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 Journey For Sight
 Gift Bags**

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Come Walk With Us...

**COUNTDOWN to
 Tri-Valley Lions
 Journey For Sight Walk
 May 2, 2026
 COME & WALK WITH US**



The first 25 Participants to hand in a pledge sheet for the Saturday, May 2, 2026 Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk **will receive a special gift bag with an extra item.** Participants 26-50 turning in pledge sheets will also receive gift bags.

Coffee, juice, water and breakfast treats will be available at 8:15am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building compliments of our friends at **The NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE.** Blood pressure checks will be available as well for those who wish to have theirs checked by the Professionals of The Grahamsville First Aid Squad.

It is a great time to help The Tri-Valley Lions in our fundraising efforts and for you to mingle with friends and neighbors, and get in some good exercise while walking around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a pledge sheet, just call Esta Jacob at 845-866-1579 or email ejacob4848@gmail.com. To learn more about The Tri-Valley Lions, please contact Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com or stop by on May 2nd. Registration Forms and additional info about the walk can also be found in this edition of *The Townsman* or at the First Aid Squad Building the morning of the Walk.

Stay well, stay safe and looking forward to seeing you this Saturday at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building for a continental breakfast at 8:15am, followed by a group photo at 8:50am, and the Walk around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 9am. Please help us make this year's **Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk** the best ever. Thank you in advance for your support!

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**More than ever, thank you for your
continued support.**

On the Front Burner: Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?
MalachI 2:10

OBITUARY

Jeanette Kelly

January 15, 1945

-January 26, 2026



Jeanette Kelly, born on January 15, 1945 to Silas and Ethel Kelly, passed away on January 26 at the age of 81.

Jeannette spent a good share of her life on South Hill in Grahamsville, New York. Due to an ongoing illness, she lived the latter portion of her life at New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake.

She is survived by her brother, Paul Kelly and his wife Kathy; her nephew Preston Kelly and his three children; her niece April Kackos and her 2 children; her niece by marriage Patricia Bender and her 2 children; her niece by marriage Tracy Dexter; and several cousins.

Graveside service is under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home and will be held at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY on Saturday, May 2 at 10:30 am. There will be a reception at the Grahamsville Firehouse immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Jeanette's memory be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic church in Woodbourne.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

April 25, 1956

Mark Slater died April 19, 1956 at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital at the age of 84. He was born in Grahamsville on January 10, 1872, the son of Hiram Slater and Helena Brundage. He married Ethel B. Morley on April 22, 1902 at Ellenville. He was a lifelong resident of Grahamsville where he had operated three business, namely, a barbershop for fifty years (1892-1942), a clock and watch repairing shop and was employed by the Bryers Funeral Home. He bought the business in 1916 and operated it until 1942 when he retired. He is survived by his wife, one sister and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Currey of Curry are parents of a daughter born at Liberty Maimonides Hospital on Tuesday, April 17th.

April 27, 1966

Congratulations to Thomas Henderson who caught a twenty-three and one half inch rainbow trout on Sunday in the Rondout.

Mrs. Florence B. Moore, 62, of Claryville, died Sunday in Liberty Loomis Hospital after a long illness. Her husband, Radford, is Claryville's postmaster. A life-long Claryville resident, she was born there December 12, 1902, the daughter of Ives and Oma Hall Barton, and was married to Mr. Moore in 1924. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claryville and of the O.E.S. #448 of Liberty. Surviving besides her husband is one sister, Mrs. George Erts of Tillson and a niece and nephew.

May 5, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Higgins of Sundown announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Charity, to John K. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Valley Falls, N.Y. Miss Higgins attended St. Lawrence University after graduating from Tri-Valley Central School. Mr. Johnson is a senior at St. Lawrence University. An August wedding is planned. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2) **May 5, 1976**

Lewis W. DePew, 71, of Peekamoose Road died April 27th at the Walnut Mt. Care Center, Liberty, after a long illness. Born at Arkville Oct. 3, 1904 to Walter Lewis and Ora Brennan DePew, he was a lifetime resident of the area. He was married to Dorothia McConvey DePew. He was a retired maintenance man for the New York City Dept. of Water Supply and Gas and Electric. He is survived by his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Dolores Huggins of Jeffersonville; a brother, Ralph DePew of Westport, N.Y.; five sisters: Mrs. Dorothy Lievre, Mrs. Evelyn Wiseman, Mrs. Myrtle Guntlow, Mrs. Hazel Lievre and Mrs. Marie Irwin; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

May 8, 1986

Airman Andrew M. Knox, son of George M. and Rose Ann Knox of Neversink has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lakeland Air Force Base, Texas. Graduates of the course studies systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. He is a 1985 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Household Hint:

Deep-clean Extra Greasy Dishes and Pans

Give baked-on food the one-two punch by dialing up your dish soap with a sprinkle of baking soda. "Hot water soak, mildly abrasive baking soda, a scrub sponge and some elbow grease is all you need to dissolve stuck-on grease,"

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.

Beneficial, but Bizarre Buzzards

With the sun shining brightly Tuesday morning while out walking the dog, the shadows of several turkey buzzards flying overhead caught my attention. When I looked up, there were at least a dozen Turkey Buzzards flying in large circles overhead.



This time of the year Turkey Buzzards a/k/a Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) are a common sight in the Tri-Valley area and throughout the Catskills.. We will see them soaring in large groups 'riding heat thermals' in the sky. They will soar with wings held in a distinct V-shape (dihedral) and often rock or teeter from side to side in the wind. You may see Turkey Buzzards near roadsides or perched in trees. Turkey Buzzards have expanded their range across New York since the mid-1900s and are now a regular sight throughout the state.

Mature female and male Turkey Buzzards look almost identical. Both have long, grey-lined wings. They have an approximate 6-foot wingspan. Their dark plumage, and a red, featherless head are distinctive. Despite their scary appearance, Turkey Buzzards are usually timid, harmless scavengers. They pose no real threat to people or pets. Their primary defense mechanism is to hiss, spread their wings, or vomit highly acidic, foul-smelling food to deter predators.

As active scavengers they play an important part in the ecosystem as they feed exclusively on dead animals. Consuming rotting carcasses helps prevent the spread of bacteria, including Anthrax.

Turkey buzzards usually arrive back from the south (southern United States, Mexico, Central America, and as far as South America) to their breeding grounds in the Catskills in Mid-March. Turkey buzzards typically mate for life and return to the same nesting sites each year.

Turkey Vultures don't build full nests. They may clean out a spot in the soil or leaf litter, pull aside obstacles, or arrange scraps of vegetation or rotting wood. Once established many of these nest sites may be used repeatedly for a decade or more.

Females will lay 2 to 3 eggs, which are incubated for about 28 to 40 days. Both parents share the responsibility of incubating the eggs and feeding the chicks.

Young buzzards fledge around 10 to 12 weeks after hatching but may stay with parents for several months.

More Interesting Turkey Buzzard facts:

They lack a vocal box and are generally silent, often producing only hissing or grunting noises. They have an incredible sense of smell and can smell a rotting carcass over a mile away; specifically they can detect ethyl mercaptan, a gas produced by the early stages of decay. They have hyper-acidic stomachs that can safely consume carcasses riddled with bacteria and disease.

Turkey buzzards are known to defecate or urinate down their own legs, a process called urohydrolysis, to cool off in the summer. This also acts as an antiseptic wash for their legs after walking in bacteria ridden carcasses.

Despite being massive, 2.5-foot-tall raptors, they are only scavengers and have weak feet incapable of killing prey.

Their featherless red heads allow them to stick their heads into rotten carcasses without ruining their feathers.

Turkey Buzzards are actually vultures. Settlers from Europe gave the name "buzzard" to the new, unfamiliar birds they saw. True buzzards are actually a type of hawk closely related to North American red-tailed hawks, not vultures.

Turkey Buzzards are protected under the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, meaning it is illegal to kill, trap, or harm them. They are fully protected by New York State law and cannot be hunted or taken.



LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published May 7, 1988

I can recall not so many years ago, when chickens were considered free spirits. A home was not complete in the country until you had a flock of clucking, pecking, scratching, crowing and sometimes singing chickens running around the yard. When a hen house was almost as necessary as an outhouse! Chickens roamed about the countryside before electricity, indoor plumbing or telephones were invented. Today's chicken is only seen through glass at Butcher Boys or some other general store.

In the good old days my dad owned a very large flock of chickens, all colors and sizes. The first time I decided to help my dad collect eggs I was about eight years of age. I followed him into one of the chicken coops with a little pail and those evil eyed hens just sat on their nests glaring at us, daring us to come closer. I didn't want my delicate hands being pecked by those evil eyed hens who diligently guarded their nests. Repeatedly, I tried to slide my hand under her only to retreat from her pointy beak. Finally, my dad lost his patience with my hide-and-seek antics and uprooted several hens from their nests. The coop seemed to explode with swirling feathers and squawking, angry chickens as daddy announced "Now Bea, you can pick up your eggs." I was thrilled and I soon filled my pail with white, tan and brown eggs which were very fresh indeed.

Out of my dad's large flock of chickens, one little white leghorn was my pride and joy. When I went outside, she always saw me and came running just like a puppy. She loved peanuts and that was one item that I could have as many as I wanted from our store.

Quite often I filled my apron pockets then went outside and sat on the steps. All too soon she would come running to share my peanuts.

Just a plain little white hen but very special to me. Many times during the summer, hens would steal away to lay eggs in secret hiding places and then come walking out proudly with several cute little balls of fluffy chicks tagging along, so happy to be alive.

So where have the chickens gone? They have short lives as mass produced commodities of large commercial operations. Fortunately, "a mighty few" still demand respect at events such as the Grahamsville Fair every summer and to me they continue to roost in my childhood memories. Perhaps they will be seen as free spirits once again, sometime, some place roaming around for they deserve it.

COULD THIS BE THE END OF AN ERA?

The Tri Valley area has observed the tradition of conducting Flag Exchange Ceremonies sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association on Memorial and Veterans' Days since the 1980s when Peggy and Don Hill started them. This tradition has had several MCs such as Don and Peggy, Miles Ellison, Carol Furman and myself. The ceremonies have gone on in snowy, rainy, hot and cold weather without fail. I believe the only year that we did not do it was during COVID.

I am putting out a call for volunteers to perform the flag ceremonies, as Boy Scout Troop 97 has graduated its last Scout to Eagle status and no longer has any members. It is a bittersweet moment in time but I have to say that I am very proud of the scouts for completing the Eagle program, it is a great accomplishment.

As the saying goes "Once an Eagle always an Eagle". I am asking for any Eagle Scout young or seasoned within our community to volunteer an hour of time twice a year to help us continue this great tradition of recognizing brave Veteran's that have given years of their life or the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in service.

In the past the Girl Scouts and local Veterans have also participated in the ceremonies. If there is anyone with flag exchange and color guard experience, I welcome them to sign up. Please contact me via text or leave a message at (845) 798-8467 by May 8, 2026.

Sincerely
Geri Gorton

Fallsburg CSD Announces Class of 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



(Left to right) Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr.
and Andrew Bensimon

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce its Class of 2026 valedictorian, Andrew Bensimon, and salutatorian, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr. Andrew and Douglas will graduate with overall grade point averages of 99.60 and 99.10 respectively.

Upon graduation, Andrew plans to attend Pace University, where he will major in English. At Fallsburg, he was an active member of Drama Club, even serving as its president for some time. He was also involved in the school's robotics team, junior math team, and Dungeon's & Dragon's club. He also served as a class representative and Chief Justice of the Student Government Association. In his free time, he enjoys Pokémon, acting, and analyzing film and literature.

Douglas is currently undecided on his college choice, but has expressed interest in attending SUNY Stony Brook and SUNY Oneonta. However, he plans to study Biology. Douglas was a member of the school's varsity golf, soccer, and volleyball teams. In his free time, he enjoys playing soccer and video games with his friends.

The Fallsburg Central School District congratulates Mr. Bensimon and Mr. Medina Carcamo Jr. on their outstanding achievements and wishes them contin-

ued success in all their future endeavors.

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their Class of 2026 valedictorian and salutatorian. The press release and photo regarding that announcement are attached below. Thank you and have a happy Monday!

Rare Book Repair Demonstration By Cara Schlesinger of Faenwyl Bindery

Thursday May 7, 12:30 p.m.

at the Daniel Pierce Library, St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] On Thursday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m., the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time and the Valleys Museum are co-hosting a Rara Book Repair Demonstration at the Daniel Pierce Library Community Room.

