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Village unveils America 250 plans

By Melanie Lekocevic Capital Region Independent Media

RAVENA — America is planning its big birthday bash this summer and the local community has plenty in store to celebrate. The Village of Ravena and the Town of Coeymans are collaborating to plan a weekend of activities from July 10 to July 12 commemorating the nation’s 250th anniversary and honoring its history. At the village board’s June meeting, Village Trustee Caitlin Appleby gave an overview of what the committee tasked with organizing the celebration has planned. The weekend of festivities will get rolling with a Friday evening

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Town seeks new police chief after Tryon resignation

By Melanie Lekocevic Capital Region Independent Media

COEYMANS — Coeymans Police Chief Marc Tryon’s resignation became effective Monday, June 15, and the board is in the process of finding his replacement. Tryon notified the board that he would be stepping down at the board’s May 28 meeting. “It’s been a privilege to lead the department as it navigates the current social and societal changes within the town, county, state and country,” Tryon said when he announced his resignation. “I’ve been doing this for 45 years. During the last four years, the department has been revitalized and received increased training, internal management, resources and networking with other local, county and state law enforcement, and they do provide the best possible service to the residents of the town.” Tryon said the department and its officers are well equipped and prepared to serve the community in any emergency situation. “Officers are equipped with the latest equipment and tools to provide exceptional re-



Former Police Chief Marc Tryon

sponse capabilities,” Tryon said. “That’s worth every dollar we spent on it,” he added.

Tryon said there were several officers in the department that “would provide a steady hand as chief,” and he offered to help his successor transition into the position after they are chosen by the town board. Town Councilwoman Patricia Grogan expressed gratitude to Tryon for his work with the department over the past few years. “Chief, thank you so much for your service,” Grogan said. “As you said, you had 45 years — to leave law enforcement and then come back voluntarily, that’s huge. Thank you very much.” Tryon was appointed the town’s police chief in March 2022, after serving more than 30 years as a trooper with the New York State Police, from 1981 until his retirement in 2013. He reached the ranks of sergeant, zone sergeant and first sergeant with the state police. When he was named police chief in 2022, Tryon had replaced former police chief Douglas Keyer, who resigned the previous month. Now, with Tryon’s resignation from the police department’s top spot, the town board will

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Once Upon a Time: Funeral homes



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Caswell Funeral Home can trace its roots as far back as 1875. The business closed in 2008.

Latest in the series

By Roger A. Wilber For the Ravena Coeymans Historical Society

People taking care of the deceased have been here since probably the beginning of time. Certainly, there were people in the funeral business in the 17th and 18th centuries here that will never be known. We can only know of those by way of the directories and newspapers. Even with the records that we can locate, we can only return as far back as the latter portion of the 19th century. We begin our journey with William Caswell. Caswell was certainly acquainted with death and dying, having survived his time as a Union soldier in the Civil War. As early as

1875, Caswell had an undertaking business in Coeymans Hollow. When he passed in 1917, the business passed to his son, William Jr., who, in turn passed it on to his son, Paul, Sr. When it came time, Paul continued the family tradition, passing the business on to his son, William (Bill) Caswell, who retired around 2008, and the business closed. Meanwhile in Ravena, Heber Williams sold his undertaking business to George W. Babcock and Fred D. Baldwin in 1904. Advertised as “Funeral and Furniture,” they soon moved from their original location of Central Avenue to the corner of Main and Pulver, in a building owned by

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A.W. Becker enjoys the great outdoors during Field Day

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This Day In History

1873 Susan B. Anthony is fined \$100 (\$2,200 in 2020 value) for voting for US President in Rochester, New York; she refuses to pay, and no further action against her is taken



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adults-only block party.

“On Friday, July 10, we will be at Mosher Park for a block party from 7-10 p.m.,” Appleby said. “We will have a DJ, the park pool will be open. This is an 18 and older event so children under 18 are not permitted. But we have all the festivities for them on Saturday. This is a grown-up party.”

There will be numerous vendors on hand, the Ravena Fire Department will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers and popcorn, and the village swimming pool will be open to all.

“Grab a babysitter for that night,” Appleby said. “It’s going to be a nice local date night for the grown-ups.”

Then on Saturday, July 11, everyone is invited to head down to Coeymans Landing where the America 250 celebration will continue. Parking will be available at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and a pair of school buses will shuttle visitors between the school and the festival. Appleby thanked the school district for contributing the use of the buses.

The festivities will start with a parade through the village and town, ending at the Landing, where there will be plenty of activities to choose from, including many that are history based.

“For historical activities, we are going to have the 2nd Albany County Militia Regiment, who are reenactors,” Appleby said. “There are about 12 reenactors that are going to set up two tents. They’re going to be doing cooking demonstrations throughout the day. There’s going to be an 18th century boat launch that people can see. We will have a fife and drum corps with a music interpreter



COURTESY OF PIXABAY

The village and town are finalizing plans for a three-day celebration of America’s 250th anniversary, with activities spread out among the village, hamlet and the Hollow.

who will meet the parade down at the Landing and play from 12-2 p.m.”

Ever wonder what an adult beverage looked like in colonial times? A reenactor from the Greene County Historical Society will be on hand making Flip, a beverage that was popular in the 1800s. And yes, he will be handing out samples.

Diane Stoddard will be doing a wool-spinning demonstration, showing how clothing and other items were made during the era, and a blacksmith in costume will show how

metal goods like hand-forged nails, latches, axes, shovels and the like were manufactured.

Retired local teacher and Ravena News-Herald columnist Dick Brooks will demonstrate wood carving, and Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School teacher Binnie Chriss will operate a children’s tent where kids can make tricorn hats and participate in a range of other activities.

Representatives from Historic Cherry Hill will host an interactive historic Game

of Life, showing kids what it was like living in the 1700s.

And, of course, there will be live music, around 40 vendors, 10 food vendors, bouncy houses, face painting, a Euro bungee station, and more.

The party will end at sundown with a huge fireworks show.

But the fun doesn’t end there.

“On Sunday, out in Coeymans Hollow, Joan Radley and Carol McDonald have done a wonderful job of pulling activities together,” Appleby said.

Local groups like Chimney Top, the Ravena Grange, Sycamore Golf Course, Trinity United Methodist Church, the Little Red Schoolhouse and the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation will all provide activities for everyone to take part in, including a bucket brigade and obstacle course by the fire department.

Specific details will be unveiled as the date of the event gets closer.

The three days of festivities celebrating America’s 250th anniversary are spread throughout the community over the weekend.

“It’s kind of cool. It’s Friday in the village, Saturday in the hamlet, and Sunday out in the Hollow,” Appleby said. “It will be a wonderful weekend of community activities.”

With so much going on, the committee is looking for volunteers willing to help out, whether students seeking to fulfill community service hours for school or adults who just want to lend a helping hand.

“We have a great team working together and I’m excited to see how this all comes together,” Appleby concluded.



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The Babcock funeral home as it now looks.

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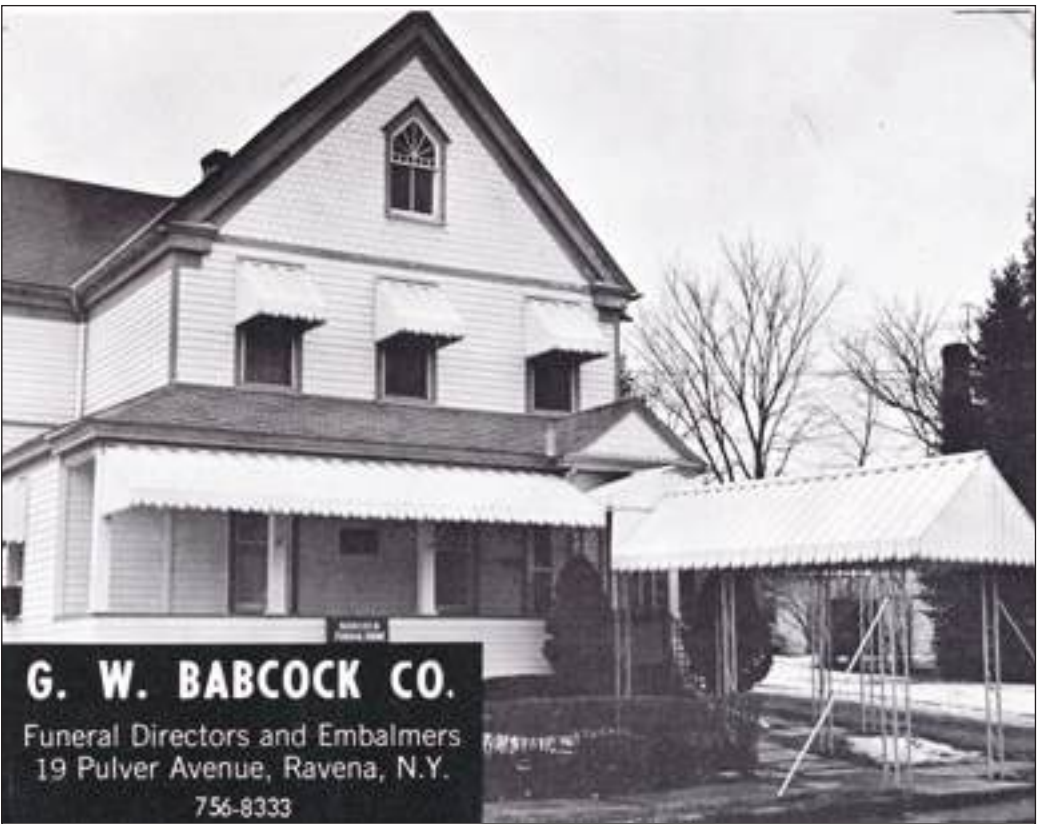
A.H. Roberts.

By 1912, the business — then known as G.W. Babcock & Co. — had moved their business to the Masonic building. In 1940, the office was moved to the Babcock residence of 174 Main St., and the

funeral parlor was now at 19 Pulver Ave., where it remains.

In Coeymans, Alonzo Southard was a carpenter and undertaker. It appears he started his business in 1858. Around 1887, his son Frank joined him and the business was listed as A. Southard &

Son. In 1909, his grandson, Fred, joined the firm and it became A. Southard & Sons. In 1913, Fred was the only son still remaining, so it was again changed back to A. Southard and Son. The last record of the undertaking business was 1914.



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G.W. Babcock Co. is still located at 19 Pulver Ave. to this day.

Also in Coeymans, in 1896, the undertaking firm of Nichols & Robbins opened. In 1898, it became known as Robbins Brothers, which it remained until at least 1941. It was later sold to George Babcock and became part of the G.W. Babcock & Co.

In 1937, Nicholas Chicorelli opened a funeral parlor at 38 Main St. in Ravena. In addition, he also was a barber at that location. Besides his funeral parlor in Ravena, he also had a funeral parlor in Albany. Also, at 38 Main St. in 1939 was a store, Chicorella’s Store. Although the name changed to Chicorelli’s Market, it remained there until at least 1961. Sometime between 1961 and 1964, the undertaking business moved to 9 Main St., under the ownership of Nicholas’ daughter, Regina.

In 1994, the Highland Point Funeral Home took over at 9 Main St. and remained there until 2001, when it became Pero Memorial Funeral Home.

In 2016, A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home, known for its funeral home in Greenville, took over the property. There is currently, no business at that location.

Visit our website at Coeymanshistory.org. Please consider donating or volunteering. The Ravena Coeymans Historical Society’s Museum is open every Monday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m., and Saturdays from 12-2 p.m., except on major holidays.



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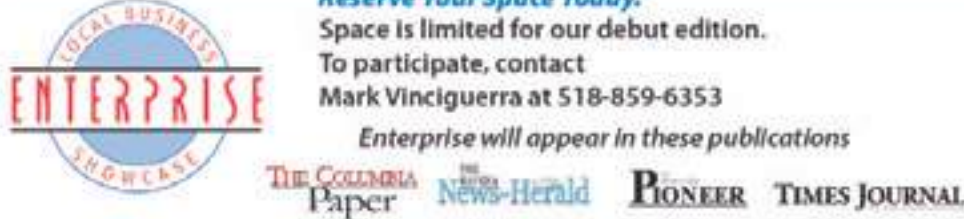
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At press time, there was no public discussion by the board about potential applicants for the position.

In other town news, at the June 11 meeting, the board also hired an additional part-time police officer to add to its ranks at an hourly rate of

\$35.27. The new officer will join the department effective June 22.

Meanwhile, the board on June 11 also appointed a new member to the town’s planning/zoning board of appeals to replace former member Patricia Grogan, who was elected to the town board in November. The board appointed alternate member Joseph Cinque to take Grogan’s place as a full member on the planning/zoning board of appeals. He will complete Grogan’s term, which will conclude on Dec. 31, 2027.

After Cinque’s appointment, the board went on to name Charles Engelhardt as his replacement as an alternate member of the planning/zoning board of appeals. His term will expire on Dec. 31, 2026. Engelhardt’s appointment as the alternate member will be contingent on his wife, Bridget Engelhardt, stepping down from the town’s ethics committee to avoid any potential conflict of interest, according to the town board.



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News from the Past in Memory of Harry A. Sturges



IN MEMORY OF Harry A. Sturges
News Herald – June 11, 1926 - F.E. Bleezarde, Publisher
Coeymans:
• Dr. M.S. Reid and health officers of Albany have been busy the past week vaccinating the employees of the

brickyards on account of smallpox.
• Local citizens and friends of the Salvation Army in Coeymans and vicinity are being called upon to assist in its annual appeal, which is being presided over by Mrs. M.S. Reid. The week of June 13 to 19 is the time arranged for this appeal, and it is expected that a very substantial amount will be realized.
• Ralph Pape, 48 years old, died in the Albany City Hospital on Saturday night from a complication of diseases. His funeral was conducted at St. Patrick’s Church on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o’clock and his burial was in Grove Cemetery. He is survived by a

wife, five daughters and two sons.
• At the annual meeting of the Coeymans Fire Department, held in the meeting rooms on Tuesday evening, the following were elected officers: Mosher F. Shear, chief; Giles M. Gallup, assistant; John Southard, hose foreman; Claire A. Robbins, secretary; Frank Leedings, treasurer; Thomas Messing, steward; Sidney L. Robbins and Edward F.N. Utthe, directors for two years. There was a large attendance at the meeting, and much interest is shown for the welfare of the organization.
• The Tuesday Study Club will have their annual outing at Dean’s Mills tomorrow.
Ravena:

• The tax rate for the Village of Ravena for the present year is \$1.84.
• Nine books have been donated to the public library recently. Mrs. P.V. Whipple gave six, and Mrs. Irenos Biley gave three.
• Hazel Tuttle, a student in the sixth grade in the Ravena school, participated in the county spelling contest in Albany on Saturday when the representative of the county was selected to attend the state fair contest. Hazel had a standing of 96%. She was the only sixth grade pupil in the group.
• Miss Josephine M. Rauche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rauche, was united in marriage to Angelo J. Alias of this village

on Sunday at St. Patrick’s Church, followed by a big reception given to the newlyweds in Junior Order Hall in Coeymans.
• The interior of Community Hall presents a marked change in appearance since the work of refinishing and decorating has been completed. The newly painted walls and the good work with the new curtain give the movie house a markedly improved appearance.
• Rev. C.J. King was given a reception last Friday night by the members of his congregation, it being the fifth anniversary of his coming to St. Patrick’s parish. He was presented with a purse of two hundred and \$5 in gold.

