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Sullivan County Museum Weekend! Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26th



Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Livingston Manor

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Sullivan County Museum Weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th. Nine museums across Sullivan County are joining together on this weekend to offer an open invitation (and free admission!) for everyone to go out and explore this county's long and rich history. There is something for everyone of all ages to explore, from Native American history, to early settlers, fly fishing, D&H Canal, Boy Scouts, NYC's water system, polar exploration and so much more.

Museums are offering free admission (except for Fort Delaware), special events, shop discounts, tours, giveaways, prizes and lots more for everyone! "This collabora-

tion provides a wonderful opportunity for visitors to engage with Sullivan County's diverse and fascinating history," said Donna Steffens, Director of the Time & the Valleys Museum. "All the Museums are excited to introduce their museums to all visitors and share their unique Sullivan County stories." (Contd. Pg. 5)

Tri-Valley Lions Attend The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Craft Fair

On Saturday, July 18, 2026 under the Pavillion at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Lions Patricia Menje, Mike Ryan and Maryann Cosentino represented The Tri-Valley Lions and displayed Lions brochures and health info. Lion Pat also set up craft tables for children attending to do some watercolor painting and other activities.

Although the weather was not great and there were several downpours, both vendors and attendees seemed to have a good event. The Ladies Auxiliary sold hotdogs, delicious chicken salad wraps made by Martha TerBush, chips and drinks.

We certainly hope that the vendors and the Ladies Auxiliary did well and compliments to the Ladies Auxiliary for their amazing work in organizing such a wonderful event.

Of course, thank you to all those that attended despite the inclement weather and for supporting our local volunteer organizations.



Lions Mike Ryan, Patricia Menje, and Maryann Cosentino

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our God above all Gods.

And the house which I build is great; for great is
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DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

August 1, 1956

Willard M. Vetter, Director of the Student Aid Foundation at the State Univ. Agricultural and Technical Institute, Delhi, N.Y. has announced that Alfred E. Einert, of Grahamsville, N.Y., has been awarded the first scholarship in the agricultural division, by the newly-formed Delhi Tech Student Foundation. Mr. Einert is majoring in animal husbandry. He is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

New York City is preparing to protest its real estate assessment in Sullivan and adjacent counties where it has vast real estate holdings in connection with its water supply system. The city has substantial tracts of land in several counties as part of its water supply system and last year paid tremendous real estate taxes.

July 27, 1966

Mrs. Olive Anapel and Sam Carr were united in marriage on Sunday evening at the parsonage in Livingston Manor by the Rev. H.M. Fargo. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Carr left on Monday morning for a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Miss Susan Shaut has been named to the Dean's List for the 1966 spring semester at the College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University. Miss Shaut, in her junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shaut of the Woodbourne Road. She is a Tri Valley Central School graduate.

August 4, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. McArthur Jr. of White Sulphur Springs announce the marriage of their daughter, Deborah Jean Carpenter to Glenn Harris Komorsky, son of Sylvia Rubenstein of Curry on July 31, 1976. The marriage was performed by Rev. Robert A. Knebel of the White Sulphur Springs Methodist Church. The couple who are now honeymooning at Cape Cod, will make their home in Curry.

Debbie Zeininger and Carl VanValkenburg were married Sunday, August 1st at the Grahamsville Methodist Church, the Rev. Newton H. Ford officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeininger of Neversink. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David VanValkenburg of Sundown.

August 14, 1986

Daniel Smythe's most recent sculpture, "Asunder", has been chosen for the juried Sculpture and Assemblage Show at the Woodstock Artists' Assoc. Gallery in Woodstock, N.Y. Smythe's metal and wood sculpture, "Harvest" is also on exhibit at the Delaware Valley Art Alliance Show, "Interpreting the Foothills." Mr. Smythe has his studio on South Hill Road, Grahamsville.