Book conservator Cara Schlesinger of Faenwyl Bindery will discuss best practices in book preservation that we all can engage in, including proper handling of books, environmental monitoring, and protective housings. She will also present simple and effective methods of addressing damage including torn pages, repairing loose or split hinges, and bumped corners, and will demonstrate how to make starch paste—a time-tested adhesive relied upon by bookbinders and conservators worldwide, and a range of repair techniques:

Museum and Library Members and Staff: FREE, Non-Members: \$10. Admission to the program also includes light refreshments.

About the Speaker: Cara Schlesinger, the proprietor of Faenwyl Bindery, is a bench-trained bookbinder and book conservator. She's spent years as a caretaker of rare, valuable, and beloved books and ephemera, with two key goals: preserving their integrity and longevity as treasured objects, and ensuring the ongoing safe use of the information they contain—whether that information is literary, artistic, historical, scientific, photographic, or sentimental. She treats each piece entrusted to her with respect and care, always bearing your priorities in mind. Cara has provided conservation services and/or custom boxes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Thomas J. Watson Library, Columbia University Libraries, Peabody Essex Museum, Grolier Club, and numerous private libraries, religious institutions, serious collectors, and antiquarian book and antiques dealers.



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:

- o *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.
- o *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.
- o *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@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

Sullivan County Manager Serves as Northeast VP of National Association of County Administrators

Washington, DC - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek has been named the Northeast Regional Vice President of the National Association of County Administrators (NACA). In this role he serves as NACA liaison with county administrators in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

“NACA provides valuable practical solutions and networking for me and my colleagues who oversee the operations of county governments nationwide,” Potosek remarked. “Having benefitted from NACA’s nuts-and-bolts approach to leadership issues, I’m proud to be introducing other municipal administrators to their apolitical advice, support and education.”

NACA also advocates for counties at the Federal level, and Potosek joined their recent Executive Committee meeting in Washington, DC as part of a National Association of Counties conference.



“NACA is relentlessly issues-oriented, offering real-world ideas and moderated best-practices webinars, among other useful services,” he explained. “Similar to my membership in the National Association of Counties and the International City-County Management Association (ICMA), NACA gives me insight into how other county leaders are addressing critical issues, and allows me to share our best practices with them, as well.”

NACA’s mission is to encourage professional excellence and to improve the management of county government via:

- o Sharing knowledge, information, and experience among the members of the association.*
- o Assisting counties with the establishment or improvement of effective county administration in the United States.*
- o Encouraging continued professional development of county administrators.*
- o Developing and maintaining a professional association with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in order to assist NACA and ICMA to achieve their general goals and objectives.*
- o Assisting the National Association of Counties (NACo) on matters having an impact on county government.*

For more information, visit www.countyadministrators.org.

Calling all Quilters!

On Saturday, May 30 at 9:00 am the doors open at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, NY, when the Calico Geese Quilters will hold its Block-of-the-Month get-together. The workshop begins at 9:30.

If you are a quilter, or would like to become one, this meeting is for you!



What does Block-of-the-Month mean? A block is a repeated section of a quilt. It can be a square, a triangle, a hexagon, or any other shape that will fit together with other similar shapes to make a quilt.

The size of the blocks can be whatever the quilter would like. The colors are left to the quilter’s imagination or whatever fabric scraps, preferably cotton, are available. Hopefully, the quilter coordinates the colors so that the end result is pleasing to the eye.

Every month on the last Saturday, the Calico Geese Quilters Guild

gathers at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building in Liberty New York to cooperatively make a quilt. Nancy Michel, the workshop organizer, coordinates fabric so that attendees only have to sew the precut kit together to make the block of a given size and shape.

Experienced quilters may come and learn a new technique from Ms. Michel. She then takes the blocks home and sews them into a quilt top. The results are stunning!

Attendees are requested to bring a portable sewing machine, neutral thread, and a



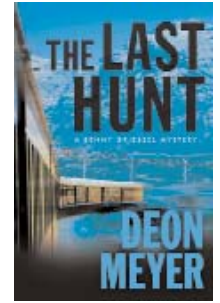
good quarter-inch guide. Ms Michel provides all materials and instruction, so even beginners can participate in the Saturday seminars. All are invited to join in the fun.

The finished quilts are donated to local charities such as The Federation for the Homeless, United Way, New Hope Manor. The Calico Geese Quilters also sponsors a yearly raffle as a fundraiser. Tickets for the raffle are available by calling the Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845) 292-6180.

For further information, call Adrienne Hloderwski 315-439-8144 or email Adrienne.hloderwski@gmail.com.



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 178
The Last Hunt
Mysterious Book Report No. 404
 by John Dwaine McKenna
 Published April 30, 2020



A series of fortunate events brought our attention this week, to an awesome crime fiction novelist and master of the thriller genre. His work is inspired, captivating and totally entertaining as he weaves a complex plot together in such an electrifying manner that the reader just can't put the book down. If you're craving an intricate, well-plotted suspense novel full of twists and turns that makes you think, South African author Deon Myer has everything you're looking for. His newest, *The Last Hunt*, (Grove Atlantic, \$27.00, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-5692-1) is his thirteenth, and most powerful novel to date, because it deals with political corruption at the national level and the kleptocracy which accompanies it.

The story begins when a cold case file is given to Captain Benny Griessel and his partner, Captain Vaughan Cupido of the Serious and Violent Crimes Unit of the South African Police Force. It's an elite group of criminologists, known simply as 'The Hawks.' When Cupido asks, "Why are we being tasked with something like this?" The answer is succinct: "Because we are the best . . ." The Hawks are also the least corrupted, or 'captured' as the ones on the take are called. That's important. Because the cold case murder of a private detective named Johnson Johnson on The Rovos the world's most luxurious train, as it journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria is just the beginning of what turns out to be a deep dive into murder, political intrigue and the awakening of an entire nation to the notion that the ideals which sparked a revolution and set them free from apartheid has been hijacked and sold out for greed.

At the same time that Griessel, Vaughan and the Hawks are trying to sort out the Johnson Johnson murder, a fifty-five year old South African man named Daniel Darret is living quietly in Bordeaux, France. He's working as a humble tradesman, apprenticing to a master antique restorer, trying to leave the revolutionary life he once led behind, and live out his days in quiet peace. Then, out of the blue, a comrade from Daniel's old life reappears and begs him to do one last job, using his special skill set to strike back at a corrupt regime.

Daniel Darret's decision and his actions will then collide with Benny Griessel and Vaughan Cupido's murder investigation and leads to a stunning, electrifying and shattering conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for their next breath!

Deon Myer's works have been translated into twenty-seven languages, several TV and movie dramas, and a truckload of literary awards. He's an author other writers envy and wish they could be like when they grow up . . . an added bonus, our interview with him is attached. We hope you enjoy it!

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John Dwaine McKenna's Books
are now available at the
NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

The collage features five book covers: 'The Skin Ripper' (A Jaka McKenna novel), 'The Neversink Chronicles' (The John Dwaine McKenna series), 'Colorado Noir' (Stories from the dark side), 'Unforsaken' (A novel), and 'The Whim-Wham Man' (A novel).

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Beach Therapy



Mexico Beach is the undiscovered

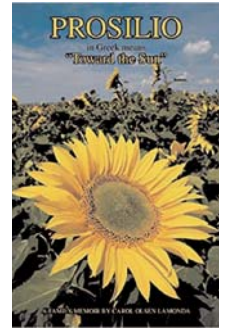
beach that Hurricane Michael destroyed in 2018, and it came back on steroids. Residents rebuilt better and safer.

The beach here is made of confectionery sugar sand curled up in the Florida panhandle like a pure white kitten napping in a comma around the Gulf of Mexico.



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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I am here with my husband on a vacation of love and healing.

The salt water heals. Perfect weather, sunshine, and salty air heals. Seeing family and friends here heals.

So this week I am sending love, peace, and healing in messages written in sand that the lapping

Spring Programs Galore at the DPL: May is Jam Packed with Awesome Programs!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's been such a beautiful, wonderfully busy, week here at the DPL, with the Spring Children's Program in full swing, our visits from the Tri-Valley Elementary first grade classes and our end-of-April programs! And, with a deep breath, we're jumping right into May.

The Ultimate Discount Cards are back! For \$20 each, you can pick from any of six areas: Ellenville, Kerhonkson, Kingston, Liberty, Middletown or Monticello, and a special one, called Power Buy, which covers additional Middletown restaurants and businesses, or you could purchase a combination of cards. It's a great way to see a little savings and to try out local restaurants and businesses.

Our Spring Children's LEGO programs are starting back up soon. There are separate registration links on our website based on which program your child qualifies for. Please note that these programs will all start at 3PM and end at 4PM. The first, Zip Line Basics & Rider Design on Wednesday, May 6, is for students in grades 4-6. During this program, participants will design a LEGO rider that can attach to the zip line and fly down safely, unassisted, and remain intact. The second LEGO program, for students in grades 2-3, is Spring Animal Architects, on Wednesday, May 20. For this program, students will be tasked with designing and building an animal habitat that protects a springtime animal from wind or rain. Our third LEGO program is Animals Wake Up, designed for students in UPK-first grade, on Wednesday, May 27, where attendees will build little LEGO animals like frogs, birds, bees or butterflies and a backdrop that tells a "day in the life of..." story. Our final LEGO program, Baby Animals in Spring, will be on Wednesday, June 3, for children three or four years old. This program will have our youngest participants exploring the joy of spring through hands-on activities; building LEGO animals and exploring through play. For just this program, a parent or guardian must be present. For the first four, participants can take the bus from the school to the library, if the parent/guardian wishes. Arrangements just have to be made with the elementary main office (parents need to send in a note to the main office no later than the Monday before the program). Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.

On Thursday, May 7 at 12:30PM we're co-hosting a book repair program with the Time and the Valleys Museum. Join book conservator, Cara Schlesinger as she takes us through the art of book repair. Cara will be discussing the best practices in book preservation, including but not limited to: proper handling, environmental monitoring and protective housing. She will also demonstrate how to address repairs, namely: bumped corners, torn or detached pages, spine detachment, loose joints and so much more. There is a suggested \$10 donation and advanced registration is required.

Our second Gardening Club informational session will be on Thursday, May 14 from 6:00-7:00PM. Thank you to all who were able to attend our first one. The second session will expand upon topics discussed during the first; chiefly, empowering attendees with the knowledge and confidence to go forth and conquer their inner gardening dreams. Eve Minson, food-



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Then, on Tuesday, May 19 from 3:00-4:30PM, we're holding a teen paint and sip after-school program for Tri-Valley teens in grades 8-12 where they will get to paint a drink container. Get ready for lounging pool side with these fancy glasses! No experience necessary as local artist, Robin Raykoff, will take participants through the steps to create a beautiful masterpiece. If you'd like to take the bus here from school, please just have a parent or guardian send a note to the secondary school main office by May 12. Don't worry adults! We have a paint & sip program just for you. Join us on Thursday, May 21 from 6:00-7:00PM for a fantastic night. With a refreshing drink in one hand and a paintbrush in the other, get ready to have fun! No experience is needed as Robin Raykoff, local artist, will be on hand to give step-by-step guidance. This program is only open to Tri-Valley adults. Space is limited and there is a \$10 supply fee, so please register online as soon as possible.

Rounding out our May calendar, we're hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, May 29 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Please go to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

Whew...there's a lot going on this spring and so much more in the works for the summer. As always, keep tabs on what the library is up to through our website or social media platforms.



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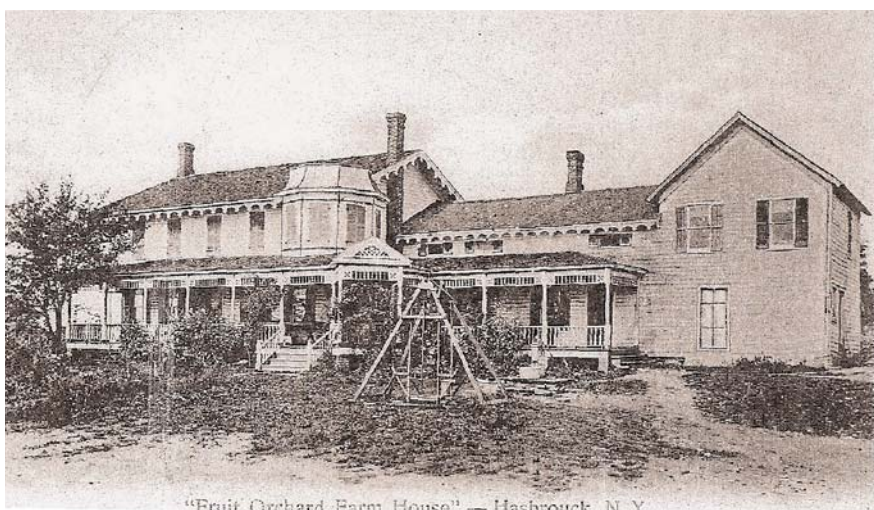
News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 12



Do you have any postcards that you wonder about? Would you like to know how old they might be, or what location they show or refer to? Are they valuable? How should you store them safely?