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• The Ladies’ Aid Society of the M.E. church will hold a strawberry and ice cream festival in Workingmen’s Hall on Wednesday evening, June 17. Admission: 10 cents.
• Saturday was bimonthly payday on five of the brickyards and about \$5,000 was paid to the hands. The other yards pay off Saturday of this week. The aggregate payrolls of all the yards are more than \$14,000 a month.
• The Junction Nine are to play a game of baseball at Riverside Park with the home team Friday afternoon.

Democratic primary for 102nd Assembly seat June 23

By **Melanie Lekocevic**
Capital Region Independent Media

COEYMANS — Primary elections for the race in November will be held on June 23 in New York state.
For Coeymans and Ravena, the key race will be the Democratic primary for the 102nd Assembly seat. Republican Marc Molinaro is unopposed for the GOP nomination.
Three Democrats are vying to be on the ballot in November to replace Assemblyman Chris Tague, R-102. Tague was first elected to the assembly in 2018 and is leaving the Assembly to run for state Senate in the 51st Senate District.
The three Democrats who will be on the primary ballot June 23 are Thomas Boomhower, Mary Finneran and Janet Tweed. Finneran also has the backing of the Working Families Party.
The primary is a rematch for Finneran and Tweed. The two candidates faced off two years ago in 2024, with Finneran winning a tight race. She was defeated in the general election by Tague, who was the incumbent at the time.
Here are profiles of each of the three Democratic candidates, presented in alphabetical order:

THOMAS BOOMHOWER
Thomas Boomhower lives in the village of Catskill and graduated from Cossackie-Athens High School. He has a Bachelor of Science in Law and Society from Sage College of Albany and a Master of Arts in United States History from SUNY Albany.
He has worked as a legislative assistant in the New York State Senate and as a researcher for the New York State Assembly Majority. He currently works in economic development for Greene County.
Boomhower has also served as a village trustee in Catskill, where he worked on Catskill’s Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Committee. He also serves as the village’s liaison to historical and environmental groups like Climate Smart Catskill. He has also championed for affordable housing for the community.
“I’m running for NYS Assembly because I believe that my combination of experience in economic development, public service and governance, have given me a skill-set we need to tackle the challenges facing our region,” Boomhower said on his website. “We need a comprehensive approach that centers our communities and is rooted in public service.”

MARY FINNERAN
Mary Finneran lives in Cairo and is an artist by vocation. She trained as a welder and was a union welder in Syracuse before her job was outsourced to Mexico, according to her website.
She was able to utilize a federal program available to such workers to attend Syracuse University for art education, graduating summa cum laude. She taught high school art for two years before returning to Syracuse to earn her Master in Fine Arts in Ceramics, then taught for 25 years in public schools. She spent the last 15 years of her teaching career at Cossackie-Athens High School. She has also served for five years on the board of the Cairo Public Library and currently serves as president of the Cairo Democratic Committee. Finneran is active in environmental causes and as a lobbyist and volunteer.
“I stand for people’s needs over corporate greed. I stand for the absolute necessity of stopping climate chaos,” Finneran wrote on her website. “I stand for the right to clean air, water, soil and food. I stand for the rights of all women and all genders. I stand for the right to adequate and affordable, if not free, health care.”
She also said she is committed to affordable, decent housing for

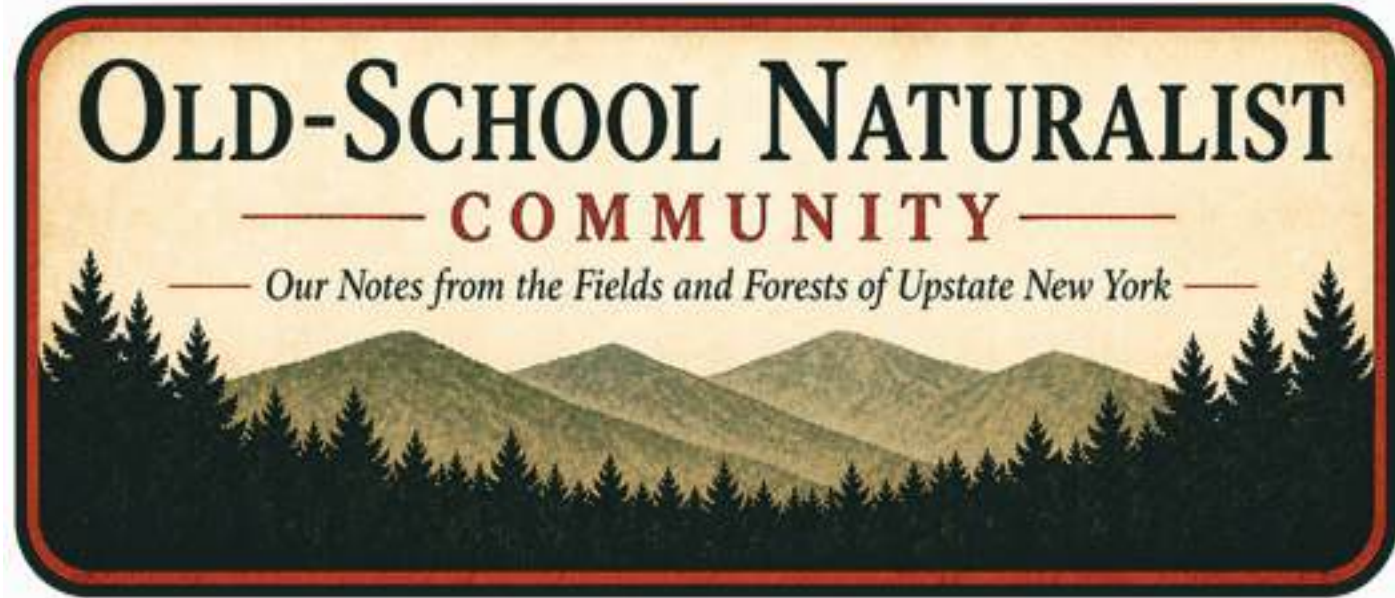
all, a fair criminal justice system, and for the United Nations’ Declaration of Human Rights.
JANET TWEED
Janet Tweed is a physical therapist and local elected official in Delaware County.
Tweed grew up in Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Elizabethtown College before going on to earn both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Physical Therapy. She was licensed as a physical therapist in 2006, and went on to earn a doctorate in physical therapy from Utica University in 2021.
Tweed was elected to the Delhi Town Board in 2017; she then became a trustee on the Delhi Village Board. If elected, among the issues she would like to tackle are high health care costs, expanding Medicaid eligibility, growing clean local energy, expanding rural infrastructure, housing and transportation, increasing access to broadband internet and supporting education.
“I’m running for New York State Assembly District 102 because we desperately need elected leaders who want to serve people, not corporate profits,” Tweed wrote on her website. “Did you know that the United States pays more per person for our health care

system than any other country? We pay twice as much as other wealthy countries. We are also the only developed country in the world that does not guarantee its citizens universal health care. This is an economic failing and a moral failing. And it only exists because the current system is designed to benefit profits, not people.”
MORE RACES
In addition to voting for the 102nd Assembly District, Democrats will be able to cast ballots for New York state comptroller, with incumbent Thomas DiNapoli facing off against Drew Warshaw and Raj Goyle.
There is also a Democratic primary for Albany County Court Judge, with three candidates on the ballot — John Czajka, Joseph Meany and Tina Sodhi.
There are no Republican primaries in Coeymans and Ravena.
The primary will be held on Tuesday, June 23, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and is open to all registered Democrats. Early voting began June 13 and continues until June 21. To find out more information about voting locations, visit <https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/board-of-elections>.
The general election will be Nov. 3.

The lost art of noticing

By **Marlene McTigue**
For Capital Region Independent Media

Not long ago, an injured porcupine named Herman helped reveal something I had only begun to suspect.
People are hungry to care again.
Not in the abstract. Not through outrage, arguments or endless scrolling. They want to care sincerely and openly about real things.
A porcupine with a hurt paw.
A mourning cloak butterfly drifting through spring woods.
Long before Old-School Naturalist became a column, I noticed that whenever I shared stories about the wildlife around us, people responded.
Not just with interest, but with genuine concern.
One of those stories involved Georgie, a young porcupine whose journey touched thousands of people. When Georgie became ill, readers checked in asking how he was doing. They celebrated milestones, like the day he returned home from the wildlife hospital, and worried when updates slowed.
The same thing happened with Herman and countless other animals over the years.
What surprised me was not the enthusiasm.
It was the tenderness and



concern.
I’ve recently begun to feel that these stories were asking to become something larger than a newspaper column, a Facebook feed or the observations of a single person.
They were asking to be shared, to become part of a larger conversation about the natural world and our place within it.
Recently, we launched the Facebook group Old-School Naturalists: Our Notes from the Fields and Forests of Upstate New York. In only a short time, it has begun to take on a life of its own.
My friend Yvonne regularly walks at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, often in the early

morning hours. Through her observations, members are able to watch the progression of spring unfold through birdsong, wildflowers and encounters with wildlife.
Another member, Ami, recently shared a story about reviving an exhausted bumble bee with a spoonful of sugar water. I have to tell you, that post took my breath away. The amount of care given to such a small creature was deeply moving.
And yet it captured the spirit of the community perfectly.
That spirit is grounded in a simple belief: A richer life begins with noticing.
Many of us learned that lesson when we were young, but life has a way of divert-

ing our attention and making us forget.
For me, it came through Girl Scouts in the 1970s, when we spent a great deal of time learning about ecology and where we fit within the web of life. We learned that everything was connected and that living things depended upon one another in ways both obvious and unseen.
It came through Ranger Rick magazine.
It came through those little green Beatrix Potter books, where every animal had its own unique personality.
And it came through my well-worn copy of Reader’s Digest North American Wildlife, a book I returned

to again and again as I tried to identify the plants and animals around me from its beautiful illustrations. Looking back, I realize that book taught me something more important than names.
It taught me to pay attention.
Nature wasn’t simply something I visited.
It was part of my life.
A community of living things, each with its own place and story.
Somewhere along the way, many people lost touch with that instinct.
But something remarkable happens when people begin paying attention again. They slow down. They become curious. They ask questions. And they be-

gin treating the living world with greater care and dignity.
Perhaps that is what an Old-School Naturalist truly is. Simply being willing to notice. Feeling a sense of delight the first time you hear spring peepers calling each year. Rushing to write down the date when you spot your first firefly of the season. Wondering about a butterfly drifting up through the treetops. Noticing something remarkable and feeling compelled to share it.
Well, if this sounds like you, maybe you’re an Old-School Naturalist, too.
If you’d like to join us, you’ll find us on Facebook in the Old-School Naturalists community:
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/988913030194996/?ref=share>
We’re just getting started there, but the community is growing, and I suspect there will be many more ways to participate and connect in the months ahead for those who prefer not to spend their time on social media.
So, if you feel so compelled, join us.
We’re just getting started. And come back next week.
The fields and forests of upstate New York still have plenty of stories left to tell.



RCS SCHOOL MENUS

RCS Elementary School Menu
June 22 to June 26
Breakfast Menu
MONDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, apple sauce, cut oranges, skim or 1% milk.
TUESDAY: Chef's Choice, yogurt, apple sauce, fresh fruit, skim or 1% milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, fresh fruit, cut oranges, skim or 1% milk.
THURSDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, fresh fruit, pears, skim or 1% milk.
FRIDAY: Closed. No school.

Lunch Menu
MONDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey sandwich or chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
WEDNESDAY: Ham sandwich, chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
THURSDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, fresh fruit, cut oranges, skim or 1% milk.
FRIDAY: Closed. No school.

RCS Middle and High School Menu
June 22 to June 26
Breakfast Menu
MONDAY: Chef's chice, yogurt, apple sauce, cut oranges, skim or 1% milk.
TUESDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, apple sauce, fresh fruit, skim or 1% milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, fresh fruit, cut oranges, skim or 1% milk.
THURSDAY: Chef's choice, yogurt, fresh fruit, pears, skim or 1% milk.
FRIDAY: Closed. No school.

Lunch Menu
MONDAY: Chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
TUESDAY: Chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
THURSDAY: Chef's choice, fruit, vegetables, skim or 1% milk.
FRIDAY: Closed. No school.

VFW/AMVET monthly meetings

RAVENA — VFW/AMVET Post 9594 meets the second Thursday of every month with a social hour at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be July 9.

All veterans are welcome.

The post is located at 13 Whitbeck St. in Ravenna, next to Mosher Park. Call 518-756-9594 for more information.

Representatives from local non-profit organizations as well as Bank of Greene County employees participate in the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation Award Ceremony at the bank's Ravenna branch.

Local non-profit groups get funding to support programming

RAVENA – Local nonprofit organizations gathered at Bank of Greene County's Ravenna branch to receive funding from Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation, supporting projects that strengthen and enrich the local community.

As part of this year's giving efforts, the Foundation is awarding \$534,000 to 532 nonprofit organizations, providing critical support to programs that address a wide range of local needs.

Funded projects in the Ravenna area highlight a strong focus on supporting local families, student development, and community accessibility. Highlights include food assistance through programs such as Helping Harvest, support for school-based initiatives, and training for educators and counselors to better identify and assist students in need.

Additional funding is helping enhance community spaces and programming, including improvements to Mosher Park with the construction of a handicap-accessible restroom, and investment in local arts and educational opportunities such as a sculpture project and the purchase of a 3D printer.

Contributions also support public safety efforts through the purchase of new fire helmets. A full listing of funded organizations can be found on the bank's website at www.tbogc.com/about/giving.

