Round Table News

GREENE COUNTY
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Greene County Honors Outstanding Seniors During Older Americans Month 2026

Greene County is celebrating Older Americans Month 2026 by honoring exceptional senior volunteers whose service strengthens their communities. As the document states, the Legislature "proclaims May as Greene County Older Americans Month," recognizing the dedication of older adults across the county.

2026 Honorees

Senior Citizen of the Year: Carol Pfister (Athens)

Carol has spent roughly 30 years contributing to community life. The document highlights her "steadfast commitment and financial acumen" in her long service to the Athens Cultural Center Board. Her volunteerism spans leadership roles at the D.R. Evarts Library, tax assistance through VITA, founding the Village of Athens Flower Program, and delivering meals to homebound seniors. She believes "volunteering to help others in need makes one feel good about themselves."

PICTURED TO THE LEFT: CAROL PFISTER AND TO THE RIGHT: KATHIE CALLAN

Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen Award: Kathleen "Kathie" Callan (East Durham)

A lifelong Greene County resident, Kathie has devoted more than 30 years to faith-based and community service. She serves multiple churches, volunteers monthly with the Sisters of Life, supports the Albany Diocese River Cluster, and creates handmade items for veterans through Crafty Angels. She also assists neighbors with transportation and other needs. She believes that "one shouldn't stop living and just sit home doing nothing."

Additional Nominees include **Gordon Mosher** of **Athens** and **Joyce "Joy" Andreassen** of **Catskill**

Both will be recognized for their service and dedication.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Aging Services & Offerings

Since the 1970's The Greene County Department for the Aging supports adults age 60 and over through:

- Nutrition and Meal Programs
  - Home Delivered Meals
  - Congregate Meals
  - Evidence Based Health Promotion Programming
- Transportation services
  - Medical Transportation
  - Senior Center Transportation Catskill/Athens
  - Greene County Transit Passes
  - Senior Shopping Bus Service
- Caregiver supports
- In-home and community-based services
  - Friendly visitors
  - Personal Care Assistants
- Information, referrals, and advocacy
  - NY Connects
  - HEAP

We include many of our service offerings here however for more details on specific service eligibility criteria and program partners, please visit our website at www.greenecountyny.gov or call 518-719-3555.

Thank you for reading!

SENIOR OUTING

In The Park

FOODS - GAMES - FUN

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE BY CALLING (518)943-1343.
VOLUNTARY SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION
$4 FOR MEAL
BRINGING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR IS HIGHLY SUGGESTED

WEDNESDAY
10
JUNE

DUTCHMAN'S LANDING
CATSKILL, NY
10AM- 1PM

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Monthly Medicare Minutes

Medicare Minutes give you quick, engaging insights into the latest Medicare topics. Join us to stay informed, understand your benefits, and make the most of your Medicare coverage.

Representatives from our office will be available with information and for questions, on the following dates, at 11:45 a.m., at the senior service centers.

Lunch is served at 12 noon and open to all Greene County residents, age 60 & older.

A voluntary contribution of $4.00 is suggested. Please call the center of your choice at least a day in advance to reserve a meal.

1st Tuesday of the Month	Acra Community Center	518-622-9898
2nd Tuesday of the Month	Rivertown Senior Center	518-945-2700
3rd Tuesday of the Month	Robert Antonelli Sr. Center	518-943-1343
4th Tuesday of the Month	Town of Coxsackie Sr Center	518-731-8901
4th Friday of the Month	Jewett Municipal Building	518-263-4392

HUMAN SERVICES PRESENTS

GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN

Prom

Walk the red carpet in style, embrace the magic of Hollywood glamour, and dance the night away...

5 JUNE 2026

5:30PM TO 9PM | 341 CATSKILL HIGH SCHOOL, WEST MAIN STREET, CATSKILL

RSVP BY 5/15/2026 AT (518)719-3555
OR ONLINE AT QR LINK BELOW

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1985085332667

BREAKING NEWS

Greene County DHS Catskill, NY •September 4, 2026 •

SENIOR DAY 2026

AGING'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Come Join us for lunch, vendors and to see Luke Barnhart's Live Elvis Tribute Show

ONLINE OR BY PHONE
RSVP AT 518-719-3574
BY 8/14/2026

SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
1 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414
11am to 3pm

https://www.eventbrite.com/events/1984964462140

SHOPPING BUS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CALL 518-719-3555

The Greene County Department of Human services offers a shopping bus to Greene County residents aged 60 or older. Seniors are picked up at their door, driven to Catskill for shopping, and returned home. Advanced notice, of at least one day, to the bus driver is required. Bus routes under the following Legislative districts are as follows:

MONDAY: Mountaintop* + Kiskatom/Palenville (Town of Catskill)
*Prattsville, Ashland, Windham, Jewett, Halcott, Lexington & Hunter

TUESDAY: Greenville/Durham/Cairo + Leeds (Town of Catskill)

WEDNESDAY: New Baltimore/Coxsackie/Athens/Catskill

NOTE:

The shopping bus does not run on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**	**Presidents' Day**
Memorial Day	**Independence Day**	**Labor Day**
Columbus Day	**Election Day (November)**	**Veterans Day**
Thanksgiving		**Christmas**

During inclement weather, it may be necessary for us to close our senior service centers because of hazardous driving conditions. When we close the centers, we also cancel transportation services for the day.