Richard and Evelyn Zeininger of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Penny Sue, to Robert Madison Honaker, son of Robert Honaker and Frances Ryder of Neversink. Miss Zeininger is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and has an associate degree from Sullivan County Community College. She is employed by Beatrice Tropicana Corp., Bradenton, Fla. Her fiancé graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and is employed by the Donzi Marine Corp., Bradenton Fla. They plan to marry Sept 6th.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley
Published July 25, 1996

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

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

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

Quite often I filled my apron pockets then went outside and sat on the steps. All too soon she would come running to share my peanuts. Just a plain little white hen, but very special to me.

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

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

Household Hint:

Monetary Measurements

A dollar bill is 6.14 in. long. But you don't have to memorize that; just remember that a buck is about 6 in. long and you'll always have an approximate measuring tool in your wallet.

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.

Sweet Little Glow of the Evening Primrose

Throughout the summer there always seems to be at least one wildflower that brings a bit of 'sunshine' even on a rainy day. The Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*) is one of those cheery flowers.

The cup-shaped flower has a bright yellow to gold corolla and is about 1 to 1 1/2 inches wide, with four petals. The fragrant flowers usually last only one to two days, although the plant flowers from June through October.



Its basal leaves form a rosette near the base of the plant. The erect stem, which sometimes branches near the top, can be covered with hairs.

The plant grows from 2 to 4 feet tall. The stem has alternate, lance-olateshaped leaves that are 2 to 8 inches long and spiral around the stem starting from the ground. They are dark green, serrated and usually have reddish veins. The leaves are usually hairy.

The Evening Primrose, a native to the U.S. including the Catskills, is a biennial, herbaceous flowering plant. The family is so-named because the flowers are partially to fully closed during the day and usually open in the evening.

The evening primrose can become an invasive plant. It takes the task of seeding very seriously, producing seed in copious amounts. Evening Primrose has several folk names including King's Cureall, night candle, fever plant, night willow herb, scabish, sun crop, scurvisch, or wild beet. In the Victorian language of flowers, evening primrose represents fickleness.

Evening primrose was used by Indigenous tribes in North America (namely the Cherokee, Iroquois, Ojibwe and Potawatomi) used this plant not just as food but medicine too. They used it to make poultices to heal wounds. The Cherokee, Iroquois, Ojibwas, and Potawatomi were among several Native American tribes that used common evening-primrose for both food and for medicinal purposes and to improve their strength.

The evening primrose was introduced to Europe in the early 17th century as an ornamental plant in botanical gardens, without recognition of their ancient use as medicine. It wasn't until the 1930's that researchers discovered the oil was powerful. Today, Primrose Oil has become quite popular and the ripened seedpods on the tall stalks are cut to be used as interesting additions to dried floral arrangements.

Because the brilliant yellow goblets of the beautiful evening primrose grow so easily, you'll see them thriving uncared for along roadsides this time of the year reminding us with its sunny yellow glow that summer is in full bloom and there are still warm days ahead!

Albi Beluli's Musical Extravaganza:
Live from Grahamsville Town Hall Park
on Thursday,
July 16th Cancelled
Due to Smoke –

Rescheduled for Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30 pm

–Written by William A. Brenner, Esq.



Popular local guitarist Albi Beluli arranged a free community musical extravaganza “Live From Grahamsville in Town Hall Park” along the Chestnut Creek on Thursday, July 16th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Friends and neighbors were bringing the lemonade, tea and ice with powdered donuts. Chocolate donuts would melt in the heat

It was a hot, sunny day but humid and dark with clouds covering the sun.

The concert was cancelled due to the health hazard from the heavy smoke from the Canadian wild fires.

**Albi rescheduled the free Grahamsville musical for this
Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm,
weather and smoke permitting.**

Sullivan County Museum Weekend!

Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26th (From Pg. 1)

Participating Museums:

Catskill Art Space, Hurleyville catskillartspace.org

Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Livingston Manor cffcm.org

D&H Canal Interpretive Center, Summitville sullivanny.us/departments/parksrecreation/delawarehudson

Frederick Cook Society, Hurleyville frederickcookociety.org

Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg (no free admission) thedelawarecompany.org/fort-delaware-museum

Liberty Museum and Arts Center libertymuseum.com

Sullivan County Historical Society, Hurleyville scnyhistory.org

Ten Mile River Scout Museum, Narrowsburg tmrmuseum.org

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville timeandthevalleymuseum.org



: D&H Canal Interpretive Center
on Bova Road, Summitville

of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission is FREE for Museum members, adults are \$10 and children \$5.

