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Tri-Valley Lions August 3, 2026 Dinner Meeting at Neversink General Store followed by Ice Cream treats at the Grahamsville Gorilla –Esta Jacob



Neversink General Store

On Monday, August 3, 2026, The Tri-Valley Lions held their monthly dinner meeting at the Neversink General Store (NGS) at 4 Schumway Rd in Neversink, NY. This was a special pizza & salad dinner, with so many varieties of pizza - all were so very delicious. In addition to fabulous foods, the NGS has lovely ans unique gifts, beautiful tee shirts and clothing, lotto and lottery tickets, great greeting cards for all occasions, gasoline, propane, beer, wine, sodas, cappuccino, great coffees, other drinks, artisan breads and delicious pies, great woodcrafts, maple syrup, salads, unbelievable hot and cold sandwiches, BBQ, brisket and ribs, and some of the best pizza around. I also noticed that they now have a beautiful display and collection of knives, and don't miss the funny magnets, which I usually send with each birthday card I mail. (Contd. Pg. 5)



Grahamsville Gorilla

NYC DEP Protection Appoints Jennifer Garigliana New Deputy Commissioner to Lead the Bureau of Water Supply

A 14-Year Veteran of the Agency, Garigliano Will Oversee DEP Bureau that Manages and Protects the Nation's Largest Municipal Water Supply System



NEW YORK, NY – NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Lisa Garcia appointed Jennifer Garigliano as Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Water Supply (BWS). Garigliano will oversee nearly 1,000 employees who manage and protect the nation's largest municipal water system, which provides over a billion gallons of high-quality drinking water to almost 10 million people each day.

"Jennifer's detailed knowledge of the water supply, technical skill, and experience managing large teams made her the clear choice to lead the Bureau of Water Supply into the future," DEP Commissioner Lisa F. Garcia said. "As a lifelong resident of the watershed, Jen is also highly dedicated to the collaboration with our community partners who play an invaluable role in protecting the City's reservoirs and the lands that surround them. I'm proud to announce appointment and have every confidence that she will lead with integrity and an unwavering commitment to protecting public health." (Contd. Pg. 4)

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On the Front Burner: For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. Isaiah 60:12

OBITUARY

Donald J. Bachorik of Neversink, NY, a retired Operations Manager for Citibank and longtime area resident died Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at his home. He was 87.

The son of the late Stephen and Alice Durkin Bachorik, he was born January 28, 1939 in Manhattan, NY.

Donald had worked his career in banking on Wall Street in Manhattan before retiring and moving to Neversink, NY. He was a Notary Public, a die-hard Yankee fan, and enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, though his true obsession and lifelong passion was collecting vinyl records, whether they were 78s, 45s, or 33s. He collected records from every genre, but his first and primary love was doo wops, although no one took the place of "The King" himself, Elvis.

Raised in the projects of Manhattan's Spanish Harlem and the Bronx, he met the love of his life, Judy. Together they raised a family, and in 1977 followed their shared passion to live a simpler and less complicated life in the peaceful, serene setting of the Catskill mountains. Their search brought them to Parksville, where they bought a stunning piece of property and built a lovely home overlooking the Neversink Reservoir. Don remained in that home for the rest of his life.

His survivors include one son, Kevin Bachorik, and his wife Miriam of Dunellen, NJ; four grandchildren, Jacob Schwartz, Eric Schwartz, Valerie Bachorik and Gina Bachorik; four great grandchildren, Warren, Nathan, Tyler, and Emerson. He was predeceased by his wife, Judith Schraier Bachorik, his daughter, Andrea Schwartz, his brother, Edward Bachorik, and his longtime companion, Joan Wingender.

Visitation and funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, at the Harris Funeral Home. Pastor Joseph LeConey officiated. Burial was in the Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

August 15, 1956

Barbara Gillette, a member of the Tri Valley Future Farmer Chapter, has been attending the Orange County Fair for a week with her dairy exhibit. She was the first dairy exhibitor from the Tri Valley Chapter and is the only girl in the Orange-Rockland-Sullivan F.F.A. group.

August 10, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cypert of Thunder Hill are the parents of a son, Steven Paul, born on August 1st at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert.

August 28, 1986

Carol Ann Denman and Dale Keith VanDenberg were united in marriage on June 29th in the United Methodist Church, Liberty. The Rev. Duane Buddle officiated. The bride is the daughter of Carl and Marge Denman of Liberty. The groom is the son of Donald and Maryon VanDenberg of Liberty. The bride graduated from Tri-Valley Central High School. She is employed by Hillside Greenhouses, Liberty as a floral designer. The bridegroom is a graduate of Liberty High School and has an associate degree from the State University of Cobleskill Agricultural & Technical College. He is a florist at Hillside Greenhouses. Following a wedding trip to Alaska, they are living in Liberty

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published August 13, 1998

'We were married on November 2, 1924. My husband was a widower with eight children. We moved to the "Old Man Davis' farm" on Thunder Hill near Grahamsville. Because of our large family, the grocery bill had to be kept to a minimum because our only reliable source of income came from selling stove wood at \$3 a cord, and homemade butter for 25 cents a pound.

This meager amount had to be stretched to cover necessities but our diet was amply supplemented by what the farm produced.

In early spring we gathered dandelion greens, brakes, or milkweed greens, cowslips or whatever was in season. I added winter onions to our scrambled eggs and pulled tender shoots of rhubarb to make pies. Very soon there would be leaf lettuce and radishes from the garden. By the time spring came around, our meat supply would be exhausted and I leveled it off with chicken and dumplings. Since we had no refrigeration, summer meant cooking enough for only one meal each day.

The excess vegetables were preserved by various methods. Green beans and tomatoes were canned; sweet

corn was cut from the cob and spread out to dry. Fall apples were peeled, cut up and strung on cord and hung over the stove to dry. When fall came we managed to buy a couple of bushels of peaches for canning.

We dug up the carrots, potatoes and beets and stored them in the cellar. When the weather became cold, it was time to butcher a hog. Fresh meat graced out table as the bacon and hams were curing. Lean meat scraps were ground for sausage and the fat was rendered into lard and a quarter of beef was purchased.

Dan's father, Charles Akerley was always with us to lend a helping hand. It was always Grandpa Akerley that cradled the buckwheat and helped us gather fruit, vegetables and cucumbers for pickling and canning.

Winter was soup season, a meaty bone boiled with a combination of vegetables made a nice meal. Or my "tricky combination". I took a quart of tomatoes and a quart of milk then heated each separately. Then a small amount of baking soda was added prior to the merger of the two to keep the milk from curdling. It also gave the soup a unique flavor.

Who among us today has access to thick cream or freshly churned butter? Even if those luxuries were affordable, doctors would surely forbid them because of the high cholesterol count!

Household Hint:

Clean Your Iron's Soleplate

To remove scorch marks from the soleplate of your iron, scrub it with a paste made by heating up equal parts vinegar and salt in a small pan. Use a rag dipped in clean water to wipe away the remaining residue.

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.

The Katydid Choir

The katydids have begun signaling us that the countdown to the end of summer has begun in the Catskills. Katydids have been considered prophets of weather—according to legend when they first start their song at night a killing frost will occur in ninety days. Later in the summer when katydids are heard during the day singing from deep shadows, the first frost is but six weeks away. And just as the first hard frost arrives, the katydid will sing its own farewell song.



No, summer isn't over yet. The Katydid is just reminding us that the first killing frost will be in the middle of October.

Katydids live just about everywhere throughout the Catskills. These little green insects belong to the Tettigoniidae family and are commonly called katydids, bush-crickets or long-horned grasshoppers,, although they are more closely related to crickets than to grasshoppers.

There are more than 6,400 species of katydids that live in forested areas, thickets and in fields where there are plenty of shrubs and trees. They are often heard and not seen as they usually stay at the tops of the trees where more leaves are available. Most katydids are vegetarians and eat the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs—they especially fond of oak leaves.

Some Katydids can grow over two inches in length and are a bright leafy green color. They have long oval shaped wings which are held vertically over their bodies resembling roof shingles. The wings have lots of veins and actually look like leaves. They have very long antennae often extending beyond the tip of the abdomen.

Both male and female katydids make sounds. They rub their front wings together to "sing" to each other. Katydids hear each other with ears that are located on their front legs.

Their breeding season will soon begin in the Catskills during the late summer and early fall. Females will lay eggs on stems of plants. The eggs will hatch the following spring into nymphs that look like miniature katydids. Katydid nymphs eat and grow, molting their skin several times. Each time the nymph sheds its skin it looks more like an adult. Finally, after its last molt, the nymph will have changed into an adult katydid.

Katydids can fly short distances when threatened, but they prefer to walk and climb. When they do fly, it is more of a downward flutter. If you see a katydid land on the ground, watch it, and it will probably walk to the nearest tree and begin to climb.

Enemies of the katydids are birds, bats, spiders, frogs, snakes, and other insect-eaters.

Their brilliant green color makes katydids attractive to the eye. They don't bite or sting. Best of all katydids bring music to the night, often commanding the chorus of summer evenings for us to enjoy. Songs are composed of broadband notes that are loudest at 3-5 kHz and extend all the way to 20 kHz and beyond. They often form huge choruses. When there are many males in a location, each will join one of two singing groups. The two groups will synchronize and alternate their songs, thus creating a powerful sound.

With the warm summer nights in the Catskills this year, we have the perfect opportunity to leave the windows open during the night and fall asleep to nature's lullaby performed by the neighborhood Katydid Choir.

Aktion Club Car Wash Planned for August 22nd

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County will be hosting their annual Car Wash Fundraiser Saturday, Aug. 22nd from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. at the Greater Hudson Valley Arc Building, 162 East Broadway, Monticello (next to Tire Discount Center). The rain date will be Sunday, Aug. 23rd.

There is no charge for the car wash; however donations and tips will be gladly accepted. Monies raised will help the club fund various community service events.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge. The club is comprised of adults with various degrees of disabilities who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, New Hope Community and Center for Discovery. Members are given the opportunity to contribute to the community, develop social interaction awareness, improve their self-esteem and develop leadership skills.

For more information, please contact Kim Loucks at (845) 701-1864

NYC DEP Protection Appoints Jennifer Garigiana New Deputy Commissioner to Lead the Bureau of Water Supply

(From Pg. 1) "I am deeply honored to lead the Bureau of Water Supply, working alongside my extraordinary colleagues who dedicate themselves every day to serving their fellow New Yorkers," said DEP Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Garigiana said. "For nearly two centuries, generations of public servants have built, protected, and strengthened one of the world's greatest water supply systems. It's a privilege to help steward that legacy into the future, and I look forward to collaborating with our colleagues across the City and DEP, and stakeholders throughout the watershed."

Garigiana began her DEP career in 2012 as Chief of Staff to former Deputy Commissioner Paul V. Rush, who retired in June after leading BWS for two decades. Most recently she served as Executive Director of Strategic Operations and Research for the bureau. She has also led reservoir operations, water quality modeling, wholesale water programs, emergency planning, and long-term strategy for the

City's "Filtration Avoidance Determination" (FAD), which allows the City to operate the largest unfiltered water supply in the United States. A West Point graduate and decorated Army veteran, Garigiana previously commanded units specializing in defense against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats, and served in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Watershed stakeholders welcomed her appointment.

"We are relieved and excited to hear that DEP has promoted Jennifer, she has enormous shoes to fill," said Ric Coombe, Chairperson of the Coalition of Watershed Towns. "As a seasoned executive under Paul Rush, with a similar military background and upstate roots, she is up for the challenge. We look forward to working with her in her new role through the ongoing FAD negotiations and beyond."

"The Delaware River is one of three critical water sources for New York City, supplying roughly half of the city's needs," said Kristen Bowman Kavanagh, P.E., Executive Director of the Delaware River Basin Commission. "Managing water supply from these systems requires committed partners who embody technical and leadership excellence. I can think of no better person for this role than Jen and look forward to our continued work together."

DEP's Bureau of Water Supply operates and maintains more than 280 facilities, including dams, aqueducts, and treatment plants that collect, convey, and treat New York City's drinking water. BWS scientists monitor water quality at nearly 1,200 locations across the watershed and the five boroughs to ensure compliance with state and federal standards. In addition, BWS protects the 2,000-square-mile watershed through environmental stewardship, land management, and partnerships with local communities. DEP's source water protection programs are internationally recognized and help the City maintain its filtration waiver for its water supply from the Catskill Mountain region.

About DEP:

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality drinking water each day to nearly 10 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewer lines and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP also protects the health and safety of New Yorkers by enforcing the Air and Noise Codes and asbestos rules. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on X.

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Tri-Valley Lions at cozy dinner meeting room filled with historical objects and data at the Neversink General Store



We would like to thank Mark McLewin, Angel, and the entire NGS Staff for their lovely accommodations, expert service, friendly and caring demeanor, and as always, the amazing foods.