Join us at Time and the Valleys Museum on Sunday May 3rd at 2 PM for a program to be presented by John Duda from the Kaaterskill Post Card Club. He will be able to help you out.

Postcards were first issued by the government. These had



"Fruit Orchard Farm House" — Hasbrouck, N. Y.

no art or photos, but rather an imprinted 1 cent stamp with room for the address and space on the back for a message. The era of private cards started with advertising and Exposition cards, beginning with the Chicago Exposition of 1873. These cards were colorful art work and pieces of history, and may have led to the birth of postcard collecting.

Many people still may send postcards when on vacation. I was at Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg for a week in the early 2000's and sent one home to my family. I returned long before the card got there! That is not how it was in earlier times. Postcards costing only 1 cent to mail often arrived at their destination within 24 hours! They were the phone calls of the day, and one could arrange for a carriage to pick them up at the train station or plan a date for tomorrow's dance. They also were the greeting cards for holidays, or a quick reminder to the one we loved how much we cared. And they were often very beautiful with colorful artwork and gold leaf attached. No wonder they were kept as family treasures!

My Grandmother Loretta Cypert Bertholf (1894-1971) kept her cards, and after her death my cousin Martha Allison TerBush arranged them in a beautiful album which we display every summer at our annual family reunion.

She had birthday greetings, as well as Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Easter postcards, all with beautiful embossed art work that glitters still. She also had photo postcards of her travels or of local landmarks or happenings such as the huge Monticello fire or a flood on the Neversink River. The most precious to our family are the cards she exchanged with her beau Ben Bertholf from 1910 to 1916, and the card which showed what her childhood home looked like.

As was common in those early days of the 20th century, many local farmers opened their homes as boarding houses in the summer months. As advertising, cards showing them were issued. These cards have preserved the homes for local historians. The house of my grandmother shown on that postcard is the only image we have of it when it was a boarding house.

At the museum, we have a large collection of these important cards, carefully catalogued by our staff and archivally stored. A featured collection that we have assembled is one that features the cards of famous Sullivan County photographer Otto Hillig. He took photos of local landmarks, news events and precious formal portraits that were often sent as postcards to family far away.

The era of postcards may have ended, but the stories they tell continue. We can still come upon a new view that adds to our knowledge. Some of what we have collected at Time and the Valleys will be on display. My grandmother's collection will definitely be there. Perhaps you possess some important history in your collection of postcards. Bring your collection or your questions,



and join us on Sunday to learn more about the fascinating hobby of postcard collection and its importance for the preservation of history.

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Summitville, NY - This spring, join Kerron Barnes as he guides you along parts of the D&H Canal Linear Trail and O&W Rail Trail in Wurtsboro and Summitville, speaking of the history of both trails, or accompany Dr. Walter Jahn in studying birds and local wildlife along the canal! It's easy to immerse yourself in history, nature, and wildlife through these easy, almost entirely flat journeys.

The first walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, led by Kerron Barnes. This walk will meet at Hornbeck Basin Park, 3346 Route 209, Wurtsboro, at 10 a.m. and will be approximately 3.5 miles long.

The second walk is set for Sunday, May 24, again led by Kerron Barnes. This walk will meet at 1 p.m. outside the D&H Canal Interpretive Center, 16 Bova Road, Summitville, and will be approximately 2 miles long.

A Nature Walk will be held on Sunday, June 14 from 8-9 a.m., led by Dr. Walter Jahn. Participants will meet outside the D&H Canal Interpretive Center, 16 Bova Road, Summitville, and learn more about the birds and wildlife found along the canal.

These events are free! Advance registration is suggested, as space is limited. Email scparks@sullivanny.gov or call 845-807-0287 to register.

The D&H Canal Interpretive Center opens May 22 and will continue to be open Fridays-Sundays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through September 7.

Additional events are posted at

www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/DelawareHudson.



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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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School Bus Safety Program Moves Forward with Ulster County Legislative Approval

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Legislature this evening passed a local law, proposed by County Executive Jen Metzger and the Legislature's Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Chair Deborah Clinton (D-16, Gardiner/Plattekill), establishing a Countywide program to deter illegal passings of stopped school buses using stop arm safety cameras. School districts can opt in to the program through an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County.

In New York, an estimated 50,000 motor vehicles illegally pass school buses on a daily basis, according to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, putting children's lives at risk when they cross the street to get on the bus in the morning and return home at the end of the day. Ulster County will partner with BusPatrol, a vendor used by other counties in the region for the program, to install camera systems on school buses in participating school districts and administer the program.

The new program is one of a number of road safety initiatives launched by the County Executive over the last two years. Others include annual "Safe Start to School" and "Safe Start to Summer" road safety awareness campaigns and the purchase of radar speed signs for municipal use to slow traffic and to capture speed data.

"Illegal passings of stopped school buses occur on an almost routine basis, endangering the lives of children crossing the street to and from the bus," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "In partnership with school districts, the new program will combine public education and robust enforcement to greatly reduce illegal passings and ensure the safe delivery of our kids to school and back home again." County Executive Metzger helped pass the state-enabling legislation for school bus stop-arm camera programs when she served in the State Senate in 2019.

"Protecting our children is a responsibility we all share," said Legislator Debra Clinton, Chair of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee and sponsor of the legislation. "Stop-arm cameras are a practical, proven way to increase driver awareness, improve accountability, and prevent the dangerous behavior of passing a stopped school bus. This is about creating safer roads and making sure every student gets to school and home safely. I look forward to seeing them implemented on school buses throughout the County."

"As a parent, I understand that every family expects their child to get to and from school safely," said Everett Erichsen, Commissioner of Emergency Services for Ulster County. "This program is a practical step to help reduce dangerous behavior around school buses and support safer conditions for our kids."

"This is about protecting kids, plain and simple," said Peter Criswell, Chair of the Ulster County Legislature. "Stop-arm cameras are a proven way to reduce dangerous passing and save lives, and we're pleased to join our neighboring counties in adopting this approach. Together, we're sending a clear message: in Ulster County, student safety comes first."

Potential violations captured by the camera systems will first be reviewed by BusPatrol, and an evidence package will then be sent to a technician with law enforcement experience in the Ulster County Department of Emergency Services, who will make the final determination on issuing a violation. For the first 30 days of the program, only warnings will be issued to drivers. After the first 30 days, fines will be issued for violations; however, no points will be added to drivers' licenses.

The County's share of revenue from the program will be used to support staff time to review evidence packages and to fund traffic safety education and related initiatives. BusPatrol will cover all equipment, installation, signage, maintenance, program management, and customer service costs. The program involves no out-of-pocket costs for the County.

Ulster County will also create a publicly accessible webpage through the Department of Emergency Services outlining the program, including the warning period, violation review process, fine structure, contest procedures, and chain of custody protocols.

Data collected from the program will also help the County identify corridors with repeated violations and evaluate whether additional engineering or traffic calming measures are needed.

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2026 Pool Staff Posting**

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

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

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

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, 2026 between the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing themselves to be aggrieved.

I will be available by phone, 845-549-0552, email assessor@denningny.gov or in person by appointment. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 4 Mele Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561, or drop it off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please call to set up an appointment if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared.

Dated April 27th, 2026
PATRICIA MASTERSON
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
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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 **Thursday, May 7, 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

LEGAL NOTICE:

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

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

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Denning, which will be filed on or about May 1st, 2026. The information may be reviewed, by appointment in the Assessor's Office at the Denning Town Hall at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville NY 12725.

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

Dated: 27th day of April, 2026

Patricia Masterson
Town of Denning Sole Assessor
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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 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-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk 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

**Bring Your Household
Hazardous Waste
to the Monticello
Transfer Station
June 14
*Free Dropoff Day
for Sullivan County
Residents Only***

Monticello, NY - Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello is pleased to announce that Sullivan County is hosting a residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in June.

Scheduled for Sunday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., it will be offered at the Monticello Transfer Station at 91 Landfill Drive.

"This is a great time to clean out your household chemicals," said Perrello. "These items can be dangerous to people and the environment if stored a long time or just thrown out with the rest of the trash."

The program is open to individuals with residences in Sullivan County ONLY - photo ID or other proof of residency will be required. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

This event is intended to collect and properly manage residentially-generated hazardous household materials like herbicides, pesticides, mercury-containing items, cleaning products, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, paints, solvents, acids, bases, automotive batteries, antifreeze and preservatives, just to name a few. Please note that tires, refrigerators, electronics, ammunition, radioactive material and medical waste will not be accepted at this event.

A second collection event will be held on September 20 at the same time and location. For any questions, contact Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman at 845-807-0291 or recycling@sullivan-ny.gov.

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(3" x 6") - \$45.00 per week

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00 per week

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Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week

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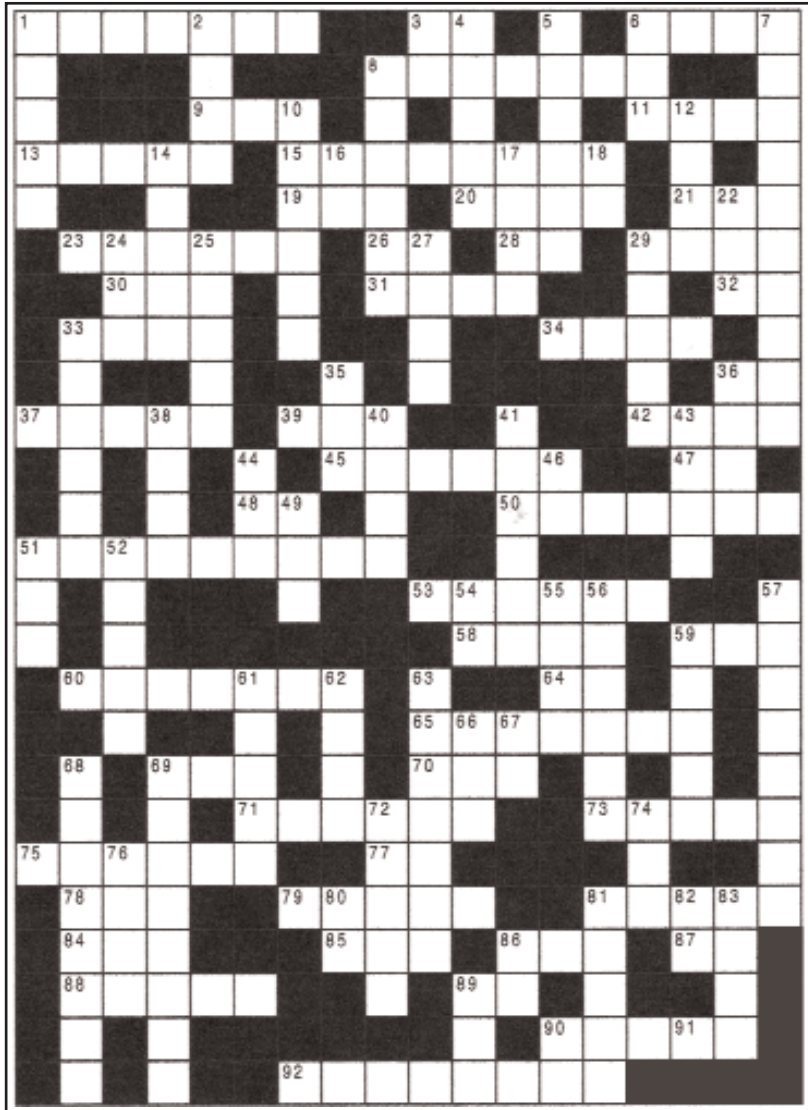
•• Full Page Flyer for
Local Municipalities
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one time fee- \$20.00
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through the week of the event)

**As in the past, there is no fee for
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**Low Rates
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THE LUSTY MONTH OF MAY! L. Comando

BACKYARD BARBECUE SPARERIBS



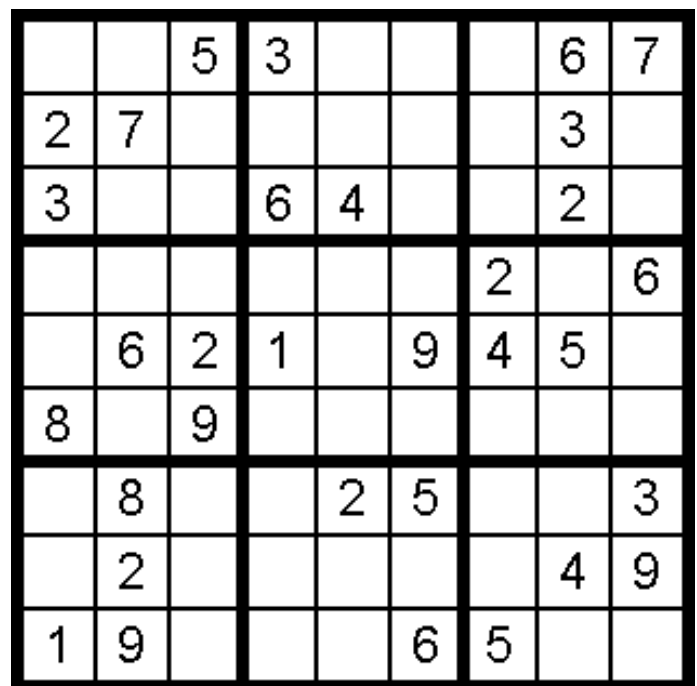
- 4 pounds pork spareribs
- 1 cup catsup
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 cups cola soft drink
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped

Cut ribs into serving-size pieces and place on heated grill. Slowly cook 1 to 1 1/4 hours, turning often. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and simmer 10-15 minutes. Brush ribs generously with sauce and continue to cook, about 30 minutes, basting and turning often.