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

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

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



Sullivan County Historical Society
265 Main Street, Hurleyville

For more information on Sullivan County Museum Weekend, please go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org, call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Please contact each Museum for their open hours and special offerings. **The Time and the Valleys Museum**, at 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County is open both days, noon to 4 p.m., and will be offering free admission, a 20% off all new memberships and free gift from the Museum shop!

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end



Liberty Museum and Arts Center
46 South Main Street, Liberty

- **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 many 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. Buildings include a farm house, 1870s barn, saw mill, sap house, electric plant, pig pen, chicken coop, WORKING waterwheel building and many more!

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please email or call 845-985-7700.

Big Sky Productions & the Sullivan County Museum Present "Closets"

A new play by local playwright Bill Duncan



Local playwright Bill Duncan of Woodbourne is the author of the play "Closets."



Carol Montana
Big Sky Productions'
Artistic Director

HURLEYVILLE, NY - On Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2 at 2 p.m., Big Sky Productions, a theatre company based in Grahamsville, will present a dramatic reading of the new play "Closets" at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. The play is written by Woodbourne playwright Bill Duncan.

Based on a true story, "Closets" introduces a typical working class family struggling to make ends meet in Erie, PA. Life gets more complex, however, as intimate details of their relationships become painfully evident. The pressures among them increases as both parents and children struggle with surprises

their upbringings had never prepared them for. Their struggles are real and their strengths as well.

"Closets" is for mature audiences due to language and adult situations.

The play is directed by Big Sky Productions' Artistic Director Carol Montana and features a cast of nine: Laure Valentine, Ellen Pavloff, David Dann, Albee Bockman, Jason Dole, Paul Ciliberto, Pam LeConey, Lourdesa Hunt and Bob Bliefernich.

Bill Duncan has had plays produced in various venues in upstate NY (Rome, Auburn, Aurora, Goshen, Monticello, Rhinebeck), in NYC and in Pennsylvania. His work has received awards from TANYS (Theatre Association of New York State). His play TRUST was a finalist in a Yale University Drama Competition and won the Gloria Peter Playwright Competition (Aurora).

Carol Montana has a Master's Degree in Dramatic Form and Structure from the University of Connecticut and has directed over 60 plays for her theatre company Big Sky Productions as well as for other area theatrical companies and venues.

Tickets for "Closets" will be available at the door. Admission is \$12 and includes dessert. The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main St. in Hurleyville.

For additional information, call the Sullivan County Museum at 845-434-8044 or Big Sky Productions at 845-985-3175.



Laure Valentine



Bob Bliefernich



Jason Dole



David Dann



Lourdesa Hunt



Ellen Pavloff



Pam LeConey



Paul Ciliberto



Albee Bockman



The Good Killer

Mysterious Book Report No. 411

by John Dwaine McKenna

Published July 23, 2020

The last item in the late CWA Grand Master Elmore Leonard's famed "Ten Rules of Writing," is this: *Try to leave out the part readers tend to skip.*

What he meant in his tongue and cheek way, is don't bore the reader with superficial, unneeded, and unwanted minutiae. Keep driving the story forward with action and excitement.

Now, an emerging hard-boiled writing talent named Harry Dolan, is doing just that. He's a disciple of Leonard who took his lessons to heart and got them right . . . so right in fact, that we're looking at Mr. Dolan's fifth, and newest, to be his breakout novel. The one that vaults him into fame and national prominence. Yeah – it's that well done.