For the first time, many of the Lions when finished with the dinner, headed up to the Grahamsville Gorilla (GG) at 7883 State



Tri-valley Lions enjoying ice cream at the Grahamsville Gorilla after the August dinner meeting at Neversink General Store.

cone or cup of the ice cream, including soft ice cream twists, or indulge in a float, split, or sundae with so many different toppings available. The Grahamsville Gorilla also now offers hot dog and fries, hamburgers made with beef from the Furman's own family farm which has been in existence for over 200 years.



We wish this new operation the very best of success, but it looks



like a very popular place as there is always a boatload of cars in the parking lot. You

can either eat there or take out. If you haven't tried the Grahamsville Gorilla yet, you don't know what you are missing!

In addition to the great dinner and dessert, The Tri-Valley Lions did get some business done. We approved a \$90 ad in the Daniel Pierce Pumpkin Parade booklet. A donation of \$500 was approved for the Lions International Vision Camp; a donation of \$100 was

approved for the Sullivan County Youth Fair and to be used by the Sportsman Association for children attending the Youth Fair. This was done to make sure that The Tri-Valley Lions continue to contribute to children attending the Youth Fair since we will no longer operate the Soda Booth at the Fairgrounds where in the past we would provide Youth Fair attending children with a free soda and ice cream.

We will miss not attending the Little World's Fair and the Youth Fair, but will operate a booth at the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association (NRAMA) on September 19, 2026, from 10am to 6pm, where we will sell bottled waters, canned sodas, some flavored seltzers, coffee, and tea. NRAMA will be celebrating their 26th year in existence. So please stop by our booth and grab a drink to go with the delicious sausage & peppers prepared by the Grahamsville Fire Dept at their booth. The Tri-Valley Lions would like to thank Cher, and NRAMA for offering us a booth at their event. We wish them a very successful and fun day.

Our next dinner meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at Casi's Restaurant at 79 Sullivan Street in Liberty, NY. Each attendee will order whatever they desire from the vast Casi's menu, will get an individual dinner bill, and be responsible for leaving their own gratuity. We have never been to Casi's and are looking forward to a good dinner and a private meeting room.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 49th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members. Just as a reminder, The Tri-Valley Lions bring in donations and funding from our Annual Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day, selling chocolate Easter Bunnies, and some Fairground events including selling of beverages at The Antique Machinery Show to be held on September 19, 2026, as well as new upcoming fundraisers including an adult comedy show in November, 50-50 raffle, lotteries, and more. Our funding allows us to continue to provide monetary and service support to Local Food Pantries, Tri-Valley Lions Club High School Community Service Awards, Children's Eye Screenings, support for Diabetes, Lymphoma and Leukemia organizations, childhood cancer, WSUL Heart-A-Thon, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, Payment for eye exams & glasses, assistance to local families for fires or health emergencies. We also contributed to the playground at the Ballfield as well as the Scoreboard, the Milk House at the Time and Valleys Museum, and so much more. If you are interested in joining the Tri-Valley Lions or getting more information about our club, please contact Membership Chair, Pat Menje at 917-783-6253 or hvacpat69@gmail.com or President Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981 or sgrecords@hvc.rr.com.

Wishing one and all a wonderful time at the Grahamsville Fairground Events, and please stay well and safe.

Sullivan County to Provide Free Grant Project Planning Workshops

Learn How to Make Yourself 'Grant-Ready'

Monticello, NY - "Money may not grow on trees, but you can better equip your non-profit, small business, or municipality to obtain grant funding," says Sullivan County Grants Administration Director Arthur Hussey.

He adds that municipalities, for-profit businesses, and not-for-profit corporations are usually eligible for Federal, State, or private charitable grant funding but may find that they are not "grant ready" when an opportunity arises, due to lack of proper project planning.

"There are time-tested methods of approaching project planning to set an organization up for success," he notes, "and we're here to help in that regard."

The Sullivan County Department of Grants Administration will host two free Grant Project Planning Workshops on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in the Legislative Hearing Room located on the 2nd floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. For the convenience of all, the workshops will be offered at two separate times, from 9-10 a.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The workshops will include a high-level introduction to the steps necessary for thorough project planning and are ideal for municipal leadership, for-profit businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.

Pre-registration is requested, but participants are welcome to attend the time slot that best fits their schedule. Register online at

www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/grants.

Or contact the Sullivan County Planning Division at 845-807-0527 for additional information.

The Sullivan County Department of Grants Administration serves the divisions, departments, agencies and other units of the Sullivan County government. While they do not write grants on behalf of outside entities, they do provide resource information via periodic public-facing workshops and at <http://www.sullivanny.gov>.

USCIS Again Cancels Ulster County Naturalization Ceremony

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office has been notified by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that the naturalization ceremony planned for September has been canceled due to an insufficient number of Ulster County candidates currently awaiting their Oath of Allegiance.

This marks the second consecutive year that a scheduled Ulster County ceremony has been canceled. In November 2025, USCIS moved to suspend naturalization ceremonies in several upstate counties, citing concerns over statutory requirements. That decision was reversed following public pushback, but Ulster County's December 12th ceremony was subsequently canceled anyway, with USCIS then citing an insufficient number of candidates.

The cancellations stand in contrast to plans the County Clerk's Office developed with USCIS while planning for the nation's 250th anniversary, when the office discussed hosting ceremonies around Ulster County with upwards of 100 new citizens at each. Instead, Ulster County welcomed 36 new citizens at its first 2026 ceremony in March and only 16 new citizens at its second ceremony in July.

"This is incredibly disappointing," said Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. "Last year we were talking about welcoming 100 new citizens per ceremony. Now we are again being told there are not enough candidates for a single ceremony. If we want to be serious about combatting illegal immigration, strengthening legal immigration should be an obvious priority. People who follow the rules and pursue citizenship legally deserve a system with the capacity to process their cases efficiently."

Bruck added, "We hear plenty about building more detention centers. Imagine if we brought that same urgency to building more processing centers. More clerks, more facilities, and a faster legal immigration system. We cannot tell people to 'come here legally' and then fail to invest in making the legal immigration system work."

The Ulster County Clerk's Office remains committed to hosting future naturalization ceremonies as candidates become available.



Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck



Assassin's Strike

Mysterious Book Report No. 413

by John Dwaine McKenna

If you recognize the names Gabriel Allon, Bob Swagger, or Jason Bourne, you're gonna love David Slayton. He's the protagonist and off-the-books secret agent good guy in Ward Larsen's award-winning series featuring the lone wolf operator and notorious assassin.

Assassin's Strike, (Forge, \$27.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-76539156-8) by Ward Larsen, is the seventh and latest in the electrifying, kinetic and attention-grabbing thriller series. It opens with a secret meeting between the presidents of Russia and Iran in Damascus, Syria. The only persons in the room are the two presidents and two interpreters, because they are there to discuss the transfer of certain secret technologies that are outlawed in the rest of the world . . . the use of which is a war crime, as well as a crime against humanity. Shortly after the meeting ends, the Iranian interpreter is thrown to her death in front of a terrified Ludmilla Kravchuk – President Petrov's interpreter – who assumes that she's next, and runs for her life. She takes refuge with an old acquaintance in the city and tries to contact and solicit help from the Americans. She holes up and waits, hoping and worrying, praying for rescue before Syrian police or the Russians find her.

In America, word of the interpreter's defection reaches the highest levels of the intel community . . . where top CIA officials are desperate to learn what took place at the clandestine meeting, and why. They task an unofficial operator and legendary assassin named David Slayton to attempt the rescue of a middle-aged woman who's untrained for combat operations and basically an intellectual, from deep inside a war-torn country while the full police resources of two nations try to stop them.

As things are happening in Syria, a cattle herder and his son suffer horrifying deaths in Darfur, Africa, when they stumble upon a collection of chemical weapons, hidden in a remote, lawless area of the drought-stricken and war-ravaged nation.

Although seemingly random and unrelated events taking place on two different continents, the killings in Africa are linked to Slayton's mission in the Middle East. They're all being orchestrated by a shadowy figure who dreams of being the fifth Rashidun of Islam. A man who intends to unite the religion by igniting a war throughout the region with a massive false flag attack . . . an attack that will change the world and elevate a notorious clan to power. The only thing standing in his way is a single individual named David Slayton in this high-octane thrill-fest that will leave you standing on your chair and cheering for the quiet hero and the red, white and blue!

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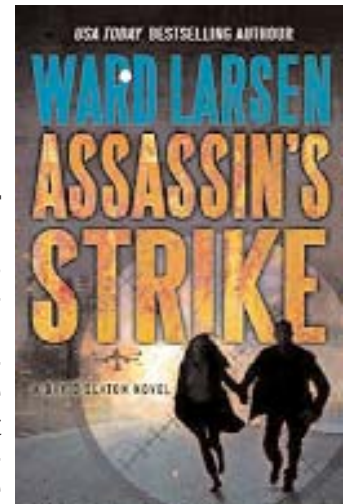
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Ancient

One of the best things I heard, since I am eighty-two, is: "Age is just a number; mine is unlisted!" However, occasionally I do my "ancient math" and realize that I am older than most. The thing that triggered this thought is that my students from Oteora are having their fortieth high school reunion this weekend. Yikes! They are all around mid-fifties, turning gray and measuring love handles in the mirror.

I will see some of these students this weekend. I hope I can recognize them as the fourteen-year-olds that they were in seventh and eighth grades. I am thinking I may have changed too.



teen, dying their hair, and wearing heavy make-up. Mark Twain said, "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been." There is nothing worse than pretending you are a teenager when you cannot exit a beach chair, wearing a bikini, without winding up on "America's Funniest Videos."

I really was never good with math unless the number had a dollar sign or a percentage off label. So I am trying not to do "Ancient Math" as I move forward making more memories to take with me. I will remember what Bernard Baruch said, "Old age is always fifteen years older than I am."

I may become breathless climbing the mountain of years, but, ah, the view from up here is priceless.

"Wisdom is the reward for surviving our own stupidity."

-Brian Rathbone, Regent

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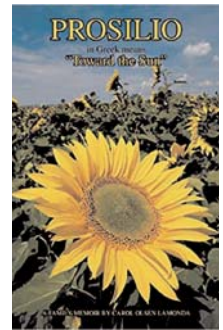
... in Greek means "**Toward the Sun**," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you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

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It's Fair Time!

Get in on the summer fun with strawberries, books and raffles...and all the other library happenings!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's fair time! Join us Friday, August 14 through Sunday, August 16 at the Grahamsville Fair and pick up some awesome books, delicious strawberry shortcakes and yogurt parfaits and GPP raffles. It's a fabulous way to begin the summer "wind down."

Speaking of winding down, we had an amazing time at Entertainment Night. Mr. B from Dinosaurs Rock led participants on a thrilling Jurassic journey with an engaging and interactive program. Patrons of all ages were able to explore the fascinating world of dinosaurs and had the incredible opportunity to interact with life-size, authentic museum exhibit pieces. "We extend our gratitude to all participants and volunteers for making this unforgettable experience possible," Nicole Richardson, DPL Community Programs Associate, said. While Entertainment Night marks the end of programming for our 2026 'Unearth A Story' Summer Reading Program, the fun isn't quite over yet. We're still accepting reading logs and Bingo game entries-and thus, still giving out prizes-and just wrapped up the bookmark contest. This year's winning entries were created by Hope, age 13, Yaseniya, age 11 and Scott age 7. Be on the lookout for these beautifully illustrated bookmarks hitting the check out counters soon.

In other news:

We are still, in fact, accepting book donations for our summer book tent. If you have some great, gently used books please don't hesitate to give us (Michelle or Lisa) a call at 845/985-7233 and we'll happily set up a time in which you can bring your donations. Please don't just leave donations under the tent; at worst, they'll get ruined, and at best, it's haphazard.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital H.E.A.L Mobile will be back at the library on Friday, August 14 from 11AM to 5PM. Stop by on the way to fair and speak to the fabulous Mobile attendees. They have so much relevant information regarding screenings, education and access to resources; it's a fabulous resource and we're so lucky to have them. Then, on Tuesday, August 18 representatives from the Hudson Valley Credit Union will be here from 10AM to 3PM to discuss the ins and outs of the home buying process. Buying a home is such an enormous undertaking, fraught with so many questions and concerns. We're so grateful for our knowledgeable friends at the credit union for coming to the library and taking their time to inform our patrons of all of their mortgage and home buying options. If you're in the process of buying a home, or just taking the first steps forward, stop by and speak with the HVCU reps; they really are very friendly and knowledgeable.

On Sunday, August 23 we're attending the Battle of the Books competition at SUNY Orange with our fabulous team, the Country Pumpkins. Last year, we placed second in the quiz-bowl type program and we're excited for the opportunity to reclaim our first-place status. Of course, it's also just cool that our team composed of four teenagers are kicking literary butt this summer and reading the preselected eight novels, meeting as a groups and practicing. So, regardless of how the competition pans out, they're already winners! But, feel free to cross your fingers, the more support behind our team the better!

