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## Celebrating the Top 10 of the Class of 2026

The Tri-Valley Class of 2026 is an outstanding group of students, showcasing a wide range of talents and achievements. We are incredibly proud of the Top 10 students, each of whom has demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence throughout their high school journey. Congratulations to these students as they prepare for their next steps. Below is a closer look at their future destinations.



**Savannah Chaboty**



**Emma Richardson**



**Sophia Richardson**

Rank 1: Savannah Chaboty Savannah takes the top spot this year, heading to Penn State Scranton. She will be majoring in Marketing, a field that perfectly suits her academic strengths and strategic mindset.

Rank 2: Emma Richardson Emma is pursuing one of the most rigorous academic paths in the class. She will be attending the University of Maryland to take on a double major in Physics and Aerospace Engineering.

Rank 2: Sophia Richardson Sophia will be heading to Providence College, where she will balance high-level academics with elite athletics. While majoring in Engineering, Sophia will also be competing at the Division 1 level in Track and Field. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Collecting Historical Postcards –A talk by John Duda

Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.

at the Time and the Valleys Museum, St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] **On Sunday, May 3rd at 2 p.m., John Duda will give a presentation: Collecting Historical Postcards at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, NY.**

This talk (in person only) will focus on the history of postcards and postcard collecting, including proper archival storage, dating cards with no postcard or message, what makes one card more collectable than another, and the changing dynamics of modern collecting. **Attendees are encouraged to bring their local cards or albums from family collections to show & discuss.** (Contd. Pg. 6)



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continued support.**

**On the Front Burner:** For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out. Proverbs 24:20

## OBITUARY



**Frank Joseph Petrocelli**, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, educator, and accomplished professional musician whose career spanned more than four decades, passed away on April 16, 2026, in Liberty, New York. He was 92 years old.

Born on December 12, 1933, in Queens, New York, Frank discovered his lifelong love of music at an early age and went on to build a distinguished career as a performer and bandleader. He toured with the Jumpin' Jaguars and the Si Zentnor Orchestra before ultimately settling in Sullivan County. There, he became a beloved fixture at the renowned Concord Hotel, where he performed for nearly 30 years, including more than a decade as the Bandleader. Throughout his career, he shared the stage with legendary entertainers including Sammy Davis Jr., Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Joan Rivers, and George Burns.

In the 1980s, Frank began a second calling as an educator, teaching music appreciation at Sullivan County Community College. He remained a dedicated and inspiring presence there for nearly 30 years. This dedication was formally recognized in 2014, when he became the first recipient of the State University of New York's Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Lorraine; his son, Frank, and daughter-in-law Sharon Slote; his daughter, Lisa; and his cherished grandsons, Joseph and Benjamin. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ernest and Nettie Petrocelli; his brothers, Ernest and Robert; and his daughter, Siobhan Venezia.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Church in Liberty, New York. Burial will follow at Liberty Veterans' Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will take place at 1:30 p.m. at Albella Restaurant in Monticello, New York.

Frank will be remembered for his remarkable musical talent, his dedication to teaching, his sense of humor, his passion for the New York Mets, and his deep love for his family and community. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched.

Donations in his memory can be made to Save the Music Foundation or a charity of your choice.

## THANK YOU

Our special thanks to all the people who sent cards, flowers and prayers to us during our recent bereavement of Jim.

We want to thank you all so very much.

He loved his country and this community so much and taking part in the Veterans' services each year.

Many, many thanks for your kindness and help at this time. And many thanks to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Ladies who helped serve the food that was provided by friends, family and everybody.

God Bless You All,  
The Richardson Family  
Terri, Ken and Michelle

## DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

### April 18, 1956

It is reported that Lane Construction Co. was low bidder on the Bloomingburg By-Pass and that County Asphalt (formerly Cooney Bros.) had the low bid on resurfacing 17B. These bids were opened on April 12th. Bids for the Liberty By-Pass will be opened April 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masterson Jr. are now residing at the Laidlaw Funeral Home in Liberty. Mr. Masterson will assist Mr. Clifford LeRoy, manager of the Liberty branch of the Laidlaw Funeral Home.

On Easter Sunday Deborah Ann Wakefield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manville Wakefield, was baptized by the Rev. Merrill Johnson of the First Methodist Church in Newburgh.

### April 20, 1966

Mr. Anthony Costa arrived home from St. Petersburg, Fla. On Sunday with his new bride. Mr. and Mrs. Costa were tendered a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Costa. Mr. Costa was married on Easter Sunday in St. Petersburg to the former Lucy Povinelli of Brooklyn. After a honeymoon in Florida the couple will reside at the Costa home on South Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Wilkens of Malverne, L.I. and Pepacton Hollow Rd., Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jane Anne, to Donald E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith of Claryville. Jane is a graduate of Malverne High School and Becker Junior College, Worcester, Mass. Don, a graduate of Tri-Valley, is employed by Warren H. Cole. (Contd. Pg. 5)

## Household Hint:

### No More Tears Onions!

Put the onion in the freezer for a few minutes before you start chopping away. Not only will you not start crying, there will be no need to wear that unattractive eye gear either!

## Nature Column - L. Comando

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

## Fun, Facts, Folklore Follies and Weather Prognosticators

There isn't a day that goes by that weather doesn't become at least part of a conversation. This time of the year as we anticipate the warmer weather we listen and look for all the signs that we have heard and seen that signal 'winter' will finally give way to warm weather and a summer breeze

One that our family recalls was being told by an 'old-timer back in the day' was, "...the ice has to freeze over the peepers head 3 times, and then it will be time to start planting, and all dangers of frost are over."

Nature has provided us with all kinds of prognosticators that evolved into folklore -some tales, some truths.

The types of clouds in the sky, as well as the direction in which they're moving, can tell us a lot about upcoming weather. In general, clouds that are white and high indicate good weather, and clouds that are dark and low mean rain or storms are on the way.

The presence of cumulonimbus clouds early in the day, with more developing throughout the day can mean there's a greater chance of severe weather occurring soon.

"Red sky at night, sailor's delight; Red sky at morning, sailors take warning."

If you see a red sky during sunset (when you're looking to the west), there is a high pressure system with dry air that is stirring dust particles in the air, causing the sky to look red. With prevailing front movements and jet streams, weather usually moves from west to east, the dry air is heading towards you.

A red sky in the morning (in the East, where the sun rises) means that the dry air has already moved past you, and what follows behind it (on its way towards you) is a low pressure system that carries moisture.

A ring around the moon (caused by light shining through cirrostratus clouds associated with warm fronts and moisture) can indicate that rain will probably fall within the next three days.

A rainbow in the west is the result of the rising sun's morning rays from the east striking moisture in the west. Most major storm fronts in the Northern Hemisphere travel west to east, and a rainbow in the west means moisture,

which can mean rain is on its way. On the other hand, a rainbow in the east around sunset means that the rain is on its way out and you can look forward to sunny days.

Our ancestors spent a great deal of their time outdoors, particularly farmers, commercial fishermen and the like, and they learned to observe trends that give them clues to long term weather patterns and seasonal changes in their specific geographical location. We can still use some of their findings. For example, while sitting around a campfire, notice whether the smoke hangs low to the ground and drifts off into surrounding tree branches. If so, rain is possible; if the smoke rises in a straight, vertical column, anticipate fair weather.

By paying attention to the unique flora and fauna in our region you will soon start noticing patterns help us understand the weather patterns.

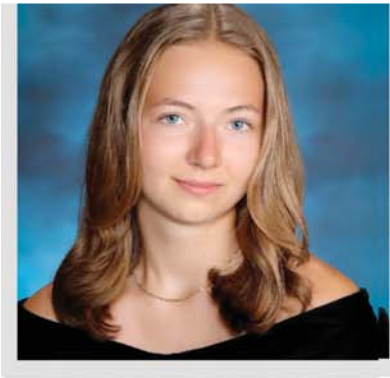
Oddly enough, while some may be considered weather superstitions they may have some scientific basis. In general they even seem to work fairly well. Had they not worked they probably wouldn't have been repeated and remembered through the years..

Watch for all the new birds that are now coming to your bird feeders or bird-houses Many of us have seen tell-tale signs that the neighborhood bear is now awake and may have shared some of that bird food from your feeders!

What is amazing, all seem to know the secrets and wonders of Nature's weather patterns without watching *weather.com!*



## Celebrating the Top 10 of the Class of 2026 (From Pg. 1)



**Gwenneth Redman**

Rank 4: Gwenneth Redman Gwenneth has a clear vision for her future in medicine. She will begin her journey at a SUNY college, where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Biology. This serves as the foundation for her long-term goal: attending medical school to become a physician.

Rank 5: Connor Mendez Connor is dedicated to the world of education. He will be attending SUNY Cortland, a school renowned for its teaching programs, where he will major in Math Education. Connor's goal is to return to the classroom to inspire future students through the logic and beauty of mathematics.



**Connor Mendez**



**Logan Weyant**

Rank 6: Logan Weyant Logan is a storyteller at heart. He is heading to a university to study Journalism and Photography. With a talent for capturing moments both in writing and through a camera lens, Logan is prepared to document the world and share important narratives with the public.

Rank 7: Emily Lucak Emily is focused on the world of rehabilitative health. She will be attending college to become a Physical Therapist, a career that combines her interest in science with a desire to help others regain their strength and mobility.



**Emily Lucak**



**Jordan Dymond**

Rank 8: Jordan Dymond Jordan will be attending Penn State Altoona, where she will merge her love for athletics with her professional goals. She plans to major in Sports Communications and Media while also continuing her basketball career at the Division 3 level.

Rank 9: Andrew Papadopoulos Andrew rounds out the top tier of the class with impressive academic standing. While he is currently entering his next chapter with an undecided major, his strong foundation in the Top 10 ensures he has the versatility and skill set to succeed in whichever field he eventually chooses.



**Andrew Papadopoulos**



**Emily Poley**

Rank 10: Emily Poley Emily has secured a spot in a competitive program at Marywood University. She will be enrolled in the Pre-Physician Assistant BS/MA program, an accelerated path that will allow her to enter the healthcare workforce as a vital medical professional.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 9, 1998

Memories are a lot like true friends - The very best ones will always be there for you. I have memories that go back to childhood when things were a whole lot simpler and life didn't seem to go by in a blur.

Memories of living on the "Old Man Davis Farm" with my husband, step-children and our children. How great it felt to see the first signs of spring when the thaw gave way to brilliant daffodils. The cure for cabin fever had arrived.

Memories of the kids' happy faces as I arranged their flowers in a jelly jar are vivid as ever. Then there were memories of my clothesline being mysteriously shortened as jump ropes blossomed in our driveway. Hopscotch squares were scratched in the soft dirt and the boys were playing mumbley peg with their Christmas jack knives.

In order to hang out the wash, I had to dig up more rope for the clothesline. Hanging laundry out to dry never seemed like work on the "Old Man Davis Farm."

One reason for this was the view from the backyard. It was so breathtaking, rolling hills stretched away in the distance across the fields of green and Ross Bonnell's red barn and white farmhouse were nestled among the trees on his farm miles away.

Yes, memories are great friends and I have a good many of each. Every day brings more and the very best ones will always be there forever.

ED NOTES: Beatrice Akerley was born on April 24, 1903. She was a life long local resident. Beatrice wrote Looking Back for The Townsman for many years.

Her little stories reflected her memories of her simple but beautiful life.

Beatrice passed away on April 29, 1999 at the age of 96. Her spirit lives on for all to enjoy, in her collection of writings.

### Happy Birthday Beatrice!

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

#### April 28, 1976

Wayne A. Barringer, 18, of Grahamsville, an honors student at Tri-Valley Central High School, has been selected to receive a four-year engineering scholarship awarded by the National Society of Professional Engineers Educational Foundation. Wayne will attend Hofstra University in Hempstead, L.I.

Ernest D. Keller, 50, of Pepacton Hollow Rd., died Sunday at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital. He was born in Hockerville, Okla., April 19, 1926 to Frank and Lana Nance Keller. He was married to the former Ruth Baker. Mr. Keller was a mason and plasterer at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility. He is survived by his

widow; two sons, Gary and Danny, both at home; a sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Donelli of Grahamsville, and several nieces and nephews.

#### May 1, 1986

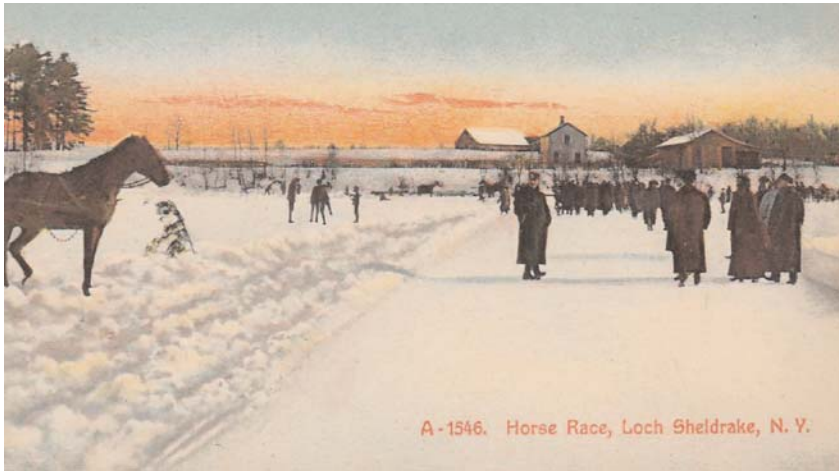
Gerald K. Prince of Woodbourne, a retired correction officer at Woodbourne Correctional Facility and a lifelong area resident, died on Sunday, April 27th at Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 64. The son of the late Alfred L. and Edith Tompkins Prince, he was born Jan. 27, 1922 in Woodbourne. Survivors include one son, Gerald L. Prince; one daughter, Darlene Prince of Lynbrook, L.I.; seven grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

A dinner to honor Tri-Valley Central School retirees will be held on May 31st at King's in Livingston Manor. Honored guests will include Peggy DeWire, Marion Robinson and Margaret Towne

## Collecting Historical Postcards A talk by John Duda

(From Pg. 1)

Admission to this program is **FREE** for Museum Members and **\$5** for non-members. Admission to the program also includes light refreshments and Museum admission. The Museum Shop will also be open.



A-1546. Horse Race, Loch Sheldrake, N. Y.

