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Memorial Day Flag Exchange honors James K. Richardson

Story and photos by Carol Montana

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY -- In what has become an annual tradition, Memorial Day in Grahamsville always includes a salute to our military heroes, along with a Flag Exchange at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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Historic 1848 Claryville One Room Schoolhouse Museum Opens for Season June 6th 1 to 4 p.m. with a visit from Schoolmarm Elsie Harshey

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] –The historic Clary-ville One Room Schoolhouse opens for the season on Saturday, June 6th from 1 to 4 p.m.. 1930s Schoolmarm Elsie Harshey (played by Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator) will be conducting school and immersing visitors in what school was like in a 1930s one room school in the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County. Open hours for 2026 are: Satur-days, 1 to 4 p.m.: June 6, July 18, August 15, Sept-ember 19 and October 17. Fun, interactive, hands-on games and activities entertain kids and adults alike in the school's vestibule. Old-fashioned games such as jump ropes, rolling hoops and more are available for play. Admission is by donation. The schoolhouse is located at 946 Claryville Road (adjacent to the Claryville Reformed Church Hall), Claryville, NY. (Contd. Pg. 5)



Schoolmarm Elsie Harshey (played by Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator)

Tri-Valley Lions Final BOCES Eye Screening Report and Tri-Valley Lions Service Award Reviews

On May 7, 2026, Lion Eye Screenings were done at BOCES in Liberty, NY by Tri-Valley Lions Stu Wizwer, Carmen Salvemini, Esta Jacob and Bethel Lion John Bogart.

110 Signed Parental Permission Forms were signed.

14 Students were absent on the day of the Screening.

10 Students were unable to be tested due to inability to focus on the camera

86 Students received Eye Screenings. In total 34 Elementary Students passed the eye screenings

19 Elementary Students received

Referrals

18 Secondary Students passed the eye screenings

15 Secondary Students received referrals.

In total:

52 students had passing eye screenings.

34 students received referrals.

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John Bogart, Bethel Lions, Tri-Valley Lions Carmen Salvemini, Stu Wizwer, and Esta Jacob behind camera

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On the Front Burner:

OBITUARYS

Lynn F. Osterhout



Lynn F. Osterhout, a lifelong resident of Sullivan County, New York, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. She was 68 years old.

Born on September 19, 1957, in Poughkeepsie, New York, to the late Marian A. (Davis) Probst and later legally adopted by the late W. Herman Probst, Lynn dedicated her life to her family and community.

Lynn was the devoted wife of the late Thomas V. Osterhout. She was the loving mother of three children: her oldest daughter, Jenifer (Osterhout) Edwards and her husband, Joseph; her youngest son, Andrew Osterhout and his wife, Jessica; and her late son, Benjamin Osterhout. Her family was the center of her world, and she took immense pride in her grandchildren, Sebastian Oles, Rayne Edwards, Thomas Osterhout, James Osterhout, and bonus grandchildren, Blake and Lucas, all of whom brought her endless joy.

Lynn especially cherished attending dirt track races with her husband and family, and she had a lifelong love of Ford Mustangs.

For many years, Lynn worked as a teacher's aide at Tri-Valley Central School, where she touched the lives of countless students with her kindness, patience, and warm encouragement. Her nurturing spirit and gentle nature left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She will be remembered as a strong-willed and resolute woman who always

extended an open door and a warm meal to family, friends, and even the friends of her children.

A lifelong resident of Sullivan County, Lynn remained deeply connected to the community and the Catskills region she loved. She found happiness in the simple pleasures of everyday life and in the shared moments and adventures with those closest to her.

In addition to her children, Jenifer and Andrew, and her grandchildren, Lynn is survived by many loving relatives and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas V. Osterhout; her son, Ben Osterhout; and her parents, Marian (Davis) Probst and Herman Probst.

There will be a graveside service on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, State Route 55 Grahamsville, NY, at 11:00am.

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

May 30, 1956

Herbert George Jr. was graduated from the Hudson Valley Technical Institute at Troy, N.Y. on Monday, May 28th. Herbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown. Herbert is a graduate of Tri Valley School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krom became parents of a son, David Norman, on Friday morning at the Loomis Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. George Krom and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Eaton are the grandparents. David is the first great-grandson of Mrs. Louise Krom.

May 25, 1966

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Manville Wakefield, 13 years on the 29th; Mr. and Mrs. William Clark, 14 years on the 1st; Mr. and Mrs. David Morse, 4 years on the 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith, 10 years on the 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Dull, 14 years on the 4th.

Steven Hill who has been home with his parents, the Doug Hills, for a 14-day leave, will leave for Bunker Hill Air Force Base in Peru, Indiana.

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DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

June 2, 1976

Monica Marie Marshall of East Mountain and John R. Prentice were married on May 29th at St. Peter's R.C. Church in Liberty. A reception followed at the American Legion Hall of the Lester White Post #566 in Livingston Manor.

John and Ann Higgins of Sundown spent Friday and Saturday in Cantonsville Maryland, visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins Jr. and three children. On Sunday they drove to Gettysburg, Pa. for a large family reunion at the home of Mrs. Margaret Walmer. About 70 were present for the festivities.

June 12, 1986

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hodes of Buffalo Grove, IL, joyfully announce the birth of their son, Michael, on May 12, 1986. The mother is the former Ellen Friedman of Grahamsville. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Friedman of Grahamsville.

Ernest Nietzel of Benton Hollow Rd., Woodbourne, and Mary Ackerman of Livingston Manor announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynn Nietzel, to Scott Mahnken, son of William and Barbara Mahnken of River Road, Grahamsville. Miss Nietzel is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School. She is employed by Sullivan County A.R.C. in South Fallsburg. Her fiancé graduated from Morgan High School, Connecticut. He is employed a butcher at Krum's Store. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Household Hint:

How to Microwave Corn on the Cob

1. Wrap in wet paper towel. Wet a paper towel and squeeze out excess water. Then wrap your paper towel around the corn and place on a microwavable plate.
2. Cook in microwave. Cook in the microwave on high for 5 minutes. Allow to cool and then remove paper towel.
3. Season and enjoy. Butter all sides of the corn, then salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy!

Nature Column - L. Comando

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

Le Secret du Caporal La Violette

The little sweet smelling wild violets that seem to be everywhere in the backyard today, have always been kind of "sign" that more sunshine is on it's way.

We are beginning to see some of those pretty sweet smelling violets blooming in our yards, another sign the temperatures are going up and spring is winning the battle over the 'ice' of winter.



Violets are quite special. There are 450 different species of Viola worldwide, and you can eat all of them!

Flowers are usually violet colored, but can vary from deep-blue-violet to completely white. These small dainty flowers are edible!

They are delicious and decorative in any salad and a lovely embellishment to a cake or dessert recipe. A sweet syrup or violet jelly are a great addition to the breakfast table. They are as sweet as they look!

For that reason violets have also been used through the ages in medicinal preparations, culinary concoctions, and perfumes, as well as dyes and cosmetics.

They are the state flower of New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

People in ancient Rome and medieval Europe crushed the violets and spread them throughout the castle for their fragrance.

Violets are fond of deep, humus-rich and slightly sandy soil, and prefer moist, shaded locations such as those found in open areas under trees. They are easily propagated from seed, cuttings or by division of the creeping rhizome in spring or fall.

Violets are low-growing leafy plants - about 6" high. You can identify violets by their distinctive rounded, heart-shaped leaves with branching parallel veins. You'll see one leaf per stem coming from the base of the plant. Violets have five petals, the wide lower ones form landing platforms with honey guide lines for pollinating insects.

The first showy flowers on long stems are usually sterile but if you look closer you'll see smaller blooms lower down that develop little three-sided capsules like a tri-cornered hat that contain seeds. Winter cold and frost break down the seed husks for spring germination.

When Napoleon left France for Elba, his supporters wore violets as a secret sign of their allegiance.

During the exile of Napoleon I at Elba, in the year 1814, preceding Napoleon's abdication, the French Bonapartists chose, as their emblem, the violet. They nicknamed Napoleon "Caporal Violet, the little flower that returns with spring". Postcards from a color print by Jean-Dominique Etienne Canu, *Le Secret du Caporal La Violette*, picturing a bunch of innocent looking violets soon flooded France, but when scrutinized closely, the violets in the bouquet revealed the outlines of portraits of Napoleon, Marie Louise and of their three year old son, Charles.

If you have the opportunity to pick a little bouquet of violets, and look closely, maybe you too, will see the face of Napoleon, his wife and his son in the bunch of violets?

And if not, just enjoy the familiar purple flowers of the Violaceae family that mark the coming of spring and warmer weather worldwide.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published May 23, 1996

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

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

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

When my children were growing up the girls curled the stems, making "curls" for their hair, made chains to wear around their neck and tied the blossoms in their shoe laces, while my sons searched for the large stems to use as whistles. Dandelions can also be used in wine.

When the little fuzzy balls appear on the end of the stems we know the dandelion season has ended and they will all too soon be blown away on the sweet summer breeze.

Following is a poem written by my daughter, Vera Atkins.

The Dandelion

Sometimes a friend, sometimes a foe,

On our lawns it likes to grow,

With dress of green and hair of gold
-A flower lovely to behold.

It sleeps by day and waits at night

Till its hair grow long and white.

And in the breeze will swing and sway

When its hair is blown away.

No matter whether big or small,

God created one and all;

And though it's popular with none,

The dandelion can be such fun!

How can a plant being both beautiful
and useful belisted as a weed?

Sullivan SLAC Meeting May 29, 2026 Agenda

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

Memorial Day Flag Exchange honors James K. Richardson

(From Pg. 1) On Monday, May 25, Flag Exchange coordinator Geri Gorton introduced Pastor Harriet Wilkin of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church,



who gave the invocation at the ceremony.

This year's speaker was Kenneth Richardson, son of honoree James K. Richardson, who passed away this past March. Kenneth spoke of his father's service in the military, his loyalty to his country, his many assignments around the world, and of his wounding in Vietnam and receiving a Purple Heart.

James Richardson was an active member of several Veteran's organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Following Kenneth's remarks, Pastor Wilkin read a poem that the Richardson family had requested, the flag honoring all Veterans was lowered, and the flag honoring Mr. Richardson was raised. It will fly for six months until the next flag exchange, which is scheduled for Veterans Day 2026.

Also participating in the ceremony were Boy Scout leaders and Eagle Scouts, as well as two representatives of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Rose Ionta and Deputy Aiden Armstrong.

Pastor Wilkin concluded the ceremony with a benediction.



Historic 1848 Claryville One Room Schoolhouse Museum Opens for Season June 6th 1 to 4 p.m. with a visit from school- marm Elsie Harshey!

(From Pg. 1) The one room schoolhouse which has been preserved since its closing in 1957, looks much as it did when the school closed. The schoolhouse retains many of its original features, including light fixtures, stove, desks, blackboards, books and items on the walls. Drawings, workbooks and personal items from students who attended the school from the early 1900s through the 1950s are displayed. It is an early rural education time capsule- entering is like taking a step back in time!



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About the Schoolhouse: The Time and the Valleys Museum, Claryville Reformed Church and the Neversink Association joined together to open this school, made possible by a substantial donation from Vera Curtis Wranovics, a former Claryville resident. Opened from 1848 through 1956, when the school closed it was given to the Claryville Reformed Church by the school District. Everything was left in the schoolhouse, and has remained so throughout the years, maintained by the church and opened periodically for special occasions.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

Connecting water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has three floors of interactive exhibitions, the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a local history research center and gift shop with fun and educational gifts, books and locally made crafts. The Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



About the Claryville Reformed Church: The Claryville Reformed Church is a member of the Reformed Church in America. Established in 1849, the Claryville Reformed Church has played an important role in the life of this community for over 170 years. The congregation resides in Claryville and the neighboring towns of Denning, Oliveria, Grahamsville, and Neversink. They are passionate about their mission "Serving God in our community and beyond" and are a strong group of individuals who are a caring and welcoming congregation. Call 845 985-2041 or email claryvillechurch@gmail.com for more information.

