

Catskill Capers Series Book Talk **By Lily Barrish Levner** **Sunday, August 23, 2 p.m. In Person and Virtual** **Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville**



Author Lily Barrish Levner will give a talk on her books in the Catskills Capers series, *Banquets & Bootleg Bounty*, *Mountain Maitre D' Mystery* and *Woodstock Waitress Whodunit* virtually and at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville on Sunday August 23 at 2 p.m.

In the Catskill Capers Books, Author Lily Barrish Levner gives readers a bird's eye view of the dining room at the Concord Hotel, with a pinch of romance and a side of danger set right here in the Catskills during the Borsht Belt heyday. Artifacts from the time such as old menus and dining room items from the hotels will be on display and Catskill Capers Books will be available for sale. Also included is a discussion on the process of writing Catskill history.

Admission to the program is \$10, free for members. Admission includes light refreshments and entrance to the Museum's exhibitions, including the new exhibition *The Great Fear: Frontier Life during the American Revolution* and the 1930s *Catskill Farm* with over 15 buildings. To attend virtually, members email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to request link - please put "Catskill Capers Link Request" in the subject line. Non-members first go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/donate to pay admission and then email to request link. For more information visit our website timeandthevalleymuseum.org, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.

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Monticello Kiwanis Presents Everyday Hero Award and Welcomes Guest Speakers



Kathy Kreiter receiving Everyday Hero Award from Kiw. Pres. Marvin Rappaport;

Monticello Kiwanis Club presented its Everyday Hero Award to Kathy Kreiter, Director of the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless on Monday, August 3. Kiwanis President Marvin Rappaport called Kathy an "unsung hero" who handles a myriad of difficult responsibilities and demanding duties with a steady hand and calm demeanor.

"Kathy with her staff and dedicated volunteers are there for the homeless and the hungry day in and day out, not for the praise and recognition but for the satisfaction of seeing a job well done," said Rappaport.

The club and its guests also heard an informative presentation by Sullivan County District Attorney Brian Conaty who described his many responsibilities keeping our County residents safe.

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On the Front Burner: My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
 Psalm 49:3

OBITUARY

Ralph Coney Jr



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Ralph Coney Jr on August 8, 2026, at the age of 67. Born on February 5, 1959, Ralph was a man of profound kindness and unwavering dedication to his family, friends, and community. Ralph was the beloved son of the late Ralph Coney Sr and Helen B Coney.

He was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, Bob Faraci, and nephew, Robert Faraci. Ralph's memory will be cherished by his loving children, Melinda (Don), Patrick (Nicole), and Elizabeth Coney. His fiancé, Debbie Bierstine, and his step-children, Eddie and Alana (Corey) Bierstine, and his sisters, Karen Faraci and Kimberley Thompson. The mother of his children, Lisa Coney, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends, who will forever hold him in their hearts. Ralph was the proud grandfather of four adoring grandchildren. He was especially close with his grandson Jayden.

A graduate of Liberty High School in 1977, Ralph dedicated 35 years of steadfast service at Ross Electric, where he was known not just for his expertise, but for his humor and generosity. His big heart and willingness to help anyone in need left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. Ralph was a man of many passions. An avid fisherman, he found peace in the gentle rhythm of casting his line and the quiet anticipation of the catch. He also enjoyed hunting and spending time in nature, often riding through the countryside in search of deer. His love for bowling was well-known among his friends and family, who often shared in his enjoyment of the sport.

His commitment to community service was evident in his longtime membership with the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance,

where he dedicated countless hours to helping those in need.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the White Sulphur Fire Department, EMS, and the staff at Garnet in Harris for their unwavering support and care during this difficult time. Their compassion and professionalism are deeply appreciated by all who loved Ralph.

Ralph's legacy is one of love, laughter, and selflessness. His warm smile, infectious laughter, and kind spirit will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Visitation was on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home, in Kauneonga Lake, NY. Followed by a funeral service held at the funeral home.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

August 22, 1956

The Rev. William Coombe, who was well known in this area for many years, passed away at the Ellenville Veterans Hospital on Aug. 17th. Mr. Coombe was born December 23, 1869 in Wales, England, the son of William and Eliza Jane Spargo Coombe. He married Louise Porter in 1935 at Warwick, N.Y. Mr. Coombe was ordained in 1892 at Wurtsboro, N.Y. and had served churches in Grahamsville, Rosendale, and Marlboro, N.Y. and Arlington, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huntsberger entertained in their home on Saturday in honor of the 52nd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hill. Present besides the guests of honor and the host and hostess, were Mr. and Mrs. Zopher Aldridge and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Patton and daughters of Oneonta. (Contd. Pg. 4)

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published January 15, 1998

On looking back to the 1900's, I can see myself, a little girl playing on the rope swing in the woods above our house. I can also see the arrival of the horse drawn mail carriage and when the mailman started unloading the large mail pouches, I knew there were catalogs from one of our several mail order stores.

In our modern world of easy telephone shopping and huge malls, it is very difficult to imagine the excitement engendered by the mail order catalogs of long ago. I recall in the early 1900's the catalogs from Sears, Robuck and Co., Montgomery Ward, Charles William Stores, Spiegel, National Cloak and Suit Co., Alden and Martha Lane Adams. The merchandise they offered covered clothing, furniture, musical instruments, baby chickens, farm implements, horse-drawn wagons, harness and you could even order a house from Sears, Robuck & Co.

Catalogs are fast going out of style in this modern world of ours. With the numerous malls within a short drive from our homes and the ease of ordering by telephone with our credit cards, we have lost the excitement of mail order buying. If you ask me, we have lost something of value. Gone is the enjoyment of leafing through our catalog; gone are the anguished decisions while we laboriously made out our order blanks. Then there were the days of anticipation until your order arrived.

Today in this modern world of ours, we go wandering around in stores, pushing a cart and searching for the items we need. When they are found, we place them in our cart and take them up to the register where they are stuffed in a bag, tossed in the cart and progress marches on.

Household Hint:

Some Solutions for Stains

Use what you have in your kitchen to remove these stains.

Gum: Take a piece of ice and rub it on the gum until it hardens, then gently remove the gum with a dull knife and launder.

Ketchup or tomato: Remove the excess with a dull knife, then dab with a damp, warm sponge. Apply a little bit of shaving cream to the stain. Let it dry, then wash as usual.

Mustard: Check the fabric to make sure it's colorfast, then apply a small amount of hydrogen peroxide to the stain and let it sit for a few minutes. Wash immediately.

Cooking oil: Wash with regular shampoo.

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.

Buzzing Bumblebees – Super Pollinators

This weekend I was picking blossoms from tzucchini plants in our garden for our breakfast omelet. Just about every blossom had two or three hardworking bumblebees buzzing around inside them. You can recognize bumblebees from their very loud buzzing. They are usually a very distinctive black and yellow color, although they can be orange and black. The yellow and black bumblebees are the largest true bees with "pollen baskets". They have six hairy legs. The first pair cleans the antennae. The second pair, covered with stiff hairs, combs the pollen from the body and packs it into the baskets (corbicula) on the third pair of legs. More hairs line the basket and securely anchor the pollen load for balanced flight.



The female worker bumblebee has a stinger and is capable of stinging although they are not really too aggressive, unless they feel threatened. A male bumblebee has no stinger and therefore cannot sting.

Their common name, "bumblebee" is a compound of "bumble" and "bee" – "bumble" meaning to hum, buzz, drone, or move ineptly or flounderingly. The generic name *Bombus*, assigned by Pierre André Latreille in 1802, is derived from the Latin word for a buzzing or humming sound, borrowed from Ancient Greek word, *bómbos*.

Bumblebees are fine pollinators. Like their relatives the honeybees, bumblebees feed on nectar, using their long hairy tongues to lap up the liquid; the proboscis is folded under the head during flight. Bumblebees gather nectar to be stored in the nest, and pollen to feed their young.

Unlike honeybees, *Bombus* live as a single family, usually underground. The group consists of workers, drones and a queen, the most important of all.

A young queen mates in autumn and begins searching a safe place to overwinter - a hollow log or small burrow in the ground. All the rest of her family die as cold weather sets in.

When spring comes, the young queen starts a new home by herself, usually a deserted underground mouse hole which she lines with soft grass. For the next several weeks she works at a frantic non-stop pace.

On a cushion of grass and soft downy leaves, she builds a waxen egg cell, primes it with a paste of pollen and honey, lays several eggs and caps the cell. She also makes a wax honey pot and fills it with nectar to feed herself on rainy days.

Meanwhile she patches any cracks in the nursery cell and guards her eggs against marauding mice and voles. In a week, larvae hatch and their mother feeds them liquid honey and special jelly for about ten days until the larvae are fully developed into fat white grubs that spin their own cocoons and pupate.

Two weeks later the first young bumblebees to emerge are small sized sterile daughters who are workers. Later in summer the queen will lay eggs producing males (drones) and mating females. The life cycle of the *Bombus* goes on.

I didn't get to pick too many blossoms, but enjoyed the show of the super pollinators. Bumblebees are vitally important to humans. They carry pollen to many plants and crops that produce fruit and seeds we eat to live. So the next time a big bumblebee buzzes past you, treat her kindly - she's a queen.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

August 24, 1966

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Amundson who were married Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Parsonage by Rev. Eugene Hoyt. Mrs. Amundson is the former Verna Hulse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sheeley. A wedding reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. The newlyweds will reside on East Mountain.

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

George Ratner of Claryville, has been qualified by New York State for the position of Asst. Engineer with the Dept. of Health after successfully passing the examination for this position.

August 26, 1976

Hurricane Belle is no just a bad memory for most residents of the Hudson and Catskill areas, but before she's completely forgotten, Central Hudson says thanks to the community people who helped to assure safety and restore power quickly...to the firemen, policemen, fire police and others who stood guard over fallen wires until crews could make repairs. For all the help Central Hudson is grateful.

A Cu[jert Family Reunion was held Sunday, August 15th at the Wildcat Mt. Deer Camp in Claryville.

September 4, 1986

John P. Huson of Parksville, a caretaker at Camp Olympus, Parksville, and a lifelong area resident, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1986 at his home. He was 65. The son of the late Willie G. and Vida Amthor Huson, he was born May 27, 1921 in Grahamsville. He was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. He is survived by three sisters: Vidella Countryman, Freda Lowe and Rhoda Sheeley all of Grahamsville; and several nieces and nephews.

August 15, 1996

Tri-Valley Real Estate located in Grahamsville has re-organized with Peter Preston designated General Manager and adding Alla Sienitsky as Salesperson. The Broker, William A. Brenner, agrees to let 'youth; re-energize and operate the business.

Mr. Preston previously worked for Century 21 in the State of Florida.

Alla Sienitsky and her husband, Alex, live on Route 42 with their two children, Dasha and Nicholas, who attend Tri-Valley Central School

Changes in postal collection procedures, go into effect on August 16. "All domestic stamped items and all international mail weighing 16 ounces or more must be presented for mailing to a retail clerk in a post office and should not be dropped in a street or lobby collection box." said Grahamsville Postmaster, Karen Gorr.

The 8th Annual Wheel and Rock tour Woodstock bicycle tour, a multiple sclerosis fund-raiser that culminates in a visit to the late Max Yasgur's Farm in Bethel, sight of the original 1969 Woodstock Music and Arts Fair, the most famous rock concert in history.