The Good Killer, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 339 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-4841-4) by Harry Dolan, begins in Houston, Texas. That's where a socially inept loser named Henry Alan Keen has just been dropped by a woman he's dated a few times. Despondent, Henry Keen tries to kill himself, but chickens out when it's time to pull the trigger. Then, he has a better idea. He'll go to the mall where his former flame works and make her watch as he shoots the place up. That'll impress her for certain. Sure it will.

But when Keen puts his plan into action, killing and wounding a number of people in front of his terrified former dating partner, he's killed by an Iraq War veteran – and the main protagonist of this kinetic novel – named Sean Tennant. He runs toward the gunfire when it starts, and calmly shoots Keen . . . once in the chest and once in the head . . . all of that activity happens in the first twenty-five pages of this finely tuned, intricately-crafted and serpentine-plotted novel. Twists, revelations and action sequences are revealed in every chapter, on almost every page. Here's a few . . .

After aiding some of the wounded, Sean Tennant disappears. He's a man with a past, a national hero and a fugitive, all at the same time . . . running from a past too painful to face, and too dangerous to deny. Sean and his girlfriend Molly have been living on a razors-edge for more than five years now, hoping for the best, but expecting the worst as they run for their lives.

The Good Killer will grab you on the first page and never let go until the last one, when you'll be gasping for breath, saying "Damn, I didn't see that coming!" and howling for more from Harry Dolan!

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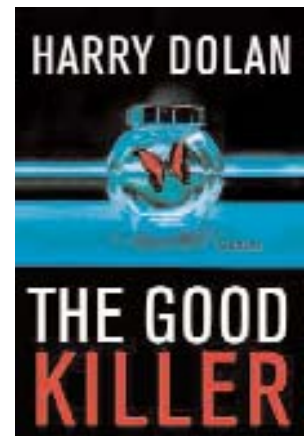
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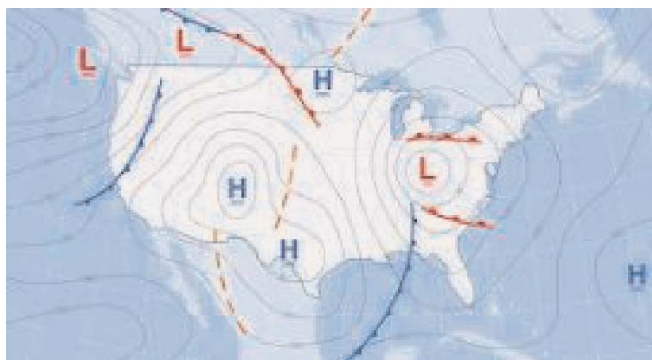
by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Whether the Weather

When I was growing up, I got the weather forecast from my mom or dad. First I got the temperature of outdoors. Mom or dad would walk outside and tell me if it was cold, hot, or warm. There was no “wind chill” to measure. Then the forecast would continue; It was either sunny, cloudy, rainy, foggy, windy, and in the winter, could be snowy or icy. In the days of early television, my mom and dad were spared the walk outside because there was a weatherman named “Frank Field,” who was one segment of the one nightly news show we got.

Now, I get a detailed weather every ten minutes with maps swathed in green or (heaven forbid) red, along with a woman or man detailing every isobar and commenting on the day's projection of weather.

We hear about highs and lows and La Niña and El Niño and storms named alphabetically, I am told to take an umbrella, wear sunglasses, or wash the car.



There are charts and sometimes, a scrolling footnote goes across the screen with weather alerts, and my phone squawks to me if there is a storm a-brewing. The weather forecast gets more detailed with daily and hourly reports. It goes on with its crystal ball to tell me two weeks from Tuesday's projected weather.

Do I trust it? No. We

all talk about the weather, but it changes and has so many variables that I often rely on my parents method of stepping outside to see the sky, feel the temperature, and stay dry or wet.



The weather is definitely changing. We never needed an air conditioner until a few years ago. We had the “dog days” of August, but this summer has been a doozy of heat waves with days topping a hundred.

People talk about the weather, but we really do not have control of it nor a perfect prediction. YET! I wonder how climate change will affect our lifestyles and quest for that perfect 75 degree sunny day.