The suggested voluntary contribution is $3.00 round trip.

2026 MONTHLY BUS TRIPS TO COLONIE CENTER

Third Thursday of each month

Feb. 19 Mar. 19 Apr. 16 May 21 June 18
July 16 Aug. 20 Sept. 17 Oct. 15 Nov. 19 Dec. 17

$10 Per person - Payment due at time of departure/boarding. No exceptions.

Reservations must be made
no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before the trip.

Each person is required to make their own reservation.

MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT RESERVATIONS FOR TRIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY

Your donation helps the Department of Human Services provide essential services. 100% of contributions directly support those in need.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount: $ _____

☐ **In appreciation for services**

☐ **In memory of:** _____

Please designate your donation:

☐ **Aging Services *(Nutrition • Legal • Transport • In-Home Svc)**

☐ **Senior Angels Program**

☐ **Veterans Services *(Vet2Vet • Transport • Honor-A-Vet • Ray Brooks Fishing Derby)**

☐ **Veterans Relief Program**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

- Special Thank you to James & Betsy Pellitteri in Memory of Clarence & Jeannie Soule for Veterans Services (Vet2Vet, etc.)
- Kaaren Kiernan & Michelle Rivenburg for multiple donations to The Veteran Relief Fund.
- Honeyford Memorial American Legion donation to veterans relief fund

GREENE COUNTY
Senior Angels Fund

The Greene County Senior Angels Fund provides emergency financial assistance to eligible seniors who are Greene County residents.

Senior citizens who are residents of Greene County and are experiencing a financial hardship may benefit from the Senior Angels Fund. The Fund provides emergency financial assistance to eligible Greene County seniors. Monies from the Fund can be used to pay for both health-related expenses, like health insurance premiums, co-pays, coinsurance, and deductibles, and for household expenses, like rent, utility payments, and transportation. Additionally, our staff can help identify other resources that may be available to you.

To apply for assistance from the Senior Angels Fund, please complete a brief application in person or online at **www.columbiahealthnet.org/programs/senior_angels/**

For more information, please call 518-719-3556 or visit us at the Greene County Department of Human Services located at 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

A note on donations made to the Senior Angels Fund:

The Greene County Senior Angels Fund is entirely supported by donations from the community. 100% of every dollar donated to the Fund is regifted to a Greene County senior resident experiencing a financial hardship; donations to the Fund are not used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

To contribute to the Senior Angels Fund, please scan the QR Code to the right or visit columbiahealthnet.org/donate and specify "Senior Angels" in the comments. Donations to the Fund can also be mailed or dropped off to the Greene County Department of Human Services at 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

SCAN TO DONATE

Working in Partnership

The Healthcare Consortium

SAVE *the* DATE

COLUMBIA-GREENE

CAREGIVER FORUM

TAKING CARE OF THEM, TAKING CARE OF YOU

Monday, May 18th
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Columbia-Greene Community College

This FREE full-day event will feature an array of presentations specifically tailored to the needs of family caregivers. Caregivers will also have time to connect with each other and meet representatives from community partners.

Free respite services for people living with a disability that require care is available for the duration of the conference - please note during registration

To register, call 518-675-7211 or scan QR code.

SCAN HERE

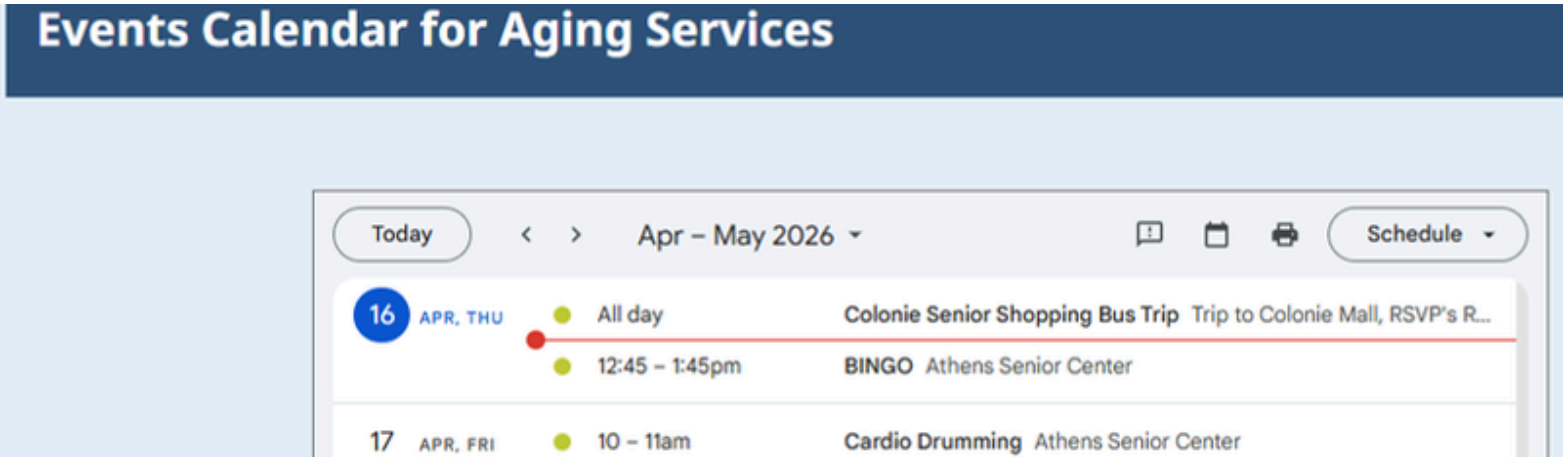
This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

DID YOU KNOW??????