About the Neversink Association: The Neversink Association is a non-profit social club that was founded in 1964 to preserve the unique character of the upper Neversink River for fishing and other recreational purposes, to conserve the fauna and flora of the Neversink Valley and to promote an appreciation of nature. While the Association itself is not a charity and its dues are not tax deductible, the Neversink Association donates to many local charitable organizations that are similarly dedicated to education about, and protection of, the area's unique environment. New members are always welcomed. To join the association, please send \$10 an individual or \$20 per household to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville, NY 12725. See more information on Instagram or Facebook (www.facebook.com/neversinkassociation).

Tri-Valley Lions News as of May 26, 2026

Tri-Valley Lions Final BOCES Eye Screening Report and Tri-Valley Lions Service Award Reviews

(From Pg. 1) If a child receives a technical report showing potential eye problems, the school contacts the parent or guardian of the student and recommends further in-depth examination by an eye professional. Lions often assist by providing a list of eye doctors who can further examine the child and hopefully prevent permanent eye damage or vision loss to the child. Preventing permanent eye damage or vision loss is one of the Lions Clubs major missions, which started way back when Helen Keller asked the Lions to act as "Knights of the Blind."

The Tri-Valley Lions as well as other Lions Clubs not only in our district 20-0, but all around the world perform these eye screening for free and have screened thousands of children in local elementary, junior high and high schools, headstart programs, and specialized schools like BOCES.

Tri-Valley Lion Leah Exner, Chairperson for the Tri-Valley Lions Senior Service Award Committee, has distributed 7 applications for Tri-Valley High School graduating seniors who submitted applications, community service hours, referrals from school counselors and/or teachers, plus the students own details as to why they believe they are eligible to receive the annual monetary award which will help them with the many financial responsibilities they will incur at the colleges they will attend. Currently these applications are under review by Leah's committee which will hold their final meeting on May 26, 2026 to determine which of the 7 students will be selected to receive the monetary awards and the amount of each award. The



Tri-Valley Lions Service Award Committee members Esta Jacob, Chair Leah Exner, Maryann Cosentino, and Mike Ryan were 4 of the 8 members who reviewed the application paperwork of the 7 Tri-Valley Senior graduates who applied for monetary service awards. Award winners will be announced at The Senior Celebration to be held at the school auditorium on June 9, 2026.

names of the students and the award amounts will be announced at the Tri-Valley Senior Celebration on the evening of June 9, 2026 at the Tri-Valley School. The names of the students and award amounts will also be published in an upcoming edition of The Townsman.

Our next Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Monday, June 1, 2026 at the Neversink General Store.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 49th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding with our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day, selling chocolate Easter

Bunnies, and some Fairground events including selling of beverages at The Antique Machinery Show to be held on September 19, 2026, as well as new upcoming fundraisers including an adult comedy show, raffle lotteries, and more. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, The Daniel Pierce Library, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, Payment for eye exams & glasses, assistance to local families for fires or health emergencies. We also contributed to the playground at the Ballfield as well as the Scoreboard, the Milk House at the Time and Valleys Museum, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgreords@hvc.rr.com

Wishing one and all a happy, healthy Spring and Summer, and look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming events.



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 182 Sunburn

Mysterious Book Report No. 337

by John Dwaine McKenna

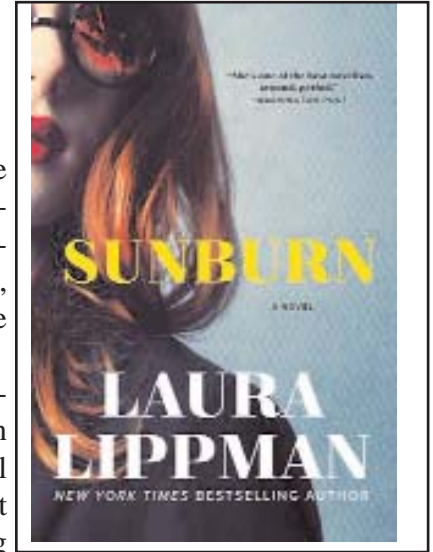
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Memorial Day weekend was the traditional start of the warm weather season; a time for vacations, kicking back, relaxing and light summertime reading. And hey, what could be better, we're kicking it off with one of America's most loved, respected and widely-read authors who's always at the top of the *NY Times* bestseller lists.

Sunburn, (William Morrow/Harper Collins, \$26.99, 290 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-238992-3) by Laura Lippman is a psychological suspense novel about a pair of lovers in a relationship based upon lies and secrets. Polly and Adam meet in a bar in the small inland town of Belleville, Delaware. She says she's just passing through on her way out west: headed for Las Vegas. Adam is more ambivalent, but also claims that he's going to be somewhere else when summer ends. That's what they say, but it's not what they do, because they're both holding back elemental details about themselves . . . even as they're inexorably drawn together into a passionate love affair. Polly has a past: seedy, criminal and heartbreaking. She may, or may not, have stolen a fortune from a defenseless child; and she's run away . . . abandoned actually . . . her second husband and three year-old daughter. Adam on the other hand, has a much shorter backstory . . . he's a private investigator who's been hired to find Polly, and the secret cache of stolen money she's suspected of squirreling away. As the summer wears on, the lovers get more and more involved with each other, until the sudden, violent death of a co-worker. It's officially ruled an accident, but was it? Will the star-crossed pair survive as a couple or will their deceptions and personal failings catch up with them in the end.

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Things I can do without:

1. Any meat that costs more than \$4.99 a lb.
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3. Make-up
4. Coffee except at home
5. A top sheet
6. Paper napkins. Use cloth.
7. A comb
8. A tattoo
9. Pantyhose
10. Strapless bra
11. Any entree that is more than \$35.
12. Subscription apps.
13. Copy and paste emails.
14. Spam and telemarketing calls
15. Postcard ads for windows and hearing aids

And the list goes on.

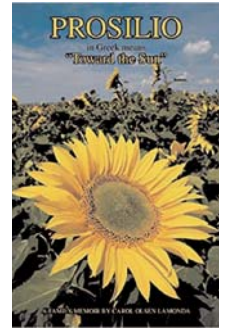
As inflation spirals out of control, I try to bundle my driving errands. I shop sales and stock up on basics. I follow my husband around turning out lights. I shop at thrift shops and pay attention to sales.

Much of what I do is my 'thrifty' nature. I like watching the pennies so I can be generous with my dollars. However, what used to be my monetary games and adventures are moving from fun into necessity.

I honestly wonder how some families are stretching their paychecks from one to another.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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Priorities of a Library:

Awesome books and educational programs!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Undeniably, one of the top priorities of a library is to have a fresh, finely curated collection of materials for patrons to check out. Closely following that, is providing a wide variety of programs for patrons to attend.

Purposely, those programs are mostly educational in nature-it's the business we're in, after all, but that can come in a multitude of ways.

This past week, we held a LEGO program for second and third graders, a teen paint & sip (no alcohol-just fun), and an adult sip & paint. They were all well attended! The students (both the elementary and secondary) blew us away with their imagination and creativity. The younger children had the opportunity to build on their teamwork and social skills and the older kids enjoyed some screen-free time using their hands and minds to create beautiful glasses. And the adults...they just had fun, and maybe picked up some painting skills from resident artist and Tri-Valley CSD teacher, Robin Raykoff, who hosted both the teen and adult paint & sip programs.

On Friday, May 29 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM, Red Cross will be here conducting a blood drive. It's a chance to be a super hero and save a life with just a few minutes of your time (and some bravery if you're a little scared of needles). Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross-blood.org to schedule your appointment!

On Thursday, June 11 from 6:00-7:00PM, Kaylee Wagner, Grahamsville Branch Manager of Hudson Valley Credit Union will be here hosting "It's Your Money." This engaging and informative seminar will provide practical, beginner-friendly information on how to develop smart money habits. Some topics of discussion include: needs vs. wants and how to make smart spending choices, how to create and stick to a simple budget, the differences and options of savings, checking and loan accounts, understanding your credit score and tips to prevent identity theft and fraud. Please register through our website for this essential seminar. With the continued climb in prices, it's so important to be armed with updated information, especially for teens and young adults who are just starting out.

Also for our June program lineup, we're trying something new! On Tuesday, June 16, from 11:00AM to 5:00PM the Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network Mobile HEAL Unit will be here (in our parking lot) to offer health screens, education, access to resources and linkages to care (HEAL). No appointment or registration is needed, just show up! This is a great opportunity to learn about local resources and to stay on top of your health needs. The mobile unit will also be here on Friday, August 14 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM.



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News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 15



During the pre-COVID summer of 2019, my teenaged grandsons Reed (15) and Bryce (13) visited for their annual week at Grandma and Grandpa's. They had come three



times before. Little did I know, that this would be the last summer vacation with the old folks. COVID arrived the next March, and the boys got older and too involved in their own lives, with summer jobs and girlfriends, to come again after that. During those weeks we tried to make lasting memories, so they were always filled with as many activities as possible. The highlight of that summer was a visit to the Bethel Woods Museum and an attempt to take as many selfies with the 50 doves that were located around the county to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock concert. We managed to take photos at 26, over half of them in a week! One of our stops was Grahamsville to visit the Time and the Valleys Museum and take a selfie by the dove in the small park across the street from Town Hall. Grahamsville had only one dove then, but as others have appeared around the county, the Grahamsville Fairgrounds also got one.

Perhaps your children need a fun day on the town or your grandchildren will visit this summer. When thinking of how to entertain them, consider the happening place of Grahamsville. There is a lot to do. We have the new Quiet Saint Restaurant, Grahamsville Gorilla ice cream, the Daniel Pierce Library book tent, two doves for selfies and,

last but not least, Time and the Valleys Museum.

If you have never been here, you definitely should visit. We have been open in our beautiful location since 2011. So many people I meet up with say they have never been here! There are three floors of exhibits with many hands-on activities for children and much to please grownups as well. Besides the museum exhibits, we have the Lost Catskill Farm on the hill with over a dozen buildings showing life in the 1930's, the Claryville one room schoolhouse that looks just as it did when it closed in 1957 and coming by the end of June our exhibit about frontier life during the American Revolution, including a wigwam, cabin and Revolutionary War artifacts and clothes to try on.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 to 4, and the school house is open on six Saturdays during our 2026 season. There will also be two special days when there will be farm activities for families at the Lost Catskill Farm.

Life passes so quickly and opportunities to make memo-



ries for our children and grandchildren are too soon gone. Come see us this summer. We would love to help make memories with you!

Oh by the way, my sisters and I completed the rest of the doves by the end of 2019 and all the photos are now arranged in an album which comes out often for my entertainment or when family or my precious boys visit.

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CCE Sullivan Launches Farm & Animal Emergency Preparedness Programs for Farmers and First Responders

LIBERTY, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County is expanding its efforts to strengthen community readiness with a new series of Farm & Animal Emergency Preparedness Programs, designed to support both farmers and first responders in preparing for and responding to emergencies involving livestock and agricultural operations.

These programs aim to build shared knowledge and coordination between the agricultural community and emergency personnel, helping protect people, animals, and farm operations during critical incidents. "Emergencies involving livestock can be complex and high-pressure situations," said Michelle Proscia, Agriculture Production Program Manager with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. "By bringing farmers and first responders together through these trainings, we're helping build the relationships, skills, and confidence needed to respond effectively while protecting both human and animal safety."