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| Uniform | 38 Lush valley | 66 Popular pen brand name |
| 7 President who proclaimed May 1st as Loyalty Day | 40 Pillar or post | 67 Street |
| 8 Seed bearing part of a plant | 41 Woven container | 68 Assert again |
| 10 Bring an event back into one's mind | 43 At that time | 69 A tree that flowers the same time that shad are found in rivers |
| 12 Long upholstered seat | 44 Evergreen | 72 Tramp |
| 14 Act of joining together | 46 Chemical element Lutetium | 74 Uniform |
| 16 California | 49 The fifth month of our year | Resource Locator |
| 17 Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle | 51 Portable bed | 76 Precipitation |
| 18 Common Era | 52 Work | 80 Railroad |
| 22 Already eaten | 54 Artificial radioactive element-a/k/a rutherfordium | 81 Wheat or other cultivated cereal crop |
| 24 Runs Batted In | 55 Docile | 82 Indication of association between two entities |
| 25 Uncertain | 56 Building used for Christian worship | 83 Mountain stream |
| 27 Bites sharply | 57 An inheritance | 86 Colorado |
| 29 Detailed diagrams | 59 Female chosen to hold most important position at an event or festival | 89 Non-existent |
| 33 Hit | 61 Rhythmic movement to music | 90 Kinetic Energy |
| 35 Possesses | 62 Shout | |
| 36 State of armed conflicts | 63 Day of festivity | |

- ACROSS**
- 1 Allegiance
 - 3 Associated Press
 - 6 Vehicle honored in May
 - 8 Turn over
 - 9 Used in conjunction with a negative alternative
 - 11 Exploit for one's own advantage
 - 13 Gratifying; self-respect
 - 15 Avoiding waste
 - 19 Crow's cry
 - 20 Overall quality of a sound
 - 21 Used to create a current of air
 - 23 Bits of information with little importance
 - 26 Half an em
 - 28 Chemical symbol for silver
 - 29 Walkway
 - 30 A large snake
 - 31 Violent disturbance of peace by a crowd
 - 32 Executive Officer
 - 33 Voice vocally
 - 34 Bird's wing movement
 - 36 People in general
 - 37 Merchandising
 - 39 Circulating fluid in the vascular system of plants
 - 42 Luminous heavenly body
 - 45 Communal
 - 47 Hour
 - 48 I am (contradiction)
 - 50 Favorable outcome
 - 51 Praise publicly
 - 53 Rough drawing
 - 58 Became the 45th State in the USA
 - 59 Quebec
 - 60 A day in which one works
 - 64 Twelfth letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 65 To see
 - 69 Central body of the solar system
 - 70 Provided with light
 - 71 Relating to the Celts
 - 73 Indigenous people on Karakorum Mts. in N. Pakistan
 - 75 Public procession
 - 77 Road
 - 78 Popular trend
 - 79 Give pleasure
 - 81 Spherical representation of the Earth
 - 84 Lie
 - 85 Beam of light
 - 86 Auto
 - 87 Chemical element iron
 - 88 Eskimo people
 - 89 Not any
 - 90 Information booth
 - 92 1942 movie; Comedy starring Shirley Temple
- DOWN**
- 1 Jumps quickly
 - 2 Part of the Earth's surface
 - 3 Chem element Aluminum
 - 4 A variety of wine grapes
 - 5 The May season
 - 6 Battle Dress

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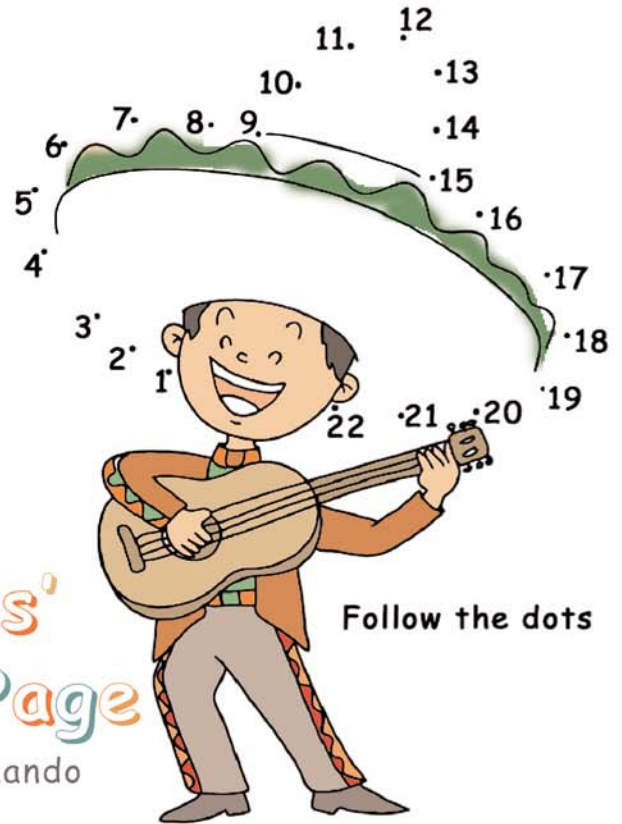
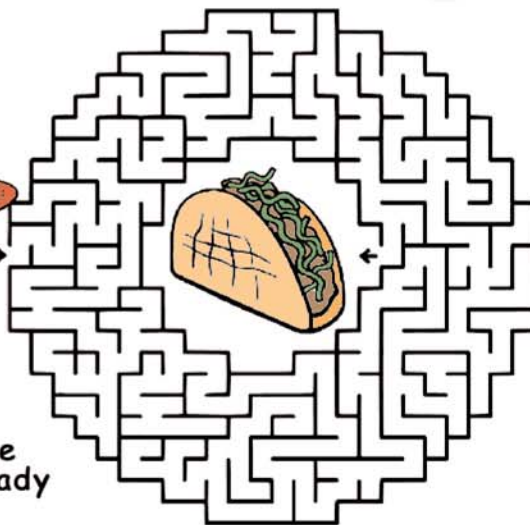


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Cinco de Mayo
Word Search

Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

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Happy Cinco de Mayo



Can you find at least 5 differences between the two pictures?

Happy Cinco de Mayo



Cryptogram Key

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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>

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(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

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

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale
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

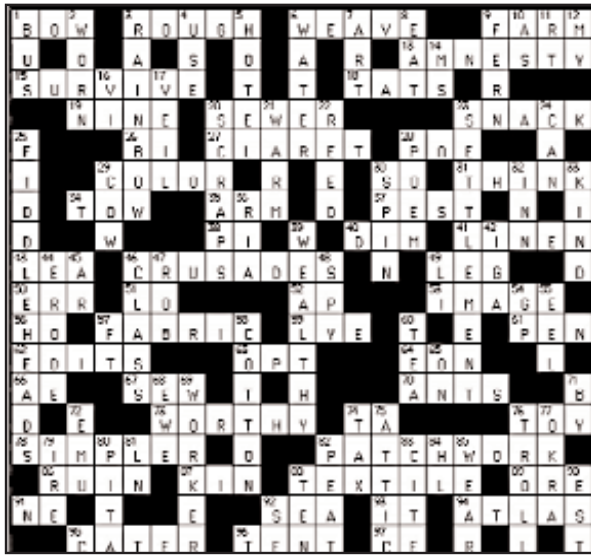


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Ans to last week's Crossword



To learn more about
Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)
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NFX drives bold, high-impact research to
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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.

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

Also
WANTED
 People to
 play cards

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

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\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March
Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check
 The Office of the State Comptroller returned \$126 million in unclaimed funds to its rightful owners during the month of March. From uncashed payroll checks to forgotten bank accounts, Comptroller DiNapoli is dedicated to putting money back into the pockets of the people and organizations it belongs to.
https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news
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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County
 at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
 For information call 845-434-8044.

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	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. 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 27, 2026 - May 1, 2026
 Legislative Committee Meetings
 are Livestreamed at

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

No Meetings Monday, April 27

Tuesday, April 28

- **3:30 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **6:00 PM - Ulster County Transit Riders and Intermodal Advisory Committee**, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551

Wednesday, April 29

- **6:30 PM - Ulster County Environmental Management Council**, at the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, 94 Mary's Avenue, Room 104, Kingston, & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 974 4254 9615 Passcode: 278571

Thursday, April 30

- **1:00 PM - The Periodic Compensation Review Committee**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

No Meetings- Friday, May 1

Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall

April 9th, May 7th & June 4th, 2026



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](https://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 when you arrive to the appointment.

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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**The Townsman
P O Box 232
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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.**

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.

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.
- **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@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

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TVTA Color Me Crazy 5k Run/Walk

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

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

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



SPONSORED BY THE TRI-VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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!



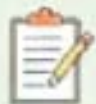
Plus, Bragging Rights, Prizes, & Surprises!



HOW TO JOIN THE TRIBE:



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 4th • 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 29th 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 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,
household items and more
that will be available for sale**

2021 Woodland Mills HM130MAX Portable Sawmill



**Trailer, Extention and Blades;
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30" max log diameter
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Asking Price \$6500
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with questions or to see Sawmill**

NEW!

Sullivan County in the Revolution Traveling Exhibit



Includes:

- ♦ Engaging information on the Sullivan County battles of Minisink and Chestnut Woods, Loyalists, Patriots, Sullivan County's evolution, General John Sullivan, settler life & more.
- ♦ Comprehensive Teacher's Guide which takes a deeper look into the topics and includes activities and student worksheets
- ♦ Interactive learning components including matching games, a 1779 Code Book spy activity and Revolutionary War reproduction items
- ♦ Video - meaning behind the words in Yankee Doodle!



George Washington
takes your students
on a tour of the
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in Sullivan County!

Easy Set Up-Take Down

full size 15' x 6'

(with extra space needed for viewing)

Breaks down to the size of three folding tables
and two file folder boxes for transport

Borrow for up to 3 weeks

Email:

educator

@timeandthevalleymuseum.org

or call 845 985-7700

for more information

or to reserve

*Funded by a Sullivan County Discretionary Grant sponsored by Legislator Brian McPhillips
and grant from Stewart's Shops*

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

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

DEC Announces Winner of "Water Connects Us All" Poster Contest

Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School Student Selected as 2026 Poster Contest Winner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are pleased to announce Adelaide Janiak from Port Washington, Nassau County, as the 2026 winner of the annual "Water Connects Us All" poster contest for middle school students. Fourteen student artists were recognized as winners out of more than 700 submissions from 23 schools across New York State.

"The winning submission of the 2026 Water Connects Us All poster contest reminds us that our everyday actions can protect our watersheds from pollution and help conserve water," Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "I join everyone at DEC in congratulating Adelaide and all the student poster contest participants for their creative submissions educating New Yorkers about the importance of clean water."

NYWEA Executive Director Khris Dodson said, "NYWEA is proud to take part in this poster contest with the DEC every year, and even more proud of all of the watershed champions we now have because of the involvement of the students and teachers who participated this year."