Greene County Human Services has an online activity calendar for all our upcoming events for our Nutrition Sites and off-site activities...

Visit our website today to see for yourself.

https://greenecountyny.gov/events-calendar-for-aging-services/

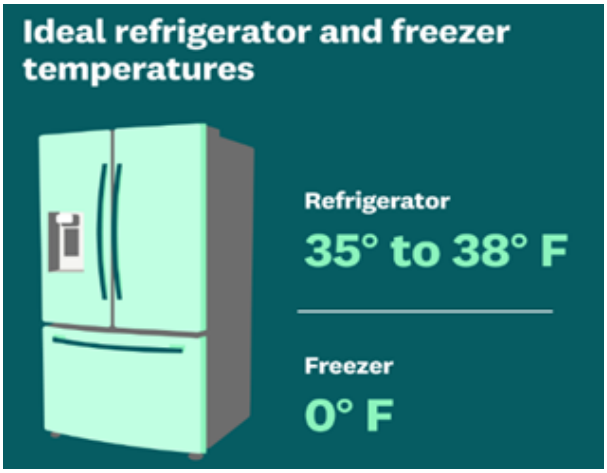


Nutrition Education and Menus...

By Nicole Gehman, MS, RD, CD-N

Summer Food Safety

Older adults are at higher risk for foodborne illness due to a natural decline in immunity, chronic health conditions, and reduced stomach acid. Cognitive changes can also affect safe food handling and storage. Warm weather increases bacterial growth, and outdoor meals—like barbecues and picnics—often involve challenges such as maintaining proper temperatures, avoiding cross-contamination, and ensuring foods are cooked thoroughly. Awareness and safe food practices can help reduce risk and support a healthy summer season.



Refrigerators should be kept between 33–40°F, with an ideal temperature of 37°F. Keep cold foods—such as dairy, dips, cold salads, and chilled side dishes—in the refrigerator or in a cooler packed with plenty of ice. Leftovers should be cooled in the refrigerator rather than on the counter, and frozen foods should always be thawed in the fridge, not on the counter or in the sink. Perishable foods should not sit out for more than 2 hours, and for no more than 1 hour when temperatures exceed 90°F.

Newsletter Version Cross-contamination occurs when bacteria transfer from one surface or food to another, often without us realizing it. This can increase exposure to harmful pathogens. To reduce risk, never place cooked food back onto the same plate or tray that held raw meat, poultry, or fish. For example, after grilling chicken, use a clean plate—or thoroughly wash the original—before serving. Keep separate cutting boards for raw proteins and ready-to-eat foods, and ensure utensils, plates, and containers stay clean and uncontaminated.

Proper cooking matters. A food thermometer is very affordable and there are many reliable options on the market. See the chart to the left for appropriate internal temperatures. In addition, ground meats should be cooked to 160°F.

Lastly, practice proper hygiene and cleaning practices. A proper hand wash includes soap with antibacterial properties and water. Be sure to wash for at least 20 seconds, including the front and backs of hands, between fingers and under fingernails. Wash hands frequently when handling raw meat or any raw foods. Use clean hand towels or paper towels. Wash cutting boards, counter surfaces, and dishes well with hot soapy water. Use a sanitizing solution when cleaning up after cooking.

A registered dietitian is educated and trained in food safety. Seek medical attention immediately if you have any symptoms of food borne illness.

If you have any specific questions, or need further nutrition education, please request an individual nutrition referral. Contact the main office at (518) 719-3555 and I will contact you for counseling. I will continue to visit the centers monthly with an education and delicious food samples to follow.

NUTRITION EDUCATION WITH NICOLE GEHMAN, MS, RD, CD-N
SPONSORED BY GREENE COUNTY DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

May 14th Robert Antonelli Senior Center, Catskill (518)943-1343

May 28th Jewett Municipal Building, Jewett (518)263-4392

June 11th Rivertown Senior Center, Athens (518)945-2700

June 25th Town of Coxsackie Sr Ctr, Coxsackie (518)731-8901

July 9th Acra Community Center, Acra (518)622-9898

All sessions at 11:30 a.m.
Come learn about healthy nutrition habits. Feel free to ask questions. Recipe and tasting to follow. If you would like lunch that day atthe site, please call at least a day in advance to reserve.

GREENE COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION CENTERS

Our Senior Service Centers are open, weather permitting and excluding holidays, Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at 12 noon. All Greene County residents, age 60 & older are welcome to attend a center and receive a congregate meal for a suggested voluntary contribution of $4.00. Please call the center of your choice at least 24 hours in advance to reserve a meal. If you reserve a meal and are unable to attend, please call as soon as you can to cancel. This menu is certified to meet one-third of the Dietary Reference Intakes and includes: Meat/Alternative Entrée, Vegetables & Fruit, Dairy, Grain & Dessert, along with Bread and Milk. Tartar sauce is served with all fish meals.

If you have a food allergen or intolerance, please notify staff. Allergen information is available for prepared food items. NOTE: All gravies and grains, except white rice, contain gluten, and all gluten-free foods are prepared alongside foods containing gluten. We do not operate a gluten-free kitchen.
Menu is subject to change based on product availability and other circumstances.