Barn to Backyard: Animal Emergency Preparedness Series:

The Barn to Backyard series is a four-part, hands-on and virtual program for farmers, pet owners, and first responders, building essential skills in animal emergency response and strengthening coordination to protect people, livestock, and farms. The June 3 and June 26 sessions are designed with first responders in mind, focusing on real-world skills like safe livestock handling, emergency decision-making, and animal stabilization, while remaining open and valuable to farmers and livestock owners.

Upcoming sessions include:

- May 28 (Zoom, 6:00-7:30 PM): Livestock & Pet Disaster Preparedness
- June 3 (Brook Edge Farm, 6:00-8:00 PM): Livestock First Aid (in partnership with Catskill Veterinary Services)
- June 11 (Zoom, 6:00-7:30 PM): Farm & Livestock Emergency Response
- June 26 (Stone Wall Farms, 6:00-7:30 PM): Livestock Behavior & Handling Demonstration



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"In an emergency, the actions taken in the first few minutes can make a significant difference in an animal's outcome," said Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, veterinarian and owner of Catskill Veterinary Services. "Providing first responders and farmers with practical, hands-on training in livestock first aid helps ensure animals are stabilized safely and effectively before veterinary care is available."

Building a Farm Emergency Response Plan

CCE Sullivan is also offering a two-part workshop focused on fire prevention and whole-farm emergency preparedness, taking place on July 8 from 6:00-7:30 PM via Zoom and July 14 from 6:00-7:30 PM in person at CCE Sullivan. This program provides farmers with practical tools to reduce risk and improve readiness, including developing a farm-specific emergency response plan, strengthening communication systems, and preparing for incidents such as fires, severe weather, and accidents. Participants will gain strategies to better protect livestock, infrastructure, and human safety while improving coordination with emergency responders.

All programs are free and open to the public. To register or learn more, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 or by email at sullivan@cornell.edu. This work is supported by the Northeast Extension Risk Management Education Center through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA), under award number 2024-70027-42540.

Temple Sholom Brings Us Letters from the Holocaust

On June 15th Temple Sholom will present Legacies Through Letters, a selection of long-hidden letters from the time of the Holocaust. Inspired by Alan Barrish and translated from Yiddish, the selected letters represent correspondence of survivors, rescuers, and Government officials. They introduced the Barrish family to surviving relatives who now live in Israel.

The letters will stimulate a panel discussion by Lily Barish Levner, Jeremy Levner, Lea Wolinetz, and Dr. Peter A. Chester, all of whom have intimate knowledge of the Holocaust. Hope Blecher Crony will moderate a discussion by the panelists and the audience.

The presentation will take place at 1:00 pm June 15 at Temple Sholom and tickets are \$10 per person. Reserve your place by calling 845-794-8731 or 845-428-8106 and send your check to Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Awarded Grant from Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

Ellenville, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) has been awarded a \$375,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation as part of the Foundation's 2025-2026 grant cycle, joining hundreds of organizations across New York State working to strengthen essential systems of care and address the needs of vulnerable communities.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation announced more than \$142 million in grants statewide, supporting programs that improve health outcomes, eliminate barriers to care, and address the social determinants of health for New Yorkers most in need. Ellenville Regional Hospital's grant will support the launch of the Ellenville H.E.A.L. (Health Screenings, Education, Access, and Linkages) Mobile Project.

The H.E.A.L. Project is designed to expand healthcare access across Ulster and Sullivan Counties by bringing essential medical services directly to residents. By utilizing a specialized mobile unit, the hospital will offer health screenings, mental health assessments, and educational resources to underserved populations and older adults in the community.

"This grant is a significant investment in the health and well-being of our neighbors," said Ashima Butler, Chief Operating Officer at Ellenville Regional Hospital. "The H.E.A.L. Mobile Project allows us to meet people where they are, breaking down the barriers of transportation and geography that often stand in the way of quality care."

The project is scheduled to begin its outreach efforts in the coming months. For more information about the H.E.A.L. Project or Ellenville Regional Hospital's community initiatives, please visit ERHNY.org

Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to partner with the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation in advancing a healthier, more equitable New York and looks forward to sharing the impact of this investment in the months ahead.

About Ellenville Regional Hospital

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a not-for-profit, critical access hospital located in Ellenville, NY. Committed to serving the health needs of our community with excellence and compassion, ERH provides a range of inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services with a focus on quality, safety, and patient-centered care. To learn more visit erhny.org




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D&H Canal Interpretive Center Is Open! Walk Along the Paths of History in Sullivan County

Summitville, NY - The Delaware & Hudson Canal Interpretive Center (16 Bova Road, Summitville) will be open to the public this Saturday and Sunday (May 23 & 24) from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Join them on Sunday, May 24 at 1 p.m. for a history walk along the D&H Canal and adjacent O&W Rail Trail, led by Kerron Barnes. This walk will meet at the Interpretive Center and will be approximately 2 miles long.

Join them for a second walk, learning about the birds and wildlife that live along the canal, on Sunday, June 14 from 8-9 a.m., led by Dr. Walter Jahn. This walk will also meet at the Interpretive Center.

The Center will be open every weekend starting June



13 through Labor Day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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

Learn about the lock system and enjoy the historic features of the site. Hike along the canal towpath from Summitville to Wurtsboro. Occasional special events are held.

“Whether you are a fanatic canal enthusiast or simply wonder why there are remnants of fancy stone walls in strange places along Route 209, the D&H Canal Interpretive Center will either solve some mysteries or fill in a few gaps about what people were up to in this area starting in the 1820s,” explained Sullivan County Parks Director Brian Scardefield. “The Interpretive Center also offers free group tours on select days. These are great for school groups, history clubs, and community groups! Our maximum group size is 40 people.”

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Additional information is available at

www.sullivan.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation

To book a group tour, call 845-807-0287 or email scparks@sullivan.gov.



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

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

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 10, 2026 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 11, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 16, 2026. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this

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Special Meeting. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special Meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

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

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

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

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

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5/28

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Dana Vogler, Secretary

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PLEASE BE ADVISED: JUNE 2026 TOWN OF DENNING PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2026 AT 6:00 PM AT THE DENNING TOWN HALL, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Please note the change on your Calendar!

5/28

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning Republican Caucus will be held on Saturday, **June 13th, 2026, at the Claryville Fire House.** Located at **1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725** and scheduled to begin at **9 a.m.** The purpose of the Caucus is the nomination of candidates for the **November 2026 General Election.**

Gregory Vurckio, Chairman

5/28; 6/4 -10

Public Information Meeting Notice for Swan Lake Bridge Replacement Project

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Division of Public Works will conduct a Public Information Meeting to discuss the proposed replacement of Sullivan County Bridge No. 51, which carries Briscoe Rd. (County Route 142) over the outlet of Swan Lake. This project is funded through the NYSDOT BridgeNY program.



Sullivan County Bridge No. 51 spans the outlet of Swan Lake.

The meeting will be held at the Liberty Senior Center, 119 North Main St., Liberty, on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 from 6-8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain comments from interested parties and stakeholders related to proposed project and discuss environmental and traffic concerns.

Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., under contract with the County, is currently developing plans for this project following NYS Department of Transportation requirements. The project work being considered involves the removal and replacement of the existing single-span bridge and replacement with another single-span bridge structure. Planning and design work is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2026, with anticipated construction starting in the spring of 2027.

Should any attendee require a sign language interpreter or assistive listening system, or for any other questions or concerns, please contact Roman Di Cio, PE, Sullivan County Division of Public Works, at 845-807-0281, at least seven days before the meeting.

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

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

Every Wednesday:

Heartbeat Music Hall, owned and operated by musicians David and Theresa Trestyn, in Grahamsville at 290 Main Street, present "Open Mic Night" from 7PM-10PM. Open Mic Night often includes surprise traveling guests. This being their 5th year running, and are open through Thanksgiving. BYOB. Free Admission. Call (845) 985-5068 for further information.

"Take Back" Day Yields 47 lbs of Drugs

LIBERTY, NY: Did you know that Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a nationally recognized event where the public can safely dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired medications at thousands of local collection sites nationwide to prevent misuse and accidental poisoning?

On Saturday, April 25th, 2026, the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan and Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) Prevention Team partnered with local youth and Liberty Police Department to collect and dispose of unused and expired prescription medications from the local community. This event is just one part of a major effort to reduce the amount of drug use and overdoses recorded in Sullivan County. The team visited the residents of Liberty Commons and Chestnut Street apartments and, in total, collected 47 pounds of medications.

"It is really neat having our youthful neighbors being part of the solution regarding Sullivan County Health!" said Martin Colavito, Prevention Program Issue Leader.

The CCE Sullivan Prevention Team takes a proactive approach to preventing substance abuse by offering evidence-based programs that build confidence and empower youth and adults with skills to make decisions that better their lives. To learn more about this and other Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County programs, call 845-292-6180, email sullivan@cornell.edu or visit www.sullivanccc.org.

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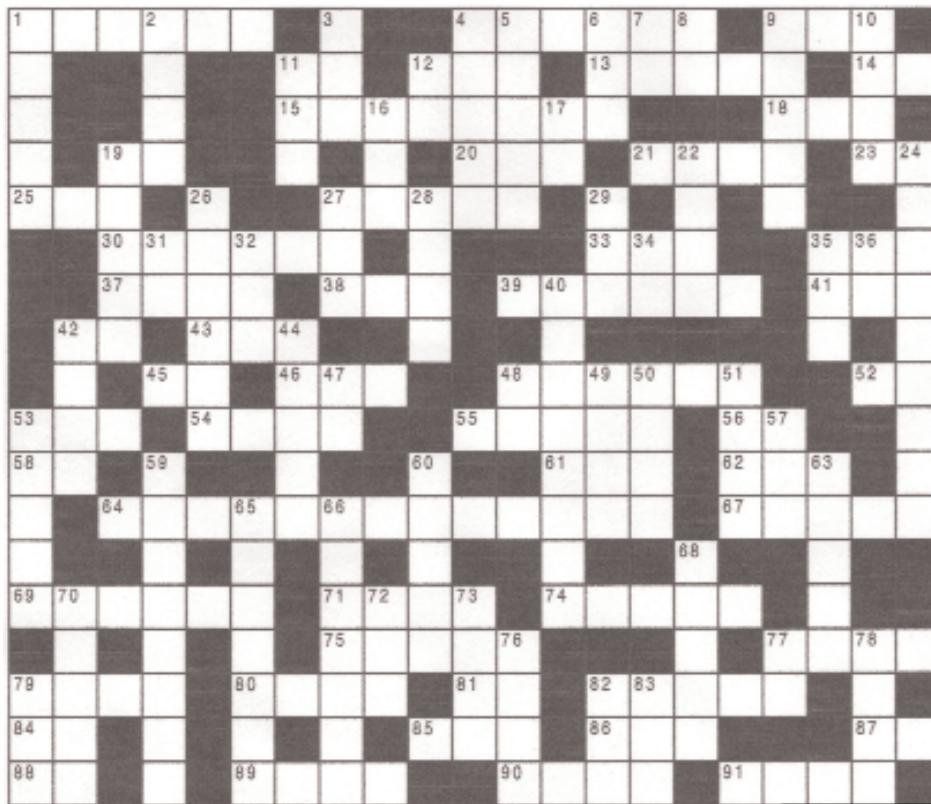
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Time for Simple Summer Salads

Classic Macaroni Salad

- 4 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup grated carrot

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni, and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Rinse under cold water and drain.

In a large bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper. Stir in the onion, celery, green pepper, carrot, and macaroni. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving, but preferably overnight.