**About the Speaker:** John Duda is a long-time Trustee of both Skene Memorial Library in Fleischmanns and The Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories. He belongs to many historical societies in the area, and has done numerous post card and history presentations throughout the region. He has served as Secretary of the Kaaterskill Post Card Club for many years, and runs their Post Card Show twice a year.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:**

Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

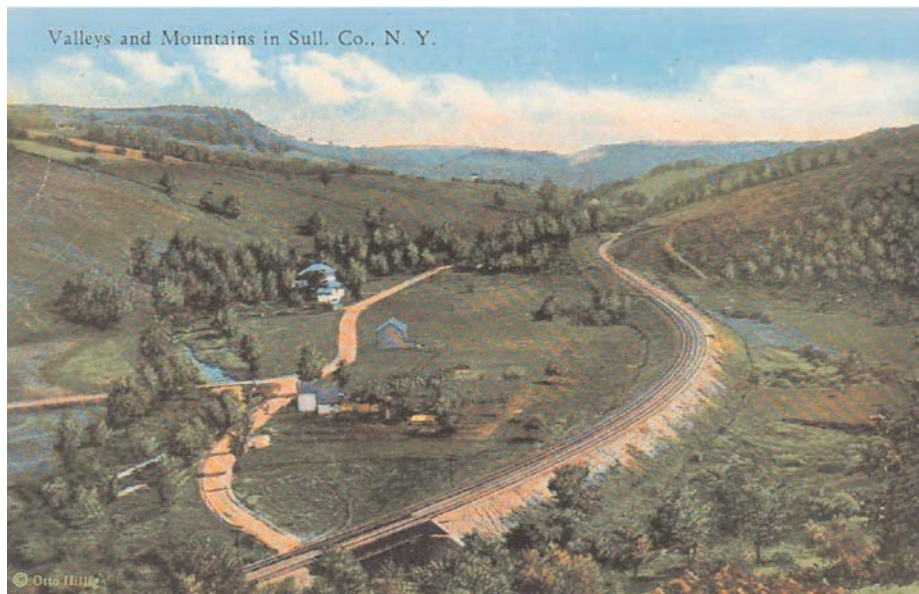
**Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:**

- **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.



Grahamsville, N. Y.



Valleys and Mountains in Sull. Co., N. Y.

- **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house, working waterwheel and many other buildings help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

**The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, providing free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members.** For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



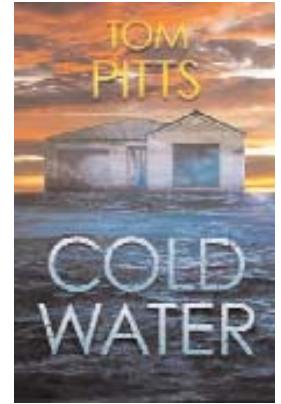
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# Cold Water

### Mysterious Book Report No. 403

by John Dwaine McKenna

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Larry and Linda Carson are good, honest and hard-working folks-salt of the earth types-who've moved up from San Francisco to Sacramento, California, trying to rebuild their lives, and their marriage,

after losing the baby they'd been anticipating so eagerly. Life for them is ordinary and hum-drum . . . until the neighbors across the street, the Perkins, move out and some criminal squatters break in and take up residence. That's when trouble so bad that Gary and Linda couldn't have even imagined it beforehand begins in an electrifying new crime fiction thriller entitled *Cold Water*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$14.95, 234 pages, ISBN 978-1-64396-081-4) by Tom Pitts.

The Carsons are in for a battle they're ill-equipped to deal with. They've never encountered the kind of drug-addled, ruthless criminals they must now confront. Outlaws who are not only rapacious thugs who will show no mercy; they are criminals who have a dark and secret history which reaches beyond the neighborhood, and connects to one of the richest and most powerful men in the state of California.

As the crimes steadily increase and the bad blood begins to boil, Gary and Linda turn to the Sacramento Police, who prove to be ineffective and unable to be of any help. That's when Linda is kidnapped . . . and a "fixer" by the name of Calper Dennings shows up. He's been sent to put a lid on things before they affect his employer. But instead, he's quickly sucked into the cruel and dark world of an amoral tycoon with enough power and money to destroy them all.

*Cold Water* ratchets up the action, drama and the tension on every page, as it builds to a stunningly violent conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for breath and searching for more of Tom Pitts' novels. All hard-boiled crime enthusiasts should get to know him, because he's fast becoming the unrivaled master of north Cali noir!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Tree Hugger

Early this morning I walked around the back of the house and took my shoes off, to be grounded, and hugged my favorite tree. I don't even know what kind of tree it is because it is so tall that I never look at its leaves, just its bark. It is a big, old tree and when I hug it, which I do often, my arms do not meet at the back. It is even a bit uphill, so I have to balance a bit to stay grounded and hold on tight so I do not tumble backwards.

It feels good. I think because my position is a bit precarious, I feel concentrated in the moment. Just me and the tree. Hudson would go with me and not think it a bit strange. The rescue kittens, now cats, are venturing outside with me, but they are not ever “in the moment.” They are here, there, and everywhere. They are not my tree hugging partners...yet.

I came across this poem, and I thought I would share it with you because it sort of explains how I feel without sounding a bit off kilter.

“Ordinarily, I go to the woods alone,  
with not a single friend,  
for they are all smilers and talkers  
and therefore, unsuitable.

I don't really want to be witnessed  
talking to the catbirds  
or hugging the old black oak tree.  
I have my way of praying,  
as you no doubt have yours.

Besides, when I am alone  
I can become invisible.  
I can sit on the top of a dune  
as motionless as an uprise of weeds,  
until the foxes run by unconcerned.  
I can hear the almost  
un-hearable sound of the roses singing.

If you have ever gone to the woods with me,  
I must love you very much.”

Mary Oliver ~ Swan: Poems and Prose Poems

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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## Find Your Joy at the DPL! Celebrate National Library Week with a Visit to Your Local Library

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Come celebrate National Library Week (Monday, April 20-Saturday, April 25) with us at the Daniel Pierce Library!

First developed in the early 1950's by the National Book Committee and then later taken on by the American Library Association (ALA), National Library Week was organized as a conduit for library promotion as well as a way to highlight the vital roles both libraries and library staff play in the lives of their communities. This year's theme is: find your joy.

Finding joy at the library is easy to do! You can visit with friends or family while discussing the great books we have to checkout. You could stop in and get a library card; which opens up a whole world of options. You could take part in one (or lots!) of our cool upcoming programs. You could sneak away for a few minutes in one of our many beautiful study areas and get work done or you can come and chat with any one of our awesome, knowledgeable staff members.

For those reasons-and countless more-a visit to the library is a must!

While you're here, we could also fill you in on all the wonderful things going on at the library.

Like, last week we held our popular Pocketbook Bingo. Not only was it a full house, but everyone had a great time! Thank you to all of you who were able to come out and support us. We greatly appreciate it. We've also wrapped up the first two weeks of our Spring Children's Program and it's going great. We're so happy to see our families again! It's been a busy couple of weeks and only going to get busier as the beautiful weather unfolds.

We held another Senior Social on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:00PM. These afternoon get-togethers have grown in popularity...and why wouldn't they have? Everyone loves the opportunity to gather, converse and share light refreshments. Open to all community retirees and senior patrons, these meetings present a perfect chance to get to know your neighbors and to socialize. For more information contact Adele Barnard at [ambarnard57@gmail.com](mailto:ambarnard57@gmail.com).

To kick off our new gardening club, we're holding two informational sessions: the first we held on Tuesday, April 21 and the second one will be on Thursday, May 14 from 6PM-7PM. Eve Minson, food-scapes designer, educator and farmer with over 30 years



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

of experience in the field, will share her extensive knowledge and help empower attendees with confidence as they start off on their own gardening adventures. After these two workshops, we will be holding monthly meetings and programs focused on building the skills needed to create productive, beautiful and sustainable gardens, no matter your experience level or growing space. Register on our website.

Then, on Thursday, April 30 from 6:00PM to 7:30 pm, we're holding a Printmakers program for Tri-Valley adults and teen residents. Please join us and special guest, Keeley, as we discover the special carving techniques utilized in making reusable linoleum stamps. This workshop can get messy, as you experiment with ink and coloring, so please dress accordingly. Also, feel free to bring a design idea or a few images for inspiration. No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. Registration is also online.

There are many more programs and events happening in May as well. Please keep informed of everything going on at the library by either subscribing for our email updates, following us on Instagram or Facebook, by reading The Townsman, or by stopping in and speaking with any of our staff.

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## CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

*News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 11*



The white military stone gleamed in the sunlight as I came toward it in 1998 while photographing and researching in the Fallsburg Neversink Cemetery located just below the Neversink Reservoir dam. I was there for a project celebrating the 200th birthday of the Township of Neversink.



*Van Benschoten grave 1998*

The Velie Cemetery, as it was originally known, was the burial place of the earliest settlers of old Neversink Village and the Divine Corners and Hasbrouck areas. On the stone I read that Private Garritt Van Benschoten, 1756 - 1832, had served during the American Revolution in Conklin's Company of the 4th Regiment of Ulster Militia. Why was the stone so new looking?

At the time I knew very little about the people in the cemetery, only that my great great grandfather William Bertholf, the first Bertholf to settle in Sullivan County was buried there. As the years have gone by, I have changed, but so has the Van Benschoten stone. It is no longer white. When I visited most recently in the fall of 2024 to photograph it for the Sullivan County Revolutionary War Semiquincentennial Commission, it no longer gleamed in the sun.

I learned the reason that it was once so new. The Beaverkill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution had placed that stone on the grave in the early 1990's to honor him. That is part of the mission of the organization, as well as to honor and serve the veterans of all of our Nation's wars. For example, on this coming Saturday April 25th, members of many DAR chapters will participate in the Third Annual Caring for Your Cemetery Day set aside for cleaning up of old cemeter-

ies. As a member, I will be in Fallsburg Neversink Cemetery to help clean up fallen branches and to right old stones.

It turns out that Private Van Benschoten was an acknowledged hero of the war. He was a member of the Ulster Militia, whose experiences as a soldier were not confined to guard duty. Private Garritt Van Benschoten became a hero at the battle of Fort Montgomery, which took place near Bear Mountain on October 6, 1777. The fort and one called Fort Clinton nearby had been constructed and manned to keep the British from gaining control of the Hudson River.

Garritt was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County on July 3, 1755, not 1756 as his stone proclaims, and was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church there the following year. He was a descendent of early Dutch settlers who had arrived in the New World in the 17th century. He was 20 when his family moved to the Newburgh area in 1775. He and his father Isaac both signed the Articles of Association in New Marlboro in that year and joined the militia.

Family members passed down many stories about his service throughout the war that cannot be proven because Garritt died in 1832 before he was able to file for the lifetime pension, which would have given more details about his record. What we do know of Conklin's Company may very well have involved Garritt. The company participated in the battle for New York City in 1776 and was tasked with the improvement of Forts Montgomery and Clinton and the construction of Fort Constitution near West Point throughout 1777. They were involved in the battle at Fort Montgomery in October.

It was there that Garritt Van Benschoten earned his hero designation. As the story, which appeared in his obituary in the *Ulster Plebian* said, "He was one of the few who stood by their cannon, and continued to fire on the enemy until they came up to wrest the torch from the hand of Colonel Bruyn (his commander)." He managed to escape the battlefield without capture but not without injury. He lost the vision in his left eye during that battle.

Garritt Van Benschoten suffered from other infirmities in his old age, including a limp from another war wound and deafness, but he had survived the war, moved to Woodbourne and later the Hasbrouck area of Sullivan County, married and raised at least 12 children. He died on June 3, 1832 and was laid to rest in the Velie Cemetery in Divine Corners, a short distance from his home. His descendants would grow up in a free nation because of the sacrifices he and other members of the Ulster Militia made. We must continue to honor them.



*The grave in 2024*

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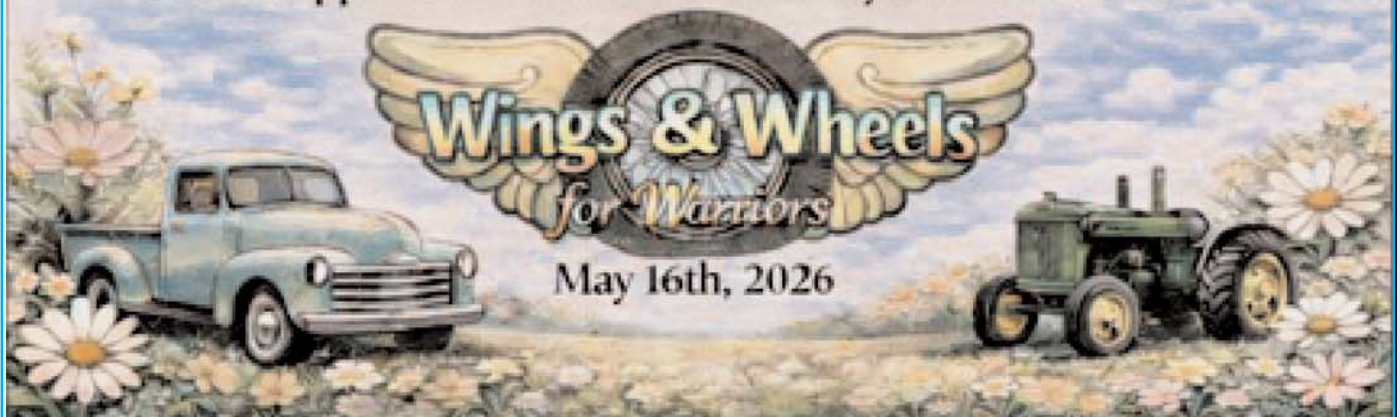
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# Steve Lungen

## –The Aaron Judge of Mountaindale

Of all the achievements and special honors bestowed upon the former Sullivan County District Attorney Steven Lungen, to me this was the most memorable:

When Mr. Lungen and I were much younger, there was “The Sullivan County Volunteer Fire Department Softball League” and most of the Eastern Sullivan County Fire Department's fielded a Softball Team.

This was a serious competitive business complete with playoffs and the winners receiving large trophies with a baseball player winging a bat on top. The trophy was as big as the trophy awarded at the Firemen's Parades.

The Mountaindale Fire Department, one of the smaller Fire Departments, proudly fielded their hometown team. Steve was who the captain of the team. He was also the lead off hitter.

Now, truth be told, sometimes Mountaindale didn't have enough players to field a team. So, bending the rules a bit, they played two men in the outfield instead of three. Steve, studying the situation figured the odds were in his favor. Let's Play Ball!

I'm on the Grahamsville Fire Department Team (mostly on the bench), and on the schedule is Mountaindale with its two man outfield at game time.



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For the non-softball people, Don's deadly “slow pitch” is thrown underhand, virtually straight up in a slow looping arc dropping down over the plate driving the batter nuts.