ACRA
Acra Community Center
7230 Old Rte. 23, Acra
(518) 622-9898

ATHENS
Rivertown Senior Center
39 Second Street, Athens
(518) 945-2700

CATSKILL
Robert Antonelli
Senior Center.
15 Academy St., Catskill
943-1343

COXSACKIE
Town of Coxsackie
Senior Center
127 Mansion St.,
Coxsackie
(518) 731-8901

JEWETT
Jewett Municipal Building
3547 Route 23C, Jewett
(518) 263-4392

GREENE COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM: ALL PERSONS, AGE 60 & OLDER ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
VOLUNTARY SUGGESTED MEAL CONTRIBUTION $4.00
DAILY: BREAD W/ BUTTER, MILK, COFFEE & TEA - TARTAR SAUCE SERVED WITH FISH -
IF YOU HAVE FOOD ALLERGY OR INTOLERANCE, PLEASE NOTIFY STAFF.
ALL GRAIN PRODUCTS (BREAD, PASTA, EGG NOODLES, RICE PILAF) CONTAIN GLUTEN
- NOT A GLUTEN FREE KITCHEN - ALL MEALS ARE PREPARED ALONGSIDE FOODS CONTAINING GLUTEN
This menu is certified to meet one-third of the Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI). Signed: Nicole Gelman, MS, RD, CDN
CONGREGATE DINING RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AT LEAST A DAY IN ADVANCE BY CALLING THE APPROPRIATE CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ALLERGEN KEY: **CONTAINS GLUTEN.** * All bread, rolls, and wraps served contain gluten. **GLUTEN FREE.** Brown & White Rice - Gluten free. **CONTAINS NUTS OR NUT BUTTERS.** PB brownies, PB cookies, PB & Jelly. **SHELLFISH.** *Shrimp, crab, scallops, seafood salad.				1 Chicken Caesar Salad *Croutons have Gluten* Marinated Carrots Macaroni Salad Fresh Fruit
4 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Asparagus Coleslaw Peaches	5 Baked Chicken Thighs w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Sonoma Veggies Fruited Jell-O	6 Beef Stew Broccoli Chocolate Chip Cookies	7 Pork Chop w/Gravy & Applesauce Mashed Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Fruit	8
11 Chicken Divan Carrot & Green Beans White Rice Tropical Fruit	12 Tortellini w/ Meatball Italian Mixed Vegetables Spinach Chocolate Mousse w/Whipped Topping	13 Knockwurst w/Sauerkraut Carrots Baked Beans Potato Salad Pineapple Delight *(Hotdog Roll has Gluten)*	14 Cranberry Chicken Salad Broccoli Salad Marinated Vegetable Salad Fresh Fruit	15 Fish Florentine Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Fresh Fruit
18 Sloppy Joes Green Beans White Rice Tropical Fruit *(WW Hamburger Bun = Gluten)*	19 Chicken Parmesan Italian Mixed Vegs Rigatoni Vanilla Mousse	20 Bacon Cheddar Burger Roasted Red Potatoes Prince Edward Vegetable Blend Peach Crisp w/ Whipped Topping	21 Roast Beef w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli/ Cauliflower Mix Fresh Fruit	22 Seafood Pasta Salad over Mixed Greens Cold Beet Salad Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
25 Closed in Observance of Memorial Day 	26 Baked Salmon w/ Dill Sauce Spinach Juice Rice Pilaf Butterscotch Pudding	27 Chicken Dijon Mashed Potatoes Green Beans PB Cookies	28 Hungarian Goulash Red Cabbage Carrot Coins Egg Noodles Strawberry Shortcake	29 Cheese Ravioli w/ Sausage Tossed Salad Italian Mixed Veg Fresh Fruit

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1 Macaroni & Cheese 3 Bean Salad Roasted Asparagus Tropical Fruit	2 Sloppy Joes Caribbean Blend Veg White Rice Fruited Jell-O **Hamburger Bun has Gluten*	3 Tortellini w/ Meatball Italian Mixed Vegetables Chocolate Mousse w/ Whipped Topping	4 Pork Chop w/Gravy & Applesauce Mashed Sweet Potatoes Capri Veg Mix Fresh Fruit	5 Chicken & Biscuits w/ Gravy Calif Veg Mix Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit
8 Chicken Divan Sonoma Vegetables White Rice Fruit Cocktail	9 Beef Stew Broccoli Dinner Roll Ambrosia	10 Lasagna w/ Meat Sauce Italian Mixed Vegetables Lemon Pudding	11 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Baked Potato Prince Edward Vegetable Mix Strawberry Shortcake	12 Chef Salad w/ Ham & Swiss Marinated Carrots Potato Salad Yogurt Parfait w/ Fresh Berries
15 Chicken Dijon Tuscan Veg Mashed Potatoes Fruit Cocktail	16 Salisbury Meatballs Roasted Corn & Peppers Egg Noodles Pears ** Dinner roll w/ gluten*	17 Stuffed Peppers Brussel Sprouts White Rice Vanilla Mousse	18 FATHER'S DAY LUNCH Turkey Dinner w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Stuffing Chocolate Tuxedo Cake	19 Tuna Macaroni Salad Over Mixed Greens Cucumbers & Tomatoes Coleslaw Fresh Fruit
22 Sweet & Sour Chicken Oriental Mixed Vegetables Veg Fried Rice Peaches	23 Stuffed Shells w/ Sausage Meadow Mixed Vegs Rice Pudding w/ Raisins	24 French Onion Pork Chops Italian Green Beans Egg Noodles Cookies w/ Applesauce	25 Kielbasa w/ Sauerkraut* Carrots Baked Beans Fresh Fruit **Bun has gluten*	26 Shrimp Scampi Tossed Salad Spinach Linguini Fresh Fruit
29 Beef Chili California Vegetable Mix White Rice Peaches	29 Broccoli Cheddar Fish Antigua Veg Blend Parsley Potatoes Pineapple/ Mandarin Oranges			

