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Fallsburg CSD Organizes Mock Drunk Driving Accident Simulation

FALLSBURG - Better to be safe than sorry was the prevailing message at Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School on May 19. Students and staff gathered outside to witness a powerful and emotional mock drunk driving accident simulation. The event was organized by the high school's SADD (Students Against Destructive Behaviors) club in collaboration with local first responders.

REMINDER: Rabies Clinic

Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions
on Tuesday, June 3, 2025
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The goal of the simulation was to portray the life-altering consequences of impaired or distracted driving. Students from SADD acted as crash victims, while police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and the coroner arrived on the scene, responding as if it were a real emergency.

The realistic nature of the demonstration left a strong impression on students and staff alike. Whether it was the depiction of an injured student being carried off on a stretcher or the loud sirens from emergency vehicles, it truly highlighted how a night meant for celebration-such as prom or graduation-can quickly turn into a night of tragedy, that can change lives forever.

After the simulation concluded, School Resource Officer Philip Brooks and SADD advisor

Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez addressed the crowd, urging students to make responsible choices and use good judgment. Rodgers-Sanchez further emphasized the profound impact such tragedies have on both parents and teachers.

"One of the most gut-wrenching feelings for a parent is getting a phone call or anything stating that something has happened to your child," said Kiffanie. "I've been in this district for a long time, and I've had to go to many funerals-it's very sad."

The Fallsburg Central School District wishes to thank local first responders, law enforcement, E911, and SADD for organizing this important event and delivering a message that will surely resonate with the community.

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Psalm 119:77

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

May 25, 1955

The Sullivan County Board of Supervisors voted to purchase the Workmen's Circle property near Liberty for \$175,000 at a meeting at Monticello Court House last Monday night. A building will be constructed for an infirmarium for the elderly and disabled.

Welfare Commissioner, Robert Travis noted that the county has been spending roughly \$50,000 a year keeping the infirm in hospitals.

Pvt. Jack Denman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, won the individual championship with the highest score in his Battalion Small Bore match of the 18th F.A. Group Sharpshooter Battalion at Swabisch Hall, Germany.

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May 5, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Van Keuren have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to Wayne Joseph Klumpp of Youngsville. The future bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School. She is now attending Roosevelt Hospital School of Nursing in

Manhattan. Her fiancé is a graduate of Jeff-Youngsville Central School. He is attending Manhattan College, pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Manville B. Wakefield are the parents of a son, Andrew W., born May 3rd at Hamilton Ave. Hospital. He weighed in at 8 lbs. The baby was born on his grandfather Wakefield's birthday. He is named after the famous American artist, Andrew Wyeth.

May 21, 1975

Elmer Denman, 71, of Sussex N.J. died May 10, 1975 after a short illness. He was born in Neversink on Feb. 6, 1904 to the late William and Sarah Denman. He is survived by his wife, Mollie Travis; one daughter, one son both of N.J. 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 brothers: Bruce, Sr. of Grahamsville, Hugh of Woodbourne, and Tom of California; and five sisters all living out of the area.

May is Senior Citizen's Month and on May 23, 1785, Ben Franklin announced the invention of bifocal eyeglasses. You're getting old when the gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bifocals.

May 16, 1985

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Mildred Greenrose of Sundown, who received a plaque naming her "Senior Citizen of the Year for Ulster County and the "Pride of Ulster County" certificate.

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published June 4, 1998

"Looking Back." Do we ever look back without thinking of mother? I know for sure I never do. Anyone knowing my mother would have to agree that she was a no-nonsense lady. When growing up I never once heard her complain about the mammoth load she had in raising six children. And without the benefit of running water, washer, dryer or any of the modern conveniences we have today. Our scrub board and clothes line were our washer and dryer.

I can still see my mother sitting in her favorite rocking chair, rocking and singing to the babies. I can also see her standing at the old wood burning stove in our sunny kitchen, turning what must have seemed to be her millionth fried egg for her always hungry family. Or better yet, pulling endless pans of home baked cookies from the oven, cookies that would mysteriously disappear seconds later. Mother's school education only went to the third grade but she always solved my problems with a positive answer or a cookie, depending on my age.

I remember mother nursing four of us kids when we had mumps. I can still smell the foul odor of goose grease and see it smeared on old pieces of material and wrapped around our necks. This was to cure us and to help keep us warm since it was during the cold weather. Of course we had to stay indoors until the mumps were healed.

In the midst of her flowers, vegetables grew also as mother was a busy person with her spade and hoe.

Mother taught us the golden rule which is, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you", that still works for me today.

Mother's patience, sense of humor and knock-out smile shall be embedded in my heart and mind forever

Household Hint:

Best Advice for Cleaning a Roasting Pan

Because of the unpredictable weather this past weekend, oven BBQ chicken was on our menu. When it came time to clean up, our daughter Janna gave me the best advice. She asked me if I had dryer sheets. I did. She laid 3 dryer sheets in the bottom of the pan then ran very hot water over the sheets, almost filling the pan. She told me to leave it overnight and in the morning, just simply dump the mess from the pan. It worked! No scrubbing necessary. Just soap and water, then a quick rinse and I put the sparkling pan away.

Thank you Janna for helping me clean up and the great tip!

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

Is It or Isn't It - A Weed?

You are probably beginning to see some large showy Mullein leaves in your yard. They are the large, pale green, spear-shaped leaves that are covered with a yellowish-white velvety matting. Thus the Mullein is also known as Grandmother's Flannel.

Some consider the Mullein a weed, while others appreciate the tall stately mullein as a handsome addition to their garden.

Mullein (*Verbascum*) is an herbaceous plant of the figwort family. The thick covering of hairs on the leaves are not confined to the leaves alone, but are also on every part of the stem, on the calyces and on the outside of the corollas, so that the whole plant appears whitish or grey.

The hairs act as a protective coat to reduce moisture loss and prevent attacks by creeping insects. The hairs also cause an intense irritation in the mucous membrane of any grazing animals that may attempt to nibble on them.

In a month or so, at the top of the stalk -which can grow 4 or even 5 feet high -the much-diminished woolly leaves merge into the thick, densely crowded flower-spike, that is usually a foot long. The flowers open here and there on the spike and not in regular progression from the base. The yellow sessile flowers with orange stamens bloom from June to September. The flowers have a faint, pleasant scent that's attractive to bees. There are five stamens that stand on the corolla; three of them are shorter than the other two and have a large number of tiny white hairs on their filaments. These hairs are full of sap alluring honey bees, as well as other flying insects seeking its nectar who in turn will help pollinate the plant. The mullein plant reproduces with seeds.

The ripened seed capsule is very hard and contains many seeds, which eventually escape through two valves and are scattered around the parent plant.

During its first year, the young mullein plant will produce only a rosette of downy leaves. During the second summer the mullein grows to the long flowering stalk.

Mullein prefer mostly dry soils and a sunny position, but will flourish almost anywhere. Once established, it will perpetuate itself by self-sowing.

The down on the leaves and stem makes excellent tinder when dried, and will ignite with the slightest spark. Before the introduction of cotton, the leaves were used for lamp wicks, hence another of the old names: 'Candlewick Plant.' The plant's foliage can also serve as blotters, containers for vegetables when cooking in a fire pit, and "gloves" when gathering such thorny herbs as stinging nettles. In pioneer days, young ladies rubbed their faces with mullein "fur" to bring a rosy flush to their cheeks.

Both in European and Asian folklore, the power of driving away evil spirits was ascribed to the Mullein. It was Mullein that Ulysses -in the ancient classic -took to protect himself against the wiles of Circe.

And in the 'olden days' it wasn't unusual for a little girl to clip some of the leaves as they make excellent blankets for doll beds!

There are many uses for the tall mullein and its furry leaves. Just use your imagination and you may come up with something to add to the list that supports the fact, Mullein isn't just a weed!



Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club

- Initiates Sheriff Michael Schiff
- Announces Major Stocking of Local Streams with Brook Trout
- Warns of Restrictive Gun and Hunting Proposals in Albany

—William A. Brenner, Esq.

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club held an informative and lively monthly meeting on May 1st at 7:00 pm at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building on Route 55. Twenty-five (25) members attended.



Left to right: Eric Chaboty, Karl VanValkenberg, Sheriff Mike Schiff, Todd Brown, President, Billy Siegler, Gary TerBush, Treasurer, Mike Depuy, Secretary

In the regular course of business Sheriff Michael Schiff was initiated as a new member, having passed the background check. He was duly sworn in, read the Sportsman Pledge and paid the \$10.00 membership.

Every Spring the members vote to purchase brook trout to stock our local streams. The Town of Neversink has two reservoirs: The Roundout Reservoir on Route 55 and Route 55A, and the Neversink Reservoir on Route 55 drive across the top. These reservoirs are fed by the world's freshest and cleanest spring water following down the Catskills Mountains. This is the natural habitat of brook trout. (In Latin called

"SALVILENES FONTINALIS")

The multi-colored brook trout are the most beautiful and hardest fighting fresh water fish. From under the rocks and branches of the creek, they will attack worms, bugs and lures. "Brookies" are a world apart from fly fishing or reservoir fishing for pickerel, sunnies and the monstrous brown trout.

The Legislative Committee reported prospective disturbing news from the New York Assembly Gun Control Legislators that they are introducing bills to further restrict registration and ownership of rifles and obtaining hunting licenses.

Another member warned of a brand new "disease" which is affecting deer in neighboring Pennsylvania called "CRONIC WASTING DISEASE!). More information about that at next month's meeting.

The streams are flowing. The fishing is great! The Brookies are jumpin'.

A Lesson in School Shooting

Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville in the Catskills held its "30th Annual Tri-Valley Track and Field Invitational on May 3rd. Seventeen schools had athletes comp.etc.

This race was fty invitation only to athletes that received a qualifying time in a previous race.

A live Rock and Roll DJ provided music and also took over the role of public address announcer. Before each race he would say "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO" and then a pistol in the air. Then he gave a hysterical commentarry like calling a race at the Kentucky Derby.

That same Saturday morning, the Tri-Valley Lions were holding their annual "Lions Journey for Sight" Walk and Tag Day event.

Meeting at 9:00 am at the Grahamsville First Aid Building for bagels, juice and coffee. The community turned out for the group photo and the walk, including the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, Grahamsville and Neversink Firemen, and the staff of the Daniel Pierce Library participated in the walk around the fairgrounds.

The overcast weather held off that morning for the walkers and the runners.

At the same time, Tri-Valley Lions were stationed in the middle of Route 55 at several locations with pitchers collecting donations from drivers passing through the Town.

Lion, Bill Brenner was stationed with his Lion Pitcher atop the hill on Route 55, past Tri-Valley School just past Moore Hill Road - which is the entrance to the football field and racetrack where the Tri-Valley Track and Field International was in full swing.

As Mr. Brenner stood on Route 55 collecting donations, he would inadvertently duck down every time the gun would go off across the woods followed by yelling and screaming.

One car, with students in the back stopped at the Lion road stop just as the gun shot off. The driver said "I sure hope they're firing blanks."

His passenger leaned over and said "I don't know, but it sure made them run faster."