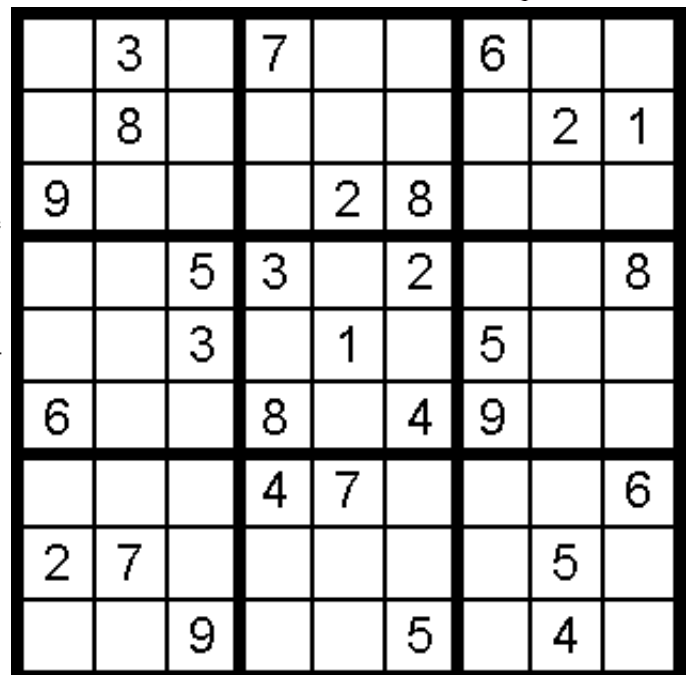
ACROSS

- 1 Tiny teeth-like structure of a mollusk
- 4 Harm
- 9 Extremely long period
- 11 Fourth note of the major scale
- 12 Friend
- 13 Only U.S. President to resign from office
- 14 Nearby
- 15 Snail delicacy
- 18 Tall hardy shade tree
- 19 Saint
- 20 Organ for hearing
- 21 To feel a glow
- 23 Half an em
- 25 Quantity
- 27 Shovel
- 30 Transform
- 33 Trouble in the mind or body
- 35 Spasm
- 37 Straight dividing mark
- 38 Small peg
- used in golf ground
- 39 Cultivated
- 41 Hardy cereal grass
- 42 Kiloliter
- 43 Chatter
- 45 Maine (Postal Code)
- 46 Expression of human creativity
- 46 Brawn
- 52 Physician
- 53 Oil product
- 54 Dressing gown
- 55 Vehicle stopping device
- 56 High-performance car
- 58 Not out
- 61 Purge
- 62 Pistol
- 64 Animal that is both male and female
- 67 A gastropod
- 69 Coil
- 71 Not clogged
- 74 Slimy secretion
- 75 Warm

DOWN

- 77 Short for megabytes
- 79 Narrow road
- 80 Second hand
- 81 Sixth note of the major scale
- 82 Damp
- 84 Anglo-Normans
- 85 Jewel
- 86 Along with
- 87 Before noon
- 88 Pint
- 89 Bird of prey
- 90 Tiny skin opening
- 91 Poda
- 9 Foe
- 10 Title
- 11 Gave food
- 12 Father
- 16 Protective lid
- 17 Either
- 19 Aroma
- 22 Allowed to
- 24 Of the night
- 26 Dealer or trader
- 27 Embed
- 28 Peak
- 29 Paddle used to row a boat
- 31 Roman six
- 32 Part of the human psyche
- 35 Foot digit
- 36 Iowa
- 40 Tank for live water animals
- 42 Turkish ruler
- 44 Light, sweet yeast cake
- 47 Regarding
- 48 Masculine title
- 49 Parody
- 50 Relinquish
- 1 Ceases work
- 2 Component
- 3 Possess
- 4 Ventured
- 5 Pond snail food
- 6 Picnic pest
- 7 Private soldier in the US Army
- 8 Former

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Answer on page 23

CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Help get some water through the maze to the little flower

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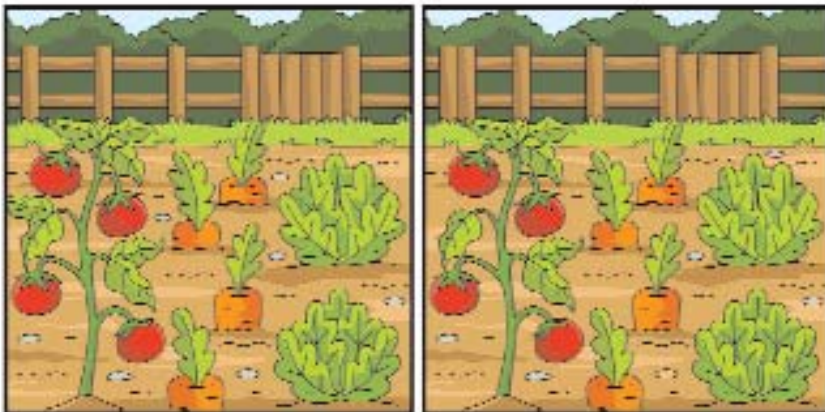
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Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando



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CRYPTOGRAM KEY

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 June 6, 2026 • 5:30 pm

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 every Saturday through July 4th
 9 am - 1 pm

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 139 S Main Street • Ellenville, NY 12740

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

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

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

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 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale
 June 6, 2026
 9 am - 12 Noon

Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches

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

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
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 Pastor Harriet Wilkin
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The Church with a friendly welcome
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 Worship Service 9:30 am
 P O Box 238 - Route 55
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church

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

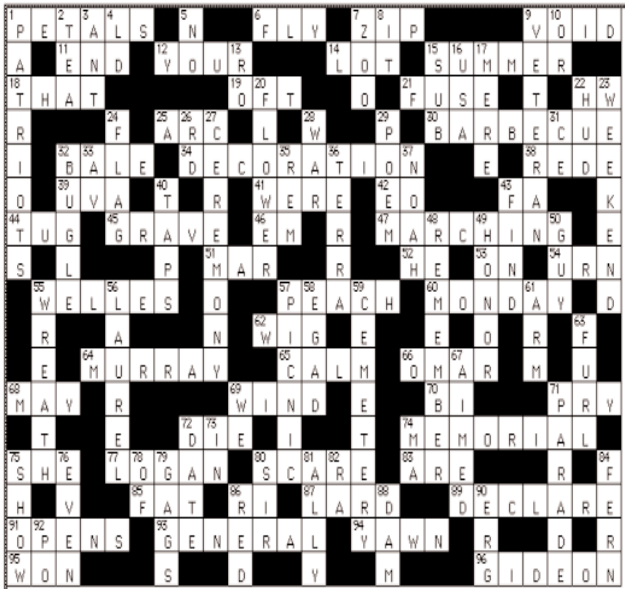


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 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

Also WANTED
 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 answer

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To learn more about
Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)
 or to make a donation
 please go to:

<https://www.nfxdetroit.org/>

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

Thank you

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

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



Daniel Pierce Library Hours

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

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

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

https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news

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

2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/3 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**
- 6/3 Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 5/22/2026)
- 6/9 Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 6/9 Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 6/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 6/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 6/5/2026)
- 6/17 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
- 6/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY **(Please Note Date Change from 6/18)**
- 6/18 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
- 6/21 Claryville FD **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon
- 6/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY **(Please Note Date Change from 6/18)**
- 6/30 **TV Lions Rabies Clinic** 5:00 to 6:30 pm, under the Pavillion at The Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See Pg. 55)

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, July 12, 2026 **Matthew Bertholf Memorial Horseshoe Tournament**
at the Neversink Fire Department Pavilion

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

UC Legislative Weekly Update For The Week Of May 25, 2026 - May 29, 2026

Wednesday, May 27

- o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board**, at the District Office, 5 Park Lane, Highland
- o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M-1, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill
- o **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, at the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, 94 Mary's Avenue, Room 104, Kingston, & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615 Passcode: 278571

Thursday, May 28

- o **11:00 AM - Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board**, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, 232 Plaza Road, Kingston
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucra5008>

No Meetings Friday, May 29

Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall April 9th, May 7th & June 4th, 2026



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

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

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

Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Callroon Town Hall - 18 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Rockland Town Hall - 85 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2942 US 209, Wurtsburg, NY (rotating schedule)
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)
- Bloomingsburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingsburg, NY (rotating schedule)

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **PRIOR** to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - dmv.ny.gov

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

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

For more information, please contact us at sullivancountydmscheduling.com

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

For further information please call 845 764 3872.

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follow these directions**

Print out this form

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Thank you for your continued support.

52nd Annual Grahamsville Gallop

Sunday, June 7, 2026

1:00PM

Iatauro Sports Complex, Tri-Valley School

All races are girls, then boys

Awards in all races

No entry fee

Race Sign Ups Begin at 12:30PM

AGES

3 and Under

80 Meters

4

100M

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200M

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400M

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400M

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400M

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400M

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400M

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800M

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800M

13 and 14

800M

Family Relay:

800M

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

PLEASE
JOIN US FOR
OUR 3rd ANNUAL

TVTA Color Me Crazy 5k Run/Walk

JUNE | SAT | 2026
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Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

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

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



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- ▶ Hardcover: \$1.00
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Please DO NOT leave book donations
under the book tent.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents

Taste of Broadway V

Two time Tony Award winner!

Brighton Beach **MEMOIRS**

By Neil Simon

Directed by Brendan Burke

Sunday | August 2

at The Shadowland Theater, Ellenville, NY

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

followed by 2:00PM Show

See enclosed menu.

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

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

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

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

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

GABY'S CAFE



**SHADOWLAND
STAGES**

“A Taste of Broadway V”

Lunch at Gaby’s Café before the Show

11:45 AM Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Appetizer

Gaby’s House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Polla 5 de Mayo

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers,

fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby’s Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

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

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120 with your selection. Make check out to ERH and mail to Helene Morris, P.O. Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Awards Fallsburg \$2,500 Grant Prize

FALLSBURG - On May 20, 2026, Cornell Cooperative Extension held their 10-Year Celebration of their Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) program.



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, receiving the grant prize check

The goal of the program, which is facilitated by the New York State Department of Health, is to reduce severe health risks in high-need communities throughout the state. THE NYSDOH has awarded grants to Cornell Cooperative Extension for the past decade to ensure the community has access to healthy food and space for physical activity.

The Fallsburg Central School District was accompanied by several school districts, local organizations, and town officials to commemorate the many health and wellness initiatives that have been implemented throughout Sullivan County. They were the recipient of not only a certificate of achievement, but also a check for \$2,500 for their exceptional commitment to health and wellness. The funds will go directly toward sustainable wellness policies that will greatly improve the school community for years to come.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ivan Katz, said, “Cornell Cooperative Extension has been an essential partner for the Fallsburg Central School District for decades and we are proud to have them as an integral part of our Health and Wellness initiatives. They make a difference!”

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Grahamsville Branch

Thursday, June 4 from 10am - 3pm

328 Main St, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Don't Miss the Season Finale of The Met: Live in HD

Saturday, May 30, SUNY Sullivan Foundation presents *El Último Sueño de Frida y Diego*, a groundbreaking return of Spanish-language opera to the Metropolitan Opera stage. Set during Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), the opera follows Frida Kahlo as she returns from the underworld to help guide Diego Rivera through one final journey of memory, love, and art. Featuring a magnificent score by Grammy-winning and 2026 Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Gabriela Lena Frank, alongside visually stunning staging inspired by the vibrant colors of Mexico, this production delivers an unforgettable, cinematic experience.

New This Year: Pre-Screening Talk & Refreshments

Join us at 12:15 p.m. in the Seelig Theatre lobby for a special pre-show discussion featuring insights from Delaware Valley Opera, as well as light refreshments from Neversink General Store.

Mexican Themed Refreshments

In keeping with the opera's rich cultural spirit, there will be light Mexican themed refreshments available at intermission.