Speaking of books, register now for the opportunity to attend our upcoming author talk and book signing. Join us on Tuesday, August 25 from 6:00-7:00PM and meet two-time cookbook author and publisher-and DPL Library Manager-Cathy Russo.



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Following the author talk, on Thursday, August 27 we're hosting a Red Cross blood drive here from 2:00PM-6:00PM. While walk-ins are accepted, appointments are preferred so please make your appointment by calling 1-800 Red Cross or through their online schedule page.

And finally...we're celebrating the end of summer and honoring America's 250 birthday with Scoops & Suds, a super fun end-of-the-season party with ice cream and foam on Tuesday, September 1 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. That's right, back by popular demand, Ms. Deidre is going to be firing up the foam cannon again for more sudsy fun (weather permitting)! Dress in your favorite red, white and blue or summer party outfit (but you're going to get a little wet so maybe bring a towel/change of clothes too) and get ready for lots of fun at the library. Come read a little, dance a little and eat a little! Thanks to Stewarts Shops in Fallsburg, we'll be serving delicious ice cream sundaes. It's also the last chance for participants to turn in their reading logs and Bingo game boards. There is a foam party schedule in place so that kids of all ages have an opportunity to play in the bubbles...and who wouldn't want to? They're super cool. Scoops & Suds is open to Tri-Valley residents only and no registration is required.



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News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 27

Lynn M. Priebe



The highlight of the summer for many in our local community is coming up this weekend. **The Little World's Fair** takes place Friday through Sunday. I began attending as a child in the 1950's and I still look forward to being there each year.



Times have changed, I have changed and the fair has changed. But for all the changes, so many things that bring us all back, have not changed. The Grahamsville Little World's Fair has always been there for all to enjoy, thanks to the hard work of the Neversink Agricultural Society and so many devoted volunteers.

Try to imagine what our country was like in 1878 when the Farmers Club of Grahamsville began planning for the first fair to take place in 1879. The 19th President was Republican Rutherford B. Hayes, who is known for ending Reconstruction after the Civil War. There were only 38 states. The Centennial of the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution had just taken place two years before. Today our current Republican President is number 47, there are of course, 50 states and we are celebrating the 250th birthday of our Nation! It is a very different time. The changes in our local community have been no less dramatic. But our beloved fair remains.

My own family has visited the fairs and experienced many of the changes that have taken place as our country has changed. As a child in a family of six children, we were each given \$2.00 to spend during our visit and warned by Dad to make sure we got something to eat and did not waste our money on games we could never win. With careful planning, that was enough to enjoy a number of 25 cent rides on the merry-go-round or the glorious ferris wheel, have a soda, hotdog and cotton candy and even choose a souvenir item. There were many free things to do, usually country music, magic shows, beautiful prize-winning animals in the barns, crafts in the 4-H building and events in the ring, including my favorite, the draft horse pull contest.

As a teen, I was in the Tri-Valley band under director Arlington Visscher that volunteered to play on the main stage in our hot uniforms as part of the entertainment. The rest of the day was filled with fun and friends. The prices

had begun to rise, but there were more exciting rides to choose from, as well as exotic foods such as pizza, sausage and peppers and funnel cakes!

Bringing my own five girls to the fair was still the highlight of the summer. Rides required tickets of varying amounts. Instead of handing out cash, I gave them each a number of tickets and said I would see them later at the benches in front of the stage. The musical choices, the shows and the number of days for fair going had changed.

Today there is even more to choose from, including the beautiful fireworks, many new types of competitions and contests and an even greater variety of shows on the main stage and in the beer garden.

So much for the changes. What has remained the same? Much more than what has changed. The fair is still in the same place (only the third site since 1879) with many of the same buildings and still run by the Neversink Agricultural Society, which was formed in 1898. There are rides, games, crafts and animals galore. Students from Tri-Valley still volunteer their time at booths and parking cars. The greatest constant in my mind, is that my favorite horses still strain to pull the heavy weights across the ring.



The best part of going to the fair is seeing friends old and new. As a child I was hoping to see my sixth-grade boyfriend after missing him during the summer. Would he ask me to enjoy one of the rides with him? As I reached high school, I was still looking for boys, not always with the hope of spending fair day with them, just glad to spy my latest crush. The grown up me was hoping to see former classmates who no longer lived locally but usually came home for the fair. During my teaching years, I was able to greet former students. As a retired person, I love to reconnect with coworkers and old friends, as well as my siblings and their families.

Yes, that is what our wonderful fair is about - the people we meet there each year. Choose your best outfit, come early and stay late! Perhaps pay a visit to the Time and the Valleys Museum building. We would love to see you. There is nothing that can compare to the Grahamsville Little World's Fair!

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7th Annual Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival Brings Caribbean Music, Art, Food and Culture to Kingston Point Beach

KINGSTON, NY - On Saturday, August 22, 2026, Seasoned Gives will host the 7th Annual Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival at Kingston Point Beach, bringing together Caribbean culture, music, food, art and community for one of Ulster County's largest multicultural celebrations. The free, family-friendly festival will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kingston Point Beach, 49 Delaware Avenue in Kingston, New York.

Now in its seventh year, the Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival is known as a space where people from throughout the region can come together to experience the diversity of Caribbean culture while celebrating the artists, musicians, entrepreneurs, food vendors and families who help make the Hudson Valley such a culturally rich place to live.

Music, art, food and community are at the heart of the Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival. This year's celebration will feature local and international bands and performers, bringing the sounds and rhythms of the Caribbean to the Hudson Valley. With the support of Aruba, the festival will also feature a live art experience, giving guests an opportunity to see Caribbean creativity come to life throughout the day.

And of course, you cannot have a Caribbean festival without food. Guests can expect Caribbean favorites and a variety of offerings with something for every palate, along with local vendors, makers and entrepreneurs.

The festival is free, family-friendly and open to everyone, with activities for children and plenty to experience across generations.



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"The Caribbean Festival has always been about community," said Tamika Sultan, co-founder of the Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival and Executive Director of Seasoned Gives. "Yes, we want people to come out, dance, eat some amazing food and have a good time, but we also want people to experience the culture. The Caribbean is not one island, one sound or one type of food. There is so much beautiful diversity within the various cultures, and this festival gives us an opportunity to share some of that while bringing people together."

EVENT DETAILS

7th Annual Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival

Saturday, August 22, 2026

12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Kingston Point Beach

49 Delaware Avenue

Kingston, NY 12401

Admission: FREE

All ages welcome

The community can also get involved with the festival as attendees, vendors, performers, volunteers and sponsors. Seasoned Gives is accepting monetary and in-kind support, including donations of supplies, water and services to help support the festival.

For festival information, registration and opportunities to participate, visit: SeasonedGives.Org

About Seasoned Gives

Seasoned Gives is a Hudson Valley-based nonprofit organization committed to creating opportunities for community members through economic development, entrepreneurship, education and community-centered programming. Its work places a particular emphasis on creating access and opportunity for BIPOC and women while building stronger, more connected communities throughout the Hudson Valley.

Through programs, partnerships and community events such as the Hudson Valley Caribbean Festival, Seasoned Gives creates spaces where culture, entrepreneurship, education and community can come together.

The Art Garden in the Flats

The Art Garden in the Flats at 52 2nd Avenue in Narrowsburg presents new work at their Back to The River Garden Party on Thursday August 27, 2026 (rain date August 28) from 3-6 pm. Admission is free year-round to the outdoor sculpture garden which is open daily from 10am-6pm. The party will feature artist talks. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

Curators Cass Collins and Naomi Teppich report that "Several new pieces have graced the Art Garden recently. Noted ceramicist Matt Nolen, a Narrowsburg resident, installed his 2026 diptych "From the Shadows." Bernard Klevickas replaced his previously shown work with "Untitled (Red Assembly)" a large 2007 sculpture of pressed aluminum with polished stainless steel. Juan Rigal, another local artist, presents two new works "Reptilian/Fiesta" (2025) made from acrylic on sheet metal, iron and plastic, and "Dodge Hub Bouquet I, II, III" a bouquet of acrylic on plastic and metal hubcaps."

Sculptor Jodi Carlson is installing her work "Vortex" from the 2025 Energy Swirl Series this summer. Dustin Werner Fazio is constructing his sculpture onsite. Made from wood flood-detritus it is titled "Diluvial."

The Art Garden is a grateful recipient of funding from The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

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We will discuss the progress of the restoration of the Roman Catholic Church School. This facility will be the Transitional Housing facility.

The Human Resources staff reductions and their impact on services.

The Medical desert created by the hospital situation in Sullivan County, and what can be done about it.

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The regular monthly Meeting of the Claryville Fire District will be held on September 8th instead of September 1st at 6:30 pm at the Claryville Fire Department Warren Cole Hall, 1500 Claryville Rd., Claryville, NY.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District will hold a Meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at approximately 5:30 p.m., prevailing time at the Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center. This Board of Education Meeting shall be held at the time and place stated herein.

By Order of the Board of Education.

The Neversink Fire District Request For Bids

The Neversink Fire District is seeking qualified HVAC contractors to furnish bids for the removal and replacement of two centrally ducted AC units that service the function hall at the Neversink Fire House. The existing units are B3BM-060k-CB air handlers which are in the attic space of the function hall. The matched condenser is located at the rear of the Fire House.

- The replacement units chosen for the replacement need to be of comparable capacity and compatible with the existing duct work and should also operate for supplemental heat as well as AC and should be rated at equal or better efficiency.

- The awarded bidder will be responsible for the following:

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- The removal and disposal of the existing system and its sundry components and any debris
- Removal and replacement of the existing drop ceiling to allow access to the attic space

- The installation of the new equipment including all lines and controls and accessories, the scope should include but is not limited to any and all materials required to connect to the existing duct work, condensate lines, primary and secondary drain pans, condensate safety device and freeze protection

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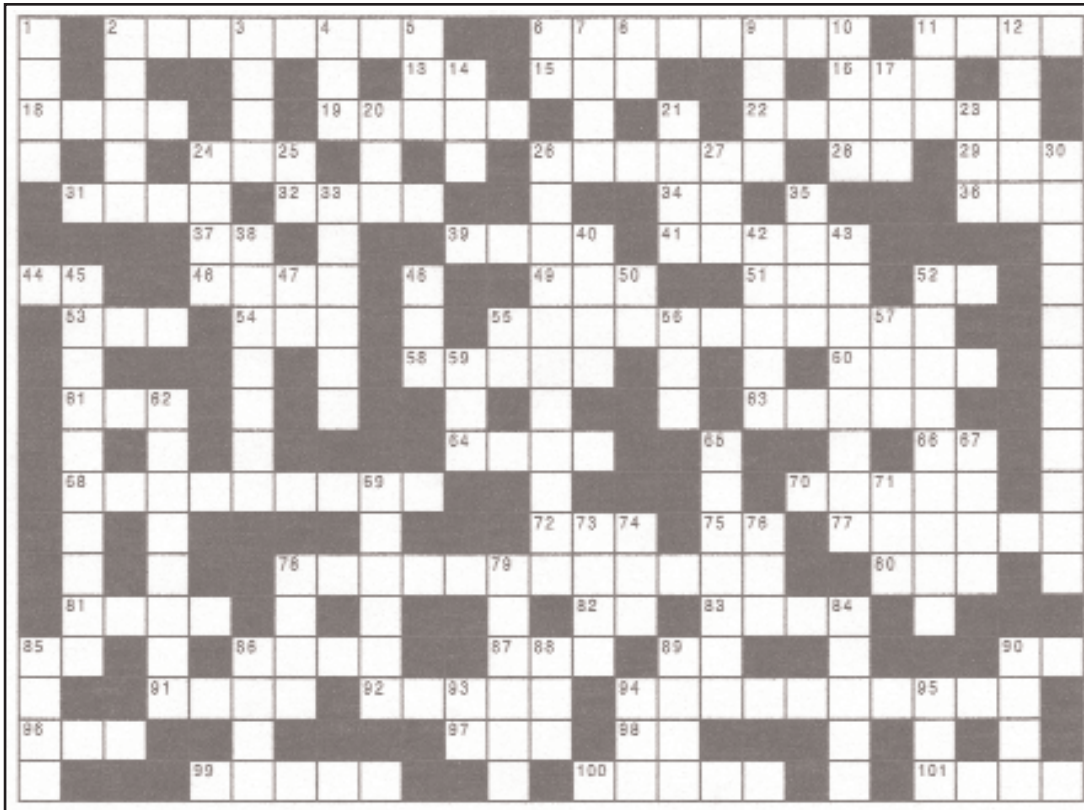
Eligible bidders must be compliant with the following conditions to be considered:

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- Proof of insurance with a listing for the Neversink Fire District as insured for \$1,000,000 or greater
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 59 Flow back
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 71 Exclamation of satisfaction
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 79 Middle course at the fair
 84 Distinguish a flavor
 85 Guardianship

89 Cold beverage you may drink at the fair
 90 Edge of a hat

93 Associated Press
 94 Conflict
 95 Picnic pest

Funnel Cake Recipe

2 cups all-purpose flour 2 Tablespoons granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup whole milk (add additional milk as needed until your batter reaches a pourable consistency)
 2 large eggs lightly beaten
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract optional
 Vegetable oil for frying

Powdered sugar for dusting funnel cakes
 In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt until well-combined.

