veteran's Park.

10:00 am - Freemont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade down County Route 94. 10:45 am - Flag Folding Ceremony featuring Guest Speaker and awards.

Liberty: 10:30 am - The Town of Liberty and Corporal Russell Sprague VFW Post 109 will host a Memorial Day Parade on Main Street and conclude with a ceremony at the Liberty Veterans Cemetery on Cold Spring Road.

Livingston Manor: 10:00 am - Parade down Main Street and concluding at Rock Avenue (old VFW property.)

Long Eddy: 1:00 pm - The Alan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Long Eddy Cemetery.

Lumberland: 10:00 am - The Town of Lumberland will be holding a brief event in commemoration of Memorial Day, at the Lumberland Town Hall, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey. The event begins inside the Town Hall and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available.

Mamakating: 9:00 am - The Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 will hold a Dedication and Service at the Summitville Fire House and Monument. They will have a Memorial Day Service at 11:00 am at the Bloomingburg Cemetery, followed by the Wurtsboro Memorial Day Parade at 1:00 pm. Parade lineup at 12:30 pm, Step off at 1:00 pm.

Neversink: 11:00 am - There will be a Flag Exchange Ceremony at the Flag Pole of Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Route 55, Grahamsville. Boys Scout Troop 97, Girls Scout Troop 314, and an Honor Guard of local veterans will be participating in the Ceremony honoring WWII Army Veteran Richard William Hodges.

Monticello: Monticello Representatives host the County Service. See 'County Service' Listing for reference.

Roscoe: 10:00 am - The Floyd Keener American Legion Post 315 will have a Memorial Day Parade. 11:00 am - Memorial Day ceremony immediately after the Parade in front of the Roscoe-Rockland Firehouse.

Tusten-Highland-Lumberland: 1:00 pm - Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will be holding joint Memorial Day Services at Heroes Park, corner of Route 55 and Proctor Road, in Eldred. Refreshments served after.

Wurtsboro: 1:00 pm - The American Legion Post 1266 is hosting the 2025 Memorial Day Parade. Refreshments and ice cream will be served at the Wurtsboro Fire House at the conclusion of the parade.

Woodridge: 3:00 pm - The Woodridge Fire Department hosts its Annual Memorial Day Service - 'rain or shine'- at 2 Green Avenue, Woodridge, NY. The Service will feature Guest Speaker Jim Farrell and will include a march to the Village Veteran's Memorial for a Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by light refreshments at the fire station

of Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants \$5.9 Million Available to Address Environmental Concerns in EJ Areas

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced \$5.9 million is now available to help communities facing environmental justice challenges implement innovative and effective projects to address environmental concerns. Funding for the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) as part of New York State's impactful Environmental Justice agenda.

"With a record of real accomplishments, DEC is proud of the results created by our grassroots partners leading projects supported by the Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants," DEC Acting Commissioner Lefton said. "DEC is committed to providing resources for these groups that work tirelessly to provide our most vulnerable New Yorkers with a better future, and we look forward to the projects that lie ahead thanks to this next round of EPF funding."

Since 2006, DEC has awarded nearly \$17 million in Community Impact Grants to community-based organizations for projects engaging their communities around environmental justice issues and deploying community driven solutions. Recently during Earth Week, DEC announced \$2 million in awards for the latest grant projects.

Community-based organizations can apply to receive up to \$200,000 in funding for projects that address environmental and public health concerns of residents in impacted neighborhoods. Previous projects awarded by DEC have included public participatory science, community driven water and air quality monitoring, urban farming, habitat restoration, tree plantings, curriculum development, green infrastructure installation and more. A list of all previously funded projects and their project descriptions are available on Open Data NY.

Eligible community-based organizations, including not-for-profits and Tribal Organizations, are those located in or serve residents of environmental justice or disadvantaged communities, serving an area equal to or smaller than a county outside of New York City, or an area equal to or smaller than one of the five boroughs within New York City, and have a total annual revenue less than \$3 million. Further eligibility information is available online at the Office of Environmental Justice Grant Programs webpage and on the Request for Applications (RFA). (PDF)

Projects must address a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks, and include a new research component that will be used to expand the knowledge of the affected community.

An example of past awardees in action includes Rockaway Initiative for Sustainability and Equity's (RISE) impressive array of work with these grants. In 2021, the grant funded their successful project "Shore Corps," a green stewards youth internship and workforce development program for low-income youth ages 14-18 who reside in Far Rockaway. Since that time, 10,000 plugs of grasses and 2,000 native shrubs were planted in the dune preserve at Beach 60th to Beach 63rd Street. They are also seeing unprecedented numbers of students apply for the summer cohort.

