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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony Memorial Day -2026

Memorial Day 2026 in the Tri Valley area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 25th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The ceremony will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of all U.S. Veterans. A flag will be accepted to honor James K. Richardson who served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam, which will fly for six months.

The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville Season Opening Memorial Day Weekend

The Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, will open for the season on Memorial Day Weekend - May 23 and 24thth, from noon to 4 p.m..

Exhibitions:

Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.

Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water



supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built. (Contd Pg. 5)

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continued support.**

## On the Front Burner:

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised;  
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.  
Psalm 18:3

## OBITUARIES

### Carol Ann Newman



With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Carol Ann Newman, 81, of Grahamsville. Carol was born on March 16, 1945, in Hancock to the late Lester and Betty Leroy Thomas. She died peacefully surrounded by her family.

Carol dedicated her life to her devoted husband and to raising their five children while also helping support the family income. She held jobs ranging from house-keeping to Avon and Stanley sales products representative, and later found her most beloved role as a personal caregiver, where she made many lifelong friends.

Carol loved watching her flowers bloom, sitting on her porch watching the birds, and going for rides with her husband. She was an adored member of the WSCS Ladies Aid and Sundown United Methodist Church.

She cherished her childhood sweetheart and husband of 65 years with a devotion that grew stronger with each passing decade, viewing him as her rock, soulmate, and greatest companion. More than anything, her children and grandchildren were her world; she loved them with all her heart and soul, finding her happiest moments surrounded by her beloved family. One of the kindest, most loving people you could ever meet, Carol possessed a rare ability to make everyone feel special simply by being herself. Always there to support her family and friends, she was truly their rock, bringing warmth and comfort to those around her. While the world feels emptier without her, her loving legacy will never be forgotten.

Carol is survived by her husband, Barry Newman (Grahamsville); her five children: Grace Rivera (Sundown), Gloria Cargill (Parksville), Patricia Kearns and her husband John (Loch Sheldrake), Terri Dertinger and her husband Jacob (Woodbourne), and Richard Vail and his wife Carrie (Ellenville); and her eight grandchildren:

Wayne Cargill III (partner Anthony Jassen), Barry Cargill, Byron Cargill, Alexis Kearns (fiancé Charles Marinaro), Brittany Dertinger, Sara Dertinger, Savannah Vail, and Raven Fuller.

She is also survived by her six siblings: Jenny Marshall (Roscoe), Betty Cunningham (Wisconsin), Brenda Santiago and her husband Miguel (Liberty), Penny Santiago and her husband Ely (Woodbourne), Tammy Thomas and her companion Paul (Monticello), and Nelson Thomas and his wife Rita (Livingston Manor); along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Lester and Betty Leroy Thomas; two sons-in-law, Hector Rivera and Wayne Cargill II; four brothers; five sisters; and many other loved ones.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Harris Funeral Home, West St at Buckley, Liberty, NY 12754.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 12 Noon in the funeral home. Pastor Harriet Wilkin and Pastor Peggy Ann Sauerhoff will officiate.

Dignified cremation has been provided by Harris Crematorium, LLC.

Burial will take place at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery after cremation.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to WSCS or Sundown United Methodist Church, c/o John Barnum, 11 Barnum Road, Sundown, NY 12740

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com)

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Carol Ann Newman, please visit our flower store.

### Steven Anthony Diescher



Steven Anthony Diescher, a lifelong resident of the area passed away peacefully on May 14, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born to his mother Judy Kelly Diescher on November 27, 1963 in Liberty, NY. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

May 23, 1956

Approximately two hundred voters were present at a special meeting held at the Tri Valley High School in Grahamsville on Thursday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the proposition for the consolidation of the Divine Corners common school district with that of the Tri Valley Union Free School District. There was a total of 188 votes cast and the final tabulation showed 166 votes in the affirmative to 20 votes in the negative with two ballots voided.

Helen Spann was awarded one of the twenty Regents Scholarships extended to high schools in Sullivan County. The scholarship entitles the winning student to \$350 a year for four years at any approved New York State school.

May 18, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dubois Sr. of the Woodbourne Road were in Hobart over the weekend where they were guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois Jr. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois were the honored guests on Saturday at a 45th anniversary celebration. Sixteen people were present including Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burch of Delhi.

Winfred Whipple, 69, died May 11, 1966 in Liberty Loomis Hospital after a short illness. Born in Neversink on August 9, 1902, he was the son of Howard and Edith Slater Whipple. A lifelong resident of Neversink, he was a farmer. He is survived by his three sisters: Mrs. Gladys Brown of Liberty, Miss Clara Whipple of Neversink, and Mrs. Carrie Brown of Woodbourne and several nieces and nephews.

May 26, 1976

Thomas A. Marshalek was the proud recipient of the Sabloff Award for being the most outstanding culinary student of the Class of 1976. The award was given at an Awards Ceremony held at Sullivan County Community College on Friday, May 14, 1976. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek of Woodbourne. He is a 1974 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

June 5, 1986

Ronald and Patricia Oliver, Hasbrouck Rd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Doyle, to Joseph Barkley, son of Earl and Barbara Barkley of Grahamsville. Miss Doyle is a graduate of Fallsburgh Central School. She is employed by Norstar Bank, Liberty as a bank teller. Her fiancé graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and Sullivan County Community College. He is employed as a corrections officer at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility.

## Household Hint:

### Marshmallow in Brown Sugar

## 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, Martha Ahrens and Barbara Barkley. And also to the memory of Frank Comando. a/k/a Knarf Adnamoc.*

## Poppies -A Symbol of Remembrance

The luminescent, scarlet red-orange crepe-paper like four inch blossoms of the Oriental Poppy in our garden are just about ready to burst into bloom –as they do just about every year –in time for Memorial Day Weekend. The stunning blossoms are synonymous as a symbol of remembrance to all those who served in our armed forces.



Oriental poppies, *Papaver orientale*, are an old-fashioned flower that remains alluring. They burst forth with blossoms up to 6-inches in bowl-shaped blooms in shades of orange, red, scarlet, pink white

and even purple on single stems with deeply cut, hairy leaves with upright stems. In the center of the petals is the stigma, which is the outer element of the pistil - the female reproductive organ. Surrounding the pistil are stalklike stamens called filaments, capped by lozenge-shaped anthers. The anthers are where pollen is produced. These are the male organs. Poppies are usually insect-pollinated, however, the species is more or less self-fertile as the anthers burst before the flowers open, and self-pollination can occur ahead of cross-pollination. Seeds ripen and shed 3-4 weeks after flowering. An isolated plant may have more than 500,000 seeds!

Originally from alpine areas of central Asian countries including Turkey, Georgia, Armenia and Iran, the poppies were introduced to Europe in the early 18th century after French botanists conducted an expedition to central Asia. Plant breeders have continued to develop the colors and selections. The original brilliant orange flower is only one of the many selections available today. The Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*) is the largest and most eye-catching of the poppies and grows 18-36 inches tall.

The foliage of Oriental poppy dies after flowering. By the end of August, the Poppy foliage will again push up, breaking the Poppies' pre-determined weeks of summer dormancy. Oriental Poppies require two dormancy periods, one in summer and one in the cold chilling winter dormancy that ensures the flowers will bloom and continue to be a symbol of remembrance - peace and reconciliation for all.

The poppy came to be the symbol of remembrance of those who gave their lives in WWI after the publication of the poem "In Flanders Field" written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae

## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

## OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2) **Steven Anthony Diescher**

He was fondly known as Steve to his family and Dewy to his friends. Steve was the proud father to his two beautiful daughters, Mary Lee and Stephanie, and to his son-in-law Greg, and a very proud Pepa to his two beautiful granddaughters, Chloe and Azariyah.

Steve leaves behind his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lee and Greg Warren, his two granddaughters Chloe and Azariyah Warren, the mother of his children Louise Dayton, his chosen family, and many friends.

He is predeceased by his mother Judy Kelly Diescher, his grandmother Helen Kelly, daughter Stephanie Diescher, and his parent in-laws George "Stretch" and Mary Lee Haag.

Steve was a jack of all trades. He worked for inter county feeds, superior lumber, tended a bar in Parksville, drove trucks, worked for the post office services as a driver, and his most recent job was a dishwasher at Frost Valley YMCA. Steve loved working on cars and doing woodwork. He loved to take a piece of wood and turn it into something beautiful for his family. Steve also was a big George Jones fan. Coworkers would joke that you knew he was working because you would hear George Jones playing in the dish-room. Steve loved Elvis too. He could be found in the garage tinkering on any one of his hobbies.

Steve will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A graveside service was held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 10am, at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery in Grahamsville, NY 12740. Reverend Paul Minton officiated.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made in his name to Ulster County Hospice.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Family of Funeral Homes. For additional information, contact the funeral home at 845-434-7363, or email [info@colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

### John Nielsen



John Nielsen of Hurleyville, New York, a lifelong resident of the area and graduate of Tri-Valley Central School Class of 1961, passed away unex-

pectedly on May 12, 2026, in Alexandria Bay, New York. He was 83 years old.

Born on March 17, 1943, in Kingston, New York, John was the son of Charles A. Nielsen and Syrinne Nielsen.

John proudly served his county in the United States Army from 1964 to 1968 as a Chief Warrant Officer and helicopter pilot. During his military service, he earned numerous honors and commendations, including the Army Aviator Badge, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 9th Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and two Overseas Service Bars. While serving with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 1st Squadron, A Troop, John received the Distinguished Flying Cross in September 1966 for his service in Vietnam. He completed his military tour flying along the East-West German border in Fulda, Germany.

Following his military service, John worked as an electrician with the IBEW for 30 years before retiring in 2005. He was an acolyte and member of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Liberty, New York.

John loved staying busy and working outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, feeding the birds, and using his smokehouse to prepare cheese and anything else he could fit inside. He especially loved opening camp and fishing in Alexandria Bay, and he was also an avid hunter.

John is survived by his beloved wife, Darlene; his son, Erik (Shelley) Nielsen of California; his daughter Tracy (Joseph) Bagley of Hurleyville; his grandchildren, Devon and Brett Bagley of Hurleyville, Ian Nielsen, and Jillian N. (Andrew) Villigan of California; and his two great-grandchildren, Leo and Talia Villigan.

Above all else John loved his family deeply and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

John was predeceased by his daughter, Kristen Nielsen, in 2016. She will be interred alongside her father.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held on June 27, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in John's name may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation at [t2t.org](http://t2t.org).

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call (845) 434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

## Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville Season Opening Memorial Day Weekend

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• *30s Catskill Family Farm* is an outdoor, openair experience with many early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, chicken coop, old car barn, saw mill, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel - and more!. Many with interactive activities, videos and games.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admis-



sion is \$10, Children under 16 \$5, Family Rate (for four): \$25, children under six are free. Museum members are FREE.

**Free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through our status as a Blue Star Museum.** This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail

[info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

or visit

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

Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Email or call us for more information.



## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley  
Published April 30, 1998

Two or three times every year when Kathryn, Edith and I were growing up, Daddy would ask us if we would like to visit his Aunt Matilda and Aunt Marilda, Dad's "maiden aunts." Their home was on the road leading to Livingston Manor. I loved those ladies and for some reason I never heard my mother say a kind word for them. We always rode to their home with the morning mail and the mailman picked us up on his afternoon trip with the mail.

Dad's Aunt Matilda was a pale skinny lady, chronically ill, and had to remain in bed, so his Aunt Marilda, who was short and plump, took loving care of her. When we would arrive at the house, Kathryn and Edith would climb the stairs to the hush of Aunt Matilda's room, while I preferred the kitchen, the warm pleasant room where Aunt Marilda spent most of her time. Unlike the dim parlor and gloomy hallway, the kitchen was bright and cheery with its kitchen cabinets, huge wood cook stove and big square table, and the walls were painted bright yellow. At lunch time Kathryn and Edith ate upstairs with Aunt Matilda, but I stayed in the kitchen where Aunt Marilda made her Special Soup for her and me. I loved her soup - she said she made it with "wonder and surprise."

We'd dip into our steaming bowls. She would allow me to stand on her kitchen chairs to reach the package of saltine crackers from the high kitchen cabinet and carry them to the table. The table was covered with oilcloth. I'd put my crackers in my soup and let them set for a while to get soggy before slurping them up. Aunt Marilda didn't complain about my table manners as I chatted away, telling her all about school and my friends. In fact, while we enjoyed our lunch together, she never corrected me as mother would with "Stop talking and eat," or "Little children should be seen and not heard." Aunt Marilda always seemed interested in, whatever I talked about and then tell me about some little experience she had gone through during her lifetime.

Those lunches with Aunt Marilda were special times for me and Aunt Marilda's Special Soup seemed like a magic potion.

Several years passed and when she was taken ill I went to call on her and as we were visiting I asked her what her secret was in making that good soup I enjoyed eating as a child. I will always remember her answer. "The secret to making something Special is adding together the Ordinary."

## Sullivan SLAC Meeting May 29, 2026 Agenda

- Meeting in the Legislators Meeting Room at 10AM
- Update and evaluate the ACC situation.
- Latest information on the Garnet / Montefiore merger, and it's impact on Sullivan residents.
- The 340B Access Act, which prevents for Profit Hospitals and their partners from exploiting program discounts at the expense of patients.
- What is Sullivan County doing about the Homeless problem, since nothing was done in 2025?

## What Hazards Exist Where You Live? Weigh in by June 6 on the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's planners seek everyone's input on an update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

In cooperation with New York State's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), the County is in the midst of updating its hazard response plan so that local communities together can identify risks, evaluate vulnerabilities and develop strategies to reduce those risks.

"It's crucial that we get feedback from local residents and businesspeople," notes Project Manager and County Planner Justin Rocque. "This plan is designed to reduce the impact of catastrophes, when they occur, and will permit the County to access crucial federal and State funds that can offset the economic impacts that follow these disasters."

Following review by the State, local towns and villages will be asked to formally adopt the Plan, so that everyone is on the same page when responding to hazards.

"We are asking all the residents of Sullivan County to review the final draft of the plan and give feedback," adds Planning Commissioner Heather Brown. "The projects and information included in the Plan will allow your communities to remain eligible for grant funding opportunities to minimize losses from natural disasters. The Public Review Period is open only until June 6, 2026, so don't miss this last chance to have your voice heard! Your support and responses are appreciated!"

### How to Participate

Sullivan County developed a Public Preparedness Survey, which can be answered quickly and anonymously: [https://sullivan2026.devmny.org/public\\_review\\_survey](https://sullivan2026.devmny.org/public_review_survey)

Find out more about the entire plan and updating process at <https://sullivan2026.devmny.org/>.

Sullivan County's Hazard Mitigation Plan website, [sullivan2026.devmny.org](https://sullivan2026.devmny.org), allows visitors to explore potential risks to the County and their communities.

## Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 181

## Gone To Darkness

## Mysterious Book Report No. 406

by John Dwaine McKenna

Published May 21, 2020



In the soon to be released fourth episode of her popular, best-selling Sydney Rose Parnell series, award-winning thriller writer and fan favorite Barbara Nickless leaves no doubt that she's on the fast track to A-list stardom.

*Gone To Darkness*, (Thomas & Mercer, PB, \$15.95, 384 pages, ISBN 978-1542092869) by Barbara Nickless will be released June 2,

2020. It finds Iraq war veterans Sydney Parnell and her Belgian Malinois K9 partner Clyde, have moved on from being railway cops to the Denver Police Department. There, she's the youngest homicide detective in the Major Crimes Unit . . . and partnered with Len Bandoni, an old adversary who's now her mentor and the sole judge who'll determine if she'll stay in the elite division.

