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Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony

Memorial Day -2025

Memorial Day 2025 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 26th, 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. Boy Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag to honor Richard William Hodges who served in the U.S. Army during WWII, which will fly for six months.

Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troop 97 and the Girl Scouts Troop 314 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The Flag Exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

D.A.R.E Graduation at the Tri-Valley Elementary School



A D.A.R.E graduation was held at the Tri-Valley Elementary School last Friday (05/09/25). In the photo, Sheriff Mike Schiff (l) joins retired Lieutenant/County Legislator Luis Alvarez and Lieutenant Cheryl Crumley in congratulating the D.A.R.E. essay winners from that class. Luis Alvarez has returned to the D.A.R.E instructor role, volunteering his time for the children of Sullivan County.

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 24 and 25th, 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. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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On the Front Burner: In their hearts human beings plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9

OBITUARY



Carol Smythe, a devoted historian and lifelong advocate for the Catskill region, passed away peacefully-surrounded by her family-on April 26, 2025, at her home on South Hill in Grahamsville, New York.

Born on August 10, 1933, to Vernon H. Gridley Sr. and Inez George Gridley, Carol grew up on a farm on South Hill. As the only student in her local one-room schoolhouse, she learned from the beginning to find comfort in the quiet of the Catskill Mountains. Graduating from high school at just 17, Carol was determined to make her mark. From Manhattan to Boston, through college degrees, careers, motherhood and beyond, Carol lived her life to the fullest.

In her later years, Carol was best known as the Town of Neversink Historian-someone who was dedicated to preserving the rich history of the surrounding area. As historian, she worked tirelessly to document and share the stories of the people and places that shaped it. She was a founding member of the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, where her efforts brought to life exhibits that offer a vivid glimpse into the daily lives of early Catskill residents.

Carol was also proud to have been a published author, financial

educator for Cornell University, and the Executive Director of ARC. She dedicated countless hours to helping others-whether through her skills as an accountant, writer, or historical expert.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Carol was admired for her determination and unwavering commitment to her community. A beloved figure in Grahamsville, she touched the lives of many. She was a proud feminist, advocate, and volunteer who worked hard and asked for nothing in return. Her drive to do more and be more never faded. It's difficult to imagine a world without Carol, but we take comfort in knowing that parts of her live on through the many lives she touched, both near and far.

She is survived by her children: Jennifer (Roger) Ballard of Mongaup Valley, NY; Robert (Marylin) Jones and Andrew (Yvonne) Jones of Grahamsville, NY; her sister, Linda Lane of Swanzey, NH; her grandchildren: Kris, Jean Claude, Christina, Jason, Chris, Sam (Rachael), Lauren (John), and Devan; her great-grandchildren: Tony, Hannah, Austin, Brantley, and Dakota; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Daniel Smythe, and by her brother, Vernon Gridley.

The family would like to offer special thanks to her neighbors, who were more like family, and to her cousin Dot Muthig, whom she knew for 91 years-a relationship that stood the test of time. Because of all of you, her legacy lives on.

In her way -stubborn and straight to the point- she'd ask for no one to fret, and would remind us all that this is life: ash to ash and dust to dust. She found peace in her life, and we extend the wish that you, dear neighbor, find it too. (Contd. Pg. 4)

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 1, 1955 -

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dymond of Sundown are the parents of a son, Richard Isaac, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on May 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Van Dover Jr. of Grahamsville are the parents of a daughter, Roxanne, born May 24th at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville.

When your aching feet complain and fret,

At work or play don't you forget

That the magic work is "Summerette."

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KUM TO KRUM'S

May 19, 1965 -

Miss Jane Louise Ackerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ackerley of Grahamsville, and Carl Robert Houghtaling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Houghtaling of Neversink, were married on Sunday, May 16, 1965 in the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Crabbe of Ellenville officiated in the double ring ceremony. The couple left for a wedding trip through northern New York State and are residing at a trailer home near Grahamsville.

Mrs. Ethel Hornbeck, 80, a long time resident of Grahamsville, died in Kingston on May 15, 1965. She had been Town Clerk for the Town of Neversink for 25 years and was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church. She was born May 11, 1885 in Accord, the daughter of the late Harmon and Martha Carney Sheeley. She was married to the late Sanford Hornbeck. Surviving are her son; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

June 4, 1975

Lisa Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, was confirmed at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty on Sunday.

Barry and Carol Newman of East Mountain celebrated their 15th anniversary on June 3rd and daughter Terri Jo will be 4 years old on June 6th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley who were married 51 years on May 24th.

Cheryl McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNamars, has been accepted at Ulster County Community College for the Nursing Program. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:

What to do with Your Collection of Pool Noodles? Simple Pool Noodle Storage Hack

What's simpler than a five-gallon bucket? It sure beats pool noodles rolling all over the garage or pool house. Concrete form tubes work well, too!

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

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 are 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. In addition, the original single layer of thin petals has been joined by blooms with double layers and others with varying degrees of ruffles or frayed edges.

The Oriental poppy (*Papaver orientale*) is the largest and most eye-catching of the poppies and grows 18-36 inches tall and blooms in late spring to early summer.

The poppy gets its name from the Latin word 'pappa' meaning milk. This is in reference to the cut flower stems that leak a sticky, latex sap that looks like milk.

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.

OBITUARY

(From Pg. 2) **Carol Smythe**

Despite her extensive travels-from train rides through the Canadian Rockies to wine tastings in the south of France-Carol's heart always brought her back home. To the place where she learned to read and write and let her forsythias grow wild: her favorite place, South Hill.

And now, as has been the custom for many generations of her family who walked this same ground, Carol will find peace in a small, quiet slice of heaven in Claryville. Thus, a memorial service to honor Carol's life and legacy will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at 11:30am at the Claryville Cemetery, with food at the church hall to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Time and the Valleys Museum to continue Carol's work. Carol's passion for history, her dedication to her community, and her kind spirit will be deeply missed-though we are sure, not forgotten.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Andrea Lynn Schwartz of Monticello, NY, formerly of Liberty, NY died Sunday, May 11, 2025 at the Garnet Health Hospital, Middletown, NY. She was 60.



The daughter of Donald J. Bachorik and the late Judith I. Schraier Bachorik, she was born October 26, 1964 in Bronx, NY.

She spent her childhood in Haverstraw, NY before moving with her family to Neversink, NY where she graduated from Tri-Valley Central School District.

Andrea had been a homemaker and several years ago had attended Sullivan County

Community college where she pursued her passion of photography and art.

Survivors include two sons, Jacob Schwartz and his wife Charlotte of Rensselaer, NY and Eric Schwartz and his wife Samantha of Rock Hill, NY; her father, Donald J. Bachorik of Neversink, NY; her brother, Kevin Bachorik and his wife Miriam of Dunellen, NJ; three grandchildren, Warren, Nathan, and Tyler Schwartz; nieces Valerie and Gina Bachorik, and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 16, 2025 at the funeral home. Pastor Joseph Leconey officiated. Burial is in the Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Andrea's name may be made to the National MS Society <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/>

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St.. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

DAYS OF YORE....Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

May 30, 1985 - Gregory G. Grey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey of Grahamsville, was the recipient of the Data Processing Management Association Membership Award at Hartwick College's Honors Day Convocation.

Vernon C. Turner of Divine Corners, a retired construction worker and lifelong area resident, died Tuesday, May 21 at Horton Memorial Hosp., Middletown. He was 82. The son of the late George and Lucy Upham Turner, he was born February 10, 1903 in Divine Corners. He was a member of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Hazel Geer Turner, at home; two sons: Milton Turner of Woodbourne and Vernon Turner of West Edmeston; two daughters: Sylvia Kortright of Liberty and Marian Keator of Divine Corners; 13 grandchildren and on great-grandchild.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published May 23, 1996

A few nights ago I was listening to one of my favorite programs over T. V. when we were interrupted by a commercial advertising a certain weed killer and among the weeds listed was the dandelion. This made me feel real angry. How can anybody mistake the dandelion for a weed? To me it is one of our prettier flowers. My eight babies thought so too.

Before my babies learned to walk I always got a big kick taking them in the green fields when dandelions were in bloom. When I set them down, they would smile, kick out their little feet and reach out for a dandelion.

I also cooked dandelions as a vegetable for my table, and cut them up green and served them with vinegar and sugar as a salad

When my children were growing up the girls curled the stems, making "curls" for their hair, made chains to wear around their neck and tied the blossoms in their shoe laces, while my sons searched for the large stems to use as whistles. Dandelions can also be used in wine. When the little fuzzy balls appear on the end of the stems we know the dandelion season has ended and they will all too soon be blown away on the sweet summer breeze. Following is a poem written by my daughter, Vera Atkins.

The Dandelion

Sometimes a friend, sometimes a foe,
On our lawns it likes to grow,
With dress of green and hair of gold -
A flower lovely to behold.
It sleeps by day and waits at night
Till its hair grow long and white.
And in the breeze will swing and sway
When its hair is blown away.
No matter whether big or small,
God created one and all;
And though it's popular with none,
The dandelion can be such fun!

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

(From Pg. 1)



- **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.

- **1930s Catskill Family Farm** is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.

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 admission is \$10, Children under 16 \$5, and 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 or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Email or call us for more information.





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by John Dwaine McKenna



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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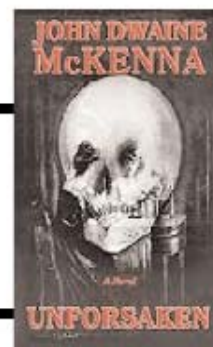
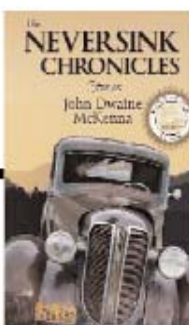
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Not a Gardner

After a long, cold winter, I am anxious to get dirt under my nails and begin burying a flat of petunias, coleus, impatiens, and dianthus. These, I have found, are the hardiest, colorful annuals that can survive being planted with a love for plants but a lack of gardening skills.



deer. The eighty red tulips I planted have been culled to a single one with no bloom after the rabbits and moles and chipmunks ate all the bulbs. The iris get lifted up by rains that wash away the soil from their tubers.

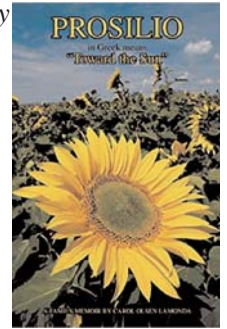
The perennials that have earned a place on the champions' stand are Crazies (a hardy Chrysanthemum/Aster), a Hydrangea plant that grew from an Easter plant to a huge bush, and Weigela. The runners-up would be Forsythia and Butterfly Bush. Since I live in the woods, there is no formal garden to tend. When I ran out of dirt within a radius of fifteen feet from the house, I just bury vegetation as "surprises" among the weeds, wildflowers, and trees.

A flower lover I am. A gardener I am not.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "**Toward the Sun**," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author

has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



Perhaps, lacking green thumbs, my flora skills are not as lacking as my future gardening effort as the summer rolls on. Once planted, plants survive in an environment of neglect (if we are at the lake), conflict with chipmunks who dig holes to bury nuts, and lack of good soil. One bag of fertilized potting soil at conception is all they are given. They need to thrive on their own.

Nonetheless, my three big potted plants grow beautifully on my deck and make me happy. They are close enough for me to water and dead-head, but the perennials, planted long ago are truly an experiment in "Survival of the Fittest." Each has its own enemies. Hosta get eaten by

Benefits Exceed Books Alone: DPL programs offer life-enriching skills for all ages

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Cuteness overload at the DPL! With Mother's Day activities during our children's programs and our toddler LEGO program this past Wednesday, it was just too cute to not share.



Our youngest LEGO attendees did an amazing job (with a little help from their families) on their spring time challenge on Wednesday, May 14. But the really great part of this particular program, as DPL Children's Program Coordinator Deirdre McHugh explained to the families in atten-

dance, was that this early-age LEGO program establishes a routine for children who plan to attend such library activities in the future and puts to rest any potential worries families could have sending their unaccompanied children to our programs.