Submitted by
Lion William Brenner

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Announces Third Marking Period Honors

FALLSBURG - Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is excited to announce their elementary Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients for the third marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. The students who were recognized for their high academic achievements are:

Grade 4

Honor Roll: Elian Aguilar Cortez, Jalen Anthony, Mila Anthony, Raegan Atkins, Juliette Aviles Zelaya, Abigail Bensimon, Athenna Betancourt, Jaycole Brizuela Fuentes, Juan Cabrera Chavez, Abigail Call, Sophia Carpenter, Ancel Chavez, Aubrey Curtin, Giuliana DiCostanzo, Trinity Doolittle, Annabella Fisher, Stefan Garcia Delgado, James Geagley, Matthew Gernant, Jaime Giron Paredes, Jacob Guillen Matamoras, Maydelin Jacobo Lopez, David Jimenez-Castillo, Meleny Juarez Cadenal, Elias Lopez, Raymond Lopez III, Giavanna Mack, Sofia Madera, Ashton Mahodil, Sandoval Eliana Montenegro, Lia Mora Ceron, Zoe Murry, Gabriel Ortiz, Zoe Otero Deras, Adeline Parsells, Dove Picciotti, Kenneth Reyes Sierra, Ashley Ruano Lopez, Lillyann Vazquez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Pearl Gold and Keysi Otero Deras.

Grade 5

Honor Roll: Amina Berisha, Amore Brown, Anpol Caguana, Jonathan Castro Moreno, Keila Coj Tambriz, Elijah Cruz, Isaiah Crawford, Samantha Darcy, Kadence Duncan, Dominic Esposito, Jax Frunzi, Gianna Guerrero, Jonah Godby, Esther Grande Lagos, Jacob Graham, Josiah Hinton, Jackson Hockenberry, Meberlyn Hernandez Ruano, Faith Kehlenbeck, Bryan Maldonado Alvarado, Rebecca Malespin Argueta, Dominic Medina Moore, Anthony Mora Ceron, Levi Nicanor Perez, Jax Pillius, Mason Pomales, Mirey'ah Steele, Taylor Simms, Steven Loja Tenezaca, Elijah Torres, Queenie Wang.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Genesis Anderson, Mila Arroyo, Jacob Boynton Torres, Santiago Brito Garcia, Giada Evangelista, Brooklyn Fisher, Katherine Giron Cabrera, Ravyn Henry, Jase Hermann, Olivia Hilliard, Brianna Johnson, Muhammed Kassama, Eliza Lagos Guardado, Mason Li, Enina Lulanaj, Braylee Maitland, Elizabeth McManus, Zoya Meer, Jean Carlos Pineda Reyes, Skyla Restrepo, Madax Simpson, Tyler Torres, Lincoln Oneal.

Grade 6

Honor Roll: Nila Ahmed Anha, Saleisha Aleman, Janelli Anderson, Heather Avila Ramirez, Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Elias Blandon Rivera, Rocket Budde, Jeramiah Castro, Samantha Clark, Muhammad Dumbuya, Nelson Duque Moroy, Aleczandra Esparza, Genesis Fuentes, Selena Garcia, Awa Gai, Emanuel Granados, Alexsa Granados Duarte, Grayson Mungeer, Caleb Mapes, Theresa Medina, Alexandria Mann, Katherine Reyes Serrano, Dayana Padilla Orellana, Keylit Pineda Nieto, Christian Robles-Hernandez, Blinera Selimaj, Blerina Selimaj, Anayeli Zaragoza, Karla Zacapexpan-Reyes, Benjamin Wizwer.

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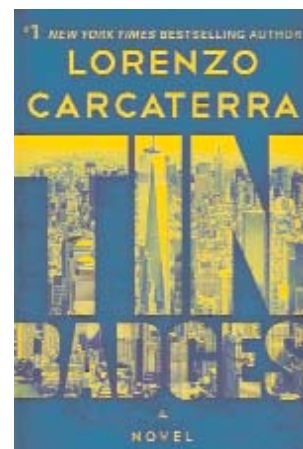


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Tin Badges

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by John Dwaine McKenna



Some writers are gifted with an awesome ability that allows them to paint pictures with words which are so graphic that the characters and places become real in the reader's mind, making it seem like they really exist in the here and now. Lorenzo Carcaterra is one of them. His latest, *Tin Badges*, (Ballantine Books, \$28.00, 278 pages, ISBN 978-0-345-48392-8) has such apt descriptions of the people and places in lower Manhattan's Greenwich Village, that you'll feel like you're sitting on the front steps of the four story brownstone he calls home, drinking Starbuck's coffee with Rizzo and Chief Connors.

Thomas "Tank" Rizzo is a Tin Badge, otherwise known as a retired cop who's helping the chief try to clear up some of the cold case files that the regular detectives don't have time for.

In the current case, Tank and his crew of misfits, including his wheelchair-bound ex-partner named Pearl, are tasked with the unenviable job of finding out who broke into the apartments of two women who were raped, beaten mercilessly and robbed. Trouble is, they're a pair of working girls, otherwise known as ladies of the night, or soiled doves. The first investigators didn't spend much time and even less energy on the case, erroneously assuming that because they were prostitutes, the women didn't matter, and had little or no truth to their claims. But when Tank and his crew dig a little deeper, they find that the pair were living in a stash house belonging to a major drug lord named Gonzo. And Gonzo is a man who'll do anything to protect his empire.

Then, as if that's not enough to deal with, just as the all-out war with the narco king is boiling up, Tank gets word that his brother and sister-in-law have been killed in a car wreck. By mutual agreement, Tank and his brother haven't spoken for many years. It doesn't matter though . . . their only son, Chris, an angry sixteen year-old . . . is coming to live with Tank, who's been a lifelong bachelor, in this gritty and electrifying hard-boiled yarn that's a perfect escape from the Chinese Corona virus and a great summer read!

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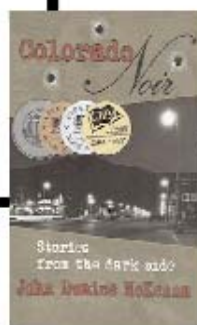
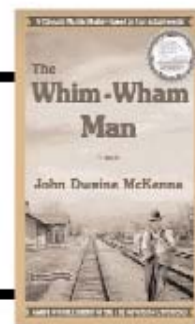
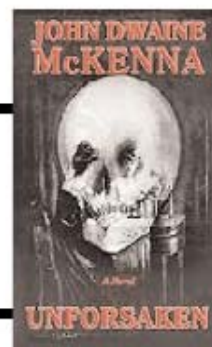
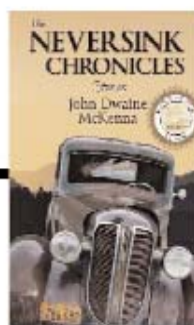
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The weather has been a little off with rain in May getting the April Showers that should be bringing May flowers. This week has me stoking up the woodstove and hoping the petunias I planted do not freeze.

The Town of Olive pool, scheduled to open this Memorial Day weekend, has been put off a week. This week it would have been a polar plunge with water temperature in the lower fifties.

Memorial Day weekend is the universal clue that summer is about to happen. June goes haywire with events. College and school endings, graduations, anniversaries, wedding, and lots of birthdays.

If your calendar/planner looks like mine, you might want to start arranging your social schedule to pick and choose which ones to attend. One that should be high on your list is the dinner theater listed below. The play is always first rate and personally viewed at a maximum distance of forty feet from the stage. Sharing dinner with your friends and neighbors just adds to the occasion.

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

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After roughly twenty years, it's time I must say farewell to the beloved Daniel Pierce Library. I write to you in thanksgiving for your friendship, kindness, acceptance, and for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful experience you call your library.

When giving a tour of this impressive facility, I always remark that it truly is a love story, from one generation to the next. The sacrifices of families, both monetarily or with time and labor, are never to be forgotten. Just to mention a few: the Iron Workers Local 417 arriving before dawn on a weekend to help us. Their only request was to feed them, and did Grahamsville turn out! We had pastas, sausage and peppers, pies, cookies, Jim Kelly's famous cheesecakes, and those personal family favorites all set out in time for lunch. Even God participated and gave us glorious weather. On subsequent visits, we ordered from Brooks' restaurant to give the locals a break, and in true Grahamsville fashion, there was no bill, just full bellies and lots of smiles.

The Little World's Fair in the Strawberry Shortcake booth, catching up with volunteers and locals; the Giant Pumpkin Party, going from booth to booth collecting money, visiting old friends of the library, and hearing the happy peals of laughter from the children—all remain joyous memories.

The term "It takes a village" must have been referring to this little town. Enlisting the firehouse to help put up our book tent, sharing in Sportsman Bingo, bringing Monticello bagels during the White House fire and stopping in the firehouse to see the overwhelming amount of food and goods provided by this community. The Lion's club and their generous donations over the years, knowing



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

Easter was coming when the boxed bunnies arrived to sell. The familiar faces behind the soda booth were a welcome sight. Preston Kelly, always the man of the hour. He got me home on more than one occasion by driving the back roads his guys sanded and plowed rather than the State Route. He always had my parking space ready when I arrived before 7 am and salted so I didn't bust my fanny.

A very sincere thanks goes to Joann Gallagher and Phil Coombe. Your vision, the pulse on this community, and an unwavering energy kept all of us going to complete this incredible task. I have learned so much from you. Every day was a new lesson. I am now able to say I was part of something greater than myself. I hope I have served you well. It has been an honor to do so.

As for my co-workers, well, you are blessed with such an incredible group. They are a force to be reckoned with, hard-working and selfless. The same goes for the Board of Trustees.

There are so many of you who have touched my heart. If I named you all individually, this "swan song" would be the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Know that you are tucked in my heart makes my exit that much harder, but, it's time.

Thank you for these special memories. They will remain with me for the rest of my life and then some. I love you all, and I especially love your library because you built it. It's been an amazing ride!

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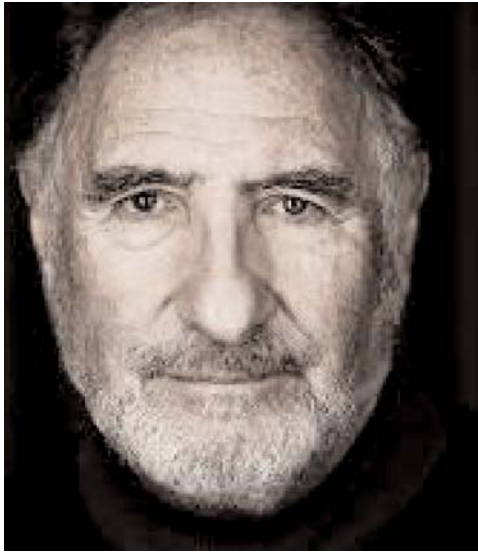


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Preview Performances for 'I'M NOT RAPPAPORT' Begin Next Week!



We are gearing up to begin our 40th Anniversary season with the classic Herb Gardner comedy I'M NOT RAPPAPORT, starring Tony

Award winner Judd Hirsch and directed by Tony nominee and Artistic Director of Atlantic Theater Company, Neil Pepe.