The story begins when a prank by Sydney's old supervisor on the Denver Pacific Continental Railway – a man named Greg Heinrich – goes awry at her farewell party and he inadvertently leaves with her badge. When she attempts to retrieve it in the early morning darkness, she finds Heinrich lying beside the railroad tracks with a head wound after being clubbed, a confusing report of a murdered woman . . . but no body . . . a blood splattered dress and a mysterious shrine, also bloody. Acting only on a hunch prompted by gut instinct, Sydney tracks down the train engineer who first spotted the missing mystery woman, and much to the displeasure of Bandoni, who tells her to “Start thinking like a cop.” If no one's reported a crime or found a body, there is no case as far as the grizzled old veteran detective is concerned. But she persists, and finds the savagely beaten dead body of a young man in an open railcar full of boxes of defrosted, and rotting frozen chickens. Her discovery sets off a terrifying hunt for a savage killer through the local underbelly of homeless rail riders, criminals and punk runaway teens. And, as if that's not enough, all the publicity she's received has generated a demented stalker who's determined to capture Sydney Rose Parnell and keep her . . . for always, if he can just figure out what to do about the damned dog . . .

The action never slows and the suspense ratchets up in every chapter of this delightfully twisted and energetic page-turning thriller from the mind of a budding superstar!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## I Am Done

I am done with ladders.  
 I am done with shovels.  
 I am done with late nights.  
 I prefer early mornings.  
 I am done with targeted ads  
 and commercials.  
 I am done with trusting  
 algorithms on social media.  
 I am tired of sorting  
 through truth and what is  
 fiction in the media.  
 I am done with  
 driving at night.  
 I am done with free  
 subscriptions.  
 They always cost.  
 I have no tolerance for  
 bigotry, lies, hatred, or greed.

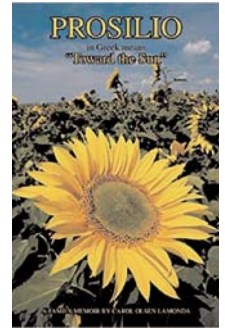
At my age, I have finally found  
 my voice to speak out about what I want  
 and what no longer serves me.

I have always been a chameleon able to change colors  
 and adapt to my surroundings. Now I am studying to  
 become the Komodo Dragon, a force with which to reckon.

I may seem the same person, but don't be fooled by my  
 smile and deferring manner. I am entering my second childhood wiser and calmer. As a grown child,  
 I shall allow myself to throw a few tantrums, declare what is mine, love unconditionally, and ask  
 those difficult questions like "Why can't we be honest and share and get along?"

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!**



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## ...And the Tent is Back!

By Lisa Carroll

If you've had the opportunity to drive past the DPL in the past week, you may have noticed the large white tent in front. That's our summer used book sales tent and within its shade is a treasure trove of much-loved fiction and nonfiction novels, paperbacks, and children's books, as well as, puzzles, games, vinyl records, DVD's and CD's. An entire bag of books is just \$5.00, while individual paperbacks and soft cover books are \$0.50 and hardcover books are \$1.00. Not included in the bag of books sale are the puzzles and games, vinyl records and DVD's/CD's, which are \$1.00 each. Atop one of the tables, is a box of bags and small white envelopes. We're doing this on the honor system, so once you've determined which items you'd like to purchase, you're going to place the money owed in the envelope and place it in the book drop. If it's during regular business hours, you're welcome to come in and pay at the front desk if you have other business to attend to (or if you just want to say hi!). Easy Peasy!

Now, you may ask, how do we acquire such a large number of items to sell? That's where you all come in. Coinciding with the set up of the tent, we're also asking for donations of gently used, newer books (and the aforementioned additional items). There are some condition requirements to consider before calling me, Lisa Carroll, and setting up a good time for drop off. First, is the book, etc. actually gently used or are the pages/cover torn, spine broken, missing pieces? If it's the latter, then thanks but no thanks. Please recycle appropriately. The same goes for mildewy, wet, stinky books –especially if they are covered in live or deceased beings or evidence of their passing through. We just can't, in good conscious, sell these items to unsuspecting shoppers. Also, it's expensive to haul garbage (or recycling) to the transfer station ourselves. (On a separate note, I read an insanely entertaining and thought-provoking book, *Nobody Wants Your Sh\*t: the Art of Decluttering Before You Die* by Messie Condo, and let me just tell you...she's a master at getting people off their rumps and into action. The biggest takeaway I got from reading her book –which everyone should absolutely read, like a Steinbeck in high school-is that the clutter buildup in your home is your own responsibility and it's \*not very nice\* to leave the work to the grieving people in your fam-



*The DPL would like to extend a huge shout-out to the Tri-Valley Career Readiness Program Interns Vivecca, Jayden, Andres, Aaliyah and Payton, as well as, their class TA, Mrs. Kalani Ward, for their incredible help setting up our summer book sales tent. Thank you so much!*

ily. So, two birds, one stone...if you have books (and etc.) that meet the gently used and recently published criteria, by all means, contact me at 845/985-7233. We look forward to many savvy shoppers and a plethora of donations!

And a huge shout-out to Mrs. Kalani Ward and her amazing Tri-Valley Secondary Students! Thank you so much for all of your help setting up the tent. We couldn't have done it without you!

In other news, we're really excited for the roll out of our 2026 "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program. We're putting a few finishing touches on our plans, so be on the lookout for more information. Definitely check our website and social media platforms regularly! Plus, all the elementary children at Tri-Valley will finish the school year with a packet of our summer program related flyers and information.



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## CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

*News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 15*



Memorial Day arrives on Monday. It is the unofficial start of summer, but more important, it is a day to honor those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Locally, at the Fallsburg Neversink Cemetery, I help along with veterans to place flags on the graves of all who have served throughout our Nation's history. Among those honored are two Revolutionary War veterans. There are probably others whose markers are gone or are merely fieldstones. The job of finding these early Patriot graves has been going on for many years and continues to this day.

In preparing for the Semiquincentennial of the founding of the United States, the Sullivan County Commission has been working to learn more about those who fought to establish our nation. The project has been building upon the important efforts of many researchers who have come before us. Many records can be found at the Sullivan County Historical Society because of work completed by Lorraine Horback, Charlotte Osterhout and many other devoted researchers. They studied records completed earlier and visited many of the cemeteries in our county. One of the most important published books was that of Gertrude A. Barber, who visited the early cemeteries in Sullivan County and made transcriptions of the information on the stones. Her thorough work was published in 1929, at a time when those stones contained much more readable information than they do today.

There was an even earlier effort to learn about Revolutionary War veterans buried in Sullivan County carried on by the Beaverkill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the only DAR Chapter in our county.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) was founded in 1890 as a community service organization with the stated goals of promoting patriotism, preserving American history, particularly that of the achievement of our independence, and securing the

future through education. Sullivan County gained its own chapter in 1917 through the efforts of Mrs. Edward Palen of Rockland Township. The 32 charter members immediately embarked on an ambitious project to identify and mark the graves of Sullivan County Revolutionary War veterans. The effort was interrupted by World War I, when the chapter con-

ducted a project to support those fighting in that war. It resumed after 1919. Using newspapers to publicize their efforts, interviewing knowledgeable community members and visiting cemeteries, over 60 names were identified. The project culminated in the dedication of a bronze plaque listing 59 names that was installed in the lobby of the Sullivan County Courthouse in Monticello. The dedication ceremony took place in 1927.

The Beaverkill Chapter also placed markers on a number of the graves and even obtained some new military stones to mark a few of them.

They have continued this effort over the years, learning about more veterans (see the story of Garritt Van Benschoten, article #11). The records they gathered were sent to the NYS Committee for Historical Research and Preservation of Records to be sent on to the national headquarters of DAR where they can be of help to those attempting to document their connection to a patriot of the American Revolution.

All of these earlier efforts have helped us in our quest to learn about these patriots. As of 2026, a list of over 150 soldiers has been compiled by our committee with the goal of marking as many of these sacred sites as possible. Our work is far from complete. We will continue to pursue our goal of finding and honoring them. Perhaps you may know of those we do not. Reach out to the Sullivan County Historical Society or Time and the Valleys Museum to help us honor these heroes. Remember history's mysteries need to be solved by all of us.



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# Lake Superior State Park Opening May 23!

Bethel, NY - Lake Superior State Park will open to the public for picnicking, boat rentals, and swimming starting Memorial Day Weekend and continue to operate every weekend through the end of June from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Daily operation commences June 27 through September 7, 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday and 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, subject to weather conditions.

Daily admission to enter the park is \$5 per person. Children under 3 years old and veterans who present a valid ID issued through the Sullivan County Return the F.A.V.O.R. program can enter





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for free. Lake Superior also participates in the Golden Park Program, which grants New York State senior citizens 62 and older free admission to the park on weekdays only (but not weekends or holidays).

Season Passes are available; Sullivan County residents are \$20 per person, Sullivan County residents ages 62+ are \$15 per person, and applicants must provide proof of age and residency. Non-residents are \$40 per person. Season Passes can be purchased at Lake Superior or at the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office in the County Government Center in Monticello.



Boat rentals are also available at Lake Superior during beach hours. Pedal boats, row boats, single kayaks, double kayaks, and canoes are available to rent for \$10 per hour, with a \$20 security deposit per boat.

Several picnic pavilions are available for rent for gatherings; please contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification office at 845-807-0287 or email [SCParks@sullivanny.gov](mailto:SCParks@sullivanny.gov) for more information.

Lake Superior State Park is operated by the County pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

# Sullivan 180 Announces Community Development Grant Recipients

*Grants support public art, events and nutrition programming*

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 announced the first round of 2026 Community Development Grants to support community-driven projects that align with Sullivan 180's mission to build a healthy community. Grant amounts range up to \$5,000 depending on the scope of the project.

“From public art and community events to nutrition programming and cooking workshops, these projects reflect the many ways local organizations are creating opportunities for people to connect, learn, and lead healthier lives,” said Shannon Cilento, Sullivan 180 Director of Community Development & Communications. “Funds will go to support initiatives that activate public spaces, strengthen community ties, and make healthy experiences more accessible across Sullivan County.”

To date, the 2026 Community Development Grant recipients are:

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County:** Free, weekly interactive cooking demonstrations at the Sullivan Fresh Monticello Farmers Market, along with periodic demonstrations at Sullivan Fresh Mobile Markets throughout the 2026 season.

**Delaware Youth Center:** A seven-week family and youth cooking class series led by Chef Dayna Halprin, focused on healthy, budget-friendly meals using local ingredients.

**Hope's Compass Fund:** Support for the Community Arts Café at the Liberty Mall on Sullivan Avenue, including artists, performers and the inst

**Narrowsburg Farmers Market:** Launch of the Taste the Market: A Community Food Experience Series, featuring 12 curated food and nutrition events held twice monthly from May through October.

**Tusten Social:** Where We Grow youth arts programming culminating in three public art installations throughout Narrowsburg this summer.

**Western Sullivan Public Library:** A three-part cooking workshop series focused on healthy, affordable eating for adults in the community.

**Wurtsboro Board of Trade:** Creation of a three-part mural series at the newly constructed Canal Park, inspired by the seasons and natural environment of Wurtsboro.

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

*Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.*




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## Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services - 2026

### Saturday, May 23rd

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

### Sunday, May 24th

**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 25th

**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:** 9:00am - 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 142nd Annual Memorial Service at Veteran's Park. 10:00 am - Fremont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade down County Route 94 and ending at Hankins Fremont Firehouse. 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 - The Livingston Manor Fire Department will have a Memorial Day Ceremony at 93 Main Street, Livingston Manor.

**Long Eddy:** 1:00 pm - The Alan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will conduct a Memorial Service at the Long Eddy Cemetery. Refreshments afterwards at the St Patrick Church, Long Eddy.

**Lumberland:** 9:30am - Sylvan Liebla American Legion Post 1363 will host a Memorial Service at the cemetery. 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 with American Legion Post 1363. 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 in collaboration with Summitville Fire Department and the Fire House

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and Monument. They will have a Memorial Day Service at 10:30am 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 Vietnam Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, James K. Richardson.

**Monticello:** 10:00 am - Sullivan Central Rotary Club is sponsoring a Flags for Heroes Event which will feature a Ceremony at the Government Center. May have a Color Guard present.

**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.

**Wurtsboro:** 1:00 pm - The American Legion Post 1266 and the Edward M. Maier Memorial VFW Post 4947 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, Paula Kay and will include a march to the Village Veteran's Memorial for a Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by light refreshments at the fire station.



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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library (the "Library") at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$549,000, separate and distinct from the School District's tax levy, for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2026-2027 fiscal year and each year thereafter?

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 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 11, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 16, 2026. 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

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Special Meeting. 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 Special Meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a Military Ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5103 and [heatherbonnell@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:heatherbonnell@trivalleycsd.org). For a military voter to be issued a Military Ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026. Military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter by filling out a Military Voter Registration Application, which can also be obtained by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Military Voter Registration Applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026. Military voters may indicate a preference for receiving a military voter registration application, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. The School District will transmit Military Ballots to military voters no later than May 22, 2026. Completed Military Ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2026 in order to be counted.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee Ballots must be applied for unless the voters registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Absentee Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 9, 2026) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 15, 2026), if the Ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Absentee Ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Absentee Ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place of the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in accordance with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special Meeting if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 9, 2026) OR the day before the Special Meeting (Monday, June 15, 2026), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their authorized agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office

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hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the District Office on each of the five days prior to the day of the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and will also be available at the polling place at the Special Meeting. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge.

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**Notice of Change of Date for the Claryville Fire  
District Regular Meeting**

The Claryville Fire District regular Meeting will be held on held on June 3, 2026 instead of June 2, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall, 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY.

Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary Claryville Fire District

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**Notice of Resolution Adopted Subject to  
Permissive Referendum**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District at a meeting held on May 5, 2026, adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum:

Be it resolved that a sum of \$7,000.00 will be expended from Equipment Reserve for PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Resolutions are adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners  
of the Claryville Fire District,  
Claryville, NY 12725  
Anne-Marie Kremer/Secretary Claryville Fire District

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## Every Sunday:

**DeFilippis Bakery** in Monticello at 506 Broadway presents "Every Sunday - Open Mic 11AM-1PM. Dusty David Rosenberg and Lively Laura Garone have acted as Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the past nine (9) years.

Frequently, Steve Schwartz, proprietor of Steve's Music Center, located at 248 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY shows up with his band, with Steve on lead guitar, Kenny Windheim on bass and Eric Nies on the keyboard. The group often accompanies and encourages other singers and music students. Young performers receive a cookie. Owner Angelo Foglia is the baker, and owner Camela is the cook. On the menu is oven-baked Italian bread, bagels, cannoli's, cakes and cookies with breakfast. Free Admission. Call (845) 791-4103 for further information.



## Step Back Into the Summers that Made the Catskills Legendary

Every summer has a beginning...

For generations, that moment arrived on Memorial Day weekend, when families packed up the car, comedians warmed up their best material, and the resorts, bungalows, and hotels swung open their doors for another unforgettable season.

The neon signs flickered on. The bands started playing. The possibility of romance filled the air. And the Borscht Belt came alive.