"We're proud to support organizations that make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community," Ravenna Branch Manager Bethany Marciszyn said. "These projects address real needs and create opportunities for residents of all ages."

Since its founding in 1998, the Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation has donated over \$4 million to local nonprofit organizations throughout the region. These contributions support a wide variety of initiatives across education, health and wellness, social and civic services, the arts, and affordable housing.

"The work being done by these organizations is truly remarkable," added Donald Gibson, President and CEO of Bank of Greene County. "Through the Charitable Foundation, we are committed to investing in programs and organizations that strengthen our communities and improve the quality of life across the region."

Grant applications are accepted annually between December 1 and Jan. 15. More information is available at www.tbogc.com.

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• Family Storytime CAN-CELED
Thursday, June 18, from 10-10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime is taking a break in the month of June.

• Lunchtime Books
Thursday, June 18, from 12-1 p.m.
The book is "Lafayette in the Somewhat United States" by Sarah Vowell. This non-fiction book offers a humorous glimpse into the American Revolution with a focus on the Marquis de Lafayette, who became a major general in the Continental Army. Vowell peppers the history with witty commentary, all while chronicling Lafayette's encounters with historical figures like Washington, Jefferson and Cornwallis. Books are available at the library and new members are always welcome. Registration is not required. For adults.

• Romp and Read
Friday, June 19, from 10-11:30 a.m.
For plenty of interactive themes, stories and action songs with props, Romp and Read will help get the wiggles out through a variety of early literacy activities. No registration is required. For ages 0-5.

• Senior Cinema: 'Roofman'
Wednesday, June 24, from 2-5 p.m.
Base on an unbelievable true story, 'Roofman' follows Jeffrey Manchester, an Army veteran and struggling father who turns to robbing McDonald's restaurants by cutting holes in their roofs, earning him the nickname: Roofman. After escaping prison, he secretly lives inside a Toys 'R' Us for six months, surviving undetected while planning his next move. But when he falls for Leigh, a divorced mom drawn to his undeniable charm, his double life begins to unravel, setting off a compelling and suspenseful game of cat and mouse as his past closes in. Rated R. For adults. No registration is required.

• Family Storytime CAN-CELED
Thursday, June 25, from 10-10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime is taking a break in the month of June.

NEW FICTION
"Woman Down" by Colleen Hoover
"Want to Know a Secret?" by Freida McFadden
"Away to Me" by Patricia McConnell
"Skylark" by Paula McLain
"You Should Have Been Nicer to My Mom" by Vincent Tirado

Senior Projects of Ravenna

RAVENA — Senior Projects of Ravenna offers dinner every Monday and Thursday at 5 p.m., and lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. at noon. Senior Projects of Ravenna is located at 9 Bruno Boulevard, Ravenna.

If there is a senior who needs assistance or you are concerned about a senior, please call Senior Projects at 518-756-8593. Below is the menu for the week of June 22 to June 26.

MONDAY: Baked ham, bread, milk and coffee.

TUESDAY: Meatball with sauce sub, bread, milk and coffee.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken with BBQ sauce sandwich, bread, milk and coffee.

THURSDAY: Honey mustard chicken, bread, milk and coffee.

FRIDAY: Potato-crusted fish, bread, milk and coffee.

College & Military Corner

erson College for the fall semester.

- Delmar resident Natalie Sevilla was among 32 SUNY Oneonta fashion students who brought their creative and design talents to fruition at the campus' annual Spring Fashion Show. Sevilla is a model coordinator for the Student Fashion Society.
- Lidia Boucher, of Delmar, was among the 67 SUNY Oneonta students who exhibited their artwork in the annual 2026 Juried Student Show. Boucher exhibited a photograph titled "Acores Islands, 2025" and a digital photograph titles "Zyeir Lawrence, 2025."
- Matthew Carlson, of Delmar, earned a Bachelor of Science in Financial Investments from Wilkes University in May.
- Delmar resident Matthew Collins spent his spring break volunteering with UB Alternative Break, volunteering in Portland, Oregon, learning about the root causes of food insecurity and supporting community-driven efforts advancing food justice in the Pacific Northwest.
- Nazareth University student Allison Seebode, of Delmar, earned spring 2026 dean's list honors.
- Elizabeth Zollman, of Delmar, was inducted into the International Honor Society in Sociology at Russell Sage College.
- Maxwell Gold, a resident of Delmar, was named the recipient of the H. Samuel Slater Prize in Romance Languages at Hamilton College.

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Champ at Saratoga in June 2009.

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Champ and columnist Susan Kayne in June 2008.

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Champ showing in Saugerties at HITS 2020.

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Lessons from Champ

Horses of Unbridled



SUSAN KAYNE

This time of year, the anticipation builds.

Across upstate New York, conversations turn toward Saratoga.

The backstretch awakens. Barns fill. Horses arrive. Fans make plans. The excitement is palpable, and I understand it. For most of my life, I was part of it.

Seventeen years ago this week, I was among the most excited.

From the moment he took his first steps, I called him Champ.

I had dreamed of a champion. And there he was. Four legs finding the earth for the very first time, already steady, already certain of himself. The name came before I could think about it. It was simply true.

The Jockey Club would register him as Desenfrenado, Spanish for Unbridled, a name that would prove more prophetic than I could have known. But to me, from his first breath, he was Champ. He was mine. I had purchased his mother at auction in the fall of 2006 and raised him myself, in the truest sense of that word. I was there for everything.

He spent the majority of his days not in a winner's circle but in the places most people never see, the pre-dawn barns at Saratoga. The Oklahoma training track in the gray morning mist

in the quiet of a stall at four in the morning when the only sounds are horses breathing and the soft pull of hay from a net. That was where Champ lived. Not in the pageant. In the work. And I was there too, running my hands down his legs the way I had since he was a foal, in the communion that grows between a person and a horse when you have known each other from the very beginning.

I galloped racehorses at Saratoga. I exercised horses for some of the most respected trainers in the sport. I was not an observer standing at the rail with a mint julep and a racing form. I was on the backstretch before dawn, in the cold and the dark, and I loved every moment of it because I loved Thoroughbreds with my whole life. I still do. That love is not the thing I have revised.

What I have revised is my understanding of what love requires.

Champ raced four times. He earned \$11,200. He never won. And throughout those races and the training that preceded them, his body was trying to tell me something.

I found it with my hands. That is the thing about a horse you have known since birth. You know the topography of his body the way you know the rooms of your own house. You know when something has shifted.

On one visit to the track, running my palms down his legs in the ritual I had performed a thousand times, I found soreness near a hock. On another, the early signature of a tendon beginning to tear. Neither injury was catastrophic. Neither was dramatic. In the language of the track, both were manageable.

I managed them.

Inside a racing barn, there is a phrase that everyone knows



Champ coming home. Pictured are Gillian Roche and Susan Kayne in December 2021.

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and no one examines. Sound enough. Racing sound. It means the horse is eating. It means the horse is training. It means the injury is minor, the soreness temporary, the concern something to monitor rather than act upon. One more workout. One more breeze. One more race.

I believed this. Not because I did not love Champ. I loved him with everything I had. But because the culture I was living in had its own gravitational pull, and I had not yet learned to feel it as a force. I was pursuing a dream. My dream. And in the pursuit of a myopic dream, small whispers are easy to rationalize away.

What I know now, after 22 years of this work, is that catastrophic injury rarely arrives without announcement. It begins small. A compensation. A subtle shortening of stride on

a Tuesday morning. A flinch at the wrong moment. A horse who stands very still and looks at nothing. These are not mysteries. They are a language. I simply had not listened, or did so selectively, through the filter of what I hoped to be true.

A whisper before the scream.

The horses I have known in this work have taught me that their bodies speak long before they collapse. They are not stoic in the way we sometimes imagine. They are communicative, constantly, in every gesture and posture and small adjustment of weight. What they lack is not a voice. What they lack is a listener who has nothing riding on the answer.

Champ's racing career was short. His life was not.

Today, at 19 years old, he grazes in the south pasture at Unbridled Sanctuary, near his

companion, Phi. I watch him from the window sometimes and think about the distance between who I was when I named him and who I am now. He carries no record of that distance. He has simply lived forward, as horses do, without the burden of retrospect.

He is not famous. He did not become the champion I imagined. No one beyond the people who love him will ever know his name. And yet I am certain, in a way I cannot fully articulate, that Champ is one of the most important horses I have ever known. Not for what he accomplished, but for what he asked of me, quietly, over the long arc of his life.

He asked me to pay attention. Not to the dream. To him.

I think about this as Saratoga comes alive again, as the trucks roll in and the barns fill and the sport I spent much of my life inside resumes its rituals and traditions at "the August place to be."

I do not write this as an indictment of the people in it. I was one of them. The people on the backstretch love horses in ways that would humble you. They rise before dawn for horses, they spend money they don't have for horses, they grieve horses with a ferocity that is private and real and never makes the sports page.

And yet love, I have learned, is not the same as listening. You can love something and still not hear what it is trying to tell you. I loved Champ and still rationalized the whispers. Love without listening is not protection, and love alone cannot keep a horse safe.

In 22 years, Unbridled has rescued hundreds of Thoroughbreds. When I look across the sanctuary today, I see the full weight of what it costs when listening comes too late. Toes, registered Touching My Toes, won

over \$200,000 in her career. She was discovered starving on a frozen field. Her body so weak, and her front legs so sore that she could barely stand.

These are not aberrations. They are outcomes. The result of a system built on production and profit, in which the horse's body is both the product and the overhead. I am not pointing a finger. I am pointing at the math.

What I want to offer you, as Saratoga opens and the excitement builds, is not guilt. Guilt is not useful. What I want to offer is the same thing Champ offered me, slowly, over the years: a different question.

Not, can this horse run?

But what do we owe him when the running ends?

At Unbridled Sanctuary, we call it The Promise of Protection. The commitment that every horse deserves safety, dignity and lifelong care regardless of usefulness, productivity, soundness or circumstance. It is what Champ has now, in his south pasture, in the long afternoon light, with Phi nearby and no one asking anything of him at all.

He never became the champion I imagined.

He became something I did not know to imagine, the horse who taught me what I was missing. Not in a dramatic moment, not through any single revelation, but the way horses teach everything: through presence, through patience, through the quiet and repeated insistence of being exactly, fully, themselves.

I named him Champ on the day he was born, before he had done a single thing to earn it. It took me years to understand that was always the right reason.

Susan Kayne is the founder and CEO of Unbridled Sanctuary in Greenville, New York, home to 65 equines.

Old pals

Whittling Away



DICK BROOKS

I was sitting in my recliner the other day doing my exercises. I'm into surfing, mostly the educational-type channels.

Sure, it's tiring and sometimes my thumb cramps up but I usually fight through the pain and get right back to my usual three to five channel changes a

minute.

I came upon a real blast from the past when Bert and Ernie appeared on the screen. It's been years since I had seen my old pals. They brought back fond memories of The Princess curled up on my lap.

I watched for a while, hoping to see my personal favorite put in an appearance, but Cookie Monster was nowhere to be seen. Elmo did something with that big yellow chicken and the Count counted, all was right with the world.

I wondered how many of our old favorites were still to be seen. I know Babar is still around; I stumbled onto him a few weeks back. I suppose and hope that Mister Rogers still lives somewhere in the back of my television set. I

know that to the youth of today that he's kind of hokie and old fashioned, but I trusted him with my children and he never let me down. In these days of computer graphics and special effects, his sock puppets don't have the dazzle that kids have come to expect, but the last time I saw young ones watching one of his reruns, they were watching with their mouths open as the Trolley took them to The Land of Make Believe.

You never got reality confused with the imaginary with Mr. Rogers. The Trolley separated the real world from the imagined in a clear and tangible way and for a small child, there was comfort in that.

I never really got into Barney, an overweight dancing purple dinosaur with a weird

voice just didn't turn me on. I don't think it was Barney so much as the plastic kids he hung out with that irritated me. A bigger bunch of goodie-goodie two shoes has never been assembled in the same place in the history of entertainment. They all had impeccable manners, sang and danced on cue, and were always smiling about something. As a teacher, they made me nervous. They probably will grow up to become serial killers or politicians.

I got thinking about some of the kids' shows that I grew up listening to—no pictures, just words. We gathered around the radio and listened to Sky King, The Lone Ranger, Roy Rogers, and my favorite, Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B. I wonder whatever happened to Bobby;

the other three made the jump to television and I was able to follow their adventures but Bobby Benson just sort of disappeared. He probably took over the ranch when his dad retired and raised cattle until beleaguered with terminal saddle sores, he retired and today rocks on the ranch's front porch and watches his grandchildren roar across the range on their four wheelers.

I can still name all the major characters that appeared on the Howdy Doody Show. He was the first real true television kids' show character that I can remember. He looked a lot like my brother Bud, who used to do an amazing impersonation of Howdy. He even got a Howdy Doody puppet for Christmas. It was hard to tell

them apart although the puppet did have more freckles, a better personality and a higher IQ.

I haven't watched any of the latest string of kids' shows. They just don't interest me. I like the ones that I can identify with, the ones that meant something to me and my little ones.

God love you Mister Rogers, wherever you are.

Thought for the week—"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." ~ Will Rogers

Until next week, may you and yours be happy and well.