August 10, 2006

We extend our condolences to Sally Bonnell of Rennison Road, on the loss of her brother, James Lyons of Monticello who passed away on July 19.

Wise words from Polly Hill's column, Here and There - Dolly Parton's songs and movies always present a common-sense approach to life. For example, "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain"

Polly also warned, "Don't work too hard this week.... Mid-week temperatures near 100 are predicted."

August 18, 2016

The beautiful Blue Hole in Sundown was trashed last year discouraging local people and visitors who have respected and enjoyed the pristine environment of the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Campgrounds for generations. There were many people at the Blue Hole this past weekend enjoying and respecting the new rules and regulations that were put in place by the NYS DEC this past May.

The efforts of many local volunteers proved fruitful as Neversink Renaissance garnered the top \$12,000 prize in the Sullivan Renaissance's Community Grant Competition.

The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation invites you to join them for a "Walking Taco Dinner" and lots of Back to School fun at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Friday, August 26th. Each child that attends will be entered into a raffle for a book bag filled with back to school supplies to start the year off on the right foot.

Neversink Farmers Market will be held every Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm at the Neversink General Store on Rt 55 and Schumway Road in Neversink. Save the date - Kidstock! - September 24th.

Catskill Capers Series Book Talk

By Lily Barrish Levner

(From Pg. 1)



About the Author: Lily Barrish Levner grew up in Kiamesha Lake and graduated from Monticello High School. Her dad was the director of the Monticello library and her mom was a teacher in Monticello. She is a copy desk researcher at Bloomberg Businessweek and monthly contributor to the Hurleyville Sentinel.

Current Exhibitions:

- **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.
- **NEW! The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution** an immersive and interactive exhibition on the dangerous frontier life during the Revolution in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Counties, including native, loyalist attacks and patriot attacks, the hardships of settler life, Native life before and after contact and the Battle of Chestnut Woods. It includes audio, video, games and hands on activities.
- **1930s Catskill Family Farm** is an outdoor, open air experience with over 15 early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, sap house, sawmill, chicken coop, workshop with WORKING waterwheel and many more with hands on activities, video and audio.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. through September or by appointment. Adults admission is \$10, Children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free. Museum members are FREE. Free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members through our status as a Blue Star Museum. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Volunteers are always welcome and needed! Email or call us for more information.

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(From Pg. 1) He and his eight assistants cover 18 local Justice courts, as well as County Court and Supreme Court. They handle 4500 cases a year from misdemeanors to felonies, including firearms violations and gang related crimes.

At its July meeting, the club heard from Julian Dawson, Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Sullivan County. Dawson described how the United Way supports various county programs with most donations received remaining in the county. The organization also provides emergency food and shelter assistance, diapers and cribs for kids, as well as distributing gifts during the holiday season and meals at Thanksgiving.



Kiwanis. Co-Pres. Robert Green, United Way CPO Julian Dawson & Kiwanis. Board Member Linda Barriger



Kiwanis. Pres. Marvin Rappaport, S.C. DA Brian Conaty & Kiwanis Board Member Linda Barriger

Mr. Dawson was an earlier recipient of the Monticello Kiwanis Everyday Hero Award for his many years of distinguished service to the community.

The Kiwanis club of Monticello meets on the first Monday of the months at Albella Restaurant at 6 PM. Their mission is dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Check out their Facebook page at Monticello, NY Kiwanis Club.

Legislator Appointed to National Committees

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez has been appointed to six committees of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

NACo President George Dunlap this month notified Alvarez of his appointment, following prior service on the national advocacy organization's Advisory Council on Immigration and Intergovernmental Affairs, Large Urban County Caucus, Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus, and Veterans and Military Services Advisory Council.



Alvarez will now join the Health Policy Steering Committee and continue serving on NACo's Advisory Council on Immigration and Intergovernmental Affairs, Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), Programs and Services Standing Committee, Rural Action Caucus (RAC), and Veterans and Military Services Advisory Council.

"You have been selected for this role because of your unwavering commitment and exemplary dedication to NACo," wrote Clark in Alvarez's appointment letter. "Our greatest strength lies in the engagement of our members, and your active participation and leadership are vital to ensuring that we remain the united voice of America's counties."

Alvarez has served on a host of NACo committees since he began participating with the organization in 2017, when he was Chair of the Sullivan County Legislature. A long-time (now retired) Sheriff's deputy, Alvarez also sits on the board of the NYS Association of Counties (NYSAC) and is a member of the National Association of Hispanic County Officials.

"I strongly believe in NACo's mission and am proud to represent Sullivan County at the national level," Alvarez related. "I remain committed to my neighbors as their legislator, but it's important to recognize that we're part of a larger system of government that constantly needs review and improvement."

Founded in 1935, NACo serves nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees, advocating county priorities in federal policymaking, promoting exemplary county policies and practices, nurturing leadership skills, expanding knowledge networks, optimizing county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and enriching the public's understanding of county government.



We Are All The Same In The Dark

Mysterious Book Report No. 414

by John Dwaine McKenna

In one of the most highly anticipated novels of the 2020 summer reading season, international best-selling thriller writer Julia Heaberlin grabs the reader's attention in her first sentence; *"It takes about eight to ten hours to hand-dig a grave, more if you was doing it in the dark."*, and never lets go.

We Are All The Same In The Dark, (Ballentine Books, \$27.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-62167-6), begins with the discovery of a nameless, wounded and mute young girl. Missing her left eye and severely dehydrated, she's found lying in a pasture alongside a busy highway on a blazing hot Texas afternoon . . . surrounded by dandelions she's picked and placed as a talisman to protect her.

But Wyatt Branson, the man who finds the girl and takes her to his home, has a shadowed and suspicious past. He's the only suspect in the presumed murder and disappearance of his sister Trumanell, who left only a bloody handprint when she disappeared, ten years earlier.

The abandoned girl is soon picked up by a woman named Odette Tucker, the town's newest and youngest cop, who stashes the girl in a safe house and gives her the name "Angel," because she fears that Angel's discovery will re-inflame the small town where anger, suspicion and mob mentality still seethe just beneath the veneer of a quiet, peaceful place. It's the most notorious cold case in Texas history, and although the police have cleared Wyatt, the town, and a recent TV documentary, have not. It's left the citizens of the place on the verge of an explosive and violent reckoning.

But the tale becomes more complex and intriguing with each chapter, as the plot layers are exposed and the secrets of small town life . . . where everyone knows, is genetically linked to, or has had an intimate relationship with everyone else . . . come to light, one by one.

There's an old saying that goes: *"God made the wilderness, and man made the cities . . . but the devil made the small town."* Julia Heaberlin has tapped into the beating heart of that sentiment and drawn it's essence, before putting it into elegant, attention-grabbing, carefully composed prose. *We Are All The Same In The Dark* is a psychological tour de force. It is one of the most arresting novels in many years and getting rave reviews from everyone who's seen it. Read it for yourself and see why!

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

A Sears and Roebuck House

When we got married our second house that we moved into in 1969 in Kingston was a Sears and Roebuck house. It was a Four square just like the one you pictured the floor plan of. We paid \$21,000 for it! Loved it! It had chestnut woodwork throughout with columns between the foyer and living room. Glass doors separated the living and dining rooms and a chestnut staircase led up from the foyer which met a staircase from the kitchen to a landing and then turned up to the second floor! It is still at 131 Clifton Ave in Kingston. Loved that house and we added a beautiful addition with a large family room with a fireplace, a second bathroom and laundry room and a great closet! They were great houses!

In 1948, our family moved to a house on Demarest Avenue in Staten Island. The house, I found out later, was one of the most popular models of the Sears and Roebuck houses that were ordered through their famous catalog. Some seventy years later, I walked into my church's parsonage and knew instantly where every nook and cranny was because it was the duplicate of the one I lived in as a child.

A Sears and Roebuck house-also called a Sears Modern Home-was a mail-order kit house sold by Sears, Roebuck and Co. between 1908 and 1942. The company shipped over 70,000 of these homes across North America. They arrived by railroad boxcar with all the building parts needed to construct a complete house. There were 370 different models with lumber marked with a letter and a number, the precursor to yesterday's pre-fab and today's modular. They came with blueprints, lumber, nails, hardware, and paint. The package weighed twenty-five tons. Some still have the S-R stamped on doorknobs and hardware.

A small cottage kit might be a hundred dollars with some of the mansions selling for \$5,000. Nowadays, the same Sears house range would be \$150,000 to over a million.

What I remember most was the dining room even though I only remember eating one formal meal there. Mainly it was a room that was home to a buffet server, a china closet, a dining table and chairs. I remember it because it had sliding pocket doors that led to the living room and had a door from the kitchen. So that meant we three kids could run around in a circle. In the house. And we did!

I also remember the front stoop. Unlike houses today which have decks, mostly on the side or back of the house, our houses had front stoops. There were usually three or four steps facing the sidewalk and the road. From there one could survey the neighborhood...who was out walking the dog, who was driving home from work, who was playing stick ball in the road, and who was coming over to visit.

Once dinner was done, the family would move outdoors and visit with the neighbors. Moms might still have on their aprons and dads might be having a smoke. Kids would be out for the last play of the evening before baths, stories, and maybe one TV show on the black and white television with its rabbit ears sometimes adorned with aluminum foil for better reception.

I can still visualize each room of this house from its coal cellar to its unfinished attic. Most of all I miss that front stoop.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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

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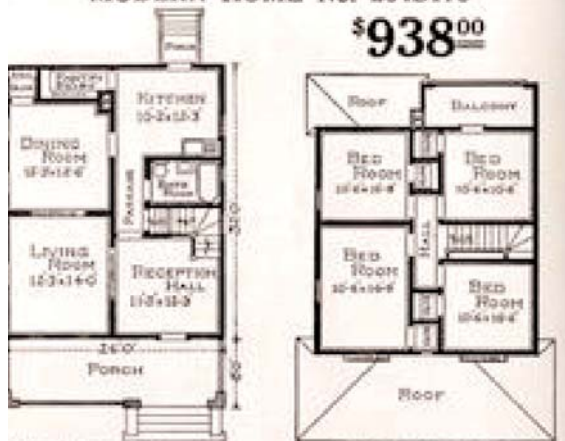
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By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Many thanks to those who came out to celebrate this year's Grahamsville Little World's Fair. We truly appreciate all of the support you have shown us through purchasing books during the book sale, raffles for GPP and our delicious strawberry shortcake and yogurt parfaits. We would also like extend our heart felt thanks to all the volunteers who assisted us during the fair-we couldn't have done it without you!

Now, with the fair behind us, we're back to finishing up our 2026 "Unearth A Story" Summer Reading Program. Our new children-designed bookmarks are available at the front desk (adult and children) and our programs have wrapped up, however, there are still a couple of weeks, until August 31, to compete your reading logs and bingo sheets and turn them in. On Tuesday, September 1, we're hosting Scoops & Suds, a final celebration of the completion of summer and in honor of America's 250 birthday! While the party, from 12PM to 3:00PM is only open to Tri-Valley residents, no registration is required. Just join us for the fun of eating delicious ice cream and playing in lots of suds from the foam cannon-and checking out a book or two-while wearing comfortable play clothes. There is a foam use schedule so that children of different ages can participate. For little one's ages 0-4, the foam is all yours from 12PM to 12:45. Then, for children ages 5-10, it's 1PM to 1:45PM and finally for kids ages 11 and up, it's from 2PM to 2:45PM

On Tuesday, August 25, from 6PM to 7PM, DPL Library Manager, Cathy Russo will host an author talk and book signing for her second cookbook, *So, What's Cooking? My Italian Family Recipes*. Neither program requires pre-registration.