TICKET PRICES

- GENERAL ADMISSION: \$25 | MET OPERA MEMBERS & SENIORS: \$20
 - STUDENTS: \$10 | CHILDREN 5 & UNDER: \$5
- GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY

The Met: Live in HD
GET A SNEAK PEEK BEFORE THE SHOW

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https://sunysullivan.edu/event/the-met-live-in-hd-el-ultimo-sueno-de-frida-y-diego/?mc_cid=d47403504c&mc_eid=89c39ce9b4

A Concert Celebrating the 80th Season of the Forestburgh Playhouse A NATURAL WOMAN The Songs of Carole King

After her critically-acclaimed performance as Carole King across the country in productions of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," Brianna Kothari Barnes is bringing audiences the soul-stirring melodies of Carole King in this powerhouse tribute concert. Let Brianna enchant you with her authentic connection to King's music, bridging the stage and your heart in a concert that honors one of the greatest songwriters of our

time. With hits like "I Feel The Earth Move," "It's Too Late," and "You've Got A Friend," it's a performance that will transport you back in time to the groove and soul of the 1970s.

Join us as we launch our milestone season with an unforgettable evening on the Tavern stage at the Forestburgh Playhouse.

Event Date:

June 20, 2026

Evening Schedule

6:00 PM - Season Kickoff Reception

Enjoy a welcoming reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine and beer generously provided by Catskill Brewery, and a Signature Eightieth Season Cocktail from Do Good Spirits.

7:30 PM - Performance

Experience an exciting performance to open the season in true Playhouse style.

Post-Show - Mingle with the Artists

Stay after the show for a special opportunity to meet and connect with the artists.

Tickets

\$80 per person

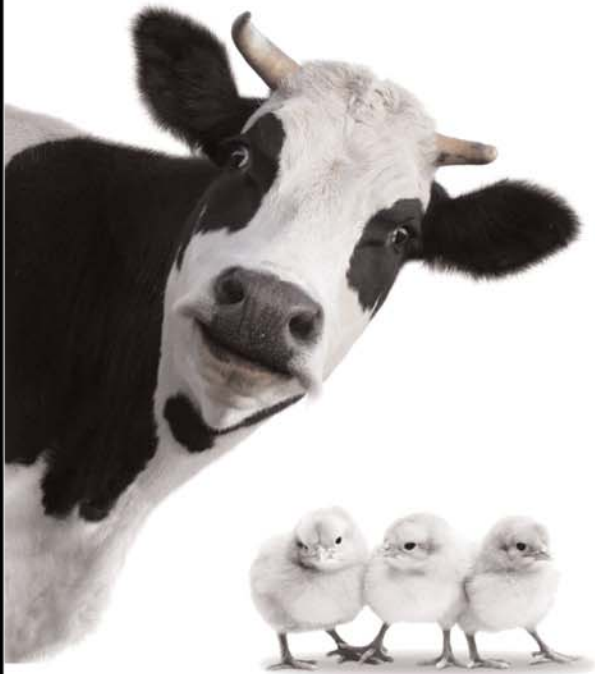
All proceeds benefit the Forestburgh Playhouse, a non-profit organization dedicated to producing exceptional live theatre and supporting the arts in the Sullivan Catskills.

Brianna Kothari Barnes is a multi-dimensional artist who works professionally as an actor, singer-songwriter, and playwright in NYC. She received critical acclaim for her performance as Carole King in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* in productions around the country including: The Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Stages St. Louis, White Plains Performing Arts Center, Forestburgh Playhouse, and Virginia Musical Theatre. She recently starred as Jenna in *Waitress* at Northern Stage and Lucy in *The National Tour of A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Additional credits include: Florida Studio Theater, The Engeman Theater, The Wick Theater, Theatre Aspen, Capital Repertory Theater. Brianna's original music is featured in the new musicals *Walking With Bubbles* (Drama Desk Nomination, Off-Broadway Alliance Award) and *Rathskeller: A Musical Elixir*, as well as her album, *Hierophanies* - all available on streaming platforms. She has headlined at iconic NYC venues like The Green Room 42 and The Cutting Room and been a featured vocalist at 54 Below and with Spot On Entertainment. As a writer, she was a 2022 NYC Women's Fund Grant Recipient and 2021 Finalist for The Jonathan Larson Grant. brianna-barnes.com @brianna_barnes

The Forestburgh Playhouse

Celebrating 80 Years of Live Theatre in the Catskills
www.fbplayhouse.org 845-794-1194

See You At The Playhouse!



Life on a 1930s Farm

Sunday, June 14
1 to 3 p.m.

Unique 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with historic house, milk house, 1870s barn, working waterwheel and more!



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**Bring a
covered dish
to share
Enjoy good food
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Covered Dish Supper

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

**(Intersection of Sundown Rd. Peekamoose Rd.
& Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740**



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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Pros And Cons Of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is poised to transform the world we live in. It has the potential to make manufacturing facilities more automated which could reduce costs. Design functions can be taken over by AI. AI can be used in accounting and financial functions and to simplify the preparation of contracts. Food service in restaurants could become highly automated.

A downside of AI is that it could be used by unscrupulous and criminal individuals to conduct illegal activities. Bad actors could provide fake information which is indistinguishable from real information. Totalitarian regimes could use AI to spy on and control their populations; and attack other countries. Most terrifying is the potential development of lethal automated AI controlled weapon systems which can attack targets on their own without any control by human beings. AI controlled algorithms could take over trading on stock markets and implement a financial crisis. Creativity of people could be compromised by AI generated information.

Is it possible AI could take control of nuclear ballistic missile systems and institute nuclear war in the world?

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

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

In 2025, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 202 wildfires covering 840 acres, participated in 68 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate 1,649 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,100 tickets and arrests. Also in 2025, 41 Forest Rangers were deployed to fire assignments in 10 different states.

“Our Forest Rangers are elite law enforcement leaders who put their lives on the line when they respond to a search and rescue, wildland fire, or State land violation,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “We’re fortunate to have them patrolling State lands and keeping people safe. Their expertise and professionalism are valuable assets, not only in New York, but around the country wherever emergencies arise.”

Town of Windham Greene County Wilderness Rescue:

On May 10 at 3:51 p.m., Forest Rangers Commerford and Dawson responded to a report of an 11-year-old acting lethargic on the Escarpment trail. At 5:14 p.m., Rangers, Greene County Sheriff’s Deputies, and the Windham Fire Department reached the child from Valatie, who was suffering from dehydration. Rescuers carried the child half a mile to the trailhead. Windham Ambulance evaluated the child and returned them to their hiking party.

Hamlet of Livingston Manor Sullivan County Wilderness Rescue:

On May 12 at 12 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call about a hiker who fell and suffered a face laceration on the Quick Lake trail in the Willowemoc Wild Forest. Forest Ranger Franke responded with Beaverkill Valley and Livingston Manor Fire Departments. A member of the hiking party provided coordinates to Ranger Franke. At 12:45 p.m., rescuers reached and evaluated the subject. Rescuers transported the 72-year-old from Woodstock to a Livingston Manor Ambulance on Beaverkill Road. Resources were clear at 2:45 p.m.

Hamlet of Rock Hill Sullivan County Wilderness Rescue:

On May 15 at 12:45 p.m., Forest Rangers Franke, Schweider, and Stratton responded to a report of an injured angler at Neversink River Unique Area. The 63-year-old from New Jersey got stuck between two rocks while wading and

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fishing. The subject crawled to shore. Rangers and members of the Rock Hill Fire Department located the injured subject. Rangers splinted the left ankle and packaged the subject into the Fire Department's wheeled litter. Rescuers carried the patient to the Fire Department's UTV. Empress EMS transported the subject to the hospital. Resources were clear at 3:30 p.m.

City of Kingston Ulster County Wilderness Rescue:

On May 16 at 1:10 p.m., Forest Ranger Horn responded to a call for two individuals lost in Bluestone Wild Forest. Ranger Horn made cell phone contact with the hikers, who didn't have any navigation tools. Ranger Horn instructed them to stay where they were until later locating the two subjects, providing water, and escorting them to the Morey Hill Road access. Resources were clear at 2:50 p.m.

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

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

DEC Announces 2025 Deer Harvest Estimates

Crossbow Expansion Widely Adopted by Archery Hunters • First Time in Modern New York History that Mature Buck Harvest Exceeds Yearling Buck Harvest

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that hunters harvested an estimated 227,032 white-tailed deer during the 2025-26 hunting seasons, approximately 2% more than the 2024 season and within 1% of the 5-year average.

“It is clear that deer hunters took advantage of expanded crossbow hunting opportunities this past season,” said Commissioner Lefton. “We are pleased that more hunters can participate in New York’s archery deer seasons and contribute to effective deer management into the future. The results from this past season continue to demonstrate that New York has much to offer for deer hunters.”

Following an amendment to the Environmental Conservation Law in 2025 that allowed deer hunters to use a crossbow in the same seasons, places, and manner as a vertical bow, DEC documented widespread adoption of crossbows. In 2025, crossbows accounted for 55% of the total archery season deer harvest. For comparison, in 2024, crossbows accounted for 33% of the total archery harvest. Crossbows are a more approachable hunting implement for hunters who are new to archery or have difficulty drawing a vertical bow. In 2025, archery hunters who harvested a deer using a crossbow were on average 9 years older and were more than twice as likely to be female than those who harvested a deer with a vertical bow.

The 2025 antlered buck harvest of 120,909 was 1% less than 2024, but finally passed a landmark in buck age structure. For the first time in modern history, New York hunters harvested as many 3.5-year-old or older bucks (28.1%) as yearling bucks (28.0%). For comparison, 25 years ago only 10% of harvested bucks in New York were 3.5 years old or older and 67% were 1.5 years old.

The 2025 antlerless deer harvest of 106,123 was up 5% from 2024. However, antlerless deer harvest throughout much of New York was still below what is necessary to achieve deer population objectives. Sufficient harvest of antlerless deer is necessary to keep deer populations in balance with available habitat and at levels that are acceptable to all members of the public. To encourage hunters to harvest more antlerless deer in future seasons, DEC recently proposed Changes to Hunting Regulations to Increase Harvest of Antlerless Deer.

Notable Numbers from the 2025 Deer Seasons:

- 0: The number of positive results from 3,050 wild deer tested for Chronic Wasting Disease, as efforts continue to “Keep NY’s wild deer CWD-free.”
- 530,808: The number of licensed NY hunters during the 2025 deer hunting seasons, an estimated 85% of whom actively participated in deer hunting.
- 11%: The estimated percentage of hunters who used the newly-offered E-tags for all of their 2025 deer hunting. An additional 19% of hunters used a combination of E-tags and paper tags throughout the hunting seasons.
- 63%: The portion of successful deer hunters reporting their harvest as required by law. This is well above the five-year average of 49%. Harvest reporting was likely increased through hunters adopting E-tagging, which requires immediate reporting as part of the tagging process.
- 2,567: The estimated deer harvest by 12-15-year-old hunters during the Youth Firearms Season.
- 17.1 and 0.7: The estimated number of deer harvested per square mile in the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) with the highest (WMU 8R) and lowest (WMU 5F) harvest density.
- 12,385: The number of harvested deer checked by DEC field staff to gather data such as deer age, sex, and hunter reporting rates. This check data, along with hunter harvest reports, allows DEC to estimate the total deer harvest and monitor trends in deer populations.

DEC’s 2025 Deer Harvest Summary report provides tables, figures,

and maps detailing the deer harvest around the state. Past harvest summaries are also available on DEC’s website. DEC’s White-tailed deer Management Plan provides information on how DEC determines deer population objectives throughout the state.

DEC Reminds New Yorkers to “Give Turtles a Brake”

**Thousands of Migrating Turtles Are Killed Each Year When Struck by Vehicles
World Turtle Day Celebrated May 23**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today reminded New Yorkers that turtles are nesting in May and June and encouraged motorists to “Give Turtles a Brake.” Turtles are often spotted on or near roads this time of year as they search for sandy areas or loose soils to lay their eggs. In New York State, thousands of turtles are killed each year by unsuspecting drivers while turtles are crossing roads to find nesting areas.