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The whisper inside

Positively Speaking



TOBY MOORE

I want to tell you something you already know. Reasonable effort buys a reasonable life. That sounds safe, but it's the most comfortable grave ever dug — the place dreams go to lie down quietly, with the lights still on, while everyone nods and calls it being responsible. You stay busy. You answer the messages, sit

through the meetings, put in honest days, and tell yourself you'll get to the real thing — someday. None of that is wrong. Work is work. But common effort builds a common life. And you were not made common. You know that. You've known it your whole life. There is a voice in you. You hear it late, when the house goes quiet and there's no one left to perform for. That voice is not your imagination. It is the truest thing about you. It is the part that remembers what you were for, before the world got loud and talked you out of it. You ignored it so long you thought it had left. It didn't leave. It just learned to whisper. So, let me whisper, too. You will never feel ready to pursue what you were

born to do. Not ever. The confidence you're waiting for only comes after you've begun. You think the courage comes first, but it usually runs the other way. When you start, you may be chasing courage, but if you continue, the courage comes to find you. You step off the cliff, and the ground builds beneath your foot. This is the oldest secret there is, and it costs too much to hear, so almost no one does. Start before you're ready. Let them watch you be bad at it. Collect every "no" like a receipt and keep them all, because every closed door points you down the hall to the one that opens. It is so small at first. That is what breaks people. One call. One page. One dark morning, when your body begs for rest. A single brick

is nothing. Ten bricks are still nothing. But you lay them anyway — on the tired days, on the days you want to quit, on the days that lying voice swears tomorrow will be easier — and one ordinary morning you look up and what you built is a wall. They'll call it talent. They'll call it luck, but they weren't there when you laid each one, painstakingly, day after day, night after night. Tomorrow is where lazy dreams go to retire. You've sent dreams there before. You know exactly which ones. You can still feel the weight of them. Ask yourself the real question now, the one that stings. What have you been doing? What have you been waiting for? Who told you that you had forever? You don't. None of us

does. I'm not being cruel. I'm telling you the truth while it can still help. Today matters. Every day matters. Not someday — today. Put your hands on the work you keep avoiding. Stay with it until it moves. Then do it tomorrow, and the day after, until the work piles up behind you like proof that you were here. That you mattered. That you did not waste the one life you were trusted to carry. At some point, effort becomes evidence. At some point, discipline becomes momentum. At some point, the one who refuses to stop becomes impossible to stop. And that one is no braver than you. No smarter. No more chosen. They only kept laying bricks after everyone else went home. So, do not ask for a big

life and hand it a small effort. Do not pray for doors and refuse to knock. Do not stand there envying the wall when you were never willing to carry a single brick. You were not made small. You were made quiet by years of reasonableness. That's all it was. The fire never went out. You can see it. You've always seen it. And if you haven't, wake up, and you'll see it. Now, get up. Make your effort unreasonable. Make your excuses uncomfortable. Make failure chase you until it grows tired and quits. And after that, keep going anyway. Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy-nominated "A Separate Peace," and the CEO of Cubestream Inc.

Taking a moment to appreciate our soulmate

Living on Purpose



DR. WILLIAM HOLLAND

Recently, I was sitting in my office on a dreary afternoon, tapping on the keyboard and listening to the rain blowing against the window. The house is quiet during the day as my writing routine includes our dog sprawled out on the cool hardwood floor, snoring contentedly around my desk. My wife and I recently

celebrated our 49th year of our marriage. I then thought about our upcoming golden wedding anniversary in 2027, and how blessed I am to share this milestone with the one I love. I'm confident she feels the same way and definitely deserves a medal for her patience, support, and for embracing the work and shared vision with me for nearly five decades. It's been an amazing journey so far, and throughout the hard times and the good times, we know we are truly blessed. Familiarity is a slow-growing deception that can cause us to take people for granted, and in the realm of marriage, this is one of the many reasons couples become distant. Those of you who have been married for a while can relate when I say that holidays, birthdays, and even vacations can lose a little of their sparkle and

excitement after years of repetition. It's not the occasion, it's the awareness of who we are with. Could it be that falling into a predictable routine can cause our love to grow cold as we just go through the motions? When we were dating and then became newlyweds, life was like a romantic, magical fairy tale. Even just taking a walk around the block or going for a drive was exciting simply because we were together. But as the years pass by, the exhilaration seems to wear off, and when we would come home from a hard day of work, it became mutually agreeable that a peanut butter sandwich, a candy bar, and watching Wheel of Fortune would be plenty of excitement for the evening. Whatever happened to all the hugging, kissing, and holding hands? Do you remember how the first years

of marriage had three-word phrases like "I love you" and "you are amazing," and then after a few years, they evolved into "toilet seat down," "car needs gas", and "need more Advil?" When we were younger, we didn't know the meaning of tired, and now we become giddy about an afternoon nap. Nonetheless, it's a comfort to know that the person who shares our couch with us every night is there because they love us and wouldn't have it any other way. Showing appreciation to the one we love doesn't require a special holiday or a fancy restaurant. It's the little things that prove how we feel. Of all the people in the world we could have set our sights on, the person we are with now is the one we selected. They are the ones who stole our hearts, so there is nothing preventing us from expressing how much we

need them. We assume they already know we love them, and they do, but there's nothing wrong with showing it more than just a Valentine's Day card. Another thing that we avoid thinking about is that life will not always be like it is now, which is another reason to cherish the moments we have together. Life is precious, let's appreciate each moment. We can also turn to the Bible as a wonderful source of wisdom, as it reminds us of our responsibility to honor our vows. We made a pledge as we lit the unity candle, promising that having God at the center of our marriage would bind us together with Him. I heard someone say that marriage is finding that one special person you want to annoy for 50 years. Ha! But seriously, we do not need to be a marriage counselor to understand the dangers of al-

lowing the fires of our passion to grow cold. May we use our own imagination to come up with fresh ideas that can fan the embers of our love into a bonfire of affection? I would rather have someone give me a candy bar while telling me how much they love me than to receive elaborate, expensive gifts like a new house, car, or jewelry out of obligation. Character traits like respect, forgiveness, sacrifice, and humility are foundational pillars that strengthen the covenant bond with our spouse. Let's remember: God is love, and walking in communication with Him is the key to maintaining a lasting relationship with our soulmate. Dr. William Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, counselor, and author. To learn more about a life filled with purpose, visit: billyhol-landministries.com.



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Shelby Mattice

Chocolate: A Not So Sweet History

RAVENA — To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Friends of the RCS Community Library will welcome Shelby Mattice, curator of the Bronck Museum of the Greene County Historical Society, for a program exploring “Chocolate: A Not So Sweet History,” on July 23, at 6:30 p.m., in the library.

One could easily argue chocolate has become a ubiquitous part of favorite foods in America. How it became so available begins with the Aztecs and then spread with more than a little assistance from both the Catholic church and Milton Hershey.

Having received a BA cum laude in Anthropology from SUNY Albany in 1970, Mattice has been affiliated with the Bronck Museum since the summer of 1972. She completed the first comprehensive and systematic cataloging of the entire collection of the GCHS. And she continues to have responsibility for collections management, currently converting the Society’s collection records to a computer-based system.

In addition, Mattice has designed and installed a variety of special exhibits and is an active researcher with special interest in the social history of the 17th to the 19th centuries. That research has resulted in the development of the museum’s outreach programs for both adult and youth audiences.

In her free time, Mattice is an active gardener and past president of the Cocksackie Garden Club. When time permits, she also enjoys knitting, rug hooking and carpentry.

For a historical perspective of chocolate in America, community members are invited to attend this program on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m.

DEC aims to increase awareness of invasive species and their impact

ALBANY — The 13th annual Invasive Species Awareness Week concluded on Sunday, according to the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Agriculture and Markets.

Invasive species can have a substantial impact on local ecology.

“Invasive Species Awareness Week is an opportunity to engage and mobilize the public to protect local ecosystems, agricultural, and public health from the threats of invasive species,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “These harmful invaders outcompete native wildlife, damage recreational spaces, and cause economic harm. Through collaboration among tsate and local governments, environmental organizations, researchers, industry partners and the public, we can strengthen our efforts to detect, manage, and prevent invasive species. Whether you’re hiking, boating, gardening, or simply enjoying the outdoors, everyone has a role to play in safeguarding our environment for future generations.”

Reducing the spread of invasive species is something everyone can contribute to, she said. And invasive species can impact everything from the environment, local species, and even our food supply.

“Combating the spread of harmful invasive species like the box tree moth, Asian longhorned beetle, and spotted lanternfly is critical to protecting our agricultural industry,” Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball said. “We’re fortunate to have strong collaborations with our partners at DEC in advancing our shared mission of addressing these pests and their threat to New York agriculture and our natural resources. Together, we are working to educate farmers, plant growers and dealers, and the public about the impact of invasive species and how to preserve the health of New York’s farms, environment, and economy.”

Invasive species are plants, animals, insects and pathogens that are not native to an area and cause harm to the environment, agriculture, economy, or public health. New York is particularly vulnerable to these pests due to its role as a center for international trade and travel.

The DEC leads a comprehensive program to research, manage, and combat the effects of invasive species across New York state. This includes tackling aquatic invasive species like hydrilla, water chestnut, and northern snakehead, and forest pests such as southern pine beetle, laurel wilt, and hemlock woolly adelgid.

The DEC works with numerous partners and oversees eight state Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management

(PRISMs), which educate residents and visitors about how everyone can protect their lands, water, and forests from invasive species.

Agriculture and Markets works to control and eradicate various invasive species, such as the spotted lanternfly, European pepper moth, and European cherry fruit fly, which can harm New York’s agricultural crops, particularly grapes, hops, strawberries, peppers, and fruit trees. Staff conduct annual surveys for these pests, and inspect the state’s nearly 9,000 greenhouses, retail markets, and nursery growers and dealers for compliance with invasive plant regulations. Horticultural inspectors also monitor for invasive pests and diseases, such as Asian longhorned beetle and boxwood blight that are harmful to New York’s trees and popular landscape shrubs.

ISAW educates New Yorkers to work together to spread the word, not the species. Everyone can make a difference in the fight against invasives by helping to locate and map infestations, using only local firewood, properly cleaning watercraft before and after boating, cleaning dirt off boots after hiking, or removing invasive species from the yard.

To learn more about invasive species and how to get involved, visit DEC’s website at dec.ny.gov.

AG: Election protection hotline set for June primary



NYS Attorney General
Letitia James

ALBANY – New York Attorney General Letitia James announced that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will make its election protection hotline available for the June 23, primary election and during the early voting period, which runs from now through Sunday, June 21.

The key primary race in

Coeymans and Ravena will be the Democratic primary for the 102nd Assembly District seat being vacated by Republican Assemblyman Chris Tague. On the ballot will be Thomas Boomhower, Mary Finneran and Janet Tweed.

There will also be a Democratic primary for Albany County Court Judge, with John Czajka, Joseph Meeny and Tina Sodhi on the ballot.

The hotline will be available to troubleshoot and resolve a range of issues encountered by voters, including issues voting by mail or in person at their polling place. A guide addressing frequently asked questions is also currently available to assist voters with the vote-by-mail or early voting process, voter registration, and other issues.

“Our nation was built on the promise of fair and equal elections,” James said. “No one should feel unsafe or intimidated when casting their ballots in this month’s primary elections.

My office’s election protection hotline will be available throughout the elections to help voters with any challenges they encounter during the voting process, regardless of whether they choose to vote by mail, during early voting, or on Election Day.”

James urges voters experiencing election-related problems while voting to call the OAG hotline at (866) 390-2992, or submit a complaint online to request assistance. The telephone hotline will be open between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. during early voting (Saturday, June 13 through Sunday, June 21), and between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 23.

The hotline will also be available on the days before and after Election Day, Monday, June 22, and Wednesday, June 24, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Written requests for assistance may be submitted at any time through the online complaint form. Hotline calls and written

requests for assistance are processed by OAG attorneys and staff.

The OAG has operated its Election Protection Hotline since November 2012. During previous elections, OAG fielded hundreds — and sometimes thousands — of complaints from voters across the state and worked with local election officials and others to address issues. The OAG has also taken legal action to protect against voter registration purges and to ensure that voters have adequate and equitable access to vote early as required by law.

All registered voters have the right to accessible elections. On Election Day, polls are required to be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and if voters are in line before closing, they must be allowed to vote. In addition, all registered voters have the right to vote free from coercion or intimidation, whether by election officials or any other person.

Get outdoors and get together at Five Rivers

DELMAR — Celebrate nature at Five Rivers. Everyone is invited to take part in guided programs or explore the trails on your own at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, located at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The trails and grounds are open daily, from sunrise to sunset.

Here are upcoming programs at Five Rivers:

- **Backyard ‘Camp-in’**
Saturday, June 20, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Instead of camping out, participants will sample camping in, with simple things you can do in your own backyard. The group will set up a tent and crawl inside, build

a campfire, and make s’mores. It doesn’t have to be complicated to be fun. In the event of rain, tents will be set up indoors and eat s’mores “raw.” Space is limited. Call 518-475-0291 to register by Wednesday, June 17.

- **Community Science: Monarch Monitoring**
Thursdays, June 25 through Aug. 20, from 1-2 p.m.

For more than 20 years, data collected at Five Rivers has been contributed to this continent-wide community science project conducted through Monarch Joint Venture and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum. Join volunteers in the United States, Canada and

Mexico in conserving monarchs and advancing the understanding of butterfly ecology and migration in general. Wear long pants and bring a sun hat and water. Participants will meet at the visitor center. Visit the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project online to learn more about the project. Call 518-475-0291 by the Monday prior to register.

- **Guided Walk: Turtles, Beavers and Muskrats!**
Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m.

A favorite with families, the Beaver Tree Trail features several scenic overlooks and close approaches to Beaver Pond, with great chances to enjoy the animals that call the pond home. Participants will search

for turtles swimming in the water and sunning themselves. Beaver and muskrat are here too, and maybe if you are lucky a Great Blue Heron will be here to greet you. Space is limited. Call 518-475-0291 to register by Wednesday, June 24.

- **Guided Walk: A Fun Stroll on the Vlomankill Trail**
Saturday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Walk with Five Rivers staff along a beautiful trail that follows a stream. The stream is shaded by trees and is home to many different animals. Join in to look for deer, birds, and chipmunks. Space is limited. Call 518-475-0291 to register by Wednesday, June 24.

- **2026 Photography Exhibition**

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center’s photography exhibit returns this fall. Now is the perfect time to get outside and start capturing photographs. From wildlife and wide-open views to quiet details along the trails, there is nowhere like Five Rivers. Submissions are now being accepted. Complete the online submission form then drop off your framed photo at Five Rivers during regular visitor center hours. Visit <https://dec.ny.gov/places/five-rivers-center> or email SRVSpoto@gmail.com for more information. The exhibit will be on display Aug. 22 to Nov. 17.

Be tick-free this summer

ALBANY — Ticks are very small bugs that can spread Lyme and various other diseases through their bites.

Deer ticks live in shady, moist areas at ground level. They will cling to tall grass, brush and shrubs, usually no more than 18-24 inches off the ground. They also live in lawns and gardens, especially at the edges of woods and around old stone walls.

Once a tick gets on the skin, it usually climbs up the body until it reaches a pro-

tected area, such as under clothing.

Ticks are found throughout New York state and are common in tall grassy areas. To minimize the risk of getting a tick bite, you can take the following precautions:

- Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.
- Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots, and shirt into pants.
- Check clothes and any

exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors.

- Consider using insect repellent on your clothing.*
- Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Walk in the center of trails. Avoid dense woods and bushy areas.
- Keep long hair tied back.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after going indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that may be on you.

