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Take Out Chicken BBQ Fundraiser Saturday, May 17, 4 to 6 p.m. Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville



The 6nd annual TAKE OUT Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, May 17th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY.

The BBQ includes Murray's Chicken BBQ'd to perfection by the Neversink Department, delicious sides (baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, split top roll) from Wilson's Deli in Ellenville, and brownie donated by Frost Valley YMCA. Just drive up to get you dinners. Enjoy a DELICIOUS dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car!

Museum volunteers Anne-Marie Kremer, Linda Muthig and Dorothy Muthig getting the take out chicken dinners packed up and ready to go at last year's BBQ.

Tickets for the Chicken BBQ are \$15 per meal and are available on line: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org, by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or calling 845 985-7700 with a credit card. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. Funds raised will go towards the Museum's educational programs. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Sylvia Russo happily picking up her dinners from hard working Museum volunteer, 2024.

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On the Front Burner: Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may lieve; for thy law is my delight. Psalm 119:77

OBITUARY

Gordon Frost –We are so sorry to hear of the recent passing of Gordon Frost, a former resident of Grahamsville. Our sympathy to Gordon's family and friends.

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 infirmary for the elderly and disabled. Welfare Commissioner, Robert Travis noted that the county has been spending roughly \$50,000 a year keeeping 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.

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

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 fiance 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 May 11, 1995

This morning I am thinking of a very special place where in the early 1900's I sat several hours each day for weeks gazing at the roof of our post office. High up in my maple tree, the scent of fresh flowers on the air always seemed to clear my mind, calm ray spirit and give me strength to go on. For each day now I had been sitting for hours observing my little wash tub sitting on that roof spilling over with icky rain water, dead mosquitoes and millers. For a long time I had been wishing for a small wash tub to do my doll's laundry in. I already had the little washboard and clothes pins which I received for Christmas. Everything seemed to be coming my way, for that spring my Grandfather Dickerson moved in with us and among his pots and pans was a basin just the right size for a doll laundry tub. It was my wish coming true, for Grandfather gave it to me. Just a few days later Mother decided our kitchen needed new wallpaper and borrowed my doll's laundry tub to mix her wallpaper paste in. When she finished papering, our kitchen looked real neat, and there was still paste left over.

Our post office was a one-story room which had been added on our main house which had two stories; and our window upstairs opened onto the post office roof, but us kids were cautioned to never go out on the post office roof, and that is where Mother set my little wash tub and paste. It just sat there for days, and one day I received courage enough to climb out on the roof, empty out the contents and bring it in and clean it up. I was busy doing a laundry when Mother spied me, told me to empty it out, and to return it to the roof. There it sat for weeks, and I quite often sat in my tree trying to understand just what went wrong, when one morning I came downstairs after gettting ready for school. Dad said, "Beatrice, there is some kind of a pan lying on the ground out there by the post office window. Will you go out and bring it to me please?" I ran out and to my surprise it was my doll's wash tub which could have blown off the roof during the night, but I will always have a feeling that it had a lot of help from my Mother and Dad.

Household Hint:

Rubber Band Trick for Opening Jars

When you have to struggle to open the lid of a jar we have a little trick for you that will make things easier: wrap a rubber band around the lid to open it. The rubber band will give that extra grip which will make it much easier to easily open the jar. You now can rest in peace with a spoon full.

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

ShadberryOnce again, it's that time again when driving along Route 55 from Sundown to Grahamsville we see all the Kwanzan - Japanese Flowering Cherry Trees gracing the hillsides, especially near Rocky Hill and Eureka Road. Another spring flowering tree that is blooming, but not quite

apparent, are the Shadbush or June Berry Trees. You will have to look up to see them. Scattered here and there are white flowers of the Shadbush that looks more like a small tree.

A member of the Rose family, the Shadbush is a cousin to the apple clan but blooms before them, usually about a week before the forest canopy leafs out, when the emerging leaves are but a confetti of yellows, reds, and greens. An American native, it evokes the Japanese garden in the elegant structure of its branches and the ephemeral, fleeting nature of its blossoms.

History reveals that the Shadbush was also called Serviceberry because it blooms in mid-April to early May, when long-delayed religious services were held throughout 19th century New

England, and snow covered roads

became accessible again. But not everyone was religious, and others would just as soon go fishing, especially when the first run of shad migrated upstream from the ocean, heralded by the blooming Shadbush or Shadblow.

It is also called a June Berry tree, referring to the fruits of certain species that become ripe in June.

Of the twenty species of Shadbush (Amelanchier) in America, two are well

defined. The Atlantic (A. Canadensis) and the Pacific (A. ainifolia).

They differ in flower, leaf shape and size of berry-like fruit.

Most of the Shadbush that we have around here have fine cut, sawtoothed, glossy leaves somewhat like small pear leaves and grayishbrown bark with clusters of white long-petaled flowers that usually open in late April or early May.

These diverse shrubs or small trees have smooth to slightly furrowed, ash-gray to blackish bark, often beautifully adorned by curving, vertical, dark gray stripes.

The pioneers prized the brownish red wood for handles, canes and fish-

The fruit, a delicious blue-purple berry ripens in June but they are so few in number - a pint to a tree - that you must beat the birds to them. If you do get enough, make your favorite blueberry muffin recipe using Juneberries. They will be different and fantastic.

Native Americans called them Saskatoon and used them like blueberries. They dried them and added them in stews and pemmican. Iroquois women used the fruit as a blood remedy, to strengthen the body after the pain of childbirth. They drank a root and bark decoction to prevent miscarriage. They also used it to expel parasitic intestinal worms.

Not only was it a favorite food of Native Americans, it is well-liked by many American songbirds and wildlife, too. Deer and elk browse on

If you are lucky and gather a handful of Shadbush berries this June, you will enjoy one of the yummiest and least known of Mother Nature's treats.





Take Out Chicken

(From Pg. 1)

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day through the end of September, weekends, from noon to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment.

Exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- 1930s Lost Catskill Farm an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!
- NEW! Opening June 1: The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting an exhibition of the evolution of quilting displaying many old and new local quilts, both hand-made and machine, with traditional and contemporary designs. Includes information on the quilts, quilt puzzles, coloring sheets for kids and more. Participating local quilt groups include the Calico Geese of Sullivan County, Chestnut Creek Quilters of Grahamsville and Claryville Quilters.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is \$10, Children: \$5, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family mem-

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

The Exhibit Honoring Survivors and Their Rescuers Through the Generations Is Open to the Public

The exhibit, Honoring Survivors and Their Rescuers Through the Generations, is currently on display at Temple Sholom in Monticello. It fea-

tures poetry, prose, paintings, photographs, books, and videos related to Holocaust survivors. Entry is free.

The exhibit includes memoirs and memories from children, teens, and adults impacted by Holodomor, the genocide in Armenia, and from survivors who visited Woodstock 1969, up to more recent times.

You Can Contribute

This is an evolving exhibit and you are invited to share your story, your artifacts, and your artwork/poetry/prose as it relates to the theme.

get to know people from Sullivan County and surrounding areas.



Come explore this topic, and Lauren Miller peruses the exhibit at Temple Sholom.

Come to sit and read a book, watch a video of people interpreting I Never Saw Another Butterfly, and to listen to music.

Come to learn the connection between butterflies, daffodils, sunflowers, Curious George, Paddington Bear, Maurice Sendak, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Terezin.

Open Friday evenings and by arrangement

Come to Temple Sholom, 5 East Dillon Road in Monticello, at 6:00 pm on Friday May 9 and 23, and on June 27, with more dates to be announced.

Come see poetry written by local authors. Come place your push-pin into the county map to mark your family's locale.

Come for special events on July 20, August 17, and September 14, when PrimeTimers and Temple Sholom will host musicians and artists whose talents compliment the items on display.

Carefully curated by Dr. Hope Blecher Croney, this exhibit is the community experience that grew from a partnership with the worldwide Daffodil Garden project, www.DaffodilProject.net. Attendees said that there is a kind air about the exhibit. They complimented the approach to this history and the sensitivity of the topic. When a nervous visitor didn't want to see horrors and be tearful, another person suggested that the approach of this exhibit is with an eye towards small and beautiful steps of awareness and learning. This is a space to pause, to explore at your pace, and to come back again.

Items in the exhibit are also for sale. Proceeds go to support this exhibit and programs of the nonprofit Hope's Compass Fund, a project of The Community Foundation of Orange, Sullivan and Rockland Counties, and Temple Sholom, as the host location. Thank you to Sullivan 180 for awarding Hope's Compass a grant that provides some funding for this project.

If you are interested in having your organization come to the exhibit, arrangements can be made by reaching out in advance.

For more information contact Temple Sholom of Monticello at 845-794-8731 or the curator, Dr. Hope Blecher Croney, Hope@DrHopesHub.org. Updates will be posted to www.HopesCompass.org.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Celebrates National Nurses Week and Hospital Week: *Honoring Compassion*,

Dedication, and Community Care



Ellenville, NY - This May, Ellenville Regional Hospital proudly joins hospitals and healthcare systems across the nation in recognizing two significant celebrations: National Nurses Week (May 6-12) and National Hospital Week (May 12-18). These observances provide a meaningful opportunity to honor the tireless efforts, compassion, and skill of our healthcare professionals who serve the community every day.

"Our nurses and hospital staff are the backbone of everything we do," said Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO

of Ellenville Regional Hospital. "This month is about more than recognition-it's about appreciation for the extraordinary care our team provides to patients and their families with professionalism, integrity, and heart."

Celebrating Nurses Week: The Heart of Healthcare

National Nurses Week celebrates the incredible contributions of nurses to health and well-being. At Ellenville Regional Hospital, our nurses are not just caregivers-they are advocates, educators, and leaders. Throughout the week, the hospital will host special appreciation events and wellness activities to thank nurses for their dedication.

Honoring Hospital Week: A Celebration of Health, Hope, and Heroes

National Hospital Week shines a light on the collaboration of every team member-from clinicians to administrative staff to environmental services-who work together to deliver exceptional care. The theme of this year's Hospital Week, "We Are Health Care", underscores the commitment of all healthcare workers to the mission of healing and hope.



A Message of Gratitude

As we celebrate these important weeks, Ellenville Regional Hospital extends sincere thanks to its healthcare team and to the greater community for their trust and support. Together, we continue to build a healthier future for our communities.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a critical access hospital dedicated to providing high-quality healthcare services to the residents of Ellenville, NY, and surrounding communities. The hospital specializes in emergency care, rehabilitation services, and outpatient care, with a commitment to patient-centered treatment and community wellness. Through innovative programs and dedicated medical professionals, Ellenville Regional Hospital strives to enhance the health and well-being of the region.



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 131 Biography of Jake McKern

Published May 7, 2020 by John Dwaine McKenna

The following information is from his first appearance in *The Whim-Wham Man*

Jake McKern was born at home in Monument, Colorado as James Edward 'Jamey' McGoran on 7 Aug 1924. He was the first of three children born to Frank and Eileen McGoran, the others being Catherine Francis in 1930 and Carol Anne 'Annie' in 1936.

Jake's childhood was marked by poverty, hard labor, the Great Depression, a love for Colorado that he developed by hunting and fishing to help support his family, a closeness to his mother as his father's condition worsened and most importantly . . . he was imprinted with extreme violence due to his father's drinking and mental deterioration

from the mustard gas poisoning he'd received in WWI that was slowly driving him insane.

At age fifteen and already as big as a full-grown man, Jake's sister Catherine and her playmate Maddie Brickman were molested and murdered and he discovered the bodies, which awakened a self-described 'Rage-Monster' within himself that once loosed, could not be controlled.

In a brutal two-day coming-of-age series of events, Jamey first finds the pair of bodies. Then, perhaps goaded by his mother, participates in an act of vigilantism with five others in which an innocent and mentally handicapped railroad bum known only as 'The whim-wham man is tortured and murdered. Later, Jake realizes that the real molester and murderer of the girls was the de-facto leader of the vigilantes, a man known only as Petey, who disappears after killing the whim-wham man. This act haunts Jake for the rest of his life, and he is constantly stricken with feelings of guilt. He is driven by dreams of the victim being murdered and frustrated by his inability to find the man, who calls himself 'Petey', a serial molester and killer of pre-pubescent girls. At the denouement of The *Whim-Wham Man*, Jamey, as Jake was then named, gets into a fist fight with his father. He's protecting his mother from another of his father's drunken rages, while the family and surrounding community is still trying to come to terms with the horror of the twin murders. In his final act of childhood, Jamey McGoran nearly beats his father to death.

As a result of the fight, with his mother's help, the fifteen-year old boy is put on a train to New York, and sent to the Catskill farm of a distant relative, where he'll be safe from his father. In Denver however, the teenage Jamey impulsively joins the U.S. Marine Corps by lying about his age and changing his name on the spot, to 'Jake McKern', a name he formally changes in court after the war. Jake serves about two years in the USMC before being part of the amphibious invasion force that lands under enemy fire at the island fortress of Guadalcanal on 7 Aug 1942 . . . Jake McKern's eighteenth birthday.