MAY 2026 VOLUNTEER CORNER

Reminders

Mandatory In-Person Food Safety Quarter 2

Volunteer Trainings will be held June 15-June 19 at 9am and 2 pm at main DHS Office 411 main Street, Catskill.

You must register for one session by calling 518-719-3559 by June 6th.

Trainings will be approximately 1 hour long.

Welcome New Volunteers

Joseph Trupiano- Veteran's Services

Volunteers Needed

- **Home Delivered Meals**
- **Aging Advisory Council Representatives- Cairo and New Baltimore**
- **Veteran's Services**

Important Info

Mileage forms can be found on our website at: https://greenecountyny.gov/departments/human-services/volunteers/ under forms or you may call 518-719-3559 to have them emailed or mailed to you

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

This puzzle contains the names of 20 ways seniors contribute to our families, communities and the nation.

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Greene County Senior Club Information

ATHENS SENIOR CITIZENS
2nd & 4th Mondays, 1:30 p.m.
Rivertown Senior Center
President Tony Cimmino, (914)216-2874

CAIRO GOLDEN AGERS
2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
Acra Community Center
President Pat Asaro, (518)821-6508

CATSKILL SILVER LININGS
2nd Thursday, 1:00 p.m.
Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center
President Madeline Greene, (518)943-2769

COXSACKIE AREA SENIORS
3rd Tuesday, 1:00p.m.
Van Heest Hall, Bethany Village

SENIOR CITIZENS OF COXSACKIE
1st & 3rd Monday, 2:00 p.m.
Town of Coxsackie Senior Center
President Dawn Smith, (518)857-4780

GREENVILLE GOLDEN YEARS
1st Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
President Jeanne Townley, (518)983-7489

MOUNTAIN TOP GOLDEN AGERS
4th Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
Tannersville Fire Hall
Patty Tracy, (518)821-8670

W-A-J-P-L GOLDEN AGE CLUB
1st & 3rd Monday, 1:00 p.m.
Windham Ambulance Bldg/Comm. Cntr.
President Lula Anderson, (518)734-5360

CAIRO GOLDEN AGERS UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Sights & Sounds of Landcaster, PA: September 15-17, 2026

Contact Patty (518)821-6508

CATSKILL SILVER LININGS UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Erie Canal Cruise: June 16, 2026 (Trip limited to 40 seats)
- MacHaydn Theater's "9-5", 7/1/26
- West Point Academy/MacArthur's Restaurant, 8/19/26
- Big E or MGM Casino, 9/23/26
- Brownstone Restaurant, Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel, 11/17/26

Contact Sheila Pedersen (518)719-5361 or Jean (518)364-1484

WAJPL UPCOMING TRIPS:

- Proctor's Moulin Rouge: 6/4/2026
- Glimmerglas Festival "Oklahoma", July 21, 2026
- Salem, Mass: July 27 & 28, 2026
- Log Cabin Tribute to Elton John: August 4, 2026

To reserve or for more information: Call Mary Louise (518) 622-3397 or Vicky (518) 734-4164

MTN TOP GOLDEN AGERS TRIPS:

- MacHaydn Theater's "Carol King", August 1, 2026

Contact Patty (518)821-6508

GREENE COUNTY VETERANS CORNER...

Greene County Veteran Service Agency is dedicated to supporting Greene County Veterans and their families. We provide a wide range of services, including assistance with Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and claims, healthcare enrollment, education benefits, housing support, employment resources, medical transportation and more.

We are also the proud home of Greene County Vet-2-Vet. As part of our commitment to veterans and their family's well-being, we offer Veteran Peer Support Program, funded by the NYS Jospeh P. Dwyer Support Project. Our Vet2Vet program provides veterans with peer-to-peer support, helping foster connection and mental well-being. Vet2Vet of Greene County services include Peer group social hours, wellness workshops, social events, transitional support, referrals and resources.