In a separate bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, and vanilla extract (if using) until well-combined.

While whisking, gradually add dry ingredients to wet, stirring until mixture is smooth and combined. Set aside.

Fill a medium-sized saucepan 2-3" deep with vegetable oil. Set on stovetop over medium-low heat. Heat oil to 370-375F.

Once oil is heated, portion about 1/2 cup of batter into a liquid measuring cup. Slowly drizzle batter into oil in a thin stream, swirling and criss-crossing the batter over itself. Fry on each side until golden brown (about 90 seconds per side) then remove to a paper-towel lined plate.

Dust with powdered sugar and serve warm.

Repeat with remaining batter but make sure that oil returns to temperature in between batches.

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Cryptogram

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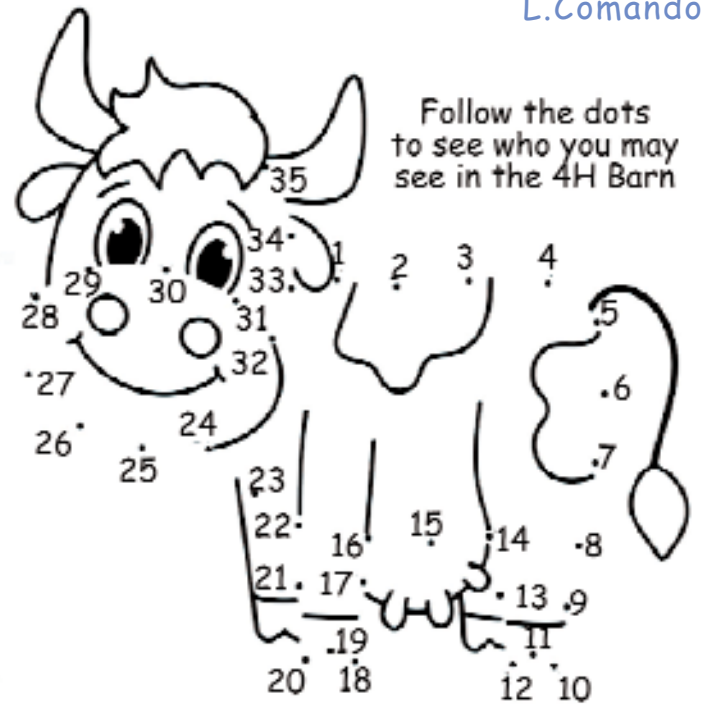
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Can you find your way through the fair so you will get to the top of the ferris wheel?

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The Fair Wordsearch

BALLOONS	N K C O T S E V L L S P B Y
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CAKES	B F I S D D A S K C A N S S
COWS	S A S T T T U Q Y H T T S
ENTRIES	T R W A I R S A A X W E A E
FARMERS	R M S N S T G T W W K S L G
FLOWERS	E E E D E B E U D N I T A D
FRUIT	C R Z S K A A F L F I C C U
GAMES	N S T F A T N R M U G O O T
JAMS	O E R C C L T U R O S W L C
JUDGES	C I P G X O F F O D C S V I
LIVESTOCK	N P S H T O O B S P O R T S
LOCAL	S Z V X B N S E I R T N E U
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Sept. 5 • 5:30 pm

Chicken BBQ

Aug 29
4-7 pm
(See Page 28)

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Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

5:00 PM Saturday Evening
7:30 AM Sunday Morning
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
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The Wurtsboro Board of Trade 2026 event dates are as follows:

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.



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Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00

Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00

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Friday - 9:00 - 4:00

Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00

Sunday - Closed

\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March

Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check

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

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

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2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/19 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
- 8/20 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 8/20 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
- 8/29 **Sundown UMC Chicken BBQ** - Sundown UMC Church Hall 4- 7 pm (See Pg. 28)
- 9/2 Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 8/21/2026)
- 9/7 Town of Neversink Holiday - **LABOR DAY**
- 9/8 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (Note change of date)
- 9/9 Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 9/9 Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 9/9 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting

SAVE THE DATE!

Aug 14 - 16 Grahamsville Little World's Fair

Saturday, September 19th • 10 am - 6 pm Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association's
28th Annual Tractor Show • Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

August 10, 2026 - August 14, 2026

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>

Monday, August 10

- **4:30 PM - Public Works and Capital Projects Committee**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board**, at the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, Suite 401, Kingston

Tuesday, August 11

- **5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health**, at the Department of Health, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Director's Conference Room, Kingston
- **6:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics**, at the **Ulster County Human Services Complex**, 100 Development Court, Building #2, Veterans Services Entrance, Kingston

Wednesday, August 12

- **6:00 PM - Ulster County Human Rights Commission**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Thursday, August 13

- **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **5:00 PM** (or immediately following Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee) - **Ways and Means Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

No Meetings Friday, August 14

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(neversinktrackclub@gmail.com),

or they can get them from any cross country athlete when they purchase dinner tickets. We also will be selling raffle tickets at the fairgrounds for when people come pick up their dinners.



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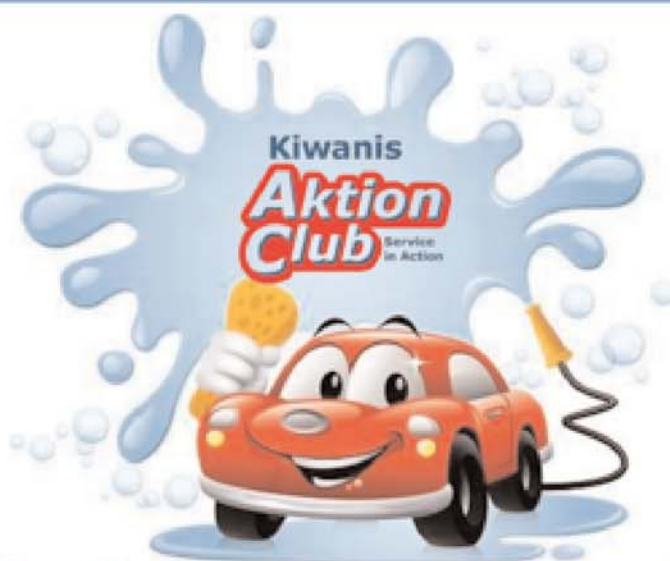


Our Spring Open Garden Days wrapped up on June 10th, and we loved sharing the gardens with old friends and many new ones. Thank you for helping spread the word about native plants, and we hope you'll add more of them to your own gardens.

Our Open Garden Days for Summer 2026 will be July 24-26; August 1-3, 21-24 and 28-31; and September 5, 7 and 15. All tours are by appointment.

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Governor Hochul Signs NY Whale Awareness Act to Protect Marine Mammals and Enhance Boater Safety

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*Photos of the Governor Signing the New York Whale
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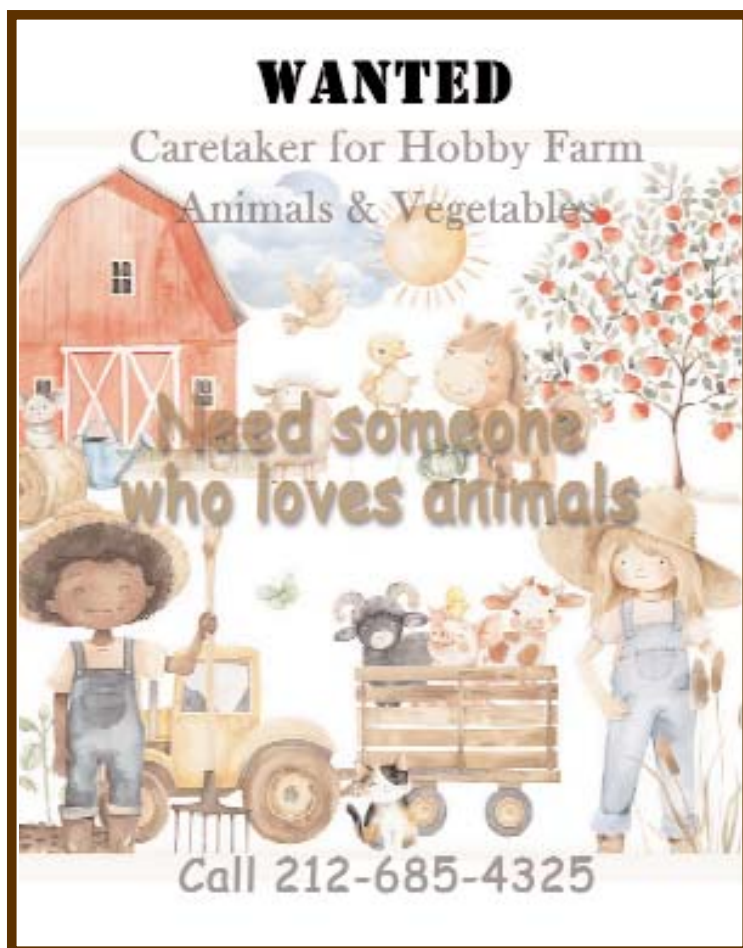
Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law the New York Whale Awareness Act (A.8515A/S.2292B), which directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to establish comprehensive educational guidelines and recommendations designed to reduce marine mammal interactions and prevent vessel strikes in New York waters.

"New York's ocean waters are cleaner and more vibrant than they have been in decades, drawing extraordinary marine life back to our shores," Governor Hochul said. "However, a higher concentration of whales navigating one of the busiest regions in the country creates serious risks for both boaters and marine mammal populations. The New York Whale Awareness Act ensures that everyone enjoying our state's waterways has the tools and knowledge needed to navigate safely, avoid dangerous collisions and protect these special creatures."

The legislation integrates whale-safe boating education directly into existing state boater safety courses and vessel registration processes. By equipping boaters with standard best practices and collision-prevention techniques, the initiative aims to encourage safer navigation habits and prevent accidental injuries and deaths among local marine life, including humpback whales and the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale.

There has been an increase in whale sightings off New York's coastline, highlighting the timely need for boater education. Governor Hochul's efforts to invest and restore New York's local waters and improve fishery management have led to thriving fish populations, bringing back more whales to the state's waterways. With more whales, it is essential that boaters are properly educated to protect our marine wildlife.

Department of Environmental Conservation **Commissioner Amanda Lefton** said, "We have seen the resurgence of marine life in our waters due to conservation and water quality measures, and whales are an essential part of that ecosystem. DEC is grateful to Governor Hochul for signing the New York Whale Awareness Act into law to strengthen outreach and public education about vessel strikes and establish practical guidelines that help boaters safely share our waters with whales. By combining conservation and public awareness, we are taking meaningful steps to protect these amazing animals while ensuring New



York's coastal waters remain safe and sustainable for wildlife and the New Yorkers who enjoy them."

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Kathy Moser said, "Governor Hochul's commitment to protecting and preserving New York's waterways has helped create healthier marine ecosystems and contributed to the return of migratory whales and other marine mammals to our coastlines. As sightings of these remarkable animals become more common, it is critical that boaters understand how to safely navigate around them properly. By incorporating whale-safe guidance into New York's boating safety courses, we are helping recreational mariners protect wildlife, safeguard themselves and their passengers, and enjoy our waters responsibly."

Concerned Citizens of Montauk Executive Director Kay Tyler said, "Whales are an essential part of our marine ecosystem and a powerful reminder of the richness and resilience of our coastal waters. In Montauk, where whale sightings have become a special part of our community's character, we have a shared responsibility to protect these magnificent animals. The Whale Awareness Act recognizes that conservation begins with education, and that informed boaters can play an important role in reducing harm and helping ensure these iconic species continue to thrive in New York's waters. We are grateful to Governor Hochul and the legislators who advanced this bipartisan effort to protect our marine wildlife for generations to come."



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to share
Enjoy good food
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Covered Dish Supper

**Saturday
Sept 5, 2026
5:30 pm**

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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AUGUST NEW HORIZONS: COOKING FOR HYPERTENSION



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Tuesday, August 25, 1:00 PM

Ellenville Senior Housing Community Room

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DAISY NOMINATION!

Congratulations to Kim Robinson, RN, on receiving a DAISY Award nomination! This recognition reflects the compassionate care and dedication Kim provides to her patients and our community.

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DEC Announces New York State 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Licenses Now on Sale

- *Deer Management Permits Available through October 1*
- *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2026-27 season are now on sale*

"With more than 5 million acres of public land and thriving wildlife populations in New York State, nearly 550,000 New Yorkers enjoy connecting with nature and providing for their families by hunting and trapping each year," Commissioner Lefton said. "In some parts of New York, deer populations are too abundant. DEC recently adopted deer hunting regulation changes to reduce impacts to habitat and benefit deer health and the public by increasing the availability of Deer Management Permits, expanding the September antlerless season, and creating the Earn-a-2nd-Buck tag system to encourage hunters to Choose a Doe."