Spitballs may be illegal, but tobacco juice on the ball gives you a better grip on the ball.

Pitcher Don get set. He does not take any warm up pitches, but he does waive all three outfielders back to the outfield fence.

Steve rubs dirt on the bat and steps in. Don's first high blooper pitch lands behind Steve. “Ball One”. Don is sending a message.

“No Batter, No Batter” yells the short stop, Ken Terbush (Ken is Don's son who plays in the professional Town of Liberty League.)

Without expression, Steve bends down and rubs more dirt on his bat. He did not take the time off from his professional duties to “walk”. He digs in. Don double checks that the outfielders move further out.

Don Terbush's next slow ball pitch is extra high. Steve patiently waits for it to drop, and then swings.

The center fielder doesn't move as he watches the ball sail over his head and far over the fence.

As Steve flips the bat, and rounds third, heading for home, he cracks a slight smile. Like Aaron Judge, he points his index finger at the pitcher, like a pistol, and says “See Ya”.

I, for one, will always see and remember Sullivan County District Attorney Steve Lungen. the magnificent athlete, during one of his happiest moments.

Humbly submitted,  
William A. Brenner, Esq.  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
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# SUNY Ulster String Ensemble Spring Concert

On Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 pm MISU Director, Anastasia Solberg, will be directing the SUNY Ulster String Ensemble in their Spring Concert. The ensemble will perform music by Arcangelo Corelli, Bela Bartok, and Shin-Itchiro Yamamoto.

The College Chorus and the African Music Ensemble will also be performing at this concert.

The concert will be in the Quimby Theater at the Stone Ridge campus.



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## Ulster County Department of Health Hosts Lead Rental Registry Community Forum on April 28 in Kingston

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Health will host a Community Forum on Tuesday, April 28 from 6-7PM at the Kingston High School Cafeteria to answer questions about one of its newest initiatives, the New York State Lead Rental Registry. The Lead Rental Registry requires landlords of multi-unit rental properties built before 1980 in the City of Kingston to register in an online state database, undergo inspections, and complete remediation if lead hazards are identified.

Experts from the Department of Health will be available to address questions about the program and the impacts of lead poisoning on vulnerable communities, including children and pregnant people. Housing specialists from RUPCO will also be present to help renters understand what happens if lead hazards are identified in their homes. Spanish interpretation will be available.

“Lead poisoning has dangerous, lifelong impacts that contribute to poor health for some of the most vulnerable members of our county, including children,” said Eve Walter, Ulster County Public Health Director. “It is why we are thrilled to bring yet one more resource to the Department of Health's suite of lead poisoning prevention work with the launch of Lead Rental Registry. We hope that through this Community Forum all interested members of the community, including tenants, can get their questions answered.”

“Every child deserves a safe and healthy home, and preventing lead exposure is one of the most important steps we can take to protect kids in our community,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “This program will reduce risk and harm, and I encourage tenants and property owners alike to come out to the forum and get the information they need.”

The Lead Rental Registry applies only to the City of Kingston, which has been identified as one of 25 “communities of concern” across New York State due to its high rate of childhood lead poisoning.

Established by New York Public Health Law Section 1377, the Lead Rental Registry program aims to reduce childhood lead poisoning by addressing hazards in rental homes before a child is exposed.

Lead poisoning occurs when a person ingests or inhales lead paint or dust. It is extremely dangerous - especially for young children and pregnant people - but entirely preventable. Once in the body, lead can cause lifelong brain damage, permanent injury, and developmental disabilities. Peeling or chipping lead paint and contaminated dust remain the primary sources of childhood lead exposure.

For more information on Ulster County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, including free home inspections for eligible homes not covered by the Lead Rental Registry and information for parents of children who have high lead levels, visit <https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/health/lead-poisoning-response>. For more information about the Lead Rental Registry program specifically, visit [ulstercountyny.gov/lead-rental-registry](https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/lead-rental-registry) or call (845) 334 LEAD.

For any questions about the Community Forum, contact Kristin Kessler, Director of Community Health, at [kkes@ulstercountyny.gov](mailto:kkes@ulstercountyny.gov).

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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

### Neversink Fire District 2026 Pool Staff Posting

Neversink Fire District is accepting applications for Pool Manager, certified life guards and pool assistants at the Neversink Pool for the 2026 Summer Season. Salary is to be determined and will be based on experience. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner Paul Lepke at paulslepke@gmail.com

Dana Vogler, Secretary

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Drug and alcohol testing is required.

The position is from May to September at an hourly rate of \$17.02 per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly. Applications must be received as soon as possible.

Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845) 985-2281.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2026** at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD**

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK**

**STACI CONJURA, TOWN CLERK**

April 10, 2026

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### LEGAL NOTICE

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 07:00 p.m.** prevailing time, at the **Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center.** It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at the start of the Regular Meeting.

This meeting of the Board of Education shall be held at the time and place stated above.

**Heather Bonnell**

Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

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### NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2026 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 319.

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### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday, April 25th, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

The purpose of Said Public Hearing is an application for a Variance for property located at 29 Saw Mill Road, Claryville, NY 12725, SBL 50.1-1-17.

At SAID Public Hearing any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

There will be no other business before the Board.

If you are unable to attend, please send written comments to the Town of Denning ZBA, POB 277, Claryville, NY 12725 or email [townhall@denningny.gov](mailto:townhall@denningny.gov) - Attention ZBA Chair.

By Order of the Denning ZBA

Joy Monforte, ZBA Chair

April 6, 2026

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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,  
ANNUAL MEETING,  
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION****TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Grahamsville, Town of Neversink  
County of Sullivan, New York

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Collaboration Center, Grahamsville, New York, on:

**Thursday, May 7, 2026  
7:00 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time)**

For the purpose of presenting the school budget proposed by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money that will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public funds, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 7, 2026 and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Annual Meeting and Election, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2026-2027 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Secondary School Lower Level Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any qualified voter who desires to submit a proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than thirty (30) days (by no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, April 20, 2025) prior to the

Annual Meeting and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education will be available beginning on March 9, 2026, from the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building and shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building during regular office hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting Election (Monday, April 20, 2026). Nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2026, there are three (3) Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Mr. Patrick Kelly

Ms. Tammi Chaboty

Vacant Seat

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time in the Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center.

At-Large Voting: the three candidates with the highest amount of votes will fill the three vacant positions.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Shall the following resolution be approved?

**BE IT RESOLVED ....** that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. No person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 19, 2026, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, and Thursday, May 14th, 2026, in the Administration Building between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and any person shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 14th, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the four (4) calendar year periods prior to May 19, 2026. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, they are also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that consistent with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12th, 2026) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 18th, 2026), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a MILITARY BALLOT. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Applications for military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, the twenty-sixth day before the Annual Meeting and Election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. A list of persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on weekdays prior to Annual Meeting and Election and on at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that consistent with Section 2018-c of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Sunday, April 19, 2026) and at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12, 2026) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 18, 2026) if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

By order of the Board of Education,  
Heather Bonnell, District Clerk  
Dated: February 12th, 2026

## Parrot Rescue Expert to Speak at the Catskill Exotic Bird Club



Dan Radzik, founder of The Lonely Grey Parrot Rescue of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker Thursday, April 23rd, at 7PM, at the next meeting of the Catskill Exotic Bird Club, held at 20 Crystal Street in Monticello. Dan has rescued and rehomed hundreds of birds and is a well-known expert on parrot behavior, health and adoptions. Dan will describe some of his most dramatic rescues and some of the most heart-warming stories of finding new homes for "lonely" birds. You might even find a bird for yourself.

The Catskill Exotic Bird Club celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and everyone is welcome. Admission is free. The Club is an association of pet bird owners, breeders and those just interested in all things avian. For more information, call Richie at (845) 794-7966.

## Liberty Museum Opens 2026 Season May 1st With "Mother" Exhibit; Reception on May 2nd

The Liberty Museum & Arts Center opens its 2026 season Friday May 1st, with the eagerly-awaited "Reflection on Mother" exhibit, a multi-media, multi-dimensional exhibition replete with paintings, photography, sculpture, poetry and music, all inspired by Mothers and Motherhood.

The exhibit opens Friday, May 1st from noon to 4pm followed by an opening reception on Saturday, May 2nd, from 5 pm to 7pm. There will be food and drink, poetry and musical performances and a chance to meet the artists and performers. The reception and exhibit is open to all and admission is always free.

The Museum, celebrating its 33rd anniversary in the historic Katz's Bakery building, is located at 46 South Main Street in the village of Liberty, across from the newly-renovated Liberty Theater. The Museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4pm and anytime by appointment. For more information call or text Naomi at (845) 807-6055 or visit [www.libertymuseumandartscenter.org](http://www.libertymuseumandartscenter.org).



## Sun Trail Storage

**Sun Trail** is a local family-owned business  
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Classified ads - \$5.00  
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\$7.50 per week
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- (3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week
- 1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week
- 1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week
- Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week
- Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

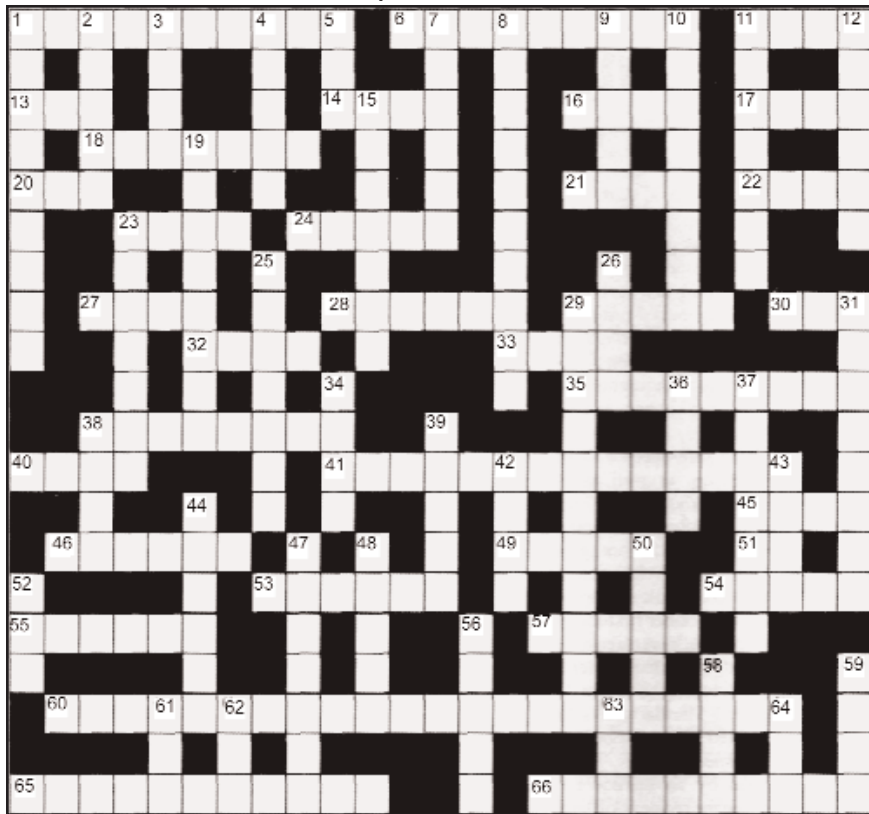
**Sign up for weekly ads with quarterly billing  
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- Full Page Flyer for  
Local Municipalities  
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one time fee- \$20.00  
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we will publish it each week  
through the week of the event)

**As in the past, there is no fee for  
advertising for our local churches**

Low Rates  
High Visibility!

Back in the Olden Days - - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

- 1 '30s "Vas you dere, Charlie?" comic Baron \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Mom scrubbed clothes on it
- 11 Tear in a woman's stocking
- 13 Famous women's organization (abbr.)
- 14 James \_\_\_\_\_ was Agent 007
- 16 Impoverished
- 17 '30s luxury auto
- 18 Perry Mason author Erle Stanley \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 '36 hit song "It's a Sin to Tell a \_\_\_\_\_"
- 21 Gravel-voiced actor \_\_\_\_\_
- Devine \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 A traveling man

- 23 Extravagantly rich
- 24 A burglar's tool
- 27 Give away a secret (slang)
- 28 Island famous for bathing suit and atom bomb
- 29 Borgnine's '55 Oscar role
- 30 A sailor's greeting, "Hi, \_\_\_\_\_"
- 32 Film director \_\_\_\_\_
- 33 '40s Paris "New Look" dress designer
- 35 Jack Benny's valet
- 38 Sensationalized promotion
- 40 Outlandish World War II civilian suit
- 41 Mr. O'Hara in *GWTW* (2 wds)
- 45 Flower holder
- 46 Bell & \_\_\_\_\_ camera

- 49 Common sense or correct reasoning
- 51 Kids' favorite alien
- 53 Kick this and you're gone
- 54 Lock of hair
- 55 A long-held grievance
- 57 Play the banjo
- 60 *Howdy Doody* princess
- 65 Tennessee Ernie Ford song (2 words)
- 66 A bit of mischief

**DOWN**

- 1 '30s-'40s actress \_\_\_\_\_
- Carroll \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Longtime refrigerator brand
- 3 Inheritor
- 4 Bogart's '46 film *The Big \_\_\_\_\_*
- 5 Point of a pen
- 7 Pipsqueak cartoon gal Little \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Inflam-

- mation," \_\_\_\_\_
- knee"
- 9 Oak trees start like this
- 10 Gangster talk for a squealer (2 words)
- 11 Teens' dance (2 words)
- 12 There's one in each hotel room
- 15 Easy children's card game (2 words)
- 19 '30s Mid-west farmlands (2 words)
- 23 A skunk by another name
- 25 J.D. Salinger book \_\_\_\_\_ in the *Rye*
- 26 Famous syrup brand
- 29 Herman Wouck's '55 book *Morjorie \_\_\_\_\_*
- 31 Singer Eddy Howard's '39 hit
- 34 Famous fragrance brand
- 36 Santas laugh (just two)
- 37 Phil \_\_\_\_\_ was TV's Sgt Bilko

- 38 Cher's singing partner Sonny \_\_\_\_\_
- 39 Wise guy, \_\_\_\_\_ aleck
- 42 Fodder tower
- 43 Not on time
- 44 Sheep's haircut
- 47 A pain in the lower back
- 48 A pirate's favorite flag \_\_\_\_\_ and crossbones

- 50 You can fool him
- 52 Last one in is a rotten \_\_\_\_\_
- 56 Surname of baseball brother's "Big Poison" and "Little Poison"
- 58 MGM film studio mascot
- 59 Ma Kettle film star
- Marjorie \_\_\_\_\_

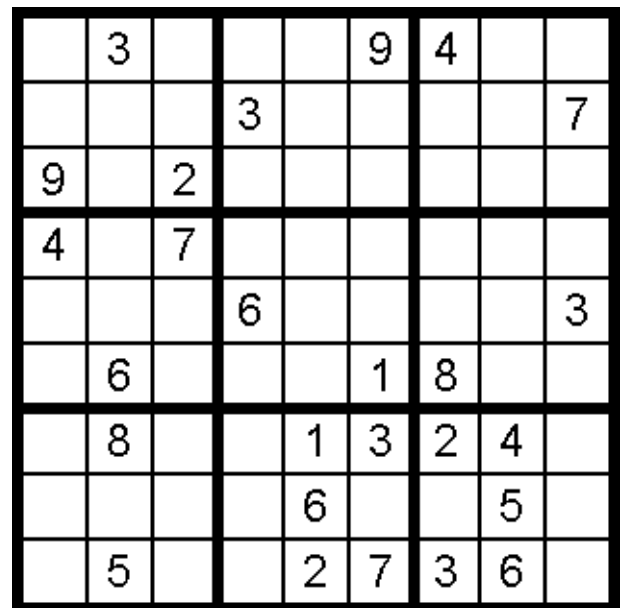
- Marjorie \_\_\_\_\_
- 61 One of the Three Stooges
- 62 \_\_\_\_\_ Howard played Opie on '60s TV
- 63 Johnny Cash sang *A Boy Named \_\_\_\_\_*
- 64 A practical joke

**OLD-FASHIONED OATMEAL COOKIES**

- 1-1/4 cups margarine
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional) 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups Old-fashioned uncooked oats
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 375°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, salt and spices; add to margarine mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 9 minutes for a chewy cookie, 10 to 11 minutes for a crisp cookie. Cool on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack. Store in tightly covered container. Makes about 4-1/2 DOZEN Cookies

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Answer on page 23

Cryptogram

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11 6 2 26 22 26 21 24 16 6 20 11 1 23 6 14 18 8 20

22 8 2 26 8 16 13 26 26

- Joyce Kilmer



Find 5 differences between the 2 pictures.