“Vehicle strikes are a major cause of turtle mortality this time of year, so DEC is asking drivers to be cautious, be on the lookout, and slow down, especially on roads near rivers and marshy areas,” said Commissioner Lefton. “New Yorkers can ‘Give Turtles a Brake’ and do their part to help protect these long-lived species.”

Drivers who see a turtle on the road are encouraged to slow down to avoid hitting it. If the driver can safely stop and exit the vehicle, motorists should consider moving the turtle to the shoulder on the side of the road in the direction it was facing. Motorists are advised not to pick up or drag turtles by their tails because they can injure the turtle. Most turtles, other than snapping turtles, can be picked up safely by the sides of their shells. It is important to maintain a secure grip as turtles may kick to loosen your hold and dropping them can result in potential injury.

Snapping turtles require special care when handling—They have long necks that can snap back and inflict a strong bite if held by the sides. Instead, snapping turtles should be picked up by the rear of the shell using both hands or carefully slid onto a mat or blanket and dragged safely across the road. Watch a video of how to help a snapping turtle cross the road.

DEC reminds people not to take turtles home. All native turtles are protected by law and cannot be kept without a DEC permit for specific purposes and never as pets. Most of the 11 species of land turtles that are native to New York are in decline. It takes many years for a turtle to reach maturity. Losing even one mature female can have a negative impact on a local population. A licensed wildlife rehabilitator may be able to help if an injured turtle is found. Learn more about New York’s native turtles on DEC’s website.

DEC conserves turtles through New York State using funding from donations to Return a Gift to Wildlife (a State tax check-off) and federal grants through the State Wildlife Grant Program. Projects have included nest site creation and protection for Blanding’s turtles, habitat restoration for bog turtles and mud turtles, support for the 24-hour New York State sea turtle stranding hotline, and health monitoring of all native turtle species in New York.

On May 23, DEC joins in honoring World Turtle Day, an internationally acknowledged day that celebrates all turtles and raises awareness about the threats they face. During this time, DEC actively engages the public through outreach and local events and continues to encourage New Yorker’s “Give Turtles a Brake.”

Follow @NYSDEC on social media the week of June 8 for more information about New York’s turtles during wild turtle week.

Monticello Elks Honor Veteran Peter Polsunas



(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is honoring Lodge Member and Veteran Peter Polsunas of Liberty. Polsunas, 82, is a Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient who served in Vietnam with the Army 101st Airborne.

Polsunas was one of 82 Veterans who flew to Washington D.C. on April 11th as part of Hudson Valley Honor Flight Mission 38. Honor Flight is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring American veterans for their service and sacrifice by providing free trips to visit the memorials built in their honor. Volunteer Guardian and Monticello Elks Lodge Trustee Gary Huebner accompanied Peter on the trip. 16 Monticello Elks and family members welcomed them back to Stewart Airport in New Windsor near Newburgh that evening.

Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency Director Stephen Walsch (left), who is also a Member of the Liberty Elks Lodge, visited the Monticello Elks Lodge to congratulate Veteran and Monticello Elk Peter Polsunas.



Some of the 16 Monticello Elks and family members who welcomed Honor Flight back home at Stewart Airport included (from left): Brian Monroe, Barry Siegel, Gary Huebner, Donna Siegel, Veteran Peter Polsunas, Wanda Monroe, Coleen Willisich, Alicia Polsunas and Ken Willisich. Missing from photo: Donna Decker.

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Forty-nine Career & Tech Students Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

LIBERTY: The Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES proudly inducted forty-nine students into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), marking a significant achievement for students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

The evening began with Jeffrey Molusky, Executive Principal of the Career & Tech Center at Sullivan BOCES, welcoming attendees and recognizing the remarkable accomplishments of the honored students.

Last year's inductees, Isabela Rosario (Eldred CSD), Aliya Anderson (Rockland CSD), Brooke Bull (Liberty CSD), Jayleen Molina (Monticello CSD), and Taliah Aguayo (Rockland CSD) spoke about the importance of the National

Technical Honor Society. They highlighted its seven pillars—leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility—and explained its key elements, including its purpose, colors, emblem, insignia, and slogan.

Jeffrey Molusky, who also serves as an NTHS Advisor, concluded the ceremony by congratulating the inductees on their hard work and dedication. “This is an honor that you will carry with you throughout your education and career,” Molusky remarked, encapsulating the significance of the achievement.



The 2026 inductees include:

Allied Health: Alivia Garcia, RCS

Animal Science: Kylee Curry, LCS; Jayden Johnson, FCS; Audrey Krum, LCS; Eleccsia Kruszka, MCS; Emma Rausch, MCS; Michelle Van Lowe, MCS; and Kloud-Sophi Walsh, MCS

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Cosmetology: LeonJahnae Skye Fountain, FCS; Christina Kritikos, MCS; and Kara Schloicka, MCS

Culinary Arts: Kariana Reyes, LCS

Early Childhood Education: Kyleigh Avery, FCS; Angele Osorio Ramirez, LCS; and Grace Francis, ELL

Health Occupations: Katherine Alvarado Castro, FCS; Kerice Barrett, MCS; Jimmy Benjamin, MCS; Ashley Diehl, SWCS; Bella Gomez Lopez, FCS; Ava Hovis, MCS; Arianna Kautz, SWCS; Adryana Kozachuk, FCS; Nayelis Martinez, FCS; Julia Mathews, SWCS; Kaelyn Perry, RCS; Jennifer Rosas Dominguez, MCS; Isis Santos Berrios, FCS; Charm Smith, MCS; Sierra Velazquez, FCS; and Kaylan Welton-Erdman, SWCS

Innovative Design: Paul Amoroso, ECS, and Dylan Newell, SWCS

New Vision Health: Sheyla Anguisaca-Llanos, LCS, and Aminah Nassor, MCS

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“Welcome to the National Technical Honor Society,” concluded Molusky.

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When: Saturday, August 29th, 2026

Rain or Shine

Where: Claryville Fire Dept.
1500 Denning Rd
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Time: 10 AM – 3 PM

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

Regulations for Sellers:

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

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

**Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1st to reserve your spot.
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Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 29th, 2026

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: _____

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

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Description of Merchandise: _____

Vendor spaces reserved (8-ft indoor/ outdoor spaces): _____ Electricity needed: Yes No

Tables requested (8-foot tables provided by CVFD – MAX 4):

0 tables 1 table 2 tables 3 tables 4 tables

Table type: 8 ft table (indoor or outdoor) 8 ft picnic table (*outdoor use only*)

Outdoor or indoor preference (not guaranteed): Pavilion / Outdoor Area Inside Building

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

Signature of vendor: _____ Date: _____

Cost: \$20.00 per 8 ft indoor / outdoor vendor space or \$25.00 per space with electricity (limited availability). Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable * Initials _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Shadowland Stages Kicks off 41st Season with Jake Brasch's THE RESERVOIR

We are thrilled to kick off Shadowland Stages' 41st Season with Jake Brasch's THE RESERVOIR, directed by Stephen Nachamie opening this week at the Main Stage!

"A touching and life-affirming dramedy...touching both the funny bone and heart." - TALKING BROADWAY

Be the very first to witness this hilarious and heartfelt production at one of our preview performances on Friday 5/29 at 8 PM and Saturday 5/30 at 2 PM.

Meet some of the cast of THE RESERVOIR as they share what makes this play so special.

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This extraordinary cast includes Harrison Bryan (Off-B'way - Marcel on the Train), Lori Wilner (B'way - Prayer for the French Republic), Joy Franz (B'way - Into the Woods), Joel Leffert (B'way - Waiting for Godot), Steve Brady (Shadowland's Proof and B'way - Inherit the Wind), Rebecca Pitcher (B'way - The Phantom of the Opera), and Harrison Zraly.

THE RESERVOIR recently completed an off-Broadway run, gaining an Outer Critics Circle Award nomination for outstanding new off-Broadway play.

THE RESERVOIR tells the hilarious and heartfelt story of a young man who returns home from college to get sober. He finds unlikely allies in his four grandparents, going through their own health woes, who advise him on his road to recovery. Captivating and enlightening, THE RESERVOIR explores alcoholism, dementia, and cross-generational connection with aching tenderness and lots of humor.

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May 29th - June 14th

Preview Performances: Friday, May 29th at 8PM, Saturday, May 30th at 2PM

Saturday Opening Night: May 30th at 8PM

Sunday Matinee: May 31st at 2PM SOLD OUT!

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Evenings at 8PM

Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2PM

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR 2026 SUBSCRIPTION

https://easy-ware-forms.com/shadowlandstages/2026subscription?mc_cid=d03d141934&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

Performance Schedule & Tickets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Season artwork by Noel Carey

BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT
[SHADOWLANDSTAGES.ORG](https://shadowlandstages.org)

PHONE OR VISIT THE BOX OFFICE: 845.647.5511

157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

14 Market Street, Ellenville, NY 12428

(Corner of Center Street)

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“A must-see play! A story of triumph
rather than tragedy.”
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THE RESERVOIR

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

By Jake Brasch
Directed by Stephen Nachamie

MAY 29 — JUNE 14

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

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

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Tri-Valley Lions
will hold a
Rabies Clinic
on
Tuesday, June 30, 2026
from
5:00 to 6:30 pm,
under the Pavillion
at
The Grahamsville
Fairgrounds

Cats and dogs must be leashed
or in a pet carrier.

If you have the last rabies certificate,
bring it with you as your pet may be able
to get a 3-year rabies vaccine

Shady United Methodist Church
Baked Ham Dinner
& Strawberry
Shortcake

Sat. June 20

Takeouts Only
4:00 to 6:30 PM

Adults \$20 Children \$10

Church Road - Rt. 212
5 miles West of Woodstock

For Information:
845-679-2982 or 845-679-4039

Fairy Tales

9th annual juried
summer group show
juried by
jaime ransome

July 11 – September 5, 2026
submission deadline: **monday may 11, 2026**

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

more info: olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art

OLIVE SENIORS

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

Where: American Legion Hall*

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

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

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

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

Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

Experience a One Room School from Long Ago



Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator

Meet 1930s Schoolmarm
Elsie Harshey
on June 6th
Don't be late for school!

Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids

2026 Open Hours

Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.
June 6, July 18,
August 15, September 19,
October 17
Admission by donation



Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY (next to the church hall)
info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org 845 985-7700

A collaborative project of the Claryville Reformed Church, Neversink Association and the Time and the Valleys Museum



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

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

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

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

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



Senator Chuck Schumer Visits Monticello Butcher Boys – Highlights his Bill to break up Monopolies in the Beef industry



U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer introduces his bill to fight high meat prices in front of Butcher Boys on Thornton Ave. in Monticello on Memorial Day.

Monticello, NY) U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer visited Butcher Boys in Monticello on Memorial Day. While mentioning the higher price of a typical Memorial Day barbecue, Schumer highlighted his bill to break up monopolies in the beef industry across the United States. Just four companies control 85% of the beef market in the nation. Those companies also control 67% of the pork market and 60% of the chicken market. Schumer explained that a major driver of high meat prices is a food system rigged in favor of corporate monopolies. According to the Urban Institute, across the 19th Congressional District over the past ten years, grocery prices have increased by more than 40%.

Schumer's "Family Grocery and Farmer Relief Act" would break up dominant meatpackers and stop unfair pricing that drives up grocery bills for American families. The landmark legislation would

restore competition to bring better choices at the meat counter. The bill would force the biggest meatpackers to choose a line of business instead of beef, pork and chicken all at once. Schumer's legislation would also give New York farmers a higher profit by giving them new buyers for their products.