We're also hosting another Red Cross sponsored blood drive on Thursday, August 27 from 2PM to 6PM. While walk-ins are accepted, appointments are preferred so please reach out to the Red Cross through their website, redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

While attending the fair, you may have noticed fair-goers discussing the GPP...that's Giant Pumpkin Party in library lingo. This year's 40 celebration is on Saturday, October 3 from 12PM to 4PM, with the



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famous parade starting at the Tri-Valley school at 11AM. Spectators can enjoy the parade along the route to the fairgrounds and then participate in our many fantastic activities throughout the day. That's right-we're bringing back the parade in honor of the 40th celebration. Visit our website for complete details on how to participate in the parade and to register. The deadline to register for the themed float entry/parade participants is September 25. Get creative with your float! This year's theme is "Fall into Reading," so there's tons of possibilities.

The craft vendor application is also up on our website and due September 20. Please fill out the application and mail/bring to the library with checks payable to the Daniel Pierce Library. With such a fabulous turnout every year, it's a fantastic opportunity for local crafters! And, while costumed children will not be marching individually in the parade, we are still holding the costume march at the pavilion on the fairgrounds as we've done previously. Join in on the fun at 1PM. No registration is required and participation is free of charge. For more information regarding the children's parade please email Deirdre McHugh at dmchugh@rcls.org. In addition, our GPP raffle tickets are on sale at the library for \$1.00. Please stop by to pick them up.



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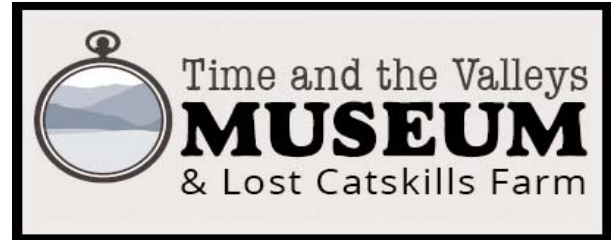




CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 28

Lynn M. Priebe



On Sunday August 23 at 2 PM author Lily Barrish Levner will give a talk at the Time and the Valleys Museum about her novel *Banquets & Bootleg Bounty*. Her story uses life at the Concord Hotel in the 1940's as background. The novel is the first in a series about Catskill life. Consider joining us for this program which will include details about dining at the hotel and the influence of organized crime on the area.

The topic of hotel life in the Catskills in the 1940's brought to mind my own experience with a local hotel growing up in Divine Corners. There was a beautiful resort called the Riverside within walking distance of my house. Taking a left turn out of our road and heading down the hill toward Neversink, it was located just where the road turned toward the Neversink Dam. The Riverside Palace, as it was originally called, was the only hotel left in or near what was once the village of Neversink. That was where I, as a 14 year-old, got my first real summer job working as a day camp counselor. I experienced eating lunch in a kosher dining room each day, and I got to know other young counselors who were from New York City, expanding my perception of the world.

The Riverside was the last of the Neversink resorts, but there were others. Neversink, as the rest of Sullivan County, was home to a number of hotels and boarding houses from the last two decades of the 1800's through the time that the waters inundated the lovely valley in the late 1940's.

One of the first major hotels in Neversink village was the Maple Grove House located on the river above the village near the covered bridge that connected Bittersweet and Bradley. The area had once been the location of the Palen & Company Tannery. It had been purchased by A. Herron who built a boarding house called Herron Cottage there. W. H. H. Williams bought the resort in 1881 and expanded it to accommodate over 150 boarders in a large four-story hotel. Williams continued to make improvements over the years including a large playhouse for shows. Boarders arrived from Liberty Station, but Mr. Williams hoped for a railroad spur that would connect Neversink to the main line of the O & W. That did not happen, but the Maple Grove suffered a worse fate when it burned to the ground in the late 1800's.

There were other resorts in and around Neversink village in the first half of the 20th Century. They included Charlie Freer's Edgemere House on the main street, H. G. Spargur's Sky Farm located on the way to Grahamsville just past Shield's Road, and William H. Denman's Christians only Mount Pleasant House, located near where the spillway is today.

Henry Dean's downtown hotel was purchased by Morris Begun. It became the kosher Neversink Inn that relocated to new Neversink and later became the New Age Health Spa. This is not an inclusive list, but these and others were gone with the coming of the waters.

The only hotel left after the reservoir was filled in the 1950's was the Riverside, on Johnson's Flat on the road to Divine Corners just past Velie Cemetery (now Fallsburg Neversink Cemetery). The Benski family

ran the hotel. They did lose some land to the building of the reservoir but not their resort operation. The Riverside had been around for over 50 years and expanded in 1922 when a beautiful main building was constructed for \$45,000. The new building would appear as a traveler came down the hill

from Divine Corners at the turn of the road toward Neversink village. The Riverside was a modern hotel with a large pool, a casino offering name entertainment, a day camp for children and kosher menus. The owner even built an indoor pool during its last decade of existence in order to compete with larger hotels such as the Concord. The hotel finally closed in 1967 and was demolished, except for the old barn which had housed equipment and the day camp and a new building with the indoor pool. The location later became Foxcroft Village.

Even if Neversink itself had not disappeared under the waters, the hotels there would have closed along with other Borscht Belt resorts did when vacation tastes changed. It is good to remember that the small village of Neversink in a beautiful river valley was part of the story of Sullivan County resorts.



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This year's inaugural festival features world-class musicians performing music by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, and Dvorak over two concerts. The theme is Hunting & Fishing (a nod to two pieces from the festival repertoire: Mozart's "Hunt"

Quartet and Schubert's "Trout" Quintet).

Saturday, September 5, 7pm

Schubert: Piano Quintet ("The Trout")

Bach: Piano Concerto in d minor, BWV 1052

Sunday, September 6, 3pm

Mozart: Quartet No. 17 ("The Hunt")

Dvorak: String Quartet No. 12 ("American")

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www.julianschwarz.com/duo

Giora Schmidt A student of Itzhak Perlman and the recipient of an Avery Fisher Career Grant, violinist Giora Schmidt performs with orchestras around the world and teaches at New York University

www.gioraschmidt.com

Anna Brathwaite-McGregor is a violinist and music educator based in Brooklyn. She is a graduate of Boston University and the Yale School of Music.

Morton Cahn –A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Morton Cahn is a Brooklyn-based double bass player active in numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles around New York City.

Eli Spindel –Primarily a conductor, Eli Spindel is a violinist and violist, and the founder of the String Orchestra of Brooklyn and the Headwaters Chamber Music Festival in Claryville, NY, where he is a part-time resident. www.elispindel.com



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Join the Sullivan 180 School Resource Committee Organizations Invited to Partner with Sullivan County Schools

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180 is inviting agencies, nonprofits, and community organizations to join the Healthier Generation School Resource Committee, a collaborative network dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of students and school staff throughout Sullivan County.

For the past five years, the Healthier Generation School Resource Committee has connected Sullivan County schools with organizations that provide no cost and low-cost programs, services, and educational opportunities. Committee members work alongside schools to deliver school-based wellness initiatives, strengthen community partnerships, and create healthier learning environments for students and staff.

Sullivan 180 is currently seeking additional organizations that serve Sullivan County and are committed to improving student well-being through school-based initiatives. By joining the Committee, organizations have the opportunity to collaborate with local schools, share valuable resources, expand community partnerships, and make a meaningful impact on the overall health and wellness of school communities.

Organizations that offer programs or services supporting healthy eating, physical activity, social-emotional wellness, mental health, youth development, staff wellness, environmental health, or other school wellness initiatives are encouraged to participate.

For more information or to join the Healthier Generation School Resource Committee, contact Christy at Christy@Sullivan180.org.

Learn more about Sullivan 180 and the Healthier Generation School Resource Committee by visiting Sullivan180.org.

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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Room at 10 AM,
Friday, August 28, 2026

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.

Community Square Dance at Davis Park

Friday, September 18, 2026
6:00_PM 8:00_PM
Davis Park
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Dana Vogler, Secretary

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The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow, August 19th, 2026 at 5:30pm has been CANCELLED. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 at 5:30pm. All are welcomed to attend.

Thank You.

The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees

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 Wednesday, August 26, 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.
Tri-Valley Central School District.

Heather Bonnell
Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

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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.

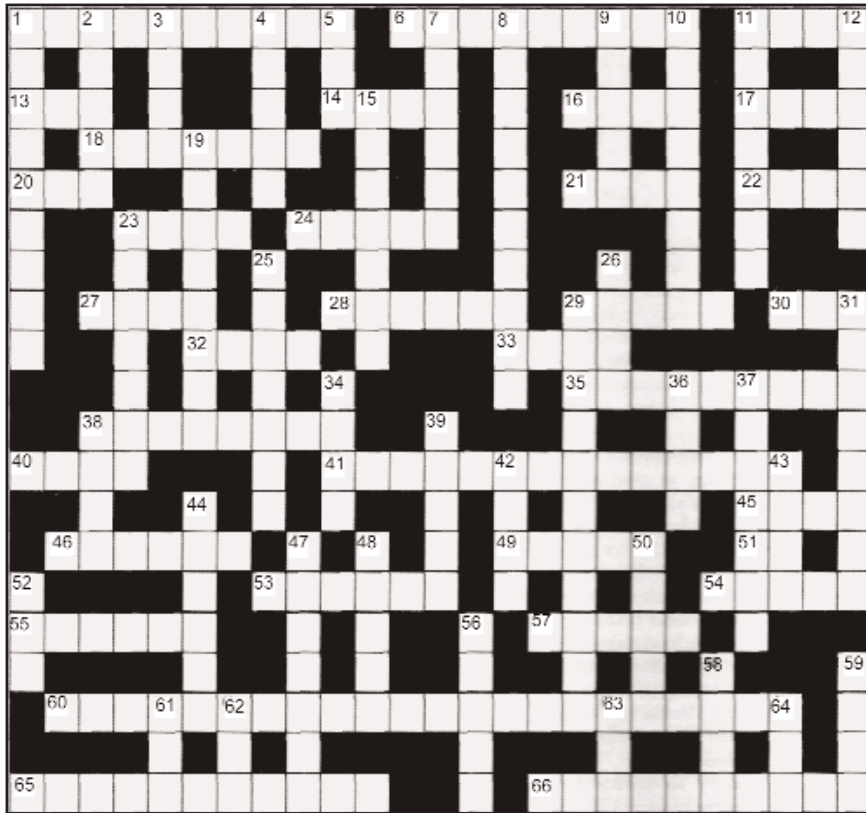
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 - The removal and disposal of the existing system and its sundry components and any debris
 - Removal and replacement of the existing drop ceiling to allow access to the attic space
 - The installation of the new equipment including all lines and 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
- 5. Start-up procedure for systems including performance reports
- 6. Correctly dispose of all excess materials and any other waste and debris generated in the installation process

Eligible bidders must provide sealed bids to the Neversink Fire District 8/21/26 via USPS to Neversink Fire District Attn: AC Bid at PO Box 394 Neversink, NY 12765.