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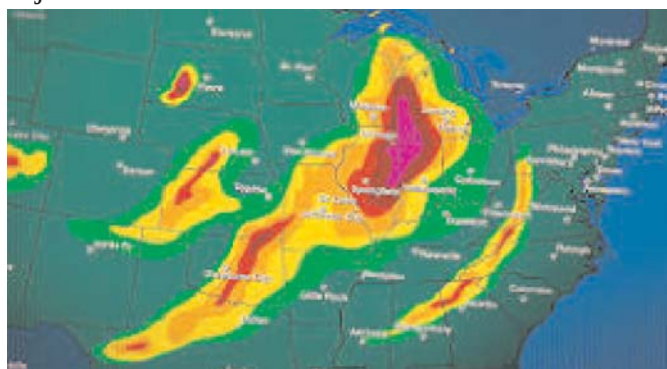
... in Greek means “**Toward the Sun**,” was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column “The Olive Jar” for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of “Prosilio” as you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

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Summer Programs and GPP Prep-it's a busy time for the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Our 2026 Unearth A Story Summer Reading programs are going off without a hitch and we couldn't be happier. Thank you to all who have participated thus far!

On Tuesday, July 14 we held our 3D Printing event and boy, were the kids creative. Set up for students entering grades 1-3, the programmers gave a short introduction to the world of 3D printing before setting the children loose to create their own masterpieces. They colored their filament and watched as a real 3D printer brought their creations to life in a one-of-a-kind multi-color miniature. Then, each child received a 7-inch articulated dinosaur to paint. It was a fantastic afternoon of creative discovery.

But that's not all...on Thursday, July 16 Tri-Valley teens gathered at the library to participate in our Dinosaur Eye program. Amongst a backdrop of Jurassic Park music, and festive decorations, the teens sculpted intricately designed dinosaur eyes from air clay. It was great to hear the chit chat as they worked and was amazing to see the end products.

Next up is our felting event with expert Christine Adams at the helm. She'll be guiding students entering grades 4-6 in a hands-on workshop where they will be creating their own felted geode. Then, on Thursday, July 23 we're hosting a Dinosaur Bones and Foam Party! Children ages 0-5 years old are going to put the play in play clothes with this messy, hands-on activity. They're going to jump and dance their way through the foam party and then build a HUGE dinosaur! It's going to be great. Rounding out our summer programming is Entertainment Night. We're bringing it back to the library! Register for this awesome experience brought to us by "DINOSAURS ROCK Fossil Adventure." Children can expect to see and touch life-size, authentic museum exhibit pieces, learn from a DINOSAURS ROCK expert and go on a real fossil dig. It's going to be so cool! Register through our website if you haven't already.

And, a reminder, it's not just about programs, we have so many reading incentives, games and contests to participate in as well. Stop by the library to pick up logs and BINGO game boards or print them from home. The guidelines for the bookmark contest are also available at the library (or through our website) and the deadline is coming up-July 30 so get your creative juices flowing and get your bookmark design to us ASAP!

In other news,

We're gearing up for the 40th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party on Saturday, October 3 from 12PM to 4PM. The Daniel Pierce Library's Giant Pumpkin Party (GPP) is one of Sullivan County's most beloved autumn events. People come from near and far to participate in this rain



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

or shine (fingers crossed for shine) event featuring the giant pumpkin contest, cider and donuts, food trucks, activities, craft fair and book sales. This year, we're celebrating the four-decade milestone with a parade. The parade will begin at 11AM and travel from the Tri-Valley Central School parking lot to the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. To participate in the Parade & Theme Float Contest register through our website. For an application to be a craft vendor, also see our website. Along with the application form, there is also all the vital information. The deadline to apply is September 20, but you don't want to wait till the last minute on this. Thousands of people attend GPP and it's a wonderful opportunity for a small business. And it wouldn't be GPP without the costume march, which will take place at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds pavilion immediately following the parade. No registration is required to participate in the march and any costume is encouraged.