And that's one of the greatest benefits

to our community library-the whole "village" concept! Our programs, whether geared towards children or adults, serve to provide a sense of camaraderie, a safe avenue for experiential learning and an opportunity for growth. Our LEGO programs are just one example of this, as families can offer their children an opportunity to experience independence by taking the school bus to the library and participating in the program without them. Our staff knows how important these transitional experiences are and works tirelessly to ensure they go smoothly. And it isn't just for children, which is why our adult experiential programs are equally important. Take our Bonsai for Beginners program for instance. Where else can you try out your artistic pruning skills with relatively little risk? When you attend our program on Saturday, June 7, from 11:30AM to 1PM you'll be receiving the benefits of





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Our Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event has sold out! We're very excited to have Heather DeGori of Cuppie Cake Desserts here to lend her decorating skills to our attendees.

In other news,

Our summer hours-starting June 7-will include Saturday hours, with the library open from 9AM to 12PM. We will still be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 4PM and Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM to 7PM.

Our summer book tent will be going up soon, so if you have any donations that meet the criteria outlined on our website please call Michelle at (845) 985-7233 ext. 104 to make an appointment. Speaking of summer, we're busy preparing for our 2025 "Color Our World" Summer

Reading Program. We have exciting programs for children, teens and adults to participate in and, of course, our reading challenges. We're going to keep a tight-lip on our Entertainment Night entertainer until things get a little closer, but rest assured-it's going to be great; an evening out not to be missed.



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Casting Announced for Shadowland Stages' Revival of 'I'm Not Rappaport' starring Judd Hirsch

SHADOWLAND STAGES celebrates our landmark 40th Anniversary Season this year, marking four decades as one of the region's leading professional theatre companies. We are kicking off the season with the Herb Gardner comedy *I'm Not Rappaport* starring Tony Award winner Judd Hirsch and directed by Tony nominee Neil Pepe.

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

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

Focused on a bench in Central Park, the play follows two feisty octogenarians-Nat, a fiery idealist clinging to his independence, and Midge, a superintendent dodging his tenants-as they resist being pushed aside by society. It's a rich and relevant comedy, brimming with heart and humanity.

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

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

For tickets go to:

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Bridging Worlds: The Untold Stories of Japanese War Brides & Their Families in America

WHAT: Free Film Screening & Reading with William Fellenberg

WHEN: Saturday, May 24th, 2025, 2 PM

Doors open at 1:30

WHERE: Krause Recital Hall, DVAA 2nd Floor, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY

NOTE: This event is free and open to the public.

May bridges Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Asian American Heritage Month—a time to honor mothers, celebrate freedom and remember those who fought for it, and also acknowledge the rich histories of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) proudly presents *Fall Down Seven, Get Up Eight: The Japanese War Brides* a moving documentary about the tens of thousands of Japanese women who migrated to the U.S. as war brides after World War II—the largest migration of Asian women in American history. These women were initially celebrated as model housewives but soon faded from public view. In this documentary, the daughters of three Japanese war brides uncover stories of resilience, love, and the courage it took to build new lives in a foreign land.

Moderated by DVAA Director Ariel Shanberg, the program features William Yukikazu Fellenberg, author of *Sayonara Cowboy: A Memoir*. Fellenberg shares his deeply personal story of growing up as the son of an American GI and a Japanese war bride, navigating post-war cultural divides, racism, and the search for belonging. Both the film and memoir explore the universal quest for identity and the strength required to bridge worlds.

Join us as we share these heartfelt stories of the indomitable human spirit, the power of love, and the determination to redefine community in the face of profound change.

ADMISSION & LOCATION:

This event will take place at 2 PM in DVAA's Krause Recital Hall, on the 2nd floor of 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

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SC Sheriff's Office Warns the Public About a Current Scam

The Sheriff's Office is warning the public about a current scam being perpetrated in Sullivan County. Victims have received phone calls from unknown persons pretending to be affiliated with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. The victims are told that they have failed to appear for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for their arrest. The victim is told they can avoid arrest by paying a fine. The fraudster instructs the victim to pay the fine via Western Union, MoneyGram or a prepaid debit card such as a GreenDot money card.

"The Sheriff's Office does not pick citizens up on warrants for not attending jury duty", said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "And we certainly do not collect fines over the phone", he said. The Sheriff said that this latest swindle is a variation of the "IRS scam". In the IRS scam the victim is told there is an outstanding warrant and they can avoid arrest by paying a fine over the phone.

An investigation by the Sheriff's Office over the past several days indicates that the calls are being generated by an artificial intelligence program and are originating from an overseas location. "They even manipulate the caller ID to display the Sheriff's Office main phone number", said Schiff. "If you get one of these calls, hang up immediately and don't send them any money".

Sullivan 180 Awards 2025 Beautification Grants Care of public spaces contributing to community health

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 Beautification Program grants. This year, a wide range of community groups and schools across Sullivan County will receive funding up to \$2,500 for projects that enhance public spaces and school campuses through gardens, landscaping, and beautification.

2025 Beautification Program Grant Recipients:

- Callicoon Business Association - Visit Callicoon
- Callicoon Depot, Inc. - Callicoon Depot Pollinator Waystation
- Daniel Pierce Library - Color Enhancement '25
- Livingston Manor Renaissance - Manor - Blooming and Growing
- Town of Lumberland Parks & Rec. - Lumberland Pride
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2025 School Beautification Program Grant Recipients:

- Livingston Manor Central School - Enhancing Outdoor Spaces for Learning and Community
- Monticello Central School, Emma C. Chase Elementary - School Entrance Beautification
- Monticello Central School, High School - Campus Sign and School Entrance Enhancement
- Monticello Central School, Kenneth L. Rutherford - School Entrance Beautification
- Sullivan BOCES, Career & Technical Education Center - CTE Entrance Sensory Garden
- Sullivan BOCES, Rubin Pollack Education Center - Campus Signs - Beautification
- Sullivan West Central School, High School - Campus Beautification

"We are so pleased to recognize the creativity and commitment of this year's grant recipients," said Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at Sullivan 180. "It's incredibly rewarding to see public spaces and schools transformed by the hands of those who live, work, and play in them."

Community projects are always seeking volunteers to participate. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on Beautification Grants, contact Carmela Hugel at 845-295-2453 or Carmela@Sullivan180.org.

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Daniel Pierce Library

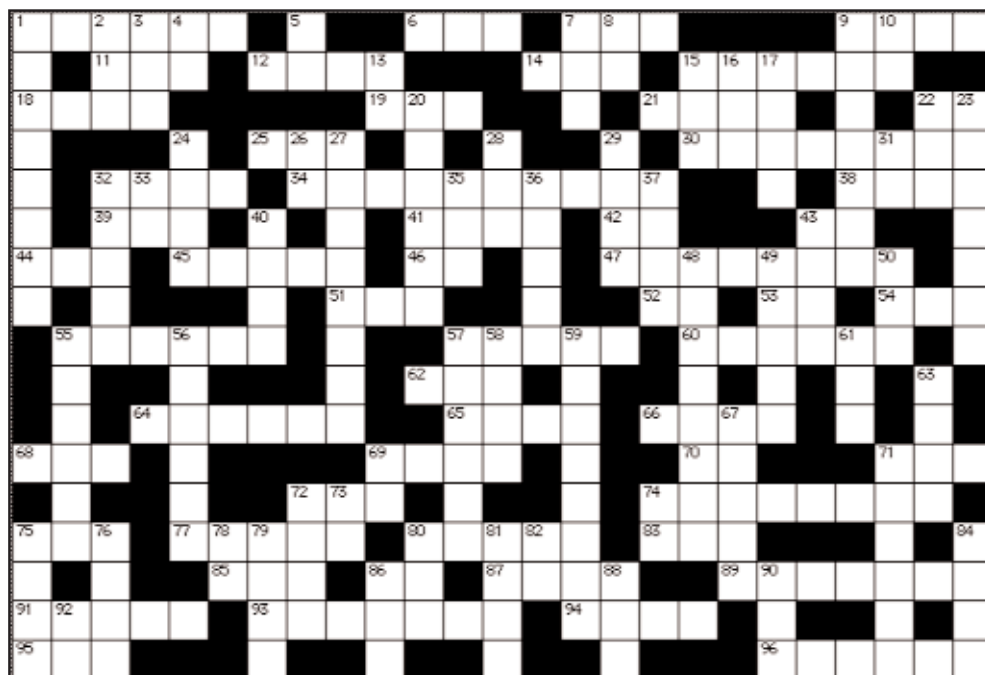
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Never Forget our Brave Vets - L. Comando

**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
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
66 Muslim 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 Movement
36 Earth
37 Biblical patriarch and builder of the 'ark'
40 Lights out bugle call
43 Discover
48 Recall
49 Esteem
50 Fellow
55 Ring of flowers

56 Aromatic evergreen shrub related to the 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 Surround-ed 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:

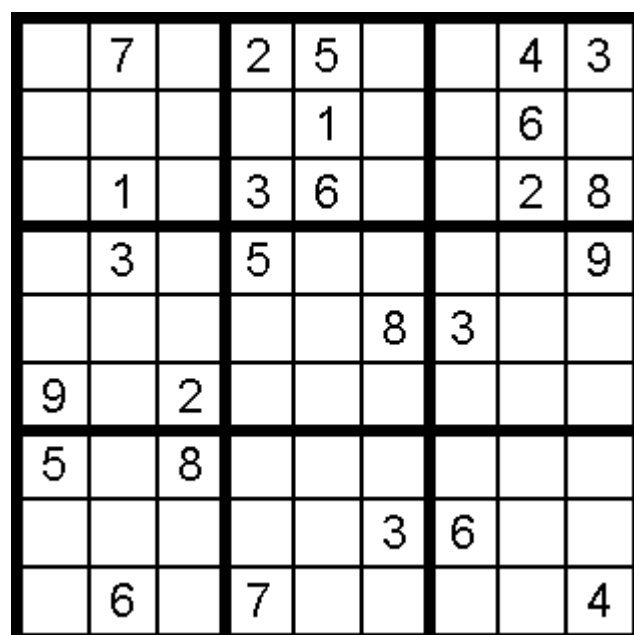
2 cans (15-1/4 ounces each) sliced peaches
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional

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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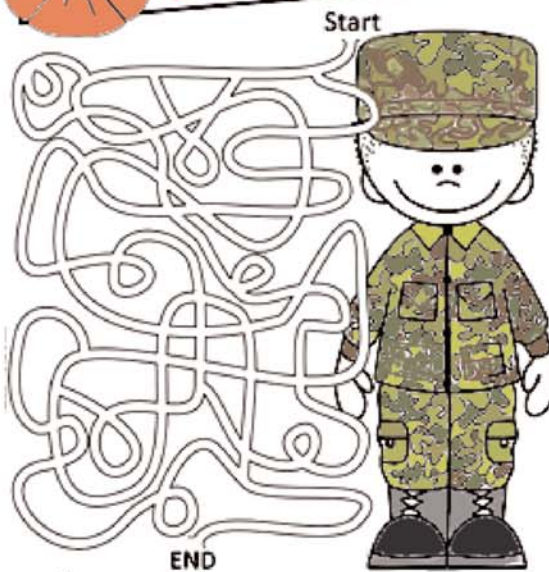
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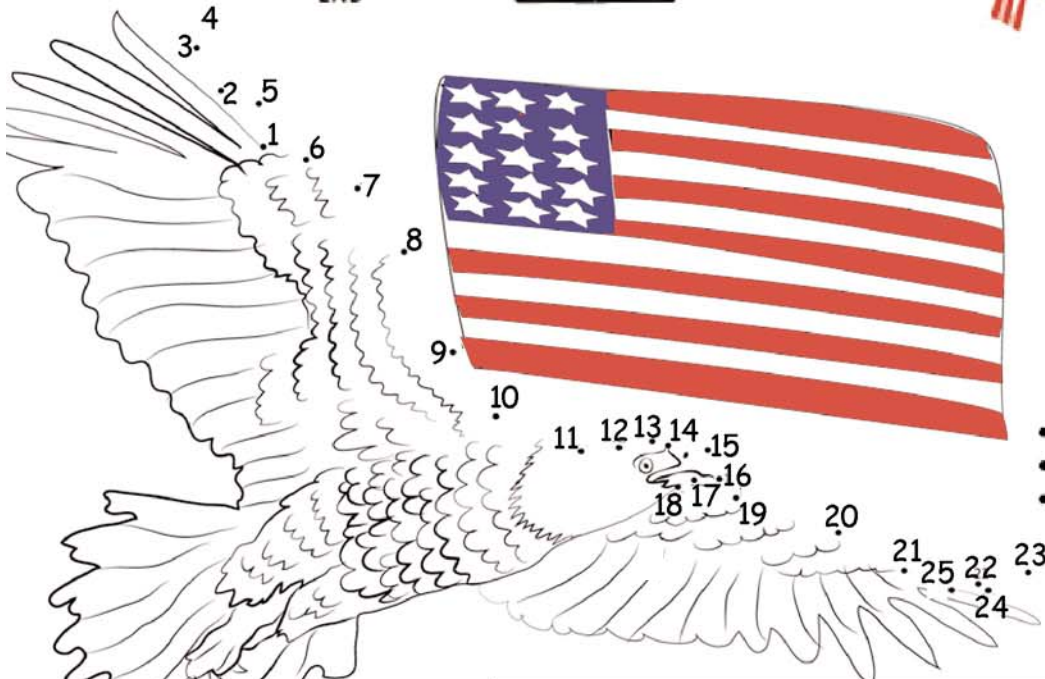


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Cryptogram Key

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 06, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 13, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 18, 2024. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES (From Pg. 17)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 11, 2024) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 17, 2024), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

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

Dated: April 11, 2025

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MAY 5, 2025

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WORK SHOULD START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WORKING AROUND FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND HALL RENTALS.