Upcoming Events

GREENE COUNTY VET2VET
JOSEPH P. DWYER VETERANS PEER SUPPORT PROJECT

Vet2Vet Coffee Hour: Every Monday, 10:30 am

Vet2Vet Veteran & Family Support Group: Every Tuesday, 1 pm

Vet2Vet Writers Group: Every Friday, 10:30 am

Veterans Monthly Roundtable: 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 4:30 pm

Veterans' Caregiver Monthly Meeting: Last Tuesday of the Month, 5pm

Veteran and Family Bowling Night: Saturday, June 20th, 6pm-8pm at Hoe Bowl Lanes, Catskill "Father's Day Bowling"

All Services unless otherwise noted take place at our new building, Greene County Veterans Center, 300 Route 23B, Leeds, NY 12451

Operation Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm

GREENE COUNTY 1800 NY Veteran's Service Agency

GREENE COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY

GREENE COUNTY VETERANS' MEMORIAL PAVER PROJECT

BUY A BRICK FUNDRAISER

FUNDS WILL BE USED TO EXPAND A VETERANS MEMORIAL AT THE HISTORIC CATSKILL POINT

$60 FOR A 4"X 8" BRICK (3 LINES OF TEXT)
$100 FOR A 8"X 8" BRICK (5 LINES OF TEXT)
$150 FOR A 12"X 12" BRICK (6 LINES OF TEXT)

TO PLACE A SECURE ONLINE ORDER BY 5/1/2026

VISIT WWW.4EVERBRICKS.COM/DONORS/GCKVM
OR SCAN QR CODE

QUESTIONS? - PLEASE EMAIL ARIN VANDEMARK AT:
AVANDEMARK@GREENECOUNTYNY.GOV

COLUMBIA & GREENE COUNTY

Veteran STANDOWN

MAY 2, 2026

9AM-1PM

HISTORIC CATSKILL POINT
1 MAIN ST
CATSKILL, NY 12414

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST & LUNCH
OPEN TO ALL VETERANS !

- MEDICAL SCREENINGS
- PERSONAL CARE ITEM
- CLOTHING
- HAIRCUTS

- VETERANS BENEFITS
- EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- AND MUCH MORE!

Let us know you are coming
scan QR code

For more Information Contact

Greene County
Tyler Lynch
tlynch@greenecountyny.gov
518-943-3703

Columbia County
Rachel Hamilton
rachel.hamilton@columbiacountyny.com
518-828-3610

Veteran Affairs
Dom Dominguez
Email: erwin.dominguez@va.gov
P: 518-522-1175

GREENE COUNTY VET2VET PRESENTS

3rd ANNUAL

COMMUNITY DAY

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
10 AM TO 3 PM

BBQ Lunch Provided

FOOD | GAMES | LIVE MUSIC | RAFFLES |
CORNHOLE COMPETITION | BOUNCE HOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME ~ Free Admission

Angelo Canna Town Park, Cairo, NY

Are you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring or being involved as a community partner?

(518)943-3703 ~ veterans@greenecountyny.gov

ATTENTION U. S. VETERANS AND CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL

May Events of Interest in Greene County

Fri. May 1	7:30 p.m.	Irish Music at Athens American Legion Post
Sat. May 2	9a.m.-1p.m.	Columbia Greene Veteran's Standdown-Historic Catskill Point
Tues. May 5	7:00 p.m.	Greene County American Legion Riders meeting at Greenville Post
Wed. May 6	7:00 p.m.	Tannersville American Legion Meeting at rescue building
Thu. May 7	7:00 p.m.	Catskill American Legion meeting at Elks Lodge
	7:00 p.m.	Greenville American Legion meeting at Greenville Post
Tues. May 12	7:00 p.m.	Cairo American Legion meeting at Cairo Masonic Lodge
Wed. May 13	7:00 p.m.	Athens American Legion meeting at Athens Post
	7:00p.m.	Coxsackie American Legion meeting at Village Building
Thur. May 14	11:00 a.m.	Operation Fireman's Home at Fireman's Home, Hudson
	7:00 p.m.	Prattsville American Legion Meeting at Town Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Windham V.F.W meeting at Windham Post
Fri. May 15	6:00 p.m.	Greene County American Legion meeting at Cairo Masonic Lodge
Sat. May 16	10:00 a.m.	Honor A Vet Memorial Ceremony Honoring: Army Sgt. Boyd F. Allen at Historic Catskill Point
	11:00 a.m.	Catskill V.F.W meeting at Catskill Post
	1:00 p.m.	Farewell Sendoff at Catskill Cemetery
Wed. May 20	7:00 p.m.	New Baltimore American Legion meeting at firehouse
Thu. May 21	6:00 p.m.	BINGO at Windham V.F.W Post
Fri. May 22	All Day	National Poppy Day – Wear a Poppy
Sun. May 24	1:00pm	Memorial Day Service at Tannersville Park
Mon. May 25	All Day	Memorial Day Parade's – See list for locations and times
	3:00 p.m.	Taps Across America – Play Taps at 3 p.m.
Wed. May 27	7:00 p.m.	Mountain Top Marine Corps League meeting at East Durham Firehouse

FAREWELL SENDOFF

Yearly Honoring of our Deceased Veterans

Please join us on May 16, 2026 at 1p.m.
Town of Catskill Cemetery – North Jefferson Ave, Catskill

The American Legion Post 110 of Catskill, along with Athens TGM Post 187 will perform a military service at the Town of Catskill Cemetery in honor of recently departed Veterans (those who passed away withing the last 12 months).

The ceremony will consist of the National Anthem, an Honor Guard firing of a 21 gun salute, the playing of Taps, the raising of the U.S. Flag, and the Tolling of the Bell for each Veterans name that is read, along with requests from those attending to mention their Veteran family member in any war or conflict.

Why We Remember & Honor Memorial Day

Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is one of the U. S. federal holidays honoring and mourning U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. The holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the American Civil War. Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to mourn the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in cemeteries, including here in Greene County. Many municipalities host parades and ceremonies in remembrance.