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
- A full list of potential sub-contractors with proof of their insurance for \$1,000,000 or greater
- Provide a brief resume listing company qualifications and relevant examples of similar work completed providing evidence of quality and project completion
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1 '30s "Vas you dere, Charlie?" comic Baron

6 Mom scrubbed clothes on it

11 Tear in a woman's stocking

13 Famous women's organization (abbr.)

14 James ___ was Agent 007

16 Impoverished

17 '30s luxury auto

18 Perry Mason author Erle Stanley

20 '36 hit song *It's a Sin to Tell a ___*

21 Gravel-voiced actor

Devine

22 A traveling man

23 Extravagantly rich

24 A burglar's tool

27 Give away a secret (slang)

28 Island famous for bathing suit and atom bomb

29 Borgnine's '55 Oscar role

30 A sailor's greeting, "Hi, ___"

32 Film director ___

Preminger

33 '40s Paris "New Look" dress designer

35 Jack Benny's valet

38 Sensationalized promotion

40 Outlandish

World War II civilian suit

41 Mr. O'Hara in GWTW (2 wds)

45 Flower holder

46 Bell & ___ camera

49 Common sense or correct reasoning

51 Kids' favorite alien

53 Kick this and you're gone

54 Lock of hair

55 A long-held grievance

57 Play the banjo

60 *Howdy Doody* princess

65 Tennessee Ernie Ford song (2 words)

66 A bit of mischief

DOWN

1 '30s-'40s actress ___

Carroll

2 Longtime refrigerator brand

3 Inheritor

4 Bogart's '46 film *The Big*

5 Point of a pen

7 Pipsqueak cartoon gal Little

8 Inflam-

mation, "___ knee"

9 Oak trees start like this

10 Gangster talk for a squealer (2 words)

11 Teens' dance (2 words)

12 There's one in each hotel room

15 Easy children's card game (2 words)

19 '30s Mid-west farmlands (2 words)

23 A skunk by another name

25 J.D. Salinger book ___ in the

Rye

26 Famous syrup brand

29 Herman Wouck's '55 book *Morjorie*

31 Singer Eddy

Howard's '39 hit

34 Famous fragrance brand

36 Santas laugh (just two)

37 Phil ___ was

TVs Sgt Bilko

38 Cher's singing partner

Sonny ___

39 Wise guy, ___ aleck

42 Fodder tower

43 Not on time

44 Sheep's haircut

47 A pain in the lower back

48 A pirate's favorite flag ___ and crossbones

50 You can fool him

52 Last one in is a rotten ___

56 Surname of baseball brother's "Big Poison" and "Little Poison"

58 MGM film studio mascot

59 Ma Kettle film star

Marjorie ___

Marjorie ___

61 One of the Three Stooges

62 ___ Howard played Opie on '60s TV

63 Johnny Cash sang *A Boy Named ___*

64 A practical joke

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1 teaspoon salt (optional)

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional) 1 egg

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups Old-fashioned uncooked oats

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 375°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla.

Combine flour, baking soda, salt and spices; add to margarine mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8 to 9 minutes for a chewy cookie, 10 to 11 minutes for a crisp cookie.

Cool on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack.

Store in tightly covered container.

Makes about 4-1/2 DOZEN Cookies

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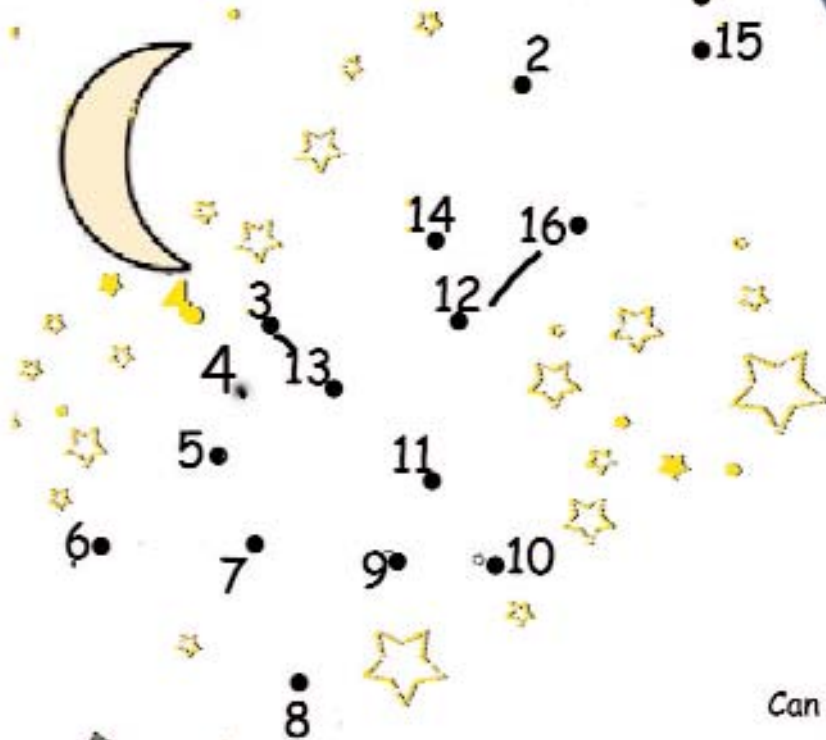
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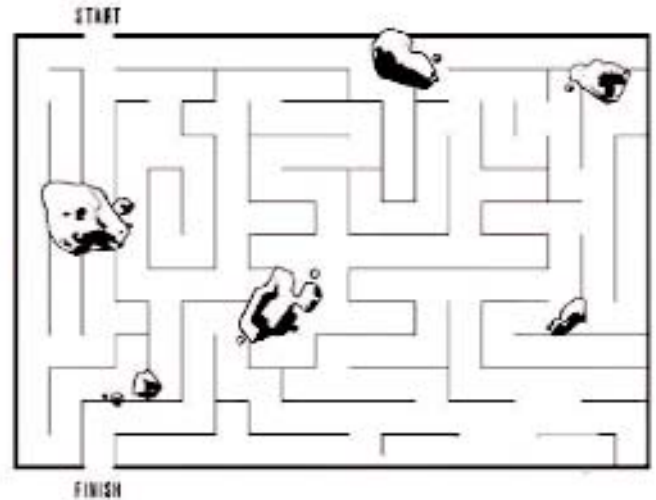
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Follow the dots to see what Aurora and Jayce just saw in the night sky.



Jayce is watching for meteor showers.
Can you find 5 differences between the pictures?



Can you find your way through the meteor shower?

Asteroid Word Search

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(See Page 28)

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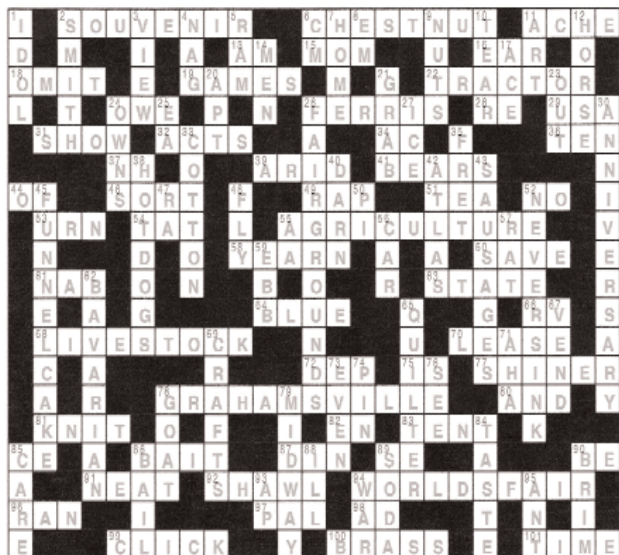
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Ans to last week's Crossword

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

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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Monday - 9:00 - 4:00
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.

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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)
8/29	Claryville Vol FD Craft Fair 10 am - 3 pm
9/2	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 8/21/2026)
9/5 & 9/6	Headwaters Chamber Music Festival Claryville Reformed Church (See Pg 36)
9/7	Town of Neversink Holiday - LABOR DAY
9/8	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm (<u>Note change of date</u>)
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
9/16	Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse – Meeting before the show

SAVE THE DATE!

Sept. 8th **Neversink Association Inc Annual BYO Picnic & Meeting** (See Pg. 17)
 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 17 - 21, 2026

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

Monday, August 17

- **4:00 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Finance Committee Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 2232 7382, Passcode: 073254
- **4:30 PM (or immediately following the UCEDA Finance Committee Meeting)** - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board of Directors Regular Meeting, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 837 1077 2612, Passcode: 285954
- **CANCELLED - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, August 18

- **6:00 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 - **6:30 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at [youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)
- **7:00 PM - Public Hearing On Community Development Block Grant Program Funding**
 - **7:05 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2026**, A Local Law Opting Ulster County Into The Full Real Property Tax Exemption Authorized By Real Property Tax § 458-a(11)
 - **7:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 14 Of 2026**, A Local Law Opting Ulster County Into The Combat Zone Service Exemption Authorized By Real Property Tax Law § 458-d At The Maximum Amount Authorized By Law
- Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Wednesday, August 19

- **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **10:00 AM (or immediately following the UCIDA Regular Board Meeting)** - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**

Thursday, August 20

- **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee**, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>
- **CANCELLED - Ulster County Youth Board**

No Meetings Friday, August 21

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The raffle tickets can be purchased at the same time people purchase their dinner tickets - they can either call Jess Dymond (her number is listed in the flyer), they can email the booster club

(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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Sat, August 29th
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Care Center at Sunset Lake to Close County, State Coordinating Transition for Residents and Staff

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County and the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) announce the pending closure of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, known as the Care Center at Sunset Lake, in Liberty.

"This is not something the County wanted to do, but our challenging finances and the lack of ability to transfer operations to our consulting firm has left us no choice but to initiate the closure process," stated Legislature Chair Nadia Rajs. "The majority of my colleagues and I agreed that taxpayers cannot afford to continue the costly operation of the Care Center while facing enormous revenue losses and quickly increasing costs throughout County government."

Per State requirements, NYSDOH has approved the County's closure plan, enabling the transition process to begin for residents and staff. There are currently 93 long-term residents and 86 employees.

The County will be working closely with the NYS Department of Health and area nursing homes to find new accommodations for long-term Care Center clients. The County will ensure that no resident will be left without a skilled-care option.

The entire process is anticipated to conclude by the turn of the year.

Where possible, County employees will be offered the opportunity to transfer to other County jobs. Where this is not possible, the Center for Workforce Development will be assisting them in finding other employment.

"The entire Legislature is very proud of the dedicated care County employees have provided over many years to many people," Rajs remarked. "To our residents and their families, we regret the challenges this may create, but we are committed to ensuring everyone has alternate skilled-care options from which to choose. Our staff will make this process as safe, smooth and clear as possible."

Legislators and other County officials will determine what the most appropriate use of the building is in the future.

Governor Hochul Announces \$6.2 Million for Healthcare and Community Facility Improvements in Brooklyn

State Funding will Expand Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services at StartCare and Support Improvements at Breukelen Houses Community Center

Governor Kathy Hochul to announced \$6.2 million in state funding to support healthcare and community facility improvements in Brooklyn, including \$4.2 million for StartCare and \$2 million for the New York City Housing Authority's Breukelen Houses Community Center.