# Sun Trail Storage

**Sun Trail** is a local family-owned business  
**God Bless America**

Located on the Corner of Hill Top Rd  
and Route 55 Grahamsville, NY



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7 AM - 9 PM  
Every day of the week  
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## Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$5.00  
for the first 20 words/  
20 cents each additional word

**Display Ads**

- 1" Boxed ad (1"x3")-  
\$7.50 per week
- Business card ad ( 2" x 3")  
- \$15.00 per week
- (3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week
- (3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week
- 1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week
- 1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week
- Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week
- Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

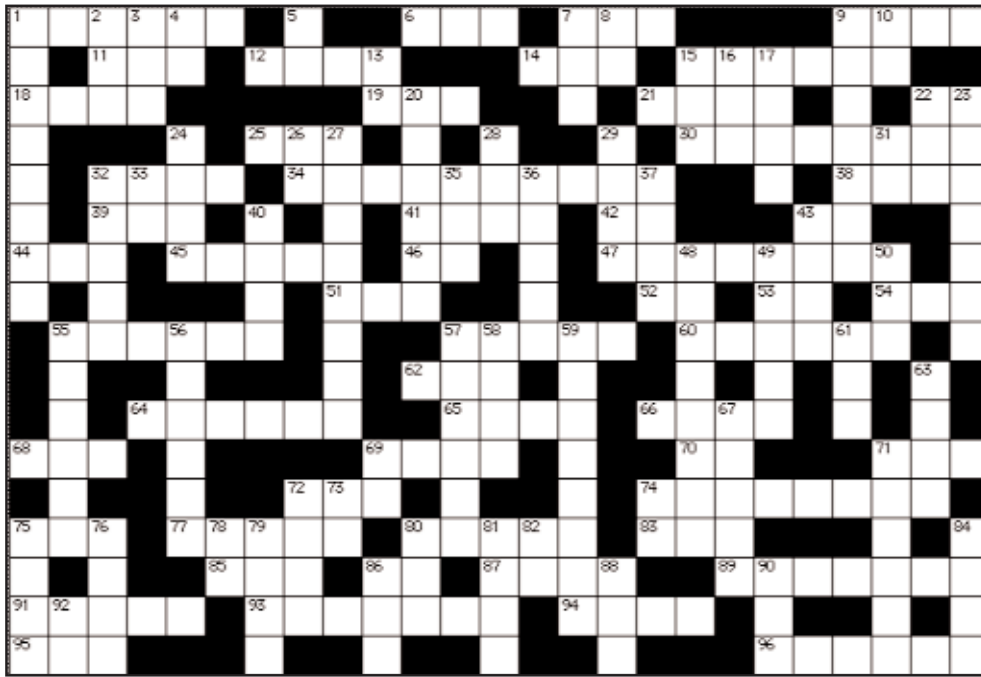
Sign up for weekly ads with quarterly billing  
and get a 20% discount

- Full Page Flyer for  
Local Municipalities  
and Organizations -  
one time fee- \$20.00  
(once the flyer is inserted  
we will publish it each week  
through the week of the event)

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

## Low Rates High Visibility!

Remember All Vets Who Fought for Our Freedom-L.Comdando



**ACROSS**

- 1 Each of the segments of the corolla of a flower
- 6 Control the flight
- 7 Vigor
- 9 Not valid
- 11 Conclusion
- 12 Belonging to the person the speaker is addressing
- 14 A great deal
- 15 Warmest season in the Northern Hemisphere
- 18 Referring to a specific thing already mentioned
- 19 Jocular form of often
- 21 Merge
- 22 High Water
- 25 Semi-circle
- 30 Cookout
- 32 Bundle of hay
- 34 Adornment
- 38 Advice
- 39 Ultra-violet radiation of relatively long wave-lengths
- 41 Plural past of was
- 42 Executive Order
- 43 Fourth note of the major scale
- 44 Pull
- 45 Tomb
- 46 Printer's measure
- 47 Walking in a military manner
- 51 Disfigure
- 52 Masculine pronoun
- 53 Resting atop
- 54 Container used for ashes
- 55 Waterloo, NY druggist who suggested decorating graves of Civil War patriots in 1868
- 57 Round stone juicy yellow flesh fruit
- 60 2nd day of the week
- 62 Hairpiece
- 64 Seneca County Clerk who helped promote Decoration Day
- 65 Peaceful caliph
- 68 Fifth month
- 69 Current of

**air**

- 70 Having to do with two
- 71 Ferret
- 72 Stop living
- 74 Remembrance
- 75 Referring to that girl
- 77 General who in 1968 first officially observed May 30th as Decoration Day
- 80 Frighten
- 83 Exist
- 85 Stout
- 86 Rhode Island
- 87 Fat
- 89 Announce
- 91 Freeing from obstruction
- 93 Commander of an army
- 94 Involuntarily opening one's mouth and inhaling deeply
- 95 Accomplished victory
- 96 Member of a Christian organization known for placing bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, etc.

**DOWN**

- 1 Nationalists
- 2 Brewed hot beverage
- 3 Picnic pest
- 4 Learning Disabled
- 5 Not any
- 7 Game farm
- 8 Third person singular pronoun
- 9 Person who served in the military
- 10 Used to link alternatives
- 13 Right-hand page of an open book
- 15 Short for substitute
- 16 United States of America
- 17 Insignificant
- 20 Seed bearing part of a plant
- 22 Dept of Housing and Urban Renewal
- 23 Generally Saturday & Sunday
- 24 Ensign
- 26 Road (abbrev)
- 27 Celebration
- 28 Armed conflict
- 29 Rhyme
- 31 Common Era
- 32 Brass instrument
- 33 Audio Visual
- 35 Rapid Eye

- bay tree
- 57 Outdoor meal
- 58 Expression of surprise
- 59 Burial ground
- 61 Upper limb
- 63 Fold up
- 67 Targeted
- 69 You and I
- 71 Public procession
- 72 Escort
- 73 Surrounded by
- 74 One's mother
- 75 Make visible
- 76 Equally balanced
- 78 Expression of relationship between a part and the whole
- 79 Jokes
- 80 Title of a knight
- 81 Colleague
- 82 Egyptian sun god
- 84 Flowerless plant with leafy fronds
- 86 One of three primary colors
- 88 Rondout or Neversink
- 90 Unit of energy
- 92 Post Office

**Campfire Peach Cobbler**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

**FILLING:**

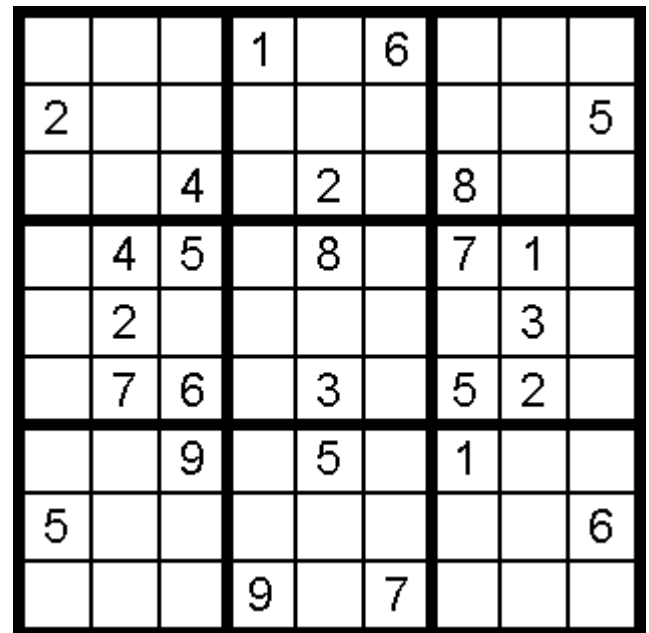
- 2 cans (15-1/4 ounces each) sliced peaches
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional

Prepare campfire or grill for low heat, using 32-40 charcoal briquettes.

Line the inside of a 10-in. Dutch oven with heavy-duty foil. In a large bowl, whisk together first 4 ingredients. Add milk and melted butter, stirring just until moistened. Pour into prepared pan.

Drain peaches, reserving 1 cup syrup. Arrange peaches over batter; sprinkle with sugar and, if desired, cinnamon. Pour reserved syrup over fruit. Place lid on Dutch oven.

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Kids' Memorial Day Weekend Fun Page

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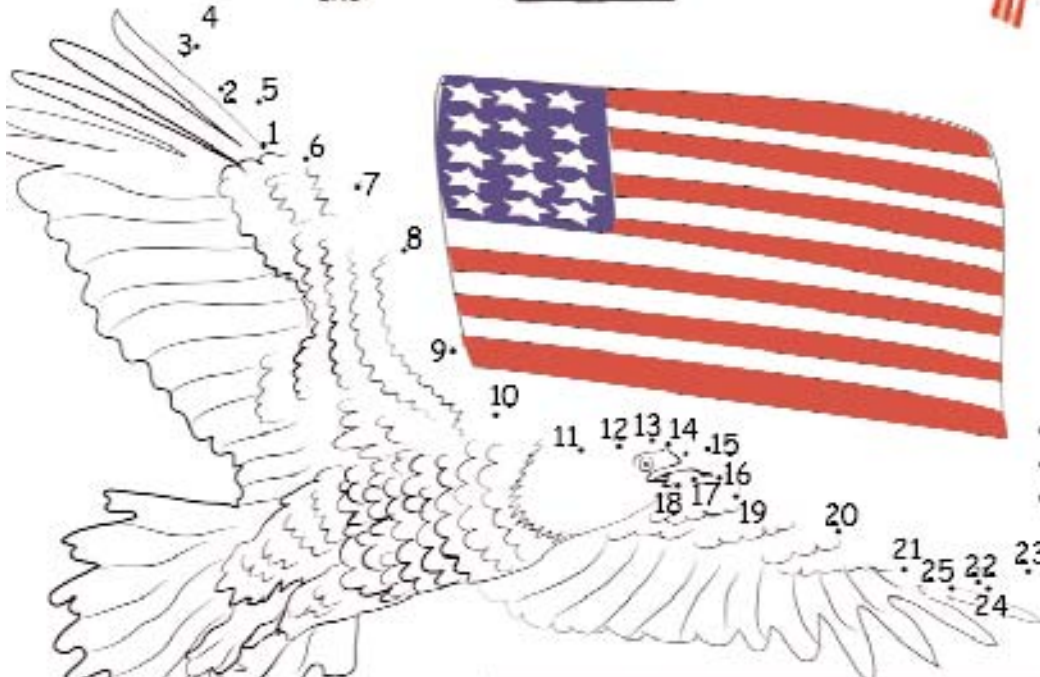


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Memorial Day Word Search

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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
June 6, 2026 • 5:30 pm

**2026 Indoor Yard Sales**  
every Saturday  
**May 23rd - July 4th**  
9 am - 1 pm

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**  
8:00 AM Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM Saturday

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

**Mass Times**  
**Sat: Vigil 4:00 PM • Sun: 9:00 AM**

**Confessions:** Saturdays -3:15 to 3:45 pm  
Or by appointment.  
Call the rectory at (845) 434-7643.  
**Parochial Vicar: Father Thomas**

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**  
**June 6, 2026**  
**9 am - 12 Noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for in person Worship on Sundays.  
Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville  
Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041  
Worship Services @ 10:15 am

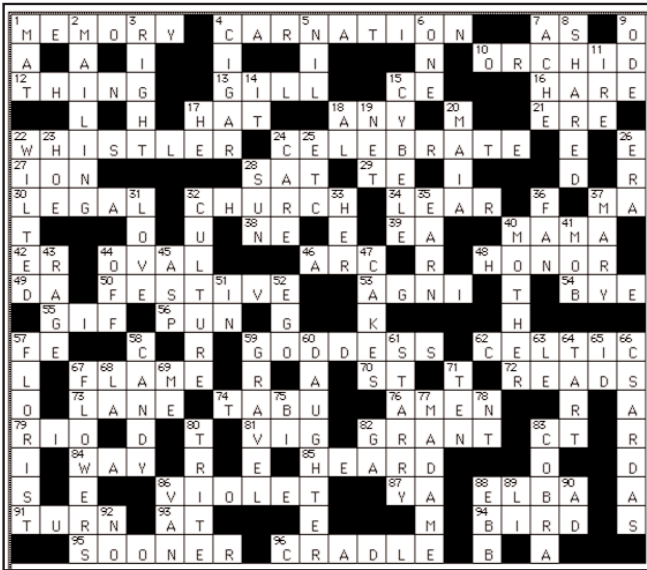


Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
*Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY*  
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
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Ans to last week's Crossword



To learn more about  
**Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)**  
 or to make a donation  
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<https://www.nfxdetroit.org/>

NFX drives bold, high-impact research to discover and develop targeted treatments for **neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1)**. NFX advances groundbreaking research that will bring us closer to ending neurofibromatosis.

Thank you

**The Wurtsboro Board of Trade 2026 event dates are as follows:**

- Street Fair**, Saturday July 11th 11-5pm
- Duck Race**, Thursday August 13th 6pm
- Halloweenfest**, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm
- Joy to Wurtsboro**, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm
- Music & Farmers Market** in the park will run every Thursday, starting June 11-Sept 24 from 5pm-8/8:30pm.

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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**Daniel Pierce Library Hours**

- Monday - 9:00 - 4:00
- Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00
- Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00
- Thursday - 9:00 - 7:00
- Friday - 9:00 - 4:00
- Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00
- Sunday - Closed

**\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March**  
 Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check

The Office of the State Comptroller returned \$126 million in unclaimed funds to its rightful owners during the month of March. From uncashed payroll checks to forgotten bank accounts, Comptroller DiNapoli is dedicated to putting money back into the pockets of the people and organizations it belongs to.

[https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm\\_content=20260411&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=weekly+news](https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news)

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

**ARTISTS • CRAFTERS**  
 Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
 email: [tvtownsmen@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsmen@yahoo.com)  
 or visit our Virtual Mall  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

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

## 2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/20	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.</b> 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
5/21	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
5/21	Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
5/19	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 5/8/2026)
<b>5/25</b>	<b>Town of Neversink Holiday - MEMORIAL DAY</b>
6/3	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm <b>(NOTE DATE CHANGE)</b>
6/3	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 5/22/2026)
6/9	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
6/9	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
6/10	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
6/30	<b>TV Lions Rabies Clinic</b> 5:00 to 6:30 pm, under the Pavillion at The Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See Pg. 55)

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

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

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

Town of Denning - <http://www.denningny.gov>  
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

## UC Legislative Weekly Update May 18, 2026 - May 22, 2026

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

**Wednesday, May 20**

- o **8:00 AM - Ulster County Workforce Development Board, at the Office of Employment & Training, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston**
- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston**
- o **10:00 AM (or immediately following UCIDA Regular Board Meeting) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston**
- o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**
- o **~~4:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Board, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston~~ **CANCELLED****

**Thursday, May 21**

- o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>**
- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston**

## Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall

### April 9th, May 7th & June 4th, 2026



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](https://sullivancountydmscheduling.com)

Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.

### Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Gallicoon Town Hall - 18 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Rockland Town Hall - 85 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hartmansville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Marikating Town Hall - 2948 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)
- Tuxton Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowburg, NY (rotating schedule)
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)
- Bloomington Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomington, NY (rotating schedule)

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **BEFORE** arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NY's DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](https://dmv.ny.gov)

\*\*\* IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE \*\*\*

Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary.

to find the location nearest to you visit [sullivancountydmscheduling.com](https://sullivancountydmscheduling.com)

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

For further information please call: 845-794-3872

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and follow the link to Paypal

**Thank you for your continued support.**

# 52nd Annual Grahamsville Gallop

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**1:00PM**

**Iatauro Sports Complex, Tri-Valley School**

**All races are girls, then boys**

**Awards in all races**

**No entry fee**

**Race Sign Ups Begin at 12:30PM**

## **AGES**

**3 and Under**

**80 Meters**

**4**

**100M**

**5**

**200M**

**6**

**400M**

**7**

**400M**

**8**

**400M**

**9**

**400M**

**10**

**400M**

**11**

**800M**

**12**

**800M**

**13 and 14**

**800M**

**Family Relay:**

**800M**

**Combine 4 members of your family (any age) to run one of four legs of the relay: 400M, 100M, 100M, 200M**

PLEASE  
JOIN US FOR  
OUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL

# TVTA Color Me Crazy 5k Run/Walk

JUNE | SAT | 2026  
6

Tri-Valley Central School  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Check in at 9 A.M. and Race start at 10 A.M.