- Do a final, full-body tick check at the end of the day (also check children and pets), and remove ticks promptly.
- Follow your vet’s suggestion for regular flea and tick prevention treatment.
- *Personal Protection Using Pesticides: There are two classes of products that you might see on the shelf. Products that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are repellants. These products interfere with the host-find-

ing abilities of biting insects, making you hard to find. Products that contain permethrin and some plant-based oils are pesticides that kill these organisms on contact. They can be used to treat clothing, hats, shoes, and gear (backpacks, tents, etc.), and should never be applied to the skin for safety reasons. Make sure any product you apply is labeled as a tick repellent and ensure you read and closely follow the label directions.

Please visit the New York State Pesticide Administration Database (NYSPAD) on dec.ny.gov to search for personal insect repellents that are currently registered in New York.

To learn more about protecting yourself and your pets from ticks, visit DEC’s Be Tick Free webpage at dec.ny.gov or visit the New York State Department of Health.

Through the Woods:

It's birthing season

By Nancy Jane Kern

For Capital Region Independent Media

This is the happy time of year, and some of our cutest new babies are the offspring of our Virginia white-tailed deer.

Fall is the mating season, and over the winter the doe, or female deer, carries the developing fawn. The gestation period for our deer is about six months, and birth occurs in May or June. The new fawns can walk right away. They are kept hidden, aided by the protective coloration of a coat of white spotted reddish hair.

The doe spends her free time almost constantly eating grass to replenish body stores lost to the fawn and to have enough nutrients to produce milk. In a few weeks, the fawn is strong enough to follow its mother and can usually keep up with her.

The fawn's greatest hazards are being killed by cars while crossing roads and being killed by dogs or predators like bobcats, and possibly the worst threat of all, hungry coyotes. I have actually seen coyotes following deer in the spring. I wondered if they follow a mother to find the fawn or follow her until she gives birth. At either point, the fawn could be grabbed and killed.

The female coyotes also have young, and her hungry pups require a lot of meat. I usually find parts of fawns in my woods this time of year. It is sad, but everyone has to eat. Hopefully, a balance will be kept so predators do not exceed prey, and



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A coyote on the hunt.

we do not see an excessive decline in our deer.

The coyotes also eat a variety of other animals, including many field rodents. Several does with fawns are around the house, so they are now out of hiding. One doe has the cutest twins, and I see them for short periods, usually in my field. They can't walk through the thick grass so they leap above it in spring-loaded bounces.

One fawn has already come right up to the

back of the house. They are very curious. Mom is never happy about this, and eventually, the wayward child returns to safety.

Junior took off after Mom at an incredible speed. The little legs were almost a blur and it seemed a miracle they didn't tangle. I believe this little one would have outrun a dog. Some accounts say a deer can reach speeds of 35 mph or more. To me, this pair was faster and quickly disappeared

into the woods to safety. The fawn hoof prints are so tiny that they leave less scent to be followed.

Last week a friend and I were driving along a Hillsdale dirt road in Columbia County and saw a doe getting a drink from a nearby brook. Beneath her was the tiniest little fawn searching mom for a drink of milk. We didn't wait to see if it had success because we didn't want to stress them.

In a few weeks, the fawns will start nibbling grass and soon be weaned. This relieves mom from the milk burden and both can start strengthening and fattening up for the winter.

As fall approaches the deer start turning a grayish color as winter hair grows in. This is when the fawns gradually lose their spots and become the color of the mother. Another smaller adult deer may be seen near a doe and fawn and is probably a previous female fawn. These may stay with their mother for up to two years. The mother will strike at the older offspring to keep them at a distance from the new fawn. Male fawns usually leave their mother by one year old.

The best line of defense for the fawn is the sharp hooves of the very protective mother who can successfully drive off a predator. Be aware of this if approaching a fawn because you could receive serious injuries. Think spears.

If you find a fawn do not touch it and quietly retreat. Enjoy watching them from a distance. They grow quickly, and I will be observing their progress over the coming months and look forward to seeing some have fawns of their own.

Albany County awarded \$4.6M over 12 years in opioid settlement funds

ALBANY — Albany County will get nearly \$4.6 million over the next 12 years as part of a settlement with pharmaceutical companies.

Between 2026 and 2038, Albany County will receive \$4,594,430 in Direct Share Funding (Distributors, CVS, Walgreens, TEVA and Jassen), in addition to Regional Abatement funding (OASAS), the six remaining defendants' settlement and some part of the \$5.5 billion Purdue Pharma will provide to states and counties, according to Albany County Executive Dan McCov.

To date, Albany County has received nearly \$8.4 million in Opioid Settlement Funds. As of 2025 the

county has distributed nearly \$5.5 million of those funds back into the community, McCoy said.

Last week's announcement is a round of grants with more than \$460,000 being awarded to support both recovery services and prevention efforts in Albany County over the next two years. Part of that funding, \$262,900 will go to the Addiction Care Center of Albany (ACCA) to expand school-based substance use prevention services.

This program will bring prevention and early intervention services into three Albany County middle schools: Voorheesville, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, and the Albany Leadership Academy.

It is crucial to reach middle school students with prevention services, but ACCA educators are aware that there is a gap in services for these grades, according to McCoy.

With this increased funding, ACCA will expand their prevention services within these districts to include the middle school years of 6th through 8th graders. At the same time, in partnership with the Albany County Legislature, the county is awarding \$200,000 to support the work being done by Healthy Capital District (HCD) to help individuals in recovery become Certified Recovery Peer Advocates and Peer Supervisors.

Since 2023, HCD has trained 274

new CRPAs and 74% are currently working, volunteering or pursuing additional education. Of these, between 42% and 57% of the peers who were trained identified as BIPOC (Black/Indigenous/People of Color). Using their 2024 OSF Community Grant, 48 scholarships were provided to individuals in recovery who wanted to be certified as Recovery Peer Advocates.

In addition to an estimated 40 CRPA-Ps (Provisional), this year's grant will provide training scholarships and support for 35 peer supervisors; 20 criminal justice peers; 10 veteran peers; five family peers; and five youth peers. This funding will help cover training costs and schol-

arships, so people are not priced out of the opportunity to become certified and give back to their communities. It also creates pathways to long-term employment, leadership opportunities, and continued involvement in the recovery field.

Another important part of the program is the continued support for peer advocates once they begin volunteering or working in treatment and recovery settings throughout Albany County. Healthy Capital District will also focus outreach efforts on communities that are often underserved or overlooked because recovery resources need to be accessible to everyone, McCov said.

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JUNE 2026

- 18 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The band Northern Comfort will perform.
- 18 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 23 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 24 - RCS Middle School 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., at RCS High School, Route 9W, Coeymans.
- 25 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. Joseph Ishikawa will perform.
- 25 - RCS High School Graduation, 6 p.m., at Empire State Plaza Convention Center.
- 25 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.

JULY 2026

- 2 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The band Dusk Till Dawn will perform.
- 2 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 7 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 9 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The band Playin' with Fire will perform.
- 9 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 10 - 250th Celebration Block Party, 7-10 p.m., at Mosher Park.
- 11 - Ravena and Coeymans' 250th Celebration Parade, steps off at 12 p.m. from Mosher Park and concludes at Coeymans Landing. Festivities continue all day at Coeymans Landing. Fireworks at nightfall.
- 12 - Historical Community Activities celebration America's 250th anniversary. Various locations around the village and town.
- 16 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 16 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing.

- 21 - The band Dusk Till Dawn will perform.
- 21 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 23 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 23 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The Peaceful Country Band will perform.
- 28 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 30 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The Christine & Ellio Duo will perform.

AUGUST 2026

- 4 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 6 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 6 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The band Night Train! will perform.
- 13 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 13 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The East Berne Band will perform.
- 18 - Ravena Village Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 18-23 - The Altamont Fair, all day, at Altamont Fairgrounds, 129 Grand St., Altamont. Tickets for ages 11 and up are \$10 and under 10 are free (does not include rides). Unlimited ride wristbands are \$30 and do not include gate admission.
- 20 - Coeymans Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.
- 20 - Evening on the Green Concert Series, 6 p.m., at Coeymans Landing. The band Vinyl Analysis will perform.
- 25 - Ravena Village Board workshop, 6 p.m., at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.
- 27 - Coeymans Town Board meeting, 6 p.m., at Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena.

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Soft Paws



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Pasha and Girl are 12-year-old spaniel mixes who recently arrived at the shelter through no fault of their own. These lifelong companions have been together for as long as we know, and because of their close bond, they must be adopted as a pair. Girl is calm, gentle, and quietly affectionate, happy to soak up attention by your side. Pasha, on the other hand, is a social butterfly and never hesitates to show how excited he is to see you. Together, they make a sweet and loving duo with plenty of affection to give! Thanks to their easygoing personalities, Pasha and Girl would fit well into many types of homes, including those with children or other pets. They're simply looking for a family willing to give two deserving senior dogs a cozy place to call home. Both of their adoption fees are sponsored! They are pictured with CGHS/SPCA Animal Care Technician Sarah Ozmon.

Goodbye, beloved heart-dog

By Charlene Marchand
For Capital Region Independent Media

One of my friends shared this beautiful piece with me, not long after I had to say goodbye to my beloved heart-dog Cartier.

I am not ready yet to write about the incredible daily blessings he brought to my life. We shared deeply on many levels. His loss is still very painful. I trust our readers will love these words:

I’ve changed my ways a little: I cannot now
Run with you in the evenings along the shore,
Except in a kind of dream: and you, if you dream a moment,
You see me there.

So leave awhile the paw marks on the front door
Where I used to scratch to go out or in,
And you’d soon open; leave on the kitchen floor
The marks of my drinking-pan.

I cannot lie by your fire as I used to do
On the warm stone,
Nor at the foot of your bed: no, all the nights through
I lie alone.

But your kind thought has laid me less than six feet
Outside your window where firelight so often plays,
And where you sit to read — and I fear often grieving for me —
Every night your lamplight lies on my place.

You, man and woman, live so long, it is hard
To think of you ever dying.
A little dog would get tired living so long.

I hope than when you are lying

Under the ground like me your lives will appear
As good and joyful as mine.
No, dears, that’s too much hope: you are not so well cared for
As I have been.

And never have known the passionate undivided
Fidelities that I knew.
Your minds are perhaps too active, too many-sided. . . .
But to me you were true.

You were never masters, but friends. I was your friend.
I loved you well, and was loved. Deep love endures
To the end and far past the end. If this is my end,
I am not lonely. I am not afraid. I am still yours.

~ Robinson Jeffers, 1941

Feel free to call us with any questions at 518-828-6044 or visit our website at www.cghs.org. Our food bank is open to any from the public in need of pet food or for those wishing to donate food from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Spay/neuter clinics for cats are \$110 male or female, including a rabies vaccination and a 5-in-1 feline distemper combination vaccination. Nail clipping services are available every Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the shelter for a donation of \$10 for cats and \$15 for dogs (currently prepaid only).

Charlene Marchand is the chairperson of the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA Board of Directors. She may be contacted at cghsaaron@gmail.com.

Heart health and air pollution

Lung health is often the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about the negative effects of air pollution.

Exposure to air pollution can cause negative health effects, including coughing and difficulty breathing. Frequent exposure can lead to chronic conditions, such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). However, air pollution also affects the heart, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Long-term exposure to certain pollutants, such as particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), can contribute to an additional buildup of plaque in the coronary arteries. This plaque can restrict blood flow, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Children, the elderly, and those with certain pre-existing conditions are at a heightened risk of the negative effects of air pollution.

There are plenty of ways we can protect our heart health. While most days in New York state have clear skies and clean air, occasional poor air quality days do occur. You can be sure to know when this happens by checking the daily Air Quality Index (AQI) forecast and signing up to receive alerts when air quality health advisories are issued.

On days with poor air quality, limit outdoor physical activity.

Time outdoors is great for your health, not just for your heart but for the entire body. Time spent outside has been linked to lower blood pressure, heart rate, and stress hormones, as well as increased immune function.

Let’s all work together to keep our air clean and continue to enjoy the positive health benefits. Here are some easy steps everyone can take to improve air quality:

CLEAN AIR AT HOME

- Choose pump sprays instead of aerosol sprays: Aerosols waste much of the product, spewing it into the air (and your lungs) instead of where you want it. Non-aerosol products include roll-on deodorant, shaving soap, setting lotion or gel.
- Refuel garden equipment carefully: Spilled gasoline + sunlight and summer heat = pollution that irritates the lungs and causes smog. Use a spout or funnel to avoid spills and don’t overfill.
- Cleaner lawn and garden equipment: Small gas engines — like the engine in your mower, handheld leaf blower, and chainsaw — put out exhaust, just like cars. Unlike cars, these small engines don’t have pollution controls. Try electric or battery-powered models instead.
- Leaf blowers: Leaf blower emissions can affect air quality through fuel combustion and the blowing of dust particles. The fuel (evaporative and unburnt) and exhaust emissions consist of hydrocarbons (HC), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), carbon monoxide (CO), and fine particulate matter (PM). The amount of CO (carbon monoxide) emitted from a typical backpack leaf blower for just 1 hour is equal to CO coming from the tailpipe of a current year automobile operating for over 8 hours. For the other pollutants, the amounts are even greater. Leaf blowers push 300 to 700 cubic feet of air per minute at 150 to 280 MPH. The resulting dust can contain PM2.5 and PM10 particles, including pollen and mold, animal feces, heavy metals, and chemicals from herbicides and pesticides. Dust emissions from leaf blowers are not part of the USEPA inventory of fugitive dust sources. No data on the amount and size distributions of dust from leaf blower activities have been collected, although estimates for PM10 range from <1% up to 5% of the total generated statewide.

Instead:

- Use a mulching mower and stay off paved areas.
- Rake or sweep leaves, and compost or use for landscaping.
- Use an electric plug-in or battery operated yard vacuum. Many shred the leaves, so they are compacted and can be used as compost. Vacuums are also effective with needles.
- Use a battery operated or plug-in leaf blower. Electric blowers are generally quieter than gasoline models and do not generate ground-level exhaust emissions.
- If electric power is not available, consider an EPA approved 4-stroke internal combustion engine instead of a 2-stroke.
- Ensure the equipment is in proper working order - inspect the air filters, air intakes and muffler before operation.
- Operate the blower at the lowest possible throttle speed to do the job. Lower speeds reduce sound and give the operator maximum control. Full throttle is seldom necessary.
- Use the nozzle extension so the air stream is directed close to the ground to minimize dust. Pay close attention to the generation of dust. In dusty conditions, use mister attachments to slightly dampen surfaces.
- To clean an excessively dusty area, use a shovel to pick up the large debris.
- Don’t use leaf blowers to move large debris piles.
- Storing gasoline: Vapor escaping from gas cans creates tons of air pollution per day, including benzene, and ozone that makes asthma symptoms and smog worse. Buy a new gas can that seals automatically when the spout isn’t being used. The seal keeps the gas and vapors in the can where they belong. Use a metal or other newer approved gas can that can be easily handled and held.
- Use latex paints: Oil-based paints contain solvents that evaporate easily and give off fumes. Water-based latex paint has better color retention and releases less pollution into the air.
- Choose low volatile organic compound (VOC) products: Cleaning solvents, paints, stains and even personal care products with VOCs can emit toxic or otherwise harmful fumes. Avoid such items whenever possible, especially in winter when ventilation to the outside is limited.
- Check for fever with a digital thermometer: If an old-fashioned thermometer breaks, mercury can evaporate to form a harmful vapor. Never throw products containing mercury in the trash. Contact local authorities for disposal programs.
- Clean air grilling: Natural gas-fired grills produce the least air pollution, but fans of charcoal grilling can still green their BBQ.