Licenses and permits can be purchased online, at any of DEC's license-issuing agents, or by telephone at 1-866-933-2257. Hunting and trapping licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year, while annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase. Lifetime licensees who receive their licenses and tags electronically should check their email and those still receiving them via mail should receive them during the month of August.

Beginning this week through November 30, the DEC Call Center is operating from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 22 and Sunday, November 29. Regular call center weekday hours resume on December 1.

Hunters should have the following ready when buying a license:

Complete contact information (e.g., name, address, email address, telephone number). For those who want their license and/or tags emailed, a valid email address is required.

DEC customer ID number (if applicable).

Proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or non-driver's ID with a valid New York State address).

If purchasing by phone or internet, a valid credit card.

If not already entered in DEC's automated licensing system, hunters must provide proof of hunter or trapper education certification or a copy of a previous license for all hunting and trapping license purchases.

For additional information, visit the General Sporting License Information webpage on DEC's website. Information for hunters with a disability can be found on the Permits for Hunters with Disabilities page on DEC's website.

The 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, with pertinent rules and regulations, is available on the DEC Hunting webpage. Copies are also available at license issuing agents. Hunters are encouraged to stay up to date on changes to regulations as they prepare for the fall hunting seasons by visiting the

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1.7 Miles
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0.8 Miles

Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge
-Going Towards Olivebridge
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Gun Shop on LEFT

7.5 Miles
0.8 Miles

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

Hunting page on DEC's website.

New York State's habitats serve a vital role in maintaining healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife resources. Purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license helps support DEC's conservation projects and ensures the future of natural resources for generations to come. DEC also encourages outdoor enthusiasts to consider purchasing a Habitat & Access Stamp each year. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish-and-wildlife-related activities. This year's Habitat & Access Stamp features the eastern pondhawk dragonfly.

Deer Management Permits (DMPs)

Hunters can apply for DMPs (tags for antlerless deer) at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or online. New in 2026, hunters can apply for up to four DMPs: two in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) with limited DMPs and two in WMUs with unlimited DMPs. For WMUs with limited DMPs, the DMP application and issuance process will be open from August 3 through October 1 and DMPs will be issued through the typical lottery process. The chances of obtaining a DMP in these units will remain the same throughout the application period; hunters do not need to rush to apply.

Unlimited DMPs will be available in 23 WMUs (1C, 3M, 3P, 3R, 3S, 4J, 6P, 7F, 7H, 7J, 7R, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 8N, 8R, 8S, 9A, 9F, and 9G). Hunters can apply for DMPs in these WMUs at any time throughout the hunting seasons and all hunters who apply will receive DMPs. Preference points are not used or received when applying for DMPs in WMUs with unlimited DMPs. DMPs that are used to harvest antlerless deer in these WMUs will be replaced with a bonus DMP in the same WMU upon harvest report, allowing hunters to continue harvesting antlerless deer. There is no fee to obtain bonus DMPs. (Contd. Pg. 40)

EC Announces New York State 2026-27 Hunting and Trapping Licenses Now on Sale

(From Pg. 39)

The 2026 chances of selection for a DMP in each WMU are available online, through license issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. To learn more about the issuance of DMPs, visit DEC's website.

Hunting and Trapping Rule Changes for 2026

In addition to changes in DMP availability, DEC adopted several changes to deer hunting regulations, including an expanded September antlerless season in several Wildlife Management Units and the "Earn-a-2nd-Buck" program. To facilitate the "Earn-a-2nd-Buck" program, DEC reclassified the former "Regular Season Deer Tag" as an "Antlered Deer Tag" and the former "Bow/Muzzleloader Either-Sex Deer Tag" as a "Bow/Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Tag." Hunters who purchase bowhunting and muzzleloading privileges will receive a "Bow/Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Tag" for each privilege. Hunters will earn a tag for a second buck after taking and reporting one antlerless deer. For more information, review the "Q&A" on new hunting regulations to increase harvest of antlerless deer.

DEC also adopted changes to season dates and zones for fisher trapping. Visit DEC's website for up-to-date information on hunting and trapping regulations and seasons.

HuntFishNY Mobile App

DEC's HuntFishNY app gives hunters and anglers an easy way to display sporting licenses and privileges and view important hunting- and fishing-related information through the convenience of a smartphone. In addition to providing instant mobile access to electronic versions of your sporting licenses, permits, privileges, and carcass

tags, the app offers the ability to report game harvests immediately while afield, even when not in cell service. Additionally, the app provides links to useful information, like season date summaries, regulations guides, a DEC contact list, and much more. Download HuntFishNY today from the Apple App and Google Play stores.

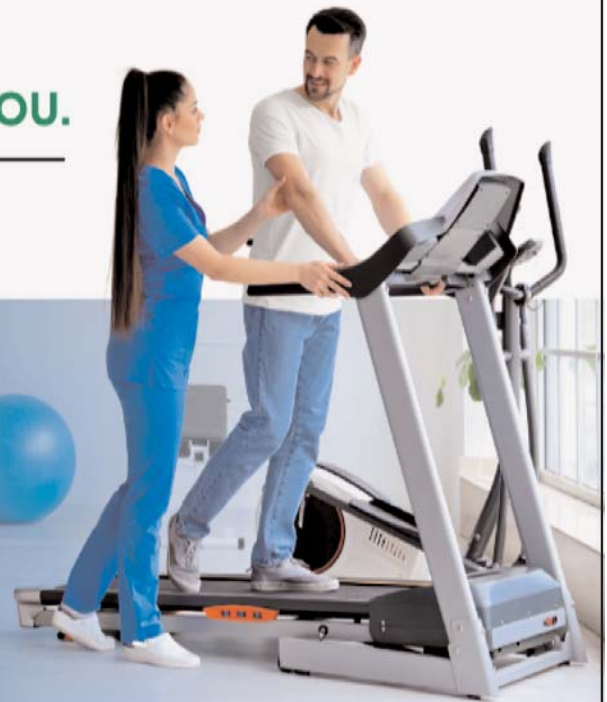
Hunter Education Program

To purchase a hunting or trapping license, a hunter, bowhunter, or trapper education certificate is required. For over 75 years, DEC's Hunter Education Program has taught future hunters and trappers how to be safe, responsible, and ethical. Courses are available in-person or online. All in-person courses are free and taught by DEC-certified instructors. Demand for in-person courses is high during late summer and early fall, so it is important to sign up early. For more information, and to find a local course, visit DEC's website.

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ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th from 10 am-6 pm

(rain date Sept. 20th) at the

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*Featured Tractors this year are the **CASE, OLIVER & MOLINE***

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Trophies will be awarded to working Tractors, Hit & Miss Engines and Garden Tractors

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Join us for a day of family fun with antique tractors and machinery; classic cars; demos of sawmills, shingle mills & hit & miss engines; crafts, yard, machinery and sportsman's sales; food including the

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*For More Info contact: **Cher Woehl @ 845-985-2401** & check us out on our NRAMA Facebook page*

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HYZER



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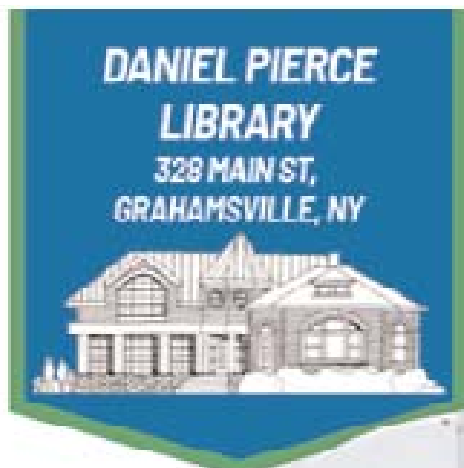
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- Hygiene Kits
- Substance Use Disorder Support

LINKAGES

- Apply for SNAP
- Apply for Health Insurance
- Referral to Primary Care Providers
- Community Resource Referrals

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RURAL HEALTH NETWORK**

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
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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
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Call to Pre-Register
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Thursday, August 13, 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Hanofee Park Pavilion
136 Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Monticello Fire Station
23 Richardson Ave, Monticello, NY



REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Sullivan County residents (ID required)
- ✓ Pets must be 3 months or older
- ✓ Pets must be on a leash, in a carrier, muzzled if aggressive
- ✓ Please bring proof of previous vaccination
- ✓ Dogs, cats, and ferrets accepted



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Sábado, 11 de Julio del 2026, 2:00- 3:30pm

Pabellón del Parque Hanofee
136 Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY

Jueves, 13 de Agosto del 2026, 6:00- 7:30pm

Pabellón del Parque Hanofee
136 Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY

Miércoles 7 de Octubre del 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Estación de bomberos de Monticello
23 Richardson Ave, Monticello, NY



REQUISITOS

- ✓ Residentes del condado de Sullivan (se requiere identificación)
- ✓ Las mascotas deben tener 3 meses o más
- ✓ Las mascotas deben ir con correa, en transportín y con bozal si son agresivas
- ✓ Traiga comprobante de vacunación previa
- ✓ Se admiten perros, gatos y hurones

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom

Monticello, NY sponsoring **Summer Bus Trips**

On-your-own day trip to
New York City

New York City trip is via Leprechaun Lines

Wednesday, August 19th

The drop-off location will be 48th St. & 8th Ave.

Donation is \$55.00 pp round trip, including gratuity.

**Reservations must be
received by August 12th**

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.

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



Join the Movement: Step into Wellness

A National Wellness Month Walking Challenge

August 1-31, 2026

Gather your team and join Sullivan 180's Step into Wellness Walking Challenge, August 1 through August 31.

Walk with coworkers, friends, family or neighbors to build healthy routines and strengthen connections.



How It Works



Create a team of two or more people.



Walk together at least once each week.



Submit each walk through the Sullivan 180 website.



Share photos and stories.



Celebrate your progress.



There are no required steps or miles.

Register Today!



Register your team or learn more at Sullivan180.org beginning July 22. Teams can join throughout August.

Walk Together. Build Connections.
Create Healthy Routines.





Wednesday, August 12th, 3 - 7 PM
Mountainview Parking Lot
SNAP accepted (and doubled up to \$50 per market)

Eat the Colors of the Rainbow



Summer at the market makes it easy. Golden corn, juicy peaches, bright red tomatoes, blueberries, leafy greens, and deep purple eggplant are all making their way into baskets this week.

Think beyond the usual dinner routine and build a meal around color. Toss together a rainbow salad, roast a mix of colorful vegetables, layer fruit over yogurt, or simply slice up whatever looks best and enjoy it as is.

The more colors you bring home, the more variety you bring to your plate. And right now, the market is giving us plenty to choose from.

Come find your colors this Wednesday.

Knife Sharpening

Bring your dull knives to the market and leave with them sharp and ready to tackle all those great market finds! From slicing tomatoes to chopping vegetables, your kitchen knives will be ready for action. You'll find Bob Ridgley at the Joppenberg Gap Distilling tent

Happy Belly is back at the market this week with their delicious gluten-free and vegan baked goods. Come grab a treat-or two!

Treat your four-legged market fans to something special! Wuffy makes delicious dog treats that are perfect for rewarding your best friend.

Yeah Dawg serves up creative, satisfying 100% vegan food that proves plant-based eating can be anything but boring.

Stop by the Hudson River Valley Institute to learn more about the region's history, culture, and natural resources-and the work being done to connect people with this incredible place.

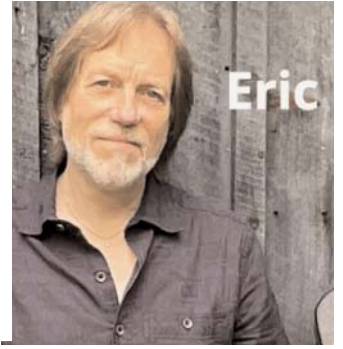
Learn more about the Catskill Watershed Corp and the important work happening to protect the water resources that communities throughout the region depend on.

- **Library Storytime is happening from 4:30 - 5:30 PM under the Kid's Tent**
- **Music from 4 - 6 PM by Eric Erickson**
- **SNAP, FreshConnect, and Market Bucks accepted! This week at the Market**

Musical Guest: Eric Erickson

Having grown up listening to Peter, Paul & Mary, The Beatles, Rogers & Hammerstein, James Taylor and their

cohorts, Eric Erickson learned from masters about what makes a good song and a good performance. His approach was further enhanced by over 30 years of singing tenor in the a capella vocal ensemble, Woodstock Renaissance, who specialized in the music of The Renaissance and The Middle Ages. Elements of all of these styles have found their way into Eric's original tunes, which can be found on his two full-length albums and a new EP; released at the end of 2024.