*\$20 race fee, which includes a t-shirt, color packet and bib.*



SPONSORED BY THE TRI-VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

# Our book tent is officially open for business!



## Something for everyone:

- ▶ Hardcover: \$1.00
- ▶ Softcovers: \$.50
- ▶ Children's Books: \$.50
- ▶ DVDs & CDs: \$1
- ▶ Vinyl Records: \$1
- ▶ Puzzles & Games: \$1

Please DO NOT leave book donations  
under the book tent.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents

# *Taste of Broadway V*

Two time Tony Award winner!

# *Brighton Beach* **MEMOIRS**

By Neil Simon

Directed by Brendan Burke

## *Sunday | August 2*

at The Shadowland Theater, Ellenville, NY

11:45AM lunch at Gaby's Cafe (141 Canal Street)

followed by 2:00PM Show

See enclosed menu.

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

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

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

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483

Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

**GABY'S CAFE**



**SHADOWLAND  
STAGES**

# **“A Taste of Broadway V”**

## **Lunch at Gaby’s Café before the Show**

**11:45 AM Open Seating (Cash Bar)**

### *Appetizer*

*Gaby’s House Salad*

### *Choice of Entrée*

*Polla 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. Make check out to ERH and mail to Helene Morris, P.O. Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)

# Catskill Event Center Upcoming Events

## Guided Hike to Huckleberry Point

Join Moe Lemire, NYS Licensed Guide, on June 3rd from 10 AM - 3 PM for a scenic early-summer hike to Huckleberry Point, one of the Catskills' most beloved viewpoints. Explore the dramatic landscape of Platte Clove while keeping an eye out for blooming wild azaleas along the trail. Along the way, Moe will share the natural and cultural history of the area, including stops at Plattekill Falls and a Hudson River School Art Trail viewpoint. [Click here](#) learn more and register.

## Calling All Curious Kids!

Join the Catskills Nature Explorers every Thursday in June, July and August from 11 AM-12 PM at the Catskills Visitor Center for a fun, hands-on drop-in program designed to spark curiosity and inspire the next generation of naturalists. Each week brings a new adventure in nature, science, art, and wildlife. [Click here](#) learn more about the weekly program themes!

Supported by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund, Catskill Park Community Smart Growth Program.

## National Trails Day Volunteer Event

Join the Catskill Center and Parks Project to celebrate National Trails Day with a meaningful morning of stewardship. Join us on June 6th from 9 AM - 1 PM at Platte Clove Preserve for a hands-on volunteer experience helping protect one of the Catskills' most scenic and ecologically important landscapes while connecting with fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

## Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

Save the date for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day at the Catskills Visitor Center on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 12 PM-3 PM! Join the Catskill Center, NYSDEC, and NYS Parks for a free afternoon of inclusive outdoor fun featuring adaptive archery, bird watching, nature crafts, lawn games, a special performance by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater, and more for all ages and abilities.

## Catskills Wildlife Through Story & Art

Join us for a special literary and artistic program celebrating the newest edition of *The Quarry Fox and Other Critters of the Wild Catskills* with author Leslie T. Sharpe and illustrator Will Lytle on Saturday, from 11 AM- 12 PM on June 20th at the Catskills Visitor Center. There will be a live reading and all-ages wildlife sketching activity inspired by the animals and landscapes of the Catskills.

## Interview on the Future of Kaaterskill Clove

Catskill Center Executive Director Jeff Senterman recently joined Brett Barry of Kaatscast to discuss NYSDEC's final recommendations report for the Kaaterskill Clove Visitor Use Management. The conversation explores

the future of one of the Catskills' most visited destinations, the importance of sustainable recreation planning, and why public feedback is critical before considering measures like timed entry or permit systems. [Click here](#) to listen to the full interview.

## Volunteer With Us

Get your hands dirty for a good cause this May by joining the Catskill Center's CRISP Learn & Plant Volunteer Series! From pulling invasives to planting native trees, these volunteer opportunities combine stewardship, education, and community action.

Join one of hands-on volunteer days:

May 24th- Native and Invasive Look-A-Likes

May 30th- Spongy Moth in the Catskills

## BioBlitz & Invasive Species ID Walk

Mine Kill State Park is hosting a BioBlitz to catalogue all species at the park with a kick off on May 16th from 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM!

Join the Catskill Center's CRISP staff for an invasive species identification walk, Mine Kill staff for a foraging hike, and DEC staff for a tree identification hike.

## Bear Canisters For Rent

Need a bear canister for your camping trip? Forget your trekking poles? We've got you covered with all the gear basics ready to rent!

The Catskills Visitor Center offers a variety of outdoor gear basics for rent to try out on your next adventure.

For more info about gear rentals and pricing stop by visitor center at 5096 New York 28, Mount Tremper, NY.

## Members Get Early Access

Want early access to some of the Catskills' most exciting programs, hikes, and special events? Become a Catskill Center member!

Members enjoy exclusive perks, priority access to extraordinary educational experiences, and the chance to directly support the protection of the Catskills for future generations.

## Fleischmanns Memorial Day Street Fair

Kick off the summer on Sunday, May 24th at Fleischmanns Memorial Day Street Fair from 10 AM - 4 PM on Main Street in the historic town of Fleischmanns, NY.

Enjoy a full day with 80+ vendors, food, a beer garden, and family-friendly activities including a bounce house and rock climbing wall!

## Catskill Park Trail Conditions

This week's Trail Conditions are brought to you by NBC Universal.

Always know what to expect. Conditions are posted every Thursday for your weekend adventures.

[Trail Conditions / Catskills Visitor Center](#)

## **2021 Woodland Mills HM130MAX Portable Sawmill**



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# Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

Every Saturday  
May 23 through  
July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm

Tickets will be for sale at all Indoor Thrift & Yard Sales for the

## Annual Chicken BBQ

Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sat. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children: \$10



We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table

# Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)

## The Wurtsboro Board of Trade and Village of Wurtsboro Announce Ribbon Cutting for Canal Park Basketball & Pickleball Courts

WURTSBORO, NY - The Wurtsboro Board of Trade and the Village of Wurtsboro are proud to invite the community to the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Canal Park Basketball and Pickleball Courts on Saturday, May 30th at 10:00 AM at Canal Park, located at the corner of Canal and Pine Street in Wurtsboro.

This exciting community celebration marks the completion of a project designed to bring residents together through recreation, wellness, and outdoor activity. Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend and celebrate this new addition to the Village.

The event will include:

- Official ribbon cutting ceremony
- Community gathering and photo opportunities
- Light refreshments
- Tours of the new basketball and pickleball courts

Canal Park was made possible through the Silver Feather Grant from Sullivan 180, whose support helped turn this vision into a reality for the Wurtsboro community.

“This park represents community collaboration, healthy living, and creating a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike,” said representatives from the Wurtsboro Board of Trade.

The Wurtsboro Board of Trade, Village of Wurtsboro, volunteers, and community partners worked together to help bring the project to life and continue investing in recreational opportunities for the area.

All are welcome to attend.

The Wurtsboro Board of Trade  
and the Village of Wurtsboro

*invite you to the*

# RIBBON CUTTING

*of the*

## CANAL PARK

### BASKETBALL & PICKLEBALL COURTS

**JOIN US!**

**SATURDAY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>** | **10:00 AM** | **CANAL PARK**  
Corner of Canal and Pine Street, Wurtsboro

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Canal Park was made possible by the Silver Feather Grant from **SULLIVAN 180**



## 1700s Frontier Exhibit Opening in May & We Need Your Help!

Do you have any of these items below to loan to the  
Time and the Valleys Museum through September, 2028?

- Mannequins with heads (man and woman)
- Taxidermied deer, beaver, opossum, hedgehog, racoon, fox, wild cat, rabbit and especially wolf
- Any items (real or replica) from the 1700s

We are also seeking someone with graphic design skills  
to enhance photos and create graphics.

If so, please call or email  
Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville  
[director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700  
*All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition*  
Thank you so much!





**Bring a  
covered dish  
to share  
Enjoy good food  
and fellowship**

# **Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday  
June 6, 2026  
5:30 pm**

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



**Be sure to check out the tables  
with a variety of collectibles,  
household items and more  
that will be available for sale**



**2026 HUDSON VALLEY TOP WALKERS**  
 Supporting Associate  
 Danielle Chianese  
 Cheryl Clarke  
 Anne Gendry  
 Susan Hahn  
 Maryann Hahn, M.D.  
 Barbara Rosack  
 Margaret Sargent  
 Colleen Madsen  
 Tom Muehlenberg, Ed.D.  
 Jennifer Patis  
 Melissa Rodriguez

**2026 HUDSON VALLEY EXECUTIVES WITH HEART**  
 Danielle Chianese  
 AG Hosenow, M.D.  
 Colleen Madsen  
 Tom Muehlenberg, Ed.D.  
 Melissa Rodriguez

**PROUD TO SUPPORT HEART HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Ellenville Regional Hospital was proud to sponsor the American Heart Association's Hudson Valley Heart Walk, joining our community in raising awareness and supporting the fight against heart disease and stroke.

We're especially proud of Melissa Rodriguez, who serves on the AHA Executive Board and was recognized as a Top Walker at this year's event. Her leadership and dedication are a wonderful reflection of ERH's commitment to heart health.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a difference.




**RURAL HEALTH NETWORK FITNESS CLASSES**

The Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network offers a wide variety of FREE fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels.

 **CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MAY FITNESS CALENDAR**

[https://erhny.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ERRHN-May.26-Fitness-Calendar-1-2.pdf?utm\\_source=Ellenville+Regional+Hospital+Emails&utm\\_campaign=dc6f99ed50-EMAIL\\_CAM-PAIGN\\_2021\\_02\\_23\\_02\\_39\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bba60ff6e-dc6f99ed50-499879025&mc\\_cid=dc6f99ed50&mc\\_eid=e96f95494c](https://erhny.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/ERRHN-May.26-Fitness-Calendar-1-2.pdf?utm_source=Ellenville+Regional+Hospital+Emails&utm_campaign=dc6f99ed50-EMAIL_CAM-PAIGN_2021_02_23_02_39_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bba60ff6e-dc6f99ed50-499879025&mc_cid=dc6f99ed50&mc_eid=e96f95494c)



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or to reserve

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and grant from Stewart's Shops*

Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254 Grahamsville NY 12740

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

# Find Your Adventure - Get Outdoors & Get Together Day

• *These Lands are for Everyone, I BIRD • NY Library Lending, Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe, Events*

**Get Outdoors and Get Together Day - June 13**

*These Lands Are For Everyone*

**DEC Launches I BIRD NY Library Lending Program**

*I Love My Park Day - Thank You!*

*Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe!*

**Upcoming Events**

## Get Outdoors and Get Together Day - June 13

A child who uses a wheelchair participates in archery activity at a previous Get Outdoors & Get Together Day event.

Archery is available at certain Get Outdoors & Get Together Day event locations

Mark your calendars for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on Saturday, June 13!

This annual event encourages everyone to spend time outside, try new outdoor activities, and visit new places by offering free, guided outdoor recreation opportunities at locations across the state. Activities vary by location but can include fishing, birding, hiking, paddling, arts and crafts, or presentations on camping and outdoor safety. Accessible features and activities are offered at all locations. Whether you're looking for fun for the whole family or just hoping to try something new, Get Outdoors & Get Together Day is for you.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day is a partnership between the NYS Office of the Chief Disability Officer, the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, the NYS Department of Veterans' Services, the Office of Mental Health, the Justice Center for the Protection of People With Special Needs, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Find Participating Locations

<https://www.ny.gov/get-outdoors-get-together-day/get-outdoors-get-together-activities-and-participating-locations#activities>

## These Lands Are For Everyone

During Earth Week, Governor Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the "These Lands Are For Everyone" accessibility and inclusivity initiative. This project will fund outdoor recreational infrastructure improvements helping connect more New Yorkers of all abilities with the environment. These Lands Are For Everyone will invest in inclusive, sensory friendly and accessible experiences, including tactile exhibits, sensory trails and inclusive nature centers, ensuring all children and adults can enjoy New York's natural treasures.

These Lands Are For Everyone complements and further enhances ongoing accessibility improvements already underway, as well as DEC's many other initiatives that help accommodate people with disabilities such as the interactive Accessible Recreation Destinations Map - <https://dec.ny.gov/places-to-go/accessible-recreation/destinations> - ; providing discounts for outdoor recreation; permits, and accommodations for hunters with disabilities; and

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← Turn LEFT onto Monument Road	
Continue onto NY-28A West	1.8 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto NY-213	1.1 Miles
→ Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
Gun Shop on LEFT	

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Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge	
-Going Towards Olivebridge	7.5 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
Gun Shop on LEFT	

## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
46 North Street in Monticello

For information  
contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell  
at (845) 701-0695

Motorized Access Permits for People with Disabilities. To learn more about the many recreational opportunities and information DEC offers to people of all ages and abilities, including camping, hunting, picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking and nature viewing, visit DEC's Accessible Recreation webpage. <https://dec.ny.gov/places-to-go/accessible-recreation>

Learn More About the These Lands Are For Everyone Initiative  
<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/kick-earth-week-governor-hochul-launches-these-lands-are-everyone-initiative-enhance-outdoor>

**DEC Launches I BIRD NY Library Lending Program**  
**I BIRD NY Library Lending Program materials**  
I BIRD NY Library Lending Program  
<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/birding/i-bird-ny/library-lending-program>

New this spring is the I BIRD NY Library Lending Program! This program offers opportunities for beginner birders to borrow birding equipment (binoculars, bird guides, backpacks) for free. This is a great way for budding birders to get started and become familiar with birds and birding before purchasing their own equipment.

The program launched earlier this month in Rochester, in collaboration with Frederick Douglass Community Library. You can also check out our I FISH NY Rod Lending program that offers fishing equipment for loan at locations across the state. (Contd. Pg. 40)

## Find Your Adventure

(From Pg. 39)

### I BIRD NY Library Lending Program

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/birding/i-bird-ny/library-lending-program>

### I Love My Park Day - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out to this year's I Love My Park Day! Thousands of people took part in stewardship efforts at over 150 sites across the state. Trees were planted, invasive plants were removed, trash was picked up, and many other trail and habitat focused projects took place to help prepare our lands for the summer season.

A special thanks to our staff and partners who make this event possible, and to our partners at Parks & Trails New York and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. Thank you to the many organizations that assisted with stewardship events across the state, including: Stony Kill Foundation, Riverkeeper, Catskill Mountain Club, Fats in the Cats, Beaverkill Valley Land Trust, Catskill Mountainkeeper, Catskills Visitor Center, Paul Smith's Visitor Interpretive Center, Montezuma Audubon Center, Friends of Montezuma Wetlands Complex, Friends of Rogers, Monroe County, Finger Lakes Trail Conference, Friends of Reinstein Woods, Improving Allegany County Trails, Chautauqua County Equestrian Trail System, Boutwell Hill Ski Club, Chautauqua County Parks Department, and Niagara Frontier Chapter of Surfrider Foundation.

### Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe! Paddling with PFDs

Warmer temperatures often lead us to spending more time on the water fishing, paddling, and boating. Even with warmer air temperatures, water temperatures are still cold in most locations. Regardless of time of year, DEC always encourages outdoor enthusiasts to wear a personal flotation device (PFD, aka life jacket) while on or along the water. Even in May, exposure to cold water can dramatically lower core body temperature and lead to serious conditions such as hypothermia or even drowning. If you're headed out on the water this spring, consider the following safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing:

Pack additional clothing in a dry bag: Regardless of whether you're paddling, boating, or fishing near water—pack a dry bag full of replacement warm, dry clothes. In case you fall in the water, or even just get partially wet, having dry clothes nearby can make all the difference in staying safe—or even carrying on with your adventure.

Leave an itinerary: Let others know your plan, and stick to it. Example: We are launching our boat at Corning Preserve Boat Launch in Albany and will be fishing the

river between that launch and Castleton-on-Hudson Bridge. If you do not hear from us by 7:00PM, please contact NYS Forest Rangers 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264).

For paddlers (and all boaters): Know your vessel and how to repair key components. For paddlers, having a simple repair kit can prevent you from taking on water or getting stranded. Having a spare paddle can also be of great assistance if you happen to lose your primary paddle.

If you're transporting a boat, canoe, kayak, or fishing equipment from one waterbody to another this spring, please follow Clean, Drain, Dry to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Invasive species such as Zebra Mussels, Quagga Mussels, or Curly-leaf Pondweed can attach to our equipment and enter another waterbody. Invasive species can drastically outcompete native aquatic plants and animals for habitat and food and ultimately changing the characteristics of a waterbody. Many boat launches will have staff or volunteer boat launch stewards that will voluntarily inspect your boat, and if needed, decontaminate it to prevent the spread of these harmful organisms.

### Upcoming Events

**Thu, May 28: I BIRD NY: Early Morning Bird Walks - Five Rivers at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center**

**Sat, May 30: Free Fishing at Six Mile Waterworks (Albany County)**

**Sat, May 30: Celebrating Black Birders Week: Birding at Tivoli Lake Preserve and Five Rivers at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center**

**Sat, May 30: World Fish Migration Day Free Fishing Clinic (Queens County)**

**Fri, June 5: Public Fishing Program with Friends of Rogers Environmental Education Center**

**Sat, June 6: HuntFishNY Event - Youth Fishing Derby! (Walkill)**

**Thu, June 11: I BIRD NY: Early Morning Bird Walks - Five Rivers at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center**

**Sat, June 13: Get Outdoors and Get Together Day, statewide**

**Sat, June 20: Backyard "Camp-in" at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center**

# Together We Can Make a Difference Leadership Sullivan Class of 2026 Comfort Closets Initiative

The Leadership Sullivan Class of 2026 is proud to launch the Comfort Closets Initiative, a county wide effort to support students in need across Sullivan County schools. Comfort Closets provide essential personal care and clothing items to students who may not otherwise have access to them, helping ensure dignity, confidence, and the ability to fully participate in the school day.

Every contribution directly strengthens our local school communities and ensures staff can respond immediately when a student is in need.

## What We Are Collecting

We are accepting new, unused essential items, including:

- Body wash and bar soap
- Deodorant
- Dental floss and mouthwash
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair brushes and combs
- Hand sanitizer and lotion
- New socks, T shirts, and underwear
- Sensory and comfort items
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Tissues
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Travel size personal care items

## Ways to Support

### 1. Donate Essential Items

Drop off items at any of the locations listed below.

### 2. Make a Monetary Donation

Monetary donations allow us to build and distribute student care kits efficiently based on real time needs.

- \$ 5 provides daily hygiene basics
- \$10 supports personal care needs
- \$25 promotes health and confidence
- \$50 provides clothing essentials
- \$75 supports emotional comfort items
- \$100 stocks a full student support kit
- Travel size personal care items

### Donate Here

<https://sullivancountycommerce.growthzoneapp.com/ap/contribute/Ypg49ZPj>

### 3. Become a Sponsor

Support this initiative at a larger level and help sustain it throughout the year.

- \$250 Hygiene Sponsor
- \$500 Confidence Sponsor
- \$750 Essentials Sponsor
- \$1,000 Comfort Sponsor
- \$2,000 Student Support Champion

Sponsors receive recognition through community events, social media, and initiative materials.

Sponsor Here

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## Drop Off Locations

Donations can be dropped off at:

### Hurleyville

- HPAC, 219 Main St
- Tango Cafe, 221 Main St

### Livingston Manor

- The Arnold House, 839 Shandeleer Rd

### Glen Spey

- Kadampa Meditation Center New York, 47 Sweeney Rd

### Monticello

- Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, 196 Bridgeville Rd Unit 7

### Jeff Bank Branches

- Jeffersonville, 4864 State Route 52
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- Liberty, 19 Church Street
- Monticello, 19 Forestburgh Rd and 18 Anawana Lake Rd
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- Grahamsville, 279 Main Street
- Narrowsburg, 122 Kirks Road
- Callicoon, 4499 State Route 17B
- Wurtsboro, 2930 US Route 209
- White Lake, 1460 State Route 17B
- Port Jervis, 20 to 22 Fowler St

### Hudson Valley Credit Union

- 122 Kirks Rd, Narrowsburg, NY 12764
- 279 Main St, Grahamsville, NY 12740

## Upcoming Leadership Sullivan Fundraising Events

### Bingo Night at Tango Cafe

Thursday, May 14

Check in at 6:00 PM

Games begin at 6:30 PM

221 Main Street, Hurleyville

Enjoy a night of bingo, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle while supporting local students.

## Movie Day at HPAC

Saturday, May 16

219 Main Street, Hurleyville

\$10 admission

### Showtimes:

11:00 AM featuring Zootopia 2

7:00 PM featuring Superman

# Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

**T**his July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

**Celebrate With Us - Become a Museum Member - It's Easy!**

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

- ◆ Free admission to all in-person and virtual programs, exhibits and the Catskill Farm
- ◆ Invitations to all special member openings and events
- ◆ *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter and monthly historical and informative emails
- ◆ 10% discount in the Museum Shop
- ◆ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



Join now by going to [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership), or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

**2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting - be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!**



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740  
845 985-7700 / [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership)

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, June 21st**

**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**

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**We accept cash and checks only**

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# Tri-Valley Central Presents

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# FINDING NEMO



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# JR.

**May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

**Tri-Valley's Bernstein Theatre**

**\$3 for students and seniors / \$5 for adults**

**FINDING NEMO JR.**

**Book, Music & Lyrics by**

**Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez / Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson**

**Music & Orchestrations Adapted & Arranged by Myrna Conn**

**Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by**

**Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds & directed by Andrew Stanton**

**Tickets available at the door or online at:**

**<https://our.show/tvcsbears>**

**Produced through special arrangement with  
Musical Theatre International, New York, NY**



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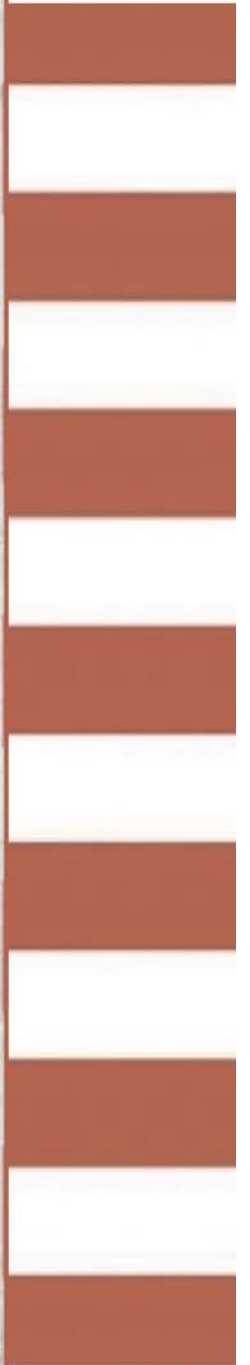
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## 2026 SHOW DATES

### SATURDAY 6/6/26 OUTPOST BBQ SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 6/7/26

6611 ROUTE 209 KERHONKSON, NY IN LARGE FIELD BEHIND BBQ BUILDING.

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 4:00 PM

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2006 & NEWER; TOP 20 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES FIRST 30 VEHICLES

### SATURDAY 7/4/26: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRONT PARKING LOT, NORTH MAIN STREET, LIBERTY, NY 12754. OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM PARADE 12:00 NOON. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2006 & NEWER, TOP 12 2005 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

### SATURDAY 7/11/26 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE

FIRST 30 VEHICLES. SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES

GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 3 2006 & NEWER TOP 12 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

### SUNDAY 8/9/26 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER

FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY.

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2006 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2005 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES. RAIN OR SHINE

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## Summer Bus Trips

Two on-your-own day trips to

## New York City

New York City trips are via Leprechaun Lines

**Wednesday, June 24h**

and

**Wednesday, August 19th**

The drop-off location will be 48th St. & 8th Ave.  
Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity.

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on  
East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM

The bus will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM.

Reservation must be received by June 8th for the  
June 24th bus trip

## Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

Bethlehem, PA

**Wednesday, August 5th**

Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping at outlet stores

\$50 pp with \$30 free play.

Reservations must be received by July 13th

Checks should be made out to Primetimers.  
Call Paula for further information  
and reservations at 561-504-7192.

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- Tips to prevent identity theft and fraud

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**Thursday, June 11**

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

**Daniel Pierce Library**

328 Main St Box 268, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Presented by:



**Kaylee Wagner**  
Grahamsville Branch Manager



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## My Bookish Friends features Darcey Steinke and Bizzy Coy

**SUNDAY, MAY 31 at  
2:00PM at the Agri-Cultural  
Center at Farm Arts  
Collective on Willow Wisp  
Organic Farm**

Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective has a new literary series as part of the 2026 season of programs in farming, art, food, and ecology. My Bookish Friends is an intimate literary series featuring book readings and in-depth conversations with authors we admire and love. On Sunday May 31 at 2 PM, award-winning author Darcey Steinke will read from her new book on the body entitled, *This Is the Door: The Body, Pain, and Faith*. Local humorist and writer Bizzy Coy will read from her book entitled *Personal Space*. Meet two authors who embody art, the body, intellect, humor, and spirit. Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can or a \$10 suggested donation at the door. Address is 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415. More information can be found on the Farm Arts Collective website: <https://www.farmartscollective.org/calendar>

### About the Books and Writers:

***This Is the Door: The Body, Pain, and Faith, by Darcey Steinke***

This memoir explores the experience of physical and

spiritual pain through personal narrative, research, and interviews, examining how suffering connects to faith, the body, and the self, drawing on her own struggles with chronic back pain and the experiences of others. The book blends history, philosophy, and pop culture to investigate pain's transformative power, featuring figures like Frida Kahlo and Kurt Cobain, and exploring locations like Lourdes.

### **Darcey Steinke**

is a Brooklyn-based writer who has written five previous novels: *Up Through the Water* (New York Times Notable Books of the Year), *Suicide Blonde*, *Jesus Saves*, *Milk*, and *Sister Golden Hair*. Steinke has written extensively on art and literature and has contributed to *Spin Magazine*. She also served as a lecturer at Princeton University, Columbia University, Barnard College, and the New School.



### ***Personal Space, by Bizzy Coy--***

A con artist juggling motherhood.

A witch sick of doing all the chores. A first date that ends in disaster. A hilarious collection of 20 bite-sized stories, as first published by *The New Yorker*, *McSweeney's* and more. With illustrations by *New Yorker* cartoonist Lia Strasser and cover artwork and design by artist Catherine Chesters.

Local writer Bizzy Coy is a local treasure who keeps everyone laughing.



**Bizzy Coy** publishes humor writing and cartoons in *The New Yorker*. Her short fiction appears in *Salamander*, *Pithead Chapel*, *Stone Canoe*, *Grand Journal*, *Litt Magazine* and *The Catskiller*. Recent honors include a NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship, MacDowell residency and Fulbright scholarship. She holds an MA in creative writing from Dublin City University and has called Sullivan County home since 2013.

## Assemblyman Chris Tague Inducted into New York FFA Hall of Fame

More than 3,000 young FFA members from across New York state gathered in Buffalo this week for the New York State FFA Convention to celebrate agricultural education and the future of farming. During the convention, Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C-Schoharie) was formally inducted into the New York FFA Hall of Fame in recognition of his lifelong commitment to agriculture and support for the next generation of leaders.



*Assemblyman Chris Tague honored at FFA Convention in Buffalo*

Tague is a former dairy farmer, Schoharie Valley FFA member, Chapter Star Farmer and FFA officer. He currently serves as the ranking Minority Member of the New York State Assembly Committee on Agriculture. His induction honors years of advocacy for rural communities, family farms and agricultural education programs across the state.

“I am truly humbled and honored beyond words to receive this recognition from the New York FFA,” said Tague. “As a former dairy farmer and FFA member myself, this means the world to me. FFA taught me responsibility, hard work and the value of service. These are lessons that shaped my life and career. I owe a debt of gratitude to the incredible teachers and mentors who believed in me, and I’m grateful to the New York FFA for everything they do to build the next generation of farmers. To all the students here in Buffalo: Never forget where

you come from, and keep fighting for our farms and our future. No Farms, No Food.”

The Hall of Fame induction recognizes individuals who serve as “Models of Possibility” for FFA members through their leadership and dedication to agriculture. Tague was announced as a 2026 inductee.

Assemblyman Chris Tague represents the 102nd Assembly District, which includes Greene and Schoharie counties, and parts of Albany, Delaware and Otsego and counties.

## Tague Blasts Democratic Gamesmanship as Weakened Volunteer Tax Credit Finally Passes

*Rural first responders win modest victory as Tague calls out single-party obstruction*

Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C-Schoharie) voted in favor of A.6790 and called the bill’s passage a modest but hard-won victory for New York’s struggling volunteer fire and EMS departments.

“While I’m glad the Assembly finally passed A.6790 to increase the tax credit for our volunteer first responders from a pathetic \$200 to \$800, let’s not sugarcoat what happened here,” said Tague. “Just weeks ago, the Democratic Majority arrogantly blocked a much stronger \$2,500 tax credit in A.1064 that would have actually made a difference in recruitment. You would think, given the state’s quarter-trillion-dollar budget, they would be able to scrounge up the money somewhere.”

After backlash from volunteers and fire departments across the state, Albany Democrats introduced their own legislation, which notably does not go nearly as far as the Republican proposal from just a few weeks ago.

“It’s the same old Albany playbook: block good ideas from Republicans, wait for the backlash, then steal the idea and claim credit. This is single-party rule at its worst. I have seen it for years, putting partisan loyalty ahead of the people they were elected to serve,” Tague said.

Tague stressed the urgent crisis facing rural fire departments in his district and across the state.

“Our volunteer ranks are dangerously thin. Departments are on the brink of collapse, and if we don’t turn this around, taxpayers will foot the bill for expensive paid fire services that will cost far more than smart tax credits ever would,” Tague concluded.

Tague pledged to keep fighting for stronger incentives and reforms that put public safety and affordability ahead of political games.