The annual poster contest encourages middle school students to learn about their role in protecting watersheds and



how to conserve and safeguard our water resources, now and for future generations. The winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2027 annual calendar, with the top prize winner's art featured on the cover.

Top Winner: Adelaide Janiak: 8th Grade, Carrie Palmer Weber

Middle School, Port Washington, Nassau County

2026 Poster Contest Winners:

Student	Grade	School
Sesy Canales	8	ABGS Middle School
Jerika Chan	8	I.S. 281 Joseph B. Cavallaro
Camilla Chen	8	Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School

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Continue onto NY-28A West 1.8 Miles

← Turn LEFT onto NY-213 1.1 Miles

→ Turn RIGHT onto Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles

Gun Shop on LEFT

Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge

-Going Towards Olivebridge 7.5 Miles

← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A 0.8 Miles

Gun Shop on LEFT

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

Student	Grade	School
Hannah Filner	8	Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School
Elias Holt	6	Schoharie High School
Sharon Jung	8	I.S. 281 Joseph B. Cavallaro
Ada Li	8	Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School
Saphira Li	8	I.S. 281 Joseph B. Cavallaro
Serena Mileta	8	Carrie Palmer Weber Middle School
Gabriella Harper Robert	7	Bronxville Middle School
Diyaa Shah	7	John F. Kennedy Middle School
Genevieve Wang	6	I.S. 034 Tottenville
Emily Xia	7	John F. Kennedy Middle School

New York State teachers, schools, and clubs that wish to participate in the 2026 poster contest can visit DEC's website for more information.



ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB

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CLARYVILLE, NEW YORK 12725

PHONE 845-985-2943 or 845-985 7162

EMAIL bungst01@gmail.com GLENN

EMAIL 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

DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES. RAIN OR SHINE

HUGE



Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop

MOTHER'S DAY SALE

Thursday & Friday | May 7 & 8

10:00am to 3:00PM

10 Healthy Way | Main Lobby

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30%
Off!



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

This 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
- ◆ Invitations to all special member openings and events
- ◆ *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, 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

11th Annual!

Wings & Wheels for Warriors



Dash Plaques for first
150 Vehicles Registered!
Many Categories!
Over 50 Trophies.

Saturday, May 16th 2026

Rain date: Sunday, May 17th

9am to 3pm

JUDGING UPON ARRIVAL - 11AM CUTOFF

Joseph Y. Resnick Airport

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Benefiting the Disabled American Veterans

- Family Fun
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- Food
- DJ Brian
- Kid's Choice Award



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SUNY SULLIVAN

SpringFest

May 2, 2026

RAIN OR SHINE!

Join over a thousand members of the community for a day of fun, special events, and surprises at SUNY Sullivan's Loch Sheldrake campus!

Saturday, May 2 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stay tuned—we have exciting announcements taking flight soon!



THE BAGEL FESTIVAL

★ MONTICELLO NY ★

THE BAGEL CAPITAL

AUGUST 9, 2026 AT 9AM

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BOLD GOLD MEDIA GROUP

Monticello Elks Honor Grayson Slater



Grayson Slater, representing the Monticello Elks Lodge, competed in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago.

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is proud of Grayson Slater, who advanced to the Elks Hoop Shoot Finals (boys ages 8-9) in Chicago. Grayson went 14 for 25 on April 18th. 4 youngsters in that category tied with 24 baskets each. Even so, Slater has 4 Elks Hoop Shoot trophies to display: U.S Northeast Central Regional Champion, New York State Champion, New York East Central District Champion and Monticello Lodge Champion.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is the proud sponsor of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's annual Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award. The Hall of Fame awards two Wootten Awards annually to boys and girls high school coaches who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of student athletes. The award is named for Morgan Wootten, a legendary high school basketball coach enshrined at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. The finals were initiated in 1973. In 1974, the Elks National Foundation started funding the program. One of the first orders of business was to allow girls to fully compete in the contest.

The Monticello Elks Lodge supports local veterans, scouts, Little League and the Homeless Federation, as well as providing coats and gloves to elementary school children in Monticello and Fallsburg.

Delaware Valley Opera Center May 2026

*Stay connected with our
community and enjoy the
performing arts*

Creative Process Workshop” with Carol Castel
May 1 - 3 Friday - Sunday

Arts Nest Concert - Richard Faschan,
Clumsy Fingers
May 09 Saturday 7 pm - 9 pm

Arts Nest OPEN MIC - Hosted by Kathy Geary
May 12 2026 Tuesday 6 pm - 8 pm

Arts Nest Concert - Joe Jencks
May 16 Saturday 7 pm - 9 pm

Art Gallery Reception and Artist Talk
- Iterations of Hope
May 17 2026 Sunday 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm


Arts Nest OPEN MIC - Hosted by Kathy Geary
May 19 Tuesday 6 pm - 8 pm

Tomorrow Today - River Rep Theater
May 23 2026 Saturday 7 pm

Tomorrow Today - River Rep Theater
May 24 2026 Sunday 2 pm

Tomorrow Today - River Rep Theater
May 30 2026 Saturday 7 pm

Tomorrow Today - River Rep Theater
May 31 2026 Sunday 2 pm



CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SPRING
Craft Fair

Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Claryville Fire Department

1500 Denning Road
Claryville, NY 12725

Shop Local Vendors

Handmade Crafts • Gifts

Food Available for Purchase: Chili, Sandwiches & More!

Free Admission • Family Friendly Event

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom

Monticello, NY sponsoring

Summer Bus Trips

Two on-your-own day trips to
New York City

New York City trips are via Leprechaun Lines

Wednesday, June 24h

and

Wednesday, August 19th

The drop-off location will be 48th St. & 8th Ave.
Donation is \$55.00 round trip, including gratuity.

The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on
East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM

The bus will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM.

Reservation must be received by June 8th for the
June 24th bus trip

Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

Bethlehem, PA

Wednesday, August 5th

Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping at outlet stores

\$50 pp with \$30 free play.

Reservations must be received by July 13th

Checks should be made out to Primetimers.
Call Paula for further information
and reservations at 561-504-7192.

Announcing DVAA's 2026 Retro Cinema Series: 1976

WHAT:Retro Cinema Film Series

WHEN:Beginning Thursday, May 7th at 7 PM
Monthly screenings through November 5th
Doors open at 6:30 PM

WHERE: Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St.
Narrowsburg, NY

NOTES:Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for DVAA members)
and can be purchased in advance from DVAA's web-
site

(Narrowsburg, NY-April 27, 2026) Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is delighted to announce the new season of Retro Cinema at the historic Tusten Theatre. This monthly cinematic celebration will commence on Thursday May 7th and run through November 5th. In recognition of DVAA's 50th Anniversary, this year's Retro Cinema selections were all released in our founding year: 1976.

Nineteen seventy-six was a stellar year for cinema and we are delighted to be showing bona fide classics like Taxi Driver, Carrie and All The President's Men, alongside lesser remembered films like Sparkle and the hilarious Murder By Death. Seventies camp is in full display in the Barbra Streisand version of A Star Is Born and Sci-Fi classic Logan's Run.

For more information, visit

DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org

Thursday, May 7th: All The President's Men (1976)

Starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman, this thriller tells the story of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, as they investigate the Watergate scandal during the 1972 elections, released just four years after the events it portrays.

Thursday, June 11th: A Star Is Born (1976)

Big stars, big songs, big hair. The 1976 version of A Star Is Born has it all, including the memorable credit "Miss Streisand's clothes from... her closet". Moving the plot to the music industry (the 1937 and 1954 versions were set in Hollywood), this version features the Oscar-winning song Evergreen.

Thursday, July 2nd: Logan's Run (1976)

This screening is sponsored by Clobr.

Taking some admirably big swings when predicting what fashion might look like in the future, this Sci-Fi classic explores a world where resources are saved by exterminating everyone over 30 and the efforts of some dissenters who are determined to live longer.

Thursday, August 13th: Sparkle (1976)

Before there was Dreamgirls, there was Sparkle. This Irene Cara-starring rags-to-riches musical is loosely based on the career of The Supremes. Featuring a fantastic soundtrack written by Curtis Mayfield.

Thursday, September 3rd: Murder By Death (1976)

This screening is sponsored by Madame Fortuna.

Written by Neil Simon and with an unbelievable cast, including Maggie Smith, Peter Falk, Alec Guinness, David Niven, Peter Sellers and Truman Capote(!), this Agatha Christie parody is hilarious from beginning to end.

Thursday, October 1st: Carrie (1976)

This screening is sponsored by Bar Veloce.

Not everyone enjoys the prom. Directed by Brian De Palma, adapted from Stephen King's classic novel and with career-defining performances by Sissy Spacek and Piper Laurie, start your spooky season at the Tusten Theatre with one of the all-time greatest horror movies.

Thursday, November 5th: Taxi Driver (1976)

This screening is sponsored by Bar Veloce.

Frequently cited as one of the greatest movies ever made (despite failing to win a single Oscar), this gritty tale of one man's spiral through loneliness into something far darker is a defining depiction of 1970s NYC.

Whether you're a cinema aficionado or just looking for a fun night out at the movies, the Retro Cinema Series at the Tusten Theatre promises something for everyone.

TICKETS & LOCATION

Screenings take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

Tickets \$15 for non-DVAA members, \$12 for members, \$10 youth tickets (12 & under) are available where appropriate.

Box office/concession opens 30 minutes before showtime.

Tickets may be purchased online at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org/retro-cinema

DEC's Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale is Now Open

- *Free Seedlings Available Through the School Seedling Program*
- *Trees Planted Contribute to the State's Goal of Planting 25 Million Trees by 2033*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery's annual spring seedling sale is now open and will run through May 13. Each year, the nursery offers low-cost, locally grown trees and shrubs for sale to encourage plantings that help conserve New York State's natural resources and foster the next generation of forests.

“DEC's Saratoga Tree Nursery annual seedling sale is a simple, affordable way for New Yorkers to help create wildlife habitat, clean our air and water, reduce flooding, lower summer temperatures, and improve the quality of life in their communities,” Commissioner Lefton said. “Every tree planted counts toward Governor Hochul's 25-million-tree-planting goal for the state, which will strengthen our forests and build more resilient communities. By planting native seedlings today, you'll be making a lasting investment in a healthier, greener future for generations to come.”

DEC's tree nursery grows more than 50 conifer and hardwood species from local seed sources, creating seedlings that are well suited to New York State's climate. Seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 or more and there are several mixed species packets available. Seedlings are bare root, a minimum of 5 inches tall, and 1-3 years old (depending on the species). Call 518-587-1120, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to place your order. For more information, visit the Spring Seedling Sale webpage on DEC's website.

Make sure your planted trees count toward New York State's 25 million trees goal! Enter them into the Tree Tracker at on.ny.gov/treetracker. For more information about the 25 Million Trees Initiative, visit on.ny.gov/25milliontrees.

Child Care Providers Needed

If you have considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county's population are children under the age of 5 (US Census Bureau, 2010). Making the under 5 population in Sullivan County, 4795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you're worried about start-up cost, we may be able to assist in supply costs through our Infant/Toddler program. Most training courses through our agency are FREE for Sullivan County providers!!! Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- o Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com, The Office of Children and Family Services at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/child-care/becomeaprovider.asp>, or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

US Census Bureau, 2010.

Retrieved on 5/07/2019:

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/sullivan-countynewyork/AGE135217#AGE135217>



Shawangunk Garden Club
MOTHER'S DAY
PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 13th

from 9 a.m. to noon

at the

Hunt Memorial Building Portico

Liberty Square, Ellenville, NY

*A dazzling assortment of bedding and
hanging baskets will be on hand to
please Mom or a special loved one!!*

For info, please call 845-647-9143

Ulster County Clerk Announces Second Cycle of Ulster Rev250 Sponsorship Fund Applications

The Ulster County Clerk's Office is pleased to announce a second application cycle for funding to sponsor programs commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. This funding is allocated in order to foster and support the rich variety of programming being offered by the history community in Ulster County during this milestone year in the history of the United States.

Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck stated, "The unique history of Ulster County is being preserved and interpreted by so many amazing organizations who have worked tirelessly at these efforts for many years. Our office has played an important part in that role since it was first established in 1683, and we see it as our responsibility to ensure these organizations get support in their efforts to bring rich programming to the public during the 250th." Bruck further stated "It is our hope that by providing these sponsorship funds, the public will be able to encounter some amazing programs that open their eyes to the history and legacy of the Revolution and the important part Ulster County played and continues to play in defining the story of our democracy."