Local government officials attending the event included Sullivan County District Attorney Brian Conaty and Sullivan County Legislature Chair Nadia Rajsz. Also attending were Regional Food Bank Senior Public Affairs Officer Barry Lewis and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Program Administrator Kathy Kreiter. Representing the Sullivan County Democratic Committee were Associate Chair Bill James and Vice Chair Al Dumas. The senator reminisced with crowd members who attended school with him in Brooklyn.

Tague Rips Hochul & Albany Dems' Sanctuary State

BS Rammed Into Bloated Quarter-Trillion-Dollar Budget – "What the hell are Albany Democrats doing??"

Kathy Hochul and downstate liberals are once again prioritizing illegal immigrants and radical ideology over struggling New York families

The immigration omnibus and anti-police provisions jammed into the Public Protection and General Government Article VII Budget Bill (A.10005-C) are flat-out insane and proof that Albany Democrats have completely lost their damn minds.

This is anti-police, anti-taxpayer & anti-common sense. While hardworking families struggle to keep the lights on & food on the table, Albany Democrats are busy turning New York into a sanctuary super-state for illegal immigrants.

I'll vote NO every damn time they try to shove this radical garbage through.

Assemblyman Chris Tague is the current Assemblyman for District 102 and a candidate for State Senate District 51 (Schoharie, Otsego, Delaware, Sullivan, and parts of Ulster, Broome, and Chenango Counties) on the Republican and Conservative lines.



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

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

HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

On Memorial Day, we remember our country's bravest. We must intentionally reflect on what it means to be a true Patriot, and living out a calling greater than ourselves. We owe our fallen heroes a debt that we can never repay - today and every day, we thank and honor them.

I was proud to join folks in Newburgh, Marlborough, and Warwick this weekend to honor our fellow Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation.

As we began the weekend, we came together as Patriots to honor those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation. Grateful to join colleagues & fellow vets from both parties to pay our respects to the fallen by washing the Vietnam Memorial wall.

Incredibly meaningful night at the Ulster County Veterans Service Agency's Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil, honoring the brave men and women we've lost in service to our country.

MAJOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY BILL PASSES THE HOUSE!

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

My 'Housing Affordability Agenda' was part of the first legislation I introduced this Congress to bring down costs and cut through red tape, and I'm proud to see those priorities advance.

This legislation will lower the crushing housing costs across our community, make it easier to build, and crack down on the private equity firms buying up homes. I'll keep fighting like hell to bring down costs for your family and for mine.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-delivers-key-hudson-valley-priorities-lower-housing-costs>

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES NAVIGATE TARIFF REFUNDS

For more than a year, Hudson Valley small business owners have been getting crushed by tariffs. I've heard from Chamber of Commerce members in every corner of Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties and they all say

the same thing: our community can't afford the burden of tariffs. That's why my team and I hosted a briefing last week with the New York Small Business Development Center to help small business owners navigate the process.

Do you have questions about how to file for tariff refunds as a Hudson Valley small business? Reach out to my team if you need assistance.

CARES VAN STOPS AT TOWN OF WAPPINGER COMMUNITY DAY

My team had a great time connecting with you all at the Town of Wappinger Community Day! Thank you Town Supervisor Joseph Cavaccini for a wonderful event.

With summer approaching, our team will be out at more events so be on the lookout for the van across the district!

LISTENING TO FARMERS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Thank you to Chester Agricultural Center, Pawelski Farms, and Soons Orchard in Orange County for welcoming my team! Fighting for a more affordable Hudson Valley means ensuring our farmers' needs are met, and I'm grateful to work with exceptional partners to deliver.

CELEBRATING EMS FIRST RESPONDERS

EMS first responders are as brave as they come. They are essential to our community, showing up day and night in our darkest hours.

This National EMS Week, I want to thank our EMS first responders across the Hudson Valley for their selflessness and heroism.

As a proud member of the Congressional EMS Caucus, I'll always fight to ensure our EMS first responders have the tools they need to continue saving lives.

Read more about how I'm fighting for Hudson Valley EMS: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-fights-hudson-valley-first-responders-meets-ems-leaders>

CONGRATULATING THE NEWBURGH ANIMAL SHELTER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Great to have my team attend the celebration of the Town of Newburgh Animal Shelter's 40th Anniversary. Thank you to Jason Kozak, Town of Newburgh Animal Control Officer, for inviting us to celebrate this milestone.

CONGRATULATING ULSTER BOCES STUDENTS ON THE 2026 NYS SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ulster BOCES Career Pathways young professionals brought home an incredible 18 medals from the 2026 NYS SkillsUSA Championships, including five first-place finishes and a Gold Level Chapter of Excellence award!

Congratulations to all of our competitors, instructors, and supporters on an amazing accomplishment!

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

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

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

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 61)**GRANTS CORNER**

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

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

Featured Funding Opportunities**Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

The FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are now available! The application periods opened TUESDAY May 19 at 9 a.m. ET and close MONDAY June 22 at 5 p.m. ET.

FEMA is hosting Application Workshops, find the schedule here!

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance - please contact my office.

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

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

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

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

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

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

NYS 2026 Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) Grant Program

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) seeks applications through the SCAHC grant program, which funds safety and security projects at nonprofit organizations at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission. DCJS expects between \$35 million and \$70 million will be made available to support these projects. Applications will be accepted for up to \$250,000 per organization. Each eligible organization may submit one application for one or more physical security enhancements and/or cybersecurity enhancements.

The deadline for applications is Noon (DST) Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

NYS Clean Green Schools Initiative

Recently, Governor Kathy Hochul announced more than \$100 million is now available to make clean energy upgrades in public schools through the Clean Green Schools Initiative, which provides funding to implement modern, energy efficient solutions from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (P-12) educational buildings.

The initiative is open to public school districts that are designated as Priority Districts, or if the public school buildings and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) buildings are located in a disadvantaged community, as defined by the New York Climate Justice Working Group. Incentive amounts start at \$500,000 for qualifying projects and proposals are due on August 18, 2026 by 3 p.m.

Additional Resources:**Hudson Valley Regional Council Grants Guide**

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

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

**Condemning New York's Latest Utility Rate Hikes**

Families across Upstate New York are already struggling with rising costs, and now Albany is forcing them to pay even more for basic utilities. I strongly condemn the New York Public Service Commission's approval of new temporary utility rate hikes impacting NYSEG and RG&E customers while even larger increases remain under consideration. The PSC is controlled by Governor Hochul's appointees, and these rising costs are the direct result of years of failed energy policies, unrealistic mandates, and one party rule in Albany. New Yorkers deserve affordable, reliable energy that keeps the lights on and costs manageable for working families, farmers, seniors, and small businesses. Instead, Albany Democrats continue pushing policies that drive up bills, strain our electric grid, and make New York increasingly unaffordable.

Protecting Veterans' Second Amendment Rights

This week, House Republicans passed the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act, legislation I supported to protect the constitutional rights of the men and women who served our country. For years, veterans have been unfairly reported to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System simply because they needed assistance managing their VA benefits, without any judicial finding that they posed a danger to themselves or others. More than 250,000 veterans have reportedly been affected by this policy since 1993. Our veterans fought to defend the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, and they should never lose their Second Amendment rights because of a bureaucratic decision made without due process. This legislation ensures veterans are treated under the same constitutional standards as every other American while preserving safeguards for individuals who are truly a danger to themselves or others. (Contd. Pg. 63)

This Week With Clwudia (From Pg. 62)**Introducing Rental Housing Investment Act**

Many New Yorkers are struggling with rising housing costs and a shortage of available rental housing, especially for working families, young professionals, and seniors. That is why I introduced the bipartisan Rental Housing Investment Act to help expand the supply of long-term rental housing and lower costs by encouraging new construction through commonsense tax reforms. This legislation would reduce upfront development costs for builders constructing new rental housing and affordable housing projects, helping spur private sector investment and increase housing availability in communities across the country. America's housing shortage is driving up costs for hardworking families, and outdated tax policies should not make the problem worse. This bill takes a practical, market driven approach to increase housing supply and improve affordability.

Reviewing 9/11 Commission Reforms Ahead of 25th Anniversary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un4VC13TKDw>

This week, I participated in a House Intelligence Committee hearing reviewing the intelligence reforms and recommendations made following the September 11th terrorist attacks as part of Congress' bipartisan 25th anniversary review of the 9/11 Commission Report. During the hearing, I emphasized the importance of cooperation and information sharing between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to prevent terrorism and protect American communities. I also raised serious concerns about efforts by Albany Democrats to weaken that cooperation through policies targeting programs like 287(g) agreements and New York's Green Light Law, which limit coordination between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. Twenty five years after the attacks that changed our country forever, we must remain focused on protecting our national security, strengthening intelligence coordination, and ensuring the lessons learned from 9/11 are never forgotten.

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

H.Res. 373, Expressing support for the month of May as "Fallen Heroes Memorial Month": This resolution would express support for designating the month of May as "Fallen Heroes Memorial Month." The resolution honors members of the United States Armed Forces, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders who lost their lives in the line of duty while serving their communities and our country. It is essential that we continue to remember those who have given their lives in service to this great nation. This resolution reaffirms our nation's gratitude and respect for America's fallen heroes and their families.

H.Res. 459, Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Poppy Day": This resolution would express support for the goals and ideals of "National Poppy Day." The resolution recognizes the symbolic significance of the red poppy in honoring members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives in service to the United States and acknowledges the contributions of veterans organizations that distribute poppies to support veterans and their families. National Poppy Day serves as an opportunity to remember the sacrifices made by America's servicemembers and raise awareness of the challenges faced by veterans. This resolution reaffirms our solidarity with the families and loved ones of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

H.R. 882, No Foreign Persons Administering Our Elections Act: This bill would prevent the hiring of individuals who are not citizens of the United States to administer an election for a federal office in a State or local jurisdiction. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our self-governing constitutional republic, and entrusting election administration to noncitizens undermines the very essence of our nation's sovereignty and could easily lead to voter fraud. This bill would protect election integrity and would prevent potential foreign interference in U.S elections.

My Votes Explained

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

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

Wednesday, May 20

I voted "Yes" on S. 2393, the Fiscal Year 2025 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act. This bill authorizes appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to construct a new hospital facility in St. Louis, Missouri. Our veterans have put their lives on the line to defend our freedom and should always receive the benefits they earned in a transparent, effective, and affordable manner. This bill ensures that this VA facility strengthens services by providing quality healthcare to the St. Louis community. This bill passed the House by a vote of 405-5.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1993, the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Commemorative Coin Act. This bill, which I cosponsored, directs the Treasury Secretary to mint 50,000 gold coins and 400,000 silver coins in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Twenty-five years after the horrific attacks of September 11th, we have a responsibility to honor the memories of those we lost, pray for those still suffering from health impacts from 9/11, and honor the first responders whose bravery and courage were unmatched. All proceeds from the commemorative coins will be given to the National 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York City. This bill passed the House unanimously by a vote of 415-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3234, the Keeping Deposits Local Act. This bill gives community banks greater flexibility to accept larger reciprocal deposits, freeing up more capital for local lending and investment. Community banks in Upstate New York don't have the sprawling branch networks of the big Wall Street institutions, and unnecessarily restrictive deposit regulations put them at a competitive disadvantage that hurts the small businesses and families that rely on them. This bill builds on bipartisan legislation enacted in 2018 and takes the next logical step in giving community banks the flexibility they need to grow, compete, and invest in the communities they serve. This bill passed the House by a vote of 405-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4544, the American Access to Banking Act. This bill directs federal financial regulators to streamline the application process for forming new banks and credit unions. This bill also improves communication with applicants and coordination between state regulators and the Securities and Exchange Commission. The number of new bank charters has collapsed in recent decades, only 3 were approved between 2012 and 2016, creating real barriers to competition and financial access, particularly in rural and underserved communities. New York's 24th District is home to many families (Contd. Pg. 64)

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and small businesses that depend on community banks, and the consolidation of the banking sector into large institutions threatens the local relationships that make community banking work. This legislation takes a commonsense step toward rebuilding a pipeline of new community banks and credit unions for consumers that lack access to traditional financing. This bill passed the House by a vote of 405-4.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5317, the Community Bank Deposit Access Act of 2025. This bill changes the treatment of certain types of deposits, so they are no longer classified as brokered deposits for Community Banks. Outdated regulations place community banks at a disadvantage, stifling their ability to serve our rural communities and businesses. This bill updates regulations to allow for more competition and ensure that financial institutions can best serve their communities while maintaining strong fiduciary standards. This bill passed by a vote of 393-16.