Meet director Neil Pepe as he talks about I'M NOT RAPPAPORT

Be the very first to witness this hilarious production at one of our preview performances on Friday 5/30 at 8 PM and Saturday May 31 at 2 PM.

Not only will you be part of one of the first audiences for our 40th Anniversary season, but preview performances are only \$39 per ticket!

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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.

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.

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

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

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

As we celebrate this extraordinary 40-year milestone, we invite you to join us for a season that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks with excitement to the future. Whether you're a long-time supporter or first-time visitor, this is the season to experience the transformative magic of live theatre in the heart of the Hudson Valley.

Season artwork by Noel Carey

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Happy Spring!

It was a long winter but fortunately we are all about to enjoy a lot more sunshine and warmer weather!

From Parrow Pottery the big news is that I had shoulder replacement surgery and am now wearing an awkward sling for several weeks. Everything went really well and I am happy to be looking forward to getting back to work soon, with lots of ideas for the summer season.

New work from the spring kilns is on display at Saunderskill Farm Market in Accord, Handmade & More in New Paltz, Neversink General Store in Neversink, and Catskill Creative Gallery in Wurtsboro.

At Claryville Pottery, Anne-Marie opened this weekend with new work from recent firings. For information, call 845-985-2016

Coming up next month, the Neversink River Craft Co-op will open the 2025 season in Frost Valley with a group show on June 29th.

Wishing you had a good Memorial weekend, remembering those who have served for us all and shared time with family and friends. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Chris Parrow

Our Final Spring Concert at ARTS NEST

It's been a wonderful but long transition from Winter to Spring, as we presented concerts from folk, pop, rock and even comedy every Saturday night at Arts Nest. Our audience continues to grow and we appreciate your devotion to supporting live music in a comfortable listening room. It's a special space with great sound, good friends and fun times.

Our final concert for the Spring season is this Sat May 31 from 7-9pm. Our Summer Opera season begins in June. We'll return to our Arts Nest Concert series in Septemebr and look forward to seeing you there.

Lucas Maehara Rotman has a sound steeped in the traditions of Americana. Lucas' songs draw on a biracial Philly boy's urban sensibilities. Word craft and poetic imagery run rampant through his lyrical universe, with an arc that bends towards social justice, lending weight and depth to his storytelling. Lucas is a Brooklyn based singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who performs, records and writes as a solo artist, with his upstate NY posse The Lucas Maehara Band and with his Brooklyn troupe, the Melodic Miners. A regular performer at venues in and around NYC, Lucas is excited to be working on new music to be released in the near future.

Brewster Smith is a songwriter, performer, and multi-instrumentalist who's been playing professionally since he was 12. Called a musical prodigy by Details magazine, he's been making music his entire life. Whether he's writing, recording, producing, or on stage, Brewster brings a mix of passion, skill, and soul to everything he does.



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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
- White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First - Call White Sulphur Springs Home!

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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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Wednesdays from 9:30 - 12:30
Come paint with us!

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

Daniel Pierce Library

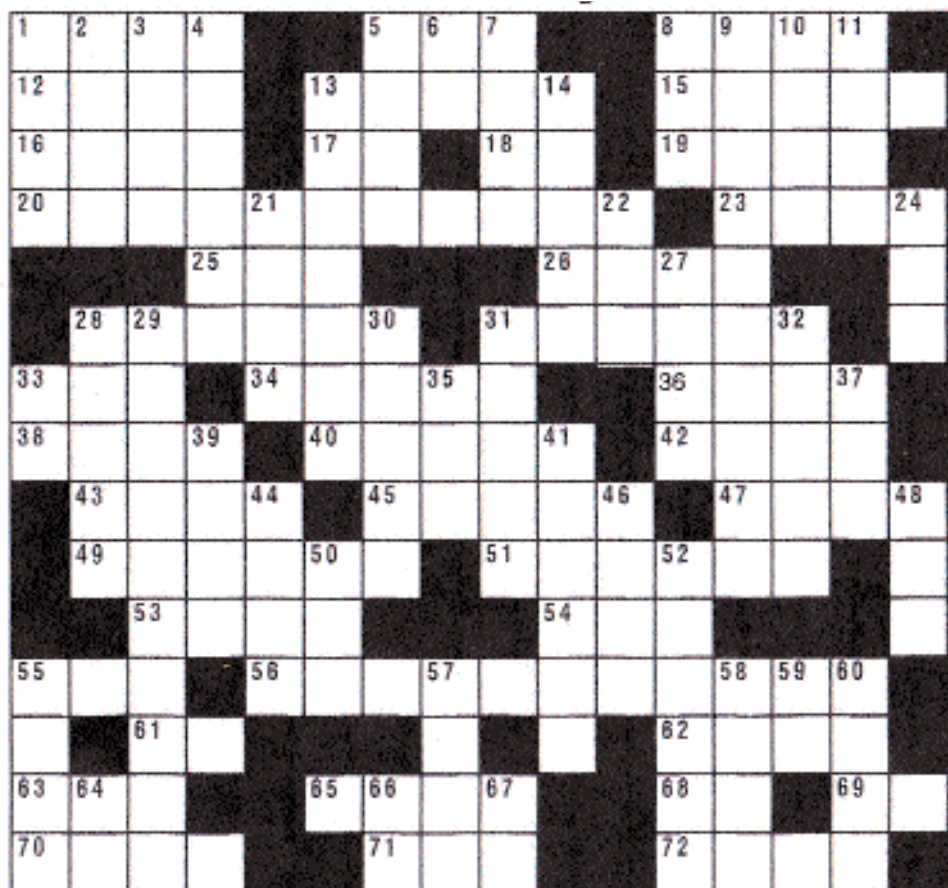
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Summer is on its Way - L. Comando

**ACROSS**

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5 Genus of a house mouse
8 Occupational Safety and Health Admin.
12 Body powder
13 Flowers of the Rosaceae family
15 Cries
16 Assert
17 Elevated railway
18 Third note of the major scale
19 Sword
20 Baffling
23 Compounds
25 Apple or blueberry for example
26 Indian wild ox
28 Large towns

31 Unfaithful
33 Star of our solar system
34 Picture
36 Italics (abbrev)
38 Gaelic
40 Step
42 Trigonometric function
43 Book in the Koran
45 Boundaries
47 Used to glide over snow
49 Ran away to marry
51 Expels
53 Largest continent
54 Hearing organ
55 Risk something
56 Things that evoke interest
61 Part of the human mind

62 Smack
63 Card game
65 Frost
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27 Author of the Exodus (1958)
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42 Decline
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48 Immoral act
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55 A cool color
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59 North America
60 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
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Homedmade Special Butterscotch Brownies

2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 cup ground walnuts
2 tablespoons butter
1/8 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup shortening
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup butterscotch or chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8 inch square baking pan.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in pan add walnuts, cook on low 2 minutes, and add 1/8 cup brown sugar. Sauté stirring constantly until browned. Set aside to cool.

In large bowl, cream the shortening, brown sugar, vanilla and eggs. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly add to egg mixture, stirring until well blended, fold in caramelized walnuts*. Spread dough evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until inserted toothpick comes out clean. I sprinkle them with butterscotch or chocolate chips while they are still warm and when they get soft I swirl them over the warm brownies.

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Can you help the bee fly through the flower?

Kids'
Almost Summer
Fun Page

- L. Comando

Follow the dots to see what is growing in the garden



LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES (From Pg. 17)

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

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

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

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

Dated: May 21, 2025

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

MAY 5, 2025

CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, A NON-PROFIT PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE REPAIR, NEW PAVING AND PARKING LINE MARKINGS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OWNED PROPERTY AND PARKING AREAS.

BID SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING GLENN VANDENBERG AT 845-985-2943. AN IN PERSON MEET WITH GLENN AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY IS PART OF THE REQUIRED BID. PREVAILING WAGES DO NOT APPLY.

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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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@sullivan-ny.gov.

Sullivan 180 Celebrates Growth of Spartan Clubs Across Sullivan County Schools

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180's Empowering a Healthier Generation (EHG) Program is proud to announce the continued expansion and success of Spartan Clubs across Sullivan County school districts. In past years, the EHG program, with generous support from Spartan, has assisted in establishing a Spartan Club at Monticello's Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, contributing to a growing movement that now includes six Spartan Clubs in four school districts.

"A Spartan is someone who does their best in things and perseveres in activities that are hard. And even if things are hard, remember that you are brave, you're strong and you can do hard things!" said Alanna, age 11.

Spartan Clubs have taken root in the following schools: Livingston Manor Middle/High School, Sullivan West Elementary School, Monticello's George L. Cooke Elementary School, Robert J. Kaiser Middle School and Monticello High School. In addition, Sullivan BOCES is piloting a Spartan Club through their Physical Education program, furthering the reach of this wellness-focused initiative.

Now in its third year of collaboration, Spartan has increased support by providing 125 free race registrations for Sullivan County public school students who form a Spartan Club, enabling them to participate in the annual Bethel Woods Spartan Race. This incredible support removes financial barriers and empowers students and staff to engage in physical activity, build resilience and strengthen school community spirit.

"We believe every child should have the chance to test their limits, build confidence and enjoy the thrill of a Spartan race. Our work with Sullivan 180 is a meaningful way to bring that vision to life in a community that's all-in on health and empowerment," said Dan McDonald, Chief of Staff, Spartan.

Sullivan 180 continues to encourage school districts countywide to establish Spartan Clubs at the elementary, middle and high school levels, reinforcing its mission to empower a healthier generation through wellness, resilience and collaboration.

"Sullivan 180 is deeply grateful to Spartan for their continued and generous partnership," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. "Together with the school staff and students who have created new Spartan Clubs, this initiative is helping to inspire, empower and uplift our youth, building stronger futures through connection, leadership and team spirit."

The Spartan Race at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will be held on June 7 & 8, 2025.



SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV

mobile unit
on location 10:00am - 3:00pm

2025 Summer Schedule

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

JEFFERSONVILLE

Tues July 8

Tues August 5

Tues September 2

License & Registration Appts

19 Legion St
Jeffersonville, NY

WURTSBORO

Thurs July 24

Thurs August 21

Thurs September 18

Registration Appts Only

2948 US 209
Wurtsboro, NY

NARROWSBURG

Tues July 22

Tues August 19

Tues September 16

Registration Appts Only

210 Bridge St
Narrowsburg, NY

HORTONVILLE

Thurs July 17

Thurs August 14

Thurs September 11

Registration Appts Only

104 Lower Main St
Hortonville, NY

LIVINGSTON MANOR

Tues July 15

Tues August 12

Tues September 9

Registration Appts Only

95 Main St
Livingston Manor, NY

GRAHAMSVILLE

Thurs July 10

Thurs August 7

Thurs September 4

License & Registration Appts

273 Main St
Grahamsville, NY

LIBERTY

Tues July 29

Tues August 26

Tues September 23

License & Registration Appts

15 Sullivan Ave
Liberty, NY

BLOOMINGBURG

Thurs July 31

Thurs August 28

Thurs September 25

License & Registration Appts

13 North Rd
Bloomingburg, NY



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2025 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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

WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station

91 Landfill Drive
Monticello, NY 12701

WHAT TO KNOW:

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

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

Questions?