<u>Here is a list of area ones:</u>

Thurs. May 21	8:00 a.m.	Windham VFW Memorial Day Ritual @ WAJ School
Sun. May 24	1:00 p.m.	Tannersville American Legion Parade @ Memorial Park
Mon. May 25	9:00 a.m.	Athens Memorial Day Parade
	10:15 a.m.	Greenville Memorial Day Parade
	11:00 a.m.	Cairo Memorial Day Parade
	11:00 a.m.	Coxsackie Memorial Day Parade
	1:00 p.m.	Prattsville Memorial Day Parade
	1:00 p.m.	Catskill Memorial Day Parade

“Remember Freedom Isn’t Free . . . Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." — Unknown

Take a moment that day to reflect on this & pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Monthly Military History...
By Gordon Mosher, Greene County American Legion Commander

Hudson River Reserve Fleet (Ghost Fleet)

Hudson River Reserve Fleet (also known as Ghost Fleet) was established in the wake of WWII to provide an anchorage and place of maintenance for a part of the enormous numbers of combat vessels and transports surplus by the return of peace. Originally anchored at Tarrytown, N.Y., it was moved further north of the Hudson River in 1946 to Jones Point. During the Korean War, a total of 130 ships were taken from the Hudon River fleet, leaving on 39 ships. When the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1953 needed space for large volumes of government owned wheat, it turned to the Hudson River Reserve Fleet. During the next ten years more than 53, 563, 948 bushels of wheat were loaded into 231 ships, that had a special ventilation system. This saved the U.S. government some 5 million dollars on commercial storage. During the Suez Crisis in 1956, 35 ships were put back into service to assist British and French ships. The Vietnam war required more than 40 ships. The last two ships from the Hudson River Fleet were towed away in July 1971, to be sold for scrap metal.

Angels of Bataan

The Angels of Bataan were 77 U.S. Army and Navy nurses stationed in the Philippines to became prisoners of war (POW). After the fall of Bataan and Corregidor in 1942, they continued caring for allied soldiers and civilians while imprisoned for nearly three years. They endured starvation and harsh conditions, yet all survived until their liberation in February 1945. Despite being pioneers for women in the military, the received little immediate recognition upon their return to the states.

WAYS TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM:

Many local municipalities in Greene County have "Hometown Heroes" Banners. These banners honor local veterans, living & deceased, with their picture & military information. Contact your local village or town office for information on how to sponsor a banner.

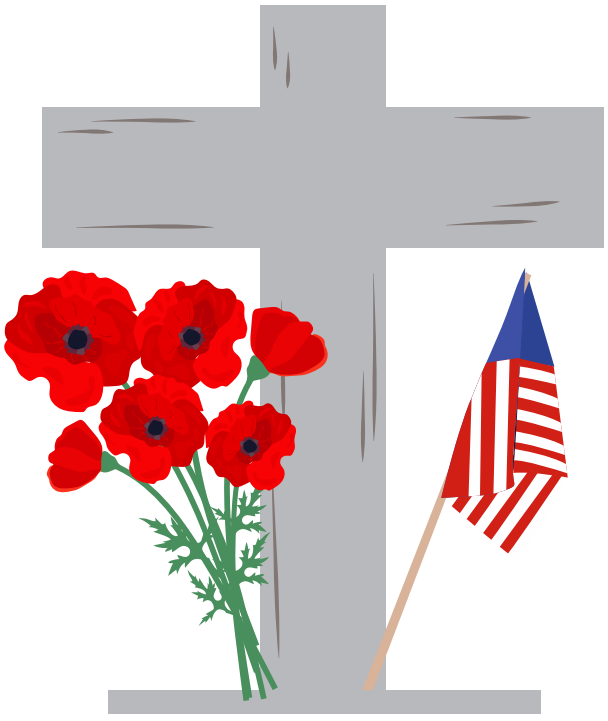
FIELD OF FLAGS:

A number of local American Legion posts have designated areas for these fields. Contact the Legion post for how to obtain a flag to honor a Veteran.

· Athens American Legion– Post on 2nd St
· Cairo American Legion - Main Street
· Catskill - Route 23B, Catskill
· Coxsackie American Legion - Mansion St
· Greenville American Legion - Rt. 32 at Elementary School

NATIONAL POPPY DAY:

The Friday before Memorial Day is National Poppy Day. The red poppy is nationally recognized as a symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion. This military sacrifices. Check local banks, stores, restaurants, other public places, and of course local Legions, for the poppies and make a donation to the program. Then on May 22, wear your poppy proudly for all to recognize.



GREENE COUNTY
Veterans Relief Fund

The Greene County Veterans Relief Fund provides financial assistance to eligible veterans who are Greene County residents. The Fund supports veterans of all ages and from every branch, helping cover expenses ranging from medical bills to home repairs.

Veterans who are Greene County residents and are experiencing a financial hardship may benefit from the Greene County Veterans Relief Fund. Run in partnership with the Greene County Department of Human Services, the Fund provides emergency financial assistance to eligible Greene County veterans. Monies from the Fund can be used to pay for both health-related expenses, like health insurance premiums, co-pays, coinsurance, and deductibles, and for household expenses, like rent, utility payments, and transportation. Additionally, our staff can help identify other resources that may be available to you.