How many words can you make from ARBOR DAY?



Follow the dots

Trees Wordsearch



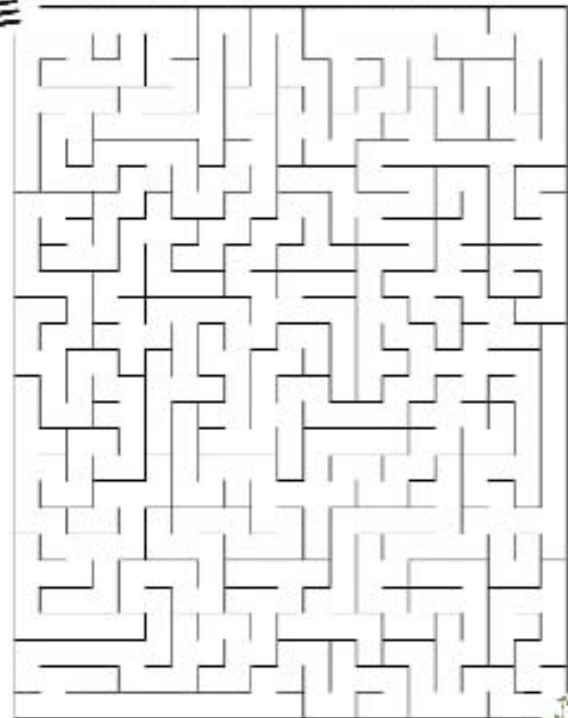
- ACORN
- ALMOND
- AVOCADO
- BARK
- BIRDS
- BUD
- CASHEW
- COCONUT
- DATE
- FIBER

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|--------|--------|----------|
| FLOWER | NUTS   | NEST     |
| LEAF   | OLIVE  | SEED     |
| LEMON  | ORANGE | SQUIRREL |
| LIMB   | PEAR   | TRUNK    |

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

Arbor Day

Directions: Take the tools to plant the new saplings.



Cryptogram Key

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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

Covered Dish Supper  
May 2, 2026 • 5:30 pm

2026 Indoor Yard Sales every Saturday  
May 23rd - July 4th  
9 am - 1 pm

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

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

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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

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

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Thrift Sale**  
**May 2, 2026**  
**9 am - 12 Noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville  
Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

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

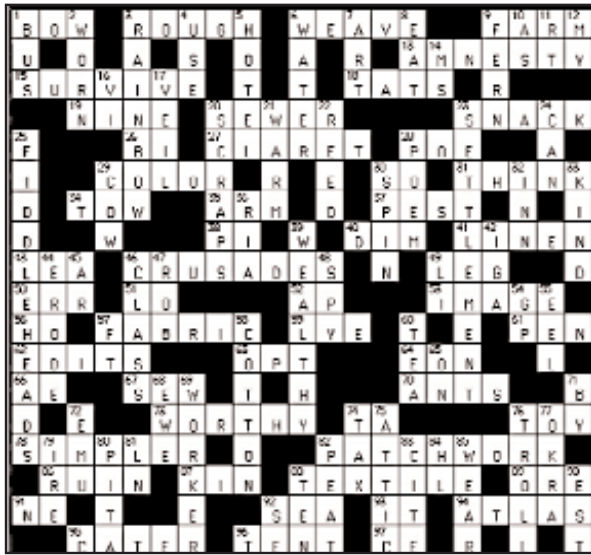


Church Hall available for rent  
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

**WANTED**  
 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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7	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	9
3	2	9	8	6	4	7	5	1
1	5	4	9	2	7	3	6	8

To learn more about **Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)** or to make a donation please go to:  
<https://www.nfxdetroit.org/>  
**NFX** drives bold, high-impact research to discover and develop targeted treatments for **neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1)**  
**NFX** advances groundbreaking research that will bring us closer to ending neurofibromatosis.  
 Thank you

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

- Spring Fling, Saturday May 2nd 12-3pm
- Street Fair, Saturday July 11th 11-5pm
- Duck Race, Thursday August 13th 6pm
- Halloweenfest, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm
- Joy to Wurtsboro, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm

**Music & Farmers Market** in the park will run every Thursday, starting June 11-Sept 24 from 5pm-8/8:30pm.

**Daniel Pierce Library Hours**

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

**\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March**  
**Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check**  
 The Office of the State Comptroller returned \$126 million in unclaimed funds to its rightful owners during the month of March. From uncashed payroll checks to forgotten bank accounts, Comptroller DiNapoli is dedicated to putting money back into the pockets of the people and organizations it belongs to.  
[https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm\\_content=20260411&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=weekly+news](https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news)

**Check the air quality where you are at:**  
<https://www.airnow.gov/>

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 email: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)  
 or visit our Virtual Mall  
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**VETERANS** always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County  
 at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.  
 For information call 845-434-8044.

## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/5/2026	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/6/2026	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 4/24/2026)
5/13/2026	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
5/12/2026	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
5/12/2026	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
5/20/2026	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.</b> 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
5/21/2026	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
5/21/2026	Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
5/19/2026	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 5/8/2026)

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

## UC Legislative Weekly Update for the Week of April 20, 2026 - April 24, 2026

Legislative Committee Meetings  
are Livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

**Wednesday, April 22**

- o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, 5 Park Lane, Highland 12528
- o 12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline
- o 3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, in the Rondout Municipal Center, Room M-1, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill 12419
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Fire Advisory Board, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Thursday, April 23**

- o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston & Via YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

**Friday, April 24**

- o No Meetings

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



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmvscheduling](https://www.dmv.ny.gov/sullivancountydmvscheduling)

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

**Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:**

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Callcoan Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Rockland Town Hall - 85 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2949 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)
- Bloomington Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomington, NY (rotating schedule)

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **BEFORE** arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](https://www.dmv.ny.gov)

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

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

to the location where the appointment is held.

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

For further information please call: 845.754.3572

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Ye Ole Tri-Valley Townsman (a/k/a The Townsman)  
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Mail it along with a check for the **Annual Rate –\$40.00**  
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**Thank you for your continued support.**

# SLAC MEETING AGENDA April 24, 2026

Our meeting will be held in the Legislators Conference Room on Friday, 4/24 at 10AM.

We will discuss the AI Information Ken provided regarding both the Garnet and ACC situations.

These studies provide valuable information for us.

The Homeless situation is still unresolved, and scams are still in the for front as a national problem. Ways to solve these problems will be discussed.

Hope to see you all.

# Tchotchkes Galore Bring an Object, Tell a Story

Join author and Borscht Belt Museum archival officer Allen Frishman for an afternoon of stories, memories, and unexpected treasures as we explore the objects that shaped our personal histories.

Bring one cherished Borscht Belt item - sentimental, quirky, historic, or surprising - that tells a story. It might be a photograph, a recipe card, a letter, a souvenir, a piece of clothing, or a tiny treasure tucked away for years.

Don't have an object? Everyone has a story! Come share one.

Together, we'll share memories, laughter, and a little Catskills magic.

**Sunday, April 26, 2 pm**

**Borscht Belt Museum, 90 Canal Street,  
Ellenville.**

Also available via Zoom. Email [Ky@borschtbelt-museum.org](mailto:Ky@borschtbelt-museum.org) for a link.

# Olive Free Library to Participate in UC Fair Read & Win Program

We are thrilled to announce that we are participating in the Ulster County Fair Read & Win Program!

The Ulster County Fair and Agricultural Society is excited for you to participate in our 2026 Read & Win Program, designed to encourage children throughout our community to discover the joy of reading. This program benefits students in grades Pre K through 8 by motivating them to read library books between April 6th and June 14th, 2026.

Here is how the program works:

1. Beginning Wednesday April 1, visit the Olive Free Library or any of the other participating libraries in Ulster County: Cragmoor, Ellenville, Elting Memorial, Gardiner, Marlboro, Olive, Plattekill, Saugerties, Wallkill and Woodstock.
2. Pick up your NYS Frequent Fairgoers Official Passport provided by NYS Ag & Markets and Read and Win Bookmark Ribbon provided by International Association of Fairs and Expos (IAFE) & National Independent Concessionaires Association (NICA).
3. Read 8 books from April-June. Each time you take out a book(s), bring your passport to get stamped (max. of 4 stamps per visit). You may collect more than 8 stamps; this is just the minimum to complete the program.
4. The program ends on June 14 and participants must visit the library a minimum of 2 times.

Those who complete the program will receive:

- All kids under 10 get **FREE ADMISSION** to the Ulster County Fair starting in 2026 and will earn 1 additional fair admission for their parent or guardian.
- Kids over 10 will also earn free admission as well as 1 additional fair admission for their parent or guardian. There is a maximum of 2 parents/guardian tickets per family.
- A Coupon for a **HALF PRICE** unlimited ride bracelet.
- An Ulster County Fair Drawstring backpack filled with goodies, including coupons for free or reduced items from our concessionaires and vendors.

One child will be drawn at random to win the **GRAND PRIZE**:

- A 4-pack of Fair admission tickets
- 4 Unlimited Ride Wristbands
- A food bundle coupon, including a Large Pizza, 4 Hot Pretzels & 4 Drinks courtesy of Vinnie's Fine Foods
- A Read & Win Grand Prize Winner Banner and VIP Seating for the event or concert on the day you visit!

As soon as you've read all 8 of your books, fill out the Program Completion Form. Email the completed form and a picture of the stamped passport to Dara Kopaskie: [dkopaskie@ulstercountyfair.com](mailto:dkopaskie@ulstercountyfair.com). You can also reach out to Dara with any of your questions.

# Bake Sale Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 26th  
9am - Noon**

**Grahamsville Firehouse**

**Hosted by the Neversink Track Club to  
support the Tri-Valley Track & Field and  
Cross Country programs**



Supporting Tri-Valley Track & Field and Cross Country Program

**Contact: [neversinktrackclub@gmail.com](mailto:neversinktrackclub@gmail.com)**

# Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Annual Walk Saturday, May 2, 2026

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 2, 2026  
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

Please be available no later than 8:45am  
for a group photo before  
the start of the Walk

Complimentary coffee & continental breakfast  
starts at 8am, please join us

Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the  
First Aid Squad Building  
and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds  
each walker feels comfortable doing.  
Even if you do not walk, donations are appreciated.

## COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

For additional pledge sheets or questions about the  
Journey For Sight Walk, please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927  
or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.

Thank you.

## The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day - Saturday, May 2, 2026

# Pledge Rules

1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
  2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.
  3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.
  4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.
  5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.
  6. The event will be held rain or shine.
  7. All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.
  8. Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.
  9. It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$30.
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# ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A NEVERSINK WELLNESS WARRIOR?



## The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Invite YOU to Our Community Healthy Challenge!



This is a whole-body, community-driven event designed to uplift the health and spirit of our wonderful town.

### WHO CAN JOIN:

All Town of Neversink residents AND Tri-Valley Students & Staff are welcome to join!



### THE TIMELINE



**REGISTRATION:** Information will be shared soon!



### KICKOFF: MAY 2nd

At the Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight  
Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Grahamsville, NY

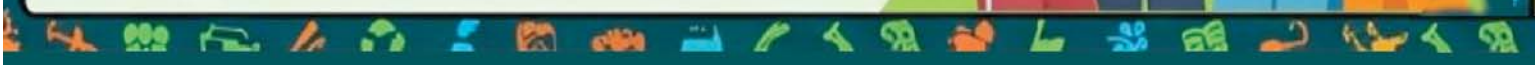


### THE CHALLENGE RUNS: May 2 – August 12

### GRAND FINALE & AWARDS: AUGUST 22nd

At the Town Of Neversink Parks & Recreation  
End of Summer Celebration

**IMPORTANT:** Earn extra points by bringing your pledge sheet with at least 1 pledge for a donation to the Lion's Club Journey for Sight Fundraiser - email Tanya for a pledge form!





# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR

This isn't just about weight loss. It's about mental strength, community connection, and daily consistency. Participants will track their progress through a simple point system, earning points for:

- ✓ **DAILY WELLNESS:** (Hydration, Movement, Healthy Eating)
- ✓ **WEEKLY MINI-CHALLENGES:** (No Soda Week, Digital Detox, Explore a New Trail)
- ✓ **MONTHLY "MEGA" EVENTS:** (Community Field Day, Scavenger Hikes, Healthy Cooking Demos)

More information will be shared!!



## REWARDS OF THE NEVERSINK WELLNESS WARRIORS



**GRAND PRIZE: THE WARRIOR'S CUP** A unique trophy that will display the winner's name and reside at Town Hall!



Plus, Bragging Rights, Prizes, & Surprises!