Governor Hochul announced the investments alongside state Senator Roxanne J. Persaud during a community event in Canarsie.

"Strong communities depend on having quality health-care and welcoming spaces where families can access the services and support they need," Governor Hochul said. "These investments will help StartCare expand critical health services for Brooklyn residents and strengthen the Breukelen Houses Community Center for the families who rely on it."

Governor Hochul joined Senator Persaud at her Free Funday and Back to School Giveaway at Canarsie Park, where she helped distribute school supplies to local families ahead of the new school year. Following the giveaway, the Governor and Senator Persaud joined representatives from StartCare and Breukelen Houses to announce the two investments.

The \$6.2 million in support, which the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) will administer, will support renovations and improvements at both facilities.

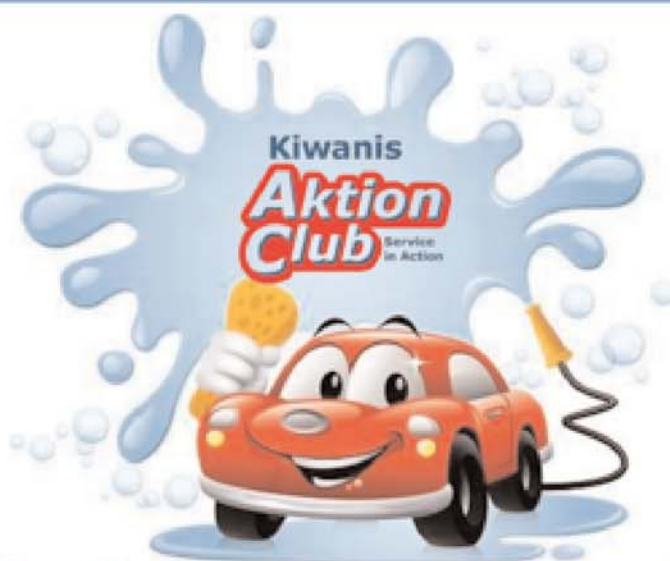
StartCare will receive \$4.2 million to renovate its existing facility and expand primary care and behavioral health services. The project will add on-site EKG and laboratory testing and provide additional space for vocational training and community workshops.

The New York City Housing Authority will receive \$2 million to support renovations and improvements to the community center at Breukelen Houses.

State Senator Roxanne J. Persaud said, "I am sincerely grateful to Governor Hochul for her partnership in delivering \$6.2 million in capital funding to Senate District 19 for StartCare, Inc., and the Breukelen Houses Community Center. The Governor's Office has been receptive since day one of my advocating for these much-needed projects. As a result, both StartCare and the Breukelen Houses Community Center will have significantly improved facilities to deliver essential programs and services to my constituents. Thank you, Governor Hochul."

New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham said, "Governor Hochul has made it a priority to support the full system of healthcare across New York State, including making improvements to behavioral health services. Investments like this are vital in supporting communities, and ensuring that individuals have access to comprehensive help and services they need to support their overall health."

StartCare CEO Jonnel Doris said, "StartCare approaches this work with a focus on the whole person. This investment will help us address the wider range of substance use, mental health, and social needs in East New York; that is, a focus on prevention, harm reduction, the social determinants of health, and wellness services, more broadly. Governor Hochul's generous investment will afford StartCare the opportunity to continue providing and expanding life-changing and saving care for the East New York community, in a person-centered, comfortable, and dignified environment for decades to come."



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Off the Cuff Speaker Announced *In the Works-In the Woods Festival* Brings Broadway Talent to the Catskills September 18-20, 2026

FORESTBURGH, NY - For one extraordinary week-end each year, the *In the Works-In the Woods Festival* brings artists and audiences together to watch new musicals, plays, and cabaret performances come to life before their eyes.

In addition to developing brand-new works each year, the festival gives audiences the opportunity to hear from acclaimed Broadway professionals and ask questions about their work. This popular series, titled Off the Cuff, has previously welcomed artists such as Jerry Mitchell, Rachel Hoffman, CSA, Jack O'Brien, and Natasha Katz.

For the sixth annual Off the Cuff series, the Forestburgh Playhouse is excited to feature Tony Award-winning composer and musical arranger Jeanine Tesori and critically acclaimed music director and conductor David Loud.

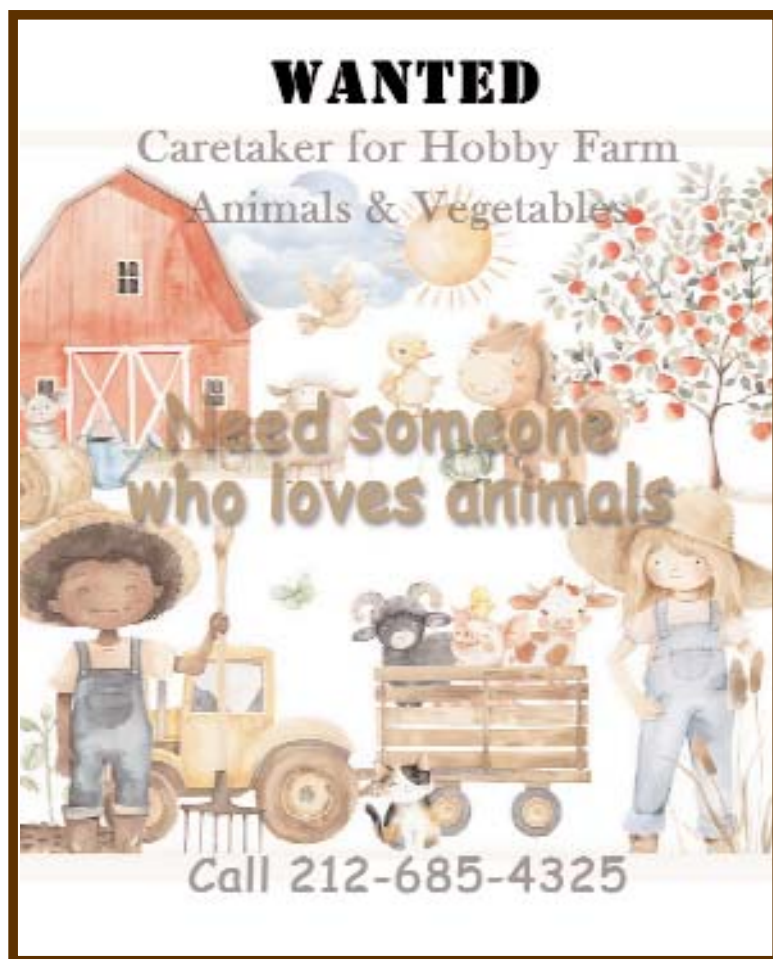
Jeanine Tesori is a Tony Award-winning composer and musical arranger, often lauded as the most prolific female theatrical composer in Broadway history. She has written the scores for the iconic *Shrek: The Musical*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Fun Home*, *Kimberly Akimbo*, *Violet*, and *Caroline, or Change*.

David Loud is an acclaimed music director, conductor, pianist, and Broadway actor who has collaborated with iconic artists such as Stephen Sondheim and the legendary songwriting team of Kander and Ebb. He is best known for his work on *Ragtime*, *Steel Pier*, *Curtains*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, and *Sondheim on Sondheim*.

This is your chance to grab a front-row seat to the conversation of a lifetime. Ask questions, hear never-before-told stories about the shows you love, and walk away with a new appreciation for the art form and new inspiration.

Why You'll Love Off the Cuff

- o Meet and converse with acclaimed artists Jeanine Tesori and David Loud.
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The only way to gain access to special VIP events-including the exclusive Off the Cuff conversations-is by becoming a Festival Passport holder. Don't miss the opportunity to meet these Broadway icons and talk with them face to face. Visit the link today to join the conversation:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Thank You District Attorney Brian Conaty

To the Editor,

Despite being classified as a mostly rural county with a year-round population of only 80,000 residents, Sullivan County is not immune to serious crime. While all of the county's law enforcement agencies work diligently to detect and arrest offenders, the prosecution of defendants is the responsibility of District Attorney Brian Conaty and his staff.

Just this year alone, Brian Conaty and his assistant DAs have conducted jury trial prosecutions of two separate homicide cases and the attempted murder of a police officer.

In March, Conaty secured the conviction of Drew Botsford, 48 of Liberty, for the murder of his father Lloyd Botsford, after a five-day trial. The defendant received a sentence of 25 years to life.

In June, the District Attorney's Office secured the conviction of Keymarroo Guiden, 53, in the 2014 homicide of April Parker of Monticello. Brian Conaty decided to move forward with this case, which pre-dated his tenure as DA by more than a decade. The defendant was found guilty and is scheduled for sentencing in October. In the third case, which was of great importance to my office,

Brian Conaty personally prosecuted defendant Markell Jarrete, 30, for the April 2025 attempted murder of Deputy Sheriff Andrew Foertsch. Jarrete, who is a career criminal, was convicted after an eight-day trial and received a sentence of 40 years to life in state prison.

These three cases are just a snapshot of the criminal prosecutions that the District Attorney's Office must deal with on a daily basis. Brian Conaty and his staff deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication they exhibit in holding accountable those who commit crimes in our county.

Michael A. Schiff
Sheriff of Sullivan County
845-807-0757

Congressman Josh Riley Curbs the Price of Electricity

To the Editor:

The cost of electricity has risen dramatically over the past few years, eating into the budgets of families as well as businesses. Some people may be forced to make the tough choice between paying a power bill or buying groceries. The current rise in oil prices and the build-out of AI data centers will exacerbate this trend if something is not done.

In NY-19, our congressman Josh Riley has taken some major steps to curb the price of electricity. Riley introduced legislation called the Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act that would help families lower utility bills by making houses more weather-tight. Another of his initiatives would prohibit utility executives from receiving bonuses when they raise rates faster than inflation.

Riley's No Taxes on Utility Bills Act would allow consumers to deduct taxes and state-mandated surcharges that are included on gas and electric bills. And another bill would bar utility companies from passing along to customers expenses such as lobbying, political donations, private jet travel, entertainment, investor relations and regulatory fines.

Most recently Riley introduced the FAIR Data Act, bipartisan legislation to stop data center projects from driving up energy bills for families and small businesses. Massive data centers demand vast amounts of electricity and serving them will require costly grid upgrades. Under current rules utilities can pass those costs on to everyday people, rather than the companies driving the demand. This bill would prevent that and require investor-owned utilities to recover the costs of serving large data centers from those facilities-not from everyday people.

These measures may not turn back the clock to the lower electric prices of years ago, but they are fair, reasonable and should put a brake on future increases.

That's one reason (of many) why I will vote to re-elect Josh Riley this November. I appreciate the way he reaches across the aisle to bring Republicans and Democrats together on these important issues.

Sincerely,
Margaret Seiler
Claryville

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DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

Village of Wappingers Falls -Dutchess County
Public Outreach: On August 5, Forest Rangers Grillo and Pries, and Environmental Conservation Police Officer Zullo spoke to campers at the Stony Kill Foundation Summer Explorers Camp about hiker safety, what to do when you see wildlife in the forest, and all the responsibilities both divisions face on a daily basis. The campers also sang Happy Birthday to Smokey Bear for his 82nd birthday.