ALL BIDS MUST BE IN TO BE OPENED AT THE JUNE 2, 2025 COMPANY BUSINESS MEETING AT 7:00PM. THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, IN ITS COMPLETE DISCRETION WITH OUT ANY REASONS GIVEN.

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5/8; 5/15; 5/22; 5/29

NOTICE

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

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

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

5/15; 5/22; 5/29

Bring Your Household Hazardous Waste to the Monticello Transfer Station June 8

Free Dropoff Day for Sullivan County Residents Only

Monticello, NY - Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello is pleased to announce that Sullivan County is hosting a residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event next month.

Scheduled for Sunday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will be offered at the Monticello Transfer Station's Scale House area at 91 Landfill Drive.

"This is a great time to clean out your household chemicals," said Perrello. "These items can be dangerous to people and the environment if stored a long time or just thrown out with the rest of the trash."

The program is open to individuals with residences in Sullivan County ONLY - photo ID or other proof of residency will be required. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

This event is intended to collect and properly manage residentially-generated hazardous household materials like herbicides, pesticides, mercury-containing items, cleaning products, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, paints, solvents, acids, bases, automotive batteries, antifreeze and preservatives, just to name a few. Please note that tires, refrigerators, electronics, ammunition, radioactive material and medical waste will not be accepted at this event.

For any questions, contact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at 845-807-0291 or recycling@sullivanny.gov.

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About the Organization

When one thinks of performing arts in Sullivan County, the first name that comes to mind is Sullivan Performing Arts (SPA). For over 40 years, Sullivan Performing Arts (formerly known as, Sullivan County Arts Council) has been the premier performing arts organization in the county, providing audiences with a varied schedule of artistic performances, featuring performers from near and far. Whether the SPA stage is graced by artists of international fame or those yet-to-be famous, there is always a commitment to quality entertainment.

Organizer Marilyn Laufer Speaks at the 8th Annual Liberty Poetry Festival in 2016

Sullivan Performing Arts is the premier performing arts organization in the region. As we enter our twenty-ninth year, we continue to be committed to bringing the performing arts to a wide cross section of the population of Sullivan and her neighboring counties. Our performances have included classical ballet, modern and folk dance, drama, musical theater, popular, folk, and classical music. In addition to our adult performances, we provide a summer series of entertainment geared towards the whole family. We strive to educate as well as entertain and choose our performers to appeal to as many different segments of our population as possible.

Inner Urge Jazz Quartet performs at the "Concerts in the Park" series in LaPolt Park

In our endeavors to address the cultural interests and needs of our community, we have worked in partnership with several other institutions and organizations including: Sullivan County Community College, the Student Affairs Office of SCCC, the Elder Hostel Program of SCCC, the Liberty Museum and Arts Center, Public Radio Station WJFF and the various member organizations of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. We have served as an initial venue for several endeavors that have grown into independent entities including the Weekend of Chamber Music and the Shandeele Music Festival.

Jazz Poet Barry Walenstein performs with musician Steve Carlin at the Liberty Museum and Arts Center

Sullivan Performing Arts is dedicated to the revitalization of the Catskills region. Towards that end we have purchased and are in the process of renovating the Academy Theater in Liberty, NY. This site has recently been listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places. This project for

which we have employed the services of volunteers is the primary focus of our present work. We plan to make this our home for many of our upcoming performances, as well as make it available to others in the county who are seeking a venue for performances.

Swing Shift Orchestra performs at the "Concerts in the Park" series in LaPolt Park

Sullivan Performing Arts presents a free series, "Concerts in the Park." The concerts take place next to Lapolt Park on North Main Street in Liberty. Performances in the past include: Gary Nichols, The Swing Shift Orchestra, "I Remember Woodstock", Shakespeare in the Park, African Journey in the Park, Liberty Jazz Festival and the Liberty Poetry Festival. This year's special festival events include: Swing Shift Orchestra, "I Remember Woodstock" Symposium, The 13th Annual African Journey in the Park, The 9th Annual Liberty Jazz Festival and The 5th Annual Liberty Poetry Festival.

Join us again this summer. Bring your lawn chair! WJFF's Jason Dole interviews former Concord band leader Frank Petrocelli at a Liberty Museum event

Learn to Be a Lifeguard, or Recertify!

SC County Parks Office Offering Necessary Courses

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

Lifeguard/Lifeguard Recertification Courses

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

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

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CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (CPRO) Recertification Courses

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

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

See a full list of course dates offered and the registration form at the Parks & Recreation Department in the County Government Center or at <https://www.sullivanyny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation>.

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WHAT TO KNOW:

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June 7, 2025

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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

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/21/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
5/24/25	Sundown UMC Ladies Memorial Day Weekend Indoor Yard Sale Hot Dogs•Chips•Drinks available for sale
5/26/25	Town of Neversink Holiday MEMORIAL DAY 11:00am Flag Exchange Ceremony Grahamsville Rural Cemetery
6/3/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
6/7/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon
6/7/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church
6/10/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
6/11/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
6/19/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
6/19/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week Of

May 19 - May 23, 2025

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

Monday, May 19

- o **4:15 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Sole Member Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 895 2205 7880, Passcode: 541710
- o **4:30 PM** - (or immediately following EDA Sole Member Meeting) **Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Annual Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 885 0609 3335, Passcode: 476821
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, May 20

- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation**, in the Finance Conference Room, 4th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **4:30 PM - Audit Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston and via Legislature Livestream
- o **5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

- o **6:45 PM - Public Hearing On The Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2025 - 2026**
- o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands Owned by Ulster County Located At 21 Elizabeth Street, City Of Kingston To The Ulster County Housing Development Corporation, A Local Development Corporation**
- o Immediately Following Public Hearings - **Legislative Session**

Wednesday, May 21

- 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**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **10:00 AM** - (or immediately following IDA) **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline

Thursday, May 22

- o No Meetings

Friday, May 23

- o No Meetings



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The Secret World of Streams: Exploring Aquatic Insects

Discover the tiny creatures that reveal the secrets of our streams—food, crafts, and fun for the whole family!

Join us for The Secret World of Streams: Exploring Aquatic Insects on Saturday, June 14th from 12-3 PM at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds in Grahamsville, NY.

This event, led by biologist Frank Beres (NYC DEP) and co-hosted by the Rondout Neversink Stream Program and Town of Neversink Parks & Rec, invites kids and adults alike to explore freshwater science through hands-on stations focused on aquatic macroinvertebrates—tiny critters that play a big role in stream ecosystems. Participants will use real sampling tools to search for and identify fascinating species like mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies, learning how these organisms act as natural indicators of water quality.

Throughout the event, we'll explore the importance of stream habitats, how aquatic creatures fit into the food chain, and the presence of rare and sensitive species. Discussions and activities will highlight how this knowledge supports the goals of the Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in protecting and enhancing our local watersheds.

In addition to scientific exploration, families can enjoy free food and get creative with stream-themed crafts, making this a perfect blend of education and fun for all ages. Whether you're a budding biologist or just curious about your local environment, this event offers a memorable way to connect with nature and your community.

This event is free and registration is encouraged. The event will take place rain or shine, unless stream or weather conditions are deemed unsafe. In the event of a cancellation, registered participants will be notified. Participants may be asked to sign a waiver before entering the stream. We encourage attendees to wear clothing and footwear suitable for stream environments, such as water shoes or quick-drying apparel.

Frank Beres, Biologist- NYC Department of Environmental Protection – Frank Beres is a biologist from Port Ewen, New York and a water quality scientist for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in the Catskill Watershed. His expertise is in the identification of aquatic insects and their roles as bioindicators of habitat quality. Frank believes that appreciation for nature and biodiversity is inherent in everyone and is passionate about fostering such instincts through photos, outreach, and education.

Register Here!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5qBMvXPbYW_CloRdcdTuO3CGWYIOpg6cLE8pF2yJsNv0InWA/viewform

Native Species Spotlight:

Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)

The Trout Lily is a spring ephemeral native to eastern North America. It gets its name from the mottled, trout-like markings on its leaves. Each plant typically features one or two lance-shaped leaves and a single nodding, yellow flower with recurved petals.

Bloom Time:

March to May (varies by region)

Habitat:

Moist, rich woodlands and forest floors. Often found in large colonies.

Ecological Role:

- One of the first flowers to bloom in spring, providing an important nectar source for early-emerging pollinators like bees.

- Its presence typically indicates healthy, undisturbed forest soils.

Fun Fact:

Trout Lily colonies are often very old—some can be hundreds of years in the making, as the plant can spread slowly by underground corms!

The Secret World of Streams:
**EXPLORING
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Saturday, June 14
 12:00 - 3:00 PM
 **Grahamsville Fairgrounds,
8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY**

Town of Fallsburg to Host 2025 NAACP Sullivan County Branch Juneteenth Celebration at Morningside Park

Fallsburg, NY - [May 20, 2025] - The Town of Fallsburg is proud to announce that it will host this year's NAACP Sullivan County Branch Juneteenth Celebration on Thursday June 19, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Morningside Park. This community-wide event is free and open to all.

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The celebration is a time to honor the past, embrace cultural heritage, and promote unity and progress.

"We are honored to partner with the NAACP Sullivan County Branch to bring this important celebration to Morningside Park," said a spokesperson for the Town of Fallsburg. "This event reflects our shared commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion."

This year's Juneteenth event will feature live performances, speakers, vendors, cultural displays, youth activities, and community resources.

"This is more than a celebration-it's a moment to reflect, to educate, and to build bridges in our community. We are excited to host Juneteenth in Fallsburg and welcome everyone to be a part of this powerful day of unity. Each year we grow stronger and more connected as a community."

Juneteenth is a reminder of how far we've come and how far we still must go. This event is for everyone to learn, celebrate, and uplift one another. Our focus is the youth. It is imperative that children have good role models. They can listen to narratives of past and help them understand how we have overcome and triumphed! Events like these will help them learn to advocate and overcome any injustices that they may face and develop a true sense of community," said Alasha Santiago, Vice President of the NAACP Sullivan County Branch and Juneteenth Chairperson.

Event Details:

What: 2025 NAACP Sullivan County Branch
Juneteenth Celebration

When: Saturday, June 14, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: Morningside Park, 11 Hurleyville Road
Fallsburg NY

Admission: Free and open to the public

For more information or to get involved, please email Alasha Santiago at alashasantiago09@yahoo.com.

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Peter and the Wolf and Peer Gynt

(Monticello, NY & Narrowsburg, NY) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) invites families and music lovers of all ages to special performances featuring two beloved works that promise to enchant and inspire. SCCO will present a dynamic concert with a chamber arrangement of Sergei Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* alongside an original arrangement of Edvard Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*. Performances are Saturday, June 7th at 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (15 St. John St. Monticello, NY) and Sunday, June 8th at 1 p.m. at the Tusten Theater (210 Bridge St. Narrowsburg, NY) presented by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Tickets are available for Saturday at <https://linktr.ee/nesinculturalarts> and Sunday at <https://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/event/>. Tickets are also available at the door. There will be a bake sale during the event.