Choose natural hardwood charcoal with high heat output and low ash. To heat coals, use a charcoal chimney starter and newspaper, thereby avoiding the fumes and dangers associated with lighter fluid.

- Campfires: Use unpainted and untreated woods to help reduce air toxins. Remember, burning trash causes pollution, health risks, and is illegal! Don’t leave your campfire, or any fire, unattended. Any outdoor fire that isn’t carefully made and watched can cause dangerous wildfires and polluting smoke. Follow DEC’s guidelines for camp fire safety.
- Eliminate burn barrels: Municipal waste incinerators operate at 1,800°F and use filters to reduce harmful emissions, but backyard burn barrels — which are illegal — rarely exceed 500°F and release up to 40 times the amount of toxins and pollutants as permitted facilities. Plastics, foils, batteries and chlorine-bleached paper are especially bad. There are other options for leaf disposal. Brush of a certain size may be burned in towns with populations under 20,000, but not between March 16 and May 14. Contact DEC’s Division of Air at DAR.Web@dec.ny.gov with questions.
- Have your heating system checked and cleaned: Oil-fired systems should be serviced every year; gas-fired systems should be serviced every three years. Regular maintenance increases the lifespan of heating systems, reducing heating costs and lowering particulate and carbon monoxide emissions.

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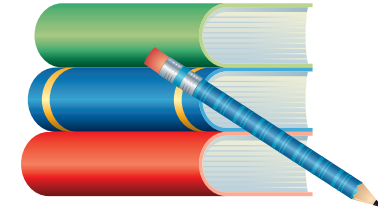
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Learning In Our Schools



A.W. Becker enjoys the great outdoors during Field Day

RAVENA - COEY-MANS-SELKIRK — With the countdown to the end of the school year still ticking, the students and faculty

at A.W. Becker Elementary School enjoyed their annual Field Day.

In addition to outdoor

activities, students met with members of the Selkirk Fire Department, who were on hand to share their truck and equipment — and let the kids try out working the firehose.

Check out photos from the day’s festivities, courtesy of the RCS Central School District.



DEC: The lives of amphibians

ALBANY — Amphibians are amazing creatures native to New York and living in this area, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Here are some facts about the amphibians that live right here in the Capital Region.

AMPHIBIAN HABITAT OR ‘HOMES’

When viewing habitat that amphibians occupy, it is important to think about each naturally occurring piece—such as the soil, water, vegetation, exposure to bedrock, the amount of sunlight the water and vegetation receive—as distinct parts of their landscape. When these come together and create a place for certain water-loving vertebrates to call home, they can thrive in the resulting conditions and interactions that we define as ecology.

Some amphibians rely on different habitats (both wet and dry areas) for emergence, breeding activities, emigration away from breeding habitat, and lastly, migration back into overwintering habitat.

Some species shift their use of habitat in rather obvious ways and others make very non-descript changes in use of habitat to fulfill their life cycles.

VERNAL POOLS

Each spring, as snowmelt and seasonal rains collect in shallow depressions across New York’s forests and fields, a unique and highly productive ecosystem emerges: the vernal pool. These temporary wetlands, which typically dry out by late summer, play a critical role in supporting amphib-



COURTESY OF WILLIAM HOFFMAN

This northern red-backed salamander (*Plethodon cinereus*) is exhibiting a unique phenotype, or color phase, called erythrism (an excess of red pigment). The exact reason for this type of coloration is not known

ian populations and maintaining regional biodiversity.

Vernal pools are small wetlands that form in the spring and persist just long enough to provide ideal breeding habitat for certain amphibians and invertebrates. Due to the seasonality of vernal pools, they don’t support fish, an important feature that reduces predation on eggs and larvae.

Several amphibian species in New York rely

almost exclusively on vernal pools for reproduction. Known as obligate vernal pool breeders, they require these habitats to complete their life cycles. Among the most notable are:

- Wood frogs: Often the first to breed, sometimes while ice still rims the pools. Their distinctive “quacking” calls signal the start of the season.
- Spotted salamanders: Known for their striking yellow spots, these amphibians migrate to

pools on rainy spring nights to lay egg masses attached to submerged vegetation.

- Jefferson salamanders: More elusive, these salamanders depend on undisturbed forested habitats surrounding vernal pools.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Even small actions can help sustain the delicate balance that vernal pools provide. Landowners, farmers, and community members can play an important role in protecting vernal pools via:

- Habitat protection: Avoid filling or altering seasonal wetlands; maintain forest buffers around known pool sites.
- Limit chemical use near vernal pools: Glyphosate-based herbicides often used for targeted weed suppression and neonicotinoid insecticides used in some commercial agricultural practices are both detrimental to amphibians living in and near vernal pools.
- Participate in local conservation efforts: The Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Program (AM&RC) engages volunteers to ensure the safe road crossing of amphibians during late winter/spring breeding season.

Vernal pools may be temporary, but their ecological significance is enduring. By supporting amphibian populations and enriching surrounding ecosystems, these seasonal wetlands are a vital part of New York’s native ecosystem.

Protecting them ensures that the chorus of spring peepers and the quiet return of salamanders remain a lasting tradition for generations to come.

TCI provides Work Based Learning Opportunities

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DEC announces season’s deer harvest estimates

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton recently 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 five-year average.

“It is clear that deer hunters took advantage of expanded crossbow hunting opportunities this past season,” said 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 nine 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 nec-

essary 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 at dec.ny.gov.

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Staying safe in heat and thunderstorms

ALBANY — With hot weather and strong thunderstorms likely over the next few months, Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy is urging residents to take precautions to stay safe.

“I encourage everyone to stay informed, take the proper precautions, and look out for one another,” McCoy said. “Drink plenty of water, limit prolonged time outdoors during the hottest parts of the day, and have a plan in place should severe weather develop. These conditions can be especially dangerous for seniors, young children, and those with underlying health conditions. Let’s remain vigilant and take care of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones.”

After several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate hydration, heat exhaustion may develop. The elderly and those with high blood pressure are the most vulnerable. Heavy perspiration, paleness, cramping in the muscles, fatigue, weakness, headache, nausea, vomiting, and fainting are some of the symptoms. Skin could be damp and cold. Pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness and occurs when the body can’t control its temperature and could be deadly. Symptoms include an extremely high body temperature (above 103F); red, hot and dry skin (no sweating); rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion and unconsciousness.

Guidance from the Albany County Department of Health:



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With summer heat and thunderstorms headed our way, the county is offering tips to stay safe.

- partment of Health:
- HEAT SAFETY**
- Stay inside in air-conditioning when you can.
 - Drink lots of water, even if you don’t

- feel thirsty.
- Try not to be outside during the hottest part of the day (3-5 p.m.).
 - Never leave kids or pets in a car.
 - Wear light-colored, loose clothes if you

- must go outside.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who might need help staying cool.
- SIGNS OF HEAT ILLNESS**
- Heat exhaustion: Heavy sweating, feeling weak, dizzy, sick to your stomach, or having a headache.
 - Heat stroke: Hot dry skin, confusion, or passing out. This is an emergency. Call 911 right away.
- THUNDERSTORM SAFETY**
- Thunderstorms may bring strong winds, hail, and lightning.
 - When you hear thunder, go indoors right away.
 - Stay inside for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.
 - Stay away from windows.
 - Avoid using corded electronics during the storm.
 - If you are outside, stay away from tall objects, open fields, and water.
 - If you are driving, slow down, use headlights, and never drive through flooded roads.
- POWER OUTAGE TIPS**
- Keep phones and backup batteries charged.
 - Use flashlights instead of candles.
 - Keep fridge and freezer doors closed to help food stay cold longer.
- Stay tuned to local weather updates and take steps to protect yourself and others.
- The National Weather Service has a Heat Risk Tool that updates hourly to show the current heat risks. The link is <https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heatrisk/>.

DEC announces opening of 2026 black bass season

ALBANY — New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced the open (harvest) season for black bass (large-mouth and smallmouth bass) began on Monday, June 15, and extends through Monday, Nov. 30.

A catch-and-release season for New York’s most popular freshwater sportfish exists in most of the state from Dec. 1 through June 14. Variations in minimum length and daily limits exist for some waters, so anglers are encouraged to check the current fishing regulations before heading out.

“New York anglers are fortunate to have some of the best bass fishing opportunities in the country,” Lefton said. “Whether you’re fishing a top-ranked water such as Lake Erie, the St. Lawrence River, and Oneida Lake, or just a local fishing hole,

catching a big bass is just a cast away here in New York.”

Bass fishing is another fun way for New Yorkers get out and enjoy nature, and the open season further supports Gov. Kathy Hochul’s “Get Offline, Get Outside” initiative that promotes physical and mental health by helping encourage New York’s kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings.

Visit DEC’s Places to Fish and Warmwater Fishing webpages for more information on where to go bass fishing, as well as the Tackle Box feature in the HuntFishNY mobile app.

The New York State Department of Health provides advice to anglers about what fish are safe to eat and how often. Visit DOH’s website to search by waterbody location at health.ny.gov.

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USMCA turbulence straight ahead

The Retired Investor



BILL SCHMICK

The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is up for review on July 1, 2026. If all three countries agree, the present deal could be extended for another 16 years. If not, the agreement can continue or not.

The amount of trade involved is significant. Last year, because of the agreement, Mexico became the U.S.'s top trading partner, with total bilateral trade totaling \$873 billion (15.6% of all goods exported and imported by the U.S.). Canada comes in second place with \$719 billion worth of trade (12.8% of goods).

Both countries have surpassed China, which fell to third place. Both countries are America's largest sources of imports and account for one-

third of U.S. goods exports. The USMCA is the world's most integrated manufacturing bloc.

Old timers may remember the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect on January 1, 1994. Prior to that, Canada and the U.S. had hammered out a free trade agreement in 1988. Things appeared to be going quite well until President Donald Trump hit the scene. During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump blamed NAFTA for the country's trade deficit with Mexico and for the loss of American jobs.

As was his way, Trump demanded NAFTA be renegotiated, or he would walk away from the pact. Negotiation began in August 2017 and took more than a year before all parties agreed to a deal. It was less an overhaul of NAFTA than a modest adjustment despite the president's demands and later claims. The name was changed to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement and was ratified on July 1, 2020.

The required review of the pact was expected to be a formality and, at worst, a technical review, but anything that has to do with trade under Trump's second term is anything but. This time, it is Canada, not Mexico, that is

at loggerheads with American officials. Readers may recall that when Trump launched his global trade war last year, many economists had predicted enormous damage.

It didn't happen for one important reason — USMCA. Much of American trade is protected under the trade pact. Autos, natural gas, crude oil, lumber, and much of the manufacturing base were sheltered thanks to the extended supply chains that encompass North America. This pipeline of goods required time, effort, and enormous investments that required decades to build.

Trump's tariff wars have ignited deep tensions between all three countries. Trump has blamed America's fentanyl addiction on both countries. Tariffs on both trading partners on steel, aluminum, autos, lumber, and more have been met by retaliation.

Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney has said these tariffs violate their trade agreement. Canadian provinces agree. As a result, they have banned U.S. wine and liquor imports. Canadians, in general, are more than irritated with Trump's policies and trashing of their country in comments and on social media. Many have crossed off the U.S. for vacation rentals and second homes as a result.

A major sticking point is the back-door policies of China and other foreign countries to use both Mexico and Canada to avoid tariffs by funneling goods into the North American market under the free trade agreement. That does not sit well with Canada, which has recently established new trade agreements with China.

Recently, United Auto Workers' President Shawn Fain spoke out against the renewal of USMCA unless big changes were negotiated. The head of the 400,000-member union, like Trump before him, blames the trade agreement and NAFTA before it for the loss of millions of American auto manufacturing jobs.

He wants to set a North American minimum wage that would guarantee Mexican auto workers would receive equal pay with their American counterparts. He would also like to see tougher penalties for violations of workers' rights and quotas requiring more vehicles to be manufactured in the countries where they are sold.

Fain is one of the few voices in the auto industry that supports higher tariffs on autos. In reply, auto company executives argue that Fain's recommendations would only increase car prices at a time when few Americans can af-

ford them, while destroying a supply chain system that took decades to build.

Negotiations on the pact have thus far only included Mexico. The UAW's recent stance may complicate negotiations with Mexican officials. As for Canada, Carney has told U.S. officials that Canada is not interested in making further concessions to join the discussions. However, Dominic LeBlanc, Canada's Minister of Trade, and Janice Charette, the country's chief trade negotiator, recently met with U.S. Trade Representative Jameson Greer.

Canada presented specific, detailed trade proposals, though the meeting did not mark the start of formal negotiations. LeBlanc admitted that "this trip has not been without some turbulence." The delay in starting discussions, with a deadline less than a month away, led some to believe that there is a possibility that two separate trade agreements may be required, one for the south and another for the north.

Foreign car companies have threatened to pull their cheapest models out of the U.S. market if the three-country trade deal isn't renewed or if it is renegotiated along the lines of the UAW's wishes. Nissan, Hyundai, and Toyota

are part of only a handful of car manufacturers offering small, more affordable cars for U.S. consumers.

Given what is at stake, the odds of the trade pact surviving July are high. Looking at past treaties, negotiations always took longer than the allotted time before a deal was struck. In this case, if no agreement is reached by the deadline, the deal continues under Article 34.7 of the USMCA but shifts to annual reviews rather than the 16-year period ending in 2042.

If that were the case, investment in supply chains, the broadening of cooperation to include areas such as digital trade, IP, and regulatory cooperation would likely erode due to the uncertainty involved in annual reviews versus a 16-year time horizon.