Ranger Pries at Stony Kill Foundation Summer Explorers Camp



Campers sing Happy Birthday to Smokey Bear

Town of Hunter -Greene County Wilderness Rescue:



On August 5 at 6:28 p.m., Forest Ranger Jackson responded to a call for a dehydrated and exhausted hiker on the Kaaterskill Falls trail. The 49-year-old from Schenectady had been hiking since Noon. They planned to park at Laurel House but missed the turn and parked at the South Lake parking area. This made the hike to the observation deck much longer than expected. Ranger Jackson provided water and electrolytes and slowly walked the subject to the Laurel House bridge and provided a courtesy ride to their vehicle. The incident was clear at 9:09 p.m.

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contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell
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City of Kingston Ulster County Subject in Crisis:

On August 6 at 1:30 p.m., Forest Ranger Grillo responded to a 911 call about a subject in crisis sitting in a car at the bottom of the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Ranger Grillo and two Dutchess County Sheriff's Deputies spoke with the subject for more than an hour. They cleaned and bandaged a cut on the subject's finger. They called in a mobile crisis team who transported the subject to a hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Town of Denning Ulster County Wilderness Rescue:

On August 5 at 7:05 p.m., Forest Ranger Horn responded to the Peekamoose trail for nine subjects who were lost and didn't have any flashlights or headlamps. The nine hikers were part of a larger group who started at the Denning trailhead and planned to summit Peekamoose Mountain. When they reached the summit, they became confused and descended the trail that leads to the Peekamoose Road parking area instead of Denning. The group was not equipped with any kind of map. Ranger Horn reached them via cell phone and told them to continue descending. Ranger Horn met them on the trail and hiked them to his vehicle. The Ranger drove the group leader to the YMCA to meet the rest of the group and organized a shuttle to get them all back to the correct parking area. The last hikers reached the parking area at 10:05 p.m.

Rangers suggest bringing a light source, maps, and compasses and know how to use them. These are part of the Ten Hiking Essentials.

Sullivan County Expands Substance Use Addiction Tools

MONTICELLO - A law enforcement initiative that is both community- and police related is working to address the issue of substance use disorder in Sullivan County.

District Attorney Brian Conaty said linking the Hope Not Handcuffs initiative with the county's Quick Response Team is an effective tool in tackling the problem.

"Deflection continues to grow rapidly as a community-led public safety and public health strategy offering police and communities alike a third option instead of arrest and charging or taking no action when it is clear that a person requires help and support," he said. "Deflection saves public dollars, reduces drug-related property crimes and reduces overdose deaths."

The county's Quick Response Team began in collaboration with the Village of Liberty Police Department and has now been expanded to the whole county.

Sullivan County is expanding a community-focused approach to substance use disorder by connecting the Hope Not Handcuffs initiative with its Quick Response Team. District Attorney Brian Conaty said the partnership provides an important alternative to arrest for individuals who need help and support.

The county's Quick Response Team, which began with the Village of Liberty Police Department, has now expanded county-wide, strengthening efforts to reduce drug-related crime, overdose deaths, and public costs while connecting people with needed resources.

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Wednesday, October 7th

Toddler Time (24-35 months)
Thursday, October 8th

Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)
Friday, October 9th

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour
Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School.
(Children will be registered at school.)
Tuesday, October 13th

*Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Please register online @ danielpiercelibrary.org*

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Hanofee Park Pavilion
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Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Monticello Fire Station
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What if this week's dinner started at the farmers market?

Garden House 12472 is making their famous falafel-hot, fresh and delicious-along with their lineup of Mediterranean specialties. It's the perfect excuse to skip the kitchen, grab something you've never tried, or take home a few things to turn into dinner later.

Baked Goods

Wild Inside Goods is popping in with a seriously tempting lineup of sourdough breads, chewy pretzels, homemade fudge, fresh-baked cookies, and delicious pies-plus jams made with local fruit. Basically, all the good stuff. Come early, come hungry, and welcome them to the market!



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Summer Market Salad

A ridiculously simple

recipe that lets fresh August produce shine.

Ingredients

2 ripe tomatoes
1 ear of fresh corn
1 peach
A handful of fresh basil
2 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp lemon juice or vinegar
Salt & pepper



Directions

Cut the tomatoes and peach into bite-sized pieces. Slice the corn straight off the cob and tear in plenty of basil. Drizzle with olive oil and lemon juice, season with salt and pepper, and gently toss.

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In addition to developing brand-new works each year, the festival gives audiences the opportunity to hear from acclaimed Broadway professionals and ask questions about their work. This popular series, titled Off the Cuff, has previously welcomed artists such as Jerry Mitchell, Rachel Hoffman, CSA, Jack O'Brien, and Natasha Katz.

For the sixth annual Off the Cuff series, the Forestburgh Playhouse is excited to feature Tony Award-winning composer and musical arranger Jeanine Tesori and critically acclaimed music director and conductor David Loud.

Jeanine Tesori is a Tony Award-winning composer and musical arranger, often lauded as the most prolific female theatrical composer in Broadway history. She has written the scores for the iconic Shrek: The Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Fun Home, Kimberly Akimbo, Violet, and Caroline, or Change.

David Loud is an acclaimed music director, conductor, pianist, and Broadway actor who has collaborated with iconic artists such as Stephen Sondheim and the legendary songwriting team of Kander and Ebb. He is best known for his work on Ragtime, Steel Pier, Curtains, Merrily We Roll Along, and Sondheim on Sondheim.

This is your chance to grab a front-row seat to the conversation of a lifetime. Ask questions, hear never-before-told stories about the shows you love, and walk away with a new appreciation for the art form and new inspiration.

Why You'll Love Off the Cuff

- o Meet and converse with acclaimed artists Jeanine Tesori and David Loud.

- o Get a sneak peek into David Loud's book, Facing the Music, available for purchase and signing.

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The only way to gain access to special VIP events-including the exclusive Off the Cuff conversations-is by becoming a Festival Passport holder. Don't miss the opportunity to meet these Broadway icons and talk with them face to face. Visit the link today to join the conversation:

<https://www.fbplayhouse.org/itw-passports>

Festival Passports are available now, and many events have limited seating.

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FIGHTING FOR MORE AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE

I know as well as anyone that being a parent is beyond a full-time job. At a time when Hudson Valley families are working as hard as they can, doing everything right, but still can't afford basic necessities, the last thing they should have to worry about is making sure their kids are well taken care of.

I fought back hard when Trump tried to rip away childcare funding from our community, but there's still a lot of work to do. I heard from parents unsure how much longer they can make ends meet and from providers who love taking care of kids but are left with no option but to switch professions in order to pay their bills. Childcare isn't a luxury item - it's a necessity for so many parents, but the system is broken. I'm proud and grateful to get to collaborate with these community members on how we can lower costs for families in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Read more

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-joins-community-leaders-parents-educators-round-table>

CELEBRATING 91 YEARS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, RENEWING THE FIGHT TO PASS THE PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

We are celebrating 91 years of Social Security and the promise we made to every American that if you work hard and contribute, we'll make sure you can retire with dignity. As Trump's tariffs and the war in Iran are making everything more expensive, the certainty of Social Security is more important than ever for our seniors. That's why I'm fighting to protect your earned benefits and make sure no politician or trillionaire like Elon Musk gets to touch it.

As the current administration continues to push for cuts to essential programs, my Protecting Social Security Act sends a message once and for all: there will be no cuts to Social Security, your benefits are protected, and they should be easily accessible, no matter where you live. Social Security represents a sacred promise made by our country to our seniors - you worked your whole lives for these benefits, and in return, we have your back. When Trump tried to close our Poughkeepsie Social Security office, the Hudson Valley fought back and won. We won't rest until Social Security is protected for good.

Read more <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/ahead-91st-anniversary-social-security-congressman-pat-ryan-continues-fight>

CONGRATULATING FAMILY OF NEW PALTZ ON 50 YEARS

For 50 years, Family of New Paltz has lived up to their motto: help with any problem under the sun. They have been champions at supporting the community with housing, food insecurity, and any other basic essentials families need to thrive. I've been proud to support their work, and I'm grateful my team could join their staff and volunteers today to celebrate this milestone.

BUILDING THE "NEWBURGH OF THE FUTURE, 2050" SUMMER SHOWCASE

My staff was honored to attend this summer's SUNY Orange Summer showcase where students studied the City of Newburgh's history and shared their ideas for building an even brighter future in our community.

Thank you to Janea Hill for putting together a wonderful program!

THANK YOU TO OUR DISTRICT SUMMER INTERNS

As students head back to college and universities this fall, I want to take this opportunity to thank our summer interns, Sharai Martinez, Rowan Hoyt, and Abhilash Patel for all their hard work this summer. Best of luck in the fall!

If you are looking to intern in my office for spring 2027 please sign up here: <https://patryan.house.gov/services/internships>

US SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSION

At West Point I learned how to live a life grounded in duty, honor, and country.

Nominating the next generation of leaders is an incredible privilege.

To learn more about the service academy application process, join my information session Sept. 19th from 11am-2pm.

More information

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-opens-application-window-us-service-academy-nominations-0>If you're interested in finding YOUR path to service, reach out to my office!

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. Read more:

<https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-launches-america-250-essay-contest-hudson-valley-high?fbclid=IwY2xjawSzivNleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFsc3IEeDVEN1ZXS2VabWI0c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHhSh2KBV3ZyizgisN5KCWsDkiz7HQF-4jU3tCI2WEaZAXsZME8LmnuLoda2k aem ziw2MN4glquN0g5YJsLJVA>

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. Pat Ryan.

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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.

<https://iqconnect.house.gov/iquextranet/EForm.aspx?cid=NY19PR&fid=100064>

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

My team had a wonderful time at the Office of the Aging Picnic in the town of Poughkeepsie!

If 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.

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>

GRANTS CORNER**Featured Funding Opportunities****Weatherization Assistance Program**

The NYS Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. NYS WAP assists income-eligible homeowners and some renters* in our state by reducing heating and

cooling costs through energy-conservation measures, while also addressing health and safety issues in their homes.

Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance. Program services are available to both homeowners and renters, with priority given to senior citizens, families with children, and people with disabilities.

If a household contains a member who receives Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits or certain other forms of public assistance, the household is automatically eligible for NYS WAP services. Applications are accepted from renters, homeowners, and rental property owners. Potential program participants apply by contacting the WAP provider that serves their area.

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.

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

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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 Agriculture Plan

This week, I released my 2026 Agriculture Plan to strengthen New York's farm economy and support the hardworking farmers and producers who feed our families and sustain our rural communities. As the largest agricultural district in the Northeast and the fifth-largest dairy-producing district in the nation, NY-24 is home to a diverse agricultural economy that includes dairy, apples, grapes, maple syrup, and other specialty crops. My plan focuses on expanding market opportunities, strengthening the agricultural workforce, protecting American farmland from hostile foreign interests, and pushing back against burdensome policies that make it harder for family farms to compete. We must give our farmers the stability and resources they need to succeed today and pass their farms on to the next generation.

To view my full Agriculture Plan, click here.