Sponsorship funds will be given in awards of up to \$2,500 to eligible organizations submitting proposals between the date of this announcement and May 15, 2026. The complete announcement and application guidelines can be reviewed and downloaded at the following link: <https://www.ucrev250.org/>

Applicants are encouraged to review materials through the above link and to reach out to the awards review team through the provided contact information with any questions or comments during the application period. The application period runs from the date of this press release until May 15, 2026. Notice of approved funding will be given the week of May 18, 2026.

For further information, please contact the County Historian at

countyhistorian@ulstercountyny.gov



WE'RE LOOKING FOR
Volunteers
TO HELP US OUT!

Maybe you're a student looking for some volunteer hours, a retiree looking to use your skills and passion to help others, or maybe you just LOVE your library and have an extra hour or two each week!

Whoever you are, we appreciate your interest! To apply for volunteer opportunities at the DPL, please complete a volunteer application.

Thank You!



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Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)
Beginning Wednesday, April 8th

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

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

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Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School. Children will be registered at school.

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UPK REGISTRATION

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years old by December 1, 2026 please
call us at**

845-985-2296 ext. 5405

Or send an email to:

registration@trivalleycsd.org

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





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

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

SPEAKING OUT AGAINST SKYROCKETING GAS PRICES DUE TO THE IRAN WAR

Whenever I talk to members of our community, two things are clear: they want lower costs and they want us to invest here at home; not to spend billions per day in another war in the Middle East. Hudson Valley families are already feeling the intense burden of rising costs from Trump's healthcare cuts and tariffs. Now, his reckless war in Iran is causing gas prices to skyrocket.

Rising gas prices affect all of us - from commuters, to small business owners, to first responders - and even with the cease-fire, they're still rising. We never should have been in this position in the first place - we should be lowering costs and helping people get ahead. Instead the President has spent billions of your taxpayer dollars on an unnecessary, illegal war that's making Americans less safe and making life more expensive here at home. Our Hudson Valley community is speaking out with one voice - we can't afford to pay for Trump's mistakes every time we fill up our tanks, and we shouldn't have to.

DELIVERING AID TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Firefighters have been operating out of the historic City of Poughkeepsie fire station for nearly 100 years. They even battled a fire of their own, and had firefighters back in the station just days later.

I'm proud to have delivered funding to help make some critical improvements to the 97 year-old firehouse, to ensure that Hudson Valley heroes can continue keeping us safe for decades to come.

Hudson Valley firefighters are heroes. They work around the clock with the sole focus of protecting others - that's why, every single day, I'm pushing to make sure they have the resources they need and deserve to keep both us and themselves safe.

I fought tooth & nail to secure \$500,000 in funding for the Tivoli Fire Department to ensure that they remain fully equipped to keep Hudson Valley families safe.

Huge thank you to Chief Hildebrand for showing me the latest updates at the firehouse!

DEMANDING SECRETARY HEGSETH INVESTIGATE FORCE PROTECTION FAILURES

Secretary Hegseth owes the American people - especially the families of the six brave Patriots who lost their lives in the attack on a U.S. military site in Kuwait - honest answers and full accountability.

He has refused to take accountability for these deaths, and has consistently misled the press about the nature of this attack.

Not only is that immensely disrespectful to the brave troops who made the ultimate sacrifice - it also has deeply troubling

implications about force protection across the region.

Our men and women in uniform trust us, their elected officials, to do right by them. This investigation is essential to honoring that trust.

View the letter that I sent, along with 12 of my fellow Democratic veterans, to Secretary Hegseth here .

LOWERING YOUR HEALTH CARE COSTS AND PUTTING MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKET BY HOLDING HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE

For too long, massive insurance companies have been allowed to exploit patients and deny coverage for life-saving care, all while raking in record-breaking profits.

It's a fundamental abuse of their power - this legislation finally holds greedy insurance companies accountable.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/representatives-pat-ryan-angie-craig-introduce-legislation-hold-health>

CONNECTING WITH HUNDREDS OF HUDSON VALLEY LABOR LEADERS IN NEWBURGH

Thank you to Newburgh Brewing for hosting me & more than 25 union affiliates - including NYSA, 1199, IAFF, Building Trades & more - for my labor lunch last weekend!

I'm a proud cosponsor of both the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and the No Tax Breaks for Union Busting Act because unions are the backbone of the Hudson Valley. I'll always fight for the resources & benefits they deserve.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

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

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

DEMANDING ANSWERS ON TRUMP ADMIN STALLING ON \$28 MILLION RHINECLIFF TRAIN STATION UPGRADES AND REPAIRS, RISKING YEARS OF PROGRESS FOR DESPERATELY NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

The Rhinecliff Station project is the product of years of community advocacy and bipartisan partnership at the local, state, and federal level. Pausing this critical project, without warning or explanation, is a slap in the face to our Hudson Valley community. The fact that DOT has provided no information or timeline is unacceptable, and risks years of further bureaucratic delays while our community is left in the dark.

I'm urgently demanding answers, and won't stop fighting until we ensure that Rhinecliff Station gets the resources it needs to serve our community.

The letter that Senator Schumer and I sent to FRA Administrator David Armstrong Fink can be found here .

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY AT THE ULSTER COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF BREAKFAST

Last weekend, I was honored to join the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce at their annual breakfast to give an update on my work in Washington.

I'm proud to work alongside the Chamber & President Ward Todd to keep Ulster County thriving - I'll always fight to deliver for our community.

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Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)

HONORING HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS AT STEWART AIRPORT

It's always a privilege to spend time with our Hudson Valley veteran community. I was honored to join the Honor Flight ceremony at Stewart Airport last weekend.

Our nation forever owes our veterans a debt of gratitude - I'm working every day to honor their service and sacrifice.

HAPPY EARTH DAY!

From fighting to clean up harmful chemicals in the Hudson River, to removing toxic lead cables from our communities, to finally banning polluting anchorages on the Hudson, on this Earth Day I'm pushing for the clean water, soil, and air that Hudson Valley families deserve for generations to come!

HAPPY 118th BIRTHDAY TO THE US ARMY RESERVE!

Thank you for your huge sacrifices & selfless service to ensure that our families are safe & our nation is secure every day. Go Army!

GRANTS CORNER APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the SS4A competitive grant program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026.

The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Approximately \$1 billion is still available for the next funding round.

The SS4A program provides funding for two main types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants for Action Plans, including supplemental safety planning and/or safety demonstration activities, and Implementation Grants.

Learn more about the program by watching one of the recorded informational webinars.

The deadline for applications is May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

FY24 & FY25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Last December, New York Attorney General Letitia James won a lawsuit brought with 20 other attorneys general and the governors of Kentucky and Pennsylvania to stop the illegal elimination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.

BRIC empowers states, local governments, Tribal Nations, and territories to make smart investments in resilient infrastructure. By supporting pre-disaster and hazard mitigation projects - such as school safe rooms, utility hardening, relocating critical facilities out of flood areas, and securing pump stations - BRIC aims to save lives, protect property, and reduce the cost of future disaster response and recovery.

Subapplications are due to NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) through FEMA GO (FEMAGO - Login) no later than May 22nd, 2026. If

you intend on applying and would like a Letter of Support, please contact my office!

New York State African American Heritage Grant Program (NYSAAH)

This program provides grants to assist nonprofit organizations and local governments in documenting, interpreting, and preserving places and stories of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in New York.

There are two separate grant categories: Education Grants and Capital Grants. Applicants may apply for one or both categories.

Learn more about the NYSAAH program by attending one of the upcoming informational webinars. Topics to be covered include eligibility requirements, examples of eligible Education and Capital projects, components of the full application form, how applications are evaluated, program goals, and more. Advance registration is required..

NY PLAYS: Places for Learning, Activity, and Youth Socialization

Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations may apply for NY PLAYS grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$2.5 million for the acquisition, design, construction, major renovation or equipping of public playgrounds, along with other related capital costs necessary to complete a project. Grantees must demonstrate a 20 percent match toward total project costs. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

Applications will be accepted from May 4, 2026, through June 15, 2026. Grant awards will be announced no earlier than August 3, 2026.

Hudson Valley Regional Council Grants Guide

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

HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit

The 2025-2026 HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit opened April 15, 2026.

If you are eligible, you may receive one HEAP Cooling Assistance benefit per applicant household for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or a fan to help your home stay cool. Learn more about eligibility here.

You can apply for a HEAP Cooling Assistance Benefit:
By phone: You may call your HEAP Local District Contact. The district will provide more information on eligibility, the application process, and required documentation.

In person: You may apply in person at your HEAP Local District Contact

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, May 10th

Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$13

Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11

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Under 5 Yrs. Free

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9th annual juried
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juried by
jaime ransome

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

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OLIVE SENIORS

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

Where: American Legion Hall*

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

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

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

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



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

1. Working to end senior hunger

Skyrocketing grocery prices have left many seniors unable to put food on the table. In the richest country in the world, that is unconscionable.

This week, Kirsten demanded passage of her Senior Hunger Prevention Act, which would expand SNAP benefits for all beneficiaries, simplify the SNAP application process for seniors and people with disabilities, and expand SNAP food delivery options.

Read more.

<https://www.wbng.com/2026/04/22/sen-gillibrand-pushes-senior-hunger-prevention-act-expand-snap-benefits-older-americans/>

2. Demanding answers about civilian casualties in Iran

President Trump's reckless war with Iran has caused over 1,700 civilian deaths and damage to more than 20 schools and a dozen health care facilities. Attacks on civilian infrastructure are unacceptable, and Kirsten is demanding answers.

Prior to the war, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth made deep cuts to the military's civilian harm prevention programs. Kirsten is investigating the impact of these cuts, and she will keep fighting until the Trump administration ends this war of choice and fully restores the programs and public servants that mitigate harm to civilians.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-colleagues-open-new-investigation-into-hegseths-role-in-dismantling-militarys-civilian-harm-prevention-guardrails/>

3. WATCH: Two Truths and Trump's Lies

In her new YouTube series, Kirsten broke down President Trump's lies about his reckless war with Iran and spoke with New York farmers about the rising cost of gas and fertilizer as a result of the war.

Watch here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1SUy_ixrpQ

4. Securing home energy assistance funding for New Yorkers

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides critical relief to families struggling to heat and cool their homes amid skyrocketing utility prices.

Despite widespread public support for the program, President Trump has attacked LIHEAP, stalled hundreds of millions of dollars of appropriated LIHEAP funding from reaching families in need, and proposed eliminating the program entirely.

Following pressure from Kirsten, the Trump administration released millions in LIHEAP funding to New York, providing much-needed relief ahead of the summer. Kirsten will continue pushing back on the president's attacks on LIHEAP.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/after-pressure-from-senator-gillibrand-trump-administration-to-release-energy-assistance-funding/>

5. Supporting New York workers

New York workers are the backbone of our state, our economy, and our communities.

This week, Kirsten met with workers from the New York State Laborers' Union to discuss the importance of labor protections and hear directly from two workers at Ground Zero about how the World Trade Center Health Program has been a lifeline for New Yorkers suffering long-term health impacts from the 9/11 terror attacks.

6. Helping New Yorkers get their tax refunds

A Westchester County constituent contacted Kirsten for assistance getting the tax refunds owed to her mother's estate from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

After Kirsten's team contacted the IRS and confirmed that the constituent had submitted the necessary documentation, the constituent received over \$3,000 in refunds.

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

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/after-pressure-from-senator-gillibrand-trump-administration-to-release-energy-assistance-funding/>



Mother's Day — PANCAKE BREAKFAST —

Hosted by the Big Indian–Olivera Fire Dept. Auxiliary

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Big Indian–Olivera Firehouse

8 Firehouse Rd, Big Indian, NY



— Dine In or Take Out —

Served by Auxiliary Members & Volunteers

- Breakfast Includes:
- Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs
- Fresh Fruit
- Boar's Head Sausage

- + Orange Juice • Coffee
- Tea • Milk



\$12 BREAKFAST

Kids Under 10 & Senior Citizens \$10

*Bring the Family & Support
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UC Executive Jen Metzger Announces Adoption of Gender-Based Violence and Workplace Policy

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced the adoption of a new Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy to bolster support and protections for County employees who are victims of domestic and gender based violence. The County Executive based the personnel policy on a model developed by the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and it was adopted unanimously Tuesday evening by the County Legislature in a resolution sponsored by Legislator Dominick Marino (D-10, Highland/Marlborough).

The new policy establishes clear, survivor centered procedures for recognizing and responding to domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, coercive control, and other forms of gender based harm. It creates a structured framework to ensure that employees experiencing gender based violence can access confidential support, safety planning, and workplace accommodations, and that County departments and supervisors are equipped with the guidance necessary to respond appropriately and consistently.