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recycling@sullivanny.gov



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Sundown United
Methodist Church

Saturday Yard Sale
9 am - 1 pm

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

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*

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

Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

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

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST

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

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:

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

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

Thursday, 3 pm Divine Mercy Chaplete followed by Mass

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church
**The Church with
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Pastor Kenneth Ronk

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

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

Thrift Sale

Sat., June 7th
9 am - 12 noon



**Grahamsville & Sundown
United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for
in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

**Claryville Reformed
Church**

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:15 am
Rev. Ken Tenckinck, Pastor
Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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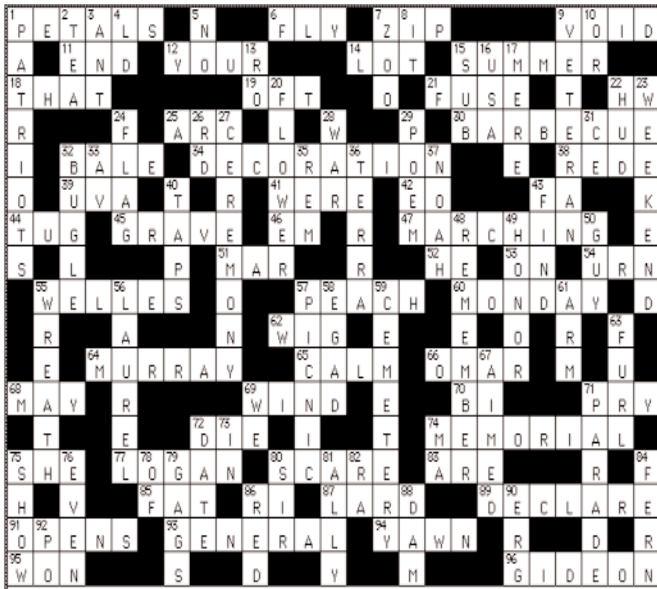
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St. Augustine's Chapel
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also
WANTED
People to
play cards

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answer

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Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper

Saturday,

June 7, 2025 5:30 pm

at the Church Hall

**Check out the tables with Yard Sale items
available for sale**

(Covered Dish Suppers are held the
First Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm
at the Church Hall)

Clip & Save

Grahamsville



United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86

Grahamsville, NY 12740

Thrift Sale Schedule 2025

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

May - 17th

June - 7th and 21st

July - 5th and 19th

August - 2nd and 16th

Sept - 6th and 20th

October - 4th and 18th

Nov - 1st and 15th

(weather permitting)

Dec 6th – Holiday Craft Fair

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

grahamsvilleumc.org - grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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history of Sullivan County
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---------|--|
| 5/31/25 | Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm |
| 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 |
| 6/18/25 | Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm |
| 6/19/25 | Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall |
| 6/19/25 | Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm |

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 26 - May 30, 2025

Monday, May 26

- o Memorial Day - County Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 27

- o 6:00 PM - Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 895 4407 6743 Passcode: 306850

Wednesday, May 28

- o 3:00 PM - **Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419
- o 6:30 PM - **Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, in the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, Room 215, 94 Mary's Avenue, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615, Passcode: 278571
- o 7:00 PM - **Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board**, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

- o 7:30 PM - **Ulster County Fire Advisory Board**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, May 29

- o 11:00 AM - **Ulster County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board**, in the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Road, Kingston

Friday, May 30

- o No Meetings



SONG CLUB at MISU

Every last Saturday of the month
All ages and voices welcome

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

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Saturday, June 14



12:00 - 3:00 PM



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



SLAC AGENDA MAY 30, 2025

1. Update on the ACC and the LDC situations
2. Review and combine the letters we wrote, to send to the IRS and all our representatives regarding Garnet Hospitals.
3. Advise of the Nationwide demonstrations regarding the behavior of ICE and it's nonconformance to the US Constitution. Places dates and times to be provided.
4. Advise of the reduction of benefits thru SNAP, SSI, and Medicaid, and who will be harmed.

Our meeting will be held in the Sullivan County Legislature Room at 10AM.

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

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

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

Lifeguard/Lifeguard Recertification Courses

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

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

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

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

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (CPRO) Recertification Courses

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

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Bloodborne Pathogens Training.

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

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

4. Advise of the reduction of benefits thru SNAP, SSI, and Medicaid, and who will be harmed.

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- \$15.00 per week
(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week
(3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week
1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week
1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week
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Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week
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one time fee- \$20.00
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we will publish it each week
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Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

All Vendors are wanted!

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

When: Saturday, August 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

Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale Every Saturday

Something different every week!

Come have some fun!

Look for that special bargain or treasure

**9:00 am
to
1:00 pm**



If you wish to make donations for our White Elephant Table stop by the Church Hall on Tuesday

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



ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB

BOX 25

CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725

PHONE 845-985-2943 or 845-985 7162

EMAIL hungst01@gmail.com GLENN

EMAIL tmatthewsm88@gmail.com TOM

2025 SHOW DATES

FRIDAY 7/4/25: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

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

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

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

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790 OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 40 VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 20; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

SUNDAY 8/10/25 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY. OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2005 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2004 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES; GOODY BAGS; RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY 9/13/25 OUTPOST BBQ. SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 9/14/2025

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

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

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

PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00 TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2005 & NEWER; TOP 20 2004 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. DASH PLAQUES FIRST 40 VEHICLES



Rabies Clinic
Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lion's Club



When: Tuesday June 3, 2025, From 6-7:30 pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds- Pavilion

8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU**





Sundown
United
Methodist
Church



June 7, 2025
5:30 pm

Bring a covered dish to share
Enjoy good food and fellowship

and don't forget to check out the tables
filled with a variety of collectibles,
household items and more
that will be available for sale

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



Please Help Save Our School!

**The Claryville Reformed Church and the Time and the Valleys Museum
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the historic 1848 Claryville One Room School, and we need your help.**

A donation of ANY amount will go directly to the 1848 Claryville School and help:

- inventory the many historical items.
- purchase acid-free storage supplies for artifacts, photos and documents.
- repair the building and restore the one room school interior.
- open the school to the public on a regular basis.
- provide programs for children and adults.

PLEASE make a tax-deductible donation today using the form below or go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. This historic building is an important part of our fading past and should be preserved and enjoyed by all - your donation will make that happen!

Thank You!

Yes! I would like to make a donation to preserve and open the 1848 Claryville School.

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other

Please mail your check to:

Time and the Valleys Museum

P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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[www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/
support/donate](http://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate)

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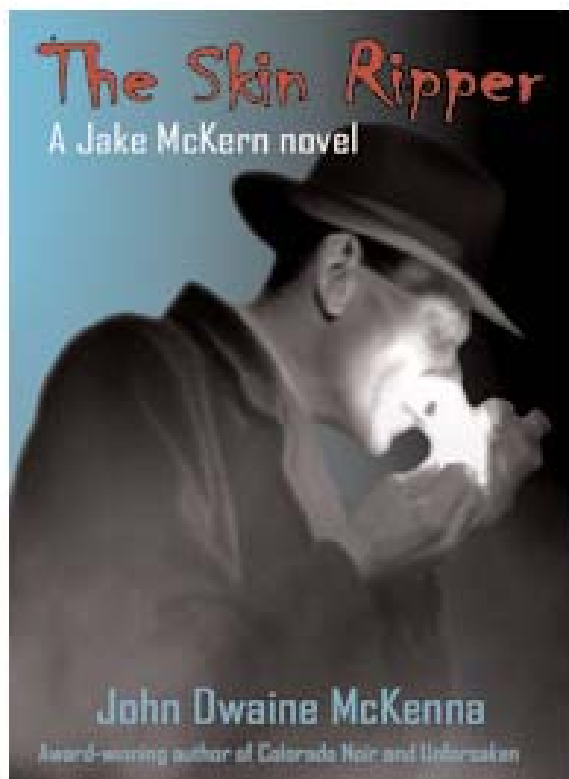
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Matthewis Persen House Museum Opens for the 2025 Season Ulster County Landmark Welcomes Visitors with Exhibits, Special Guests, and Cultural Programs

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office is proud to announce the season opening of the Matthewis Persen House Museum. Located at the historic intersection of Crown and John Streets in uptown Kingston, the Persen House will be open to the public Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through October 25, 2025.



Built in the 17th century and expanded over time, the Matthewis Persen House is one of the oldest and most significant buildings in Ulster County. Operated by the Ulster County Clerk's Office as a cultural heritage site, the museum highlights the rich and diverse history of the region through a rotating schedule of exhibits and events.

This season, visitors can explore artifacts uncovered during the archaeological excavation of the Persen House site in the early 2000s, offering a direct link to the lives of those who lived and worked in the building over centuries. The museum also features its permanent exhibit, Gysbert's Inventory: A

Reflection of 1665 Dutch Life in Wiltwyck, based on the original 1665 probate inventory of Gysbert Van Imbroch, which provides a rare glimpse into daily life in colonial Kingston. Harambee will also be installing a special season-long exhibit soon, and we look forward to welcoming their powerful and meaningful contribution to the space.

Throughout the season, nearly every Saturday will feature guest hosts, including local historians, historical societies, cultural organizations, period musicians, artists, re-enactors, and even vintage baseball players, bringing the past to life and offering engaging experiences for visitors of all ages. A full schedule of hosts and exhibits is available at <https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/persen-house>.

Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck expressed excitement for the new season:

"The Persen House is more than a historic structure—it's a gathering place where our community connects with the people and stories that shaped Ulster County. We are proud to welcome new and returning visitors this year and look forward to another season filled with discovery, learning, and shared heritage."

Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran, who will be managing the Persen House and leading its programming efforts, also shared his enthusiasm:

"The Persen House is an incredible resource for exploring Ulster County's layered and diverse past. I'm honored to guide its next chapter and look forward to working with local partners to create programs and exhibits that invite curiosity, spark conversation, and reflect the many communities that call this region home."

Admission to the Matthewis Persen House Museum is always free. For more information about the site, upcoming events, and to schedule a group tour or school field trip, please contact the Ulster County Historian at (845) 340-3415 or countyhistorian@co.ulster.ny.us. You can also visit us online and on Facebook for updates and announcements.

DEC Seeks Public Comment on Eligibility Guidelines for Restoring and Expanding Forests

*Proposed Framework for Future Funding Opportunities Supports Tree Planting and Forest Establishment Projects
Projects Will Help Support New York's 25 Million Trees Initiative*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton today released for public review and comment draft eligibility guidelines to use Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act) funding in support of tree planting and forest establishment projects. DEC will use feedback to modify forthcoming funding opportunities to support reforestation and afforestation projects through direct practices and grant programs, including Community Reforestation (CoRe) and Regenerate NY to restore and expand forests in New York State.

"Tree planting and forest establishment projects provide valuable ecosystem and health benefits for local communities," Acting Commissioner Lefton said. "These projects protect and improve air and water quality, capture and treat stormwater, help mitigate extreme heat, enhance biodiversity, and provide habitat for flora and fauna. DEC encourages New Yorkers to provide feedback on the proposed guidelines to help projects that advance Governor Hochul's goals of strengthening and expanding New York's forests across the state."