The program will open with Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*, arranged for chamber orchestra. Originally composed for Henrik Ibsen's play *Peer Gynt*, this four-movement suite reflects the dramatic and fantastical journey of its protagonist, *Peer Gynt*. The suite opens with the peaceful and dreamlike *Morning* theme, followed by the sorrowful *Aase's Death*. *Anitra's Dance* provides a lively contrast, and the concert will close with the rousing and iconic *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. Grieg's brilliant use of orchestration and his ability to evoke powerful emotions through music will transport the audience to a world of myth, mystery, and adventure.

SCCO provides enriching musical experiences for listeners of all ages, and this concert will also feature a special highlight: A celebration of youth talent. Students from the *Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM)* program, an educational initiative of SCCO. These talented young musicians were selected during an audition and will have the unique opportunity to perform solo pieces in front of a live audience, sharing the stage with the accomplished orchestra. The performance will showcase the dedication, passion, and skill of the next generation of musicians, inspiring both performers and listeners.

The concert will conclude with Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, one of the most enduring and delightful musical stories of all time. With its iconic themes for each character, Prokofiev's masterwork brings to life the brave young boy *Peter*, who, alongside his animal companions, confronts a fierce wolf in a daring adventure. Each character (*Peter*, the bird, the duck, the cat, the wolf, and even the hunters) is represented by a unique instrument, allowing listeners to connect to the personalities of the story through music. With its playful and engaging melodies, *Peter and the Wolf* offers a perfect introduction to orchestral music for young audiences while providing a captivating experience for listeners of all ages.

SCCO's mission is to inspire a vibrant cultural renaissance, fostering both economic growth and emotional well-being. SCCO strives to promote the arts as a means of strengthening the cultural fabric of our community and offering opportunities for all generations to connect, experience and grow through music.

Olive Free Library Association awarded \$52,000 by the New York State Council on the Arts for a Makerspace & Exhibition Space

West Shokan, NY - The Olive Free Library Association announced today a grant award totaling \$52,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the organization's *Makerspace & Exhibition Space* project. This grant is part of a capital project funding announcement by NYSCA, which totals over \$86 million to 134 capital projects across New York State.

Olive Free Library director Melissa McHugh said, "We are so excited to be selected to receive the NYSCA grant. Our plan is to construct a makerspace to provide a collaborative place for the community to come learn, explore and share different types of mediums. The space will also be used to showcase some of the works created there and within our community. We hope to offer classes in robotics, ceramics, sewing, 3D-printing, and quilting, among others."

"Our arts and culture sector is a powerhouse, inspiring the world with innovation and creativity," Governor Hochul said. "By investing in our museums, our theaters and our arts centers, we enrich our communities, strengthen local economies and improve tourism all over the State."

NYSCA Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "These transformative projects improve communities, drive tourism and foster innovation in the field. Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature's dedication to arts and culture, we are building a thriving future for our world-renowned creative sector. Congratulations to the Olive Free Library, NYSCA is a proud supporter of your contributions to New York's arts and culture."

About the New York State Council on the Arts The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award over \$161 million in FY 2026, serving hundreds of arts organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit www.arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help Shape the Future of Adirondack Brook Trout - DEC Plan & Angler Survey Open for Input

Dear Townsman Readers and APWCTU Members,

We wanted to share an important opportunity to support wild Brook Trout conservation in New York State - one that closely aligns with our own chapter's efforts surveying and protecting genetically distinct Brook Trout populations in the Catskills.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has released its Draft Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Management Plan, which is now open for public comment through June 13, 2025. This plan outlines proposed strategies for conserving and managing Brook Trout in remote Adirondack pond ecosystems - waters that, like our Catskill streams, are home to some of the last remaining wild populations of this iconic native species.

As part of this initiative, DEC has also launched a "Trek for Trout" campaign with an easy-to-use QR code angler survey. If you fish in the Adirondacks, your insights are especially valuable. The DEC is seeking input from anglers to improve data and strengthen stewardship of these sensitive fisheries.

What you can do:

- o Read the draft plan and provide comments before June 13
- o Participate in the QR code angler survey if you've fished Adirondack Brook Trout ponds
- o Share this with others who care about wild trout and wilderness waters

More information is available here:

DEC Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Management Plan webpage Help Shape the Future of Adirondack Brook Trout - DEC Plan & Angler Survey Open for Input <https://dec.ny.gov/search?text=DEC+Adirondack+Brook+Trout+Pond+Management+Plan+webpage+> (Or search: "Adirondack Brook Trout Pond Management - NYSDEC")

By participating, you're helping ensure the survival of native Brook Trout across New York - from our Catskills headwaters to the high-elevation ponds of the Adirondacks.

Thank you for your continued support and stewardship.

Tight lines,

On behalf of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Governor Ayotte Should Attend Meeting

I have been a New Hampshire Independent for decades, and I typically have voted for republicans and democrats starting with supporting JFK in 1960. I was hesitant to vote for Kelly Ayotte for governor in the last election because I was concerned she would not put New Hampshire first and ahead of partisan politics. Unfortunately, this concern came true when Governor Ayotte turned down an invitation to meet with other governors and Canadian premieres.

Five New England governors, four democrats and one republican, plus the governor of New York, voted to meet as a group with Canadian premieres to discuss improving trade relations between the six states and Canadian provinces. New Hampshire will be AWOL.

The six New England states plus New York conduct about \$73 trillion in trade annually with Canada. Canada is Maine's top trading partner at \$6 trillion, and Canada is New Hampshire's second leading trading country at \$3 trillion. New York is at \$38 trillion and Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island account for \$26 trillion. Additionally, the tourist industry heavily relies on Canadian visitors, especially in the Summer.

Governor Ayotte should attend the governors meeting to provide her perspective on trade between the United States and Canada instead of sitting it out. She should be taking the high road for the state of New Hampshire.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH

Rupert Wates at Arts Nest Delaware Valley Opera Saturday May24, 2025 from 7-9pm

Rupert Wates was born in London, UK, and has been based in the US since 2007. He signed a publishing deal with Eaton Music (London) in 1994 and has been a full time songwriter ever since. He has won over 50 songwriting and performing awards. In 2018 he performed as a Finalist in the Kerrville New Folk Song Contest, and an Emerging Artist at Falconridge Folk Festival. He was voted 'Artist Of The Year' by the Listening Room Network in both 2013 and 2016. More than 30 of his songs have been covered by other artists, including two full length tribute albums to his material recorded by independent artists in Nashville and Los Angeles.

He has released 12 solo albums, tracks from which have been played on radio worldwide. He averages 120 live shows a year, in every state in the US, in Canada and in Europe.

The Critics say:

'PURE CLASS' (<http://musicriot.co.uk/album/lamentations-rupert-wates/>)

'TIMELESS' (<https://www.planetcountry.it/rupert-wates-lamentations/>)

Governor Hochul Visits Seneca National and Issues Formal Apology for New York State's Role in Operating Thomas Indian School

- **Governor Hochul and President J. Conrad Seneca Meet With Survivors and Those Still Impacted by Thomas Indian School's Atrocities**
- **Governor Hochul Tours Site of Former Thomas Indian School Where Seneca Nation's Administration Offices Are Currently Located**
- **Builds on Governor Hochul's Commitment to Supporting and Strengthening Relationships with Indigenous Peoples Across the State**

Governor Kathy Hochul visited the Cattaraugus Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians to issue a formal apology for New York State's role in the operation of the Thomas Indian School. Today's visit fulfills a pledge she made to President J. Conrad Seneca during a visit Nation leaders made to Albany earlier this year. Governor Hochul met with President Seneca and other leaders of the Seneca Nation before sitting down with survivors and those families still impacted by the atrocities that occurred at the Thomas Indian School. The event took place on the site of the current Seneca Nation Administration Campus which used to house the Thomas Indian School.

"In order to move forward and avoid repeating the sins of the past, New York must acknowledge its role in the historical atrocities committed at the Thomas Indian School - and the enduring trauma that was inflicted upon the Senecas and all Indigenous peoples across New York," Governor Hochul said. "Today, on behalf of the State of New York, I apologize to the Seneca Nation of Indians - and the survivors and descendants from all Nations - who attended the Thomas Indian School. We cannot change the horrors of the past, but I recommit to the truth, justice, reconciliation, accountability, and healing that are so essential to move forward together."

Seneca Nation President J.C. Seneca said, "Today is an important reckoning with a very dark and tragic period in history. It is a day that many people thought would never happen. Healing takes time, but it also requires accountability for the pain that people caused. We still feel the pain. Now, with Governor Hochul's words of apology, our healing process can continue."

Originally established by Presbyterian missionaries on the Cattaraugus Territory in 1855, Thomas Indian School was owned and operated by the State of New York from 1875 until it closed in 1957. Thomas Indian School, and other residential boarding schools across the United States and Canada, operated under the government's policy of forced assimilation of Native children.

At least 2,500 children from various Indigenous Nations were separated from their families and forced to attend the school. Children from the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Oneida, Onondaga, Mohawk, Poospatuck

(Unkechaug), Shinnecock, and other Indigenous Nations passed through the doors of the school. Some of those children never returned home. They were stripped of the traditional language and culture, and suffered abuse, violence, hatred, and sometimes death, at the hands of school officials. Thousands of children are known to have died at the residential boarding schools. It is believed that the deaths of hundreds - if not thousands - more were never documented. The devastating impacts the boarding schools had on Native American families and communities, including the decimation of family structures and traditional language, are still keenly felt today.

Today's visit is another example of Governor Hochul's commitment to supporting and strengthening relationships with Indigenous peoples across the state. As part of this commitment, Governor Hochul has:

- o Convened leaders from the Indigenous Nations across New York State for a historic summit at the New York State Capitol in Albany.
- o Appointed Elizabeth Rule as the State's First Deputy Secretary for Indigenous Nations.
- o Visited the Onondaga Nation Longhouse. Governor Kathy Hochul made a historic visit to the Onondaga Longhouse - the first visit by a sitting Governor in more than half a century - for a conversation with Onondaga Nation leaders, including Tadodaho Sid Hill, representatives of the Council of Chiefs, and Clan Mothers.
- o Returned more than 1,000 Acres of Land to the Onondaga Nation. Governor Kathy Hochul, joined by United States Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Onondaga Nation Tadodaho Sidney Hill, announced a historic agreement as part of the Onondaga Lake Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program that will return more than 1,000 acres of scenic land to the Nation. As Natural Resource Trustees for the settlement with Honeywell International, Inc., the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service signed a resolution that directs Honeywell to transfer the title to more than 1,000 acres of open space in Central New York's Tully Valley to the Onondaga Nation - one of the largest returns of land by any state to an Indigenous nation.
- o Proposed to strengthen the stability of Indigenous Families by directing Deputy Secretary Rule to advance, in consultation with Nation leadership and stakeholders, strategies to strengthen the objectives of the Indian Child Welfare Act, underscoring New York's commitment to redressing injustices inflicted upon Indigenous communities.
- o Ensured dental care access for Indigenous Nations including \$2.5 million in funding for Indigenous Nations dental health care, with the aim of addressing gaps in access.
- o Responded to offensive representations by commencing a comprehensive review of artistic representation of Indigenous peoples in the Capitol, with invited participation from representatives from each of the nine Indigenous Nations to ensure that all New Yorkers are welcomed in the State Capitol.