Jake leaves the service after the war. He finishes high school and goes on to a degree in English at Colorado A & M University under the GI Bill. After getting his degree, Jake comes home to a series of construction and ranch jobs before joining the Colorado Springs Police Department in January 1950, which keeps him from being recalled to active duty with the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Jake has kept a journal of his life and exploits since enlisting in 1940 and begins drawing from them after he retires, writing the crime stories that begin with the novellas *The Whim-Wham Man* and *A Mischief of Rats*.

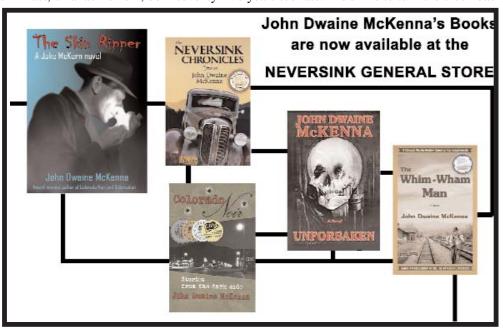
Jake, who's been brine-soaked and baptized in violence from an early age; has the propensity for excessive force in the performance of his duties as a CSPD detective, but he's good at his job, with a strong sensibility for criminal deception. He is a dinosaur cop by 1970, who sees things in black and white, never gray, and struggles with the social, sexual and racial upheavals that began in the 1950s and continued through the 60s, 70s and 80s. On the outside he's tough as nails, while on the inside he's full of angst, guilt and rage. He is not P.C., not even close, occasionally uses slurs and curses often. He's a momma's boy and cannot maintain a lasting relationship with women of his own age. He has many girlfriends and three failed marriages, but no lasting relationships. He is not afraid of stepping outside the boundaries of the law in pursuit of the bad guys-and often does because he cares more about seeing justice done than following the letter of the law-making Jake, a kind of rogue cop. He is an incessant smoker of Lucky Strike cigarettes and on occasion, marijuana, with his Hispanic friend Miguel Sisneros. Although he's been abstemious for most of his life, in his forthcoming case entitled, *The Skin Ripper*, Jake falls off the wagon with the help of his lover, Nurse Gloria, when his marriage fails, and he nearly takes his own life. After he dries out, he prefers riding a horse up in the high country when experiencing problems instead of drinking. He is an automobile enthusiast and gun collector, both holdovers from his abbreviated childhood. He is a man who longs for the good old days and is in fact, an anachronism, born seventy-five years too late. He'd like to turn the clock back

to 1880 and decries the relentless and unending immigration of new residents into Colorado and the constant growth of Colorado Springs, which he feels is destroying the beauty and serenity of his native state. He despises land developers, comparing them to the carpetbaggers and scalawags of the post Civil War south.

Jake McKern is not a typical crime fiction cop. He's as common as dirt, carries a boatload of guilt and has a hidden inner self he must deal with in order to do his job and function in society. He may be bipolar-something we'll explore in depth as his stories are told.

To sum up . . . Jake McKern is just the guy you'd want sharing your foxhole in combat, but you wouldn't be happy about him marrying into your family.

--John Dwaine McKenna Colorado Springs April 2020





the Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

I Spy

"I SPY. I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE____."

My granddaughter and I would play this game when she was little. Someone would say," I spy, with my little eye,



I had cataract surgery on my left eye two years ago after I desperately failed the first line of the eye chart. It made a remarkable im-provement, so I was anxious for the right eye to be done this past week. I could definitely tell the difference between the two.

During cataract surgery, your cloudy natural lens is removed and replaced with a clear artificial lens. That lens is called an intraocular lens (IOL).

My friend Barbara once described the difference as "turning on the windshield cleaners and wipers."

This is day three and my vision is clearer and sharper. As I was walking with Hudson, my lab, this morning, I kept saying to myself: "I spy, with my little eye: lily of

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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

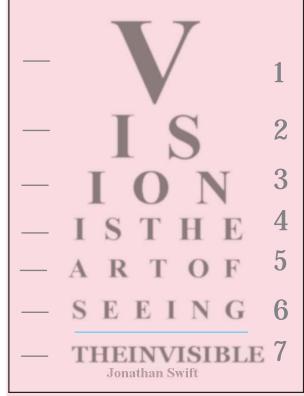
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something green." the other people would have to guess what is green that she saw. Such a simple game, but what a complex organ, the eye, is to discern colors and shapes and lines and squiggles.



the valley about to bloom, a bluer sky, greener leaves, and the intricate bark on the oak trees." How wonderful good eyesight is.

2025 "Boujee" Bingo a Huge Success!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-The Daniel Pierce Library's 2025 "Boujee" Bingo fundraiser was a huge success! We'd like to extend our many thanks to all who came out to participate, who donated their time and efforts in making the event as fabulous as it was and to all the local businesses who showed their support by donating goods and services. We couldn't have done it without you all! Be on the lookout for more information on our next bingo, which will be Sportsmen's Bingo held at the Grahamsville Fire House on November 1.



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Poison Love Band

May 10, 2025, 7-9pm

Poison Love Band presents a special fusion of acoustic New-Americana featuring with a focus on lead fiddle, guitar, percussion, harmonies and original songwriting. Our dynamic style is a dynamic combines various cultural traditions, giving it a unique edge. Hailing from the Upper Delaware River Valley, our music is inspired by the rural surroundings. We strive to bring people together through the power of live music and community building.

Dan Brinkerhoff, the lead fiddle player and vocalist, brings a unique fiddle style that reflects the adventurous essence of the Wild West, where he hailed from. His music is a fusion of different musical traditions and cultural influences. With his high-pitched vocals, he has been likened to the legendary Neil Young.

Joanne Brinkerhoff, songwriter, guitarist and harmony singer, draws inspiration from the diverse music scene in Brooklyn, her birthplace, as well as the iconic music of the Catskills, where she spent her summers and resided throughout her adult years. Her songwriting beautifully weaves together elements of 60s and 70s country, rock, and folk, creating a unique and captivating musical style.

Sammy Alexander is a BMI singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and music publisher. For several years, he has been a part of the Poison Love Band (drums, percussion, bass and harmonica). Sammy played and contributed to the production of their latest project, "Wild Ride". Additionally, he has recorded and performed with Alexander Churchill (guitar/harmonica/lead singer), as well as with the Black Sage Project (bass). Apart from his musical endeavors, Sammy volunteers his time hosting open mics, supporting the Special Olympics and coordinating music for local events...

Pat Churchill, an accomplished guitarist and multiinstrumentalist, hails from Brooklyn/Queens. He started playing guitar at 8 and was part of various rock bands in his youth. In the 70s, he transitioned to a solo artist and studio musician. Moving to PA in the late 90s, he continued his musical journey by performing with several bands in the area such as Alexander Churchill and the Robert Tellefsen band. More recently he has been actively involved with the Poison Love Band, showcasing his skills in their latest recording "Wild Ride" as well as in live shows.

Arts Nest offers a large variety of entertainment year-round in a comfortable, friendly setting - a fun place for serious artists. Come with your friends, take a table, have a few drinks while enjoying the performances.

Farm Arts Collective Seeking Three Interns for Dream on the Farm

Damascus, PA- Farm Arts Collective is launching a student Internship program in 2025. The collective is seeking three interns to join the DREAM ON THE FARM performance project that takes place every summer at Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA. The internship positions will run from June 16th to August 3rd . Renumeration is \$600. Wayne County high school and college students are encouraged to apply. We are seeking students in acting, singing, technical production, and music.

Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at Farm Arts Collective from 6:00PM-8:30 PM, and one full day rehearsal on Saturday July 19th. At all rehearsals, a light meal is provided at company break. Show dates and times are July 24-- August 3, Thursdays to Sundays at 6:30PM, call time is 5:00 PM on show days. This pilot internship program is partially funded by The Wayne County Community Foundation.



Students will have a unique opportunity to become involved in a large-scale professional theatre production at Farm Arts Collective, a company recognized for its innovative site-specific theatre experiences. To work with artists and farmers on a creative theatre project about the land, climate change resiliency, and environmental stewardship is a rare opportunity to be creative, and gain professional theatrical experience, while contributing to a community effort to speak about important issues. Professional experience at this stage of a student's life is very formative and propels them into new frontiers and possibilities.

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Farm Arts Collective Seeking Three Interns

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The 2025 DREAM ON THE FARM performance is called "Paradise Lost: Scavenge Hunt." Inspired by John Milton's 17th century epic poem, Paradise Lost, Farm Arts Collective takes a contemporary ecological spin on the story of the garden of Eden. The collectively created performance proposes that contemporary humans have also lost our Garden of Eden and connection to nature, and that responsibility, new choices, and revolutionary thinking is required to live in our current post-paradise The collectively created performance, directed by Tannis Kowalchuk begins in a style of musical Noh Theatre (an ancient Japanese performance form) to tell the well-known story.

With original music composed by Doug Rogers using selected Milton's texts, the story is told in a highly original style by actors, singers, drummers, and musicians. When the characters Adam and Eve are expelled from paradise, the audience is invited to follow the lovers on a scavenger hunt across the 25-acre farmland of Willow Wisp Organic Farm.

On the farmland, the audience encounters performances, interactive experiences, art installations, and a host of surprises that invite the scavenger hunters to face the impacts that their choices have had on paradise. Questions like: What is your Paradise? What do you fear losing most? Can paradise be re-claimed? are presented and investigated throughout the site-specific theatrical scavenger hunt.

Interested students should apply with a letter of interest to Tannis Kowalchuk, artistic director of Farm Arts Collective. E-mail: tannis@farmartscollective.org

On Saturday, May 17th at 2 PM all applicants will be invited to attend and participate in an introductory rehearsal session and "tryout" with the director and some company members.

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

www.farmartscollective.org www.willowwisporganic.com

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Sullivan 180 Announces Municipal Partnership Grant Recipients

Grants support care of public spaces, recreation and youth programming

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the 2025 Municipal Partnership Program Grant recipients. The Municipal Partnership Program offers grants up to \$20,000 to local governments for the care of public spaces, creation of youth initiatives and other activities that build healthy communities. Several projects will also have a paid Sullivan 180 intern to support their work.

"The Municipal Partnership Program encourages municipalities to invest in their public spaces while developing strong partnerships with their youth, volunteer groups and community organizations to implement creative and lasting projects," said Shannon Cilento, Sullivan 180 Director of Community Development and Communications.

The 2025 Municipal Partnership Grants are:

Town of Bethel: Town-wide beautification and installation of adaptive playground equipment at the Forest Reserve at Smallwood.

Town of Fallsburg: Renovation of the Mountaindale basketball court and picnic area, including upgrades for pickleball, lighting, seating, signage and landscaping.

Town of Highland: Installation of two new Town welcome signs and support for native and annual plantings across Town.

Town of Liberty: Town-wide beautification; installation of interpretive history panels along Walnut Mountain Park trails.

Town of Neversink: Launch of the Town's first youth summer camp program at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, with a culminating week at Frost Valley.

Town of Thompson: Town-wide beautification and new mural on Town Hall; installation of smart trash/recycling bins and new bus shelter on Route 42.

Town of Tusten: Town-wide beautification and installation of new trees, benches, and signage at Kirks Road walking path.

Village of Liberty: Renovation of Liberty Police Department entrance and installation of a studentdesigned mural.

Village of Woodridge: Village beautification and installation of a new pickleball court at Krieger Park.

Community projects are always seeking volunteers to lend a hand. Contact Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement at 845-295-2405, to connect with a project in your community. For information on Municipal Partnership Grants, contact Shannon Cilento at 845-295-2434.



"Sister Act" Live Performances coming to SCDW this June



Cast members rehearsing for SCDW's production of "Sister Act". (photo by Anna Puleo) left to right: Kayla Lindstadt, Brianna Rose Ibanez, Isabel Lopez-Diaz, Alexis Schroeder, Kristin Hackett, Bob Costa, and Kristopher Rosengrant

What musical combines murder, the mob, envy, jealousy, chastity, and the Catholic Church in one glittery, gospel infused package? Yup! It's the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's production of "Sister Act, A Divine Musical Comedy". In rehearsal now, for on-stage, live performances at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22.