Multiple categories within the transformative Bond Act are available to support forestry and its benefits to air and water quality and climate and flood mitigation, among many other enhancements to health, the environment, local economies, and quality of life. Under the proposed guidelines, Bond Act-funded forest establishment would focus on sustainable projects, excluding planting of trees for future timber harvests. Best Management Practices and actions associated with funded reforestation and afforestation projects include site preparation activities including invasive species removal and soil scarification, tree seed planting and other revegetation projects that assist forest regeneration, projects that collect native local plant seed material for future success, and forest protection systems such as tree tubes and other erosion control and deer browse control mechanisms.

The full guidelines can be viewed in the May 21, 2025, Environmental Notice Bulletin. DEC is accepting public comments through Friday, June 20, 2025, at 5 p.m. Comments should be sent to Annabel Gregg, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-3505, by phone at (518) 402-9409, or via email, dlfgrants@dec.ny.gov.

25 Million Trees Initiative

The funding will help support Governor Kathy Hochul's '25 Million Trees by 2033' initiative in the 2024 State of the State address. A total of \$32 million in Bond Act funding is helping modernize the State's tree nursery and harness technology to track forestation efforts in New York and \$15 million in the Executive Budget to support resilient reforestation projects. The Initiative is invigorating statewide tree planting efforts, sending an unmistakable market signal to private nurseries, and growing

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the state's vital forest products industry. The Initiative advances the climate equity and reforestation goals outlined in New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and contributes to New York's broader efforts to reduce the pollution contributing to climate change.

Earlier this year, Governor Hochul announced the launch of a new webpage and interactive tracking tool to help document progress toward New York State's goal to plant 25 million trees. Hosted by DEC and developed in cooperation with the Office of Information Technology Services, the webpage and Tree Tracker allow State agencies, organizations, private entities, and individuals to report the location and number of trees planted into the tracking tool, measuring progress in the statewide effort. New Yorkers are encouraged to plant trees and record them in the 25 Million Trees Tree Tracker.

Disadvantaged Communities

The Bond Act advances equity and environmental justice by directing at least 35 percent with a goal of 40 percent of total funding towards disadvantaged communities that are often the most impacted by pollution and climate change. Consistent with this Bond Act requirement, DEC will aim to prioritize 40 percent of grant awards to benefit disadvantaged communities.

On Nov. 8, 2022, New York voters overwhelmingly approved the \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act. State agencies, local governments, and partners will be able to access funding to protect water quality, help communities adapt to climate change, improve resiliency, and create green jobs. Bond Act funding will support new and expanded projects across the state to safeguard drinking water sources, reduce pollution, and protect communities and natural resources from climate change. Sign up for progress updates and find related information on the Bond Act website.

UC EMS Plan Gets Green Light from Legislature

\$4.7 Million Investment to Strengthen EMS Service Countywide

KINGSTON, NY - The EMS Stabilization and Enhancement Plan developed by the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services at the direction of County Executive Jen Metzger was approved by the Ulster County Legislature during Tuesday's session in a bipartisan vote of 21 to 0.

The plan provides targeted financial support, performance-based incentives, and new oversight measures to strengthen emergency medical services (EMS) delivery in communities across the County, and marks a critical step in ensuring high-quality EMS for all County residents.

The plan includes two key funding allocations: \$2 million to support existing EMS services in municipalities that meet performance standards, and \$2.7 million to contract with Advanced Life Support (ALS) anchor agencies, utilizing the County's recently approved Municipal Ambulance Service Operating Certificate (Muni-CON) to strengthen EMS delivery where resources are strained. The County will partner with local EMS agencies and municipalities to provide emergency response by entering into contracts with ALS providers and oversee billing and EMS provider service. In addition to closing service gaps, this approach helps local governments streamline EMS contract administration, reducing the burden on municipal staff and ensuring more efficient emergency services for residents.

The \$2 million appropriation will provide financial assistance to municipalities with existing EMS contracts or operating certificates, supporting efforts to improve response reliability and system performance. Funding eligibility is tied to a performance-based model requiring a 95% response rate, but agencies below that threshold may still qualify by meeting phased benchmarks over 12 months. This approach ensures communities can steadily build capacity while remaining eligible for support. Funds may be used to improve staffing, enhance response times, and invest in priority upgrades such as equipment, station expenses, transport vehicles, and financial education for EMS providers.

The \$2.7 million appropriation will strengthen Advanced Life Support (ALS) response across Ulster County by partnering with designated anchor agencies under the County's Ambulance Service Operating Certificate, to ensure consistent, reliable coverage wherever service gaps or increased demand arise. This model includes both readiness funding and performance-based incentives tied to response reliability standards.

The plan also introduces new compliance measures, including eligibility criteria, financial disclosure requirements, and performance-based funding mechanisms (such as Critical Response Incentive payments). EMS agencies will be required to demonstrate effectiveness in emergency response while adhering to County oversight and accountability standards.

"This plan is a result of a lot of hard work and negotiations and represents the most comprehensive path toward fully responsive EMS services in Ulster County," said Ulster County

Executive Jen Metzger. "By investing in existing EMS providers, we can ensure faster response times, better-equipped agencies, and a stronger safety net for all residents. I want to thank Ulster County Emergency Services Director Everett Erichsen, Deputy County Executive Jamie Capuano, and the Emergency Services team for their work on this Plan, and I also want to thank Legislator Jason Kovacs and the entire Legislature for recognizing the urgent need to strengthen our EMS system."

"This plan is about action, about making sure that when someone calls for help, trained EMS providers arrive quickly and fully prepared," said Everett Erichsen, Director of the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services. "The demand on our EMS system is growing, and lives depend on our ability to respond. This funding model strengthens day-to-day operations, supports the agencies doing the work, and builds the accountability we need to protect every resident who relies on emergency medical care."

"The passage of Resolution 102.2 represents a major milestone for public safety in Ulster County," said Legislator Jason J. Kovacs, Esq. "As the sole sponsor of this resolution, I am proud to have led the effort to deliver more than \$4.7 million in targeted support to strengthen EMS coverage, expand Advanced Life Support to communities in need, and ensure taxpayer funds are tied to performance and accountability. Our first responders deserve more than praise - they deserve real, structural support. I thank my colleagues for recognizing the urgency and stepping up to meet the moment."

"After much time, work, and collaboration, Ulster County is moving forward with a plan to fill in the gaps with regards to EMS. Times have changed and what used to work and be sufficient for ambulance service is no longer," said Gina Hansut, Ulster County Legislator and Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee Chair. "Taking many factors into account for the framework of municipalities' needs, we can now better provide ALS and BLS services across our county. I feel we will be a model for the state, and I'm proud of the work many have done to keep our residents safe and get them services in a more timely manner."

"Legislator Jason Kovacs and Director Everett Erichsen worked tirelessly to address long-standing challenges within our county's EMS system, creating partnerships across multiple agencies and departments to develop a forward-thinking solution. Their efforts - alongside the leadership and guidance of the County Executive's team - have resulted in a resolution and funding that demonstrate our county's commitment to reaching across the aisle and engaging in meaningful collaboration to improve emergency medical services for all residents," said Chris Hewitt, Ulster County Legislator and Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee Deputy Chair. "This milestone reflects our shared dedication to finding sustainable solutions that strengthen the EMS districts that serve our communities."

The Ulster County Department of Emergency Services will oversee the implementation of the plan, working closely with local EMS providers, municipalities, and community partners to ensure its success.

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

For more information on Ulster County's EMS initiatives, visit <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/ems-plan>.

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DEC Announces First State Record Fish in 2025

North Country Angler Catches Giant Channel Catfish

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the first state record fish of the year. On May 3, while shorefishing with his son, Dylan Kampnich of Dexter reeled in a 37-pound 9-ounce channel catfish from Black River Bay in Jefferson County. Mr. Kampnich's record-breaking catch surpassed the previous state record catfish caught in 2022, also from the Black River, by 13 ounces.

"We are so fortunate to have incredibly diverse and affordable fishing opportunities across the state," DEC Acting



Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "Congratulations to Mr. Kampnich on his record-breaking catfish. This catch is a great example of what New York's abundant waterways have to offer and the thrilling news of this catch will certainly get anglers excited about getting on the water this season."

Channel catfish are the largest members of the catfish species that live in New York. They feed primarily on the bottom at night and are most easily caught using live bait such as worms or baitfish. When hooked, catfish can provide a challenge for even the most experienced anglers. For more information on fishing for catfish visit DEC's website.

Mr. Kampnich submitted details of his winning catch as part of DEC's newly revamped Angler Achievement Awards Program, which tracks state record fish and recognizes anglers who catch any of the 40 eligible fish species that meet or exceed the minimum qualifying lengths established for that species. Through this program, anglers can enter freshwater fish that meet specific qualifying criteria and receive official recognition of their catch along with a species-specific sticker commemorating their achievement.

The program's three categories are: Angler Award; Youth Angler Award; and State Record. As part of the program revamp, anglers can now submit entries for qualifying catches from the convenience of their smart phone through an online entry form. For official program rules, eligible species, and

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The program further supports Governor Kathy Hochul's "Get Offline, Get Outside" initiative that promotes physical and mental health by helping encourage New York's kids and families to put down



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

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From President's Corner

Lori Orestano-James

T And...just like that...the month of May is behind us and June is busting out all over. The Annual BBQ/Scholarship Awards, Monster Run, and Scholarship Golf Tournament are all in full swing of preparation. ALL hands are on deck to make this all possible. The Rotary Year never truly ends; we continue the great work. But, we must always celebrate the past year and the amazing work accomplished. More to come...

The club had a very productive Membership and Club Structure Meeting last week. We are excited to move into a new growth period ensuring all members needs are being met in the organizational structure of our meeting.

Please be on the look out for your annual dues notice. A reminder to all that the Annual Rotary Year begins on July 1, 2025 and dues should be paid accordingly. Any questions or concerns, please let me know after you receive your invoice.

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

Agenda for May 27, 2025

1. Meeting Called to Order - President Lori Orestano-James
2. Pledge Of Allegiance - Past AGA Jacob Lerner
3. Introduction of Guests of Members - Full Membership
4. Program (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

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Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

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

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



this 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 Starner, 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.

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Chat: nami.org/help

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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."

To catch an additional glimpse of some amazing moments, please visit:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5HmfSxfaVoR86CQn8>

SC Auctioning Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

Monticello, NY - Bidders are welcome from now through May 29 on more than 30 items - including assorted metal, trucks, containers, even a lathe and a hay blower - up for auction by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works (DPW).

"There's something to interest any bargain-hunter," says District 7 Legislator and Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello. "I invite everyone to take a look and make a bid."

Bidding on all lots starts at just \$1, rising in increments (with a 10% buyer's premium). Some items may be lightly used or in operable condition, but all are being sold as-is through Absolute Auctions and Realty, with a full catalog, including photos, a

t <https://aaauctions.com/servlet/Search.do?auctionId=7669>

The auction closes on May 29, and payment is due by Tuesday, June 3 at 1 p.m. All lots are subject to seller approval. Invoices will be sent following approval of sale. Pickup will be by appointment only and must be completed by Friday, June 6 at 2 p.m.