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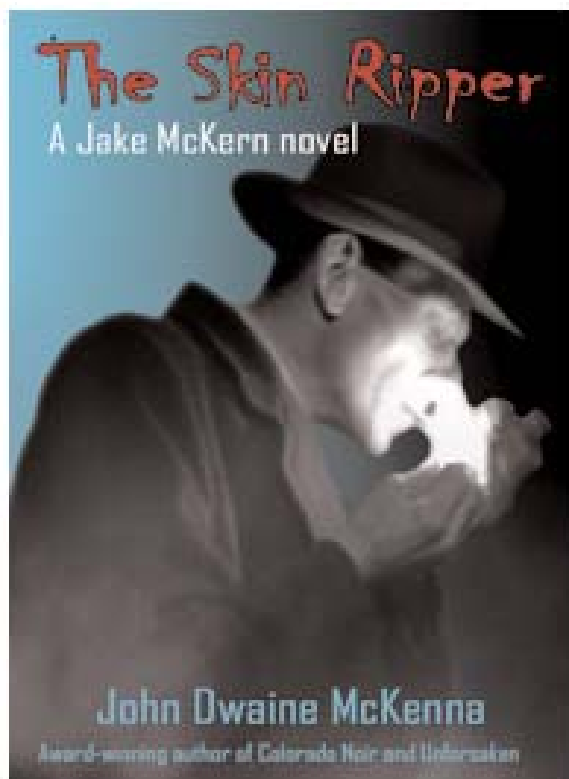
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Sat., May 17: Hike to Echo Rock and through the Meadows at Minnewaska at Minnewaska State Park Preserve

Sat., May 17: Ready, Set, Trek: Backpacking Basics for New Adventurers at the Adirondack Interpretive Center

Tue., May 20: Nature at Night - Reinstein Woods at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center

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Sat., May 24: Lenoir Nature Preserve to Untermyer Gardens Walk at Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park

Sat., May 24: Hike Through History at Niagara Falls State Park

Thurs., May 29: I BIRD NY: Early Birders at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

Sat., May 31: Celebrating Black Birders Week: Birding at Tivoli Lake Preserve and Five Rivers at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

Sat., May 31: Black Birders Event at John Brown Farm State Historic Site

Sun., May 25 - Sat., May 31- Black Birders Week 2025_ Sun., June 1: Voorheesville Family Bike Day in Voorheesville, NY.

Wed., June 4: CANYON VIEWS: Upper to Lower Falls at Humphrey Nature Center at Letchworth

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Town of New Windsor Orange County

Hunting Related Shooting Incident: On May 13 at 11:10 a.m., Forest Ranger Jahn responded to a call about a turkey hunter who was shot in the face with birdshot in Stewart State Forest. The victim was injured but able to call 911. With New York State Police leading the investigation, eight Forest Rangers worked with DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers and Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and multiple police departments to secure the scene. At 12 p.m., the wounded hunter was transported by Medivac to Westchester Medical Center. Thanks to the collaboration of all involved, a suspect was identified and taken into State Police custody. Anyone with information is asked to call New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations in Montgomery at 845-344-5300.

Town of Shawangunk Ulster County

Wilderness Recovery: On May 15 at 7 a.m., New York University (NYU) Campus Safety contacted Ray Brook Dispatch for assistance with a missing student. The 20-year-old had last been seen on May 12. His roommate indicated the student was upset when he left. The following day, the subject sent a picture of



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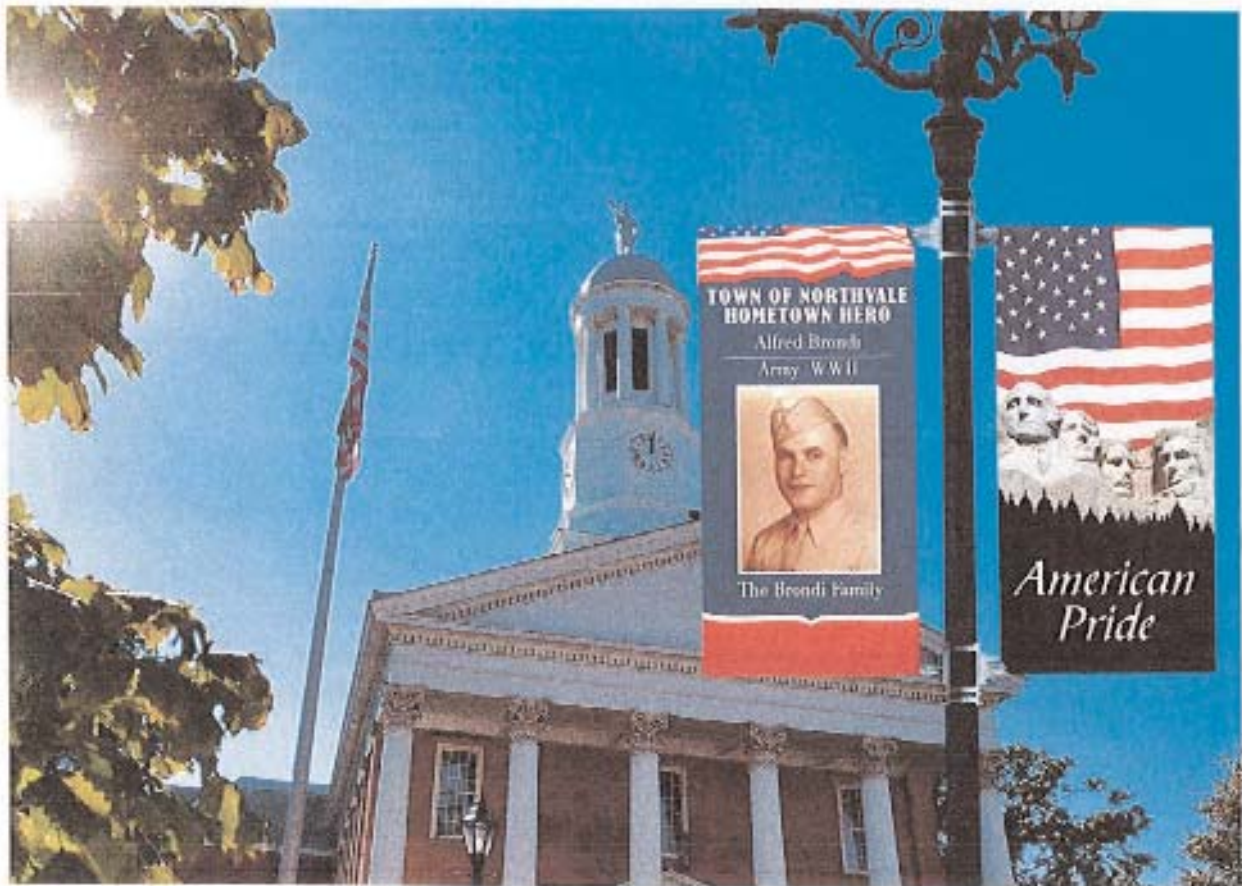
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himself hiking on the Shawangunk Ridge. Rangers were joined by New York State Police (NYSP) and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. By 1:45 p.m., NYSP was using K9s, drones, and a helicopter. At 2:45 p.m., crews located the subject deceased below the cliff line of Gertrude's Nose trail. Rangers and Parks staff

set up a high angle rope recovery to raise the subject up the 90-foot cliff. Once at the top of the cliff, crews carried the subject approximately one mile out of the woods where they met the Ulster County Medical Examiner. Resources were clear at 8:30 p.m.

If you or someone you know needs mental health assistance, help is available. 988 is a free 24-hour hotline to call or text anywhere in New York. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.



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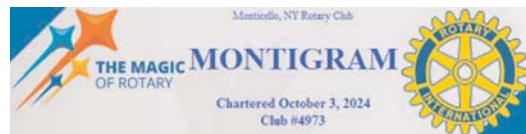
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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

The Monti Rotary End of Year Rush is officially on. Please remember to mark your calendars for June 17th for our Fabulous Chicken Bar-B-Q and Scholarship Awards Presentation.

Guest Speaker:

A long standing tradition for Monticello Rotary, is the support of the Sullivan County Sheriff Offices' DARE Program.

Sheriff Mike Schiff, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, and Sgt.

Rose Ionta were on hand at our meeting to share DARE updates from throughout Sullivan County.

The Club was proud to once again donate a check in the amount of \$750 to support this essential Youth Services Program in our community. Please see full story below.



Rotary Program for this Week - Annual Membership Meeting -

Discussion and updates on current membership club trends and next steps.

Agenda for May 20, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Dr. Peter Chester
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Rotary Annual Membership Meeting (See above)
5. Committee Reports:
 - Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller
 - Rotary Day of Service - Food Drive for United Way
 - RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James
 - Rotary Radio - Rick Stein
 - BBQ - Alex Rey

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

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZanR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09>

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Rotary Scholarship Interviews (Round 2) at Marty's Office, May 20, 2025 5pm - 6:25pm

Monster Run Committee Meeting - Albella Restaurant, May 27, 2025 5:30pm

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

DeHoyas Park Rotary Pavilion, Monticello.

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

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

With Rotary Pride,
 Lori Orestano-James

President Monticello Rotary 2024-2025

Stories

Monticello Rotary Supports DARE

The Monticello Rotary Club was pleased to present a check for \$750, to Sheriff Mike Schiff and his team (Undersheriff Eric



Chaboty and Sgt. Rose Ionta - Youth Division) to support the DARE program. Monti Rotary has been a longtime supporter of the Sullivan County Sheriff Offices' DARE program. As a matter of fact, the Monticello Rotary Club was instrumental in bringing the DARE Program to Sullivan County.

In 1988-89, Richard Sush was the First Vice President for Monticello Rotary Club. As incoming President for the 1989-90 year, he had the responsibility to choose a project for the service club to work on during his presidency. Since his background is in counseling, he felt strongly about finding a program/project focused on the drug abuse issues of the day as the club's goal for his year as President. He researched options and discovered a program which had education of students and police in schools as the foundation of the program that he liked - DARE.

Over the years, some amazing law enforcement leaders such as Cheryl Crumley, Don Starnier, Willie Van Hage, Jason Corley, and Luis Alvarez to name a few, have ensured that all 5th grade students in Sullivan County have the opportunity to become a DARE Graduate.

When Sheriff Mike Schiff took office in 2005, he made a commitment the Sullivan County Community to be sure the DARE Program would be rebuilt and supported as part of an effort to provide youth services in Sullivan County. He created a Youth Division in Sullivan County to provide DARE, School Resource Officers, Summer Camp Initiatives, Professional Development to Sheriff Deputies in working with youth, and networked across the county creating a strong working relationship with youth services providers.

Monticello Rotary is proud to remain a partner in the DARE Program with Sheriff Schiff and his team. Some say that DARE doesn't work. Monticello Rotary President Lori James who presented the donation on behalf of Monticello Rotary responds to that opinion stating, "The reality is, if just one life is influenced for good in the anti-drug message and more importantly, the positive choices taught through this program, then that is a life helped and saved. And, that is the very definition of success."

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Sheriff Schiff and his team spoke to the Monticello Rotary Club to give an update on DARE and Youth Services available to our schools and community. Sheriff Schiff thanked the club for its unwavering support of DARE all the years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ashamed of and kept quiet. But Rotary members are recognizing the gaps in understanding and resources and are stepping up to help.

Facts to Know:

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

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

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

There are 800,000 deaths per year from suicide.

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

A mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning.

Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life.

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

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

Text: 62640

Chat: nami.org/help

Email: helpline@nami.org

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

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

Taste of Sullivan Sweet Taste of Success

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

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

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

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

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

Photos from the event below. To catch an additional glimpse of some amazing moments, please visit: <http://photos.app.goo.gl/5HmfSxfVoR86CQn8>



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

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

**Museum and Library Parking Lot
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- ♦ *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- ♦ Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
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Name: _____

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call us at**

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

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



Flea Market/Craft Fair

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

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



Vendors Wanted

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

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

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Honoring our Law Enforcement during National Police Week

Honoring Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office

Honoring Deputy Cailee Campbell of the Oswego County Sheriff's Office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIDTXOjfLg8>

National Police Week is a time for our country to come together to honor the law enforcement officers who serve, have served, and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Each and every day, I work to support our law enforcement officers, but it is especially important this week, I sought to show my appreciation for our nation's police officers through my legislative work and honoring NY-24's fallen on the House Floor.

This week, we voted on multiple pieces of legislation that strengthen protections for law enforcement by enhancing data collection on attacks against police, expanding law enforcement's access to firearms that they were trained to use, and broadening the ability of qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms. I also introduced the Local Law Enforcement Protection Act to protect qualified immunity for police officers serving at the state and local levels nationwide. Police officers who put their lives on the line every day should be able to do their jobs without the constant threat of senseless lawsuits.

In honor of the memory of Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello and Deputy Cailee Campbell, who gave their lives in service to our community, I shared remarks about their service on the House Floor.

Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office served his beloved community as a police officer for 32 years, was twice recognized as officer of the year, and was heavily involved with the New York State Sheriffs Association, Stop DWI, and Shop with a Cop. He was tragically killed while responding to a call in the early hours of March 10, 2024.