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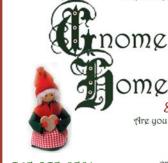


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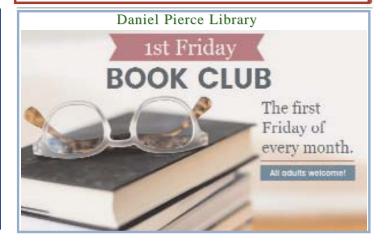


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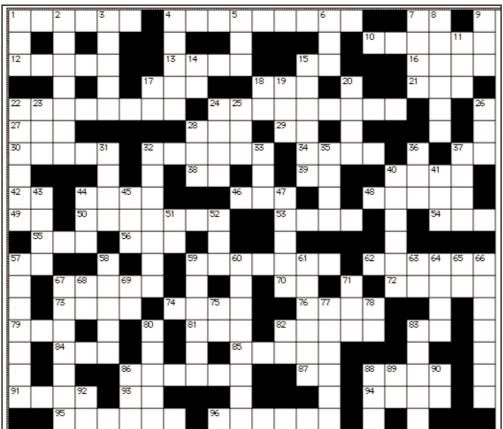
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Eggs Benedict Casserole for Mother's Day Brunch

12 ounces Canadian Bacon, chopped 6 English muffins, split and cut into 1-inch

pieces 8 large eggs 2 cups milk 1/4 teaspoon paprika Sliced Tomatoes

Hollandaise Sauce

4 large egg yolks 1/2 cup whole milk 2 tablespoons lemon juice 1/2 cup butter, melted

Place half of the Canadian bacon in a greased 3-qt. or 13x9-in. baking dish; top with English muffins and remaining bacon. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, and milk; pour over top. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Preheat oven to 375°. Remove casserole from refrigerator while oven heats. Sprinkle top with paprika. Bake, covered, 35 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

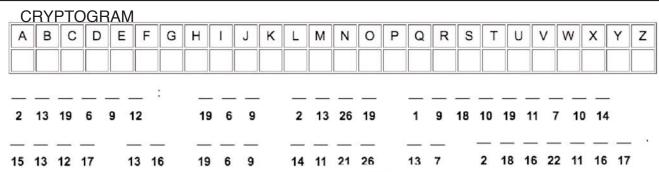
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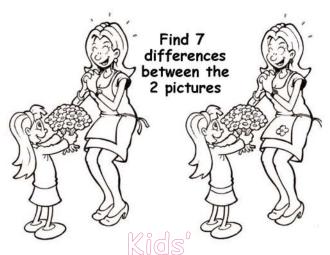
In top of a double boiler or a metal bowl over simmering water, whisk egg yolks, cream, and lemon juice until blended; cook until mixture is just thick enough to coat a metal spoon and temperature reaches 160°, whisking constantly. Reduce heat to very low. Very slowly drizzle in warm melted butter, whisking constantly. Pour mixture over the top of the casserole. Serve immediately.

Yield: 12 servings (1-2/3 cups sauce).

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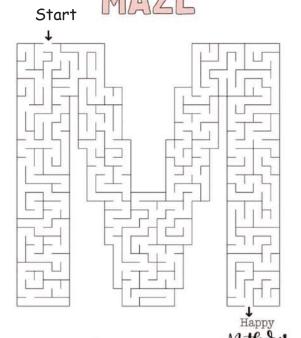
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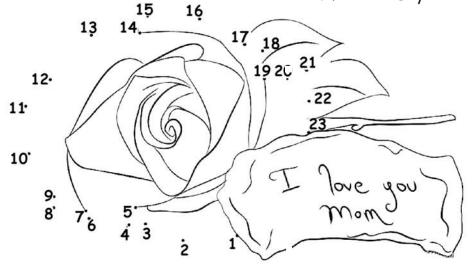
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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

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

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

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES (From Pg. 17)

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

By order of the Board of Education Tri-Valley Central School District Grahamsville, New York Samantha Damms, District Clerk Dated: April 11, 2025

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

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

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

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

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

Dated April 30th, 2025 PATRICIA MASTERSON Town of Denning Sole Assessor 5/1; 5/8 nap

LEGAL NOTICE:

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

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

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

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

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

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MAY 5, 2025

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

REQUEST FOR BID

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NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY

Project Information/Description: *Bid Solicitation for the Sale of Timber and Firewood in the Town of Neversink, NY*. The City of New York will sell approximately 46,014 board feet (International?" Rule) of sawtimber and 64 cords of hardwood cordwood through Forest Management Project ID #5263. The products included in this sale are on NYCDEP land located on Sugarloaf Road in Neversink, NY.

Availability of Bid Information: Bid solicitation information and Bid Packages are available by calling Nathan Hart, DEP Forester, at 845-334-7125, or requesting via e-mail at nhart@dep.nyc.gov. Bid Packages can also be collected at one of the Bid Showings.

Show Dates: Prospective bidders are recommended to attend one of the public showings which will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 1:00 PM and Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Participants should park and gather at the Neversink-Denning town line parking area on the east side of Sugarloaf Road.

All prospective attendees <u>must</u> notify the DEP Forester of the representatives they will be sending to the showing at least 24 hours in advance.

Required Contractor Qualification:

- 1. The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.
- 2. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain Commercial General Liability & Commercial Auto Insurance Policies.
- 3. The Contractor must have demonstrated experience, ability and equipment to assure removal of timber under terms of the agreement.

Bid Due Date: *All bid proposals must be received* by Nathan Hart, P.O. Box 358, Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845-334-7125), **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM, local time.**

Opening of Bids: Sealed bids will be publicly opened at the DEP Office, 16 Little Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY, on <u>Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 9:00 AM</u>, local time. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or around Wednesday, June 11, 2025.



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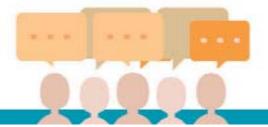
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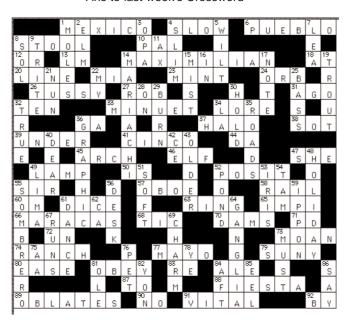
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Thrift Sale Schedule 2025
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June - 7th and 21st
July - 5th and 19th
August - 2nd and 16th

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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/13/25	Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall	
5/14/25	Town of Neversink - Board Meeting	
5/17/25	Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon	
5/21/25	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association 1st meeting of the year-Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm	
5/15/25	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall	
5/15/25	Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm	
6/3/25	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm	
6/7/25	Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church	

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Weekly Update For The Week Of

May 5 - May 9, 2025 Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams

Monday, May 5

- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Community Services Board, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:00 PM Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, May 6

- o 4:00 PM Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following Energy, Environment & Sustainability Committee) Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, May 7

- o 5:00 PM Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:00 PM Ulster County Community Services Board People w/Development Disabilities, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittees, in the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Kingston

- o 6:00 PM Ulster County Human Rights Commission, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 7:00 PM Ulster County Planning Board, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, May 8

- o 2:00 PM Ulster & Delaware Corridor Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o 4:00 PM Housing & Transportation Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:00 PM (or immediately following Housing & Transportation Committee) Health, Human Services & Human Rights Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- o 5:15 PM Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston
- o 5:30 PM Ulster County Youth Board, in the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following UCRRA Zero Waste) Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting, in the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston

Friday, May 9

o No Meetings



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Sullivan County Budget Again Wins National Award

Monticello, NY - For the tenth time in a row, Sullivan County has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

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1,700 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2025 fisvear. They judged the budgets on their excellence policy documents, financial operations plans, guides and communications devices, deeming Sullivan's to be proficient in all four cate-

gories.

"Though this is the tenth time we've earned this award, we never take it for granted," Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek affirmed. "A budget as large and as complicated as the County's is challenging not only to put together but to convey to the public. The staff of our Division of Management & Budget remains committed to doing what it takes to ensure transparency and accountability in presenting the County's key financial document."

"It's thanks to the support we receive - from the County Manager's Office to the fiscal officers in every department - that allows us to produce an award-winning document that informs both public and staff about how we spend taxpayers' money," stated Management & Budget Commissioner Anna-Marie Novello. "I'm proud of my staff and the work we do, and we appreciate this award!"

"It is very hard to put a budget together, let alone present it in an understandable fashion to taxpayers," said District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, who chairs the Management and Budget Committee of the Legislature. "For such a small crew to win this recognition - spending a tremendous amount of effort in compiling a readable document for a \$300 million budget - is a true achievement. This legislative body acknowledges the hard work of the employees and congratulate them for it."

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Sullivan Wins \$500,000 EMS Support Grant Maximum Allowable Award Will Fund Four New Initiatives

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has been awarded \$500,000 - the maximum possible under the County Emergency Medical Services Support Grant Program - that promises to significantly enhance the local emergency response system.

"In our application to the NYS Department of Health, we identified gaps in our EMS system which impact EMS provider capabilities, patient outcomes, and response time," stated Public Safety Commissioner Scott Schulte. "I'm thrilled to say that the State agreed to fund - via a half-million-dollar grant - extensive recruitment and retention initiatives, equipping local EMS agencies with needed diagnostic tools, increasing affordable training opportunities, and contracting with an EMS provider to address peak-season capacity issues."

"Consistent with the increase in visitors, the 911 Center sees a tripling of calls during the summer, which pushes our emergency response system to its limits," explained Deputy Commissioner of 911 and EMS Alex Rau, who prepared the grant application. "Both our volunteer and career EMS providers need more personnel, but interested applicants have to invest a significant amount of money to become certified EMTs, which hinders recruitment efforts."

Thus, free EMT training (including for advanced EMT certification) and supplies comprise the first of a four-pronged initiative that will utilize this grant.

"We'll couple that with an EMS recruitment/retention campaign similar to the Join Sullivan Fire effort that has been such a success with our local fire departments," Rau added. "The third and fourth initiatives made possible through this funding will include moving toward standardizing the level of care throughout all our EMS agencies at the highest-possible level of Basic Life Support, and bringing on more resources during the busy summer season."

That includes equipping local agencies with necessary equipment to enhance detection of heart attacks, and infusing additional EMS units in June, July and August to shorten response times, increase unit availability, and improve patient outcomes.

"This was one of the most detailed grants I've ever written, so I'm very happy the NYS Department of Health saw the value in our proposals and that the County achieved this award," Rau noted. "I'm also grateful to our Grants Administration team for their critical collaboration."

"The Department of Grants Administration staff is pleased with the outcome of the time and effort spent in developing and submitting the funding application with Alex, who possesses a wealth of knowledge on EMS services, interoperable communications and public safety in general," said Grants Supervisor Art Hussey and Grant Program Coordinator Jennifer Perito. "We are fortunate to work with various County staff in seeking to recoup local taxpayer dollars for priority needs identified for services and products within the County."

"Winning this huge grant is testament to Sullivan County's commitment to supporting and improving emergency services in ways that really matter," stated District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. "In addition to our already successful introduction of four fly cars to more quickly reach medical calls, these new initiatives promise to make a lifesaving difference throughout the County."

Join the First Sullivan County Volunteer Fair on May 17!

Liberty, NY - Everyone's invited to be a part of the first Sullivan County Volunteer Fair, running from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty!

"We anticipate having 20 volunteer organizations ready to talk about the wonderful work they do," said Sullivan County Volunteer Program Coordinator Monika Roosa. "What they're looking for - and who we really want to attend - are people with a giving spirit. All ages and abilities will be welcome!"

The need for volunteers remains as high as ever, but the commitment does not need to be huge - some organizations are just asking for an hour or two every month. And a volunteer does not necessarily need to be able to lift items, stand for a long time or drive far away; various opportunities solely involve filing paperwork, or inputting information into a computer, or providing wisdom or skills that aren't found elsewhere in the organization.

"All we're asking is for a chance to meet and talk potential volunteers can then make up their own minds of what they want to do," affirmed Roosa. "Let's figure this out together!"

To find out more, call Roosa at 845-807-0255 or email her at monika.roosa@sullivanny.gov.





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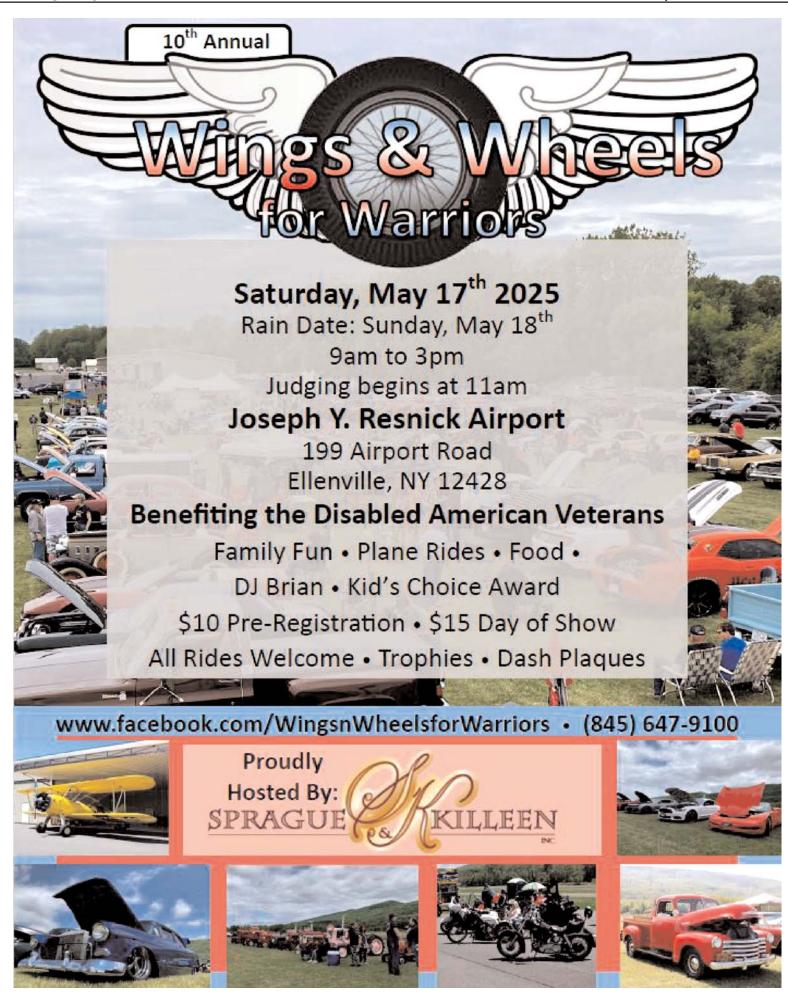
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The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and is supported by grants from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program and the Alzheimer's Association.