Eric was also the host of the long-running folk music program, "Jus' Folks" on WDSY in Woodstock NY, where he programmed the music of current and legacy folk music performers and hosted in-studio performances and interviews with some of the most iconic folk musicians, including Odetta, Richie Havens, Utah Phillips and Happy and Artie Traum.

Eric has shared the stage with, among others, Peter Yarrow, Pete Seeger, Cheryl Wheeler, Susan Werner, Noel Stookey, Tom Chapin and Livingston Taylor. He continues to roam the northeast with his acoustic guitar.

Huffington Post: "Erickson plays a neat guitar (and) sings evocative... self-composed new tunes."

Woodstock Library: Story Time 4:30PM

Instagram; Facebook; Website

Be sure to follow us on social media for real-time market updates & weekly vendor spotlights!



This Week's Vendors
Alcohol
Joppenberg Gap Distillery
Baked Goods, Desserts & Treats
Happy Belly
Kingston Bread + Bar
New Confectioner
Fruits/ Vegetables/
Mushrooms
Back Home Farm
Clove Valley Community Farm
Sustainable Sorcerers
Wright's Farm
Home & Health
Medicine Gardens
River House Market

Tonic
Meat/ Eggs/ Cheese
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Land of Tamal
Manolo's Cuban Cafe
Yeah Dawg
Specialty Foods
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<https://www.woodstock-farmfestival>



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Join us as we come together to make prevention easy and accessible for everyone in our community.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
1:00 TO 4:00 PM

This collaborative substance use prevention event at Ellenville Library offers tools, training, and resources to support community health and safety.

Free Naloxone (Narcan) training, resources, safe storage, and medication disposal products will be available

Together with Ellenville Library, this series brings prevention into welcoming community spaces.



UPCOMING SHARPS AND MEDICATION COLLECTION



Sharps Collection will now take place every Friday at Ellenville Regional Hospital's Emergency Department Entrance!

Sharps must be in a plastic puncture-proof container.

FREE sharps container and medication disposal products!
For information, call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215

UPCOMING DATES

August 7
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

August 14
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

August 21
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM



RURAL HEALTH NETWORK FITNESS CLASSES

The Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network offers a wide variety of **FREE** fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels.

Balkan Mountains Music Festival

SHANDAKEN, NY - "Balkan" means "chain of wooded mountains" in modern Turkish and has been the Turkish word for the Balkan Peninsula since Ottoman times. Some of the countries of Eastern Europe that are situated in or near the Balkans are Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia and Turkey.

On Saturday, September 19, the Phoenicia Library will celebrate the music and dance of the Balkan peninsula with a FREE festival of musical and choral groups playing and singing odd meters and unusual scales and harmonies in a gorgeous setting at Glenbrook Park in Shandaken.

Festival Schedule

2:30 pm - Doors

3:00 pm - Dedication of Renovation of Glenbrook Park

3:30 pm - Driftwood Chorus

3:45 pm - Dance Instruction by Noel Kropf with Live Music by Mac & Cheez Balkan PowerTrio

4:30 pm - Niva - Traditional Macedonian Dance Music

5:50 pm - Romski Boji - Modern Roma Music

6:30 pm - Bourbon and Breastmilk Community Choir

Everyone is welcome to join this free event.

Balkan Mountains Music Festival

Saturday, September 19, 2026

3:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Rain or Shine

Website: <https://brazzamatazz.com/>

For performer info, contact Matthew "Max" Fass at matthewfass@gmail.com

Location

Glenbrook Park

48 NY-42

Shandaken, NY 12480

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NcdiFhWzjJQF6jc1A>

Sponsored by

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The Phoenicia Library

Upstate Curious

About the Artists

o Noel Kropf is a producer, organizer, and sound coordinator for the Zlatne Uste Golden Festival, having helped lead and shape the festival since 1996. His dance workshops are known for being welcoming and accessible to all, combining clear instruction with contagious enthusiasm. Noel emphasizes the communal, inclusive nature of folk dance, helping beginners and experienced dancers alike participate with confidence.

o MacNCheez Balkan Power Trio is an acoustic ensemble dedicated to performing traditional and contemporary folk music from the southern Balkans, infusing their performances with influences from Roma and Ottoman cultures.

o Niva is a Brooklyn-based, all-women ensemble dedicated to performing and preserving traditional Macedonian roots music. The group specializes in an authentic presentation of North Macedonian folk repertoire, featuring rich vocal harmonies and the signature sounds of local instruments. Their instrumentation

foregrounds the kaval (shepherd's flute), tambura (long-necked lute), tapan (bass drum), and powerful group singing.

o Romski Boji is a New York City-based Romani ensemble led by percussionist Seido Salifoski. Its name translates as "Romani Colors," and the group draws on the communal, high-energy spirit of Balkan Roma wedding music-rhythm-forward, celebratory, and made for dancing.

o Bourbon & Breast Milk, a community choir in the Mid Hudson Valley, brings village songs from the Balkans, the Caucasus, and Ukraine to life, sharing their cultural richness with local friends and neighbors.

More Information

o Phoenicia Library: <https://phoenicialibrary.org/>

o Phone: 917-497-7852

o Email: matthewfass@gmail.com

o Event Poster by Andrew Nelson (@ditvcreative)

Come out for a great afternoon in a little nook in the Catskill Mountains-bring your friends, family, and curiosity. All are welcome to join the dance and celebration!



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The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution

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Private tours for groups of 15 or more



Time and the Valleys Museum

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timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

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We trap, neuter, spay, vaccinate, foster, and place these cats with the help of local rescues and the Town of Fallsburg

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If you have been involved in trapping cats and have firsthand experience, we welcome your assistance and any guidance that you can offer to us.

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prguy1942@yahoo.com



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Come Make Music with Us!

SUNY Ulster FA26 Music Ensembles

College Chorus

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00-12:55 pm

MUS 107 - 2.0 credits

Janet Gehres, director (gehresj@sunyulster.edu)

Choral music singing experience helpful

African Music Ensemble

Monday 4:05-5:25 pm

MUS 135 – 1.0 credit

No experience needed

Paul Chambers, director (chamberp@sunyulster.edu)

Percussion Ensemble

Wednesday 4:05-5:25 pm

MUS 116 01 – 1.0 credit

Contact director Paul Chambers before registering
(chamberp@sunyulster.edu)

College/Community Band

Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm

MUS 118 – 1.0 credit

Contact director Carla Newsome before registering
(newsomec@sunyulster.edu)

String Ensemble

Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

Not-for-credit, through Cont. Ed/Comm Music School

Contact director Anastasia Solberg before registering
(solberga@sunyulster.edu)

*College Chorus, African Music Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble,
College/Community Band may be taken multiple times for credit.*

Shadowland Stages presents **Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical;** *Get ready to turn back the clock and crank up the volume!*

We invite you to relive the unforgettable soundtrack of the 1970s with *Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical*. Iconic hits made famous by artists like Gloria Gaynor, Heart, The Supremes, Linda Ronstadt, Roberta Flack and more. From heartfelt ballads to glittering disco anthems, the show is a tribute to sisterhood, self-expression, and the unforgettable music of a transformative decade.

Friday, August 14 @ 8PM (Preview) - Great Availability!

Saturday, August 15 @ 2PM (Preview) - Limited Seats Available

Saturday, August 15 @ 8PM (Opening Night) - Great Availability!

Sunday, August 16 @ 2PM - Almost SOLD OUT!

The beat of the disco era comes roaring back to life as Shadowland Stages presents *Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical*; a high-energy celebration bursting with powerhouse vocals, dazzling choreography, and chart-topping hits from the decade.

With six profoundly talented women taking center stage, this electrifying musical invites audiences to relive the joy, freedom, and infectious spirit of the 1970s in a concert-style theatrical experience that will have you dancing in your seats. Featuring legendary songs from Marvin Gaye, The Jackson 5, Gloria Gaynor, Heart, The Supremes, Linda Ronstadt, and more!

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/eventsByMovie/A000000228?mc_cid=0213110bac&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

This superb cast includes Brandi Knox, Liz Neitge, Jasmine Crosson, Amy Knips, Claire Latourette, and Mya Espinosa.

Brittany Carey Proia directs with Andrew Geller Karl's Choreography and Nathan Perry as Music Director.

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

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

“Pay What You Can” preview performances are offered on the first Friday (8/14) at 8 PM and the first Saturday (8/15) at 2 PM

Tickets can be purchased online at shadowlandstages.org, by calling the box office at 845-647-5511, or in person starting two hours before showtime. Season subscribers save up to 30%, and groups of 10 or more receive substantial discounts. For group packages, contact the box office directly.

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

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"NEVER CAN SAY GOODBYE"
THE **70s**
Beehive
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A Community Conversation about School Lunch

Exploring how fresh school meals support healthier students

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 invites the community to join nationally recognized chef and school food advocate Chef Ann Cooper for An Evening with Chef Ann Cooper: A Conversation with the Renegade Lunch Lady on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn at The Center for Discovery.

As the opening event in the Sullivan 180 Speaker Series, the evening will highlight the important role that fresh, scratch made school meals can play in improving children's health, supporting academic achievement, and strengthening connections among schools, families, and local farms.

For more than two decades, Chef Ann Cooper has inspired schools across the country to rethink what is possible in school nutrition. Through her leadership and advocacy, she has helped communities embrace fresh, nutritious meals made with real ingredients that support student health and long term success.

"Chef Ann's message aligns with Sullivan 180's commitment to prevention and empowering a healthier generation," said Meghan Stalter, Special Projects Manager at Sullivan 180. "We are excited to bring this important conversation to educators, parents, community members, and anyone who believes food has the power to shape healthier futures for our children."

Every school day, nearly 30 million children across the United States eat school meals, including nearly 10,000 students in Sullivan County. When schools invest in healthy meals prepared from scratch with wholesome ingredients, they create opportunities for students to feel better, learn more effectively, and establish lifelong healthy habits.

During the event, attendees will learn about successful school nutrition initiatives from across the country, and discover how communities can work together to expand access to healthy food for children.

Community members, educators, school administrators, parents, caregivers, students, health care professionals, and anyone interested in supporting healthier children are encouraged to attend.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested. For additional event information and registration, visit Sullivan 180's website or follow Sullivan 180 on social media.

Sullivan 180 is working to build a healthy community, one degree at a time, through people, places and policy with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Manor Ink, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and WJFF Radio Catskill. Learn more at Sullivan180.org or Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc.

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Call 845-647-6400 Ext. 215



STEP 2: Education Sessions

- In person orientation workshop at ERH on August 21st at 1pm.
- Store Tour Workshop TBD
- Remaining workshops are done online!



STEP 3: Receive your vouchers

- Earn a voucher for each completed session to buy fresh produce at participating stores.



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

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

PROTECTING CLEAN WATER FOR HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES, PFAS CLEANUP PROGRESS AT STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE AND WEST POINT

Following new reports of expected decades-long delays in critical cleanup of forever chemicals at U.S. military installations, including at Stewart Air National Guard Base and West Point, I'm demanding accountability from Secretary Hegseth and the Department of Defense.

Every American - especially our kids - deserves to have clean drinking water. For years we've been fighting hard to ensure clean, safe drinking water is available in every Hudson Valley community, including those around Stewart Air National Guard Base and West Point. But now, inexplicably, Hegseth's DoD is doing the opposite, blowing up decades of bipartisan progress.

It's a total failure and abandonment of our community, and they deserve better. I'm fighting hard at every level to deliver the support and resources our communities need - including in this year's NDAA. But we're still facing a public health crisis in the Hudson Valley, and the last thing we need is the progress we've made rolled back. I'll work with anyone to hold polluters accountable and make sure all our families have access to clean water - and I'll fight like hell against anyone who stands in our way.

FIGHTING TO LOWER THE COST OF YOUTH SPORTS FOR OUR KIDS

Team sports are supposed to be the first place our kids learn teamwork, discipline, and community. Instead, it's become a cash grab for Wall Street investors to make another buck while our kids miss out on this fundamental part of American childhood. It's outrageous.

I joined Hudson Valley parents, coaches, sports organizations, and school representatives at the Middletown YMCA to discuss the rising cost of participating in youth sports for hardworking families.

Parents are already getting crushed by costs everywhere they turn, and now corporate investors are coming after one of the most important parts of childhood, too. Enough. The Let Kids Play Act cracks down on these abusive practices, lowers costs for families, forces the bad actors to pay them back, and puts the focus back where it belongs: on kids getting the chance to play. I'm grateful to have such exceptional community partners in the Hudson Valley, including here at the YMCA, who I know won't back down in the fight for our kids and families.

HONORING OUR HEROES ON NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY

National Purple Heart Day marks the anniversary of when George Washington first awarded the Badge of Military Merit - the predecessor of the Purple Heart and first American award of military merit - in 1782. The Hudson Valley has a rich history of military service and is home to not only the Military Academy at West Point but also the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

On National Purple Heart Day, we honor the best among us: selfless Patriots who risked their own lives for this country. My grandfather, John Porsch, was one of those Patriots. A Navy Veteran, he was awarded the Purple Heart for his heroism in World War II. His example of service and duty has been an inspiration to me throughout my life.