Congresswoman Tenney Honors Deputy Sheriff Cailee Campbell on the House Floor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70fKTJbTsyg>

Deputy Cailee Campbell began her career in law enforcement with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer before attending the Syracuse Police Academy. In April 2023, she joined the Oswego County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. On September 25, 2024, she was tragically struck in a T-bone collision and later succumbed to her injuries.

Their bravery and sacrifice will never be forgotten, and we remain forever indebted to them. On behalf of the people of New York's 24th Congressional District, we offer our deepest gratitude and heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, and loved ones. Today, and every day, I will stand with our men and women in blue to ensure they are treated like the heroes they are.

You can view my remarks for Sergeant Sanfratello here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIDTXOjfLg8>

You can view my remarks for Deputy Campbell here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70fKTJbTsyg>

Moving Forward with President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZHJ4A1zU8Y>

This week, following a marathon markup, the House Ways and Means Committee voted to advance our portion of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill to deliver on President Trump's America First agenda. This landmark legislation makes several aspects of the 2017 Trump Tax Cuts permanent, including reduced tax rates for individuals and families, the doubled standard deduction, and the doubled child tax credit. Not only did we extend this tax relief for families and prevent a 25% tax hike on taxpayers in NY-24, but we also made permanent the 199A Small Business Deduction that was set to expire at the end of 2025, protecting 40,720 small businesses in NY-24 from being hit with a 43.4% tax rate. While this legislation did not include all of my initiatives, including the New Markets Tax Credit, Technology for Energy Security Act, BASIC Act, Susan Muffley Act, the High-Quality Charter Schools Act and various other legislative priorities, this bill ensures that American families, workers, and businesses do not face the largest tax hike in history in the history of our country. House Republicans are moving ahead with President Trump's One, Big, Beautiful bill, working to solidify the promises we made to the American people by strengthening our economy and providing direct tax relief to families, farmers, and small businesses in rural America.

Highlights of this portion of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill include language to:

- Make the 2017 Trump Tax Cuts permanent, preventing a 25% tax hike on taxpayers in NY-24
- Renew and make permanent the 199A small business deduction critical for the success of Main Street
- Save the average American family \$1,700, the equivalent of 9 weeks of groceries
- Establish Savings Accounts for newborns
- Repeal the 1099-K gig worker, which would require Venmo, PayPal, and gig transactions over \$600 to be reported to the IRS
- Enhance the Opportunity Zone program to create over \$100 billion in new investments in 10 years
- Delivers on President Trump's promise of no tax on tips and no tax on overtime
- Create 6 million jobs for American workers
- Extend and expand the doubled Death Tax Exemption for 2 million family-owned farms
- Terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist-supporting organizations

Protecting Second Amendment Rights for New Yorkers

The Second Amendment is not a suggestion; it is a Constitutional guarantee. Yet Albany Democrats have orchestrated an all-out assault on our Second Amendment rights by enacting and enforcing a sweeping regime of laws that strip law-abiding citizens of their firearms. This week, I sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi calling on the Department of Justice to swiftly investigate New York's unconstitutional gun laws and uphold New Yorkers' Second Amendment rights. I will continue working with the Trump administration to defend this Constitutional Right for all law-abiding citizens.

READ MORE: Tenney, Stefanik Call on DOJ to Investigate NY Gun Laws

<https://www.fingerlakesdailynews.com/regional-state-congressional/tenney-stefanik-call-on-doj-to-investigate-ny-gun-laws> (Contd. Pg. 54)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 53) **Supporting Local Restaurants, Bars, and Breweries with the CHEERS Act**

Local bars and restaurants are at the heart of our country's Main Street economy, and this rings true for Upstate New York. This is why I introduced the Hospitality Economic Enhancement for Restaurants and Servers (CHEERS) Act to support the beer industry by providing incentives to expand tap lines and keg equipment on commercial properties, supporting growth in our local hospitality and brewing industries. New York's 24th Congressional District benefits from over 5,327 jobs in the beer industry, including 488 brewing jobs, 354 distributing jobs, 2,030 retail jobs, 288 agriculture jobs, and 298 manufacturing jobs, creating \$367.7 million in wages and benefits. By providing targeted tax relief, this legislation will empower our bars and restaurants to expand, keep, and retain staff, and continue serving the best beer in New York. I will continue to stand with our small businesses and restaurants to keep the spirit of Main Street alive and thriving.

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

H.R. 3070, the Canadian Snowbird Act: This bill extends the duration that Canadian citizens who own or lease a residence in the United States may stay, from 182 days to 240 days annually. Canadian residents contribute billions of dollars each year to our tourism, small businesses, and local economies, especially in NY-24. By allowing more time for Canadians to visit the U.S., we will establish a greater economic partnership and help our local communities thrive.

H.R. 3208, the No Official Palestine Entry (NOPE) Act: This bill limits federal funds to the United Nations (UN) and any other organizations that provide any status, rights, or privileges beyond "observer status" to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). This legislation aims to align with our national security priorities and collaborate with the Trump administration to prevent the wasteful expenditure of taxpayer dollars. As the PLO continues to promote antisemitism and incite terrorism in the region, this bill seeks to safeguard taxpayer dollars going to corrupt organizations.

H.R.3129, the Police Officers Protecting Children Act: This bill would amend the U.S. Code to allow certain law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms in school zones. Our law enforcement officers are trained to prioritize the safety of the community and are highly qualified to own and carry firearms. Schools often utilize retired law enforcement and this legislation ensures the protection of our children.

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.

Tuesday, May 13

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res. 30, Expressing support for local law enforcement officers. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to defend 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 by our local law enforcement officers and honors the memory of the officers that have fallen in the line of duty. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 411-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 249, To redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. Former Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. represented New Jersey in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1997 until his death in 2024. He served alongside me on the House Ways and Means Committee, and although we didn't see eye to eye on most issues, I applaud his extraordinary and enduring commitment to public service. This bill passed by a vote of 362-50, with two members voting present.

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Wednesday, May 14

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2215, the Salem Maritime National Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study Act. This bill redesignates the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the "Salem Maritime National Historical Park." It would also require the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a boundary study of sites and resources associated with maritime history, military history, and coastal defense in the Salem area to assess the suitability and feasibility of adding these sites to the boundary of the renamed National Historical Park. This bill passed by a vote of 382-31.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2243, the LEOSA Reform Act. Our law enforcement officers work to keep our communities safe, both when on-duty and off-duty. The LEOSA Reform Act allows qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms in areas where concealed carry is traditionally prohibited, such as national parks and federal facilities. Law enforcement officers have proven their trustworthiness and ability to keep our communities safe and should not be unnecessarily restricted from carrying a concealed weapon that could be used to save lives. H.R. 2243 passed the House by a vote of 229-193.

Thursday, May 15

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 352, 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, anti-Semitism has dramatically risen across the country, particularly at college campuses. This important resolution calls on all elected officials and civil society leaders to condemn anti-Semitism and work to ensure the safety and security of Jewish communities. H.Res. 352 passed the House by a vote of 421-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2255 the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act. Under current practice, federal law enforcement agencies needlessly destroy service weapons after they are retired from official use, at a cost to taxpayers. This bill allows law enforcement officers to purchase their service weapon after the weapon is officially retired, which not only saves taxpayers the cost of salvaging the weapon but brings in revenue. In addition to creating a revenue source, this commonsense bill also provides our law enforcement officers with a way of protecting themselves and their families with a tool that they already have extensive training with. This bill passed the House by a vote of 234-182.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2240, Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act. Law enforcement officers across the United States face increasing threats and violence due to the radical "defund and demoralize the police" movement. However, we currently lack sufficient data to determine the best methods to address the physical and mental impacts of this violence on our law enforcement officers. H.R. 2240 will require the U.S. Department of Justice to develop reports related to violent attacks on law enforcement, the efficacy of current data collection, and the efficacy of existing programs to support law enforcement officers. This commonsense bill will improve our ability to support law enforcement officers and ensure they have every tool necessary to protect our communities. H.R. 2240 passed the House by a vote of 403-11.



It was another eventful week, and I wanted to take a moment to update our Hudson Valley community on all the work I'm doing to make our home more affordable, more safe, and more free.

HONORING HUDSON VALLEY COPS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

This week was National Police Week.

I want to thank all of our police officers for their service to our communities and tireless work to protect Hudson Valley families.

Great to meet with Ulster & Orange County Sheriff's Deputies & join them to honor fallen TNPd hero Sergeant Bill McLean.

Thank you for coming down to D.C.

I will always fight for Hudson Valley law enforcement. Our local police departments are entrusted with the enormous responsibility of keeping our communities safe, but far too often they lack the resources they need. I'm leading the charge to bolster public safety for Hudson Valley families.

The Invest to Protect Act will provide additional training to keep officers safe, as well as fund recruitment and retention support. When we take care of our cops, our kids, our communities, and our country are all safer.

Read more about the Invest to Protect Act: Congressman Pat Ryan Leads Bipartisan Legislation to Support Hudson Valley Police Departments

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-leads-bipartisan-legislation-support-hudson-valley-police>

FIGHTING TO END HUDSON VALLEY RAIL CROSSING DEATHS

We have thousands of miles of freight and passenger rail in the Hudson Valley, and more than a hundred railroad crossings in NY-18 alone.

Way too many of those crossings are in desperate need of safety upgrades. Several are completely ungated, lack warning lights, and have led to numerous fatal, avoidable crashes over the years.

We cannot allow these tragic accidents to continue - that's why I'm pushing to not only renew the program, but get more funding to communities across the region, just like we did for Port Jervis.

I'm going to keep fighting with all I've got for this program that saves lives across the Hudson Valley and entire country.

Read the full press release: In Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing, Congressman Pat Ryan Pushes to Renew Critical Safety Program, Prevent Hudson Valley Rail Crossing Deaths

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/transportation-and-infrastructure-committee-hearing-congressman-pat-ryan>

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

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

Whether you need help navigating your Social Security benefits, have questions about your taxes, or are worried about

your health care, my team is here to help - come to an event near you!

This week, we'll be in Plattekill on Tuesday the 20th, and Poughkeepsie on Saturday the 24th. Check out the details below, and find an event near you!

You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van and view the full schedule here: Amid Unprecedented Threats to Medicaid and Other Federal Programs, Congressman Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van to Provide Direct Assistance Across the Hudson Valley in May

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

FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM TO DRINK CLEAN WATER

PFAS pollution is a public health crisis.

Every Hudson Valley family should have the freedom to drink clean water, without fear of forever-chemical contamination.

I'll keep fighting to make that the reality.

BUILDING A MORE AFFORDABLE HUDSON VALLEY

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

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

No parent should have to choose between putting a roof over their head or food on the table.

But if we don't take action against the affordability crisis, that's exactly what will happen.

I'm fighting to make sure NO Hudson Valley family is left out in the cold.

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

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

CELEBRATING A HUDSON VALLEY OLYMPIAN

A HISTORIC WOMEN'S HEALTH ANNIVERSARY

65 years ago this week, the FDA approved the first birth control pill.

Today, amid unprecedented attacks on reproductive freedom, it is more important than ever that we protect access to this life-saving medication.

CONGRATULATING MAUREEN HALAHAN ON HER RETIREMENT

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niSK0MDGwnA>

For more than two decades, Maureen Halahan has worked every day to make the Hudson Valley a better place to live and work, helping small business owners in Orange County finance, grow, and staff their businesses.

Thank you, Maureen, for your decades of service to our community!

GET YOUR REAL ID

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

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

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CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY WITH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

HONORING MARTHA STREVER'S 64-YEAR TEACHING CAREER

Last week my team proudly presented Red Hook's Martha Strever with a Congressional Record in honor of her incredible 64 year teaching career in the Hudson Valley.

We thank Martha & all Hudson Valley teachers for their service to our community.

GRANTS CORNER APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

FY2025 Regional Food System Partnerships Program (RFSP)

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

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

Applications are due on June 27, 2025.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Request for Proposals

Acres for America 2025

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

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

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

Northeast Forests and Rivers Fund 2025

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

Full Proposal Due Date: June 26, 2025, 11:59 PM EDT

2025 COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

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

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

2025 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

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

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

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

FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competi-

tive grant program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and Implementation Grants.

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

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

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

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

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

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

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

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

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

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

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

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

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Last week, both chambers of the New York State Legislature passed a bloated \$254 billion state budget for 2025-2026 filled with misplaced priorities, reckless spending, and a continued disregard for our rural upstate communities and public safety.