"Domestic and gender-based violence affects all aspects of people's lives, including in the workplace, and we want to make sure employees have the workplace protections and access to resources they need to be safe and to thrive," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "I want to thank Legislator Dominick Marino and the Ulster County Legislature for their support and partnership in adopting this policy and for standing with survivors of gender-based violence."

"Through both my professional work and my role in government, I've stood alongside survivors and seen firsthand the barriers they face when trying to stay safe, maintain employment, and rebuild their lives," said Legislator Dominick Marino, who sponsored the resolution. "This policy is about more than compliance; it's about creating a workplace where people feel supported, protected, and empowered to seek help without fear. When we recognize that safety and stability extend into the workplace, we take a meaningful step toward breaking cycles of violence and connecting individuals to the support they deserve."

Under the policy, Ulster County will:

- o Designate Personnel Director Dawn Spader as the Gender-Based Violence Liaison (GBVL);
- o Provide employees with confidential sup-

- port and referrals to services including the NYS Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline, Family of Woodstock, and the Employee Assistance Program;
- o Issue the policy to all employees, contractors, volunteers, and interns annually and upon hire;
- o Expand employee rights to request reasonable accommodations and to use leave for safety related needs;
- o Ensure strong non retaliation protections for survivors;
- o Hold accountable any employees who perpetrate acts of gender based violence, including through potential administrative or disciplinary action;
- o Increase awareness and training across the workforce regarding gender based violence, resources, and survivor rights.

The policy also outlines responsibilities for supervisors, clarifies protections under the New York State Human Rights Law, and provides structured guidance for responding to active Orders of Protection and developing individualized workplace safety plans.

The full policy will be distributed to all County personnel and posted on the County's intranet and in accessible employee areas throughout all worksites.

Rondout Neversink Stream Program and Sullivan County Audubon Society Present:

WINGS OF SPRING

A Guided Birdwatching Walk in the Neversink Watershed

SATURDAY, MAY 2 | 9 - 11 AM

FLYING TRILLIUM GARDENS & PRESERVE, NEVERSINK NY 12768

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 3

SCAN TO LEARN MORE & REGISTER!





Ways & Means Hearing with USTR Jamieson Greer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Endkc3znpSc>

This week, I questioned U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer during a Ways and Means Committee hearing on Canada's unfair trade practices that are harming farmers and producers across NY-24. Canada is our top export market, yet it continues to impose discriminatory barriers, including restricting U.S. dairy access, blocking American wine and spirits from store shelves in most provinces, and prohibiting bulk imports of fresh fruits and vegetables. These practices are well documented in the National Trade Estimate Report and have persisted despite years of negotiations under USMCA. As Ambassador Greer made clear, Canada and China are the only countries currently retaliating economically against the United States. Upstate New York producers deserve a fair shot. I will keep pushing to hold Canada accountable, enforce our trade agreements, and ensure our farmers, wineries, and businesses can compete and succeed.

Cracking Down on Medicare Fraud

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4N95HI-fY>

This week, I also spoke during a Ways and Means Committee hearing to highlight the growing Medicare fraud crisis and its impact on seniors in Upstate New York. Last fall, I raised concerns with CMS after uncovering suspicious billing activity, including one doctor who billed more than \$600 million between 2020 and 2025. While that led to enforcement action, the problem is far bigger. In places like Los Angeles County, more than 1,400 new home health agencies have flooded the system since 2020, driving spending to nearly six times the national average and distorting Medicare data nationwide. The consequences are being felt here at home, where access to care is declining. In NY-24, home health admissions have dropped nearly 40 percent since 2018, and nearly half of patients referred for care never receive it. Fraud is not just costing taxpayers, it is limiting care for seniors who rely on these services. We must keep working to restore accountability, protect taxpayer dollars, and ensure our seniors can access the care they need.

Why is New York Punishing Nuns Who Care for the Dying?

New York's radical policies are threatening the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, who have spent more than a century providing free hospice care to terminally ill cancer patients with compassion and dignity. These sisters do not take a dime from patients or taxpayers, yet Albany is now targeting them with fines, loss of licensure, and even jail time for refusing to violate their faith under new state mandates. At a time when families are struggling with rising costs, outmigration, and a lack of access to affordable care, New York should be supporting those who serve the most vulnerable, not punishing them. This is about more than one group. It is about protecting religious freedom, defending common sense, and ensuring our state stands with those who care for others, not against them.

READ MY FULL OP-ED HERE

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/rep-claudia-tenney-new-york-punishing-nuns-care-dying>

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. 1529, the Access Technology Affordability Act of 2025: This bill would establish a refundable tax credit for blind and vision-impaired individuals to purchase assistive technology. Specifically, it would provide a tax credit of up to \$2,000 for qualified expenses, including devices such as Braille assistive devices. Access to assistive technology plays a critical role in supporting disabled individuals' employment and independence, and this legislation helps reduce financial barriers and expand access to these tools.

H.R. 1522, the Federal Retirement Fairness Act: This bill would allow certain federal employees to make catch-up retirement contributions for periods of temporary or seasonal federal service that were not previously credited toward retirement benefits. Some federal workers, such as certain postal employees, begin their careers in temporary roles before transitioning to permanent positions, which can affect their retirement eligibility. This legislation helps provide a pathway for those employees to receive credit for their service and ensures more equitable treatment in federal retirement benefits.

H.R. 1256, the Long-Term Care Transparency Act: This bill would require greater transparency in the ownership and management of long-term care facilities that participate in federal programs overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Increased transparency in facility ownership can improve oversight, accountability, and the quality of care provided to residents. This legislation helps ensure that patients and families have access to clear information when making long-term care decisions.

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.

Monday, April 20

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1681, the Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act. This bill establishes an interagency force to prioritize the review of authorization requests for the placement and operation of a communications facility on federal lands. This commonsense bill will help expand broadband access for more Americans and ensure accountability in the federal permitting process. This bill passed the House by a vote of 384-9.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5200, the Emergency Reporting Act. This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to hold annual public hearings on uses of the Disaster Information Reporting System and on the number and duration of telecommunications service outages, including outages that prevented access to 9-1-1 emergency services. Having secure, resilient communications infrastructure after natural disasters is vital to public safety. This bill increases transparency on issues that prevent our communities from remaining connected to first responders through reliable communication networks. This bill passed the House by a vote of 386-7.

Tuesday, April 21

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2010, the Kari's Law Reporting Act. This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to publish a report on the implementation of Kari's Law of 2018.

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This Week With Claudia (From Pg. 60)

Kari's Law requires that multi-line telephone systems (MLTS) that allow businesses or households to hold two or more phone calls simultaneously be set up to enable users to dial 911 without having to dial any additional digit or access code, such as the number 9. These requirements took effect on February 16, 2020. Maintaining a reliable emergency response system is imperative, and this bill ensures that homes and businesses can easily get connected with first responders. This bill passed the House by a vote of 405-5.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1020, A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects. This bill authorizes the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to extend construction deadlines for hydropower projects that were licensed before March 13, 2020. The bill would also authorize FERC to reinstate certain expired hydropower project licenses for up to 6 years. Ensuring hydropower projects remain on time and functional is imperative to enhancing our energy production. This bill ensures that affordable hydroelectric power production remains on time and that domestic energy production continues to meet our growing energy needs. This bill passed the House by a vote of 394-14.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 2493, Improving Care in Rural America Reauthorization Act of 2025. This bill reauthorizes several federal grant programs that improve access to health care in rural communities through Fiscal Year (FY) 2030. Specifically, the bill reauthorizes the Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program, the Rural Health Network Development Planning Program, and the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program, all administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Across Upstate New York and rural communities nationwide, too many families struggle to access timely medical care, and strengthening rural health care is essential so that families receive the care they deserve. This bill reauthorizes essential funding for rural and underserved communities while ensuring transparency and accountability for programs that use taxpayer dollars. This bill passed the House by a vote of 406-4.

Wednesday, April 22

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1182, Expressing support for rural communities across the United States as stewards of the environment, major suppliers of United States energy resources, critical providers of food production and manufacturing capacity, and drivers of

national economic stability, and recognizing the work of the House of Representatives in the 119th Congress in support of those vital communities. This resolution recognizes the vital role that our rural communities, including those in Upstate and Western New York, play in feeding our families and driving our economy. House Republicans will continue fighting for rural communities and ensure our work continues to focus on strengthening agricultural production, keeping our communities safe, supporting rural healthcare initiatives, and improving domestic energy production. This resolution passed the House by a vote of 220-196, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4690, the Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act. This bill repeals certain federal mandates on building energy efficiency. Specifically, this prohibits denying a building from obtaining certification as a green building or a high-performance green building solely on the basis of direct or indirect fossil fuel consumption. Electrification requirements endanger the stability of our critical infrastructure, jeopardize our national security, and inflate construction costs. Eliminating outdated, costly, and burdensome federal building mandates will reduce costs, expand options for powering buildings, and ensure taxpayer dollars are not wasted. This bill passed the House by a vote of 215-202.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6387, the FIRE Act. This bill amends the Clean Air Act to make it easier for states to undertake wildfire mitigation activities. Reducing burdensome regulations and supporting states' wildfire mitigation efforts are imperative to keeping communities safe. This bill provides clarity for air quality planning, reduces costly and unnecessary regulatory burdens on local communities, and encourages important wildfire mitigation efforts to protect the public. This bill passed by a vote of 220-198.

Thursday, April 23

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5587, the HEATS Act. This bill waives federal permitting requirements for geothermal exploration and production activities conducted on non-federal lands if the federal government holds an interest of less than 50 percent of the subsurface or the operator received a state-level drilling permit. Under current law, a geothermal operator must obtain federal permits for exploration of federal and privately owned land, and these permits are often duplicative of state permitting requirements. This bill improves the energy exploration process, eliminates redundant permits, and ensures the safe exploration of energy resources to advance President Trump's energy affordability policies. This bill passed the House by a vote of 231-186.

Olive Free Library Events

**wearable art:
HEAD TO TOE**

opening reception:
saturday march 14,
3 – 5 pm

MARCH 14 – MAY 2, 2026

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Judith **HOYT**
Sophi **KRAVITZ**
Seán **NIXON**
Debra **RAPOPORT**
STIEFELWERK

meet. make. wear. hands-on workshop:
saturday april 4, 2:30 – 4 pm

artists' talk:
saturday may 2, 3:30 – 5 pm

Curated by Seán Nixon

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**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!

FREE CLOTHING SWAP: 10AM – 3PM

- Bring clean, gently used clothing
- to the Olive Free Library 4/25 - 5/1.
- Shop for FREE on Sat. May 2!
- You do not need to donate clothing to shop!




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NEW!

Weekly Chess Club
at the Shokan Branch
with Robert Selkowitz
Mondays 4-5 p.m.



LEGO CLUB

Monthly on the 4th Friday
4:00 - 5:00 pm
at the Shokan Branch

Come play with the Library's legos!

Adults must accompany their children

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FREE Clinic

Health Care is a Human Right

Attend HCHR's free pop-up community clinic:
Tuesday, May 19
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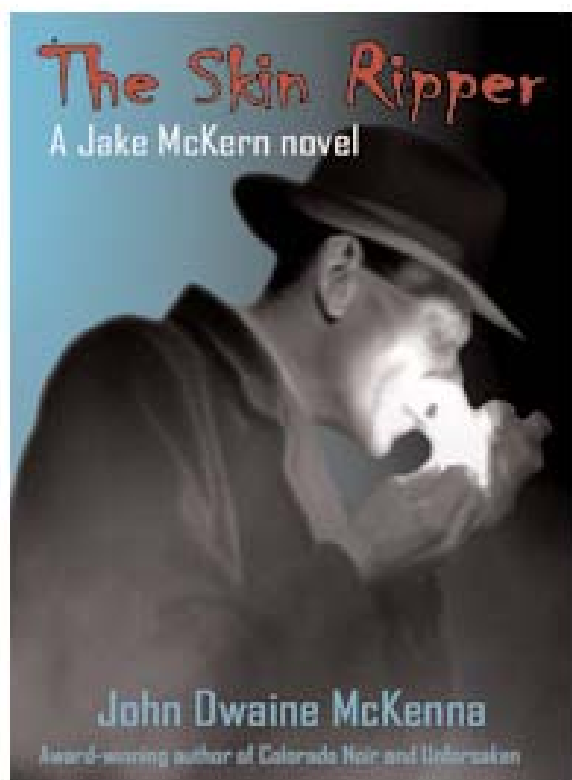


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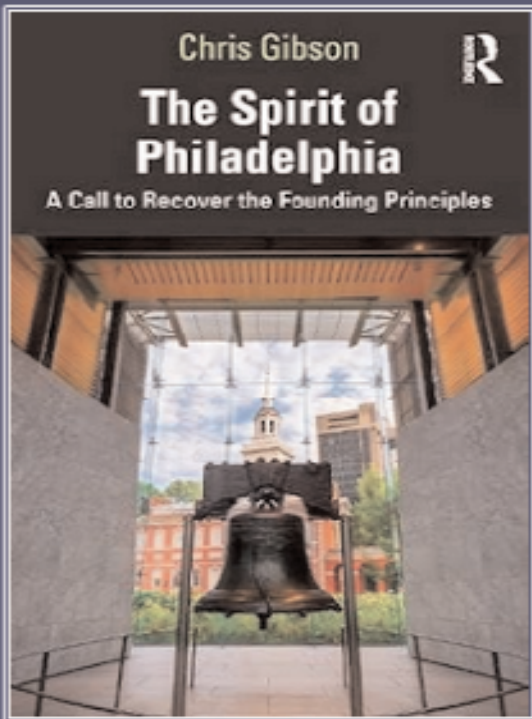
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,
Chris Gibson

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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)985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.