Oh, and one more quick reminder, come visit the book tent at the library! We're constantly adding donated books and materials to the bins so even if you've checked it out once, it's worth a repeat visit. Also, as so many have asked, you can visit the tent at any time. You DO NOT have to come only during library hours. If you find some treasures and we're not open, you're welcome to put your payment in the small white envelopes provided and drop them in the book drop outside the library.



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CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 24
Lynn M. Priebe



Underneath the blue water of the Rondout Reservoir there is a streambed that has set the course of the history of Ulster and Sullivan Counties from the earliest time of the Lenni-Lenapi, through the colonial and Revolutionary War years, the growth of 19th century industry and transportation and the early 20th century days of fertile farms and boarding houses. Then in the mid 20th Century, its upper section was inundated to quench the thirst of New York City, giving the Rondout a very different role.

During a Hudson River boat tour from the mouth of the Rondout River at Rondout Harbor last Wednesday, I was reminded by the tour guide about the crucial part the river played in the growth and prosperity of the area. That story is worth highlighting.

A first consideration is how the Rondout got its name. As discussed in article #23, names for landforms became necessary very early after Europeans first arrived because of land patents, surveys and the creation of maps. In the 1600's as the Dutch and later the English inhabited the lower Hudson Valley and Catskill area, the stream appeared on maps and gradually earned its current name.

In 1660, a fort was built at its mouth. From that fort or redoubt eventually came the name we use today. Before the fort was built the early Dutch settlers had called it "The Groote Esopus River." The name Esopus came from the Native tribe of the area and was also given to the earliest settlement in the region which later would be called Wiltwyck and Kingston. The name Esopus was also given to another stream just north of the settlement that still bears that name.

The Rondout's name evolved from the English word redoubt which meant fort or stronghold. As the 17th Century passed, the spelling of the stream's name changed in documents from "the creek which runs past the redoubt" to Round Doubt, Roundoubt, Roundout and eventually to the current spelling which first appeared in 1676. That spelling may very well have been impacted by Dutch settlers of the area, whose equivalent of the English word redoubt appeared in local records as Reduyt, Ronduyt and later as Rondout, all spelled as a proper name for the stream. Another variation of the name is the type of waterway. The Rondout was sometimes called a kill, a creek or a river on early maps.

Various maps produced in the 18th Century used different names for the upper and lower parts of the stream. The Upper Rondout was at times referred to as the Lackawack or Hunk. The lower stream was called the Rosendall Kill or Rondout. Differentiating the parts of the stream made sense in a time of frontier warfare when the location of encounters with the enemy needed to be pinpointed.

At first the river was important at its mouth providing a safe harbor on the Hudson, which resulted in the growth of a settlement there as well as an early lumber industry for ship building.

An important route to follow for inland settlement was along the river, including the Old Mine Road and the Native Sun Trail. The first known settler on the Rondout may have come to its banks in 1653. As others followed, the water power was harnessed for grist and sawmills. In 1754, an early grist mill was built on the stream at Napanoch by Benjamin Bevier.

During the American Revolution, the



Rondout River Valley witnessed numerous attacks and responses by the opposing forces, including our local Battle of Chestnut Woods, that determined the future of the Native American tribes who were driven from their homelands in 1779. The early 19th Century, brought the D & H Canal paralleling the river and borrowing its water to transport coal and tannery products to market. The river produced much fertile farm land and also enticed tourists to visit local boarding houses or hotels.

The way of life in the Rondout Valley persisted for many generations, and still exists along the lower part of the stream, but would be brought to an end when New York City won their case in the United States Supreme Court allowing the diversion of Delaware watershed water for their needs. The Sullivan County settlements of Eureka and Montela and the Ulster County village of Lackawack were taken and families forced to leave.

The Rondout is still extremely important, since through its former valley land passes approximately 50% of the water New York City uses. Tunnels connect it with the Neversink, Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoirs and an 85 mile-long tunnel from the Rondout carries that water to the largest city in our country. The impact on this region of our important local stream continues as "a river runs through it."