There were a few bright spots, including universal free breakfast and lunch in schools, continued investments in school-based health centers, and \$5 million in new grant funding for meat processing facilities. I fought hard for these wins, both in committee and on the Senate Floor, and they directly support our families and small business across upstate New York.

Unfortunately, these positives were drastically overshadowed by its much larger failures. This budget is completely disconnected from the needs of everyday New Yorkers. While families are struggling to pay utility bills and put food on the table, Governor Hochul and her allies were far too busy cutting backroom deals to gut three more correctional facilities. A move that disproportionately affects upstate municipalities while ignoring the real public safety problems we face. This isn't reform, its retreat.

The most egregious item of all is a hidden \$10 million appropriation to cover the legal defense of Attorney General Letitia James, who is under FBI investigation for mortgage tax fraud. That's \$10 million of your tax dollars used for a legal slush fund instead of fixing roads, supporting farmers, or growing local small businesses.

Once again, the Governor and Majority legislative leaders have chosen politics over people. I will continue to stand up for the 51st District and fight to bring common sense back to Albany. We must get back to basics: safe streets, strong schools, lower taxes, and an economy that works for all New Yorkers.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or need help navigating a state agency, please reach out. You can email us at Oberacker@NYSenate.gov or call our office at (607) 432-5524

Sincerely,
Peter Oberacker

This week, a bill I proudly co-sponsor, S1239B, passed the Agriculture Committee.

As the only food scientist in the New York State Legislature, this bill caught my attention immediately. Before public service, I spent decades in the food manufacturing industry, developing products for schools, working with nutritional guidelines, and making sure food was both safe and effective. So when I saw this proposal, I didn't just look at it as a lawmaker. I looked at it as someone who's been in the kitchen, on the plant floor, and inside the science.

This legislation bans three harmful chemicals: Red Dye #3, Potassium Bromate, and Propylparaben from being sold in food in New York. This bill also ensures these additives are removed from food served in our schools. These substances have been linked to

health concerns, especially in children, and have no place in our school lunches or on our shelves.

I can tell you firsthand from my experience, there are safer, better alternatives available.

The bill also takes an important step nationally by closing a loophole in federal law that allows companies to quietly add chemicals to food without FDA oversight. We're not banning everything, but we are requiring disclosure to our state agriculture department. That's reasonable, responsible, and just common sense.

This bill is a thoughtful, achievable step proving good ideas don't have to come with a party label. I was proud to lend my voice and my expertise to this effort, and I'm proud to see it move forward as we do what's right for the health and safety of all New Yorkers.

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

Senator Oberacker Honors Worcester Community Leader Pam Kenyon as 2025 Woman of Distinction

This week, I had the distinct honor of recognizing Pamela Kenyon as the 2025 New York State Woman of Distinction from the 51st Senate District.

Pam represents the very best of our community, our county, and our state. She's a tireless advocate for her neighbors and a shining example of what it means to turn challenge into triumph. Her story isn't just inspiring—it embodies the values that make our upstate communities so resilient and strong.

Pam's journey is a testament to hard work and perseverance. She began her career in 1986 as a secretary at Kenyon Insurance, a small business right in Worcester. As a young mother of three, she worked full-time during the day and took night classes to earn her brokerage license. Through years of dedication, she eventually became the proud owner of the company in 2015. Under her leadership, Kenyon Insurance has become a cornerstone of the region-respected, reliable, and community-driven.

But Pam's contributions extend far beyond her professional achievements. She is deeply involved in her community, always willing to lend a hand or quietly support a good cause. Local organizations, like the Worcester Baseball Organization, have praised her generosity and unwavering spirit, calling her commitment "truly inspiring."

Her courage during her battle with breast cancer is another chapter in her remarkable story. Even in the face of incredible adversity, she never lost sight of her responsibilities to her family, her business, or her neighbors. Today, she uses her voice to support The Breast Cancer Foundation and uplift others walking that same difficult path.

Pam never seeks the spotlight, but her actions speak louder than any words ever could. She is a role model, a survivor, and a true leader. I know her story will continue to inspire many for generations to come.

Congratulations, Pam. You've made us all proud.

Celebrating the Village of Margaretville's 150th Anniversary on the Senate Floor

Last week, the State Senate recognized an important milestone in the history of Delaware County—the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Margaretville. I was proud to welcome Mayor John Hubbell, Trustees Iris Mead and Sarah Hubbell, Village Historian Diane Galusha, and Middletown Town Supervisor Glen Faulkner to the State Capitol for this special occasion. Their presence was a fitting tribute to the generations of public servants and dedicated residents who have helped shape the village over the past century and a half. (Contd. Pg. 58)

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Milestone anniversaries like this offer a meaningful opportunity not only to reflect on a community's proud past, but also to recommit ourselves to its future. For 150 years, Margaretville has stood as a resilient and vibrant community rooted in the values of hard work, neighborly spirit, and local pride. Through floods, economic changes, and the many challenges of rural life, the people of Margaretville have always come together, stronger each time.

As we look ahead, I have every confidence that the next 150 years will be just as remarkable. When a future Senator stands in Albany to commemorate Margaretville's 300th anniversary, I hope they see what I see today: a community that embraces its heritage, empowers its people, and continues to play a vital role in the fabric of New York State.

Watch Here

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

What's Happening in the 51st District?

Boy Scout Troop 101 Announces Three New Eagle Scouts

Learn More <https://riverreporter.com/stories/fly-like-an-eagle-soar-like-a-scout,197368>

Otsego County Passes Animal Abuse Registry Law

Learn More

https://www.facebook.com/OtsegoSheriff/photos/d41d8cd9/1038083885085961/?_rdr

SUNY Cobleskill Hosts Third Annual Entrepreneur Expo

Learn More

<https://web.cobleskill.edu/media/2025/05/12/for-a-third-year-the-empire-state-entrepreneurship-expo-continues-to-grow/>

This Week in Albany

Milford Central School 6th Graders Tour the Capitol

Chat with Advocates from Homeschool New York

Sen. Oberacker Fights for Substance Use Disorder Funding

Meeting with Agribusiness & Farm Bureau Leaders

Social Media Spotlights

National Police Week in the 51st District!

Happy National Police Week to all the incredible law enforcement officers serving across the 51st District!

This week, let's send a loud and clear THANK YOU to the men and women who wear the badge - those who run toward danger, stand up for justice, and work selflessly to keep our communities safe. Your service and sacrifice do not go unnoticed and we proudly back the blue!

Celebrating Skilled Trades at BOCES!

We celebrated National Skilled Trades Day and I wanted to give a HUGE shoutout to the incredible BOCES programs across the 51st Senate District that are preparing the next generation

of our workforce to succeed in high-demand careers.

We're proud of our skilled trades programs and even prouder of the students and educators driving them forward!

Schenevus FD Honors 50 Year Members!

I was happy to be back home to celebrate two extraordinary members of the C.H. Graham Hose Company-Paul Smith and Eugene Tessitore!

Paul and Eugene have reached an incredible 50 years of dedicated service to our volunteer fire department. I was proud to join the Schenevus community in recognizing their decades of commitment and to present them with a Senate proclamation marking the occasion.

Congratulations, Paul and Eugene!

Senator Oberacker in the News

Central Hudson's Proposed Rate Hikes Face Fierce Pushback

Read Here

<https://hudsonvalleyone.com/2025/05/14/central-hudsons-proposed-rate-hikes-face-fierce-pushback/>

Liberals and Conservatives Join Forces to Regulate Food Additives

Read Here

https://gothamist.com/news/new-york-food-regulation-maharfk?fbclid=IwY2xjawKS1jtleHRuA2FlbQlXMQBicmlkETFvMml1NlVDaGxZb3pDdXgzAR6g517KNDmzx_vLdHUx36Foir_ba4meiU5_LyFA-RDCPdm6DTPM4gQx1mojfA_aem_P_rSb-55HT8clpubpd-zLQ

Gov. Hochul's Homecare Havoc Leaves Workers Unpaid as Federal Court Steps In

Read Here

<https://nypost.com/2025/04/13/us-news/hochuls-homecare-program-havoc-leaves-thousands-of-workers-unpaid-as-federal-court-steps-in/>

Need Help with a Federal Agency? We're Coming to You

Members of Congressman Josh Riley's team will be in your community for mobile office hours on Thursday, May 22 at the Rosendale Library (264 Main St, Rosendale) from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

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

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

Our door is always open –and on May 22, it'll be right in your neighborhood.



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

All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

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

Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

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



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

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

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

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

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

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

Pavilion: _____ Inside the building: _____

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

Save the Date!

Women Veterans Recognition Days

New York State Department of Veterans' Services

presents

WRAP YOURSELF IN WELLNESS

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

Saturday, June 14th, 2025 | 10 am – 4 pm

Long Shadows Farm
84 Dr Brown Lane
Cambridge, NY 12816



Featuring

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

Please Register





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570-578-6377

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

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

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

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

Our goals through our Hearts in Harmony programs are:

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



Patriot Hills of New York

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



www.patriothills.org

phnyjeannine@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Kairos Center for Change, LLC

The foundation for everlasting change is spiritual engagement.



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

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS

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

Feb 5

Mar 5

Apr 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

Aug 6

Sept 3

Oct 1

Nov 5

Dec 3

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



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

To register:

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

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

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Sullivan County**



State Approves Certification for County to Coordinate EMS Services with Providers and Municipalities *A Major Step Toward Strengthening EMS Services for All Residents*

KINGSTON, NY - On Thursday, May 15, Ulster County received a Municipal Ambulance Service Operating Certificate of Need (Muni-CON) from the New York State Department of Health, which will enable the County Department of Emergency Services to play a facilitative role in extending contracts with existing providers to underserved areas of the County.

The Muni-CON grants Ulster County the authority and flexibility to support EMS delivery in areas where gaps exist and local resources are strained. The County will partner with local EMS agencies and municipalities to ensure Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage in targeted areas and a consistent, reliable emergency response. The County will enter into contracts with ALS providers, overseeing billing and service, with costs shared among participating municipalities and agencies. In addition to closing service gaps, this approach helps local governments save time and staff resources by streamlining EMS contract administration.

"As a County government, we can play a valuable role in bolstering our EMS system to ensure that our residents receive the urgent care they need, regardless of where they live in the County," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "With the Muni-CON, we can begin to address EMS gaps in service by working collaboratively with local providers and municipalities to strengthen and expand coverage. I want to thank Emergency Services Director Everett Erichsen for developing this plan and Legislator Jason Kovacs for introducing the resolution that enabled us to proceed with Muni-CON."

"This is a critical step toward building a more resilient and coordinated EMS system," said Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Department of Emergency Services Director. "With the Muni-CON in place, Ulster County can now act swiftly to fill service gaps, reduce response times, and ensure that no community is left behind in their time of need. But none of this would be possible without the dedication, experience, and tireless work of our Emergency Services team. Their commitment to collaboration and innovation is what makes real progress like this possible."

"Securing the Certificate of Need is a major step forward for our community," said Jason J. Kovacs, Ulster County Legislator. "This approval means we can finally move ahead with the EMS services our residents deserve - locally based, accountable, and responsive. I'm proud to have supported this effort and grateful to everyone who

helped get us to this point."

"This Ambulance Service Certificate is the first milestone in realizing the commitment our County leadership and EMS agencies have made towards ensuring the EMS needs of the residents and visitors in our County are addressed comprehensively throughout their experience with our Emergency Services system," said Rich Miller, Ulster County Emergency Services Deputy Director/EMS Coordinator. "There are many more milestones that will be met as we work to achieve our goals."

The County Department of Emergency Services, Division of EMS will continue working closely with local volunteer and commercial ambulance providers to build a County-wide approach that enhances service delivery, supports frontline responders, and improves patient outcomes.

As part of this effort, Ulster County has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Gardiner to begin providing supplemental EMS service starting June 1. Additionally, the Ulster County Legislature is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a contract with New Paltz Rescue Squad to support the launch of this municipal service.