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# Governor Hochul Announces Opening of New Hudson Valley Shakespeare Campus

*\$15.5 Million in Combined State Investments Support Funding for the \$33 Million Project*

*Expansive Renovation Includes First Public LEED Platinum Theater in U.S. and 98 Acres of Land Restoration*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the opening of the Samuel H. Scripps Theater Center - the new home of Hudson Valley Shakespeare - in Garrison, Putnam County. The \$33 million project, which includes a LEED certified theater and ecological land restoration, is supported by a combined \$15.25 million investment from the New York State Council on the Arts, Empire State Development, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Education Department. An additional \$250,000 investment combined from Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, former Assemblymember Sandra Galef and State Senator Peter Hareckham contributed to the overall \$15.5 million state investment in this world class arts venue. The campus is scheduled to open to the public on Sunday, May 17, and officially reopen this summer with William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "King Lear."

"The new Hudson Valley Shakespeare is more than an arts venue," Governor Hochul said. "Combining the first public LEED Platinum theater in the United States with 98 acres of restored landscape along the Hudson River, it has been transformed into an essential destination in our state, shaping our economy and identity for generations to come."

The 14,850 square foot venue will serve as a permanent home for Hudson Valley Shakespeare, the beloved Hudson Valley theater company known for its sweeping open-air productions of classics and new works set against the backdrop of the Hudson River and the surrounding landscape of the 98-acre campus. Designed by architecture and urban design practice Studio Gang, the structure is the first public purpose-built LEED Platinum theater in the United States. The gently curved, timber-framed grid shell improves year-round functionality while evolving the theater company's tradition of immersive performances, opening directly onto the revitalized landscape and framing views of the highlands along the Hudson River. Architecture and nature work together to create a transformative new cultural destination for New York and the wider performing arts community.

The comprehensive design includes extensive green space and rewilding across the campus, affirming Hudson Valley Shakespeare's commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship of the land.



 **The Daniel Pierce Library**  
*Spring Children's Programs*  
2026

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

Calling all caregivers and their little ones (ages 12 months to 4 years) in the Tri-Valley Central School District. We've got exciting programs designed just for you! Our spring session begins the week of April 6th and runs for eight fun-filled weeks. These programs are offered at no cost, thanks to the support of our amazing community. Registration is required. We can't wait to learn, play and grow together!

**Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)**  
Beginning Wednesday, April 8th

**Toddler Time (24-35 months)**  
Beginning Thursday, April 9th

**Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)**  
Beginning Friday, April 10th

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

 **Register Today!** 

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## Tri-Valley Elementary School



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**Or send an email to:**

**[registration@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:registration@trivalleycsd.org)**

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



# **SHADOWLAND STAGES, a cultural cornerstone of the Hudson Valley, kicks off its 41st season with THE RESERVOIR, by Jake Brasch, playing May 29 - June 14 at the MainStage at Shadowland Stages in downtown Ellenville**

THE RESERVOIR recently completed an off-Broadway run, gaining an Outer Critics Circle Award nomination for outstanding new off-Broadway play. THE RESERVOIR tells the hilarious and heartfelt story a young man who returns home from college to get sober. He finds unlikely allies in his four grandparents, going through their own health woes, who advise him on his road to recovery. Captivating and enlightening, The Reservoir explores alcoholism, dementia, and cross-generational connection with aching tenderness and lots of humor.

The cast includes Harrison Bryan (Recipient of the NY Innovative Theatre Award and American Playwriting Foundation honoree), Lori Wilner (B'way- Prayer for the French Republic), Joy Franz (B'way- Into the Woods), Joel Leffert (B'way- Waiting for Godot), Steve Brady (Shadowland's Proof and B'way - Inherit the Wind), Rebecca Pitcher (B'way- The Phantom of the Opera), and Harrison Zraly. Stephen Nachamie, who helmed last season's hit Becoming Dr. Ruth, directs the production.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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[Performance Schedule & Tickets](#)

Performances take place at the MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES, at 157 Canal Street, in downtown Ellenville, NY.

Regular performances run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 PM & Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM.

“Pay What You Can” preview performances are offered on the first Friday (5/29) at 8 PM and the first Saturday (5/30) at 2 PM

Tickets can be purchased online at shadowlandstages.org, by calling the box office at 845-647-5511, or in person starting two hours before showtime.

Season subscribers save up to 25%, and groups of 10 or more receive substantial discounts. For group packages, contact the box office directly.

With free parking, excellent local dining, and a deep commitment to accessibility and affordability, SHADOWLAND STAGES remains “one of the region's treasures” (Times Herald-Record).

Season artwork by Noel Carey

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# SHADOWLAND STAGES

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TALKING BROADWAY

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# THE RESERVOIR

2026 OUTER CRITIC'S CIRCLE NOMINEE FOR OUTSTANDING NEW OFF-BROADWAY PLAY

By Jake Brasch  
Directed by Stephen Nachamie

## MAY 29 — JUNE 14

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY at 8PM  
SUNDAY at 2PM

The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES  
157 Canal Street, Ellenville NY 12428

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*Performance Schedule & Tickets*

**Tri-Valley Lions**  
will hold a  
**Rabies Clinic**  
on  
**Tuesday, June 30, 2026**  
from  
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**under the Pavillion**  
at  
**The Grahamsville  
Fairgrounds**

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## Senator Peter Oberacker Calls on Governor Hochul to Suspend Gas Tax

SCHENEVUS, NY - Senator Peter Oberacker, candidate for Congress in New York's 19th District, called on Governor Kathy Hochul to institute a temporary gasoline and diesel tax suspension in the face of rising prices and the New York affordability crisis.

In a letter sent to the Governor, Senator Oberacker said, "A gas and diesel tax holiday would provide direct and immediate relief at the pump while helping working families keep more money in their pockets during a time of continued economic uncertainty. Across Upstate New York, residents are already facing increased costs for groceries, utilities, housing, and other daily necessities. Rising prices at the gas pump are placing additional financial burdens on hardworking New Yorkers, especially those in rural communities where driving is not optional but essential to daily life."

New York State has done this in the past, temporarily suspending portions of its gas tax in 2022 to provide relief during a period of high fuel prices

"At a time when millions of New Yorkers continue to struggle with the rising cost of living, I believe similar action should once again be considered to help ease the financial pressure on consumers and businesses alike," said Senator Oberacker.

Click here for the full letter to Governor Hochul.

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## OLIVE SENIORS

**When:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

**Where:** American Legion Hall\*

**What:** Guest speakers covering topics like CPR, wildlife, Ashokan Reservoir, etc. & visits from local vendors like the Catskill Visitor Center and Fruition Chocolate

**Shuffleboard:** meets January-May every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon\*\*

\* 26-28 Mountain Road, Ashokan, NY, handicap accessible, bathrooms on site

\*\* follows Ontario School District calendar and is cancelled when Ontario schools cancel due to a weather event



Your voice and stories are crucial to my work as your Representative. Whether it's talking to you on the street at a community event or when you call my office, I immensely value hearing from each and every one of you.

Here's some of how I fought for you and a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley for us all this week:

#### LOWERING COSTS FOR HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES: LET KIDS PLAY ACT

Team sports are supposed to be the first place our kids learn teamwork, discipline, and community. Instead, it's become a cash grab for Wall Street investors to make another buck while our kids miss out on this fundamental part of American childhood.

It's outrageous. Parents are already getting crushed by costs everywhere they turn, and now corporate investors are coming after one of the most important parts of childhood, too. Enough.

The Let Kids Play Act cracks down on these abusive practices, lowers costs for families, forces the bad actors to pay them back, and puts the focus back where it belongs: on kids getting the chance to play.

Read more about the Let Kids Play Act: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-introduces-let-kids-play-act-kick-private-equity-out>

#### FIGHTING FOR CHOICE AND FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN FREEDOMS

I risked my life in combat to protect fundamental American freedoms. That includes a woman's right to choose.

These deeply personal and private medical decisions should be made by women, their health care providers, and their families, not by extremist judges or politicians.

That's why I introduced the Protecting Reproductive Freedom Act as my very first legislation as a Congressman - to protect access to lifesaving care.

Mifepristone is a safe and effective medication that has been prescribed by doctors for more than two decades. As attacks on access continue, so does the fight to protect reproductive freedom.

These efforts to undermine the safety of abortion medication have nothing to do with science or medicine and everything to do with radical groups whose only goal is a national abortion ban.

My legislation ensures we not only protect abortion access for women in New York and across the country, but also the doctors who use telemedicine to prescribe medication abortion.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-reintroduces-his-protecting-reproductive-freedom-act-amid>

#### THANKING AND DELIVERING FOR HUDSON VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT THIS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

More affordable, more safe, and more free - that's the Hudson Valley I want for my kids and for yours. During National Police Week, I want to thank our local law enforce-

ment for their selfless service and tireless efforts to keep our community safe.

That's why I'm proud to work closely with law enforcement leaders across NY-18 to introduce critical legislation supporting local cops, and to have fought tooth and nail to deliver nearly \$6 million in funding directly to Hudson Valley police.

We owe our law enforcement officers an immense debt of gratitude - and just like they have our backs, I'll always have theirs.

Read more about how I'm delivering for Hudson Valley law enforcement: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/during-national-police-week-congressman-pat-ryan-celebrates-nearly-6-million>

#### HONORING A HUDSON VALLEY HERO

This National Police Week, I was honored to welcome the family of Ulster County Sheriff Officer Joseph Murray to D.C.

Officer Murray was a faithful officer for the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for 33 years. He started his service in 1981 and in 2001, like many dedicated officers in our Hudson Valley Community, he helped with recovery efforts after the terror attacks on 9/11. He passed away last February, from cancer he developed in connection to his service on 9/11.

Officer Murray was part of the Critical Incident Stress Management Team which was assigned to the World Trade Center Site. There, he spent a year counseling fellow NYPD officers who were suffering from the physical and mental toll of the recovery efforts. His work helped many officers at a time when managing work related stress for first responders was rarely discussed.

Officer Murray was a hero, plain and simple. He wore his badge proudly, took care of his fellow officers, and served his community before retiring in 2014.

In honor of his service and his commitment to others, members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Department took part in the annual Police Unity Bike Tour this week to remember Joseph's life and work.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Maryann, his son and namesake, Joseph Murray III, his daughter, Leanne Horvers, and his Son-in-law, Robby Horvers.

I want to sincerely thank Officer Murray for his decades of service to our community, our state, and our country. My heart is with his friends, family, and the entire Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

#### CONGRATULATING GRADUATES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY

Proud to have my team attend the Orange County Police Academy graduation ceremony this week!

Together, we're building a more safe Hudson Valley.

#### MARKING A MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH MILESTONE IN ULSTER COUNTY

Mental health care is vital health care - that's why I fought hard to get this project off the ground as Ulster County Executive, and why I am so proud to see it completed.

Especially amid Trump's devastating health care cuts forcing closures and downsizing across the region, it's more important than ever that we make investments in our communities' health.

I want to thank County Executive Jen Metzger, the Ulster County Legislature and Department of Mental Health, as well as New York State OMH and OASAS for their tireless work in getting this project over the finish line!

Read more: <https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Mental-Health/Services/Center-for-Well-Being> (Contd. Pg. 59)

**Pat Ryan** (From Pg. 58)**FIGHTING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES AND BRINGING DOWN THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Military families have sacrificed so much for this country - it's absolutely unacceptable that they're being forced to pay more than other Americans for the same medication.

My bill corrects this egregious oversight by ensuring that military families have access to the same lower drug prices that others do.

Especially amid rising healthcare costs nationwide, leaving military families to bear the burden is simply un-American.

They've stepped up and sacrificed for us - now we need to do right by them.

Read more about the MISSION Rx Act and how I'm fighting for TRICARE beneficiaries: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressmen-pat-ryan-and-eugene-vindman-introduce-legislation-lower>

**CONGRATULATING BEN'S FRESH IN PORT JERVIS ON WINNING BEST BURGER IN NEW YORK STATE!**

Major Shoutout to Ben's Fresh in Port Jervis for being named 2026 Best Burger in the entire State of New York!

Huge congratulations to owner Bobby Geraghty on bringing home the win for the Hudson Valley

Read more: <https://hudsonvalley.news12.com/2026/05/14/port-jervis-burger-joint-wins-new-yorks-best-burger-title/42qeyi88KQnRUrjbd0q2JK>

**CONGRATULATING DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Congratulations to the graduates of the ASAP, CSTEP, EOP, and TRIO programs at Dutchess Community College!

My team was honored to attend the Celebration of Success this past Tuesday, where several scholarship recipients and student leaders were recognized for their achievement and resilience.

I have no doubt your efforts will benefit our community and I can't wait to see where your journeys take you!

**CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW STEVE BECK AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN MIGUEL ACADEMY**

The new Steve Beck Aeronautical Science Center at San Miguel Academy is directly delivering on SMA's powerful mission: breaking the cycle of poverty through education, mentorship, and long-term real-world support.

Innovative programs like this, with exceptional partners like Red Tail Flight Academy, show students how much they are capable of.

Thank you to everyone - especially Mary Beck and Mike Oates - who has made this new chapter possible. This is the kind of exposure that can change a young person's life, and it's all happening here in the Hudson Valley!

Read more: <https://newburghsanmiguel.org/2026/05/09/congressman-pat-ryan-dedicates-new-aviation-classroom/>

**BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

Do you need help navigating federal benefits, getting your IRS tax return, and more? Join my team at one of this month's CARES Van events for one-on-one assistance with federal programs.

If you need help navigating a federal agency, but can't join an event, please call my team at (845) 443-2930.

**GRANTS CORNER**

Important Deadline - 30C Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Tax Credit Expires June 30, 2026

Has your school district purchased an electric school bus charger in the last year, or plan to install one soon? You may qualify for the 30C tax credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property. This tax credit is available to tax-exempt entities through the recently established IRS system of elective payment. To qualify, chargers must be placed in service by June 30, 2026.

**Featured Funding Opportunities**

Crossing Safety Program / Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program

This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

**Eligible Projects:**

Grade separation or closure, including through the use of a bridge, embankment, tunnel, or combination thereof;

Track relocation;

Improvement or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other;

Measures to improve safety related to a separation, closure, or track relocation project;

Other means to improve safety if related to the mobility of people and goods at highway-rail grade crossings (including technological solutions);

The planning, environmental review, and design of an eligible project type.

**Eligible Recipients:**

States and Political subdivisions of a state;

Federally recognized Indian Tribe;

A unit of local government or a group of local governments;

A public port authority;

A metropolitan planning organization;

A group of the entities described above.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 8, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

This program provides funding for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.

**Eligible Projects:**

Deployment of railroad safety technology;

Capital projects, as defined in section 49 U.S.C. § 24401(2) for intercity passenger rail service, except that a project under this NOFO is not required to be in a state rail plan;

Capital projects that: address congestion challenges affecting rail service, reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth along heavily traveled rail corridors, and/or improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure;

Highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects;

Rail line relocation and improvement projects;

Regional rail and corridor service development plans and environmental analyses;

Any project necessary to enhance multimodal connections or facilitate service integration between rail service and other modes; (Contd. Pg. 60)

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The development and implementation of a safety program or institute;

The development and implementation of measures to prevent trespassing;

Any research that the Secretary considers necessary to advance any particular aspect of rail related capital, operations, or safety improvements;

Workforce development and training activities, coordinated to the extent practicable with the existing local training programs supported by the Department of Transportation, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Education;

Research, development, and testing to advance and facilitate innovative rail projects;

Preparation of emergency plans for communities where hazardous materials are transported by rail; and

Rehabilitating, remanufacturing, procuring or overhauling locomotives for emissions reduction.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 22, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET.

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the 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. Approximately \$1 billion is still available for the next funding round.

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.

Learn more about the program by watching one of the recorded informational webinars.