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Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia runs July 30 to August 9 at Farm Arts Collective

Damascus, PA- DREAM ON THE FARM is Farm Arts Collective's annual flagship summer performance that takes the audiences on a roving theatre experience across Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA. This year's performance is Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia, runs July 30 to August 9, Thursdays to Sundays.

Doors open at 6:30 and audience are invited to



wander through the Museum of Curious History, an "old timey" side show of historical and mythical exhibits and artifacts installed in the Farm Arts Collective Agri-Cultural Center. The show begins at 7:00 PM and will be performed outdoors. This is the

seventh production in the Dream on the Series, a decade long site-specific eco-theatre series that invites audiences to walk the 25 acre farmland and experience an original play, created and performed by the ensemble.

JOHNNY APPLESEED: An Historical Fantasia is directed by Farm Arts Collective artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk in collaboration with Farm Arts Collective, a local ensemble of actors, writers, designers, farmers, and musicians. The performance has garnered national recognition and support from America 250 National Endowment for the Arts funding for the project.

JOHNNY APPLESEED: An Historical Fantasia explores the life and times of Johnny Appleseed. Born John Chapman in Massachusetts in 1774, Chapman went on to walk thousands of miles across America planting apple orchards to sell to expanding pioneer towns across New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. He also propagated thousands of unique apple varieties, many that are lost today due to commercial breeding of stable and transportable grocery store varieties.

Themes explored in Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia is myth versus history and how does a legendary historical figure resonate with our contemporary cultural and national identity today. Unlike legends Paul Bunyon or Pecos Bill, Johnny Appleseed was a real person—a unique individual that





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can be seen at times contradictory, but always entirely unique, visionary, and quintessentially American.

Johnny Appleseed: An Historical Fantasia delves into the myth and history of Johnny Appleseed. Was John Chapman an ascetic saint who walked barefoot spreading his seeds and the New Church bible (he was a disciple of the mystic scientist Immanuel Swedenborg). Or was he a wily entrepreneur who had a nose for making money, always keeping one step ahead of western expansion? Was he an environmentalist and the nation's first nurseryman, who happened to provide hard cider to countless settler villages? Friend to the Native American people and pioneers, Johnny Appleseed was a unique American, and his mythology is the subject of this year's Dream on the Farm performance.

Performances (designed for all-ages) start July 30 and run to August 9. Prior to the 7 PM performance, doors open at 6:30 PM for spectators to visit the Museum of Curious History, an exhibition in the Farm Arts Collective Agri-Cultural center to engage viewers with a fantastic and historical side show of exhibits and artifacts.

The production is directed by Tannis Kowalchuk, text by Melissa Bell, Mark Dunau, Doug Rogers; production music is traditional, by Melissa Bell, and Tannis Kowalchuk; actors are Jess Beveridge, Costanza Bugiani, Ginny Hack, Grady Parks, John Roth, Kate Schroeder, Jim Sullivan; foley by Debra Thomas; set design and scenic painting Kit Sailer and Kate Schroeder; puppets and masks by Ace Thomas and Sue Currier; costumes by Ginny Hack and Kar Flood; museum curation and installation by Costanza Bugiani, Juniper McMahon, Grady Parks, Kate Schroeder; Lenape set by Shelley DePaul, chef Alicia Grega; scenic farmland by Greg Swartz.

This performance is supported by National Endowment for the Arts America 250, Chatlos Foundation, Sullivan Catskills New York, Bernard and Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust, Robert H. Spitz Foundation, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Wayne County Community Foundation, Seminary Hill Orchard and Cider, and local business and individual donors.

Performances run Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 30 to August 9. Doors open at 6:30 PM for museum viewing, show at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at www.farmartscollective.org. A reception with traditional farm-fresh food will be offered after each performance. Refreshments provided by Seminary Hill Orchard and Cider.

Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415. Phone number box office 570-798-9530

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Sullivan 180 Launches Speaker Series Community Conversations Explore Health Through Nutrition, Kindness, and Community Connection

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 has announced its inaugural Speaker Series, featuring nationally recognized speakers to inspire, spark meaningful conversations, and strengthen our collective work to build a healthier community. Through presentations for schools, community organizations, leaders and residents, the Speaker Series will explore issues related to lifelong health, well-being and stronger communities.