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I'm being released from incarceration. What are my Social Security options?

Social Security Matters



RUSSELL GLOOR

Dear Rusty:

In a previous column, you wrote about people who filed for Social Security late in life. I am currently incarcerated and will be filing for Social Security in the fall of 2029. I will be 74 years old in the first week of January 2029.

Unless I read it wrong, could I be eligible to collect

the previous six months? If this is so, how would that work? Would I get that all at once or incrementally?

According to the chart we once got in the mail, I should be collecting the maximum amount. I've worked all of my life and never collected Social Security before. Also, my ex-wife remarried and has since passed away. Do I qualify for part of her Social Security?

Signed, "D" in Danbury
Dear "D" in Danbury:

I'm afraid you cannot receive Social Security benefits while you are incarcerated, even if you are eligible for them prior to your release. Thus, you cannot get retroactive Social Security benefits for any period you were still incarcerated.

For clarity, although most who apply at a later age (e.g., in their 70s) do have the option to claim retroactive ben-

efits, you cannot get any SS benefits for any month you were still incarcerated. Further, you will not get credit for delaying your application for SS benefits while you are incarcerated (you won't earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) during your incarceration).

Assuming (from what you shared) that you expect to be released from incarceration in the fall of 2029, you can apply for your SS benefits to start upon your release. Be aware, however, that it usually takes several months for your application for SS benefits to be processed, and you can specify the month you wish your benefits start.

Your benefit amount will be based upon your average monthly earnings for the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime. But you cannot get retroactive SS ben-

efits for time prior to your release from incarceration.

Since Social Security does not pay benefits for partial months, you can file for your SS benefits to start effective with the month following the month in which your incarceration ends. Be sure you have your official prison release documentation (parole or discharge papers) in hand when you apply for your Social Security benefits.

FYI, some correctional facilities have a "Prerelease Agreement" with Social Security, which may enable you to file for your SS benefits three to four months prior to your release from incarceration. Be sure to check with your facility to see if they have such an agreement with Social Security and, if so, use it to apply for your benefits in advance of your release. This will facilitate

your SS benefits starting more quickly upon your release.

You did not ask about health care coverage, but since you will be eligible for Social Security, you will also be eligible for Medicare upon your release. When you apply for your Social Security benefits, you can also apply for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services), the premium for which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

FYI, Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) is free and automatic because you are also eligible for Social Security.

Finally, regarding survivor benefits from your ex-wife, you can only get a surviving ex-spouse benefit if you were married for more than 10 years and your own

SS retirement amount is less than your ex-wife was receiving at her death. In other words, you can only get one SS benefit — either your own or your deceased ex-wife's amount, whichever is higher.

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BILL SCHMICK

Momentum traders can't get enough of all things AI.

The entire technology sector is on fire. Other areas of the market are struggling. Concentration risk is rising, but that's nothing new, and most traders are optimistic.

That doesn't mean all is well. On the geopolitical front, the U.S. and Iran are still not playing nice. Recently, missiles were exchanged. The present arrangement is almost comical. The definition of ceasefire is a "temporary halt to active fighting between opposing forces in

an armed conflict." That is not what is happening, but the Trump White House and evidently the majority in Congress insist that this fictional ceasefire is in place.

Amidst these tensions, some well-placed cabinet members, such as Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, are claiming that a 60-day ceasefire is in the works. But he hedged his bets, claiming the president must agree to it, and it may not hold in any case. Supposedly, it's an agreement to allow Iranian oil to ship in exchange for the opening of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's non-existent navy would also remove the mines they planted.

But what about the nuclear issue? Oh, that both sides agree to negotiate over the next 60 days and come to a solution. Of course, Iran has already said it is not up for discussion, but what the heck, the administration gets more time and hopefully a little lower oil prices in exchange for Iran's ability to profit from its oil sales.

Building on recent discus-

sions, remember I explained that we were approaching a critical line in the sand in the next few weeks on global oil supplies. A 60-day ceasefire kicks the can down the road for two more months. In any case, oil prices have subsided, trading around \$88.37/bbl., which is an improvement of sorts. It is enough to relieve investors' fears that we are on the brink of oil Armageddon.

With that reprieve in oil markets, investors can turn their attention to other things, like the knock-your-socks-off results of first-quarter earnings. Analysts entered the season predicting an average earnings growth rate of 13%. That was more than respectable, but that is not what happened. Instead, companies' earnings results doubled that estimate, chalking up 28.4% overall.

I had to look back to the second quarter of 2021 to find a comparable period where earnings were as good. More than 84% of companies beat Wall Street's

earnings projections — and not by a little. The usual quarterly beat rate is about 7%. This time, the average beat was by 18%!

Some analysts are questioning whether, in some cases, these earnings were inflated by the AI boom. Meta, Alphabet, and Amazon were the largest contributors to the S&P 500's surging earnings growth. All three reported unusually large contributions from outside their core business. Their private equity investments in Anthropic, for example, threw off billions in profit for the quarter.

While sales were higher than expected, 9.7% gains versus 8.2% forecasted, it was profit margins that astounded the equity market. They came in at 14.8%. This has never happened before and was the highest in history. Given these results, is it any wonder that analysts are now projecting 18% earnings growth for the S&P 500 for the full year?

Meanwhile, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge,

the PCE for April, came in at 3.8%, almost double the Fed's 2% inflation target. First-quarter GDP was also revised downward to 1.6% due to weaker investment and lower consumer spending. You can forget about an interest rate cut this year, in my opinion.

Looking at market movement in May, all the worries about how long it would take companies to begin showing profits from AI spending have fallen by the wayside. Tech was up 13.25%, led by semiconductors. Beyond tech, consumer discretionary gained 5%, and everything else gained by less than that, with materials and energy. Financials and utilities are down.

As I wrote before, inflation remains a problem for the economy. As a result, investors are seeking stocks and sectors where price appreciation keeps pace with, or even beats, inflation. Obviously, tech was where investors flocked to in this kind of environment.

The euphoria over the up-

coming IPOs of three mega tech companies—SpaceX, OpenAI, and Anthropic—is feeding market participants' animal spirits and helping drive stocks higher. That said, markets remain overbought and are due for a pullback. Exactly when that happens is anyone's guess.

My guess is that sometime after the SpaceX offering, we might see some profit-taking.

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Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation News

• **250 anniversary events are being planned in Coeymans Hollow:**

There are many events being planned in the Town of Coeymans for July 10, 11, and 12 to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. In Coeymans Hollow a variety of events will be held on Sunday, July 12, at various locations beginning at noon. Events and tours will be held at the Chimney Top, Coeymans Hollow United Methodist Church, The Little Red Schoolhouse, The Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation, and the Ravena Grange. As we get closer in the weeks to come, watch out for the schedule of events in Coeymans Hollow and throughout the town.

• **Recruitment and retention:**

There is a desperate need for new volunteers to help protect the community. The number of members in the volunteer fire service is dwindling not only in local volunteer fire departments but nationwide, and help is needed. The number of volunteers is going down while call volume is on the rise. With summer upon us, the need is even more critical.

Many members take family vacations and will not be available to answer your call, which leaves the numbers even lower than at any other time of the year. Active interior and exterior firefighters, EMS personnel, fire police, ladies auxiliary members and associate members are needed to assist with many committees. There is a job for everyone. These are volunteers here to protect lives and property in the Coeymans Hollow Fire District as well as providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring fire companies. They will provide all the equipment and training for you to become a member of the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Corporation and you could also get paid for some of the required training courses. If you are between the ages of 16 and 18 and are interested in being a junior volunteer in the fire service, please call or stop by the firehouse. For junior firefighters, remember — volunteering for your community looks good on your college or work application. You can make new friends and learn new skills while

taking an active role in protecting your community. Think about it — if you don't volunteer, who will? For more information or to obtain an application, call 518-756-6310 or stop by and check it out on Tuesdays on drill nights, beginning at 7 p.m. The life and property you save by becoming a volunteer may be within your own family or with your neighbors.

• **Paid firefighting training now available:**

New York state and Homeland Security are now compensating volunteer firefighters for taking Basic Exterior Fire Fighting Operations (\$750), Interior Firefighting Operations (\$1,250), and Fire Officer Training (\$1,000) when you successfully complete a course. For more information, please contact and join your local volunteer fire company. All local volunteer fire companies need help.

• **Basic Wildland Fire Suppression Training stipend now being offered:**

Gov. Kathy Hochul and the Department of Environmental Conservation have announced that due to the increase in wildland fires because of global warming, New York state will reimburse firefighters who complete the wildland fire course a \$250 stipend. The course is designed to give new firefighters the skills needed when tackling wildfires.

• **Events scheduled by neighboring fire companies and community groups:**

- Coeymans Riverfront Farmers Market will be on Thursday, June 18, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Evening on the Green will be held every Thursday at Coeymans Landing beginning at 6 p.m. All concerts are weather permitting.
- The band Northern Comfort will be performing at Evening on the Green on Thursday, June 18, at Coeymans Landing beginning at 6 p.m.

• **Safety tip:**

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ALIRAH PEOPLE STUDIO LLC AOO filed w SSNY 02/17/2026. Off:AlbanyCo. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 7014 13th Ave,#202,BRKLYN,NY, 11228. Pur: any lawful act.

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Notice of Qualification of CAST IRON RADIATORS NORTH AMERICA, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/08/2026. Office location: Albany County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed on 11/10/2025. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, Albany, NY, 12207. Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 16192 Coastal Highway, Lewes, Delaware, 19958 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: APEXSTAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on **May 13, 2026**. Office location: **Albany** County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to:418 Broadway STE R Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Filing of Application of Authority in New York by C. J. Vanderbeck & Son, LLC, Application of Authority filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on May 15, 2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of Copperhaus LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC: 418 Broadway #8224, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ETHER & AIR BREATHWORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/03/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Qualification of EAST COAST COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS, LLC. Certificate of Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/2026. Office location: Albany County. Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed on 10/03/2023. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY STE R , ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Articles of Organization originally filed with Secretary of State (SOS). 517 Ebbtide Dr North Palm Beach, FL 33408 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of DREAMELEC LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/06/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NEW YORK REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY STE Y, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Huber Holdings 4, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/27/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Huber Holdings 4, LLC: 236 Broome Street, Catskill, NY 12414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of HUDSON MYERS PSYCHOLOGIST PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/24. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY STE R , ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of IA RIDES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/06/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of J & Z DELIVERY SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to ZEN BUSINESS: 41 STATE STREET SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of FEENIX COLLECTIVE HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/29/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NEW YORK REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE Y, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Joy Vision LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/31/2028. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Latham Field LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on May 6, 2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at 300 Lonnstrom Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LOQUER CAPITAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/72025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 418 Broadway STE R Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MAIN RITUAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MILL STREET MAPLE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to MILL STREET MAPLE, LLC C/O DAVID MULFORD: 803 MILL STREET, WINDHAM, NY, 12496, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Monolith LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/09/2025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Molx Daiem Therapy LCSW, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/2025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MUNSUA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/3/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MUM'S NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MPL UTILITY CONSULTANTS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to MPL UTILITY CONSULTANTS LLC: PO Box 250, Round Top, NY 12473. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOSS AND MARKER LLC Notice of Formation of MOSS AND MARKER LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on April 14, 2026. Office location: Columbia County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to: Corynne Razos 50 Five Roses Rd E Ancram, NY 12502 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK:
COUNTY COURT
COUNTY OF GREENE

FELICIA MCGLOCKTON,
as Executrix of the
Estate of Kenny
McGlockton,
Plaintiff,
-against-
JOSE A. FIGUEROA,
Defendant.

SUMMONS WITH
NOTICE
Index No.: 2006-399
TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANT:
You are hereby

summoned to appear
in this action by serving
a notice of appearance
on the plaintiffs attorney
within thirty (30) days after
service of this summons
is complete and in case
of your failure to appear,
judgment will be taken
against you by default for
the relief demanded in the
complaint filed herein.
Dated: May 22, 2026
To the defendant Jose A.
Figueroa:
The foregoing summons
is served upon you by
publication pursuant to
an order of the Honorable
Charles Tailleur, Greene
County Court Judge
Signed the 21st day of
May, 2026

and filed on the 26th day
of May, 2026 with the
complaint in the office of
the Clerk of the County
of Greene, at the county
office building in the
Village of Catskill, NY.
The object of this action
is for an order canceling a
note and mortgage from
Jose A. Figueroa to Felicia
McGlockton as Executrix
of the Estate of Kenny
McGlockton where Jose
A. Figueroa is mortgagee
to Kenneth McGlockton
is the mortgagor which
mortgage was dated
October 15, 2013, and
recorded in the Greene
County Clerk's Office in
Book 3170 of Mortgages
at Page 293, on the
grounds that the same
has been paid in full,
and on the alternative
ground that the statute
of limitations to commence
a mortgage foreclosure
action has expired.

/S/
Ralph C. Lewis, Jr.
Lewis & Benoit
Attorneys for Plaintiff
PO Box 383, 287 Main St.
Catskill, NY 12414
518-943-6667

Notice of formation of
XPDynamics LLC. Articles
of Organization filed with
the Secretary of State of
NY (SSNY) on 06/04/2026.
Office location: Albany
County. SSNY designated
as an agent of Limited
Liability Company (LLC)
upon whom process
against it may be served.
SSNY should mail
process to NORTHWEST
REGISTERED AGENT
LLC: 418 Broadway STE
N Albany, NY 12207.
Purpose: Any lawful
purpose.

Notice of formation of REAL ESTATE COURSES USA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/27/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to TODD J. DROWLETTE: tdrowlette@titancommercialrealtygroup.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of WINDHAM WILDFLOWER, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to WINDHAM WILDFLOWER, LLC C/O TOM CALKINS: 62 COLONIAL DR, SOUTHURDY, CT, 06488, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Triple Shore LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of The Buying Desk LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Luxe Comforting Hands LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Nursing services.

Notice of formation of NATANOVFUND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/26/2025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC: 418 Broadway STE R Albany, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of DVA2 Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/24/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Janan Bergen: 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Whispering Canopy LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 02/18/2026. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is in Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the limited liability company at Rachael Cartier 37 Western Avenue Watervliet, NY 12190. Company is organized for rental property.