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

My 2026 Energy and Environment Plan

New Yorkers pay some of the highest electricity rates in the

nation as Albany Democrats' unrealistic energy mandates continue to drive up costs and strain our electric grid. My 2026 Energy and Environment Plan offers a commonsense path forward focused on unleashing American energy dominance, expanding reliable domestic energy production, supporting nuclear, hydroelectric, biofuel, and emerging technologies, strengthening our critical mineral supply chains, and preserving consumer choice. We can lower costs and strengthen our energy security while responsibly conserving the Finger Lakes, Great Lakes, and the natural resources that make Upstate and Western New York such a special place to live. New York families and businesses deserve an energy policy that delivers affordability and reliability while making full use of America's abundant resources and innovation.

To view my full Energy and Environment Plan, click here.

<https://tenney.house.gov/issues/energy-and-environment-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. 4782, the Local Farmers Feeding our Communities Act: This bill would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program that provides cooperative agreements to state, local, and Tribal governments to increase the purchase of locally produced food. Specifically, the bill would support the purchase of unprocessed and minimally processed local foods from farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and other producers, expand partnerships between producers and food distribution organizations, provide technical assistance to local producers, and require that at least 25 percent of purchased products come from small, mid-sized, beginning, or veteran farmers and ranchers. Strengthening local and regional food systems helps expand market opportunities for agricultural producers while increasing access to fresh, nutritious food. This legislation helps support family farms, strengthen local food supply chains, and promote long-term growth in American agriculture.

H.R. 4363, the Defend Girls Athletics Act: This bill would require elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education receiving federal funds to ensure biological fairness in women's and girls' athletic programs. Preserving fair competition and equal athletic opportunities for women and girls helps uphold the intent of Title IX and protects the integrity of women's sports. This legislation ensures that female athletes have a level playing field to compete for roster spots, scholarships, championships, and other athletic opportunities.

H.R. 3859, the Returning Illegals over Turmoil Act: This bill would require the removal and permanent inadmissibility of certain removable aliens who incite or participate in violent civil unrest involving assaults on law enforcement officers or members of the Armed Forces. Individuals who violently attack law enforcement or military personnel while unlawfully present in the United States should be held accountable. This legislation helps strengthen public safety, support law enforcement, and reinforce the enforcement of federal immigration laws against individuals who commit serious crimes during civil unrest.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Advancing legislation to support first responders

Public safety officers risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe. When tragedy strikes and an officer loses their life or becomes permanently disabled in the line of duty, we must look out for them and their family.

Last week, Kirsten's bipartisan bill to speed up benefits delivery for public safety officers passed the Senate. This is commonsense legislation, and Kirsten is continuing to fight for swift passage in the House.

2. Fighting America's maternal health crisis

Women in the U.S. are more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than in any of our peer countries. That is shameful and unacceptable.

Kirsten joined a bicameral group of colleagues in reintroducing landmark legislation designed to end our nation's maternal health crisis. The Momnibus Act will address maternal health risks that disproportionately affect Black mothers, fund community support, and strengthen federal programs that assist new moms.

3. Fighting to get money out of politics

In last week's episode of Kirsten's YouTube show, she broke down her fight to establish a national "Democracy Dollars" voucher program that would empower everyday American voters to participate in the campaign finance system and reduce the outsized influence of megadonors.

4. Helping New Yorkers access government services

Millions of New Yorkers rely on federal services to feed their children, obtain necessary medical care, and run their businesses. But recent Trump administration policies are making it harder for non-English speakers to access these services.

That's why Kirsten introduced the Language Access For All Act to codify translation and interpretation requirements for federal agencies, protecting access for the 25 million individuals in the United States with limited English proficiency.

5. Kirsten on MeidasTouch

Kirsten joined MeidasTouch host Ben Meiselas to discuss her new legislation to get money out of politics, the upcoming midterm elections, and President Trump's cost-increasing chaos.

6. Getting New Yorkers their tax refunds

A Manhattan constituent reached out to Kirsten for help securing her federal tax refund following multiple delays from the IRS.

Kirsten's team stepped in and contacted the Taxpayer Advocate Service to request a review of her file and urge the IRS to process her return. Following the office's outreach, the backlog was finally cleared, and the constituent received her full refund.

Oberacker Challenges Riley to Eleven Debates to Ensure Voters are Fully Informed

Campaign proposes one debate per week in each of the 19th District's represented counties, running through the final week before Election Day

SCHENEVUS, NY - Senator Peter Oberacker, candidate for Congress in New York's 19th District, today challenged Congressman Josh Riley to a series of 11 debates - one in each county of the district - beginning the week of August 24 and continuing weekly through the final week before Election Day, November 3.

Senator Peter Oberacker said, "This district runs from the Catskills to the Southern Tier to the edge of the Capital Region, and every county in it deserves the chance to see both of us stand up, answer hard questions, and be held accountable, rather than just watching 30-second ads paid for by people who don't live here. I'm calling on Congressman Riley to give the voters of NY-19 11 opportunities to see us side by side and decide for themselves. No scripted press conferences. No stage-managed photo-ops. A real debate over real issues affecting our constituents."

The Oberacker Challenge

Oberacker's campaign proposes one debate per week in each of the district's 11 counties: Broome, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Rensselaer, Sullivan, Tompkins, and Ulster, running from the week of August 24 through the week of October 26, concluding the week before Election Day.

To keep the debates focused on voters rather than logistics, the campaign is proposing the following ground rules:

- More than 50% in-person. Of the 11 debates, no fewer than six will be held in person, in the county they represent, open to the public and press.
- A real exchange, not parallel press conferences. Each debate must include direct time for the candidates to question and respond to each other on the issues NY19 voters care about and not just answer a moderator in sequence.
- One dedicated to agriculture. At least one debate will be held at a working farm, fairgrounds, or grange hall, focused specifically on the issues facing the district's farmers, including land use, foreign solar companies, labor, input costs, conservation, and the future of family farms in NY 19

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- At least one debate will focus specifically on the cost of living in NY19, including utility bills, rate increases, taxes, and household budgets under pressure.
- Neutral local hosts. Each debate will be organized with a local, nonpartisan co-host in that county responsible for format and moderation, so neither campaign controls the room. For example: library, chamber of commerce, civic organization, and/or local news outlet.
- A fixed, public format. Equal speaking time, agreed to in advance, with opening and closing statements and a live audience Q&A segment in each county.
- An open invitation to local and regional press, so voters who can't attend in person can still see the debate.

"We chose these rules because we don't think debates should be about 'gotchas' or theatrics," Oberacker said. "They should be about giving people a real look at where we stand, regardless of where they live and especially on the issues closest to home: what it costs to keep the lights on, how much it costs to fill up their truck, what it takes to keep a family farm running, and who actually has a say over decisions made in their own backyard."

The Oberacker campaign is formally extended this challenge to the Riley campaign and asked for a response by August 17. The campaign will begin reaching out to local civic organizations, farm bureaus, and news outlets in each of the district's 11 counties this week to begin securing venues - some of which conversations have already begun with both candidates. Oberacker has agreed to all invitations thus far.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

United States Adversaries Pose Threats

The Heritage Foundation Study of March 4, 2026 exposes military threats from four countries.

China poses the biggest threat to our national security. It has more naval vessels than the United States. China continues to claim sovereignty over the South China Sea and threaten Taiwan, the Philippines and Japan. It desires to control the Far East sea lanes, which could impact world trade.

Russia's nuclear arsenal, including non-strategic nuclear weapons, is second to the U.S. Its invasion of Ukraine creates an ongoing threat to Europe. Russia wants to reestablish the Soviet Empire in Eastern Europe. It deploys significant naval forces, including submarines, around the world.

North Korea possesses nuclear warhead missiles able to reach U.S. Pacific bases and the mainland U.S. It has a large standing army, and it threatens to invade South Korea where we have 30,000 troops. It is expanding its Navy and could impede seaborne commerce.

Iran threatens stability in the Middle East and the availability of 20% of the world's oil supply.

Are we ready to respond to belligerence from these adversaries? Hopefully, the dire food and drinking water conditions and seriously low morale reports by dependent families of the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln are not indicative of our Navy's readiness. Based on my experiences with naval deployments, the chain of command for the Abraham Lincoln from the top on down; including the ship's captain are not doing their jobs. Some officials had the audacity to say everything is o.k. on the ship.

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The 146th Annual Grahamsville Little World's Fair was a tremendous success for everyone involved, volunteers, the Fair Association, our community and the many visitors who came to enjoy the weekend. Though the Daniel Pierce Library is just a small part of this incredible event, we truly cherish the opportunity to participate.

We loved serving up our famous strawberry shortcake, chatting with fellow book lovers at the book sale and inviting everyone to support the library through our Giant Pumpkin Party raffle.

We are sincerely grateful to the Fair Association for including us each year and to our amazing library staff, who worked tirelessly preparing for and staffing our booths throughout the event. A heartfelt thank you as well to our dedicated volunteers and board members who gave their time and energy to help make the fair a success. Your support means the world to us.

We love our library, our team and the community that continues to support us year after year. We hope to see you again soon - join us on Saturday, October 3rd for our ***40th Giant Pumpkin Party, Parade and Theme Float Contest!***

Warmly,

Cathy Russo and the Board of Trustees

On Seniors' Citizen Day Governor Hochul Signs Legislation Strengthening Support and Resources for New Yorkers with Alzheimers and Other Forms of Dementia

Governor Kathy Hochul today signed legislation A4195-A/S118-A, which will amend New York's Elder Law to require the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care program to provide information about programs and services available to New Yorkers with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The Governor was joined by the bill's sponsors State Senator Cordell Cleare and Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman as they celebrated with seniors in Harlem during Senator Cleare's 5th Annual Senior Citizens Day.

"On Senior Citizens Day, New York is making it easier for older New Yorkers and their families to find the support they need when facing difficult diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia," Governor Hochul said. "While Republicans in Washington prioritize making life more difficult for Americans, I'm focused on helping our seniors access critical care and support and providing financial relief to New Yorkers and their families."

The legislation would:

- o Make dementia and Alzheimer's resources that are already available to New Yorkers, easier to find through the NY Connects program.
- o Help individuals, caregivers and families find available home, community and institution based services.
- o Require an ongoing education and outreach campaign to ensure New Yorkers are aware of these new resources.

Governor Hochul also slammed Trump's latest plans for Medicare cuts and highlighted how New York has delivered healthcare savings for seniors through her major expansion of the Medicare Savings Program, banning copays for insulin, and other initiatives.

Last week, the Trump Administration announced it would end the Medicare Part D Premium Stabilization Demonstration Program by the end of the year - a year earlier than intended. This program, initiated by the Biden Administration in 2024, was intended to stabilize stand-alone prescription drug plan premiums for enrollees, by providing subsidies to plan sponsors. Analysts estimate that these subsidies offset the average prescription drug plan premium by \$16 per month in 2026.

Raising prescription drug costs that millions of older New Yorkers rely on every day risks putting additional financial pressure on seniors living on fixed incomes. Since taking office, Governor Hochul has been committed to making life more affordable for all New Yorkers, including seniors. Her initiatives include:

- o Expanded Medicare Savings Program: The Medicare Savings Program helps Medicare beneficiaries living on limited incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums. Governor Hochul's expansion of the program increased enrollment by 20 percent to serve more than one million New Yorkers today. This program saves eligible New Yorkers \$203 per month, meaning \$2.4 billion in Medicare Part B premiums every year that New Yorkers do not have to pay.