DEC Announces Start of 2025 'NYHABS' Online Notification and Reporting System for Harmful Algal Blooms

- *Interactive Map Displays Bloom Locations*
- *DEC Encourages New Yorkers to "Know it, Avoid it, Report it"*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton and State Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner Dr. James McDonald today reminded New Yorkers to learn about and be aware of harmful algal blooms, or "HABs," as the 2025 HABs notification season starts. DEC's New York Harmful Algal Bloom System (NYHABS) is now active, providing New Yorkers the ability to send reports of HABs to DEC electronically via a simple user- and mobile phone-friendly form.

"DEC is committed to continuing its nation leading work to address harmful algal blooms in New York's waterbodies and lessen the negative impacts they can pose to water quality," said Acting Commissioner Lefton. "We work closely with DOH on these efforts and reporting any sightings through the NYHABS notification system is a key component in our goal to minimize the frequency of HABs and allow for a more effective response in these areas."

DEC and DOH evaluate HAB reports and once confirmed, reports are posted to the NYHABS page. The page

hosts resources such as the online HABs map and reporting system, which features an interactive map of current and archived bloom locations to help keep New Yorkers informed about potential HABs.

While cyanobacteria are naturally occurring in the environment, certain conditions lead to accumulations that become HABs. Blooms are likely triggered by a combination of factors that include excess nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, lots of sunlight, low-water or low-flow conditions, calm water, and warm temperatures. HAB occurrence and reporting typically increase throughout the season with the most reports received during the warmest months of August and September. Regardless of the presence of toxins, HABs can pose a risk to public health.

State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "As we enter the summer months and people find themselves enjoying New York State's waters, we encourage them to avoid and report any Harmful Algal Blooms as they can cause health effects in both people and pets. The Department will continue our work with local water suppliers, beach operators, and the Department of Environmental Conservation to monitor for Harmful Algal Blooms so that we may protect drinking water and recreational use of our freshwaters."

When it comes to HABs, DEC encourages New Yorkers to "KNOW IT, AVOID IT, REPORT IT."

KNOW IT - HABs vary in appearance from scattered green dots in the water to long, linear green streaks, pea soup or spilled green paint, to blue-green or white coloration.

AVOID IT - People, pets, and livestock should avoid contact with water that is discolored or has algal scums on the surface.

REPORT IT - If members of the public suspect a HAB, report it through the NYHABS online reporting form available on DEC's website. Symptoms or health concerns related to HABs should be reported to DOH at harmfulalgae@health.ny.gov.

Public awareness of HABs, what they look like, and potential impacts of HABs is a key element of protecting public health. DEC strives to provide resources such as HAB warning signs (PDF) to be posted locally and encourages reporting to NYHABS as a central piece of raising public awareness on where and when HABs are occurring. DEC's research on statewide HAB trends suggests successful outreach and increased public awareness is an important reason why DEC confirms HAB occurrence on new waterbodies each year.

For more information about HABs, including bloom notifications updated daily through fall, visit DEC's Harmful Algal Blooms webpage. The HAB Program Guide, (PDF) which includes information and links to resources regarding bloom prevention, management, and control, can also be downloaded from the DEC website. Visit DOH's website for DOH's public health information. (Contd. Pg. 50)

Using the most up-to-date research on controllable causes, DEC established a holistic approach to managing and reducing HABs in the state that combines long- and short-term strategies along with advancing research.

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Using the most up-to-date research on controllable causes, DEC established a holistic approach to managing and reducing HABs in the state that combines long- and short-term strategies along with advancing research. DEC's approach includes:

- o Deliberate Clean Water Planning to improve nutrient reduction efforts;
- o Funding to implement nutrient reduction;
- o Applied research on HABs; and
- o Short-term HAB mitigation efforts.

Reducing the amount of nutrients in New York's waters remains a key factor in statewide efforts to address HABs. At the end of 2024, DEC released draft Nutrient Guidance Values for public comment. Once finalized, the guidance values and proposed updates to Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS) 1.1.1: Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations along with updates to TOGS 1.3.6: Phosphorus Removal for Wastewater Discharges will provide an important expansion of nutrient reduction efforts as a key controllable cause of HABs.

To date, New York State awarded more than \$530 million in grants designed to reduce the frequency of algal blooms across the state by targeting phosphorus and nitrogen pollution, controllable factors that can contribute to the occurrence of HABs, and more than \$14.4 million to research and development, pilot projects, and advanced HABs monitoring.

Additionally, Governor Kathy Hochul is focusing on restoring recreational opportunities in Chautauqua Lake. Capital investments are supporting a study to determine the extent and severity of internal phosphorus loading, advanced monitoring and development of a TMDL watershed implementation plan. Sampling to support this work will begin in Spring/Summer 2025. For more information visit

DEC's webpage Chautauqua Lake Watershed - NYS-DEC.

DEC continues to incorporate HAB monitoring into its core water quality monitoring programs such as the Lake Classification and Inventory Program. These programs conduct HAB monitoring statewide to complement data and information generated by NYHABS, carry out surveys to characterize statewide conditions, and help identify occurrences of HABs that inform statewide HAB trends analyses. These data, available in DEC's updated Division of Water Monitoring Portal, along with applied research efforts, provide insight into management of HABs and water quality issues across New York. DEC's Harmful Algal Blooms webpage provides access to these research efforts targeting management of HABs in addition to information on understanding HABs, potential health risks, and efforts to develop plans to reduce nutrients as the main controllable factor driving HABs. Additionally, DEC published its HABs Research Guide (PDF) to inform statewide research priorities.

Further, earlier this year Governor Hochul announced grant awards totaling \$102 million to 53 planning and implementation projects aimed at nutrient reduction to help reduce the occurrence of HABs through the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) program and Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning and MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG). Grant project types that target reduction of phosphorus and nitrogen pollution include wastewater treatment, non-agricultural nonpoint abatement and control, and land acquisition for source water protection. These grants are now open for 2025 applications as part of the recently announced Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). At least \$75 million in funding is available through WQIP and up to \$3 million in funding is available through NPG.

New York's Commitment to Water Quality

New York State continues to increase its nation-leading investments in water infrastructure. With \$500 million allocated for clean water infrastructure in the recently Enacted 2025-26 State Budget, New York will have invested a record \$6 billion in water infrastructure since 2017. The budget also included an increase to the EPF for a record total of \$425 million. Initiatives in Governor Hochul's State of the State are ensuring ongoing coordination with local governments and helping communities to leverage these investments. Governor Hochul announced \$435 million in grants to 102 projects in November, featuring increased awards for wastewater projects for smaller, disadvantaged communities. The Governor also expanded the State Environmental Facilities Corporation's (EFC) Community Assistance Teams to help small, rural and disadvantaged communities leverage this funding and address their clean water infrastructure needs. Any community needing assistance with water infrastructure projects is encouraged to contact EFC.

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Passing President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed the House this week! This legislation puts America First by making permanent the Trump Tax Cuts, providing ICE and the Department of Homeland Security the funding they need to build the wall and hire more agents to secure our borders, unleashing American energy production, and restoring common sense and sanity in our government.

House Republicans voted to prevent the largest tax hike in American History by preserving and expanding the 2017 Trump Tax Cuts. This legislation will now bring the most significant tax cut in American history, bringing an average of an extra \$5,000 into our wallets. In addition, Americans earning between \$30,000 and \$80,000 will pay nearly 15% less in taxes. This legislation also delivers on President Trump's promises of No Tax on Tips, No Tax on Overtime, and additional tax relief for seniors to benefit working-class Americans.

NY-24 is the largest agricultural district in the Northeast; the One Big Beautiful Bill protects family farms by preventing the 6,804 family farms in our district from seeing their death tax exemption cut in half. Main Street businesses are also the backbone of our district, and this legislation protects the 199A Small Business Deduction to ensure the 40,720 small businesses in NY-24 are not hit by a 43.4% effective tax rate.

This legislation also contains historic provisions to secure our borders and combat the migrant crisis by providing nearly \$70 million to expand ICE detention centers, hire over 10,000 new ICE Agents, and finish the border wall. President Trump and House Republicans are also committed to protecting American family values and restoring sanity to federal policymaking. By including my legislation to end taxpayer funding for sex changes for children and repealing the Left's Green New Scam, we are working to rid our federal government of waste, fraud, and abuse.

Now, it is up to the Senate to unite around this legislation and get this One Big Beautiful Bill to the President's desk to deliver on our promises to the American people. It was a great privilege to support this once-in-a-lifetime bill, and I am eager to see it signed into law!

Honoring our Fallen Heroes this Memorial Day Weekend

During Memorial Day Weekend, we pause to recognize and honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. May we strive to uphold the ideals they fought for and continue to build a nation worthy

of their sacrifice.

We also honor the families and loved ones of our fallen heroes, those who have endured the weight of loss so that we may live in freedom. The strength and resilience of our fallen soldiers and our Gold Star families stand as a powerful testament to the enduring spirit of our nation. Their sacrifice will not go unnoticed, and may we continue to support these families as they face the unimaginable.

Thank you to our fallen heroes, our Veterans, and their families for their unwavering patriotism, dedication to our country, and commitment to preserving the freedoms we hold dear. God bless our soldiers, and God bless the United States of America.

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. 3514, The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act -This bipartisan bill will streamline the prior authorization process within Medicare Advantage (MA). Doing so will alleviate the administrative burdens faced by health care providers, improve access to timely, quality care for seniors, and prioritize patients' well-being over excessive paperwork.

H.R.3548, the Infrastructure Advancement Act: This bill bars the use of strict, automatic liability in lawsuits against property owners or contractors for injuries involving falls or other elevation-related incidents on infrastructure or transportation projects backed by federal funds. Instead, it establishes a uniform requirement for states to apply a comparative negligence framework where fault is allocated proportionally among all involved parties, including the injured individual if their actions contributed to the incident. The legislation supersedes any state laws that impose liability without considering the specific circumstances or responsibilities of each party. These provisions will apply solely to new projects receiving federal financial support on or after January 1, 2026, and will not interfere with current workers' compensation systems.

H.Res.433, a resolution condemning former FBI Director James Comey's incitement of violence against President Donald J. Trump: The inflammatory and irresponsible social media post by former FBI Director James Comey is another sign of the stunning lack of integrity from the disgraced former FBI director. This resolution calls for clear consequences and firm safeguards to prevent individuals like Comey from ever occupying positions of public authority again. The American people deserve leaders who heal division, not exploit their former power to deepen it.

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.