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"A Taste of Broadway IV"

Saturday Matinee, August 23, 2025

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Menu

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

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

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

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



The Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club

Presents:

The 40th ANNUAL BIG INDIAN CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 2025

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

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

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

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

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Father's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, June 15th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

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

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

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

LUCY JOSEPH by Mimi McGurl

Produced by Farm Arts Collective

WORLD PREMIERE

June 5-8, 2025

At Farm Arts Collective on Willow Wisp Organic Farm

Damascus, PA-LUCY JOSEPH is a new performance written by Mimi McGurl and produced by Farm Arts Collective, an agricultural collective of artists and farmers located on Willow Wisp Organic farm. Based on the life of a 19th century gender non-

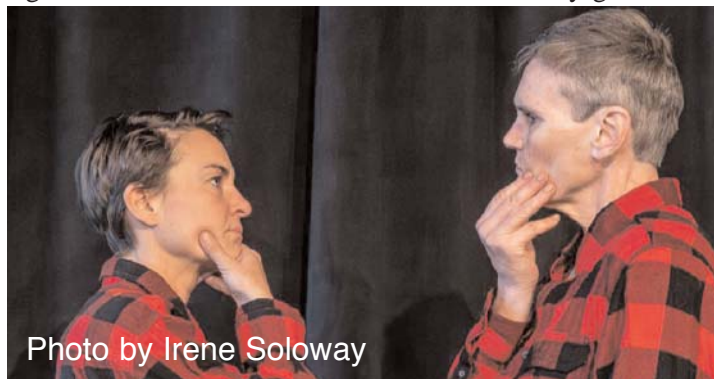


Photo by Irene Soloway

conforming pioneer Lucy Ann Joseph Israel Lobdell. The performance is written and directed by Mimi McGurl with contributed story and texts from local author William Klaber, historical texts by L.A. Lobdell and others. The original musical performance features Jess



Photo by Irene Soloway

Beveridge in the title role, with Doug Rogers, Pam Arnold, John Roth, Samantha Mehlman, Annie Hat, and Laura Moran. Dramaturgy is by Mark Dunau.

The performance will have its world premiere on Thursday, June 5th and run

through June 8th with performances taking place at 7 PM at Farm Arts Collective's new agri-cultural center located on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA.

The historical figure at the center of the play is Lucy Ann/Joseph Israel Lobdell, aka The Female Hunter of Long Eddy, who lived in the Delaware River Valley in the mid 1800's. During Lobdell's well-documented years, col-



Photo by Irene Soloway

orful labels were attached to them in newspaper articles, histories, and medical records. Raised as a girl, Lobdell, by 30 years of age, clearly preferred to live their life as a man. Lobdell's life speaks volumes to the cultural shifts that squeezed through so much religious and political turmoil during the nineteenth century.

The story of Lobdell was meticulously researched by Farm Arts Collective company member Mimi McGurl (director, *Decompositions*), and the play captures the historical times while drawing parallels to contemporary socio-political arguments, how, nearly two centuries later, there are still powerful and influential people who insist that genetic markings at birth remain forever the essential truth of who we are. Lobdell's life stands as a beacon of exactly how much more work still needs to be done for all of us to have the freedom to determine, for ourselves, our own gender identities and our own personal truths.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at www.farmartscollective.org

A limited number of Pay-What-You-Can tickets are available for all shows this season.

Biographies

Mimi McGurl is a director, dramaturg and teacher whose work addresses questions of gender and racial perception in performance. Recent shows include a touring lecture-performance entitled *Queer Woods* (upcoming performance at Greenhouse Project, Scranton June 28th), *Dream on the Farm* with the Farm Arts Collective, *Tracks by LAVA*, *Shakespeare's Will* written by Vern Thiessen at the North American Cultural Laboratory, and *The Paul Robeson Project* at the WOW Cafe Theatre. She also lectures and leads workshops on writing for performance in non-academic settings. She received a B.A. from Middlebury College, an MFA from UC Irvine, and a PhD from Stanford University.

Jess Beveridge (Lucy) is a founding member of Farm Arts Collective and company manager. She has been a part of all *Dream on the Farm* performances and co-created *Alice in ScienceLand*, an all-ages STEAM performance. She is a "per-farmer" who also spends her days at Willow Wisp Organic Farm in the role of greenhouse manager and flower farmer. She was most recently seen in *Time's Up* at The Parlor and has performed at The Tusten Theatre in *Zoe Comes Home*. She is an alumna of the Studio Program at AMDA, NY and has trained and performed with NACL, 29th Street Playwrights Collective, The Pearl Conservatory, Co-Op Theatre East, GoJo Clan Productions, Cornerstone Theatre Arts and Forestburgh Playhouse.

Farm Arts Collective was founded in 2018 by theatre artists and organic farmer Tannis Kowalchuk. Based on Willow Wisp Organic Farm, a working organic vegetable and flower farm in Northeast Pennsylvania, Farm Arts Collective intersects farming, art, food, and ecology with workshops, performances and social justice events that uplift and build community. The company creates devised performances with a local ensemble. The work includes *Dream on the Farm*, a decade-long climate-themed play series, *Decompositions*, an international touring solo show written and performed by Tannis Kowalchuk, *Alice in Scienceland* (theatre for young audiences), and a robust presenting season of innovative programs by performing artists, farmers, scientists, environmentalists and activists.

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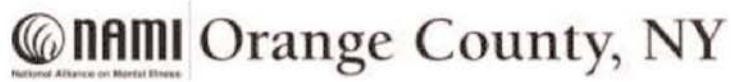
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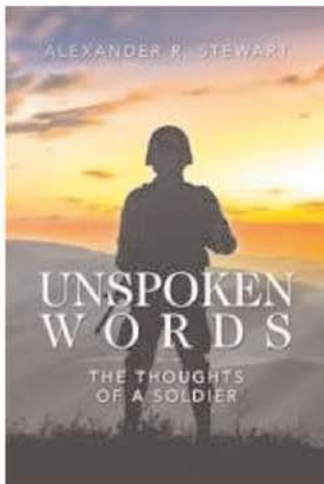
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When: **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON**

Who should attend: This training is geared toward Social Security Beneficiaries, who wish to know more about Social Security rules.

To Register: **Contact: Veronica Jones (845) 360-0318 vjones@orangecountygov.com**

Sullivan County Memorial Day Parades & Services -2025

Saturday, May 24th

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

Sunday, May 25th

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

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

Monday, May 26th

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

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

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

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

Fremont Center: 9:30 am - Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 and H. Russell Kenyon VFW Post 5808 will have the 141st Annual Memorial Service at Veteran's Park.
10:00 am - Freemont Town Hall Veterans Monument and Parade down County Route 94.
10:45 am - Flag Folding Ceremony featuring Guest Speaker and awards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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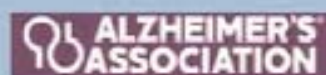
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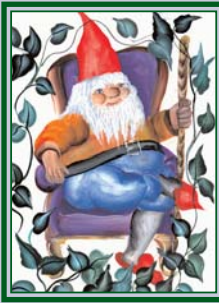
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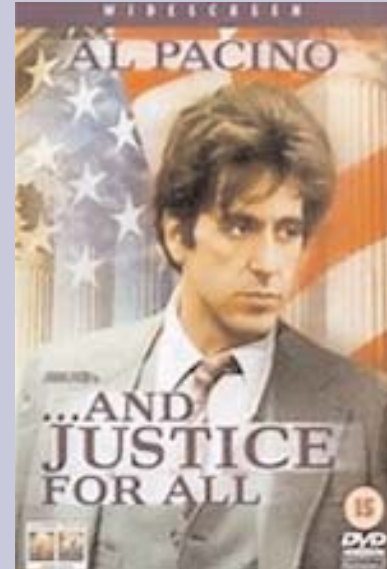
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METALLICA —released on
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ture new bassist Jason Newsted.

METALLICA recorded the album with producer Flemming Rasmussen over four months in early 1988 at One on One Recording Studios in Los Angeles. It features aggressive complexity, fast tempos, and few verse-chorus structures. It contains lyrical themes of political and legal injustices, such as governmental corruption, censorship, and war. The cover, designed by Stephen Gorman based on a concept by *Metallica* guitarist James Hetfield and drummer Lars Ulrich, depicts Lady Justice bound in ropes. *The album title is derived from the American Pledge of Allegiance. Three of its songs were released as singles: "Harvester of Sorrow", "Eye of the Beholder", and "One". The title track was released as a promotional single.*

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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Joan Crawford*

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THE STEEL HELMET (1951 / 1hr 25min / Action / Korea / War) Amazon • Prime • Imob



The Steel Helmet is a 1951 American war film directed, written, and produced by Samuel Fuller during the Korean War. The cast stars **Gene Evans, Robert Hutton, Steve Brodie, James Edwards, and Richard Loo**. It was the first American film about the war, and the first of several war films by Fuller.

THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE

Tubi • Prime Video • PlutoTV

The Manchurian Candidate is a 1962 American neo-noir, psychological



thriller about the Cold War and sleeper agents. The film was directed and produced by John Frankenheimer. Screenplay by George Axelrod and based on the 1959 Richard Condon novel *The Manchurian Candidate*. **The film's leading actors are Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, and Angela Lansbury, co-starring Janet Leigh, Henry Silva, and James Gregory.**

The plot centers on Korean War veteran Raymond Shaw. Shaw is brainwashed by communists after his Army platoon is captured. He returns to civilian life in the United States, where he becomes an unwitting assassin in an international communist conspiracy to subvert and overthrow the U.S. government. The film was released in the United States on October 24, 1962, at the height of U.S.–Soviet hostility during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

VIETNAM

WE WERE SOLDIERS

(R / 2002 / 2hr 18min / Action / History)

YouTube • Roku • Prime

A 2002 American war film written and directed by Randall Wallace and starring Mel Gibson. Based on the book *We Were*



Soldiers Once... and Young (1992) by Lieutenant General (Ret.) Hal Moore and reporter Joseph L. Galloway, it dramatizes the Battle of Ia Drang on November 14, 1965.

AMERICAN SNIPER

(2014, R | 2h 13min | Action, Biography, Drama |)

Netflix • YouTube • Amazon Prime



This Clint Eastwood drama played it smart, slowly releasing the film into just a few theaters to build word of mouth, before opening the film wide. This slow burn release was accompanied by an incredibly strong marketing campaign that showed intense scenes from the film where sniper Chris Kyle is forced to decide whether to shoot a woman who may or may not be carrying a weapon. And then, of course, there was the resulting controversy after the film opened - as some were outraged by Kyle's purported real-life indifference to taking lives in Iraq. The film became a sort of litmus test for left vs. right, and in doing so, received huge amounts of free publicity, becoming the "talked about" movie of the moment. All of this helped propel *American Sniper* to be both the highest grossing R-rated movie of all time and the highest grossing war film of all time.

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SERGEANT YORK

(1941 / 2h 14m / War / TV-G)

Tubi • Amazon Prime • YouTube

TRUE STORY OF ONE OF AMERICAS
GREATEST HEROES "ALVIN YORK"



A young Tennessee mountain farm boy of the Two Forks area in Daniel Boone country, York violates all the norms of social justice of the religious right. Having had enough of drinking, fighting, whoring around, and then finding, and falling in love with a beautiful woman (**Joan Leslie**), he starts reading the Bible, and gets religion, and is converted to a "God-loving pacifist". He then becomes one of World War I's greatest heroes "who only kills to save lives". **Directed by Howard Hawks, William R. Lasky.** Starring; Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan, Joan Leslie.

WWI "IN THE AIR"

LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE

(TV-PG-1958 1hr33min • Romance/War
Amazon Prime • YouTube



Lafayette Escadrille, also known as *C'est la Guerre*, *Hell Bent for Glory* (UK) and *With You in My Arms*, is a 1958 American war film produced by Warner Bros. It stars Tab Hunter and Etchika Choureau and features David Janssen and Will Hutchins, as well as Clint Eastwood, in an early supporting role. It was the final film in the career of director William A. Wellman and is based on his original story, *The Real Flyers of the Lafayette Escadrille*.

HELL TO ETERNITY

(1960 2h 12m | War | TV-PG)

Roku • Amazon Prime • YouTube



A twelve year old Mexican Hispanic young boy is adopted by Japanese-Americans. He learns the Japanese language. Years later he becomes a hero in World War II. On the island of 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

TO HELL AND BACK

(TV-PG / 1955 / 1HR 46MIN / BIOGRAPHY / ROMANCE)

Tubi • Amazon Prime



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.

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