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

SATURDAY 7/12/25 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

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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.

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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

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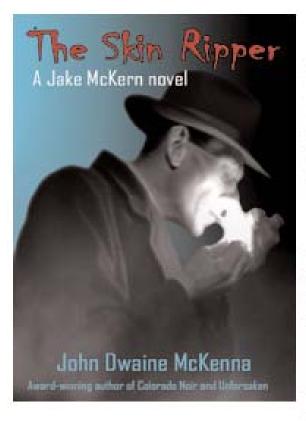
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Fallsburg CSD Announces Third Marking Period Honor Roll List

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their middle and high school honor roll and superintendent's honor roll lists for the third marking period. Honor roll students achieved an average of 85-91, and superintendent's honor roll students earned an average of 92 or higher. The following students were recognized for their academic accomplishments:

7th Grade

Honor Roll list: Yasmina Aquil, Brianny Argueta Hernandez, Ellis Basic, Nyona Bolding, Annaliese Clark, Kaleb Cross, Franco DiCostanzo, Mylaan Dolberry, Summer Dunn, Charlie Giron Saravia, Juan Larrahondo Montano, Victoria Manjarrez Paredes, Te'yah McKenny, Kaylie Price, Logan Retana, Alexandra Reyes Lopez, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Malika Rivers, Merary Rodriguez Mejia, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Daylin Sierra Lizama, Claudia Smith, Zhara Snead, Kevin Toledo, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Daniel Vasquez-Nunez, Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Darlin Chub Ujpan, George Di Napoli, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Erika Garcia-Ponce, Genesis Gonzalez Alvarez, Sonja Henry, David Hernandez Martinez, Carsyn Hoefling, Khloe Jordy, Margie Madrid Castro, Hanna Manjarrez Paredes, Jackelyne Mariaca, Reja Meer, Ariel Payne, Jessica Saciolo, Anthony Santos Morales, Holly Surerus, Ambar Vasquez, Heaven Wilson, Jocelyn Zempoaltecatl.

8th Grade

Honor Roll list: Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Jack Bensimon, Xzander Berrios, Joseph Cerone, Surey Delgado, Niylah Emptage, Valery Falcones Moreira, Leily Garcia Menjivar, Ariyanna Laudadio, Emily Mackerley, Michelle Maradiaga, AngelicaEsperanza Martinez-Lopez, Carlos Mazariego Pena, Victor Medina Orellana, Rebecca Moocz, Om Patel, Daniel Perez Martinez, Franklin Reyes-Rodriguez, Samantha Saciolo, Katelyn Santiago, A'miyah Sellers, Mason Stafford-Martinez, Samuel Vega Rosales, Khyliee Watson, Jaylisa Williams.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Nicolas Ciorciari, Alyssa Florence, Amelia Forman, Dina Gottlieb, Leyna Greenberg, Maria Nardi, Nelcy Orellana Mejia, Lourdes Parham, Joshua Velazquez.

9th Grade

Honor Roll list: Elenora Ahmetaj, Ilana Burke, Dencer Camacho Riano, Sophia Cordova, Amhara Gillmer, Hannah Goldsmith, Jancarlos Guardado, Layla Hermann, John Ketcham, Dalila Koljenovic, Alisson Lagos Guardado, Nazareth Manjarrez Paredes, Maelyn Mann, Brandon Mariaca, Paola Melendez Deras, Kileen Milligan, Melina Ortiz, Shiv Patel, Payton Pisaniello, Henry Reyes, Keily Rosales Charuc, Zayd Snead, Helen Vasquez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Addison Alvarado, Autumn Atkinson, Ruth Bonilla Osorto, Marvin Choc Ical, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Natalia Evangelista, Mariama Gai, Melanie Gomez Perez, Isabella Gonzales, Eriberto Gonzalez Jr, Camdyn Hoefling, Sophia Jacobs, Yasmel Leon Mota, Dayana Mendoza-Gallo, Dillan Padilla Avila, Jose Perez Castillo, Kayden Saravia, Jiahnny Sebastian, Joslyn Smith.

10th Grade

Honor Roll list: Sarah Blume, Maiya Davis, Allison Frunzi, Alison Granados-Fuentes, Adryana Kozachuk, Cessy Lezama Rodriguez, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Tristin Miller, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Fabio Narkaj, Nataly Reyes Pabon, Isaac Rubio Granados, Marisol Vasquez-Nunez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Emina Cenovic, Jordyn Cerone, Carissa Ciorciari, LeonJahnaeSkye Fountain, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Chanel Han, Conner McManus, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Anselmo Pinzon, Daivion Ramos-Troy, Efrain Rodriguez, Abigail Toledo, Alisha Tremper, Peyton Varner.

11th Grade

Honor Roll list: Katherine Alvarado Castro, Edison Bastidas Avendano, Justin Chavez, Olivia DeGraw, Marcos Deras Lopez, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Jayden Edwards, Sebastian Fowler, Bella Gomez Lopez, Angel Gonzales, Brian Ingber II, Zoey Ketcham, John Landaverde Rodriguez, Azon Laurel, Eric Li, Tiffany Maccagli, Tyiese Mack, Christian Pinelli, Gavin Storms, Carlos Zavala Garcia, Nataly Zempoaltecatl.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Angelina Alvarado, Saladin Basic, Karrine Bennett, Andrew Bensimon, Xzavier Berrios, Bintou Darboe, Lee-Ann Di Napoli, Jaecob Espinoza, Emmabella Ferreira, Treyvon Hayden, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr, Carmen Montes Velasco, Madeline Pantel, Allison Rojas, Marilyn Santos, Noelle Varner, Skylar Wright.

12th Grade

Honor Roll list: Gelsey Aguilar Torres, Arkelys Alencaster, Stephanie Amato, Yoshua Bache-Seraphin, Maya Ballard, Arslyn Cantave, Amerie Capicchioni, Gabriel Castillo Azofeifa, Yenessa Cruz, Kenya Escalante, Jeffrey Evangelista Jr, Adrianna Garcia, Andrew Garcia, Evyonna Gilliard, Isaac Hernandez Martinez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Nicole Jimenez, Grant King, Yeliana Maldonado Navarrete, William Martinez Martinez, Daniela Martinez Meraz, Rozana Narkaj, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Keyla Otero-Deras, Marco Reyes Mansanarez, Angie Rodriguez, Madeline Stone, Nicholas Storms, Edward Vargas, Laura Williams.

Superintendent's Honor Roll list: Jefferson Banegas Gallo, Isabelle Batista, Nehemiah Damon, Kimberly Diaz, Luciano Esposito, Jaiden Figueroa, Hannah Johnson, Daris Koljenovic, Nazir Lopez, Erli Maldonado Garcia, Mayline Maldonado, Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Brianna McManus, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Bella Muscia, Brianna Noller, Joslyn Odell Schreier, Vivian Ordonez Cabrera, Kaitlyn Pedersen, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Jennifer Rios Nunez, Jaily Sebastian, Emy Sierra Mejia, Elisheva Sudranski, Jordyn Wall-Carty.

DEC Celebrates Air Quality Awareness Week in New York

Annual Observation Held May 5 to 9 Promotes the Importance of Air Quality Monitoring and State's Successful Clean Air Initiatives

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced May 5 to 9, 2025, is Air Quality Awareness Week (AQAW). The public awareness event is held in coordination with part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) nationwide campaign to share information about efforts to protect and improve air quality. The theme for this year is "Stay Air Aware."

"Nothing is more precious than the air we breathe, and the Department of Environmental Conservation has worked tirelessly to protect clean air for New Yorkers," Acting Commissioner Lefton said. "New York State's Air Quality experts at the Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health have a proven track record of reducing harmful emissions to protect public health and the environment. Air Quality Awareness Week helps the public take action to 'Stay Air Aware' by learning about the pollutants that could impact your health, signing up for air quality alerts and newsletters, and reading the air quality resources on DEC's website and social media to stay informed and be safe."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "New Yorkers have excellent tools like airnow.gov that allow for easy air quality monitoring. In the morning, I check the weather on my phone and the air quality, which is part of my morning routine. Knowing air quality is especially important for those with heart and lung diseases, as well as the young and those over 65."

Throughout the week, DEC will promote a different air quality topic on its social media platforms and highlight state initiatives and investments to promote clean air.

Air pollution can damage public health and natural resources in a variety of ways. Hot summer weather sets the stage for two major pollutants of concern for human health: the formation of ozone (O3) and fine particulate matter (PM2.5), tiny solid particles or liquid droplets in the air that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter. Fish and wildlife show harmful effects from acid rain and mercury in air. Greenhouse gases in the air are changing the world's climate and contributing to harmful impacts including extreme heat, deadly flooding, drought, fires, rising sea levels, and severe storms.

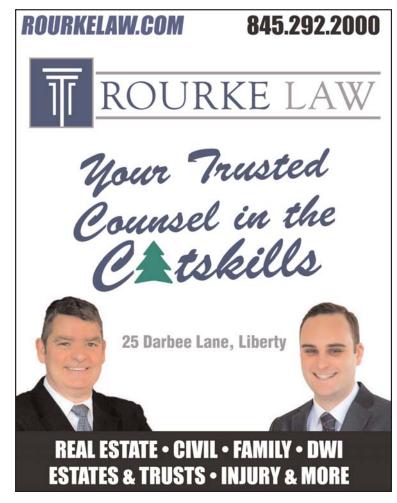
Air pollutants originate from many human activities. Most pollutants come from:

on- and off-road vehicles and power equipment; power plants that burn oil, gas, or coal;

heating and cooling of residential and commercial buildings; and

industries that manufacture chemicals and other goods.

New York State leads the nation with some of the most stringent air quality guidelines and regulations to help pro-



tect public health and the environment. Due in large part to these requirements and the ongoing efforts of DEC's dedicated air quality staff, statewide emissions of pollutants from major facilities were significantly reduced from 2000 to 2023 by the following percentages:

Particulate matter (PM) - 90 percent; Sulfur dioxide (SO2) - 98 percent; Nitrogen oxides (NOx) - 84 percent; Volatile organic compounds (VOC) - 71 percent; Carbon Monoxide (CO) - 59 percent; and Hazardous air pollutants (HAP) - 72 percent. From 2000 to 2023, monitored ambient levels of pollutants statewide were also reduced:

Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM 2.5) - 42 percent SO2 - 95 percent Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) - 37 percent

Ozone - 8 percent

Air Quality Alerts and Forecasting

DEC's Division of Air Resources closely monitors air quality conditions statewide and works with the State Department of Health to issue timely public health advisories that millions of New Yorkers depend on each year. Visit DEC's website for updated forecasts and information about air quality index levels, and the Department of Health website for information on health risks and precautions related to air quality.

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DEC Celebrates Air Quality Awareness Week in New York State

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Community Air Quality

Residents and community-based organizations often approach DEC when they have air quality concerns. DEC uses existing air quality data, air quality model results, and information on local sources of air pollution to better understand the community's concern. In a limited number of instances, this has led to DEC conducting a more in-depth air quality study such as in Tonawanda, and the south end of Albany.

More recently the DEC has completed the collection of air quality data for the statewide Community Air Monitoring Initiative. This initiative gathered air quality data in 10 disadvantaged communities across New York. DEC created an overview of the initiative and detailed interactive "story maps" of the 10 communities using the monitoring results, including mapping tools to display the mobile monitoring findings, air pollution sources, and locations of sensitive populations like schools and nursing homes.

Air Quality Awareness Week

AQAW provides an opportunity for people to learn about what causes poor air quality and how people can prepare for and respond to events and environments with poor air quality - not just during the month of May, but year-round.

Follow DEC information throughout the week #AQAW2024. Daily topics highlighted throughout the week on DEC's social media platforms (@NYSDEC) include:

Monday, May 5 - Wildland Fires and Smoke Tuesday, May 6 - Asthma and Your Health

Wednesday, May 7 - Air Pollution and Transportation

Thursday, May 8 - The Air Quality Index

Friday, May 9 - Clean Air Actions

To follow and receive updates on DEC air news throughout the year, subscribe to the Air Mail! Newsletter.

More information on the national EPA AQAW can be found at the EPA website.

Everyone can help significantly reduce pollution by following tips on the Keep Air Clean webpage.

DEC Highlights Benefits of Composting During New York State Compost Awareness Week

New Yorkers Encouraged to Explore Composting in their Communities

DEC Launching Food Scrap Composting Pilot at Wilmington Notch and Meadowbrook Campgrounds

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is celebrating New York State Compost Awareness Week through May 10, in support of statewide efforts encouraging local communities to explore the benefits of composting. The 2025 New York State Compost Awareness Week theme is "Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost," which highlights composting opportunities, including backyard home composting, local composting programs, and large-scale commercial facilities.

"Composting is something all New Yorkers can do to sup-

port building sustainable communities and reduce the impacts of solid waste on landfills," Acting DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "DEC is thrilled to join our partners statewide to celebrate New York State Compost Awareness Week and encourages everyone to explore the benefits of composting. From diverting food scraps for recycling and providing financial assistance to communities and organizations for composting programs, DEC is committed to ongoing efforts to increase composting and prevent emissions that contribute to climate change."