Duty, Honor, Country. These are the values I was taught at West Point, and these are the values that run deep throughout our Hudson Valley community and history. I want to thank the generations of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who have time and time again answered the call to serve. We owe each and every one of you a debt that can never be repaid - and your sacrifices to our community and country will never be forgotten.

Last week, I was proud to honor Army Veteran Jesse Clune at his Purple Heart presentation ceremony.

DELIVERING A MORE AFFORDABLE HUDSON VALLEY WITH NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

I hear it from folks every day - costs, specifically housing costs, are way too high. Seniors across our community are under tremendous pressure trying to make ends meet, and far too many hardworking people are unable to afford decent housing in the communities where they work.

We have a full scale crisis on our hands, and we have to embrace an all-of-the-above approach to address it. I am incredibly proud of the progress we've made, especially seeing how far the projects at Golden Hill and Willow Landing have come. No family should have to pick between putting food on the table and having a roof over their heads - I'll keep fighting every day to bring housing costs down.

THANKING HUDSON VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On National Night Out, we come together across the Hudson Valley to celebrate local law enforcement and strengthen community bonds between neighbors and first responders.

Great work by Newburgh, Warwick, and all the other Police Departments that brought together our communities. Thank you to all the law enforcement, emergency responders, & community members who made the celebrations memorable!

CELEBRATING NEW CITIZENS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

It was great to attend the Dutchess County naturalization ceremony in Wappingers Falls. Congratulations to all of our new citizens!

KEEPING UP THE FIGHT AGAINST A POTENTIAL ICE FACILITY IN NEWBURGH

From the very beginning, the Trump Administration - particularly ICE and DHS - have refused to be transparent with our community. We've made it clear: we strongly reject a mass detention center or any ICE facility in the Hudson Valley. It's shameful, un-American, and the exact opposite of everything our community stands for. (Contd. Pg. 60)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 59)

As we continue this fight, I want to hear directly from you. Please take a moment to complete my QUICK SURVEY and let me know where you stand on bringing an ICE detention facility to the Hudson Valley.

Under Trump, ICE has a budget that is larger than most other countries' militaries - and they've used it to kill law-abiding Americans, kidnap children, deport veterans, and terrorize our communities. We have a very simple message for Trump, Homan, Mullin and the rest of them: stay out of the Hudson Valley. When they tried to build a facility in Chester, we rallied with one voice to stop it - and we're ready to do the same thing again. Together, the Hudson Valley is standing on the side of justice, accountability, and humanity - and whether in Newburgh, Chester, or anywhere else, we won't stand idly by while ICE makes us all less safe.

Oppose an ICE facility in Newburgh? Make YOUR voice heard: <https://bit.ly/STOPNewburghICE>
Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-launches-hudson-valley-wide-petition-stop-potential-ice>

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Do you need help with Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, and more? Join my team at one of August'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.

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

At West Point, I learned to live a life grounded in Duty, Honor, & Country. It's a privilege each year to nominate the best of the Hudson Valley to our US Service Academies. If you're interested in finding YOUR path to service, reach out to my office!

Learn more here: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-opens-application-window-us-service-academy-nominations-0>

SIGN UP FOR MY SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Summer reading keeps kids curious, confident, and connected - it's how we make sure every child comes back to school ready to learn, grow, and thrive.

I am consistently so impressed with Hudson Valley students, and I think My Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to recognize them and their commitment to education. So, whether you're enjoying the nice weather in one of our beautiful parks or making a splash at a Hudson Valley pool this summer vacation, make sure you bring a book!

Students who want to participate should fill out the form linked below. Participating K-8 students who read five or more books between June 23rd and August 31st will receive a Congressional Certificate of Achievement.

Sign up for my Summer Reading Challenge:

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-ryan-launches-second-annual-summer-reading-challenge-hudson-valley>

SIGN UP FOR MY AMERICA 250 ESSAY CONTEST!

Our community was on the forefront of American independence 250 years ago, and that revolutionary spirit lives on today - especially in our next generation of leaders.

That's why I'm so excited to launch my America 250 Essay Contest, and hear from the exceptional young people of the Hudson Valley.

The Hudson Valley has a profoundly rich history of Patriotism and service to this great country.

As we celebrate the first 250 years of American history, we must also look forward to the next 250.

This Independence Day, it's important to remember what unites us: our kids, our community, and the country that we love.

GRANTS CORNER**Featured Funding Opportunities**

NYS DEC's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program

\$10 million in funding is now available through Round 17 of DEC's UCF Grant Program. Of the \$10 million dollars available for this round of grants, \$3 million is set aside for communities with populations of 65,000 or less. Maximum grant awards are limited to \$2.5 million and minimum awards are of \$50,000. Applications are due at 2 p.m. on Wednesday August 12, 2026.

HFFI Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund (HFFI FARE Fund)

The HFFI FARE Fund is a program under America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative, a program of USDA Rural Development.

The HFFI FARE Fund will fund projects that create or expand the following types of business models:

SNAP Authorized food retailers located in eligible underserved areas that will sell an assortment of Staple and Perishable foods directly to consumers

Post-harvest food retail supply chain enterprises that will distribute Staple and Perishable foods to SNAP authorized food retailers located in eligible underserved areas

Funding Levels:

Grants from \$20,000 - \$250,000 for planning and implementation projects

Technical Assistance up to \$75,000 per project for early-stage planning, predevelopment, and business assistance contractual soft costs

If invited to submit, full applications are due no later than 11:59 PM ET, October 30, 2026. Award notifications will be made no earlier than January 2027.

New York Providing Local Access to Essential Sustenance (NY PLATES) Capital Grant Program

Last week, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that funding is available from the new \$10 million NY PLATES Capital Grant Program. This funding will support food banks and other organizations that provide emergency food assistance in building the modern facilities, equipment, and infrastructure needed to serve more families across the state.

The application period for the NY PLATES capital grant program will open on July 8, 2026, and applications must be submitted by August 20, 2026. Awards are expected to be announced no earlier than October 20, 2026.

National Park Service: Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program

The ORLP Program supports the creation and improvement of local parks and outdoor recreation spaces in qualifying urban areas of 25,000+ residents or in areas administered by Federally recognized Tribes.

ORLP funds: Land acquisition, New Park development; and Renovation of existing outdoor recreation facilities. Awards range from \$300,000 to \$15 million . (Contd. Pg. 61)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 60)

Applications are due to NPS each year by November 1 at 11:59 PM ET.

The Trust for Public Land is working in partnership with the NPS to launch a new, no cost ORLP Technical Assistance Program. In 2026, TPL will provide potential applicants with:

- ORLP application support webinar series
- One-on-one ORLP applicant support
- Self-serve resources for ORLP applicants

Additional Resources

Hudson Valley Regional Council Grants Guide

Each month, the 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 subscribe to the grants guide, please email elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Releasing My 2026 Veterans Plan

America's veterans have sacrificed greatly to defend our freedoms, and our commitment to them must continue long after their military service ends.

This week, I released my 2026 Veterans Plan outlining a comprehensive legislative agenda to strengthen accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs, expand access to quality healthcare, support veterans as they transition to civilian life, and ensure our nation's heroes receive the care, benefits, and recognition they have earned. These priorities reflect my commitment to standing with our servicemembers, veterans, and their families while working to build a VA that better serves those who answered the call to defend our nation.

To view my full Veterans Plan, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/veterans-plan>

Unveiling My 2026 America First Foreign Policy

Peace is achieved through strength, and America's foreign policy should always put our nation's interests first. My 2026 America First Foreign Policy Plan focuses on legislative priorities to strengthen our national security, confront the growing threats posed by China and other foreign adversaries, protect American workers and taxpayers, and advance President

Trump's Peace Through Strength agenda. A strong America begins with strong leadership abroad, and this plan is focused on ensuring our foreign policy always puts the American people first.

To view my full America First Foreign Policy Plan, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/america-first-foreign-policy-plan>

Releasing My 2026 Israel and Iran Plan

The Iranian regime continues to pose one of the greatest threats to peace and stability in the Middle East. My 2026 Israel and Iran Plan advances policies that bolster America's alliance with Israel, increase pressure on Iran and its terrorist proxies, and prevent the regime from obtaining a nuclear weapon. Standing firmly with our allies and confronting those who threaten American interests is essential to promoting peace through strength and protecting our national security.

To view my full Israel and Iran, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/israel-and-iran-plan>

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. 1778, the American Innovation Act of 2025: This bill would modernize the federal tax treatment of start-up businesses by expanding deductions for start-up and organizational expenses. New and growing businesses often face high upfront costs before becoming profitable, and reducing those barriers can encourage investment, entrepreneurship, and job creation. This legislation supports American innovation by making it easier for entrepreneurs to start, grow, and scale their businesses, while strengthening the nation's long-term economic competitiveness.

H.Res. 1462, Recognizing the historic significance of Medicare on the 61st anniversary of its enactment: This resolution would recognize the historic significance of Medicare on the 61st anniversary of its enactment, highlight the program's longstanding role in providing health care coverage for seniors and certain individuals with disabilities, and acknowledge its impact on improving access to medical care for millions of Americans. For more than six decades, Medicare has served as a vital source of health care coverage for eligible beneficiaries and should be protected for future generations. This resolution recognizes Medicare's enduring legacy and its continued role in serving America's seniors and individuals with disabilities.

H.R. 5269, the Reforming and Enhancing Sustainable Updates to Laboratory Testing Services (RESULTS) Act of 2025: This bill would improve the way Medicare establishes payment rates for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests by updating reporting requirements for laboratories, permitting the use of qualified independent claims data for widely available laboratory tests, modifying the definition of applicable laboratories, and revising the schedule for reporting and updating Medicare payment rates. Clinical diagnostic laboratory testing plays an important role in the early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, and accurate Medicare reimbursement helps preserve patient access to these essential services. This legislation helps strengthen the long-term stability of Medicare's laboratory payment system while supporting beneficiaries' access to high-quality diagnostic testing.



RILEY REPORT

HIGH QUALITY CARE, CLOSE TO HOME

Detecting Alzheimer's early helps families plan, gives patients more treatment options, and leads to better health outcomes. But in rural communities like ours, getting a timely diagnosis can be a real challenge.

That's why I was proud to cosponsor and vote for the AADAPT Act - bipartisan legislation that will equip our rural health providers with the tools and training they need to detect Alzheimer's early and get folks connected with the care they need.

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FIGHTING TO KEEP DRUG PRICES AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS

It breaks my heart hearing from neighbors forced to choose between filling prescriptions, keeping the lights on, and buying groceries. Now, Washington politicians are gutting Medicare Part D to make drug prices even higher.

It's cruel and wrong, and I'm going to keep fighting with everything I've got to defend our seniors.

I MET WITH UPSTATE NEW YORKERS

With big insurance companies jacking up our health-care premiums, small businesses like RJ Millworkers are feeling the strain. I stopped by this family-owned manufacturer in Oneonta to hear more about how they're dealing with rising costs. I'm going to keep standing up to corporate greed and fighting to make healthcare more affordable so that every Upstate New Yorker can access the care they need.

Assisted living communities do so much more than provide care - they foster connection, dignity, and independence for older adults. I enjoyed meeting residents of Chenango Valley Home in Norwich and seeing the progress on their ongoing project to build more apartments and expand their memory care facilities! Thank you to the dedicated caregivers who work so hard to help these seniors thrive.

Summer in Upstate doesn't get much better than the Broome County Fair. Catching up with folks in Whitney Point is always a highlight, though I think my boys were mostly in it for the trucks!

It was great to stop by Groton High School to meet an inspiring group of students who are spending their sum-

mer learning about our democracy! I enjoyed talking about my path in public service with these young Upstate New Yorkers who are passionate about making a difference in our community. Our future is in good hands.

With gratitude and high hopes,
Josh Riley
Member of Congress



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Fighting Trump's Medicare cuts

Last week, the Trump administration announced its decision to end Medicare subsidies that help seniors afford life-saving medications. This decision is a betrayal of our values, and Kirsten is fighting back.

This week, she demanded that President Trump reverse the Medicare cuts and instead take action to lower costs for American seniors.

Read more.

<https://www.wbng.com/2026/08/05/gillibrand-criticizes-trump-administrations-decision-end-medicare-prescription-drug-subsidies/>

2. Working to get money out of politics

When billionaires and special interests buy our elections, it's working families who pay the price—in higher costs at the grocery store, higher drug prices, and tax breaks that flow to the wealthy. Political candidates should be answering to their constituents, not special interest groups and wealthy donors.