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You'll receive step by step guidance from local artist, Robin Raykoff.

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Jan-June 2026

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LEGO + Spring = Pure Magic
at the
Daniel Pierce Library
2026

(New Time) 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Zip Line Basics & Rider Design (Grades 4-6) Wednesday, May 6
Students will design and test a LEGO rider that attaches to a zip line and travels down safely without being held, with the goal of completing the ride and enjoying a hot drink afterwards.

Spring Animal Architects (Grades 2-3) Wednesday, May 20
Challenge: Students become "animal architects," design and build habitats of their own and structures inspired by animals in spring. (Note: must pre-visit the animal farm this evening)

Animals Wake Up (UPK-Grade 1) Wednesday, May 27
Children will build spring animals with recycled toys, beads, glue and buttons, create names for them, explore wild life, and (if they like!) tell a story about a day in your own wild life using their LEGO creations.

Baby Animals in Spring (Ages 3 & 4 years) Wednesday, June 3
Spring is the season when baby animals are born! Children will explore the joy of growing through play that supports language development, creative thinking and social skills. (Please note: no children under 3 will be admitted to this program.)

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Pre-visit and/or registration is required for some programs. If you have any questions for your child to take the bus home (school), please contact a member of the elementary office no later than the Monday before the program.

The River That Forgave Us and What the Hudson's return says About Who We Are

<https://substack.com/@marcmolinaro>

Marc Molinaro

Apr 17, 2026

There was a time-not that long ago-when the Hudson River was written off.

Not neglected. Not struggling. Written off.

An open sewer. A Superfund site. A treasure you passed by, not one you turned toward.

And yet recently, as reported in *The Economist*: for the first time in generations, parts of the Hudson are clean enough that you can catch a fish... and eat it.

Let that sink in.

A river that once carried the weight of our worst habits-industrial waste, chemical dumping, decades of disregard-is now giving something back. Not just beauty. Not only recreation. But sustenance.

That's not just progress.

That's a generational accomplishment.

This didn't happen overnight. And it didn't happen by accident.

It took decades of pressure, persistence, and people willing to fight for something they might not live long enough to fully see restored.

The dredging of PCB-contaminated sediment. The enforcement of environmental laws. The advocacy of groups like Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson.

And yes, the steady, often unglamorous work of government-local, state, and federal-getting it right over time.

I've had the privilege of being part of that work.

As mayor, as a state legislator, as county executive, and in Congress, I've spoken often about the Hudson, fought for its restoration and crafted policy to protect it - not just as a body of water, but as a defining feature of who we are.

Because at its core, this has always been about a bigger question I've asked often:

Who are we as a people-and how do we hope to live?

Do we accept decline? Do we look the other way? Or do we take responsibility-for what was done, and what we owe the future?

The Hudson demanded we answer that question. And over time, we did.

The Hudson has always been more than a river. It's where history meets possibility.

It carried commerce that built this region and well beyond. It inspired artists like Thomas Cole, who saw in its light and landscape something uniquely American. It has been a place of industry, recreation and reflection.

And for too long, it was also a place of consequence-where the cost of progress was dumped, quite literally, into the current.

But here's the thing about the Hudson:

It never stopped moving forward.

And neither did the people who believed it could be restored.

This moment-being able to safely eat fish from parts of the Hudson-isn't the end of the story.

It's proof of concept.

Proof that when we set a standard, enforce it, and stick with it, we can turn things around.

Proof that conservation and stewardship and human progress don't have to be in conflict.

Proof that even after decades of damage, restoration is possible.

But it's also a reminder: we can't take our foot off the gas.

There are still stretches of the river that need attention. Still species we need to protect.

Still a balance to strike between use and preservation. Still oversight and pressure needed from the EPA and DEC.

The lesson here isn't "mission accomplished."

It's "this is what's possible when we do it right."

I've stood along the Hudson at sunrise, when the water is still and the mountains catch the first light. I've watched families fish along its banks, kids skipping stones, neighbors gathering in places that, years ago, people avoided. I've made many happy memories boating the river and navigating its tributaries. There's something deeply grounding about the Hudson.

It reminds you that time is bigger than any one of us-but also that what we do with our time matters.

We inherited a river that was in trouble.

We're handing off one that is healing.

And that didn't happen by chance.

It happened because enough people answered that question-

not with words, but with action.

So yes-celebrate this moment.

Celebrate the science, the policy, the investment, the persistence. Celebrate the advocates and the workers who did the hard, dirty, necessary work.

But also take a moment-stand at the water's edge, look out across it-and appreciate something deeper.

This river forgave us.

And in doing so, it tells us something about ourselves:

That we are capable of fixing what we break.

That we can choose responsibility over convenience. And that if we're willing to do the hard work-together-there are very few things we can't restore.

Because the Hudson isn't just cleaner.

It's an answer to the question of who we are, and how we've chosen to live.



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Tuesday, April 21st & Thursday, May 14th

6:00 - 7:00 pm

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Join us for a hands-on art workshop led by special guest Kool adults will learn how to design and carve their own custom stamens simple carving techniques, experiment with ink and we with a personalized stamp you can use again and again

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SULLIVAN COUNTY HEAP COOLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM START DATE : **APRIL 15TH, 2026**



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

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On Arbor Day, DEC Announced \$46 Million Now Available Through New Advancing Forest Markets Grant Program

- *Funding Supports Tree Supply Chain and Forest Products Economies and Helps Make Tree Seedlings More Affordable*
 - *Projects Will Help Advance New York State's 25 Million Trees Initiative*
- Applications Must Be Submitted by August 5**

In celebration of Arbor Day, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the official launch of a new grant program to expand forest product markets and businesses and increase the affordability and availability of tree seedlings for planting.

“New York State's forests are a cornerstone of our environment and economy,” said Commissioner Lefton. “This grant program will provide meaningful support to expand forest product markets and long-term reforestation and conservation efforts. As part of our broader commitment to climate resilience and sustainable land use, this investment in the forest products sector aims to ensure our forests remain healthy, productive, and accessible for generations.”

DEC's Advancing Forest Markets (AFM) grant program is designed to help remove key barriers to large-scale tree planting efforts by increasing access to high-quality, locally grown seedlings for reforestation, afforestation, and climate resilience projects. It also seeks to strengthen New York State's forest economy by expanding access to critical resources for producers of forest commodities like wood and maple syrup and other forestry businesses through projects that encourage innovation and expansion in product development, capacity, and market access.

Eligible applicants must establish a Farm Record with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency to obtain a Farm ID and either:

- o specialize in collecting, processing, germinating, storing, propagating, and/or growing native trees or those that support this supply chain through associated market, workforce, and network development; or
- o own at least one acre of land that is forested or has the potential to become forested and allows for timber harvesting.

There are three unique funding categories through this grant program:

- o 25 Million Trees Nursery Discount Program: Nurseries may apply for funding to offset costs to offer trees for sale to the public at a reduced cost;
- o Growing Reforestation Opportunities: Nursery growers, seed collection networks, and other entities may apply for funding to scale up their production capacity and support

tree supply chain markets; and

- o Tree Market Boost and Revitalization Program: Forestry and forest product businesses and other entities may apply for funding to expand their capacity and support forest-based markets related to reforestation, forest management, low-grade wood products, timber, and other forest products.

Grant awards range from a minimum of \$100,000 to a maximum of \$12 million with no match required. Grant awards will include an incentive payment for program participation (between \$2,000 and \$10,000, dependent on project size). These incentive payments will be distributed after a contract becomes fully executed with DEC at the beginning of the project. All work funded through these grants must be completed before January 2028.

Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Applications must be submitted through the Statewide Financial System (SFS). Those interested must register in SFS before applying. Not-for-profits must also prequalify before the application deadline. For more details about the grant opportunity, including eligibility information, examples of fundable projects, and application and scoring criteria, visit DEC's website.

Peekamoose Blue Hole - How To Get a Permit

A permit is required for all visitors to the Peekamoose Blue Hole and the entire nearby Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor along the Rondout Creek, including campers, picknickers, and hikers everyday between May 15 and September 15 of each year. Hunters and anglers with a valid license are exempt from the permit requirement. *Please keep in mind that there is no cell service in the Peekamoose Valley.

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Permits are \$10, and must be acquired at least 24 hours in advance, but no more than a week in advance. Only advance registrations will be accepted. No walk-in registrations are available. Your permit does not need to list the names of all members of the visiting party, but it does need to list the total number of people in the group. Each permit will be linked to a vehicle, with a 5 person maximum capacity, and the permit must be displayed on/in the vehicle.

Permits can be acquired from our Blue Hole permit page on Reserve America.

<https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/peekamoose-blue-hole/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NY&parkId=5935>

Parking Map:

<https://dec.ny.gov/sites/default/files/peekamooseparking.pdf>

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

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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!

FREE CLOTHING SWAP: 10AM - 3PM



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2026 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

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

WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station
 91 Landfill Drive
 Monticello, NY 12701

WHAT TO KNOW:

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

ACCEPTABLE		UNACCEPTABLE
Paint	Smoke detectors	Household garbage
Solvents	Fire extinguishers	Commercial/industrial/agricultural waste
Stains	Cleaning products	Medical waste/ pharmaceuticals
Ink	Poisons	Radioactive material
Pool chemicals	Roofing tar	Explosives
Acids	Bases	Ammunition
Wood preservatives	Adhesives	Bulk liquids/drums/tanks larger than 5 gallons
Fluorescent bulbs	Creosote	LP/gas tanks
Mercury containing devices	Stale fuels	Electronics
Pesticides/herbicides	Antifreeze	Tires
Batteries/ automotive batteries		Refrigeration devices

Questions?

Kassie Thelman, Recycling Coordinator
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Munster, Go Home!
(1966, 1h 36m | Comedy | TV-PG)

Is ghoulish looking Herman Munster an aristocrat? He is when he inherits an estate from a British uncle, and takes his wife Lily, and his entire family, his son, Eddie, a niece Marilyn, and Grandpa an experimenter supreme, go to England by boat to claim both his title, and his manor house. Marilyn falls in love with Roger Moresby, a race-driving champion boating across the Atlantic to England. On arriving, they receive a less than a wonderful welcome, from their foreign relatives (Lady Effigies, her children Freddy and Grace, and their sinister butler Crookshank), who are using the manor house as the headquarters of a counterfeiting ring.

The thugs try to chase them away, but all attempts to scare off the



Munsters fail terribly, for they are delighted by screams in the night, white-sheeted apparitions, and other ghostly phenomena. Desperate to get rid of the Munsters, Lady Effigie persuades Herman to save the family honor by entering an automobile race against Roger, as their families have been longtime rivals. Roger is knocked unconscious, and the head of the counterfeiting ring substitutes another driver, planning harm to Herman as the race proceeds. Herman, avoids trouble by driving his Dragula, a special coffin-shaped car, wins the race. Will Roger visit Marilyn in the States? **Directed by Earl Bellamy, Starring Fred Gwynne, Al Lewis, Yvonne De Carlo, Hermione Gingold** When the Munster family inherits a British Estate, they are set upon by some archcriminals who are using the place for a counterfeiting ring.

Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:
Blazing Saddles

This weeks' Trivia question: Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt play the parents of a big brood in what movie?



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