Notice of formation of Panther Writing Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 15, 2025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of WINDHAM WILDFLOWER, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to WINDHAM WILDFLOWER, LLC C/O TOM CALKINS: 62 COLONIAL DR, SOUTHURDY, CT, 06488, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Spectra4D LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of REVIRA LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/12/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ASA 100 Film Productions LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of

Notice of formation of NEEDLEWORK NOOK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to C/O THE LLC: 24 GREENRIDGE DRIVE, CLIFTON PARK, NY 12065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Number Stack Bookkeeping, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 418 Broadway Ste R, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agency LLC: 418 Broadway, STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of REAL DEAL TRANSPORTERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of REPAIRS IN TIME LLC. Arts of Org filed with the SSNY on 05/28/2026. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agt upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 7001 Brush Hollow Rd., Ste 214, Westbury, NY 11590 Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of formation of What GPA Do You Need, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/02/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent LLC: 418 Broadway Ste Y, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Steambird 2 LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of More More More LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Get it Write Consulting LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/29/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Consulting and professional writing service.

Notice of formation of DateOS LLC. Articles of Org.

Notice of Formation of Nice Day Bushwick LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/06/2026. Office location: ALBANY County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to 136 East 56th Street, Unit 11k, New York, NY 10022. All lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of NY REAL ESTATE COURSES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/27/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to DEREK V. BROWN: 12 METRO PARK ROAD, SUITE 212, ALBANY, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of PJMA House LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/19/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PJMA House LLC: 6 Greenwood Drive, Cossackie, New York 12051. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of RECIPERAMA LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Saulera, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/03/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc.: 418 Broadway STE R, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of VICKY MESRIE PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/30/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New York Registered Agent: 418 BROADWAY STE Y, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/01/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Software SaaS.

Notice of formation of Proko Design Products LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of NY Sugar Maple Properties LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/23/2025. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Green

Notice of Formation of Nolte Family Legacy, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/5/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC at c/o c/o Nolte, 10 Apple Blossom Lane, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of On That Dai LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/01/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Pink Lotus HomeBuyers, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/26. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY, STE R ALBANY, NY, 12207, USA. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the limited liability company is Simply Loren, LLC (The LLC).
2.The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Department of State was May 13, 2026.
3. The county in New York in which the offices of the LLC are located is Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served against the LLC to The LLC, 32 Aviation Road, Apt. 307, Albany, NY 12205.
5. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. BORGOS & DEL SIGNORE, P.C. 82 Glenwood Avenue Queensbury, New York 12804 (518) 793-4900

Notice of formation of VALJBAG LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY, STE R, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Light Freight & Logistics LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Trucking Logistics Firm.

Notice of formation of TOPTICA Holdings LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/02/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of PM Sampa Holdings LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Adam

Notice of formation of NORTHSTAR BRAND GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC.: 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ORBES TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/08/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Pine And Paw, LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with Secretary of State (SSNY) was May 19, 2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207, USA. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.

Notice of formation of SOPHIA CPA LLP. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent LLC: 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SPILLED WRITING LLC Arts of Org filed with SSNY 01/09/2026.Off.AlbanyCo. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BRKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Trueglogy Fit LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/01/25. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Out of Many Childcare LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Provide childcare and child development services.

Notice of formation of Haus of Cav. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/11/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of TICK-ING POINT LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/01/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Iova

Notice of formation of Sir Press. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 03/11/2026. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the limited liability company at REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES INC. 54 STATE STREET, STE 804, ALBANY, NY, 12207, USA. Company is organized for Sir Press is an on demand laundry and dry-cleaning pickup and delivery service offering expert garment care. Customers schedule online while the service handles cleaning, folding, and delivery.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OWL RETURNS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Sec. of State of NY (SOS) on 09/16/2025. Office location: Albany County, the street address of the LLC's office has not yet been determined. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to The LLC 2044 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of PIED A TERRE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2025. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of South East Wolf Road LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/25/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Swyer Co.: 4 Tower Place, Albany, N.Y. 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of STUDIO HAMIKRA, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/05/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Guenther LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/29/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for Technology Consulting.

Notice of formation of Fiona Systems LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Medina & Co. Consulting, By The Books LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/17/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to REGISTERED AGENTS INC. at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. REGISTERED AGENTS INC. is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE R ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Idared

Notice of Formation of DSR ADVISORY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/18/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

PEAVY CAPABILITIES LLC Arts of Org filed with SSNY 01/07/2026. Off:Albany Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 7014 13th Ave, #202, BRKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of Pemberton 5 Asset LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/27/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Terry Pemberton: 6 North Clement Avenue, Ravena, NY 12143. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of SINGER PSYCHOLOGY PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/27/2026. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as an agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to SINGER PSYCHOLOGY PLLC: 1133 BROADWAY, STE 1127, NEW YORK, NY, 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of SPCTR LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York State Dept. of State on 5/16/2026. The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is located in is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is to the limited liability company at Maykwan Spector, 127 West 72nd St, Apt 5F.

Notice of formation of Three Hounds Landscaping LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/12/2026. Office location: Greene County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to LLC: PO Box 854, Leeds, NY 12451. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

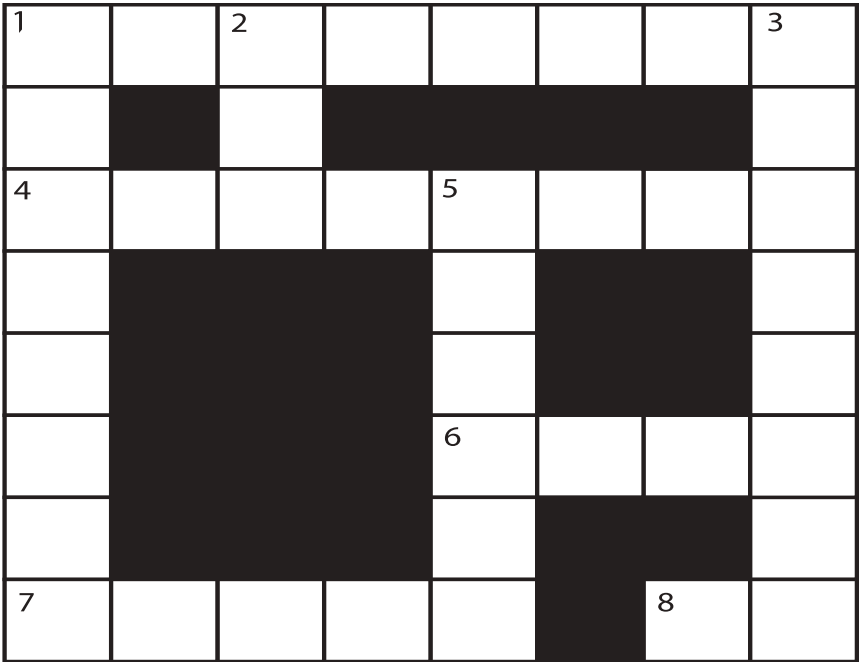
studio LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/29/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for general business services.

Notice of formation of Valence Syndicate LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Berry Street Research Group LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/04/2026. Office location: ALBANY County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail service of process to NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 418 BROADWAY STE N ALBANY, NY 12207. Company is organized for any lawful purpose.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Special church
- 4. Something that happened
- 6. Contraction for "is not."
- 7. Impressive
- 8. Opposite of down

DOWN

- 1. Structure with roof and walls
- 2. Short for "second"
- 3. Phrase meaning summit: _ _ _
- 5. Refused to obey

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1896: One of the deadliest tsunamis in Japan's history occurs off the coast of Honshu.

1940: Allied troops begin to evacuate France after Germany's takeover of Paris.

1977: The first democratic elections take place in Spain.



BEDROCK

the solid rock layer deep underground that supports skyscrapers

Science FACT:



These buildings are designed to be flexible, which prevents them from snapping as they get taller.

Answer: Skyscrapers

Down
1. Building 2. Sec 3. At the top 5. Defied

Across
1. Basilica 4. Incident 6. Isn't 7. Grand 8. Up



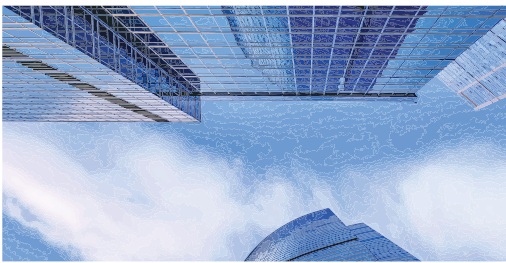
- English: Tall
- Spanish: Alto
- Italian: Alto
- French: Grand
- German: Groß



Skyscrapers come in supertall, megatall and superslender, depending on their height and width. A skyscraper rises to a minimum of 492 feet.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

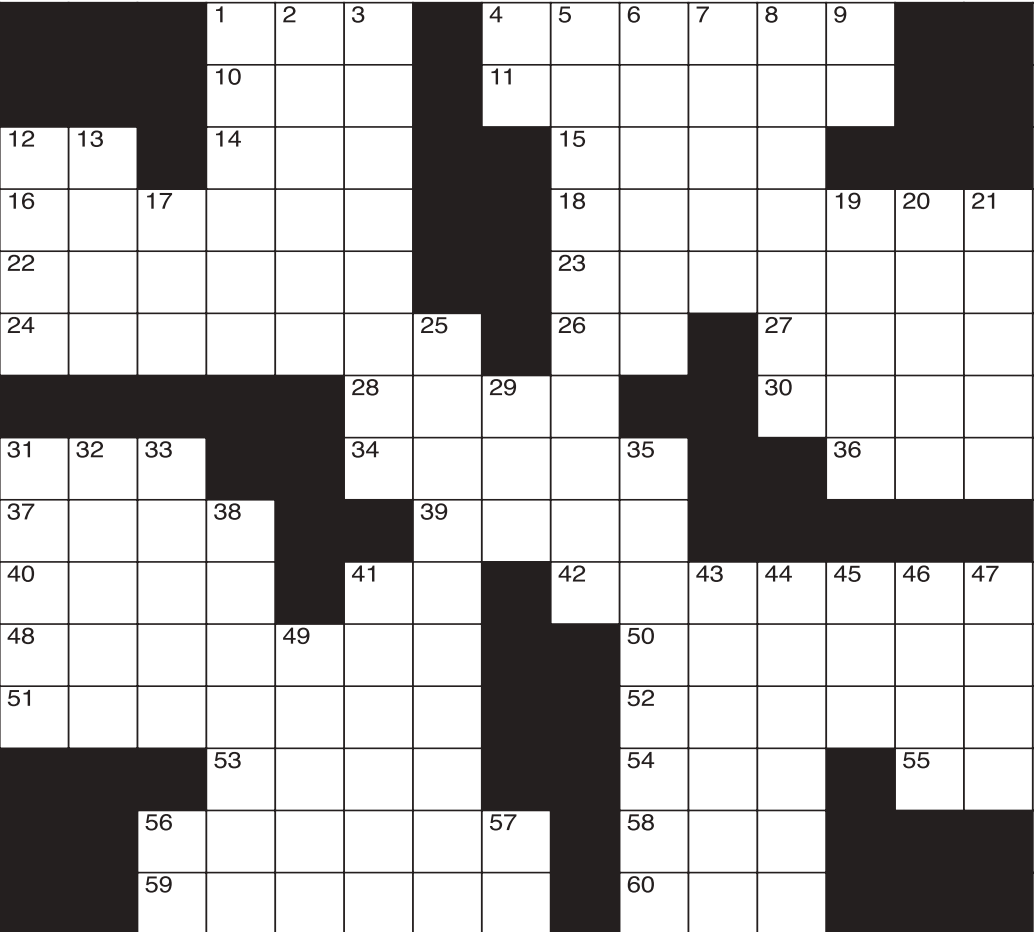
Answer: Skyscrapers



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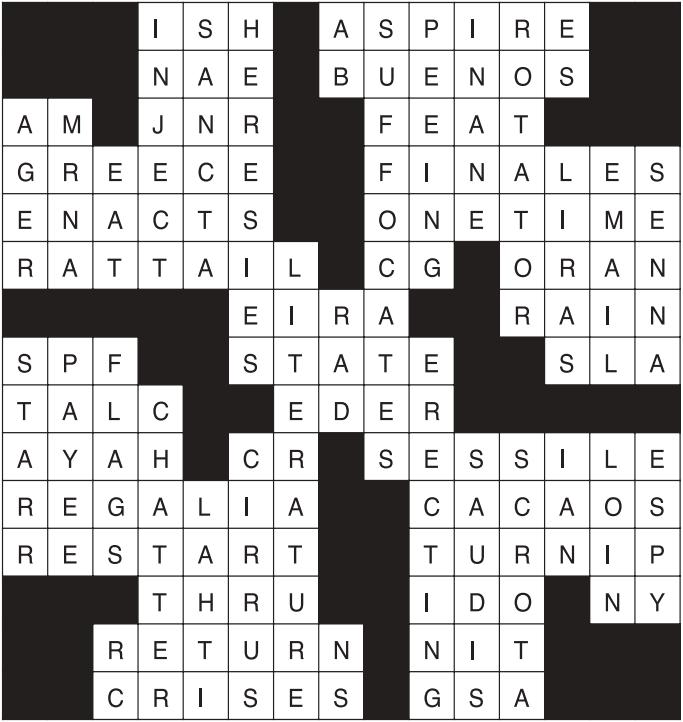
- 1. Similar
- 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
- 10. No (Scottish)
- 11. ___ Aires, city
- 12. Morning
- 14. Senior's son (abbr.)
- 15. A notable achievement
- 16. European nation

- 18. Endings
- 22. Puts into place
- 23. Former
- 24. Grenadier
- 26. Sea patrol

- 27. Algerian port
- 28. Norwegian river
- 30. Precipitation
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. New York is one
- 36. Patti Hearst's captors
- 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
- 39. Retired Brazilian footballer
- 40. An Indian nursemaid
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Immobile
- 48. Insignia of royalty
- 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
- 51. Begin again
- 52. Round root
- 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
- 54. What newlyweds just said
- 55. Empire State
- 56. Give back
- 58. College hoops tournament
- 59. Unstable situations
- 60. Young women's association

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Administer a drug
- 2. Holy places
- 3. Contrary opinions
- 4. Blood type
- 5. Gags
- 6. Micturating
- 7. Silly
- 8. A type of 'cuff'
- 9. Spanish be
- 12. Austrian river



- 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 17. Consume food
- 19. California supermarket
- 20. Electronic communication
- 21. Cassia tree
- 25. Written works
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
- 32. One who was compensated
- 33. National symbols

- 35. Raising
- 38. A type of talk
- 41. Cloud
- 43. Middle Eastern peoples
- 44. Pouches
- 45. 007's creator
- 46. A cut of meat
- 47. Sports entertainment award
- 49. Christine __, actress
- 56. Relief organization (abbr.)
- 57. Canadian province (abbr.)