I voted "Yes" on H. Res. 1299, 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. This sweeping bipartisan legislation addresses the root of the housing affordability crisis by expanding supply, cutting unnecessary regulatory barriers to new construction, modernizing HUD programs, and reforming outdated banking rules that have prevented community banks from financing the new homes that families in Upstate New York desperately need. New York is currently short of at least 400,000 housing units to meet demand, and rising construction costs, zoning constraints, and regulatory delays have made a bad situation worse. This bill streamlines the permitting process through pre-approved home designs, modernizes the HOME Program, updates manufactured housing rules, expands community and rural banks' access to stable deposits for local lending. Most importantly, this bill delivers on President Trump's commitment to limit institutional investors from crowding out everyday Americans in the housing market. New York families have experienced the strain of housing affordability firsthand, and this legislation gives builders, banks, and local communities the tools they need to finally move the needle and make housing more affordable. This bill passed the House by a vote of 396-13.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1003, Lulu's Law. This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to issue an order explicitly permitting the transmission of wireless emergency alerts to mobile phones in the event of a shark attack. The Integrated Public Alert & Warning System is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) national system that provides authenticated emergency and life-saving information to the public, including national alerts, public safety alerts, and AMBER Alerts. This bill is named after Lulu Gribbin, an Alabama teenager who nearly lost her life in a tragic 2024 shark attack on the Florida Gulf Coast. This bill ensures that vital safety alerts include warnings of these types of incidents to prevent future incidents like the one that nearly killed Lulu. This bill passed the House by a vote of 401-6.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2616, the Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act. This bill prohibits federal funds to teach radical gender ideologies in schools and requires parental consent before schools can change students' pronouns or change any sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms. There have been far too many

stories of teachers and schools conspiring to conceal information from parents to promote these radical gender ideologies. This is not only abusing taxpayer funds, but violates the central principle that parents know how best to care for their child. This bill builds upon President Trump's Executive Order 14168, "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" and Executive Order 14190, "Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling". Together with these executive orders, the Stopping Indoctrination and Protecting Kids Act will help protect parental rights and will stop radical gender ideologies from infiltrating our schools. This bill passed the House by a vote of 217-198.

Thursday, May 21

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1041, the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act. This bill prohibits the VA from reporting a veteran as incapable of owning a firearm for using a fiduciary to manage their benefits. As a Constitutional Conservative, one of my top priorities throughout my time in public service has been to preserve and uphold the sacred right to bear arms, and I will always fight against efforts to infringe on our Second Amendment. No veteran should have their rights infringed for using a fiduciary to manage their benefits through the complicated VA system. This bill will protect our veterans' rights and ensure our veterans do not have to fear using a fiduciary if they need one. This bill passed the House by a vote of 216-201.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1329, the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act. This bill would authorize the transfer of federal land on the National Mall from an agency to the Smithsonian Institution for the purposes of the construction of the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum. Great women, such as Susan B. Anthony, who led the suffrage movement, and others who have contributed so much to our nation, should be honored and remembered. Additionally, this bill ensures that only biological women may be highlighted in the museum. I am disappointed that all of my Democrat colleagues voted against this commonsense bill, despite 127 Democrats cosponsoring this bill. The Democrats' Trump Derangement Syndrome is out of control and the fact that they refuse to support a bill to create the American Women's History Museum because President Trump is in office is disgraceful. Unfortunately, this bill failed to pass the House by a vote of 204-216.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6047, the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act. This bill enacts several veterans' benefits reforms through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Specifically, this bill increases the additional monthly supplemental payment for certain severely disabled veterans receiving the highest levels of aid and attendance compensation, expands VA home loan eligibility to certain members of the National Guard and Reserve, and provides surviving spouses with greater benefit stability. Congress, the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have a duty to serve our military community, and this bill takes care of our Gold Star families, severely wounded veterans, and ensures that our National Guard and Reserve veterans have access to VA benefits. This bill passed the House by a vote of 235-179.



2026 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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

WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station

91 Landfill Drive
Monticello, NY 12701

WHAT TO KNOW:

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

ACCEPTABLE		UNACCEPTABLE
Paint	Smoke detectors	Household garbage
Solvents	Fire extinguishers	Commercial/industrial/agricultural waste
Stains	Cleaning products	Medical waste/ pharmaceuticals
Ink	Poisons	Radioactive material
Pool chemicals	Roofing tar	Explosives
Acids	Bases	Ammunition
Wood preservatives	Adhesives	Bulk liquids/drums/tanks larger than 5 gallons
Fluorescent bulbs	Creosote	LP/gas tanks
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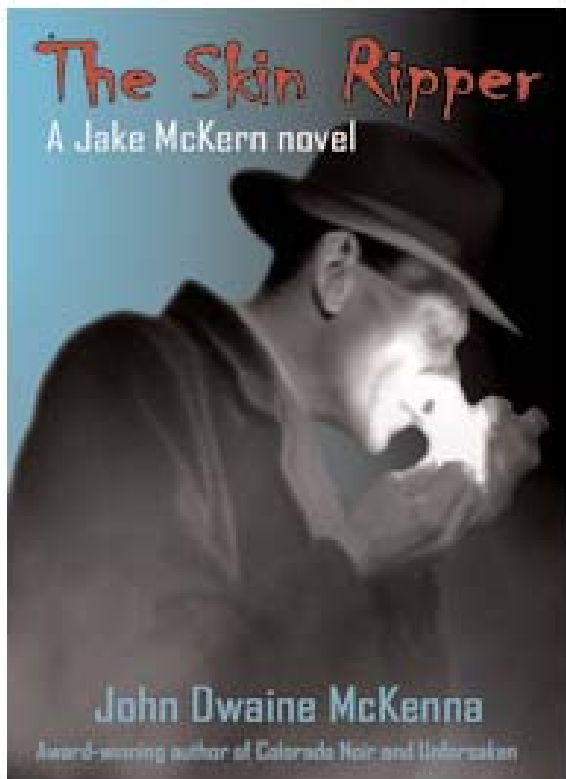
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Farm Arts Collective's Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia Receives AMERICA 250 National Endowment for the Arts Support

Damascus, PA-Farm Arts Collective is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of an FY 2026 Grants for Arts Projects award of \$20,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts, America 250

This funding will support "Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia," play number seven in the DREAM ON THE FARM series presented every summer on Willow Wisp Organic Farm. The original devised play is directed by Tannis Kowalchuk, text and music by Melissa Bell, Mark Dunau, Doug Rogers, featuring actor-creators Jess Beveridge, Costanza Bugiani, Ginny Hack, Eva McCullough, Grady Parks, John Roth, Jim Sullivan, Kate Schroeder. Set painting and design by Kit Sailer, foley by Debra Thomas, puppet design and build by Ace Thomas and Sue Currier, and lighting design by Calvin Anderson

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support opportunities across the country for Americans to experience and participate in the arts while celebrating our nation's history," said Mary Anne Carter, senior advisor at the National Endowment for the Arts. "As we approach our country's 250th anniversary, this is a moment to recognize the important role the arts continue to play in our lives, communities, and heritage."

Who was Johnny Appleseed? Farm Arts Collective explores this question in an entertaining site-specific DREAM ON THE FARM performance set to take place across Willow Wisp Organic Farm this summer.

Born John Chapman in 1774, Johnny Appleseed went on to walk thousands of miles across America, planting apple orchards to sell to expanding pioneer towns across New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

Farm Arts Collective explores the stories and historical accounts that have made Johnny Appleseed's life legendary. Was John Chapman an ascetic saint who walked barefoot spreading his seeds and his New Church bible? Was he the nation's first nurseryman? Or was he a wily entrepreneur and landowner who had a nose for making money, always staying one step ahead of expansion? Friend to Native Americans and to the settlers, Johnny Appleseed's remarkable life is the subject of this year's DREAM ON THE FARM, told in roving play across the farmland.

Artistic Director Tannis Kowalchuk says:

"When we look at history, sometimes we can see ourselves more clearly. Farm Arts Collective is taking full advantage of this opportunity provided by the NEA and America 250 to examine the history and myths of Johnny Appleseed, a quintessential American with many unique and even contradictory facets. We want to investigate how national stories can reveal what a culture strives toward or wants to believe about itself. And since "Dream on the Farm" is an environmentally themed series, we will look at this history through an ecological lens."

The performance premieres on Thursday, July 30 and will run for two weeks until August 9th(Thursdays to Sundays) on Willow Wisp Organic Farm. 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that is the largest funder of the arts and arts education in communities nationwide and a catalyst of public and private support for the arts. By advancing opportunities for arts participation and practice, the NEA fosters and sustains an environment in which the arts

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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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

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

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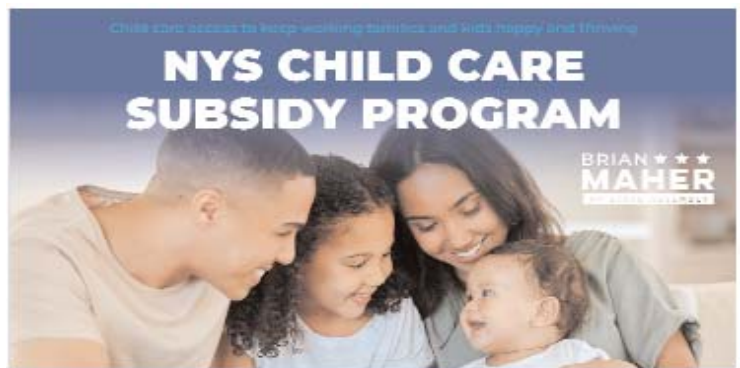
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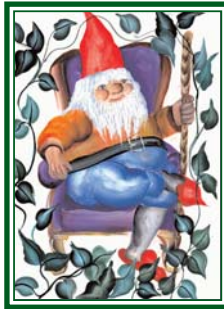


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Directed by Vincent Sherman the film also stars Viveca Lindfors, Robert Douglas, Alan Hale, Raymond Burr, Ann Rutherford, Robert Warwick, Barbara Bates and Mary Stuart.



Don Juan de Marañña (Errol Flynn) is a Spanish nobleman with a reputation for having many lovers, but the woman who has truly captured his heart is none other than Queen Margaret (Viveca Lindfors), who is unhappily married to King Philip III (Romney Brent). When Don Juan uncovers a plot by the devious Duke de Lorca (Robert Douglas) to dethrone the royal family, he rallies his trusted friends and rushes to defend both his country and his beloved queen.



Adventures of Don Juan marked Errol Flynn's return to the swashbuckler genre after a nine-year absence and it was a hit with audiences.

At the time, Errol Flynn was well past his prime, but he rose to the occasion of *The Adventures of Don Juan* with a spirited, athletic performance that was not only filled with adventurous swashbuckling action, it also had a strong unique comedic streak.

It may not have been Flynn's best film, especially as a swashbuckler, but he was close enough to form that audiences still have fun watching *Adventures of Don Juan*.



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