Questions regarding this grant opportunity will be accepted until close of business July 30, 2025. All questions and answers will be uploaded in the Statewide Financial System (SFS) on a rolling basis. Applicants are required to register and prequalify in the SFS Grants Management System before applying. Once regis-

tered and prequalified, organizations can apply for the grant in SFS. Instructions and application are available online at the Statewide Financial System website.

The deadline to submit applications is 3 p.m. EST on August 13, 2025. For a complete list of guidelines and more information, contact Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of Environmental Justice at 518-402-8556, justice@dec.ny.gov, or online at DEC's Environmental Justice web page.

Funding for this grant program was provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), a critical resource for environmental programs such as environmental justice, land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, recreation access, and water quality improvement projects.

DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 22 Now Available: Where Duty Meets the Wild Captain Gainswindt and Ranger Kabrehl Share Memorable Rescues, Investigations, Wildfire Deployments, and Surprise Celebrity Encounters

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 22-"Where Duty Meets the Wild"-discusses the critical work of DEC's Division of Forest Protection in responding to wildfires and wilderness emergencies across the State.

In this episode, hosts Executive Deputy Commissioner Sean Mahar and Chief of Staff Erica Ringewald speak with Captain Nancy Ganswindt and Forest Ranger Chuck Kabrehl on the importance of the State's burn ban and implementation of prescribed burns to reduce the frequency of wildfires, and the wide-ranging responsibilities of Forest Rangers, including search and rescue and law enforcement.

Captain Gainswindt and Ranger Kabrehl also share why they decided to pursue careers as DEC Forest Rangers, tips to hike smart in New York State, and their most-memorable stories of rescues, investigations, out-of-state deployments, and a surprise celebrity encounter with Nicole Kidman and Martha Stewart.

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

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For more information on "DEC Does What?!," visit the DEC Podcast webpage.

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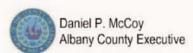
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WHERE: Sullivan County Emergency Services
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615 Old White Lake Turnpike

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When: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

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Spencer Tracy stars as the famed 1760's British trail blazer, warrior, Richard Rogers of the renown "Rodger's Rangers," - The Commando's of the French and Indian Wars.

Directed by King Vidor. Starring Spencer Tracy, Walter Brennan, Robert Young, plus Hussey and Pendleton.

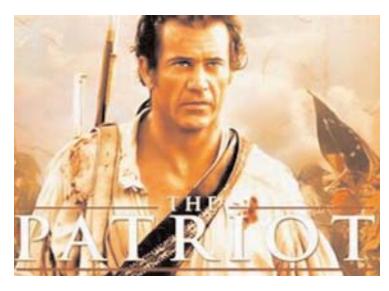
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: A League of Their Own

This weeks' Trivia question: The daughter of what big screen icon told her story in *Mommie Dearest?*

(From Pg. 92) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S THE PATRIOT

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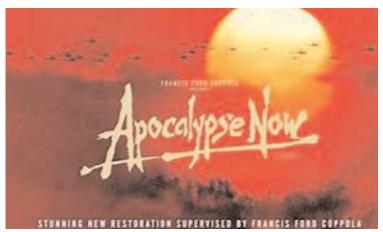
The Patriot is a 2000 American epic historical fictional war film. The story takes place mainly in rural Berkeley County in South Carolina and depicts Benjamin Martin, an American colonist nominally loyal to Great Britain who gets swept into the Revolutionary War when his home life is disrupted. It is understood that Martin is a composite character based on four historical men: Andrew Pickens, Francis Marion, Daniel Morgan and Thomas Sumter.



Directed by Roland Emmerich. Produced by Dean Devlin, Mark Gordon and Gary Levinsohn. Written by Robert Rodat. Starring Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson, Jason Isaacs, Chris Cooper, Tchéky Karyo, René Auberjonois and Tom Wilkinson. Music by John Williams. The budget for this filw mas \$110 million – Box office return—\$215.3 million.

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S THE PATRIOT

PPEX (Free); Amazon Prime Video; YouTube APOCALYPSE NOW



APOCALYPSE NOW is a 1979 American epic psychological war film directed and produced by Francis Ford Coppola. Starring Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen, Frederic Forrest, Albert Hall, Sam Bottoms, Laurence Fishburne, Harrison Ford, and Dennis Hopper.

The screenplay, co-written by Coppola and John Milius with narration written by Michael Herr, is loosely based on the 1899 novella *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad, with the setting changed from late 19th-century Congo to the Vietnam War.

The film follows a river journey from South Vietnam into Cambodia undertaken by Captain Benjamin L. Willard (Sheen), who is on a secret mission to assassinate Colonel Kurtz (Brando), a renegade Army Special Forces officer accused of murder and who is presumed insane.



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