New York State's Nation-Leading Efforts to Reduce Food Waste

Composting organic materials such as yard trimmings and food scraps provides many benefits, including reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfills or combustion facilities. Reducing the amount of organic waste sent to landfills reduces the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

New York is a national leader on environmental issues, including advancing comprehensive waste management efforts to address the impacts of solid waste on climate change and increasing waste reduction, reuse, and recycling practices among New Yorkers. Among the many efforts underway, DEC continues to implement the New York State Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law to help reduce waste and climate-altering emissions caused by landfilling while providing quality food to New Yorkers in need. Through a partnership with Feeding New York State, the program successfully diverts tens of millions of pounds of food away from landfills. In February 2025, the program reached a record 43.5 million pounds of food donated since launching in 2022.

DEC previously awarded nearly \$7.25 million to municipalities dedicated to organics management. Funds for organics management-related projects have also been distributed through DEC's Climate Smart Communities grant program, as well as the Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling program. DEC offered two grant programs in 2024, each providing \$1.25 million for Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives and Local Emergency Food Relief Equipment. Additionally, DEC previously awarded more than \$3.25 million to emergency food relief organizations.

Food Scrap Composting Pilot to Launch at DEC Campgrounds In May, DEC will be launching a food scrap composting pilot program at two campgrounds - Wilmington Notch and Meadowbrook in Essex County - when the facilities open for the season. The pilot program will empower New Yorkers to be more sustainable when enjoying the beauty of the Adirondacks this summer. Information gathered during the pilot will be used to inform the expansion of composting to more DEC facilities. Composting Resources

Individuals, organizations, and local governments interested in connecting with other compost educators or community organizers during 2025 NYS Compost Awareness Week or who would like to receive the Compost Awareness Week Outreach Toolkit are encouraged to contact DEC's Bureau of Waste Reduction and Recycling at organicrecycling@dec.ny.gov.

DEC will be rolling out additional programs to increase composting across the State later this year. For more information about how all New Yorkers can help compost and take other steps to reduce food waste at homes and businesses, visit DEC's_website.

For more information on New York's Compost Awareness Week, visit the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling. https://www.nysar3.org/page/nys-compost-awareness-week-2020-165.html

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









DEP Honors 2025 Student Art & Poetry Contest Winners with Celebration at Helen Marshall Cultural Center in Queens

In-Person Event Honored "Water Champions" and Took Place in the Presence of Family Members and Teachers

Winning entries can be viewed on DEP's Flickr Page

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) celebrated last night the student participants in the 39th Annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. This year, DEP received more than 1,800 entries from over 2,000 second through twelfth grade students representing nearly 130 public, independent, and parochial schools in New York City and the East and West-of-Hudson watersheds. Student entries beautifully depicted a genuine understanding of and appreciation for New York's water resources, the drinking water supply, harbor water, wastewater treatment, and the importance of water conservation. Student entries also raised awareness about the importance of maintaining New York City's critical water supply and wastewater infrastructure.

"The amazing art and powerful poetry in this year's contest shine a light on the crucial work DEP staff do daily to safeguard our vital water resources," said DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala. "Tackling climate change demands bold, fresh ideas - and these young water ambassadors are already stepping up as the next wave of environmental leaders."

During the in-person event hosted at the Helen Marshall Cultural Center in Queens, the contest winners - called Water Champions - were honored for their outstanding work in the presence of family members and teachers.

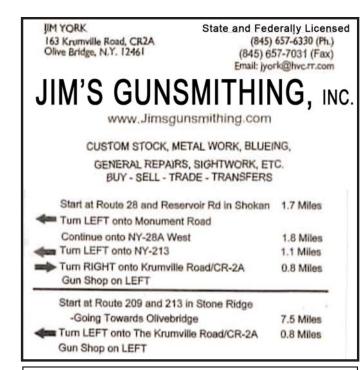
The celebration featured remarks and a poetry reading from guest speaker Kai Diata Giovanni, 2024-2025 NYC Youth Poet Laureate. Through paintings, haikus, collages, videos and more, students creatively depicted the importance of water, NYC's drinking water supply and wastewater treatment systems, marine ecosystems, climate resiliency, and environmental stewardship. A group of judges selected about 70 entries as this year's Water Champions.

All student participants will receive a certificate_recognizing their contribution, and the_Water Champions will also receive a gift bag from DEP and_its_partners (including a reusable bag, water bottle, Art & Poetry journal, field guides, garden passes, coloring books and more) before the end of the school year. This meaningful program is made possible with support from our education partners, including Con Edison, which has supported the celebration for the last 35 years.

The 2025 contest focused on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:

Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.

New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day



Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge Every Tuesday at 7 PM

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at (845) 701-0695

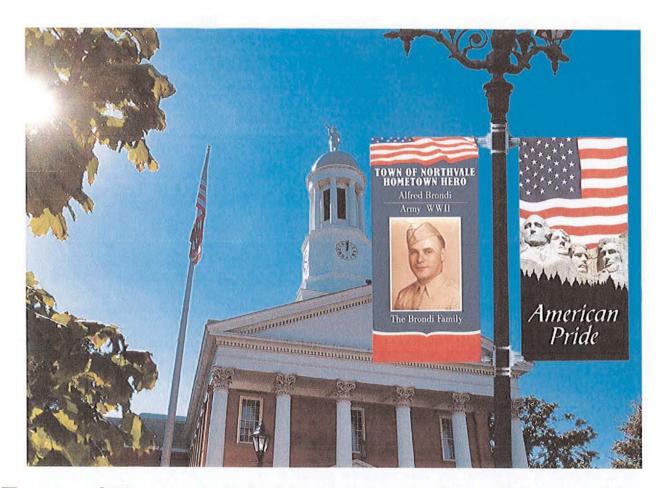
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New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To understand our sewer infrastructure; the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.

Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discover the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.

Water Stewardship and Climate Change: To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and take action on environmental issues that influence our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.5 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.



Town of Neversink is Honoring its Service Members!

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

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

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Annual Dinner Banquet and Catskill Legends Awards

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

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

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A celebration in honor of Ed Van Put

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

1-3PM - Wulff Gallery @ CFFCM

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

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

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

Naturalization Ceremony for New Citizens at Historic Ulster County Courthouse

KINGSTON, NY - Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck is pleased to announce that a naturalization ceremony will take place at the historic Ulster County Courthouse, located at 285 Wall Street in Kingston, on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. These ceremonies, held several times each year, offer individuals the chance to complete their journey to U.S. citizenship by taking the Oath of Allegiance in their own county.



"It is an honor to stand alongside these individuals as they take their final step toward U.S. citizenship," said Acting Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "Their journey to this moment is one of perseverance and dedication, and we are proud to welcome them into the Ulster County community."

The Honorable Julian Schreibman, Justice of the Supreme Court, will preside over the ceremony and deliver the keynote address, officially welcoming the new citizens. Local elected officials and community organizations will also be in attendance to present congratulatory certificates and provide valuable resources to support the new citizens in their transition.

For more information about the naturalization ceremonies or other programs offered by the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact Acting County Clerk Taylor Bruck at (845) 340-3288 or via email at countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Rebuild Our Merchant Marine

President Trump plans to revive the U.S. maritime ship building industry, including levying tariffs and fees on Chinese ships entering American ports. Now Congress must pass the SHIPS Act, which will increase our ship building capacity and hopefully the size of our merchant marine. It could also provide economies of scale and expertise to rebuild our Navy.

Since WWII the U.S. has had a steady decline in U.S. flagged merchant ships from about 50% of the world's cargo shipping to about 1% today. Our merchant marine has less than 10,000 mariners compared to 50,000 in 1960. Our Navy is hard pressed to find commercial ships to support its operations.

China leads the world in commercial shipping and ship building. It has 5,500 ships in maritime trade compared to 80 for the U.S. China, an economic and military adversary, is a big user of the Panama Canal, and this is why President Trump wants to exert pressure on Panama to have Chinese companies relinquish onership of Panama Canal port facilities.

Approximately 90% of the world's goods are transported by ships. We must increase U.S. flagged ships to compete with China and other countries, and for our national security.

Donald Moskowitz Londonderry NH

Help Shape the Future of Midtown Linear Park

Join us for the next community event in the Midtown Linear Park Community Space design project! We're hosting a Community Open House and Youth Guided Site Walk to gather your insights and ideas.

Date: Tuesday, May 13
Time: 5 - 7 PM
Location: Broadway Bubble
718 Broadway, Kingston

What to Expect:

- Explore drawings and diagrams detailing the site's context, history, ecology, and community aspects.
- Participate in guided site walks led by the Kingston YMCA Farm Project.
- Share your feedback and observations about the site and discuss opportunities and challenges.
- Give your ideas on the types of program and activities to envision what the future park could become.

This event is a great opportunity to contribute to the design process and ensure the new park reflects the community's needs and desires.

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS KIDNEY -TYPE O

(IN SOME CASES TYPE A BLOOD COULD WORK)

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

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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

For any other questions 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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Sunday, August 10, 2 p.m.: A Quilter's Gathering Talk with experienced quilters about their work, their inspiration and their creative style.

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June 7th, 2025 11:30 - 1:00 pm

For adults & children ages 6 and up

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Through hands-on experience and expert instruction, you'll learn about proper watering and feeding, basic pruning and shaping, and creating an environment for your tiny tree to thrive in.

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From President's Corner Lori Orestano-James

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

Guest Speaker:

Anne-Louise Scandariato - Sullivan 180 Community Engagement

Monticello Rotary was pleased to welcome Anne-Louise Scandariato and Lindsay Wheat from Sullivan 180 to speak about Sullivan Club 180.

Built similarly to the amazing program initiated for the local fire department challenge, Sullivan 180 has fully expanded the concept to include club of groups wanting to participate in this health initiative.



Guest Speaker This Week - Oliver King - Local Actor Agenda for May 6, 2025

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

Scholarship Committee - Marty Miller

Rotary Day of Service - Food Drive for United Way

RYLA Update - Lori Orestano-James

Rotary Radio - Rick Stein

BBQ - Alex Rey

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

Link for Zoom Meeting Sign-on:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506100931?pwd=MUNmWnhZa nR6M21CSy9McjNQSTBudz09

Some upcoming important dates to mark on your calendar:

Nominations Special Committee Meeting, May 6, 2025 5:30pm, Albella Our Motto:

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

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

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

Stories

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

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

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

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

Facts to Know:

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

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

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

There are 800,000 deaths per year from suicide.

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

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

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

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

Text: 62640

Chat: nami.org/help Email: helpline@nami.org

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

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Read more...

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."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation & Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation Don't Move Firewood! Regulations in Effect

By transporting firewood, you could be spreading diseases and invasive insects that can quickly kill large numbers of trees.

Help SLOW THE SPREAD and obey the Firewood Regulation:

- * It is illegal to bring untreated* firewood into New York State.
- * It is illegal to transport untreated firewood more than 50 miles from its source or origin.
- *When transporting firewood, you must carry proof of source (receipt from a vendor), origin (self-issued certificate from DEC website**) or treatment (label indicating treatment method). Failure to do so may result in you being ticketed and subject to a fine.
- * Please be aware of state and federal quarantines that further restrict the movement of firewood: Emerald ash borer quarantines, Asian longhorned beetle quarantines.

For more information, visit https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/invasive-species/help-prevent/firewood or call toll free 1-866-640-0652. Firewood Source Area Maps showing a 50-mile distance from DEC campgrounds are available at each campground's information page.

It is always best to use heat treated firewood or obtain local firewood at or near your destination. For more information on the availability of firewood please contact the park/campground directly.

*To be considered treated, firewood must be heat-treated (kiln-dried) to a minimum core temperature of 71 degrees Celsius (160 F) for 75 minutes, and must be accompanied by a label that says "New York Approved Heat-Treated Firewood/Pest Free" along with the producer's name and legal address. Firewood that meets these standards and is labeled as such can be moved into the state and around the state without restriction.

**The self-issued certificate of origin is required for those who are transporting firewood that they cut for their own personal use and therefore know where the wood was grown.



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Or send an email to:

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

Flea Market/Craft Fair

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

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





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- \$25.00 per space
- Bring your own tables, tents, chairs
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Color Our World with LEGO at the

Daniel Pierce Library

Spring is in the Air



Toddlers Ages 3 & 4 years Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

Register now! Imagine, create and learn with AMPO!

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Register here: DPL Color our World



Celebrating President Trump's First 100 Days

In November, over 77 million Americans voted for President Trump and his agenda, giving Republicans in both the administration and Congress a resounding mandate to secure our borders, lower taxes, unleash American energy dominance, and implement common-sense solutions to the challenges we face.

This week, we hit the 100 day mark of this administration, and I can confidently say we are delivering on that mandate thanks to decisive actions taken by President Trump to implement the sweeping changes America needs. This includes the issuance of various executive orders that will put our country back on track, such as ending catch-and-release; restarting construction on the border wall; rescinding the Biden administration's job-killing, pro-China, anti-American energy regulations; restoring common-sense by banning woke gender ideologies from school curriculums; and keeping biological men out of women's sports.

It is an honor to work alongside President Trump to deliver real results for the American people and to stand up for the values that make our country strong and prosperous. We're putting America First again-and we're just getting started.

Here's a list of some highlights we have accomplished in the first 100 days:

Securing our Borders & Deporting Criminals

Ended catch-and-release & resumed border wall construction.