The deadline for applications is May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

FY24 & FY25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Last December, New York Attorney General Letitia James won a lawsuit brought with 20 other attorneys general and the governors of Kentucky and Pennsylvania to stop the illegal elimination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.

BRIC empowers states, local governments, Tribal Nations, and territories to make smart investments in resilient infrastructure. By supporting pre-disaster and hazard mitigation projects - such as school safe rooms, utility hardening, relocating critical facilities out of flood areas, and securing pump stations - BRIC aims to save

lives, protect property, and reduce the cost of future disaster response and recovery.

Subapplications are due to NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) through FEMA GO (FEMAGO - Login) no later than May 22nd, 2026. If you intend on applying and would like a Letter of Support, please contact my office!

NY PLAYS: Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization

Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations may apply for NY PLAYS grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$2.5 million for the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation or equipping of public playgrounds, along with other related capital costs necessary to complete a project. Grantees must demonstrate a 20 percent match toward total project costs. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

Applications will be accepted from May 4, 2026, through June 15, 2026. Grant awards will be announced no earlier than August 3, 2026.

### Hudson Valley Regional Council Grants Guide

Each month Hudson Valley Regional Council publishes its Grants Guide focused on federal, state, and local funding opportunities related to economic development, water, clean energy, resilience, and sustainability. Each grant listing features the deadline, eligibility, and a short description including the amounts municipalities are eligible to apply for and any required match. To view past Grants Guides, [click here](#). To subscribe to the grants guide, please email [elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org](mailto:elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org).

### HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit

The 2025-2026 HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit opened April 15, 2026.

If you are eligible, you may receive one HEAP Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool. Learn more about eligibility [here](#).

You can apply for a HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit:  
By Phone:

You may call your HEAP Local District Contact. The district will provide more information on eligibility, the application process, and required documentation.

In person:

You may apply in person at your HEAP Local District Contact

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!



### Calling on DOJ to Investigate New York's Plan to Use Medicaid for Automatic Voter Registration

Albany Democrats are pushing to use the state's Medicaid system for automatic voter registration, despite repeated audits exposing major verification failures within the program. This week, I called on the Department of Justice to investigate New York's proposal and review whether sufficient safeguards exist to prevent improper voter registration. A recent State Comptroller audit found that New York paid roughly \$509 million in Medicaid premiums for more than 155,000 individuals who may not have even lived in New York, while hundreds of thousands of enrollees were not properly submitted for federal data matching because of data integrity failures. Using this same broken bureaucracy for voter registration creates serious risks for election integrity, especially when Medicaid programs also serve large populations of noncitizens who are ineligible to vote in federal elections. New Yorkers deserve secure elections, accurate voter rolls, and confidence that our laws are being enforced properly.

#### READ THE FULL LETTER HERE

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/tenney-letter-to-doj-re-nys-bill-s88a.pdf>

### Honoring Those Who Protect and Serve

During National Police Week, I'm especially grateful for the brave law enforcement officers across NY-24 who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities and keep families safe. At a time when radical politicians push anti-police rhetoric, dangerous sanctuary policies, and failed bail laws that put criminals back on the streets, I remain firmly committed to Backing the Blue. In Congress, I have supported legislation to strengthen protections for law enforcement, improve public safety, crack down on illegal immigrants who assault police, protect qualified immunity, and protect first responders from deadly fentanyl exposure. I also remember the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and keep their families in my prayers.

### Urging the UK to Proscribe the IRGC as a Terrorist Organization

I also led a bipartisan group of lawmakers in urging

the United Kingdom to formally proscribe Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization. The IRGC has long played a central role in funding and directing terrorism across the globe, including support for Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, while also carrying out intimidation campaigns, cyberattacks, and plots targeting Americans and our allies. President Trump took the historic step of designating the IRGC as a Foreign Terrorist Organization during his first term, and our allies should stand with the United States in applying maximum pressure on this dangerous regime. The free world must send a clear message that terrorism, political violence, and antisemitic attacks will never be tolerated.

#### READ THE FULL LETTER HERE

<https://tenney.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/tenney.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/rep-tenney-letter-to-proscribe-irgc.pdf>

### Reintroducing the RISE Act

I joined bipartisan lawmakers in reintroducing the RISE Act to help small businesses and service providers expand access to retirement savings plans for their employees. Many micro-businesses across NY-24 want to offer retirement benefits but face challenges accessing the full value of existing startup tax credits under current law. The RISE Act fixes that problem by ensuring the smallest employers can fully benefit from these incentives while also expanding eligibility to more service-based businesses that support local employers and workers. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities, and this commonsense legislation will help more workers save for retirement, strengthen Main Street, and support long-term economic growth across Upstate New York.

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

H.Res. 373, Expressing support for the month of May as "Fallen Heroes Memorial Month": This resolution would express support for designating the month of May as "Fallen Heroes Memorial Month." The resolution honors the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders who lost their lives in the line of duty. Recognizing Fallen Heroes Memorial Month provides an opportunity to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities and country, and this resolution reaffirms the nation's gratitude and respect for the courage and dedication of America's fallen heroes.

H.R. 31, the POLICE Act: This bill would make assaulting a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder by a non-U.S. national a deportable offense under federal immigration law. Law enforcement officers and first responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities and maintain public safety. (Contd. Pg. 62)

## This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 61) This legislation strengthens accountability and helps enhance protections for the men and women who serve on the front lines.

H.Res. 395, Establishing a "Bill of Rights" to support United States law enforcement personnel nationwide in their work to protect our communities: This resolution would affirm a "Bill of Rights" to support law enforcement personnel nationwide in their efforts to protect our communities and uphold public safety. Specifically, the resolution outlines principles supporting law enforcement officers' right to self-defense, protection from physical harassment, enhanced legal protections, and access to mental health resources. Law enforcement personnel face significant risks and responsibilities as they serve their communities and enforce the law. This resolution recognizes the importance of ensuring officers have the support and protection necessary to carry out their duties safely and effectively.

### My Votes Explained

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>

### Tuesday, May 12

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2853, the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act. This bill directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crime Coordination Center. Retailers across the country are facing increased theft and fraud in stores due to organized criminal activity, threatening the livelihood of small business owners and their employees. This center will ensure coordination of federal assistance to work with state and local law enforcement agencies to combat these national and transnational criminal organizations. This bill passed the House by a vote of 348-60.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2071, the Save Our Shrimpers Act. This bill requires the Treasury Secretary to direct U.S. representatives at international financial institutions to oppose financial assistance for shrimp farming, shrimp processing, and shrimp export projects in foreign countries. For too long, international financial institutions, like the International Finance Corporation and the Asian Development Bank, have been funding competition for American shrimpers, leading to depressed prices and excess capacity. Barring international financial institutions from using taxpayer money to incentivize foreign competition is a commonsense way to level the playing field and strengthen American industry. This bill passed the House by a vote of 391-18, with one member voting present.

### Wednesday, May 13

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1252, a Resolution memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. This resolution acknowledges the police officers and other law

enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice. This resolution also expresses support for law enforcement officers across the United States for their tireless efforts to keep our communities safe. Our dedicated law enforcement officers who put on the uniform deserve unequivocal support and gratitude and I will always back the blue and support the families of our fallen law enforcement officers. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 418-2.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1346, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2025. This bill extends the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) volatility waiver to enable the year-round, nationwide sale of ethanol blends up to 15 percent, commonly referred to as E15. The bill would also reduce renewable fuel compliance requirements for small refineries by 75 percent and phases out the current small-refinery petition process. Allowing E15 fuel sales year-round will lower fuel costs and increase energy security, as ethanol is largely produced domestically, including in Upstate New York. This bill supports President Trump's efforts to support our farming communities, lower fuel prices for working families, and reinforce the energy consumption our economy depends on. This bill passed the House by a vote of 218-203.

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res. 96, Expressing Support for Law Enforcement Officers. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to serve our communities and keep us safe. I will always back the blue and support our law enforcement officers for their service to our communities. This resolution sends a clear message to state and local officials that the House of Representatives stands with our local law enforcement officers and commends the work of President Trump to restore law and order in our country. It is unbelievable that so many of my Democrat colleagues voted against this commonsense resolution and continue to support the Defund and Demoralize the Police movement. I strongly condemn all efforts to vilify our law enforcement officers, who risk their lives every day for us. This resolution passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 243-137, with 3 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1251, Calling on elected officials and civil society leaders to counter antisemitism and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish-American community. Over the last few years, we have seen incidents of anti-Semitism increase dramatically across the country, including at college campuses. Violence, hatred, and anti-Semitism must be unequivocally condemned. I will always stand with the Jewish community in these trying times and will continue my work to combat anti-Semitism in all its forms. This resolution passed the House unanimously by a vote of 419-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1259, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should prioritize securing the release of Pastor Jin Mingri, Pastor Gao Quanfu and his wife Pang Yu, Dr. Gulshan Abbas, and Jimmy Lai detained by the People's Republic of China during future engagements with Chinese President Xi Jinping. (Contd. Pg. 63)

## This Week with Claudia

(From Pg. 62 )This resolution urges President Trump to fight to release the many religious and political leaders being held captive by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The CCP's continued assault on individual's rights to freedom of religion and freedom of speech is unconscionable, and I strongly supported this commonsense resolution. President Trump must work to free these individuals and end the CCP's practices of suppressing individual rights. This resolution passed the House unanimously by a vote of 414-0.

Thursday, May 14

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5625, the Cashless Bail Reporting Act. This bill requires the Attorney General to publish annually a list of State and local governments that permit people who have been charged with certain serious offenses to be released pending trial on personal recognizance or upon execution of an unsecured appearance bond. States and cities like New York have adopted a policy of radical bail reform laws that restrict judges' ability to apply cash bail, making our communities more dangerous. In fact, a recent study found that approximately 72% of violent felons who were released without bail were re-arrested while awaiting trial. While the radical left continues to coddle violent criminals and vilify law enforcement in our community, House Republicans stand for law and order in America. This legislation provides a concrete step in identifying the states and localities that choose criminals over our children's safety. This bill passed the House by a vote of 308-116.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6260, Keeping Violent Offenders Off Our Streets Act of 2025. This bill defines bail bonds as an insurance product, ultimately subjecting them to federal insurance fraud law and allowing states to enact licensing and regulatory requirements for entities that post bail on behalf of defendants. Charitable bond funds, such as the Minnesota Freedom Fund, regularly provide bonds for individuals held while awaiting trial for violent offenses. For example, the Executive Director of the Minneapolis Freedom Fund admitted that he often does not check defendants' charges before posting their bail, which has resulted in funding violent criminals who are awaiting trial on charges including armed robbery and sex crimes. While Democrats work to free violent offenders and eliminate cash bail, House Republicans are committed to ensuring that these bonds are properly regulated to keep our communities safe. This bill passed by a vote of 243-179.

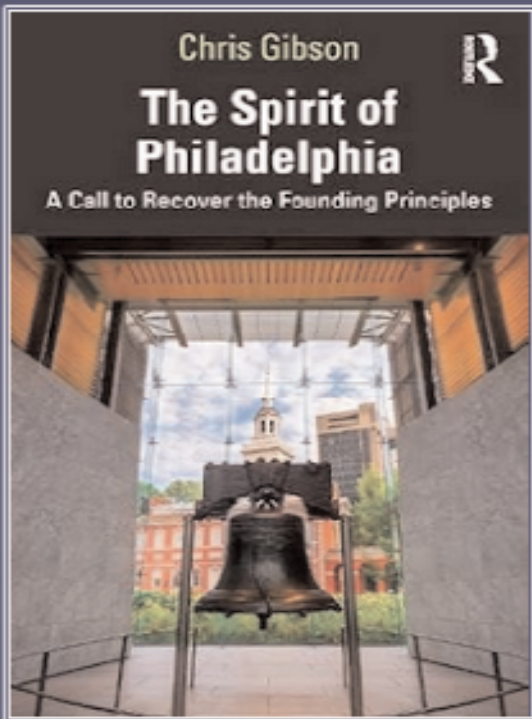
I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8365, the Monitor Accountability Act. This bill requires the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to establish new conditions relating to cost and duration of a court monitor appointed by a consent decree. Court monitors are independent oversight officials appointed through agreements between a government agency and a public or private entity, often in response to concerns about civil rights violations and other misconduct. While sometimes necessary, some court monitors have remained present for decades and have cost states and localities hundreds of millions of dollars by charging exorbitant fees without producing

results. For example, in Maricopa County, Arizona, the monitorship of the County sheriff's office has cost nearly \$350 million since 2013. This is profiteering. This legislation restores the intent of monitorship to its intended purpose, time-limited and not designed to become a grifting operation. This will also help improve transparency and oversight, ensuring that monitoring arrangements are conducted responsibly and with accountability to taxpayers. This bill passed the House by a vote of 219-204.

I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 75, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran. This resolution would mandate President Trump to withdraw all U.S. Armed Forces from the conflict with Iran. I unequivocally agree with President Trump that Iran can never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon. A nuclear Iran poses a grave threat to the United States and U.S. interests. For decades, Iran has not only been the leading state sponsor of terror, but also made it clear that it seeks to destroy the "Big Satan", or the United States. I applaud President Trump for taking the threat of a nuclear Iran so seriously and am disappointed that so many of my colleagues chose to stand with Iran instead of the United States. These operations are critical to keeping the American homeland safe, and I thank and pray for the brave U.S. service members and allies in the region for their efforts. This resolution failed by a vote of 212-212.

Friday, May 15

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8469, Making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes. Ensuring our nation's servicemembers and veterans receive the top-tier benefits, care, and facilities they deserve while reinforcing our national security is critical to America's continued strength. H.R. 8469 ensures that those who have served our country, along with their families, are supported and given the benefits they have earned through their service and sacrifice. Additionally, this bill bolsters support for veteran mental health and suicide prevention programs and delivers key funding towards veteran housing programs. Furthermore, this bill also delivers a key investment in our military infrastructure by upgrading Department of Defense (DOD) facilities and improving military families' quality of life through crucial funding for housing and child care centers. This bill includes a recommended \$90 million for the construction of a new headquarters for the New York National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division and will support critical infrastructure projects at Fort Drum and Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. H.R. 8469 upholds pro-life values, defends veterans' Second Amendment freedoms, and upholds the Trump Administration's efforts to stop harmful DEI programs and gender mutilation surgeries. Congress stands firm on our promise to support our troops and veterans, ensuring their health care, housing, and benefits are covered while reinforcing our country's national security. This bill passed the House by a vote of 400-15.



# The Spirit of Philadelphia

By Chris Gibson

Rediscover the common ground of common sense through the wisdom of our founding principles.

[TheSpiritofPhiladelphia.com](http://TheSpiritofPhiladelphia.com)

Greetings again from Kinderhook,

I hope your summer has gone well. I'm reaching back out to you to share the news that our website has been refreshed and updated. It now features four new essays on the Founding era recently published by the Hoover Institution of Stanford University as we look forward next year to celebrating our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. One of those essays is on the significance of the Battle of Saratoga, which proved to be a turning point in the Revolutionary War. You can now read those essays for free on our website here.

<https://www.thespiritofphiladelphia.com/events>

We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green "NEW" banner. We've also updated the "what people are saying" section of the home page to include several new endorsements of the book by Americans from across the ideological spectrum.

As always, I'd welcome your thoughts and feedback on any of these items and/or your reactions to my new book. You can reach me by sending an email message from the "contact us" page on the website.

Finally, I hope you are enjoying the beautiful color as our leaves change across the region and country - it's shaping up to be a beautiful fall!