**REGISTER** - this can be done before May 2nd at Town Hall (-Registration forms can be found on the 2nd floor of Town Hall outside the Parks OR via Google form link, Google form link will be available soon!



**TRACK YOUR POINTS:** watch for our digital tracking form.



**CONNECT ON FACEBOOK:** Join the community group for daily motivation, tips, and bonus points!

## LET'S GO!! #NEVERIEWELLNESSWARRIORS

For more information, contact Tanya Huggler, Parks & Recreation Director at 845-807-7502 or townofneversinkparksandrec@gmail.com

# Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

Every Saturday  
May 23 through  
July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm

Tickets will be for sale at all Indoor Thrift & Yard Sales for the

## Annual Chicken BBQ

Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sat. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children: \$10



We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table

# Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

(Intersection of Sundown Rd, Peekamoose Rd & Greenville Rd, Sundown, NY 12740)



# Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 16, 2026  
4 to 6 p.m. \$15

Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- Dessert from *Frost Valley YMCA*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum  
P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or call 845 985-7700 with credit card



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

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

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

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

If so, please call or email

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville  
[director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700

*All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition*

**Thank you so much!**





**Bring a  
covered dish  
to share  
Enjoy good food  
and fellowship**

# **Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday  
May 2, 2026  
5:30 pm**

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



**Be sure to check out the tables  
with a variety of collectibles,  
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or to reserve

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and grant from Stewart's Shops*

Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254 Grahamsville NY 12740

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

# Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

## Bird Rescue - Columbia County

ECOs Doroski and Keegan recently responded to the Town of New Lebanon for a report of a distressed bird laying in the snow. Officer Keegan arrived and identified the bird as a Red-Necked Grebe. Grebes require at least 100 feet of open water to take flight. Officer Keegan placed the Grebe into an animal carrier and both Officers transported it to Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center in Hunter, Greene County. The wildlife rehabilitator at the facility notified DEC that the bird was hungry and dehydrated but improved immediately after being fed. The bird was released four days after its arrival. Watch the video of the Red-Necked Grebe feeding at the rehab facility.

[https://www.youtube.com/shorts/z8VyDjW\\_6uk](https://www.youtube.com/shorts/z8VyDjW_6uk)

## Reptile Training - Nassau County



From March 24-26, ECOs from Long Island and New York City joined Officers from the New York City Police Department Emergency Services Unit and United States Fish and Wildlife Inspectors for a Venomous Snake and Dangerous Reptile Training program organized by and held at the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in Bethpage. Mike Ralbovsky, an experienced herpetologist with Rainforest Reptile Shows Inc, conducted the training. The participating Officers learned to identify and handle a variety of animals including reptiles common in the illegal pet trade and those native to New York State. The training then progressed to dangerous reptiles that are illegal to possess in New York without a special permit typically granted to zoos and legitimate exhibitors for educational purposes. Many of those animals are smuggled through ports of entry, including John F. Kennedy Airport, or brought to New York from other states. Dangerous animals in New York include, but are not limited to, all venomous snakes and reptiles, all crocodilia, non-human primates, anacondas, and pythons. Watch the video of Lieutenant Levanway wrangling a green anaconda.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/sbehqSpzso>

## Saving the Easter Bunnies - Erie County

On March 25, ECO Wozniak and Investigator Holzle responded to Kenmore Mercy Hospital in the Village of Kenmore regarding a report of two rabbits trapped in a 10-foot window well. The Officers safely captured both rabbits and released them back into the woods behind the hospital without incident.

Investigator Holzle (left) and ECO Wozniak (right) rescue rabbits trapped in a window well in the Village of Kenmore, Erie County



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## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM  
46 North Street in Monticello  
For information  
contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell  
at (845) 701-0695

## Injured Hawk Rescue - Suffolk County

On March 30, ECO Dickson responded to reports of an injured Red-tailed hawk next to an administrative building at Belmont Lake State Park in Babylon. The hawk's right wing was lowered, and it appeared unable to fly. Officer Dickson, with assistance from State Park Police, created a perimeter around the hawk to keep hikers and dog walkers at a safe distance to prevent any further stress on the bird. He then contacted a local wildlife rehabilitator who responded to the location, assessed the hawk, and determined its right wing was swollen and the bird appeared malnourished. The wildlife rehabilitator also identified the hawk as a male Red-Tailed Hawk that nests in the park every year. The rehabilitator safely captured the hawk, placed it in a carrier, and transported it to a rehab facility for immediate care. DEC checked in with the wildlife rehabilitator on the hawk's condition and learned the bird was taken to a veterinarian, did not have a broken wing but some swelling, and is feeding on its own. The hawk is expected to make a full recovery and be released back at Belmont Lake State Park once it's healthy.



ECO Dickson with Red-Tailed Hawk discovered injured at Belmont Lake State Park in Suffolk County



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EMAIL [tmatthewsm88@gmail.com](mailto:tmatthewsm88@gmail.com) TOM

## 2026 SHOW DATES

### SATURDAY 6/6/26 OUTPOST BBQ. SHOW RAIN DATE SUNDAY 6/7/26

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

**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

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

**PRICE PER VEHICLE \$15.00** TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 2 RACE VEHICLES; TOP 5 2006 & NEWER; TOP 20 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; OUTPOST BBQ CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **DASH PLAQUES FIRST 30 VEHICLES**

### SATURDAY 7/4/26: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

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

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 3:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT AT 3:00 PM

PARADE 12:00 NOON. **DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 30 VEHICLES.**

**PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE; TOP 3 2006 & NEWER, TOP 12 2005 & OLDER, KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

### SATURDAY 7/11/26 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, SULLIVAN STREET WURTSBORO, NY 12790

**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUES FOR THE**

**FIRST 30 VEHICLES.** SHOW TIME 10:00 AM TILL 5:00 PM JUDGING 1:00 PM TROPHIES

GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM **PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 3 2006 &

NEWER TOP 12 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. **RAIN OR SHINE.**

### SUNDAY 8/9/26 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER

**FROM RTE. 17 EXIT 105 TO PLEASANT ST. MAKE RIGHT TURN ONTO BROADWAY.**

**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

SHOW TIME 9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM JUDGING 12:30 PM TROPHIES GIVEN OUT 3:30 PM

**PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE** TROPHIES WILL BE: TOP 5 2006 AND NEWER; TOP 35 2005 AND OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; CLUB PICK; CHAMBER CHOICE; BEST FIRE TRUCK; BEST OF SHOW

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Thursday & Friday | May 7 & 8

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# Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

**T**his July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

**Celebrate With Us - Become a Museum Member - It's Easy!**

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

- ◆ Free admission to all in-person and virtual programs, exhibits and the Catskill Farm
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- ◆ *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter and monthly historical and informative emails
- ◆ 10% discount in the Museum Shop
- ◆ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



Join now by going to [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership), or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

**2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting - be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!**



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740  
845 985-7700 / [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership)

11<sup>th</sup> Annual!

# Wings & Wheels for Warriors



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**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Rain date: Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am to 3pm

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Dear Friends of Disabled American Veterans,

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As we celebrate our **11th anniversary**, our goal is ambitious but heartfelt: to raise **\$50,000 in 2026 in support of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country**. There is no group more deserving of our support than our nation's veterans.

One of the most impactful ways to participate is by becoming a sponsor. We invite you to select a sponsorship level that works best for your business from the enclosed co-sponsor sheet. Every level of sponsorship makes a difference and helps ensure the continued success of this highly attended **car show and community event**.

Wings & Wheels for Warriors is a day full of family-friendly fun featuring:

- Plane rides with **Fly with Kate, LLC**
- Music by **DJ Brian**
- Craft tents and activities for children
- Raffles and prizes
- Food offerings
- A vibrant atmosphere celebrating community and patriotism

In appreciation of your support, **all sponsors receive recognition**, including:

- Placement in our exclusive Program
- Event signage and regular announcements throughout the day
- Promotion on our event Facebook page – Your business will be promoted to our large Facebook audience
- All recognition will feature your logo or business information. If needed, our design team will gladly create professional signage using your name, phone number, or website.

**Silver** sponsors and **above** are also invited to host a table at the event for an additional \$100 donation to **DAV of NY**, providing a great opportunity to engage directly with attendees.

Your contribution is **tax-deductible**, but more importantly, it represents a tangible show of gratitude and support for **Disabled American Veterans of NY**. Any level of participation is deeply appreciated.

We are also seeking **volunteers** to help make the day a success. If you or your team would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for considering being part of this special event. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact us at **845-647-9100**. We truly hope you will join us in honoring our veterans and strengthening our community.

With sincere gratitude,

Dwight Coombe and the Staff of Sprague & Killeen, Inc.  
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**All proceeds go to Disabled American Veterans!**

\*We encourage all sponsors to donate an item or basket for our silent auction.\*

**Thank you for supporting Wings & Wheels for Warriors and  
the Disabled American Veterans of NY!**

**\*Please make check or money order payable to  
the Disabled American Veterans of NY\***

If you wish to co-sponsor the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings & Wheels for Warriors, please fill in the form below and mail it to our office with a check or money order payable to the Disabled American Veterans of NY. Thank you for your support.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\*\*if no description is received, we will create your sign to the best of our ability.\*\***

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Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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**April 25, 2025**

**10 am - 12 noon**

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**Horseshoe Pitching Clinic  
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The clinic is geared towards first time pitchers  
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**The clinic will be conducted by John Kassay,  
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**The clinic is free  
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The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on  
East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM

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Reservation must be received by June 8th for the  
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# New Exhibitions Open at DVAA on Saturday May 2nd: SR Lejeune & Alejandro Mazon

- *murmuration*  
by SR Lejeune
- *Stories in the New Baroque*  
by Alejandro Mazon

(Narrowsburg, NY-April 17, 2026) Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) proudly announces the opening of two new exhibitions, *murmuration* by SR Lejeune (Pine Plains, NY) in the Alliance Gallery and *Stories in the New Baroque* by Alejandro Mazon (East Branch, NY) in the Loft Gallery.

On view from May 2nd - June 7th.

Opening Receptions for both exhibitions will take place on Saturday, May 2nd from 4-6pm.

DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Walk-ins are welcome, and our galleries are ADA-accessible. Gallery & Shop hours are Thursdays - Sundays, 11 am - 4 pm, and by appointment.

For more information, visit:  
[DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org](http://DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org)

## SR LEJEUNE | *murmuration*

Alliance Gallery

On View: May 2nd - June 7th

Artist Talk: Saturday, May 2nd, 3pm

Opening Reception: May 2nd, 4-6pm

Addressing the idea of “fabrication” as both technical construction and fantastical invention, Lejeune's sculptures live between hand and machine-made processes, between fiction and function, between mechanical engineering and poetry, between legibility and invisibility.

SR Lejeune (b. 1994, Boston, MA) is an artist currently based in Pine Plains, NY. They received a BA with High Honors from Oberlin College (2015), were a Core Fellow at the Penland School of Craft (2017-19) and hold an MFA in Sculpture from the Yale School of Art (2023). SR was the 2023 West Bay View Foundation Fellow at Dieu Donné and has been an artist in residence at the Dirt Palace (2016), *lower\_cavity* (2023-24), the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation (2024), and Women's Studio Workshop (2025).

[www.sarahroselejeune.com](http://www.sarahroselejeune.com)

## ALEJANDRO MAZON | *Stories in the New Baroque* Loft Gallery

On View: May 2nd - June 7th

Opening Reception: May 2nd, 4-6pm

Artist Talk: Saturday, May 9th, 11am

Mazon's collages are assembled with discarded images, forgotten photographs and his own drawings to create a dialogue between past and present. His work exists in the nebulous space between yesterday and today, giving us hints of forgotten stories and never written histories.

Alejandro Mazon is an artist whose life and work embody a rich cultural mixture: Cuban by birth, Spanish by blood, American by choice. This layered identity informs his exploration of color, history and resilience across his practice. He studied at the school of Visual Arts in New York, under the tutelage of Cuban painter Juan Gonzalez (1942-1993), a master of hyperrealism and magical realism whose influence shaped Alejandro's early approach to painting.

[www.alexamazon.com](http://www.alexamazon.com)

## ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance serves as the Arts Council for Sullivan County, New York, presenting year-round programs in the visual, performing, and community arts and providing resources for artists and arts organizations throughout the region, on both sides of the Delaware River.

## DVAA 50

To mark a half century of advancing the arts in the Sullivan Catskills and Upper Delaware River Valley Region, DVAA has planned a number of celebratory and forward looking events over the course of 2026. From anniversary exhibitions and theatrical productions to celebrations of the amazing creative community that DVAA has helped foster in surprising places and through new partnerships, it will be a year of celebrating what has been built as we gather momentum for what comes next. To learn more, visit [DVAA50.org](http://DVAA50.org).

## SUPPORT

DVAA's programs are made possible thanks in part to the New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature; the Nancy Stevenson Memorial Fund; our Business Sponsors; DVAA members; and individuals like you.



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# Monticello Youth Commission Hosts Successful Civic Engagement Day at The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark

Monticello, NY - April 20, 2026 - The Village of Monticello is proud to announce the success of its Monticello Youth Commission Civic Engagement Day, held on April 18, 2026, at The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark.

The event brought together 60 children from the Village for a day focused on community connection, recreation, and positive youth engagement.

Village leadership was actively involved in making the day memorable and meaningful. Mayor Rochelle Massey, Trustee Gordon Jenkins, and Village staff member Stacey Walker personally distributed tickets to participate in youth and remained on-site to provide supervision and support throughout the event.

The Village also recognizes the contributions of Village Manager, James Snowden and Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, Managing Director of the Sierra Jacob Foundation for Community Advancement, who worked closely with the Monticello Youth Commission to help plan and organize this impactful event.

The day left a lasting impression on participants, including 9-year-old Mason Nieto, who shared, "I got to meet the Mayor, I can't wait to tell the kids in school on Monday!"

This initiative reflects the Village's continued commitment to investing in its young residents by creating safe, enriching opportunities that promote civic pride and community involvement.

The Village of Monticello extends its sincere appreciation to Danielle Schwartz, Assistant Director of Sales, and the entire staff at The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark for their partnership and support in making this event possible. Their collaboration played a key role in delivering a high-quality experience for the youth of the community.

"This event is a great example of what can happen when community, leadership, and local partners come together for our youth," said Mayor Massey. "We are grateful to everyone who helped make this day a success." The Village looks forward to continuing to expand youth programming and community-based initiatives through the Monticello Youth Commission.