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This Week with Claudia

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To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained>

Monday, May 19

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1286, the Simplifying Forms for Veterans Act. This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to research and report on the number of forms sent to veterans seeking to file claims. Additionally, the report would include recommendations on how to make the forms clearer and more organized for claimants. After military service, veterans and their families shouldn't face a VA claims process that is more complicated and stressful than it needs to be. This legislation is one step towards a more efficient VA that provides better care for our veterans. This bill passed by a vote of 386-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1263, the Strengthening the Quad Act. H.R. 1263 would create a Quad Interparliamentary Working Group comprised of the legislatures of the Quad members - the United States, Australia, Japan, and India. This bill would also require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress to strengthen our engagement and cooperation based on shared interests and values with the Quad. This strategy would include proposals with respect to intelligence sharing, economic cooperation and cooperative development. This bill passed by a vote of 334-51.

Tuesday, May 20

I voted "Yes" on H.R.1223, the ANCHOR Act. This bill requires the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to submit a comprehensive plan to Congress to improve the cybersecurity and telecommunications of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet. The bill also authorizes the NSF Director to support upgrades to the cyberinfrastructure and cybersecurity of the Fleet consistent with the plan. As we continue to invest in the U.S. Academic Research Fleet, we must ensure that the findings of our research is not hacked by foreign adversaries. This bill will strengthen our cybersecurity infrastructure and help protect U.S. intellectual property. This bill passed by a vote of 412-11.

I voted "Yes" on S.J.Res. 13, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act. This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, titled Business Combinations Under the Bank Merger Act, published on September 25, 2024. The rule amended the procedures for reviewing applications for proposed bank mergers, including the removal of automatic approvals under an expedited review process and the elimination of streamlined application forms. Although the Biden-era rule was only in effect for two months, the regulatory uncertainty created by the policies in the rule had a horrible effect. The rule disincorporated banks from pursuing strategic growth and disproportionately harmed small and mid-size community banks

that do not have the excess capital to afford high compliance costs nor the manpower to navigate administratively burdensome and opaque regulations. As such, I voted to overturn this burdensome rule. This resolution passed by a vote of 220-207.

Thursday, May 22

I voted "Yes" on S.J.Res. 31, a joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act." This joint resolution of disapproval overturns the Biden Administration's regulatory overreach by nullifying an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule titled Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, issued on September 10, 2024. Under the guise of environmental stewardship, this rule cynically reimposes burdensome major source emission standards on facilities that have legally reduced their emissions enough to qualify for reclassification as area sources. This punishes progress and stifles innovation, forcing industries to operate under major source restrictions regardless of actual emission levels. The rule weaponizes the Clean Air Act to serve a radical agenda, targeting American manufacturing and energy sectors with costly compliance mandates that do nothing to improve air quality but everything to cripple economic growth and domestic production. As such, I voted to overturn this burdensome rule. This resolution passed by a vote of 216-212.

I voted "Yes" for H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a comprehensive, pro-growth legislative package that delivers on key promises to the American people. This bill puts America First by making permanent the 2017 Trump Tax Cuts, providing critical funding to secure our borders, unleashing domestic energy production, and restoring fiscal responsibility and common sense to Washington. This legislation will prevent the largest tax increase in American history and instead provide the largest tax cut in our nation's history. It will save middle-income families thousands of dollars each year, with those earning between \$30,000 and \$80,000 seeing nearly a 15% reduction in taxes. The bill includes pro-worker tax relief measures like eliminating taxes on tips and overtime pay, as well as additional tax relief for seniors, ensuring working families keep more of what they earn. As Representative of the largest agricultural district in the Northeast, I was thrilled to support provisions that safeguard the future of 6,804 family farms in our region by maintaining current estate tax exemptions. The bill also makes permanent the 199A Small Business Deduction, which is vital to the 40,720 small businesses in our district, shielding them from a 43.3% effective tax rate. The bill also addresses the ongoing crisis at our southern border by allocating nearly \$70 million to expand ICE detention capacity, hiring over 10,000 new agents, and finishing construction of President Trump's border wall. It also includes measures to uphold American values by ending taxpayer funding for gender transition procedures for minors and unleashing American energy dominance. This bill passed the House by a vote of 215-214 with one voting present.



It was another busy week fighting for a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley.

As we continue this Memorial Day Weekend, I wanted to take a moment and update you on what I've been doing this week to deliver for Hudson Valley families:

VOTING AGAINST GUTTING HEALTH CARE IN EXCHANGE FOR BILLIONAIRE TAX CUTS

This week, I voted against a harmful bill that proposes over a trillion dollars in cuts to essential programs Hudson Valley families rely on, including Medicaid and food assistance (SNAP).

Once again, Trump and House Republicans are prioritizing their billionaire buddies instead of helping hard-working Americans, who are already getting hit with rising costs from Trump's disastrous tariffs.

This bill is a triple-whammy: it makes devastating cuts to food and healthcare programs while driving up costs for everyone; gives massive tax breaks to big corporations and the ultra-rich instead of the middle class; and irresponsibly adds over \$5 trillion to the national debt.

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

I don't care who you voted for. I don't care about your political party. I only care about the Hudson Valley and I do not want to see our community suffer. We need to be loud, we need to be united, and we need to convince Trump and the Senate that this bill is wrong for our country.

This fight is not over.

FIGHTING FOR HUDSON VALLEY HEALTH CARE

When I launched my community inquiry into UnitedHealth, the magnitude and severity of responses was shocking.

I heard from parents of disabled children unable to get treatment, mothers waiting almost a year for a cancer diagnosis, and families slammed by thousands of dollars of overcharges.

All this so the largest health care company in the world can continue to make record-breaking profits.

United owns the insurance company, United owns your doctor, United owns the pharmacy and United owns the software that processes your health data.

And they use it all to keep prices high and drive quality down.

Now the Justice Department is delaying its investigation into United - and it's American families who will pay the price.

I'm urging the DOJ and Pam Bondi to do their jobs and make sure this investigation continues without delay. Enough is enough.

It's time to hold UnitedHealth accountable and ensure that Americans across the country are able to get the care they deserve at a price they can afford.

Read the full release and text of my letter: With Department of Justice Investigation Into UnitedHealth Delayed By Staff Reductions, Congressman Pat Ryan Demands AG Bondi Take Immediate Action to Protect Americans from Healthcare Monopolies

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/departement-justice-investigation-unitedhealth-delayed-staff-reductions>

MORE FUNDING FOR HUDSON VALLEY COPS

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

Keeping our streets safe starts with supporting our local police departments, and making sure they have the tools they need to protect our communities.

Hudson Valley police officers are heroes, and they're entrusted with the enormous responsibility of protecting our families. But far too often, small and midsized police departments like ours lack the resources they need. That's why I am proud to be leading this bipartisan effort to ensure that our officers are getting fair treatment.

Our kids, our communities, and our country are all safer when we support our cops.

Read more about the More Funding for COPS Act: During "National Police Week," Congressmen Pat Ryan and Zach Nunn Introduce Bipartisan "More Funding for COPS Act"

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/during-national-police-week-congressmen-pat-ryan-and-zach-nunn-introduce>

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 Wednesday the 28th we'll be in Wingdale for the Dutchess County Office for Aging's Senior Picnic!

Check out the details below, and make sure to call 845-486-2555 to RSVP as space is limited.

You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van here, stay tuned for more dates soon!: 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 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.

FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOM TO DRINK CLEAN WATER

The freedom to drink clean water is fundamentally American.

We've been fighting hard and have made progress when it comes to making sure every Hudson Valley family - especially our kids - has access to clean water.

But now Trump and Zeldin are trying to roll that progress back just so that Big Oil and chemical companies can boost their profits. (Contd. Pg. 56)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)

We are still facing a public health crisis in several communities throughout the Hudson Valley - including Newburgh, where the main source of drinking water has unacceptable levels of PFAS contamination.

Our community needs more money and resources to tackle this public health crisis, not more handouts to the very corporate polluters destroying our environment.

Read more: Daily Freeman: Ryan pans Trump administration plan to weaken forever chemical limits

HONORING AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS

This week, we celebrated Armed Forces Day.

Thank you to my brothers & sisters in uniform for your bravery, unshakable faith in our country's ideals, and the sacrifices you make that allow us all to live in safety and freedom.

PRAYING FOR PRESIDENT BIDEN**CELEBRATING DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT**

I was thrilled to have my team attend the 66th Commencement of the Dutchess Community College last weekend!

Congratulations to all of these impressive students - the entire Hudson Valley can't wait to see what you do next.

CELEBRATING MEMORIAL DAY WITH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

I'll have plenty more to say about Memorial Day Weekend next week, but I wanted to make sure to share this great event with you all in advance:

BURGERS IN PORT JERVIS

Check out Ben's Fresh in Port Jervis for one of the best burgers in New York!!

Congrats to owner Bobby Geraghty for making the list yet again.

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

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

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

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

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

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

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

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

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

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 56) 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.

The Cooling Assistance Benefit provides for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool. Call your HEAP Local District Contact to apply!

COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

The 2025 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program is a competitive grant program that advances public safety by providing funds directly to state law enforcement agencies to investigate illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.

Up to \$16 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by July 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program

The 2025 Anti-Heroin Task Force program is a competitive grant program that assists state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions for both heroin and other opioids. AHTF funds must be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities through statewide collaboration related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or other opioids, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

Up to \$35 million is available for this program.

Applications are due by July 2, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET.

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

The 2025 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program funds the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services, training, and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

The 2025 LEMHWA program will fund projects that:

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to provide mental health and wellness training and resources for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families.

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances.

Increase law enforcement agency capacity to address and reduce the stigma associated with officer mental health and wellness by supporting the implementation of mental health education and development of resources.

All local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply.

Up to \$9.8 million is available for this program.

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

Community Policing Development (CPD)

Community Policing Development (CPD) - Accreditation

The CPD - Accreditation program awards funding for law enforcement agencies to complete the process of accreditation, as well as the work of national and state accreditation bodies that support accreditation.

The FY25 CPD - Accreditation Program has two open funding opportunities:

Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities

Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation

Approximately \$4 million is available for this program.

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

Community Policing Development (CPD) - Law Enforcement Products and Resources

The CPD - Law Enforcement Products and Resources program funds the development of products and resources specifically designed for national distribution that offer creative ideas to uplift the image of the law enforcement profession, advance crime fighting, or support community policing efforts through community engagement, problem solving, or organizational change.

High priority areas of focus may include (but are not limited to) topics such as violent crime prevention, immigration issues and border security, child trafficking, street gangs, recruitment and hiring, gun violence and the enforcement of gun laws, opioids and drug market interruption, law enforcement task force engagement, homelessness and squatting, nuisance abatement, and other crime and disorder problems.

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

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

Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The 2025 Safer Outcomes program will encompass two separate solicitations:

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

Support for law enforcement agencies (Contd. Pg. 58)

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Approximately \$18 million is available for this program.

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

COPS Blue Alert Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon

**Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!**

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

1. Happy Memorial Day!

On Memorial Day, we honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As we remember their bravery this weekend, I'm praying for those who lost their lives in the line of duty and their families. We owe them an incredible debt.

- Kirsten

2. Fighting for free childbirth

The costs associated with having a baby--like those for ultrasounds, delivery services, and postpartum care--can be astronomical. Families deserve comprehensive coverage.

That's why this week, Kirsten introduced legislation to require private insurance to fully cover expenses related to childbirth, as well as prenatal and postpartum care. This legislation could save families thousands of dollars and make sure moms and babies receive the high-quality care they need. Kirsten is committed to fighting for its passage.