This week, Kirsten reintroduced landmark legislation to empower everyday American voters to participate in the campaign finance system and to reduce the influence of big money in politics. Her Clean Elections Act would give every American citizen "Democracy Dollars" to donate to the federal candidates of their choice.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-reintroduces-bill-to-make-politicians-answer-to-voters-not-billionaire-megadonors/>

3. Working to prevent a shortage of cancer drugs

Currently, America is experiencing a critical shortage of essential chemotherapy drugs. We must do everything we can to make sure no cancer patient goes without life-saving medication, but addressing this crisis cannot come at the expense of patient safety or a secure supply chain.

That's why Kirsten and Senator Rick Scott pressed the FDA to develop a plan to fix the cancer drug shortage while also ensuring that imported drugs are up to American regulatory standards. (Contd. Pg. 63)

Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

(From Pg. 62) Read more.

<https://suncommunitynews.com/news/127141/gillibrand-scott-press-fda-on-shortage-of-cancer-drugs/>

4. WATCH: Fighting for Americans with disabilities
The Trump administration is signaling a move toward forcing people with disabilities into overcrowded facilities.

Kirsten is fighting for disabled children's right to grow up with their families, attend school in their own neighborhoods, and contribute to their communities. In her weekly YouTube show, she broke down the administration's attacks and brought on an expert to tell viewers what this means for New York families.

Watch here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAeK2gghyC4>

5. Supporting accessible housing

Nobody should be forced into a nursing home because their home is physically inaccessible.

This week, Kirsten introduced two bills to support accessible housing for seniors and people with disabilities. The VITAL Act would support the construction of more affordable housing units with accessible features. Additionally, the Senior Accessible Housing Tax Credit Act would help seniors age in place by assisting with the cost of home modifications related to mobility needs.

Read more.

<https://www.kiplinger.com/taxes/new-bill-proposes-home-upgrade-tax-credit-for-those-over-age-60>

6. Demanding an AI regulatory framework

The Trump administration's unfocused, ad-hoc approach to AI risks America's economic security, innovation, and competitiveness.

This week, Kirsten demanded that the administration work with Congress to establish a transparent, durable, and standardized regulatory AI framework.

Read more.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/6008642-democrats-demand-transparency-ai-policy/>

7. Combating invasive spotted lanternflies

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive, destructive pest that threatens crops across New York. If not contained, this pest could have devastating economic consequences for New York farmers.

This week, Kirsten introduced legislation that would increase USDA's resources to combat the spread of lanternflies. This is a bipartisan priority, and Kirsten is determined to get it passed.

Read more.

https://www.weny.com/news/n-y-pa-senators-introduce-bipartisan-bill-to-stop-spread-of-spotted-lanternflies/article_8921e195-3af3-4613-a085-46b13d15ac5b.html

8. Helping New Yorkers with Social Security

A senior in Brooklyn contacted Kirsten's office for help after missing a Social Security payment when she had to open a new bank account following an incident of fraudulent activity.

The day after Kirsten's office inquired with the Social Security Administration, a critical payment of over \$3,600 was issued to the constituent.

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

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



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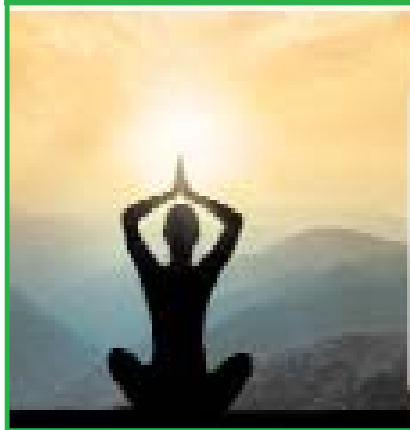
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Frost Valley YMCA Announces 2nd Annual Fall Fest **A family-friendly day of music, food,** **local vendors, and outdoor fun** **in New York's "Forever Wild" Catskill Mountains**



CLARYVILLE, N.Y. - Frost Valley YMCA invites families, friends, and outdoor enthusiasts to celebrate the beauty of autumn at the 2nd Annual Frost Valley Fall Fest on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Set against the vibrant backdrop of peak Catskills foliage, this all-ages festival offers a full day of seasonal fun featuring live entertainment, local food, hands-on activities, and artisan vendors.

Guests can spend the day exploring Frost Valley's beautiful campus while enjoying activities including archery, apple cider pressing, tractor rides, nature exploration, inflatable play areas, face painting, balloon artistry, interactive games, arts and crafts, and supervised hatchet throwing. Throughout the festival, families are encouraged to move at their own pace, discovering new experiences around every corner.

This year's festival also features a vibrant lineup of local artists, makers, and community organizations. Visitors can browse handcrafted goods, artwork, jewelry, candles, bath and body products, home décor, specialty gifts, and more from dozens of regional artisans and small businesses.

Live entertainment will take place throughout the day with performances by The Defending Champs, Mekayla Rayne, The Vivid Chill, Fruitbodies, A Couple of Wanderers, and Goodnight, Gracie, creating a festive soundtrack from morning through late afternoon. Guests can enjoy a variety of seasonal food and beverages from regional vendors, including barbecue, fresh cider, apples, pumpkin treats, baked goods, kettle corn, coffee, and local craft beverages from Catskill Tap & Ladder Co.

Admission is a \$20 suggested donation, helping support Frost Valley YMCA's mission of providing life-changing experiences in nature for people of all ages and backgrounds. Guests are encouraged to register in advance by visiting frostvalley.org/fallfest.

Visitors looking to extend the experience can turn Fall Fest into a full weekend getaway by staying overnight at Frost Valley. Cabins, lodges, yurts, and other accommodations are available, with overnight guests receiving complimentary Fall Fest admission and access to additional weekend programming. To reserve an overnight stay, email reservations@frostvalley.org or call (845) 985-2291 ext. 450.



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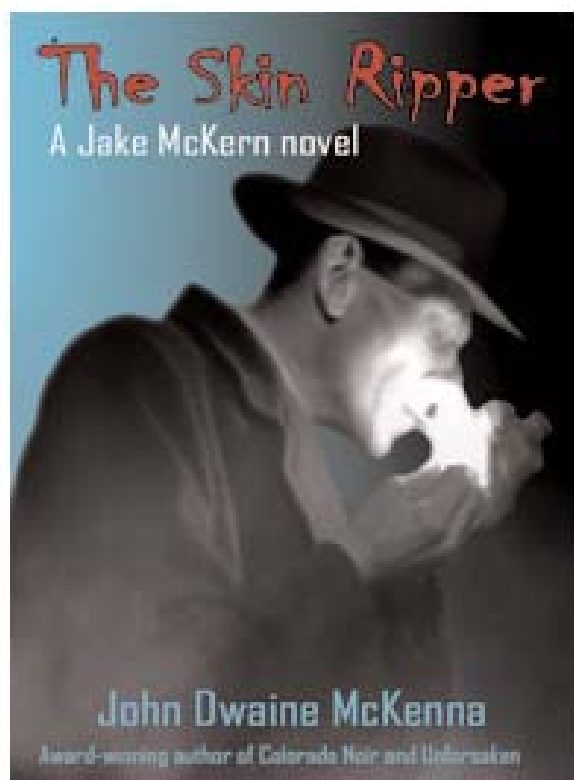
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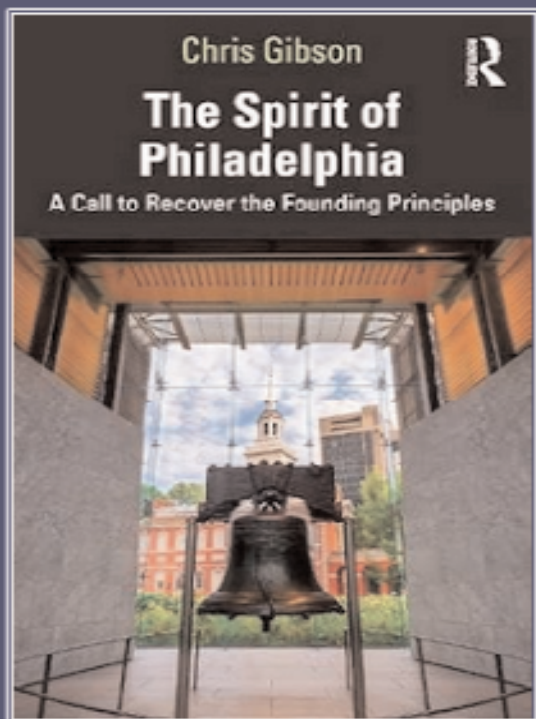
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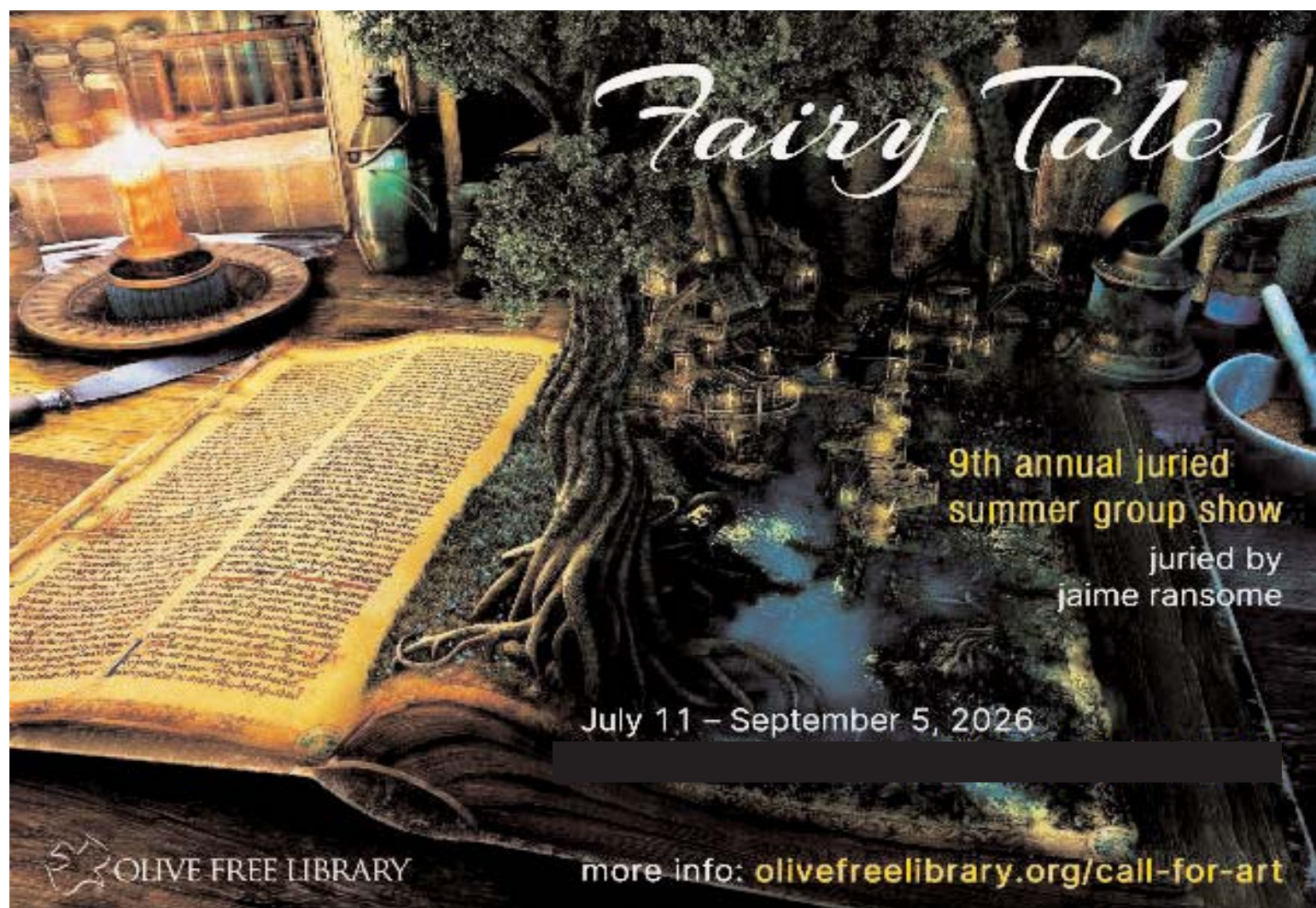
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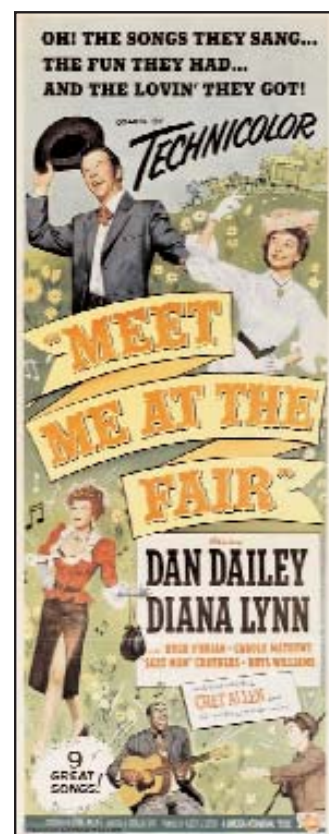
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