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Beginning Wednesday, April 8th

**Toddler Time (24-35 months)**  
Beginning Thursday, April 9th

**Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)**  
Beginning Friday, April 10th

**Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**  
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can be reached.**



## Albany Is Destroying Green Space in the Name of Saving It

Tague was joined by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Minority Leader Ed Ra (R-Franklin Square) and other local and state officials for a press conference in Berne, New York.

Longtime champion for New York's agricultural community Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C-Schoharie) joined lawmakers and advocates from around the state today at a press conference in Berne, New York, to draw criticism that New York's flawed energy policies are accelerating the loss of prime Upstate farmland and open space.

The Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment Act (RAPID) and aggressive mandates of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) were sold to the public as a way to speed up renewable energy development. Instead, these laws have fast-tracked the industrial conversion of productive farmland into massive solar and wind arrays, often with little to no benefit for the local communities forced to host them.

"New York's current energy policy is completely counterintuitive to its own stated goals," said Tague. "Albany is eliminating green space and paving over our best farmland in the name of 'protecting' the environment. The RAPID Act and CLCPA are nothing more than top-down mandates that sacrifice the very landscapes we're supposed to be saving, all while delivering unreliable power and skyrocketing costs for working families and farmers."

Tague and other upstate lawmakers are calling for an immediate shift to a genuine all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes renewables alongside nuclear power and responsibly developed natural gas. Only a balanced approach, they argue, can deliver affordable, reliable energy while preserving New York's agricultural resources, open spaces and rural way of life. "Farmers and rural communities know what's at stake," Tague added. "We cannot keep trading productive farmland for industrial energy projects that fail when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow. It's time to end this hypocrisy and put common sense back into New York's energy policy."

Others in attendance added their comments, saying: "Kathy Hochul is steamrolling local communities-overriding zoning laws, destroying irreplaceable farmland, disrupting wildlife and sticking taxpayers with the bill while driving electric costs even higher. Our agricultural heartland is being sacrificed to industrial solar projects placed on some of our most valuable soil. As governor, I will put a stop to these projects on day one. We can protect our environment without undermining our farmers or local economies-and I'll make sure we do both while cutting electric bills in half," Nassau County Executive and Republican candidate for governor Bruce Blakeman said.

"Across New York, we are seeing farmland and local communities pushed aside by decisions coming out of Albany with little transparency or input. As Attorney General, I will make sure state agencies follow the law, respect property rights, and give local communities a real voice in the process. We can pursue smart energy policy without sacrificing the livelihoods of New Yorkers who have worked this land for generations," said Attorney General candidate Saritha Komatireddy.

"As someone who has submitted filings inside the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) docket and spoken with communities across 30+ projects, I've seen a system that ignores public input, dismisses expert testimony and overrides local governments. Critical issues like farmland loss, wildlife impacts and decommissioning are brushed aside while nearly every project is approved. This is a rubber-stamp process that prioritizes speed and profit over New York communities. We are witness-

ing the regulatory capture of ORES as foreign wind and solar developers dictate our state's energy policies," said Alexandra Fasulo.

"Albany's top-down energy mandates are putting Upstate farms at risk, driving up costs and shutting local voices out. That's not how this should work. I'll keep fighting for our farmers, our land and our way of life. We can get to cleaner energy-with an all of the above approach-but not by sacrificing our farmland or affordability. It's time to restore balance, local control and common sense," said Marc Molinaro, candidate for the 102nd Assembly District.

"Farmers like me survive by focusing on the solution to the problem. I can guarantee you there is a better solution to solar energy than destroying farmland and our limited woodlands," said Liz Goblet-Schubert of Schubert Mama Farms.

## Riley pushes legislation to allow utility bill tax deductions

***Bipartisan bill would let ratepayers deduct taxes and state-mandated surcharges, which Riley says can top \$100 on a \$250 bill.***

U.S. Rep. Josh Riley has introduced legislation that, if enacted, would allow tax deduction on utility bills, his office announced on Friday.

Riley, D-Ithaca, who represents the 19th Congressional District, introduced a bill known as the "No Tax on Utility Bills Act."

Riley's office said it is "bipartisan legislation to allow taxpayers to deduct taxes and state-mandated surcharges included on their gas and electric utility bills".

"Families across Upstate New York are struggling just to keep the lights and heat on," Riley said in a statement. "It's an emergency, and we need to treat it like one. That means cutting people a break, not piling on taxes and fees every time they open their utility bill. This is a step toward real relief."

Riley's office said upstate New York has some of the highest household energy prices in the nation, and costs have climbed even higher in recent years.

The office said the base cost of energy is only part of what families see on their monthly bill. According to analysis by Heatmap News and MIT, taxes and state-mandated surcharges accounted for nearly \$100 of a \$250 upstate utility bill, the release said.

Under Riley's plan, taxpayers would be able to deduct that full amount.

The No Taxes on Utility Bills Act would allow taxpayers to deduct all taxes and state-mandated surcharges included on gas and electric bills. It would apply to both residential and small business ratepayers. It would take effect for taxable years beginning after enactment, his office said.

Current federal tax law allows deductions for certain categories of taxes but does not include taxes and state-mandated surcharges embedded in utility bills, the release said.

The legislation would amend Section 164(a) of the Internal Revenue Code to include these costs as deductible expenses. Central Hudson said any tax reduction would be welcomed.

"Central Hudson supports efforts that help make energy more affordable for the customers we serve," the company said in a Friday statement when asked for comment. "Taxes and state mandated surcharges make up a meaningful portion of every utility bill, and these charges are set by government entities-not by utilities. Any proposal that reduces those costs for families and small businesses would provide welcome relief."



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

### 1. Fighting to end President Trump's war in Iran

President Trump's reckless war with Iran is endangering our troops, jeopardizing our national security, and raising costs for working families already struggling to get by.

This week, Kirsten introduced legislation that can be used to force a vote to stop the war. New Yorkers want lower costs, not forever wars, and Kirsten is doing everything she can to end this reckless war.

Read more.

<https://www.wcax.com/2026/04/14/senator-gillibrand-pushing-end-iran-war/>

### 2. Securing health care for 9/11 survivors

After reports that the Trump administration had not addressed staffing cuts at the World Trade Center Health Program, Kirsten fought back.

Following her advocacy, the Department of Health and Human Services agreed to reverse the cuts and hire new staff to support the program, which provides health care for 9/11 survivors and first responders. Kirsten will continue to monitor to make sure staff is actually rehired and New Yorkers can get the care they need.

Read more.

<https://nypost.com/2026/04/15/us-news/hhs-reverses-staffing-cuts-for-world-trade-center-health-program/>

### 3. Fighting for good government

The president of the United States serves the people, not the other way around.

This week, Kirsten introduced her Halting Unilateral Money and Building Labeling by Egotistical (HUMBLE) Presidents Act to bar the use of a sitting U.S. president's name, image, likeness, or signature to decorate or name federal property, assets, or currency. This critical legislation would force our leaders to focus on the issues that truly matter to American families, not their own personal brand, and Kirsten will do everything she can to get it passed.

Read more.

<https://cbs6albany.com/news/local/humble-presidents-act-would-bar-sitting-presidents-name-likeness-on-federal-assets>

### 4. Supporting New York manufacturing

New York manufacturers are building the future right here in our state. This week, Kirsten visited three New York facilities that do cutting-edge work at the intersection of national security, manufacturing, and economic development:

Innovare Advancement Center at Griffiss Institute: based in Rome, NY, Griffiss Institute is a nonprofit talent and technology accelerator that fosters collaboration between government, academia, and industry to drive innovation and support STEM education. Read more.

GE Aerospace: in the Capital Region, GE Aerospace serves as a research and development hub where engineers and scientists

are creating next-generation aerospace technology.

CPI Aerostructures: a Long Island-based manufacturer of structural aircraft components for fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, serving both our national security and commercial aerospace sector.

### 5. Honoring a Nuremberg prosecutor

As a Nuremberg trials prosecutor and lifelong advocate for justice, the late Ben Ferencz represents the best of humanity.

Kirsten was honored to lead the bill to award Mr. Ferencz the Congressional Gold Medal to recognize his tremendous service to our nation.

Watch her speech here.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/J-eY5ip-ASQ>

### 6. Reversing Trump's needless delays in funding New York infrastructure projects

The Trump administration has used New Yorkers as political pawns by holding up federal dollars for important projects like New York's Second Avenue Subway extension.

This week, following pressure from Kirsten, the U.S. Department of Transportation restarted long-delayed reimbursements for the Second Avenue Subway extension project, allowing critical construction work to continue. This project will cut down on travel times, provide better connections between New York neighborhoods, and deliver the modern and accessible transit system that New Yorkers deserve.

Read more. <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/politics/second-avenue-subway-v60d7tzd>

### 7. Fighting senior hunger

Skyrocketing grocery prices have left too many seniors struggling to put food on the table.

Unfortunately, the complexity of the current application process for SNAP benefits deters many older adults from using this critical resource. That's why this week, Kirsten introduced a bill to simplify the SNAP application process for seniors and increase the monthly benefit available to all SNAP participants.

Read more. <https://www.observertoday.com/news/local-region/2026/04/senior-hunger-prevention-act-proposed-by-gillibrand/>

### 8. Helping New Yorkers with Medicaid

A Queens County constituent contacted Kirsten's office with a dire need request for Medicaid to permit an increase to her home health care hours. Despite being in a wheelchair and living alone with no way of moving around her home without assistance, her Medicaid insurance provider denied her request twice.

After Kirsten's team contacted the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on her behalf, the constituent was notified of a favorable decision allowing her 24-hour, live-in assistance.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>

### 9. COMING SOON: Two Truths and Trump's Lies

The truth matters - now more than ever.

Kirsten is launching a new series to help keep New Yorkers informed about what's happening in Washington and how it's going to affect you - whether it's your health care, your paycheck, or your community.

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# New Sullivan County Website Shares Info, Map of Major Broadband Expansion Construction Has Begun on \$30M High-Speed Internet Project, Supported by Empire State Development's ConnectALL Program

Liberty, NY - As high-speed fiber-optic conduit continues being buried across Sullivan County, a new website has launched to give residents and businesses an opportunity to follow progress and check availability for broadband Internet service: [www.connectsullivan.com](http://www.connectsullivan.com).

“The County, NYS' ConnectALL team, consultant ECC Technologies and our private partner Archtop Fiber have been working hard this past year to advance the dream of a Sullivan County with high-speed Internet access wherever you live, work or play,” said Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek. “You can see the results of this work by visiting [connectsullivan.com](http://connectsullivan.com), offering general information, an interactive map of availability and a signup form for updates.”

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, “Through ConnectALL, New York State is making strategic investments to ensure every community - regardless of geography - has access to reliable, high-speed Internet. The launch of [connectsullivan.com](http://connectsullivan.com) is an important step in that effort, giving residents and businesses a way to track progress, check availability, and stay informed as this transformative project moves forward.”

Fueled by New York State's ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program administered by Empire State Development, which aims to expand broadband infrastructure throughout New York State, Sullivan County was awarded a substantial \$29.9M of the collective \$240M+ Statewide funding in 2025.

Utilizing that crucial funding, Sullivan County has partnered with Archtop Fiber to provide broadband service to over 22,000 homes and businesses, leveraging the County's existing emergency communications towers and Archtop's capabilities in fiber-optic construction. Fiber will be run to many locations, with a high-speed wireless signal serving harder-to-reach areas. Speeds will be as high as 10GB per second.

“Archtop Fiber is proud to be part of such a significant investment in Sullivan County's future,” said Jeff DeMond, Chairman and CEO, Archtop Fiber. “It's partnerships like this that truly move the needle for underserved communities. We are dedicated to connecting homes, empowering businesses, and ensuring that every resident has access to the fastest fiber Internet that makes modern life possible.”

Archtop Fiber is in the midst of deploying 220+ miles of fiber - nearly 100% of which will be buried, underground backbone, and/or middle-mile construction. Sullivan County will own the infrastructure, while Archtop Fiber and Hudson Valley Wireless will serve as Internet service providers.

“Sullivan County faces unique challenges due to its rural, mountainous terrain, low population density and status, as the most distressed of the seven counties represented by the Hudson Valley Regional Council that have long deterred broadband deployment in the County,” stated Project Manager Lorne Green, the County's commissioner of Information Technology Services. “This initiative reverses that trend for many of the unserved homes in the county and creates new opportunities in health, education and economic well-being.”

Service is anticipated to be launched in early May in the Liberty area, expanding outward through the remainder of 2026.

About the website

Launched this month, [www.connectsullivan.com](http://www.connectsullivan.com) is designed to answer questions and give updates as this significant project moves forward. Visitors to the site can:

- o Check the availability of service (current and future) at an exact address
- o See where fiber is being laid throughout Sullivan County
- o Get an approximate understanding of where wireless service might be offered
- o Gain knowledge of the scope, timeline and mission of the project
- o Obtain answers to frequently-asked questions
- o Sign up for updates and service, when it becomes available
- o Learn more about Archtop Fiber and the NYS ConnectALL Program

This Internet service is supported by a grant awarded to County of Sullivan by New York State through the ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program, funded by the Capital Project Fund administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

About Archtop Fiber

Archtop Fiber offers the fastest, most reliable, environmentally friendly and affordable Internet access to communities across the Northeast. With decades of experience and success, Archtop provides multi-gig, symmetrical, all-fiber Internet solutions that open doors for community growth and prosperity. Archtop's future-forward network and Internet services deliver reliable, lightning-fast access to entertainment, healthcare, employment and education opportunities. From businesses and hospitals to farms and families, Archtop Fiber prioritizes exceptional service and an unwavering community focus to create a brighter, tech-driven future for all.

About Empire State Development

Empire State Development is New York's chief economic development agency, and promotes business growth, job creation, and greater economic opportunity throughout the state. With offices in each of the state's 10 regions, ESD oversees the Regional Economic Development Councils, supports broadband equity through the ConnectALL office, and is growing the workforce of tomorrow through the Office of Strategic Workforce Development. The agency engages with emerging and next generation industries like clean energy and semiconductor manufacturing looking to grow in New York State, operates a network of assistance centers to help small businesses grow and succeed, and promotes the state's world class tourism destinations through I LOVE NY. For more information, please visit [esd.ny.gov](http://esd.ny.gov), and connect with ESD on LinkedIn, Facebook and X.