To apply for assistance from the Veterans Relief Fund, please complete a brief application in person or online at **www.columbiahealthnet.org/programs/veterans_relief/**

For more information, please call 518-719-3556 or visit us at the Greene County Department of Human Services located at 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

A note on donations made to the Veterans Relief Fund:

The Greene County Veterans Relief Fund is entirely supported by donations from the community. 100% of every dollar donated to the Fund is regifted to a Greene County senior resident experiencing a financial hardship; donations to the Fund are not used, in whole or in part, for any other purpose.

To contribute to the Veterans Relief Fund, please scan the QR Code to the right or visit columbiahealthnet.org/donate and specify "Veterans" in the comments. Donations to the Fund can also be mailed or dropped off to the Greene County Department of Human Services at 411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

SCAN TO DONATE

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GREENE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU...

PRESENTS....

Greene County Youth Advisory Board

The Greene County Youth Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the

2026 Adult Service-to-Youth Award.

This award honors an outstanding adult volunteer residing in Greene County who serves as a positive role model for youth and dedicates their time, energy, and heart to improving the lives of young people.

Nominees may:

- Work directly with youth through local groups or organizations
- Volunteer with public, private, or religious youth programs
- Advocate for youth services within the community support, mentor, or guide children in meaningful ways.

If you know an adult who goes above and beyond to uplift Greene County's youth, we encourage you to submit a nomination!

APPLICATION DEADLINE

5/26/26

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

https://greenecountyny.gov/departments/human-services/greene-county- youth-bureau/

or by calling Maureen at 518-719-3574

SAVE THE DATE...

In case you missed it, the Greene County Youth Fair was named the best local event in the 2026 Best of the Best People's Choice Awards!

SAVE THE DATE!

July 23 – 26, 2026

Hours:
Thursday – Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. with Greene County Youth Awards & closing at 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday – 9am – 9pm
Fireworks Saturday night at closing!

Sunday – 9am – 3pm

For further information, go to:
https://www.thegreenecountyyouthfair.com/

How Families Can Best Support Their Child's College Application

By Maeve Lampman, YAB Student Member

The college application process can be a challenging and overwhelming experience for many students. As a parent, supporting your child during this time is crucial in helping them navigate this important step in their educational journey. With colleges becoming increasingly selective and the number of applicants rising each year, your involvement can make all the difference. Empowering your child through education and guidance can help alleviate their stress and ensure they have the necessary tools to succeed. There are numerous ways you can offer support as a parent during this extenuating process.

One effective way to assist your child in the college application process is to empower them. As a young person, navigating this task can be quite challenging, and your support can make a significant difference. To start on the right foot, it's crucial to establish clear roles. Let your child know that they are in charge while you are available to offer guidance and support. Applying to college can be incredibly stressful, and it's helpful to remind your child of their decision-making abilities, leadership qualities, and intelligence to boost their confidence.

Another effective method to assist your child is to engage in conversations about their life aspirations and collegiate desires. By creating a road map of their desired career path, you can more easily identify schools that align with their interests and majors. Additionally, inquiring about their preferred location, school size, and housing options can prove advantageous. By initiating these types of discussions early on, your child may experience less stress and anxiety when it comes time to choose where to apply and ultimately where to enroll.

Organizing campus tours or visits can also serve as a valuable means of assisting your child in the college selection process. Visiting college campuses allows your child to explore the school environment and surrounding area, ultimately aiding in narrowing down the list of potential colleges to apply to and providing insight into the college experience. For those unable to physically travel to campuses, many colleges offer virtual

tours on their websites, providing a beneficial alternative for students and families alike.

Your child will likely have to write essays as a part of their application for college or scholarships. It may be beneficial for your child to proofread their essays before they click the submission button. To bring your child's essay to the next level, lend your perspective and proofreading ability and ask permission to read their essays. Offer to help brainstorm essay topics if they are stuck on what to write about and ask to read their entire application to check for spelling errors or typos. This will ensure colleges are receiving personality and specificity in your child's application.

Assisting your child through the college application process can involve exploring the option of standardized testing. While the SAT and ACT are no longer mandatory for all students, it may be advantageous to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of taking these exams. Should your child opt to go for these standardized tests, you can offer further support by registering for them and aiding in their preparation. Additionally, if feasible, engaging the services of an SAT/ACT tutor can increase the chances of acing these exams.

Parents can play a crucial role in supporting their children throughout the college admissions process by exploring financial aid options and pursuing scholarship opportunities. Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an essential step to secure the necessary funding for your child's intended college. Additionally, researching scholarships with your child and assisting with applications can provide extra financial support for college-related expenses and help ensure their academic success.

Providing your child with the right guidance and care as a parent can make all the difference when it comes to tackling applications successfully. With a parent's support, students can effectively navigate this stressful process and transition to the next chapter of their lives with as much ease as possible.

Source: goingmerry. "22 Ways Parents Can Help (and Hurt) the College Application Process." Going Merry, 18 Apr. 2023, www.goingmerry.com/blog/parents-role-in-college-application-process/.

GREENE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
HOW TO REACH US....

AGING SERVICES

411 MAIN STREET, CATSKILL, NY 12414

PHONE: (518) 719-3555

HOURS: 8:30-4:30 (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30-1:30)

EMAIL: HUMANSERVICES@GREENECOUNTYNY.GOV

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EMAIL: HUMANSERVICES@GREENECOUNTYNY.GOV

VETERANS SERVICES

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HOURS: 8:30-5:00 (CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:00-1:00)

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