Declared MS-13 as a terrorist organization & deported thousands of criminal illegal aliens.

Solidified the Laken Riley Act into Law

Cutting Waste, Fraud & Abuse

Saved taxpayers \$160 BILLION dollars

Launched the DOGE Caucus to Codify DOGE's Savings into Law

Introduced the State-Level DOGE Establishment Act to crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse in state governments.

Unleashing American Energy

Declared a National Energy Emergency to Unlock Domestic Energy Production

Eliminated the costly EV mandate

Rescinded every one of the Biden administration's job-killing, pro-China, anti-American energy regulations.

Bringing Common-Sense Back

Banned Woke Gender Ideologies from School Curriculums Lead Legislation to Support Trump's EO to Keep Biological Men Out of Women's Sports

Banned Covid vaccine mandates at schools that receive federal funding.

Supporting Law Enforcement Officers & Standing Against Sanctuary Cities

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlmZ7bnQsZ4

Law enforcement officers should be celebrated when they respond to an emergency call from their fellow officers, not chastised. Yet Rochester City officers are being reprimanded by the city that follows unlawful sanctuary city policies for responding to assist ICE during a traffic stop. I'm introducing the Law Enforcement Solidarity Act to make federal funding conditional on allowing local law enforcement to cooperate with federal law enforcement. This legislation ensures that no law enforcement officer at any level is abandoned due to the radical Left's reckless political agenda.

READ MORE: Trump could pull funds from sanctuary states, cities under House GOP bill if they refuse to help with mass deportations

https://nypost.com/2025/04/28/us-news/trump-could-pull-funds-from-sanctuary-states-cities-under-house-gop-bill/

Supporting Investments into American Manufacturing

To restore America as a manufacturing powerhouse, we must empower American companies with the tools they need to succeed. That is why I introduced the Building Advanced Semiconductors Investment Credit (BASIC) to extend and expand the manufacturing investment credit, promoting further investment in establishing new production facilities to manufacture semiconductors, such as Micron's planned facility in New York, which will spur job growth in advanced science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing, as well as ensure that the United States can compete globally and maintain its technological dominance over adversaries like China. This legislation works hand in hand with the Trump administration's goal of revitalizing American manufacturing and bringing jobs back to the United States.

READ MORE: Tenney proposes expanding CHIPS Act tax credit for semiconductor manufacturers

https://auburnpub.com/news/local/government-politics/article_2028e290-e2ce-4479-8294-37444b9c8af3.html

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. 1958, Deporting Fraudsters Act of 2025: This bill would amend the U.S. immigration code to explicitly list fraud against the United States as a reason for deportation. Anyone illegally in the U.S. who steals taxpayer dollars through fraud should immediately be prosecuted and deported. This ensures that illegal aliens convicted of defrauding the U.S. are held accountable for their actions.

H.R. 756, 287(g) Program Protection Act: This bill would improve and expand the current 287(g) program under Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that allows for local law enforcement agencies to sign agreements with ICE, giving officers the training and authority to assist in immigration enforcement. As part of the Northern Border Security Caucus, my priority is to ensure that local law enforcement can adequately assist in protecting our borders. The bill would expedite new agreements while notifying Congress of denied applications. Additionally, this bill provides increased funding for the program to assist in training, equipment acquisition, and enforcement of the program.

H.R. 2964, Combating Organized Retail Crime Act: This bill would provide essential resources to detect and fight organized crime targeting retail stores. Billions of dollars from retailers have been lost, and organized theft rings utilize tactics like flash mobs to cause financial and physical harm to businesses, employees, and shoppers. This legislation expands federal enforcement of criminal offenses related to organized retail crime. (Contd. Pg. 54)

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(From Pg. 53)Additionally, it establishes the Organized Retail Crime Coordination Center to manage federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts to combat these criminals.

H.R.3137, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the biodiesel fuels credit and the biodiesel mixture credit: This bill extends tax incentives for biodiesel and renewable diesel production, which is crucial for supporting U.S. energy independence. Reinstating the Biodiesel Tax Credit ensures continued investment in low-emissions, domestically produced fuels. The bill also strengthens economic growth by supporting jobs in biodiesel production, particularly in states like New York, which is home to significant aspects of the biodiesel supply chain including refining and blending. Ensuring the Biodiesel Tax Credit remains available will provide market certainty for biofuel producers and further President Trump's goal of unleashing energy dominance.

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.

Monday, April 28

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 973, the Setting Consumer Standers for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act. This bill requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to enact product safety standards for lithium-ion batteries. The CPSC will be required to submit a report to Congress regarding potential explosions and hazards pertaining to these batteries. As there are currently no federal standards for lithium-ion batteries, this report will help Congress enact future legislation to protect American consumers. This bill passed by a vote of 365-42.

I voted "Yes" on S.146, the TAKE IT DOWN Act. This bill takes a strong stand against the exploitation and harm caused by non-consensual intimate imagery, including AI-generated deep-fakes, by making it illegal to knowingly publish or threaten to publish such content on online platforms like social media. The bill also holds platforms accountable by requiring them to implement clear procedures to remove this harmful content within 48 hours of receiving a valid takedown request from the victim. This measure ensures that platforms are transparent and proactive in addressing the spread of harmful content, and it reinforces the need for responsible online conduct. This bill passed by a vote of 409-2.

Tuesday, April 29

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res 60, the Glen Canyon CRA. This joint resolution of disapproval overturns a last-minute rule by the Biden administration's National Park Service (NPS) entitled "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; Motor Vehicles," which unjustly bans Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) from roughly 24 miles of long-accessible roads in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The rule targets popular routes like the Poison Spring Loop and upper Flint Trail-effectively shuting out hunters, outdoor enthusiasts, and rural families who rely on these lands for recreation and access. This resolution is a necessary pushback against the Biden administration's broader agenda of locking up public lands and stripping Americans-especially those in Western states-of their traditional rights to use them. This resolution passed by a vote of 219-205.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1402, the TICKET Act. This bill takes a stand for consumers by cracking down on the deceptive and predatory pricing practices of the ticketing industry. For too long, big ticketing platforms have exploited fans with hidden fees and misleading prices, driving up costs and undermining transparency. Within 180 days of enactment, this legislation will require both primary and secondary ticket sellers and exchanges to: prominently display the full ticket price-including all fees-up front in every advertisement, listing, and promotion; maintain that transparency

throughout the entire purchase process; and provide a clear breakdown of the base price and each fee before checkout. This bill passed by a vote of 409-15.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1442, the Youth Poisoning Protection Act. This bill takes a critical step to protect American lives by banning the sale of consumer products with dangerously high concentrations of sodium nitrite-an industrial chemical that should not at lethal levels in household items. By classifying any product with more than 10% sodium nitrite by weight as a banned hazardous substance under the Consumer Product Safety Act, this legislation closes a deadly loophole that bad actors have exploited for too long. This bill passed by a vote of 378-42.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 859, the Informing Consumers About Smart Devices Act. This bill mandates that manufacturers of internet-connected devices with a camera or microphone disclose this feature to consumers, ensuring full transparency about the capabilities of the products they purchase. By requiring clear disclosure, this bill promotes openness in the tech industry and empowers consumers to make informed decisions. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will be responsible for enforcing these transparency requirements, using its existing authority to ensure compliance and prevent violations of this new standard. This bill passed by a vote of 415-9.

Wednesday, April 30

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res 87, the California Truck Emission Standards CRA. This joint resolution of disapproval, which I cosponsored, overturns the Biden Administration's EPA rule titled "Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision." This unrealistic rule mandates the sale of zero-emission trucks by 2035. Specifically, the EPA notice grants California a waiver of preemption under the Clean Air Act, thus approving the state's "Advanced Clean Trucks" (ACT) regulations. Unfortunately, this allowed states like New York to enact electric vehicle mandates, limiting consumer choice and levying substantial regulatory burdens on automobile manufactures. This resolution passed by a vote of 231-191.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res 89, the California Truck NOX Emission Standards CRA. This joint resolution, which I cosponsored, utilizes disapproval procedures under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to rescind the notice submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entitled "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The "Omnibus" Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision." The Omnibus NOX regulations require emissions reductions for medium- and heavy-duty trucks and engines starting with the 2024 model year, including new on-road heavy-duty vehicles and engines, as well as new particulate matter standards for off-road diesel-powered auxiliary power units. Not only is this Biden Administration regulation completely impractical, but it restricts the rights of free Americans to purchase the vehicles of their choice. This resolution passed by a vote of 225-196.

Thursday, May 1

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 88, the California Car Emission Standards CRA. (Contd. Pg. 55)

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(From Pg. 54) This joint resolution of disapproval, which I cosponsored, rescinds the notice submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entitled "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision." This waiver allows states like California and New York to adopt their own emission standards for new motor vehicles or engines. This has led to the enactment of anti-American vehicle regulations, like we have seen in New York, which limit consumer choice and will bankrupt our state's automobile dealers. Albany Democrats have no right to dictate what vehicles upstate New Yorkers choose to buy, and I was glad to see this resolution pass by a vote of 246-164.

I voted "Yes" on H.J.Res. 78, the Longfin Smelt CRA. This joint resolution overturns the final rule issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) titled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt." By reversing this rule, the resolution pushes back against the FWS's overreach in regulating the Bay-Delta smelt-an action that has severely restricted critical water deliveries to California's farmers and communities. The Biden administration's listing of the smelt exemplifies its misuse of the Endangered Species Act to please environmental activists by imposing burdensome restrictions. This resolution supports efforts initiated under the Trump administration to restore balance to water policy and prioritize the needs of California's agricultural sector and local municipalities. This resolution passed by a vote of 216-195.



I wanted to take a moment and update you all on what I've been doing this week to make the Hudson Valley more affordable, more safe, and more free!

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.

Amid unprecedented threats to federal programs, including Medicaid, we're marshaling every tool at our disposal to help folks with our C.A.R.E.S. Van.

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!

You can learn more about the C.A.R.E.S. Van and view the full schedule here: Amid Unprecedented Threats to Medicaid and Other Federal Programs, Congressman Ryan's C.A.R.E.S. Van to Provide Direct Assistance Across the Hudson Valley in May https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/amid-unprecedented-threats-medicaid-and-other-federal-programs-congressman

FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH CARE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LKKDr3Vtpo

To my 244,000 constituents who rely on Medicaid: know that I will not rest until your health care is protected.

CONTINUING TO HOLD OUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE AND COMBAT CORRUPTION

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAfn1OCpCBU

The American people, especially our men and women in uniform, expect and deserve serious leadership and accountability at the Pentagon.

Unfortunately, we've seen the exact opposite in the first 100 days of this Administration.

Pete Hegseth has proven himself to be a direct threat to our troops and national security - Hudson Valley families shouldn't be spending a dollar of their hard-earned money on his salary. And the richest man in the history of the world shouldn't be getting even more money while they cut health care from tens of millions of Americans.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a_vT_B55Vk

Our community is rightfully looking to crack down on corruption, and I will keep pushing relentlessly to deliver.

Read my full press release: In House Hearing, Congressman Ryan Demands Accountability, Slams Trump, Hegseth, and Musk for Corruption at the Department of Defense https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-hearing-

congressman-ryan-demands-accountability-slams-trump-hegseth-and

FIGHTING FOR A MORE AFFORDABLE HUDSON VALLEY

Lowering costs and bringing good-paying jobs to the Hudson Valley is my top priority, and I'll work with anyone to deliver.

My bipartisan legislation-the Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act-is a win-win. By increasing public-private partnerships and strengthening our supply chains, we'll bring down costs AND bring jobs back to our community.

I'm proud to have led this effort with my friend and West Point classmate John James. This is a huge step in the right direction, and I'll keep pushing relentlessly every day to combat the affordability crisis.

Read the full release: Congressman Pat Ryan and John James' Bipartisan "Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act" to Bring Down Costs and Create Good-Paying Jobs Passes House

https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congress-man-pat-ryan-and-john-james-bipartisan-promoting-resilient-supply

LAST CHANCE! GET YOUR REAL ID

The REAL ID deadline is coming up NEXT WEEK!!

Make sure you have yours before May 7th, or you will not be able to fly commercially within the U.S. without a passport.

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

https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/enhanced-or-real-id HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID GREENWOOD

David Greenwood dedicated his life to celebrating the rich history and culture of the Hudson Valley.

His contributions will not soon be forgotten, and his memory will live on in our community for decades to come. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a07iwU2_HHU

PROTECTING OUR HUDSON RIVER IN EARTH MONTH

As Earth Month comes to a close, I'm continuing my push to protect our beautiful Hudson River.

Great to meet with Riverkeeper Board Chairman Jeff Scales earlier this month to discuss our ongoing collaboration!

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 55)

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY WITH MARLBORO STU-DENTS

Thank you so much Marlboro Elementary School for having me -- a truly inspiring (and fun!) Earth Day celebration!
CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY YOUNG ENTREPRE-

CELEBRATING HUDSON VALLEY YOUNG ENTREPRE-NEURS

Every year, the Congressional App Challenge gives young people across the Hudson Valley a chance to demonstrate their entrepreneurial spirit.

A huge congratulations to this year's Hudson Valley winners, we can't wait to see what you do next!