# SUNY ULSTER MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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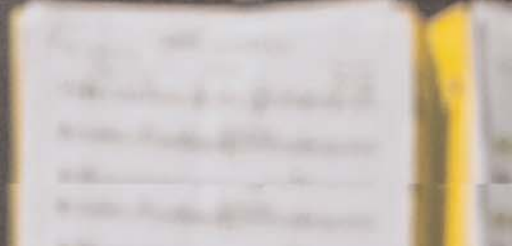
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## During Severe Weather Awareness Week, Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Prepare Their Households

Governor Kathy Hochul today highlighted the start of Severe Weather Awareness Week in New York State by encouraging New Yorkers to take steps to prepare themselves and their households for severe weather. One of the best ways to stay prepared is by taking a New York State Citizens Preparedness Corps course to learn from emergency management experts on the steps individuals and families should take to stay safe during severe weather. New Yorkers also can register to receive weather and emergency alerts by texting their county or borough to 333111.

"As we mark Severe Weather Awareness Week, I encourage every New Yorker to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their households before disaster strikes," Governor Hochul said. "Preparation is our best defense. Whether it's signing up for emergency alerts by texting your county or borough to 333111 or attending a Citizens Preparedness Corps course to learn directly from experts, taking these simple actions now can make all the difference in keeping your family safe when severe weather hits."

The New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps, administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the New York National Guard, was established in 2014 to train everyday New Yorkers how to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond immediately and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Since the program's inception, 468,000 New Yorkers have been trained through these events.

Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Acting Commissioner Terry O'Leary said, "During a severe weather emergency, every second counts. You can't prepare for an emergency during the emergency, which makes planning ahead key to keeping yourself and your loved ones safe. Have a plan, build a kit and sign up for emergency alerts to stay informed about what could come your way."

During a Citizen Preparedness Corp training, attendees learn about the four steps that they should know and take to complete before disaster strikes:

- o Develop a plan for you and your family at home, school, work and outdoors. Identify a safe place to take shelter and know what actions to take when a warning is issued. Consider pets when planning for an emergency.
- o Build a kit of emergency supplies to last at least 10 days. Include flashlights, weather radio, and extra batteries. You should have one kit each for your home and your vehicle. Plan for any medical needs your family may have. Keep emergency supplies for pets.
- o Stay tuned to TV and radio stations that broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages and follow local emergency orders when issued. Receive emergency information direct to your cell phone by texting your county or borough to 333111.
- o Visit your local emergency management office to learn more about how to protect you and your family. Consider volunteering with organizations such as the American Red Cross, New York Cares or the Salvation Army.

More severe weather safety tips are available on the DHSES website.

### About the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

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## Protects Every Student's Right To A Free Public Education Regardless Of Immigration Status

### *Builds on Governor's 'Local Cops, Local Crimes Act' to Ensure Local Law Enforcement Is Focused on Fighting Local Crime*

Governor Kathy Hochul today proposed a comprehensive plan that would expand protections for New Yorkers regardless of immigration status, safeguard basic rights and hold federal immigration officials accountable. Earlier this year, Governor Hochul introduced several proposals to protect New Yorkers amid an unprecedented escalation in aggressive federal immigration enforcement. Building on her previous proposals, this comprehensive package would enhance protections and safeguard the rights of New Yorkers from the overreach of rogue federal immigration authorities.

"New York prides itself on being the place that immigrants come to build a better life and we will not stand for senseless actions that stand in the way of that promise," Governor Hochul said. "My top priority is keeping New Yorkers safe, which is why I'm proposing new measures to stop ICE's flagrant abuse of power under the guise of public safety. By safeguarding basic rights and expanding protections that keep our communities safe, we are fighting to reassure every New Yorker that we will protect them from ICE overreach. The time to act is now."

### Bans Law Enforcement from Wearing Masks

The Governor's proposal would prohibit state, local and federal officers from wearing face covering while interacting with the public. This excludes tactical equipment, sunglasses, or medical masks from the definition of face covering. Willfully violating the statute would be a misdemeanor.

### Refocuses Local Law Enforcement on Local Crimes

This proposal would prohibit state and local law enforcement from coordinating with federal immigration enforcement for non-criminal violations like jaywalking or minor vehicle and traffic violations. The proposal would also limit law enforcement officers from asking, collecting or sharing information about immigration status unless it is legally required or relevant to a crime.

The Governor's proposal would also prohibit local governments, state and local police, and state and local corrections from entering 287(g) Agreements or similar agreements with the federal government that allow for state and local resources to be used for civil immigration enforcement purposes. Local governments would also be barred from paying or otherwise contributing to the costs related to constructing, owning, or operating an immigration detention facility. They would also be prohibited from changing zoning to allow for construction or use of buildings as immigration detention centers without public input.

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### Holds Federal Law Enforcement Accountable for Constitutional Violations

Currently, New Yorkers can sue state and local government officials for a violation of their constitutional rights under federal civil rights law but actions against federal officials are much more limited. The Governor's proposal would establish a state law under which New Yorkers can bring a lawsuit against federal, state, and local government officials for a violation of their constitutional rights.

The Governor's proposal would prohibit state, local and federal officers from wearing face covering to conceal their identities while interacting with the public. This would exclude tactical equipment, sunglasses, or medical face coverings.

### Safeguards Interactions with Public Employees

The Governor's proposal would strictly prohibit the use of state, local or school resources-including employee time-for immigration enforcement activities. This includes a ban on questioning or investigating individuals solely for civil immigration purposes, as well as inquiring about a person's citizenship or country of origin unless required by a federal judicial warrant. Proposed legislation would also prohibit officials from disclosing personally identifying information to immigration authorities, granting them access to non-public areas of public facilities or using immigration officers as interpreters, and would prohibit the release or transfer of a student into immigration custody even if a parent has been detained, unless specifically mandated by a judicial warrant or court order.

Additionally, SED would develop a model policy for schools regarding interacting with immigration authorities.

### Keeps Immigration Authorities Out Of Sensitive Locations

The Governor's proposal would prohibit all state, local and school employees (including higher ed and k-12) from permitting access to any non-public area of a state-owned or operated facility to immigration authorities without a judicial warrant. That means any state or municipally owned, or operated facility including housing accommodations, parks, childcare facilities, preschools, hospitals, schools, dorms, healthcare facilities, community centers, libraries and shelters, cannot grant or facility access to any non-public areas of their facilities to immigration authorities without a warrant.

The Governor's proposal would also empower privately owned or operated sensitive locations, including hospitals, daycares, schools, housing accommodations and houses of worship to do the same.

### Protecting Every Student's Right To A Free Public Education

In addition to protecting schools as sensitive locations, the Governor's proposal would ensure immigrant students can access education, codifying the right to a free public education regardless of immigration status.

The proposal prohibits various practices, particularly around data collection and disclosure regarding immigration status, that could chill the exercise of that right by undocumented students.



### Highlighting Tax Relief for Families on Tax Day

This year, taxpayers are seeing the benefits from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which was signed into law July 4th, 2025. A family of four with two children is expected to see up to \$10,900 in increased take-home pay, along with an estimated 10% increase in average tax refunds. For many working-class families earning up to \$73,000, federal income tax liability has been reduced to zero, while the average tax cut for working families is approximately \$2,300. The legislation also delivered on key promises, including eliminating taxes on tips, overtime, Social Security, and auto loan interest, while permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit and standard deduction. In addition to direct relief, these policies are driving long-term economic growth, supporting more than 7.2 million jobs and contributing to an estimated \$1.2 trillion increase in real GDP over the next four years. These policies are putting more money back into the pockets of hardworking Americans, strengthening small businesses, and driving economic growth in communities like ours.

### New York's Reckless Tax Plan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RyXKgd4ZMY>

New York's tax-and-spend policies continue to drive families, workers, and job creators out of our state. When I served in the State Assembly, a \$155 billion budget was considered excessive, today it has ballooned to around \$260 billion, with no sign of slowing down. At the same time, Albany and New York City leaders are pushing costly, government-driven ideas like taxpayer-funded grocery stores while layering on more taxes and mandates that make it harder to live and do business here. Since 2010, New York has lost millions of residents, including many high earners who support local economies and fund essential services. These are not just the ultra-wealthy, but seniors, families, and small business owners who are being squeezed by rising costs, energy mandates, and burdensome policies.

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

H.R. 1326, the DOE and USDA Interagency Research Act: This bill would require the Department of Energy and the Department of Agriculture to coordinate research efforts on advanced energy technologies, including bioenergy, renewable fuels, and agricultural applications. Coordinated federal research can enhance efficiency and support the development of technologies that benefit energy production and agriculture. This legislation helps strengthen interagency cooperation and advance research that supports economic growth within agriculture.

H.R. 4565, the No DOT Funds for Sanctuary Cities Act: This bill would prohibit the Department of Transportation from providing federal funding to states or local jurisdictions that restrict cooperation with federal immigration enforcement. Sanctuary cities have proven to be a serious threat to the safety of American citizens. This legislation helps ensure that jurisdictions receiving federal funding cooperate with federal authorities and do not adopt policies that limit coordination with immigration enforcement.

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H.R. 797, the Ultrasounds Save Lives Act of 2025: This bill would require abortion providers to perform an ultrasound prior to an abortion and offer the patient the opportunity to view the ultrasound and receive a description of the image. Additionally, it would establish informed consent requirements to ensure that patients are provided with relevant medical information. Informed consent is a foundational principle in medical decision-making, ensuring that patients understand available information and options. This legislation helps promote transparency and ensures that individuals are fully informed prior to undergoing an abortion procedure.

**My Votes Explained**

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

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

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

**Tuesday, April 14**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1011, the Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act. This bill allows applicants receiving Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to receive a portion of their funds in advance to recover after natural disasters, rather than having to be reimbursed for recovery costs. Additionally, this bill expands eligibility for payments to include damages caused by man-made fires that spread due to natural causes, including wildfires. Farmers seeking recovery assistance after disasters need reliable and immediate sources of help, and this bill streamlines the process to help get aid to where and when it's needed the most. This bill passed the House by a vote of 395-10.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7613, the ALERT Act of 2026. This bill enacts several reforms to civil and military aviation, including strengthening air traffic control training requirements and further adopting collision-avoidance technology for military craft operating in domestic airspace. On January 29, 2025, a tragic collision occurred between a U.S. Army helicopter and an American Airlines Flight during the final approach to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), resulting in the loss of all 67 passengers and crew members. Following this collision, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) conducted an investigation and issued a Final Report with 50 recommendations to prevent future collisions. We must ensure American skies remain the safest in the world, and this bill addresses the NTSB's recommendations without imposing burdensome safety standards that provide no tangible benefits. This bill passed the House by a vote of 396-10.

**Thursday, April 16**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6409, the FENCES Act. This bill amends the Clean Air Act (CAA) to clarify that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cannot penalize States for emissions originating outside the United States, regardless of whether those emissions are man-made or natural. During his four years in office, President Biden, backed by Congressional Democrats, advanced a Green New Deal agenda that prioritized environmental interest groups over American businesses and families, crippling economic growth and domestic manufacturing. This bill helps ensure that U.S. manufacturing is protected from harmful and inaccurate emissions calculations. This bill passed the House by a vote of 220-208. I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6398, the RED Tape Act. This bill amends federal law to remove the requirement that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review and provide written comments on newly authorized federal construction projects, major Federal agency actions, and proposed regulations by a federal agency that are already subject to environmental review under the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Duplicative review processes for major projects cause delays and stifle economic growth, without providing a real tangible benefit. As we work to encourage new investments into our communities and grow our electric grids, we need to find new ways to cut unnecessary red tape to speed up development. This bill ends the regulatory overreach and promotes efficiency, job creation, and economic growth by cutting this unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. This bill passed the House by a vote of 222-205.

I voted "No" on H.R. 1689, To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for temporary protected status. This bill requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) until the date that is three months after January 20, 2029. The Obama Administration first designated TPS for Haiti in 2010 following an earthquake, and 16 years later, the Department of Homeland Security determined that Haiti no longer met the conditions for TPS. Additionally, numerous Haitian nationals previously granted TPS are currently being investigated for fraud, public safety, and national security concerns. Continuing a temporary designation initiated nearly 16 years ago is counter to the intent of this program, and this status should be allowed to expire. Unfortunately, this bill passed the House by a vote of 224-204.

I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 40, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran. Had it passed, this resolution would have forced the withdrawal of U.S. Armed Forces from ongoing hostilities with Iran under the War Powers Resolution. For decades, Iran has stood as the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, with a documented history of attacking and killing Americans in service of its openly stated ambition to destroy the "Big Satan." I applaud President Trump and the Department of War for taking bold, decisive steps to hold Tehran accountable, safeguard American lives, and champion the cause of freedom for the Iranian people. Their resolute actions have resulted in the elimination of numerous terrorist leaders and individuals who contributed to the deaths of American citizens. I stand in full support of the Department of War as it carries out Operation Epic Fury against the Iranian regime. These operations hold the promise of fundamentally transforming the Middle East, dismantling entrenched threats to the American homeland and creating the conditions for durable peace and prosperity across the region. I continue to pray for the safety of all our U.S. service members and allies in the region and thank them for their courageous action to keep our nation safe. This resolution failed by a vote of 213-214.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1156, Expressing support for tax policies that support working families. This year, taxpayers are seeing the benefits from the Trump Tax Cuts, which were signed into law on July 4, 2025. A family of four with two children is expected to see up to \$10,900 in increased take-home pay, along with an estimated 10% increase in average tax refunds. For many working-class families earning up to \$73,000, federal income tax liability has been reduced to zero, while the average tax cut for working families is approximately \$2,300. The legislation also delivered on key promises, including eliminating taxes on tips, overtime, Social Security, and auto loan interest, while permanently expanding the Child Tax Credit and standard deduction. In addition to direct relief, these policies are driving long-term economic growth, supporting more than 7.2 million jobs and contributing to an estimated \$1.2 trillion increase in real GDP over the next four years. This Tax Day, families across Upstate New York are seeing the real benefits of commonsense tax relief. These policies are putting more money back into the pockets of hardworking Americans, strengthening small businesses, and driving economic growth in communities like ours. I strongly supported this resolution to make it clear that I will always support tax policies that support working families. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 219-207.