Read more. <https://www.wxxinews.org/local-news/2025-05-21/gillibrand-legislation-would-make-health-insurers-cover-all-childbirth-costs>

3. Working to guarantee timely access to health care

Seniors have spent their entire lives contributing to our commu-

nities, and they deserve every resource to support their health and well-being.

This week, Kirsten joined a bipartisan group of senators to reintroduce the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act. This bill would help cut through unnecessary red tape and ensure that timely medical care is accessible to older Americans enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans.

Read more

. <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-colleagues-reintroduce-bill-to-improve-seniors-access-to-health-care/>

4. Supporting renewable energy

When the Trump administration issued a stop-work order for the Empire Wind project-which was set to deliver billions of dollars in capital investments, generate domestic energy for 500,000 homes, and create over a thousand union jobs and apprenticeships in New York-Kirsten fought back.

This week, in part thanks to her efforts, the Trump administration allowed construction of the offshore wind farm to resume. This is a huge win for Long Island and New York, and Kirsten will continue fighting to make renewable energy available across the state.

Read more. <https://libn.com/2025/05/20/empire-wind-construction-resumes-trump-approval/>

5. Helping constituents with Social Security

When a senior in Manhattan discovered that her Social Security retirement benefits had been unpaid without explanation since January, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team reached out to the Social Security Administration on her behalf, and within weeks, the constituent received over \$5,500 in benefit payments owed to her.

Gillibrand, Colleagues Reintroduce Bill to Improve Seniors Access to Health Care *Legislation Would Improve Access To Care For Many Of The Over Two Million New Yorkers Enrolled in Medicare Advantage Plans*

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined a bipartisan group of senators in reintroducing the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act, zero-cost legislation to improve access to care for seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. The bill focuses on streamlining the often cumbersome and time-consuming prior authorization process, allowing health care providers to spend more time on patient care rather than administrative burdens.

This legislation would help physicians better serve and improve care for the 32.8 million Americans - including the over two million New Yorkers- enrolled in an MA plan.

"Senior citizens have spent their entire lives contributing to our communities, and they deserve every resource to support their health and well-being," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act will help cut through unnecessary red tape and ensure timely medical care is accessible to older Americans.

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Gillibrand, Colleagues Reintroduce Bill to Improve Seniors Access to Health Care

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Seniors should have reliable access to specialist care, mental health support, preventative services, and the treatments they need to live with dignity. I am proud to support this important legislation, and I pledge to continue fighting to expand access to quality, affordable, and timely health care for our seniors.”

Prior authorization is a tool used by health plans to reduce unnecessary care by requiring health care providers to get pre-approval for medical services. However, the current system often results in multiple faxes or phone calls by clinicians, which takes precious time away from delivering care. Prior authorization continues to be the number one administrative burden identified by health care providers, and nearly three out of four Medicare Advantage enrollees are subject to unnecessary delays due to the practice.

The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act would:

1. Establish an electronic prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage plans, including a standardization for transactions and clinical attachments.
2. Increase transparency around Medicare Advantage prior authorization requirements and their use.
3. Clarify HHS' authority to establish timeframes for e-prior authorization requests, including expedited determinations, real-time decisions for routinely approved items and services, and other prior authorization requests.
4. Expand beneficiary protections to improve enrollee experiences and outcomes.
5. Require HHS and other agencies to report to Congress on program integrity efforts and other ways to further improve the e-prior authorization process.
6. Codify and enhance elements of the Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Processes (e-PA) rule that was finalized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on January 17, 2024.
7. Result in zero cost to American taxpayers.

In addition to Senator Gillibrand, this legislation is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Mark Warner (D-VA), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), John Fetterman (D-PA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), James Lankford (R-OK), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Cynthia Lummis (R-WY), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH),

Mike Rounds (R-SD), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Bill Hagerty (R-TN), Andy Kim (D-NJ), John Boozman (R-AR), Dick Durbin (D-IL), John Cornyn (R-TX), Patty Murray (D-WA), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Tina Smith (D-MN), Peter Welch (D-VT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Ted Budd (R-NC), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Tim Sheehy (R-MT), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Pete Ricketts (R-NE), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), John Hoeven (R-ND), Rick Scott (R-FL), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Deb Fischer (R-NE), and Chris Coons (D-DE).

Companion legislation was also introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. John Joyce, M.D. (R-PA-13), Mike Kelly (R-PA-16), Suzan DelBene (D-WA-01), and Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA-06).

This legislation is endorsed by 140 health care organizations.

The full text of the legislation can be found here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/RIL25535.pdf>

Senator Oberacker: State and Local Officials Score Major Win Against Ulster Landfill Project

WAWARSING, 5/23/25 - Today, Senator Peter Oberacker is applauding a major victory for Ulster and Sullivan County residents after a highly controversial landfill project proposed in Wawarsing was placed on indefinite hold.

“After speaking with concerned residents, local leaders, and community stakeholders, I made it a top priority to stop this ill-conceived landfill proposal. Today, I am very proud to report that our voices were heard loud and clear.

Our upstate communities are not a dumping ground for garbage and this indefinite hold is a direct result of our community standing together and demanding better. I want to thank the dedicated officials from Ulster County, Wawarsing, and every resident who picked up the phone or showed up to speak out. This is a clear example of what we can achieve when we work together.

The fight isn't over, but today is a victory for transparency, accountability, and the great people of our communities.”

D&H Canal Interpretive Center is Now Open Canalside Museum is Free to Visit

Summitville, NY - The Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center (16 Bova Road, Summitville) is now open. The Interpretive Center will remain open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through September 1, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and from noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Admission is always free!

Sullivan County's D&H Canal Interpretive Center sits adjacent to the historic remains of the former Delaware & Hudson Canal, including a lock and waste weir. The Center takes visitors on an exploration of life on the canal, through each phase of the canal's construction and its 70 years of operation.

Learn about the lock system and enjoy the historic features of the site. Hike along the canal towpath from Summitville to Wurtsboro. Enjoy occasional special events! Whether you are a canal enthusiast or simply wonder why there are remnants of fancy stone walls in strange places along Route 209, the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will solve many mysteries about what people were up to in this area starting in the 1820s.

The Center also houses original artifacts from the canal, photographs, paintings, documents, postcards, numerous maps, and other canal-related materials. A bookstore and restrooms are available.

The D&H Interpretive Center provides free group tours on select days. These are great for schools, history clubs, and community groups! The maximum group size is 40 people. For more information or to book a reservation, contact the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department at scparks@sullivanny.gov or 845-807-0287.

Additional information is available at www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation



Detailed scale models of Canal features - like the John Roebling-constructed aqueducts - can be found in the Interpretive Center.



The Interpretive Center (right) sits next to the Canal towpath and a Canal-era building.

One of the Canal's many locks can be visited at the property.

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 the 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: Thursday June 19, 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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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*



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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.

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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.

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Starting June 7th
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Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

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

Ellenville, NY - SHADOWLAND STAGES-one of the Hudson Valley's cultural cornerstones-celebrates its landmark 40th Anniversary Season this year, marking four decades as one of the region's leading professional theatre companies. The Ellenville, NY-based theatre kicks 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 manager is Nicole Caroselli, and assistant stage manager is Aidan Countryman.

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

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

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

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

TICKETS & BOX OFFICE

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

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

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

Olive Free Library Fair - Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A West Shokan, NY

The Olive Free Library will hold its annual Library Fair on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event, along with the Holiday Craft Fair in December, is the Library's biggest event and fundraiser of the year and includes a diverse range of activities for families and people of all ages.

The Library Fair Book Sale will begin with early-bird entry at 9:00 a.m. for \$20, which grants access to the approximately 2,000 books in the larger book sale, as well as to the books in the Library's rare book sale.

One of the highlights of this year's Library Fair will be Jester Jim's Juggling Show at 11:00 a.m., which will include juggling, beatboxing and comedy. Following this show, Hudson Valley musician Jon Coghill will perform. Laura Connor, an environmental educator from Minnewaska State Park, will offer a range of kid-friendly activities, including plaster animal tracks for animal identification, plant and animal drawings, wildlife displays and crafts.

Woodstock's Golden Notebook bookstore will be at the Library Fair both to offer books for sale and to allow people to purchase books for donation to the Olive Free Library's new satellite location. These donated books will feature a bookplate that purchasers can write their names in to support the Library expanding its service to this new location.

The always-popular Plant Sale will also be a part of the Library Fair, as will local food vendors, including Tetta's Market and Kingston's Hole in the Wall Donuts.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Library Fair will go to ensuring that the Olive Free Library can continue to provide superlative service and programming to the local community.

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Daniel Pierce Library

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

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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 Vietnam, 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.

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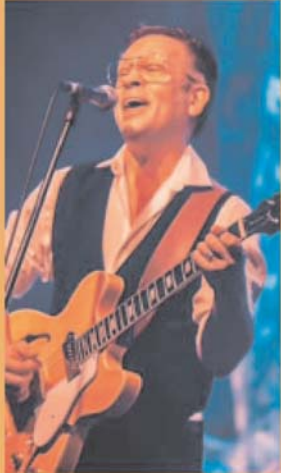
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
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Caregiver Cafe'

Winter/Spring 2025 schedule

Feb 3

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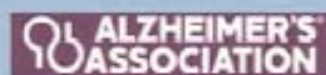
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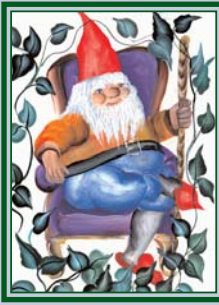
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***The Call of the Wild***

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The Call of the Wild is a short adventure based on a novel by Jack London that was published in 1903.

The story takes place in Yukon, Canada, during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, when strong sled dogs were in high demand.



The central character of the novel is a dog named Buck. The story opens at a ranch in Santa Clara Valley, California. Buck is stolen from his home and sold into service as a sled dog in Alaska. He becomes progressively feral in the harsh environment, where he is forced to fight to survive and dominate other dogs.

By the end, he sheds the veneer of civilization, and relies on primordial instinct and learned experience to emerge as a leader in the wild.

London spent almost a year in the Yukon, and his observations form much of the material for the book. The story was serialized in *The Saturday Evening Post* in the summer of 1903 and was published later that year in book form. The book's great popularity and success made a reputation for London. As early as 1923, the story was adapted to film, and it has since seen several more cinematic adaptations.



The latest movie version of *The Call of the Wild* was released in 2020. Directed by: Chris Sanders, and Starring: Harrison Ford, Omar Sy and Cara Gee

Answer to last week's Trivia Question: *Regarding Henry*

This weeks' Trivia question: Who are the bad guys in Indiana Jones and The Last Crusades?

(From Pg. 90)

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The Ghost Goes West

(1h 22m / Comedy / TV-G / 1935)

YouTube; IMDb



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Directed by René Clair, Imlay Watts, and *starring Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Eugene Pallette.*



The Canterville Ghost

(1h 36m / Horror / Science-Fiction / TV-G 1944)

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