You can read more about their app here: Mid Hudson News: Three Dutchess County students win Ryan's Congressional App Challenge

https://midhudsonnews.com/2025/04/27/three-dutchess-county-students-win-ryans-congressional-app-challenge/

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

I'm proud to serve on the Equality Caucus, and this week I was proud to help reintroduce the Equality Act.

No one should face discrimination for who they are or who they love.

CELEBRATING ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE

This week was Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's independence day, and a celebration of 77 years since the establishment of the state of Israel.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Sameach to our vital ally and an indispensable partner to the US!

CONGRATULATING HUDSON VALLEY STUDENT ATH-LETES

Congratulations to the Saugerties Sawyers & Highland Huskies tennis teams on some epic wins last week!!

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

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

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

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

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

The three resiliency related grant programs are:

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

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

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

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

Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

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

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

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

View DFC Applicant Training Webinar Recordings

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

Veterans' Nonprofit Capital Program (VNCP)

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

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

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



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

1. Protecting seniors from scams

In 2023 alone, Americans over age 60 lost \$3.4 billion to scams. But now, President Trump is working to dismantle the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), which holds scammers accountable and provides compensation to individuals impacted by financial scams, frauds, and wrongdoing.

This puts American consumers-particularly seniors-at risk of losing their savings. That's why Kirsten is fighting back. This week, she urged the acting CFPB director to immediately stop his illegal efforts to gut the agency.

Read more. https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/52739894/gillibrand-potential-cuts-to-cfpb-could-make-seniors-vulnerable-to-financial-scams (Contd. Pg 57)

Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! (From Pg. 56)

2. Preventing lithium-ion battery fires

This week, following years of Kirsten's advocacy, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission voted to move forward on safety standards for lithium-ion batteries used to power e-bikes and e-scooters. Faulty batteries have caused hundreds of fires in New York and these safety standards will save lives.

Read more. https://wnynewsnow.com/2025/04/29/lives-on-the-line-lawmakers-demand-urgent-lithium-ion-battery-safety-rules/

3. Helping older Americans live independently

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is a critical federal agency that helps seniors and people with disabilities live independently by providing home-delivered meals, Medicare enrollment assistance, peer supports, community living activities, and support for family caregivers. But this week, the Trump administration announced plans to dismantle the agency and fire over half its workforce.

This is an attack on American seniors, and Kirsten will not stand for it. That's why she led 22 of her fellow senators in a letter to Health and Human Services demanding that the administration halt this shortsighted effort and allow ACL to continue its vital work. Read more. https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2025/04/30/administration-for-community-living-cuts/

4. Fighting for military justice

Earlier this year, the Department of Defense initiated a review that could jeopardize the Department's sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) services. These services are crucial to protect our servicemembers, and we must do everything we can to protect them.

Kirsten has spent nearly a decade fighting alongside survivors, veterans, and legal experts to build a bipartisan coalition dedicated to improving and protecting the military justice system. This week, she sent a bipartisan letter to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth reminding him of the urgent need to protect servicemembers from assault and harassment and of the critical role that SAPR services play in this effort. She will not rest until she receives a guarantee that these services will remain intact.

Read more. https://apnews.com/article/pentagon-staff-cuts-sex-assault-suicide-prevention-3d06410658a6cfe45128165e40fb7b1f

5. Promoting fairness for living organ donors

Nearly 500 New Yorkers die each year waiting for an organ transplant. Receiving an organ from a living donor can shorten this wait time and give recipients a second chance, saving countless lives.

This week, Kirsten introduced the bipartisan Living Donor Protection Act, which would remove barriers to organ donation and ensure that living organ donors do not face discrimination from insurance companies.

Read more. https://suncommunitynews.com/news/117785/legislation-introduced-to-protect-organ-donors/

6. Helping constituents with Medicare

When a New York County senior did not have a verified Medicare ID number and could not process any claims, she contacted Kirsten's office for help. Kirsten's team reached out to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and in less than 24 hours, the constituent's Medicare ID number became functional.

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



Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring has finally arrived-but the 2026 State Budget is nowhere to be seen. I know, a late budget might not seem like a big deal in your daily life. You're focused on paying bills, running your business, putting food on the table, and just making it through the week. The Majority's delays certainly don't change that.

But here's the truth no one wants to say out loud: the budget isn't late because it's complicated. It's not late because law-makers are working through the fine print or sharpening their pencils to save you money. It's late because Governor Hochul and the Majority leaders in the legislature are playing political games with the budget-delaying real solutions for political points.

While the political games drag on, problems are unaddressed: the rising cost of living, the safety of our families and communities, and the future of our children. These aren't just policy issues-they're everyday struggles for people across our district. That's why we need to care about a late budget. This is not a calendar problem. It's a leadership problem.

I hope to have better news for you soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, concerns, or need help navigating a state agency, don't hesitate to reach out. My staff and I are here to serve you. Send us an email at Oberacker@NYSenate.gov or call us atl (607) 432-5524 anytime.

Sincerely,

Peter Oberacker

Watch - Senator Oberacker Reacts to Legislature's Budget Extenders

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1203418981278223

Congratulations, Richard Bingham!

It is my distinct honor to announce First Sergeant (Ret.) Richard Bingham as my 2025 New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame nominee!

Richard's unwavering dedication to our country began on April 23, 1968, when he answered the call and was drafted into the U.S. Army. Deployed to Vietnam with the 1st Aviation Brigade, he served courageously as a Motorpool Sergeant during one of the most challenging periods in our Nation's history. He returned home in December 1969, but his service was far from over.

In 1977, Richard continued his journey with the 414th Civil Affairs Company in Utica, NY, and later with the 426th Civil Affairs Company in California, where he served as a Military Police Supervisor. Upon returning to New York, he spent seven years shaping the next generation as a Basic Training First Sergeant with the 1165th Training Unit.

Over nearly four decades in uniform, Richard earned numerous honors for his leadership and sacrifice, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal, among others. He retired in 2007 as a First Sergeant with an Honorable Discharge, having devoted much of his life to the values of service, duty, and country. (Contd. Pg. 58)

Newsletter from Senator Peter Oberacker (From Pg. 57)

To Richard, wearing the uniform was never just an obligation-it was a sacred privilege. His story is one of courage, commitment, and enduring inspiration.

Please join me in celebrating Richard Bingham, a true American patriot, and a most deserving inductee into the 2025 New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame!

The New York State Senate Educator Recognition Program identifies and honors the outstanding contributions of educators who go above and beyond in their commitment to student success, innovative teaching practices, and leadership in their educational communities. Entries must be submitted by June 13, 2025 Submit Here https://www.nysenate.gov/questionnaires/new-york-state-senate-educator-recognition-program

Watch - Senator Oberacker Votes YES to Important Highway Dept. *Bill*

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

Celebrating a Life of Public Service

Congratulations on your retirement, Mayor Ernie Kroll!

For over 26 years, Ernie has led the Village of Otego with heart and dedication-building on years of service as a volunteer EMT, firefighter, Little League coach, and planning board member.

It was an honor to join the community in celebrating his remarkable career and to present him with a New York State Senate Commendation Award. Thank you, Ernie, for your decades of service to Otego, Otsego County, and the entire 51st Senate District!

What's Happening in the 51st District?

Cobleskill & Öneonta Launch BS-MS Partnership https://suny.oneonta.edu/news-events/suny-oneonta-cobleskill-launch-41-bs-ms-partnership

Congratulations, Levi! Otsego's Newest Eagle Scout Learn

More

https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/morris-teens-eagle-scout-project-to-honor-veterans/article_1a5da934-e8b7-11ef-8147-a34292f809f1.html

It's almost summer-apply for HEAP Learn More https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/

The Ellenville Family Health Center is Here to Help Learn More https://www.institute.org/

May is Mental Health Month

Learn More https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/mental-health-aware-ness-month/

This Week in Albany HUGE NEWS - Senate Passes Highway Superintendent Bill Honoring Our Servicemembers - Military Appreciation Month

Social Media Spotlights

Celebrating Earth Day in the 51st Happy Earth Day!

Today's a good reminder of how important it is to take care of the land we rely on. There are no better stewards of our soils, lands, and waters than our farmers!

With generations of experience and a strong work ethic, farmers are the original protectors of the land. They feed our communities, manage our natural resources responsibly, and pass down the values of conservation and care from one generation to the next.

Take a moment to thank those who keep our land productive and our Nation fed!

Saying Hello to the Volunteers at Ulster SPCA!

I had the absolute pleasure of meeting the amazing team from Ulster County SPCA!

These compassionate advocates work tirelessly to protect and care for animals who can't speak for themselves and I'm honored to stand with them and fight for their cause here in Albany.

Check out www.ucspca.org to meet your next best furry friend or explore their lineup of events-support those who support the voiceless!

Visit to Pathfinder Village!

I had the pleasure of joining my Assembly colleague Joe Angelino this weekend for a great visit to Pathfinder Village!

It's truly special place-a vibrant, inclusive community where individuals with Down syndrome and developmental disabilities are empowered to build lasting friendships, grow in independence, and live with dignity and joy. The passion and dedication of everyone we met was nothing short of extraordinary.

Thank you to the entire Pathfinder Village team for the warm welcome and the incredible work you do every day!

Senator Oberacker in the News

Leaders Across the Community Proclaim "Education and Sharing Day"

Read Here https://www.bupipedream.com/news/leaders-across-the-community-proclaim-education-and-sharing-day/165779/

Gov. Hochul's Premature "Wedding Announcement"

Read Here https://www.politico.com/newsletters/new-york-play-book-pm/2025/04/29/hochul-wedding-announcement-budget-red-room-premature-pretlow-00316344

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

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



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 1^{8} 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:	
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Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

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

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

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department 1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725 Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello







THE NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION IS CELEBRATING ITS



WITH 25 YEARS OF OUR ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW

ON

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

At the

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS 8230 State Route 55, Grahamsville NY

This year we are featuring MASSEY-HARRIS, FERGUSON & MASSEY-FERGUSON Tractors

BUT ALL tractor makes and models are welcome to participate.

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

Joining us this year will be the Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club, the

Catskill Region AACA Car Club and Knife Sharpening by the Buley Family.

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

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

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

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

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

NEVERSINK RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name:	
Home Address:	
City/State:	Phone:
High School:	GPA:
What school(s) have you applied to?	
What school(s) have you been accepted at?	
What is the course of study?	
Signature:	Date:

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

Please mail completed application to: NRAMA Scholarship Application P.O. Box 393

Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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

Be Inspired ~ Be Empowered ~ Be You

Location:

126 Seward Ave

Middletown, NY 10940

For More Information Call 845.343.4284

Eligibility & Pre-Registration is required.











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Sents are limited

"A Taste of Broadway IV"

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

11:45 Open Seating (Cash Bar)

<u>Menu</u>

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

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

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

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

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

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

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The Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club Presents:

The 40th ANNUAL BIG INDIAN CAR SHOW



SUNDAY, JUNE 29th 2025

: Big Indian Valley Park, Big Indian, NY

Gates

: Open at 8:00 am

Registration

: Begins at 8:00am and Closes at 12:30 pm PROMPT

Awards Ceremony

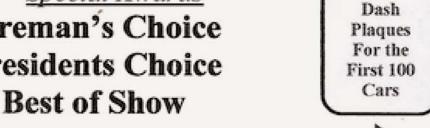
THIS Years Trophies Will Be Awarded To The Top 25 Vehicles Up To 2005



Food & Refreshments

Special Awards

Fireman's Choice Presidents Choice Best of Show





Drawing

VEHICLES 2005 OR NEWER WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CLASS AND THE TOP 5 WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES



Please be advised that C.M.C.C.C. member's cars are excluded from judging in the aforementioned award categories. Cars for sale are not permitted on the judging fields. C.M.C.C.C. is not liable for damages to persons or property. THIS YEARS JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY PARTICIPANTS.

The C.M.C.C.C. is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage or late model automobiles. We invite all enthusiasts to join us. Yearly membership dues are just \$10.00 per person. Applications are available at all C.M.C.C.C. events or by contacting us by telephone or mail (information available on registration form below).

	REGISTRATION FORM		
First Name:	Last Name:		•
Address:	City/Town/Village:	State:	Zip Code:
Car Make:	Model:		Year:

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

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

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, May 11th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

Take-outs: \$13

Call 845-985-7270

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

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

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

VET 2 VET OF SULLIVAN COUNTY PRESENTS:

REEL BONDS VETERANS FISHING

DAY

Catch the Biggest Fish and Win a New Fishing Pole

- MAY 16, 2025
- 9:30AM 3:00PM (RAIN OR SHINE)

<Free Lunch Provided>

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> *Valid NY State Fishing License Required

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APPLICATIONS AVAILIBLE NOW!!!



SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM





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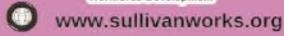




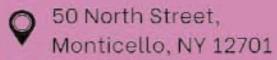


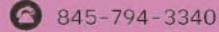


















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Tech Tuesdays

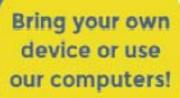
A program for DPL Patrons

Every Tuesday 9 am - 12 pm

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

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

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ALZHEIMER'S CARING CONVERSATIONS

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Virtual education programs presented by the Alzheimer's Association®



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

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

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

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

Tues, June 3 11 am. - 12:30 p.m.