- o Eliminating Co-Pays for Insulin: 1.58 million people are living with diabetes in New York and according to the American Diabetes Association, people with diabetes have medical expenses that are 2.3 times higher than people who do not have diabetes and the impact is even larger for communities of color, which face disproportionately high diagnosis rates. Governor Hochul spearheaded the most expansive prohibition policy against insulin cost-sharing in the nation, saving residents millions of dollars. Estimates show

that this proposal has saved New Yorkers \$25 million over the last two years.

- o EpiPen Price Cap: The Governor signed legislation in 2024 that reduced the sky-high costs of epinephrine auto-injector ("EpiPen") devices for consumers with commercial health insurance. The legislation required health insurers to cover EpiPens and capped the amount consumers would be required to pay out-of-pocket at \$100 per year, making the life-saving treatment more affordable for the New Yorkers who need it. The initiative has saved New Yorkers approximately \$2.4 million in 2026.

Governor Hochul Announces Dept of Financial Services' Consumer Notice to Holocaust Survivors and Their Families in Response to Scam

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) has issued a consumer notice to warn Holocaust survivors and their families about potential fraud. The notice follows unsolicited fraudulent correspondence sent to Holocaust survivors and their families by an entity referring to itself as the "Jewish Holocaust Claims Center" or "JHCC" and that urges recipients to submit claims for compensation. After DFS was unable to verify the identity, services, or legitimacy of the entity, the Department referred the scam to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, and reported the entity's website to its hosting provider. The fraudulent website has since been removed.

"Scamming and stealing from Holocaust survivors and their families is the lowest of lows," Governor Hochul said. "This program delivers justice to Holocaust survivors who've suffered through the unspeakable and I'm committed to ensuring New York State protects survivors and their families and provides the assistance and assets these New Yorkers deserve."

DFS Acting Superintendent Kaitlin Asrow said, "The Department is committed to ensuring that Holocaust survivors and their families can pursue restitution without fear. DFS will continue working with our government and community partners to protect survivors, provide trusted assistance, and help families recover assets that were wrongfully taken from them."

After learning of the unsolicited correspondence, DFS issued a consumer notice urging Holocaust survivors and their families to exercise caution when contacted about potential eligibility for compensation or restitution and to independently verify any such outreach before providing personal or financial information. The Department has worked with consumers, advocacy organizations, and local government officials to distribute the alert and ensure potentially impacted individuals have access to trusted information and assistance.

DFS's Holocaust Claims Processing Office (HCPO) was created in 1997 to help Holocaust victims and their heirs recover assets deposited in banks; unpaid proceeds of insurance policies issued by European insurers; and artworks that were lost, looted or sold under duress. The HCPO does not charge claimants for its services.

Since its inception, the HCPO has responded to thousands of inquiries and received claims from all 50 U.S. states and 53 countries. To date, the HCPO has helped return over \$184 million in assets to victims' families while also recovering 356 cultural objects.

Holocaust survivors and their families who believe they may be eligible for compensation or restitution, or who want to verify a communication came from or is affiliated with the HCPO, should contact the New York State Holocaust Claim



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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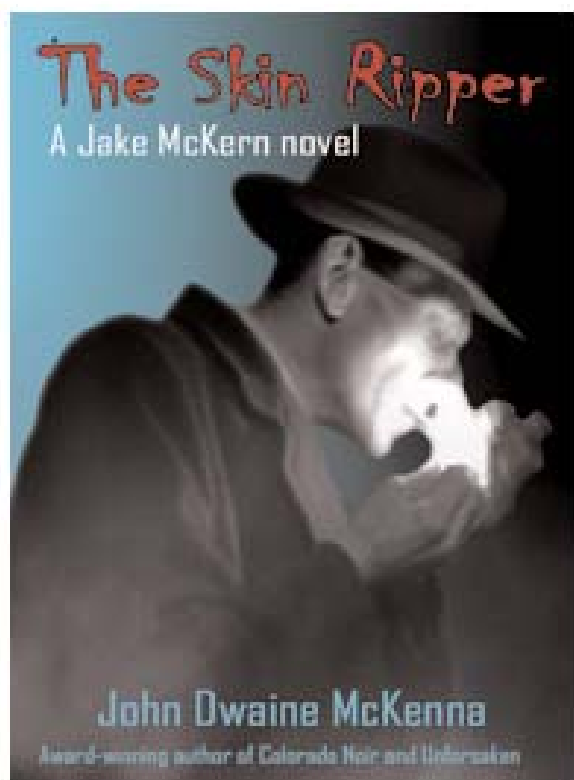
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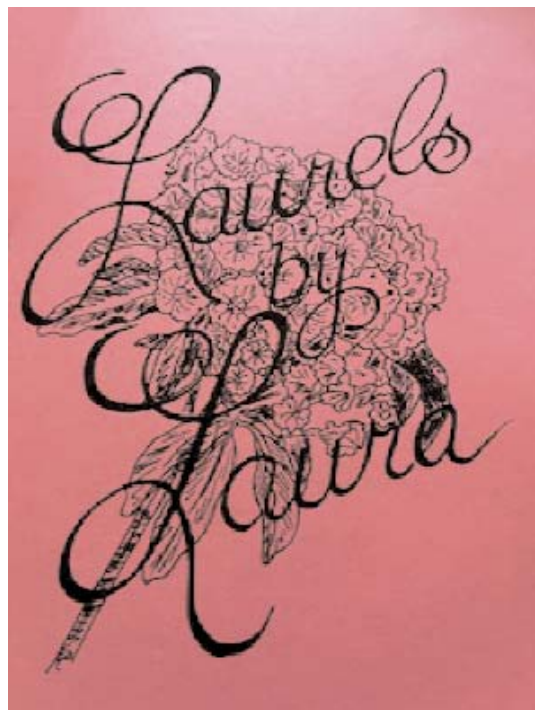
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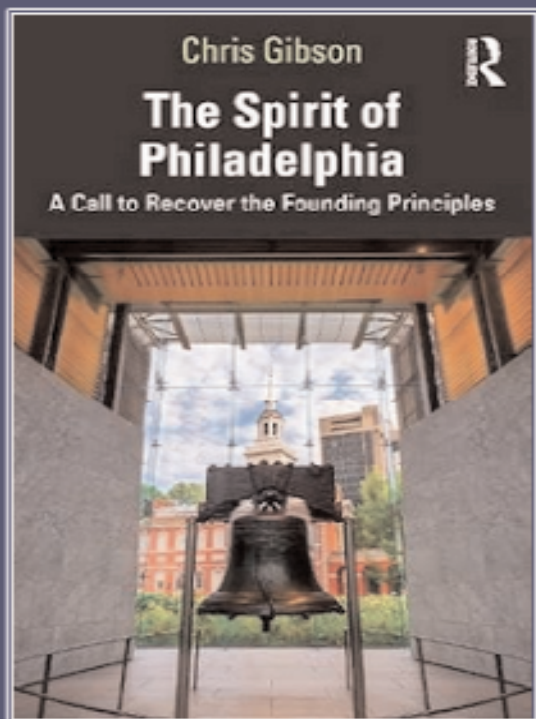
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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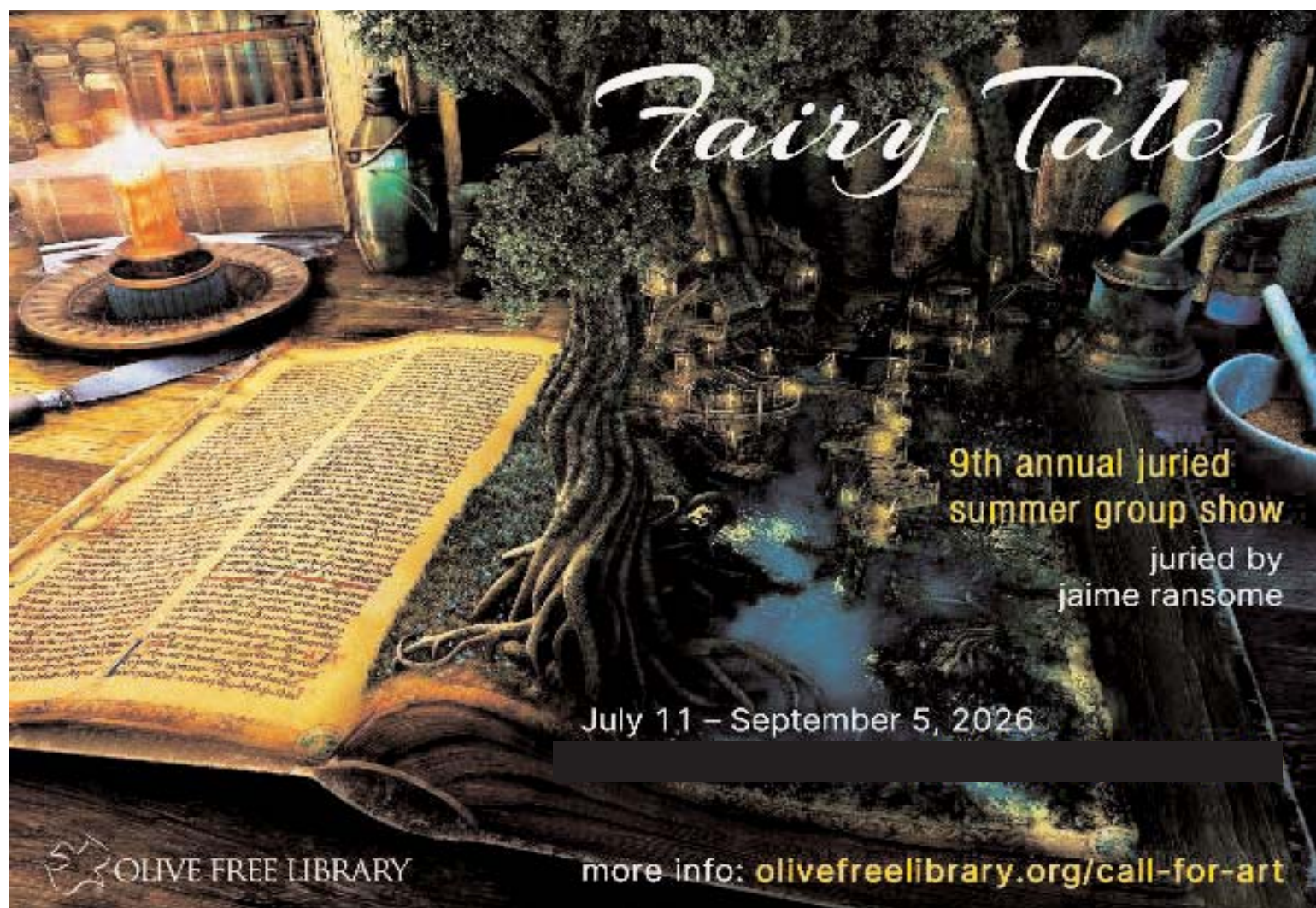
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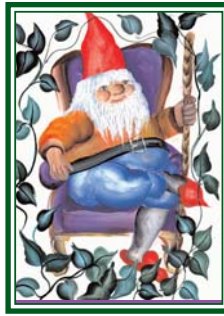


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