Sincerely yours,  
Chris Gibson

## Chris Gibson

**Soldier**



**Scholar**



**Statesman**





## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! Here's what she's been up to this week:

### 1. Demanding lower gas prices

Every commute to work, every ride to a doctor's appointment, and every carpool to school costs 50 percent more today than it did just a year ago due to skyrocketing gas prices. That is a direct result of President Trump's reckless war with Iran.

This week, Kirsten reiterated her call in DC and as she visited communities across New York for an immediate and permanent end to the war in Iran and demanded that President Trump take action to lower gas prices.

<https://www.wskg.org/2026-05-13/sen-gillibrand-presses-trump-to-end-iran-war-signals-support-for-federal-gas-tax-pause>

### 2. Pressing the Trump administration on housing affordability and homelessness

Kirsten is demanding answers about the Trump administration's failure to show measurable progress on housing affordability and homelessness after a year in office.

At a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearing this week, Kirsten grilled President Trump's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on his record and pressed him for answers after the secretary repeatedly blamed the Biden administration for his own failed record.

Read more.

<https://www.notus.org/housing/kirsten-gillibrand-hud-homeless-data>

### 3. Calling for answers about U.S. strikes on Iranian schools

At a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing this week, Kirsten pressed the commander in charge of the war against Iran on reports that U.S. strikes in Iran damaged 22 schools and multiple hospitals, potentially causing civilian casualties.

During the exchange, Admiral Cooper acknowledged that the Pentagon has not conducted an investigation into these reports. Kirsten demanded an investigation, and she will keep holding the administration's feet to the fire until the American people get answers. Read more.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/05/14/us/politics/civilian-deaths-strikes-iran.html>

### 4. Fighting for civilian victims of toxic exposure

American civilians who fall sick due to toxic exposure while supporting our military deserve the same support as those in uniform. This week, Kirsten introduced bipartisan legislation to make sure federal employees exposed to toxic burn pits in support of our troops can access the compensation they deserve.

This legislation builds on the success of Kirsten's PACT Act, which expanded healthcare and benefits to veterans suffering from illnesses caused by exposure to toxic substances while serving abroad, establishing a presumptive connection between their service and their illness. Kirsten's new bill would extend similar presumption to federal law enforcement officers, Intelligence Community employees, and civilians who worked at federal agencies for at least 30 days overseas in support of U.S. military operations.

Read more. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/bipartisan-bill-would-bolster-access-to-benefits-civilians-exposed-toxic-burn-pits/>

### 5. Expanding maternal healthcare

More women in the United States die from pregnancy-related complications than in any of our peer countries. That is downright shameful. We must do more to support women at every step of their maternal health journey.

This week, Kirsten introduced bipartisan legislation that would expand access to high-quality maternal mental healthcare and substance use disorder services to support moms and pregnant women - no matter their race, socioeconomic status, or zip code.

Read more <https://www.wbng.com/video/2026/05/14/sen-gillibrand-introduces-bill-support-maternal-mental-health/>

### 6. Celebrating committee passage of critical bills

This week, two of Kirsten's bipartisan bills passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program Expansion Act would reduce delays in death and disability benefit determinations for survivors of first responders who have died in the line of duty and for officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty. The Terminating Restrictive Enforcement of Youth Settlements (TREY'S) Law would void nondisclosure agreements in cases of child sexual abuse or assault, giving survivors of child sexual abuse the right to tell their stories and seek public accountability for the horrors they endured.

Kirsten will not stop fighting until both of these bills are passed by the full Congress and signed into law.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-cruz-applaud-committee-passage-of-their-bills-to-support-first-responders-and-survivors-of-child-sexual-abuse/>

### 7. Supporting New York defense workers

This week, Kirsten called for an immediate reversal of Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's unilateral termination of collective bargaining rights for 300,000 Department of Defense employees, including thousands in New York.

Stripping these employees of their collective bargaining rights undermines workplace protections and jeopardizes the effectiveness of the civilian workforce that our military depends on. Kirsten will keep fighting until their bargaining rights are restored.

Read more.

[https://www.wktv.com/news/local/senators-schumer-gillibrand-join-fight-to-restore-collective-bargaining-rights-at-dfas-afri/article\\_a7d17da0-1cc4-4608-82d7-306da10a5319.html](https://www.wktv.com/news/local/senators-schumer-gillibrand-join-fight-to-restore-collective-bargaining-rights-at-dfas-afri/article_a7d17da0-1cc4-4608-82d7-306da10a5319.html)

### 8. WATCH: Two Truths and Trump's Lies

President Trump said it himself: "I don't think about Americans financial situation." He doesn't care that New Yorkers are struggling as they are being forced to pay more for groceries, gas, and healthcare.

This week, Kirsten sat down with Under the Desk News' V Spehar to cut through the chaos and bring you the truth.

Watch here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGhg6t1KXNU>

### 9. Helping New York veterans

A Saratoga County veteran contacted Kirsten's team after his pension was suspended due to an erroneous death determination. Despite his multiple attempts to contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the agency failed to confirm if the error had been corrected or if his benefits would be reinstated.

Less than a week after Kirsten's team contacted the VA, the agency rectified the mistake and issued the veteran \$700 in retroactive payments.

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

### Laura Aley's new book includes stories about people and places from long ago




The book is available at the Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill for \$10.00.

Not only will you want your own copy, but *Laurels by Laura* will make a great gift -

The Shandaken Historical Museum is located at 26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465. The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.

## SHADOWLAND 2026 STAGES SEASON

<p>MAINSTAGE MAY 29 - JUNE 14</p> <h3 style="color: white;">THE RESERVOIR</h3>	<p>STUDIO JUNE 19 - JULY 12</p> <h3 style="color: white;">AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS</h3>	<p>MAINSTAGE JULY 17 - AUG 9</p> <h3 style="color: white;">BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS</h3>
<p>MAINSTAGE AUG 14 - SEPT 13</p> <p>"NEVER CAN SAY GOODBYE"</p> <h3 style="color: white;">THE 70s Beehive</h3> <p>MUSICAL</p>	<p>STUDIO SEPT 18 - OCT 4</p> <h3 style="color: white;">LADY DAY</h3> <p>AT EMERSON'S BAR &amp; GRILL</p>	<p>MAINSTAGE OCT 9 - 25</p> <h3 style="color: white;">FLAWLESS</h3>



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### Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

**Friday, May 29, 2026**  
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Caregiver Resource Center

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Cornell Cooperative Extension | Sullivan County  
64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY 12754  
(845) 292-6180 x 122 | [sullivanccrc@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivanccrc@cornell.edu)

## Caregiver Cafe Support Group

Jan-June 2026

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>





1st Monday of each month  
10 am-11 am

**Registration Required:**  
Use the QR code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>

Take a break while you:

- Learn about tips for self-care
- Share caregiving strategies
- Connect with others
- Enjoy a light snack on us!



The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and is supported by grants from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program and the Alzheimer's Association.

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## LEGO + Spring = Pure Magic

at the Daniel Pierce Library

2026

**(New Time) 3:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Zip Line Basics & Rider Design (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, May 6**  
Children will design and test a LEGO rider that attaches to a zip line and make their bodies without being held, with the goal of completing the race and staying about their start to finish.

**Spring Animal Architects (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 20**  
Challenge: Students become the most innovative design group and building habitats of a lion and a rhinoceros inspired by animals in spring. Children will protect the animal from rain or wind.

**Animals Make Up (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 27**  
Children will build spring animals such as frogs, birds, bees, and butterflies, create a scene on fabric, explore wild blue paint, and tell their stories and make a short story "to stay in your animal's life" using their LEGO creations.

**Baby Animals in Spring (Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, June 3**  
Spring is the best time when baby animals are born! Children will explore the joy of playing (building) with their LEGO bricks (spring animals), create a scene and a story about baby animals in their homes, and they will build a scene with their LEGO bricks (and) learning through exploration and imagination. We have made a special list of animals and the parts of the year's life to allow the program.

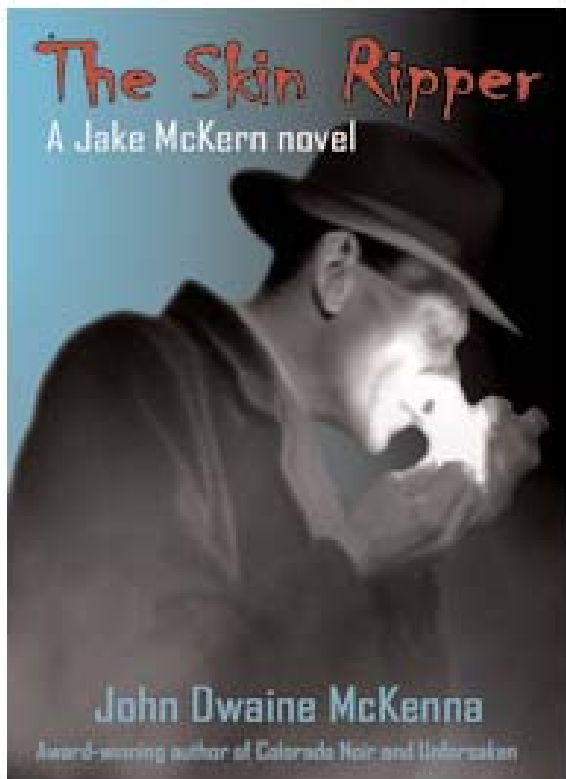
Registration is open for the following activities. Materials and registration is required. Registration is only for 11 year olds for your child to take the last hour of the day. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you have any other than the library building the program.

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Your Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAY IS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

May is Women's Health Month, a time to prioritize preventive care, early detection, and overall wellness. At Ellenville Regional Hospital, we are proud to support women in our community with compassionate, high-quality care designed for every stage of life. From routine screenings to advanced diagnostic imaging, our Women's Health services focus on accuracy, comfort, and personalized care close to home. Our team understands that health needs evolve, and we are here to provide support, guidance, and peace of mind every step of the way.

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Sharps Collection will now take place every Friday at Ellenville Regional Hospital's Emergency Department Entrance!

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For information, call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215

**UPCOMING DATES**

<b>May 8</b> 10:00 to 4:00PM	<b>May 15</b> 2:00 to 4:00PM	<b>May 22</b> 10:00 to 12:00PM
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**THE FARM-ACY**  
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Come pick up some FREE healthy fruits and vegetables on May 14 and 28 from 4:00 to 6:00PM\*!  
\*or while supplies last

**LOCATION**

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10 Healthy Way, Ellenville NY 12428  
Call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215 for questions.



# Daniel Pierce Library



## Paint & Sip Event!

Thursday, May 21, 2026  
6:00- 7:00 p.m.

Adult Patrons Only  
\$10 supply fee

Get ready for some fun with a refreshing drink in one hand and a paint brush in the other!

Whether you're a seasoned artist, or just looking for a fun night out, this event is perfect for all skill levels.

Step by Step guidance provided by local artist, Robin Raykoff.

Glasses & painting materials provided  
- you supply the creativity.



Space is limited! Register today and let's paint & sip the night away!  
Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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4	\$83,250	\$6,937.50
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7	\$125,730	\$10,477.50

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JOIN US!



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

Contact Rebekah at [rumarbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumarbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM






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

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EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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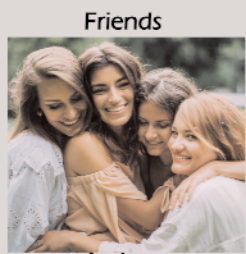
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### NEW HORIZONS: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES OVERVIEW

May is American Stroke Month. Join us for presentation from the American Stroke Association's Valerie Ubriaco on what is a stroke, risk factors/prevention, recognizing the signs of a stroke, what to do in an emergency, and much more!



**TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 1:00 PM**  
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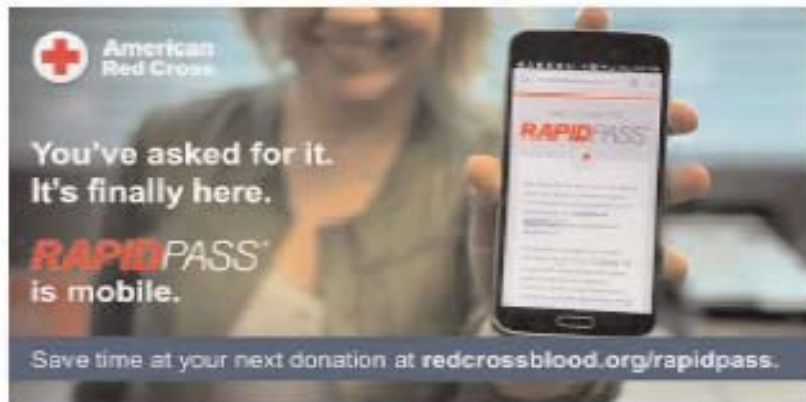
## Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

**Friday, May 29, 2026  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make your lifesaving appointment today!

EAT WELL - HYDRATE - BRING ID

Walk-Ins Welcome - Appointments Preferred!



# Olive Free Library Events



**The Shokan Branch**  
 Open Mondays & Fridays 11am-6pm  
 & now open on Saturdays!  
 Saturdays 10am - 4pm

**LEGO CLUB**  
 Monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday  
 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 at the Shokan Branch

Come play with the Library's legos!  
*Adults must accompany their children*

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**NEW!**

**Weekly Chess Club**  
 at the Shokan Branch  
 with Robert Selkowitz  
 Mondays 4-5 p.m.



**SUNY Sullivan Foundation presents**  
**The Met:**  
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# 2026 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**WHEN: SUNDAY, June 14, 2026 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM**

**WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station**

91 Landfill Drive  
Monticello, NY 12701

**WHAT TO KNOW:**

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

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

### Questions?

Kassie Thelman, Recycling Coordinator  
(845) 807-0291

[recycling@sullivanyny.gov](mailto:recycling@sullivanyny.gov)

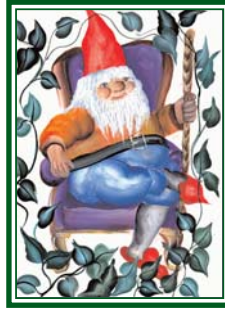
(Next HHW Date: September 20, 2026)



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**Knarf's Classic Movie**  
*HELL TO ETERNITY*

(1960 2h 12m | War | TV-PG )  
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Saipan he singlehandedly captured 1400 Japanese Marines. This is Gary Guy Gabaldon another American hero who put life before his own personal safety, thus winning the Congressional medal of Honor. It is said that he saved the lives of two thousand Marines. *Directed by Phil Karlson, Clark Paylow. Starring Jeffrey Hunter, David Janssen, and Vic Damone*

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**TO HELL AND BACK**

(TV-PG / 1955 / 1HR 46MIN / BIOGRAPHY / ROMANCE)  
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The true WWII story of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier in U.S. history. Based on the autobiography of Audie Murphy who stars as himself in the film.



*To Hell and Back* is Audie Murphy's 1949 World War II memoir, detailing the events that led him to receive the Medal of Honor and also to become one of the most decorated foot-soldiers of the war.

Although only Murphy's name appears on the book cover, it was in fact a collaboration with writer David "Spec" McClure. After securing a publishing contract in 1947, Murphy and McClure worked on the book through 1948 in Murphy's Hollywood apartment. Murphy did write some of the prose.

Stay safe and have a **Happy Memorial Day**

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**Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:**  
**False. Brooklyn.**

**This weeks' Trivia question:** In which Hitchcock thriller is a man in a wheelchair convinced he has witnessed a murder?