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

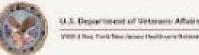
Tues., June 10 11 am. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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











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- · Must be a Sullivan County Resident

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Starting May 13th through July 31st 2025
from 5:30pm to 9:00pm
Clinicals will be Monday through Friday
August 4th to August 8th 2025
from 9am to 3pm
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Classes held at SUNY Sullivan
Sign Up Now
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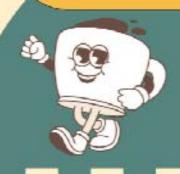


10:00AM - 11:00AM

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

Place: 309 East Broadway Monticello, NY 12701

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









309 E Broadway Suite A

Monticello, NY 12701

Sullivan County

New to the Daniel Pierce Library this year...

Pages & Percs

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

Get cozy and caffeinated while you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and browse our book sale selection, located in our beautiful 1902 Room.

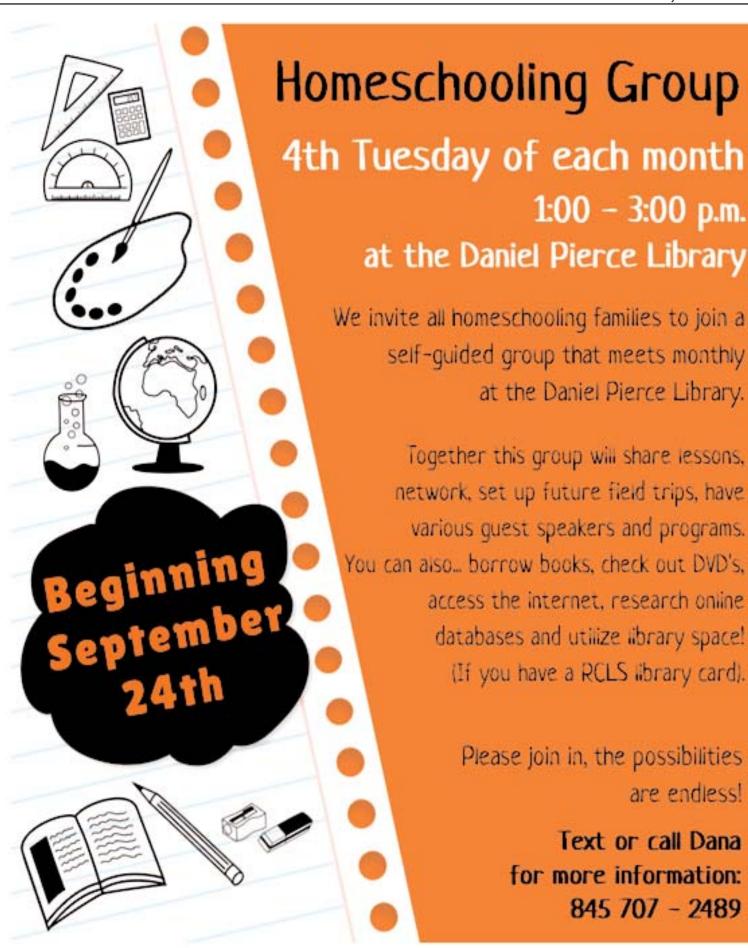
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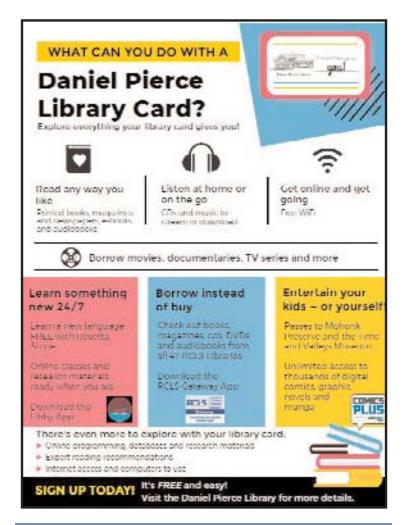
Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee from Happy Belly for \$2. Choose the perfect coffee pod for yourself at our front desk.

Pick out a book to buy and take home or dive into it right here. Sit back, sip your coffee and enjoy a peaceful moment.

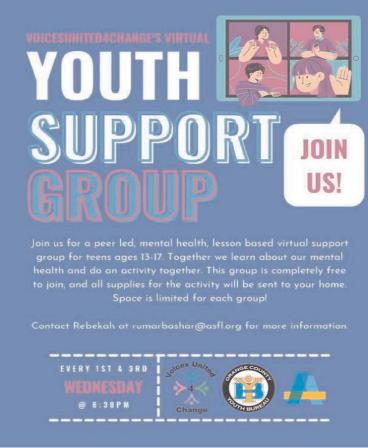
Whether you're looking for your next page-turner or just need a break, Pages and Percs is your perfect spot to relax and recharge.

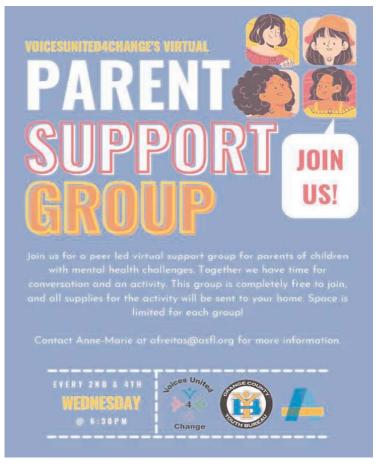
Enjoy!











Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



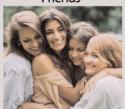
Calls and texts are answered 24/7

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Sullivan County **Text For Teens**

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



GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR **OUR UPCOMING**

CERTIFICATION CLASS!!

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

Contact:

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



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ACE HARDWARE OF ELLENVILLE

DRAWING DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025



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

\$10.00 EACH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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

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ALZHEIMER'S ON ASSOCIATION

Parkinson's Support Group



Registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome!



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

REGISTER:



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https://tinyurl.com/3s4uhzc9

WHEN:

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

April 9 May 14

June 11 July 9

Aug 13 Sept 10

Oct 8 Nov 12

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



Join the DPL 2025 Reading Challenge!

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

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

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

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

Challenge yourself and your family.

Expand your horizons with new books.

For ALL ages!

Read adventurously!



Daniel Pierce Library

Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event



THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

\$20 per kit. Space is limited

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

All of the necessary supplies will be included.

Refreshments will be offered as well.

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











Open to Tri-Valley residents only.

Advanced registration is required at danielpiercelibrary.org

Register here for Someone Special & Me Cookie Decorating Event https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMdOfeIFyo7-ROmhdGbrRS-1ect4D7_PYdGsRzxWPcGsYGNg/viewform

Stefanik, Lee, Stanton Introduce Bipartisan Canadian Snowbird Visa Act

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Congresswoman Laurel Lee (R-FL), and Congressman Greg Stanton (D-AZ) today introduced the Canadian Snowbird Visa Act, a bipartisan bill to extend the duration Canadian citizens who own or lease a residence in the United States may stay-from 182 days to 240 days annually.

"Our neighbors to the north provide more visits to the United States than any other country, and they are critically important to North Country tourism and industry," said Congresswoman Stefanik. "Providing Canadians who own homes and property in the United States with extra time to visit and boost our economy will help revive Canadian tourism to the United States."

"I'm proud to introduce the Canadian Snowbird Visa Act because it's a win for America's economy. Canadian residents contribute billions of dollars each year to our small businesses, real estate markets, and local economies-especially here in Florida. By extending the time Canadian visitors who own or lease homes can spend here, we're supporting job growth, strengthening our bond with our closest neighbors, and helping local communities thrive," said Congresswoman Laurel Lee.

"We have been pleased to join with the Canadian Snowbird Association in support of this initiative," said Garry Douglas, President of the North Country Chamber of Commerce, "conveying to our friends that we appreciate their extended stays, including in the North Country. We thank Congresswoman Stefanik for her continued leadership on this positive action and message."

Under current U.S. immigration law, Canadian citizens can only stay in the United States for up to 182 days per year without a visa. The Canadian Snowbird Visa Act would allow eligible Canadians-aged 50 and over who either own or lease a U.S. residence-to extend their stay to up to 240 days annually.

The legislation includes important safeguards: it prohibits these individuals from working for U.S. employers or accessing public assistance programs and clarifies that they will retain their nonresident tax status.

This bipartisan bill reflects a shared commitment to supporting local economies, rebuilding cross-border tourism, and strengthening the U.S.-Canada relationship through smart, targeted immigration policy.

Stefanik Reintroduces Bipartisan Bill to Enhance Veterans' Access to VA Benefits

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik reintroduced the bipartisan Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act with Congressman Ro Khanna (D-CA) to improve the process of issuing pension benefits payments administered by the VA.

This bill improves the process of issuing pension benefits payments administered by the VA that are impacted by the death of the beneficiary. It would ensure that veterans receive their accrued pension benefit in the event of a month of death-claim, or if payment for the month of the death has been issued.

"I am proud to take action to cut through the bureaucratic red tape that has frustrated and demoralized so many of our beloved veteran families including the Paltz family. We must take core of our veterans and their fam

lies including the Peltz family. We must take care of our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much to care for and protect our nation. My legislation honors World War II veteran Mr. Ernest Peltz and takes one step forward to improve the agency's effectiveness," said Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.

"Our nation's veterans made countless sacrifices for our safety. We have an obligation to ensure they and their families receive quality benefits after serving. I'm proud to support Rep. Stefanik's Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act to improve the process of pension payments by the Department of Veterans Affairs and ensure veterans and their families are always able to access their accrued pension benefits," said Congressman Ro Khanna.

"In the midst of the loss of my father, my family was forced to deal with added stress due to the VA's error. We brought our concerns to Congresswoman Stefanik and she was a tireless advocate for our family as we navigated the federal bureaucracy of the VA. Her advocacy is represented in this bill which is an honor to my father's legacy and that of countless other veterans. In the future, veteran families will not encounter the hurdles we were forced to overcome while mourning the loss of a loved one," said Charles Peltz, son of World War II veteran Ernest Peltz.

"The VFW supports the Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act to ensure VA benefits are paid out for the entire month when a veteran passes away. This proposal would help surviving family members deal with the financial hardships that come with a veteran's passing and provide assistance in a time of need. The VFW thanks Congresswoman Stefanik for championing this issue," said Nancy Springer, Associate Director, VFW National Legislative Service, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Stefanik originally introduced this bill two Congresses ago after working with Charles Peltz, whose father, World War II veteran Mr. Ernest Peltz, passed away after being approved for his accrued pension benefit. However, due to a VA processing error, the VA did not deposit the approved funds in Mr. Peltz's bank account until after his passing. The VA then removed these funds from Mr. Peltz's account, even though he was alive when his benefit was approved, leaving his family to deal with all expenses related to his care.

Read the full text of the bill here.

Donate a little of your time and have a direct impact on someone's path to recovery!

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Saturday, May 17th

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cornell Cooperative Extension
64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY

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

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

For more information, please call:



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SIGN UP FOR A FREE CLASS TO LEARN ABOUT PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters.

The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to normal conditions. This training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or manmade disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit.

WHERE: Sullivan County Emergency Services

Training Center 615 Old White Lake Turnpike Swan Lake, NY 12783

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20th, 2025

6:30pm

REGISTER:

Registration is required to attend the event. To register visit www.prepare.ny.gov or scan the QR code





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"Knarf's Classic Movies" GET THE MOVIE, AMAZON PRIME

I REMEMBER MAMA

(Comedy, Drama, Kids, 2 h 14 min 1948 NR)

Irene Dunne stars in this moving family drama about a family of Norwegian immigrants who face the trials of life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco.



by George Stevens, Starring, Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oskar Homolka, Edgar Bergen, Rudy Vallee, Barbara O'Neil, Florence Bates, Ellen Corby







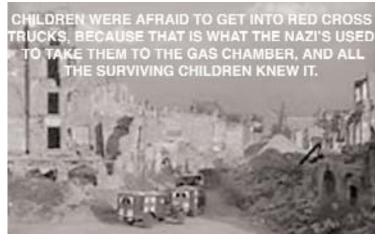
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Answer to last week's Trivia Question: Beauty and the Beast

This weeks' Trivia question: Name the movie in which Geena Davis plays a natural baseball player?

NARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE'S ON AMAZON PRIME THE SEARCH

The Search is a 1948 Swiss-American film directed by Fred Zinnemann which tells the story of a young Auschwitz survivor and his mother who search for each other across post-World War II Europe. It stars Montgomery Clift, Ivan Jandl, Jarmila Novotná and Aline MacMahon.



Many scenes were shot amidst the actual ruins of postwar German cities, namely Ingolstadt, Munich, Nuremberg, and Würzburg Filming took place between June and November, 1947, initially on location in Germany, before the cast and crew went to a film studio in Zurich, Switzerland, to film the interior scenes.



Although released in the United States in March, 1948, it was not released in Britain until May 1950. Its European premiere was held at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, London, England, on November 2, 1949, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Her Majesty Queen Mary attended the premiere.

Jandl was given a special juvenile Academy Award for his performance. By the time this was announced, in March 1949, he had returned to his home in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the communists had taken over the government.



They would not allow Jandl to travel to the United States to collect the Oscar and the Golden Globe he had also received for his performance, so they had to be taken to him. The film's director, Fred Zinnemann, accepted the Oscar on Jandl's behalf at the Academy Awards ceremony.



Happy Mother sDay!

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