# Olive Free Library Events

**wearable art:  
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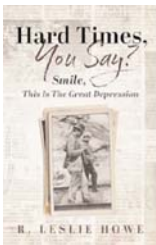

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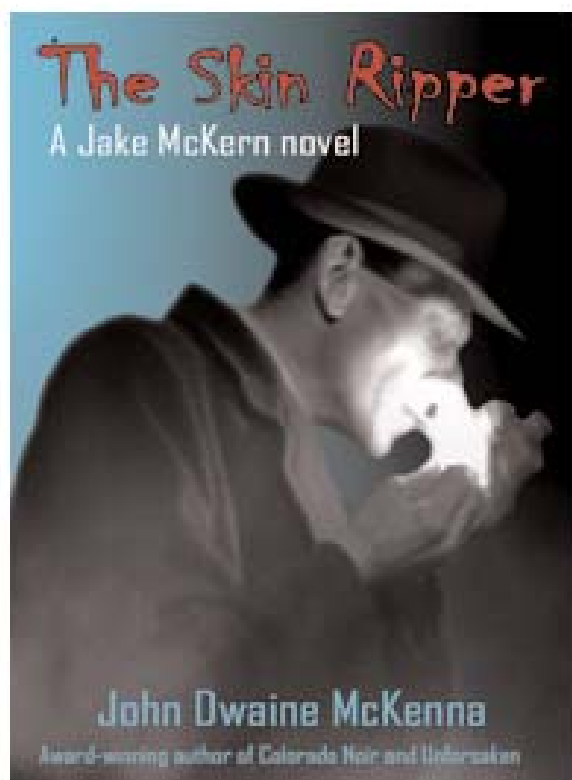
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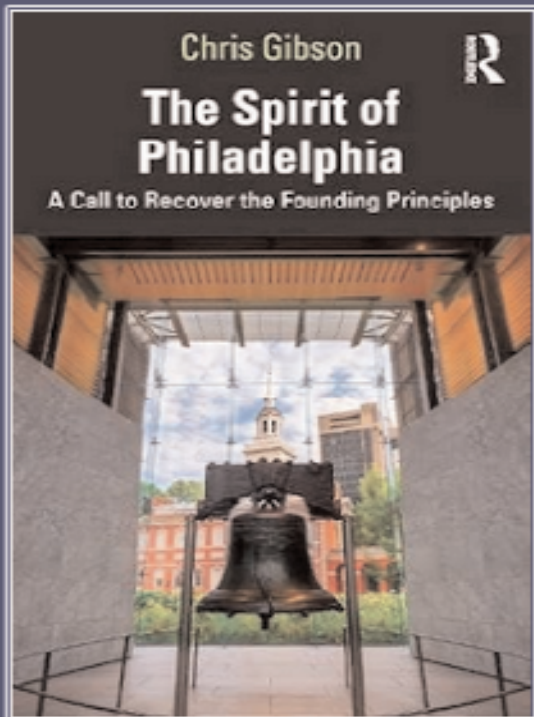
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We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green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

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

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

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**Spring Animal Architects (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 20**

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**Animals Wake Up (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 27**

Children will build spring animals such as frogs, birds, bees and butterflies, create homes for them, explore what they eat, and (if they'd like) act out a short story "a day in your animal's life" using their LEGO creations.

**Baby Animals in Spring (Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, June 3**

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Mail your check to: **Time and the Valleys Museum** P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740  
 or go to: <https://www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/membership> 845-985-7700

*Donations and membership fees are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law*

**Thank you for your support and best wishes for the holiday season!**



# Daniel Pierce Library & Time and the Valleys Museum

## Book Repair Program

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 12:30 pm

Join book conservator, Cara Schlesinger, as she takes us through the art of book repair. This is only one of the important components in the practice of book preservation.

We will be discussing the best practices in book preservation, including proper handling, environmental monitoring and protective housing. A demonstration will follow on what to do with bumped corners, torn or detached pages, spine detachment, loose joints and much more.

\$10 suggested donation

For more information contact the museum at (845)986-7700 or email [info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org)



Advanced registration required at [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org). Limited space available.



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Crahanville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-986-7239  
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# Jay Flight SLX 2019 by Jayco



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Leave a message and phone

# Daniel Pierce Library

## Paint & Sip Event!

Thursday, May 21, 2026  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Patrons Only  
\$10 supply fee

Get ready for some fun with a refreshing drink in one hand and a paint brush in the other! Whether you're a seasoned artist, or just looking for a fun night out, this event is perfect for all skill levels.

Step by Step guidance provided by local artist, Robin Raykoff.

Glasses & painting materials provided  
- you supply the creativity.



Space is limited! Register today and let's paint & sip the night away!  
Open to Tri Valley residents. Register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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Sunday | April 26 | 2:00 PM



# Daniel Pierce Library Gardening Club

Growing Wellness, One Garden at a Time

**Tuesday, April 21st & Thursday, May 14th**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We're excited to launch a brand new Gardening Club with Eve Minson, Foodscape Designer, Educator and Farmer with over 30 years of experience in growing, ecological landscaping design and community-based food systems.

To get started, we're offering two educational series designed to empower you with the knowledge and confidence to grow your own food, herbs and ecological landscapes. After this introduction series, enjoy monthly meetings and programs focused on building the skills needed to create productive, beautiful and sustainable gardens, no matter your experience level or growing space.

**Attend one session or join them all - you choose!**

Advanced registration preferred at [danielpicelibrary.org](http://danielpicelibrary.org)



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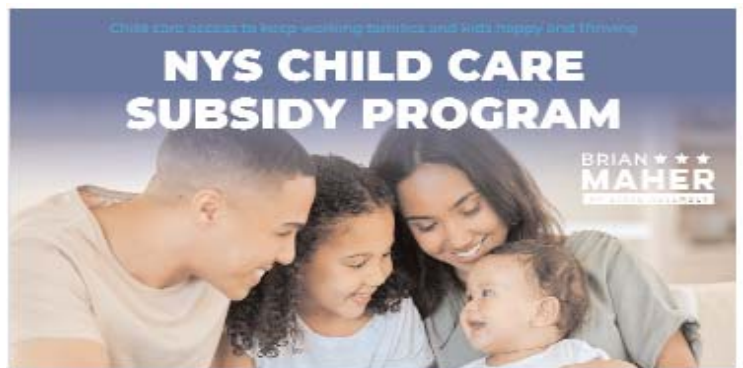
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For Details please email, call or visit the Neversink Town Clerk's office.

Attn: Town Clerk  
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 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
[townclerk@townofneversink.org](mailto:townclerk@townofneversink.org)  
 845 985 2262 Ext. 307



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- Child's age or individual needs

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3	\$69,090	\$5,757.50
4	\$83,250	\$6,937.50
5	\$97,410	\$8,117.50
6	\$111,570	\$9,297.50
7	\$125,730	\$10,477.50

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- 845 292 0000 Sullivan Co.
- 845 334 3489 Ulster Co.

Ask for Child Care unit

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# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US!**



Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!


Contact Rebekah at [rumbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM






VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US!**






Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Anne-Marie at [afreitas@asfl.org](mailto:afreitas@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

**WEDNESDAY**

@ 6:30 PM

### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?  
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**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



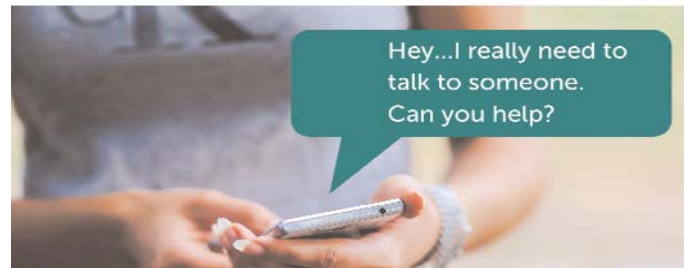
**Text 845-372-1817**  
**Call 866-372-2336**

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

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# FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!





# PRINTMAKERS

at the Daniel Pierce Library

**Design it. Carve it. Stamp it.**

Thursday, April 30, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm

for Teens & Adults

Join us for a hands-on art workshop led by special guest Keel. Adults will learn how to design and carve their own custom block. Explore simple carving techniques, experiment with ink and paper, and leave with a personalized stamp you can use again and again.

The workshop can get a bit messy. We'll be using permanent ink and carving tools, so wear clothing you don't mind getting a little ink or wood shavings on. Feel free to bring a design idea or a few images for inspiration.

No experience needed—all supplies provided.

Advanced registration required at [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org). Open to Tri-Valley residents only. Limited space available.

## SULLIVAN COUNTY HEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM START DATE : **APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

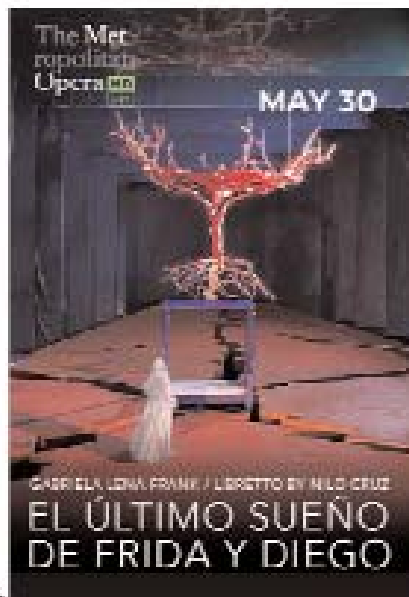


If you have an existing medical condition that is aggravated by extreme heat and documented by a physician, are under the age of 60 OR are 60 years of age or older – you may be eligible for the HEAP Cooling component benefit of up to \$800.00.

The Cooling Assistance Program provides a cooling room for eligible Sullivan County residents. Starting April 15<sup>th</sup>, you can complete an application over the phone.

Applications will be accepted until funding permits.

Please call (845) 807-0142 or apply in person at  
Department of Social Services  
16 Community Drive, Liberty N.Y.



# SUNY Sullivan Foundation presents The Met: Live in HD at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre

## Mud Season Mayhem - How and Where to Hike in Spring



### Hiking on a trail by Jocelyn Yuen

With the longer days and warmer weather, it's the perfect time to step outside and get some fresh air. If you're headed out on the trails this spring, we have some tips to make your adventure a great one:

- o Plan for lower elevation adventures: Even with most of the snow off the ground, the higher elevations of the Adirondacks and Catskills will have mud and snow for several more weeks. Higher elevation trails are often steeper, making them more susceptible to erosion and runoff. To prevent damage to trails, we advise staying below 2,500 feet and checking out our Great Spring Hikes. Hiking at lower elevations can minimize impact to trails, prevent getting caught in mixed spring weather conditions, and offers the opportunity to check out new trails.

- o Stay on the trail and walk through the mud: Our first instinct is to avoid mud puddles on the trail. However, the more we go around mud puddles, the more the trail widens,

which leads to trail expansion and erosion. This can further exacerbate the muddy mayhem, and lead to unnecessary trail work. You can help protect the trails by walking through the mud or sticking to the rocks. Staying on trail also prevents damaging fragile trailside vegetation, which is extra vulnerable this time of year!

- o Bring the proper gear: A good pair of waterproof shoes will help protect against the muddy, snowy, and wet conditions of spring. A pair of hiking gaiters will prevent water from getting in your shoes, pants, or socks, and will make it easier to walk through muddy trails. And wool socks, as opposed to cotton, are essential for their moisture-wicking properties! Even something as simple as wool socks can help prevent hypothermia during these wet and chilly months. As always, pack the ten hiking essentials and be prepared for cold conditions.

- o Be prepared for dangerous stream crossings: Choose trails with minimal-or no-stream crossings as rainfall and snowmelt can quickly cause flash flooding and impassable crossings this time of year.

#### Spring recreation tips

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hiking/spring-recreation-tips>

## First Time Camper Program

Curious about camping but not sure if you'll enjoy it? DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) provide First-Time Camper (FTC) weekends throughout the summer. Families that have never camped before have the opportunity to see if they enjoy sleeping under the stars before investing in their own gear by registering for a fully stocked campsite at select state campgrounds.

Each Spring the participating campground locations and dates are announced. New campers can begin finding a location and date that they want to camp. Due to the extreme popularity of the program a registration lottery takes place at the end of Spring. If selected through the random process, the lucky campers can start planning their adventure.

Keep an eye out on the FTC page for updates.

Once posted, click the link to a survey to complete an entry for the lottery.

After the closing date for the survey, staff will randomly select 5 participants for each camping weekend and notify them that they have been selected.

For more information go to:

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/camping/first-time-camper-weekend-program>

# CALL FOR ART

## Fairy Tales

Guest Curator Jaime Ransome



Accepting artwork inspired by myth, folklore, fairytales and urban legends. Special attention given to works that include narrative elements. Maximum Size: 24 x 24 inches

**Deadline:**  
May 11, 2026

**Submit to:**  
oflartsubmissions@gmail.com

**Olive Free Library**

Artwork: Jennifer Prevatt, "Goose Girl", hand painted cut paper illustration, 9" x 12"



## Shop, Swap & Save at the Olive Free Library

### Saturday, May 2

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE: 9AM - 1PM**



Reserve a ~4' x 8' spot at the Yard Sale:

- Rent a table: \$45
- Bring a table: \$25

Call or visit the Library to reserve your spot!

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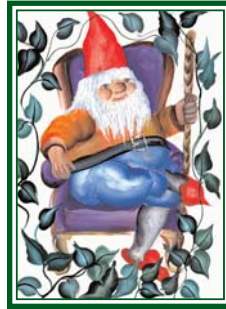
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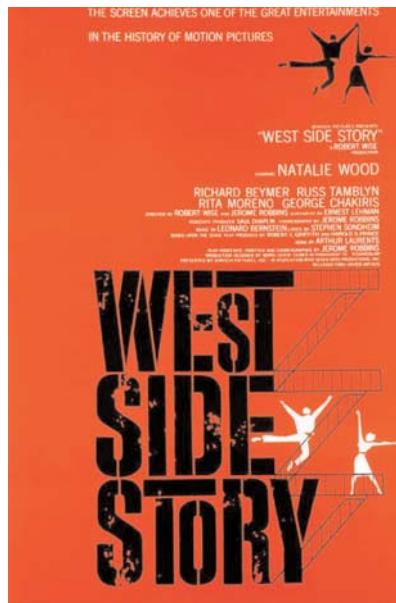
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**West Side Story** is a musical based on a book by **Arthur Laurents**. Music by **Leonard Bernstein**, and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**. **West Side Story** was inspired by William Shakespeare's play **Romeo and Juliet**.



The story is set in the mid 1950s in the Upper West Side of New York City, then a multiracial, blue-collar neighborhood.

The musical explores the rivalry between the Jets with multiple instigator's with fighting led by an unwilling, Tony, against the Sharks, led by Bernado. Steeped in Spanish tridition of fighting for your family, extended to gangs, and war because of differences,.

How foolish! All souls are the same. The only differences are our choices.

Directed by Jerome Robbins and Robert Wise. Produced by Saul Chaplin, Robert Wise and Walter Mirisch. Starring:Natalie Wood, George Chakiris, Richard Beymero Russ Tamblyn and Rita Moreno.

**Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:**

*I Married the Mob*

**This weeks' Trivia question:** Name Mel Brook's 1974 rendition of a western.

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