On August 20th, An Evening with Chef Ann Cooper: "The Renegade Lunch Lady" will kick off the series with an interactive community conversation around the importance of healthy school meals through scratch cooking; and how this can shape lifelong healthy habits. Parents, educators, school leaders and community members are encouraged to attend and learn more about the opportunity to shape lifelong health through school food.

On September 23rd, Sullivan 180 will host its Autumn Celebration featuring bestselling author Julia Hotz who will share the concept of social prescribing and how meaningful connections to people, nature, movement and the arts can improve overall health and well-being. Her message reflects Sullivan 180's mission of building a healthy community through people, places and policy through connection and collaboration.

The Speaker Series concludes on November 6th, with a professional development program led by Brian Williams, founder of Think Kindness. Designed for educators and school staff, the program will focus on building positive school culture, strengthening relationships, and fostering kindness and leadership among students and staff.

"The Sullivan 180 Speaker Series brings nationally recognized voices to our community to spark meaningful conversations and inspire action," said Denise Frangipane, CEO of Sullivan 180. "The series is built on the principle that everyone has a role to play in changing the health outcomes of Sullivan County."

Additional event details and registration information can be found at www.Sullivan180.org.



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Upcoming Poetry Festival- Seeking Poets

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Poetry Festival of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center,,, happening Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., at the Museum, 46 South Main Street in Liberty. The event will be followed by light refreshments and some time to socialize with the poets. Admission is free, but donations to the museum are always appreciated.

Potential readers must submit their work by August 30

For more information, directions, etc., call Marilyn Laufer, coordinator, at (845) 292-6628.

Celebrate the Dog Days of Summer on the O&W Rail Trail Bring your dog and check out the Fallsburg Railroad Tunnel!

[South Fallsburg, NY] - For the third year in a row, the Town of Fallsburg is hosting the BowWO&W dog-themed hike along the O&W Rail Trail. Due to the event's growing popularity, the hike is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon - rather than a weekday - to allow participants more time to explore with their furry friends.

Participants should plan to meet at the Dog Patch Town Park at 14 Old Country Road in South Fallsburg at 10AM on Sunday, August 9, 2026. From the trailhead, it is a 2.2 mile out-and-back hike (1.1 miles each way) along the Tunnel Bypass Trail to the entrance of the historic Fallsburg Railroad Tunnel.

The Fallsburg Tunnel, also known as the Neversink Tunnel, is one of only four tunnels that were construct-

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Although the tunnel itself is partially collapsed and fenced off for safety reasons, the tunnel entrance has been improved and is a perfect spot to take a selfie! Keep in mind that because the trail “bypasses” the tunnel, it is not flat like the rest of the O&W Rail Trail. Be prepared to tackle some hills and moderately steep grades. Volunteers will be there to greet you at the tunnel entrance with cold water, snacks and giveaways.

Fire Departments participating in the Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge will receive 3 points for attending with five or more active members. Visit www.SullivanOandW.com/Events or visit the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance on Facebook for up-to-date event information.

Please note: The “Bridge and Tunnel Trail” that will connect the Fallsburg Tunnel to the Neversink Crossing Bridge is still under construction, so participants are urged to turn back at the tunnel. The new trail and pedestrian bridge are expected to be open to the public in September.

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Letter to the Editor:

Our neighborhood in Loch Sheldrake has been working to humanely manage a growing population of abandoned cats through our project, Neighbors Loving Cats. We trap, neuter, spay, vaccinate, foster, and place these cats with the help of local rescues and the Town of Fallsburg.



We urgently need foster homes for kittens, adopters for friendly young cats, and barn or farm placements for fixed adult cats who provide excellent natural pest control.

Also, if you have been involved in trapping cats and have first-hand experience, we welcome your assistance and any guidance that you can offer to us.

If you can help, please contact Larry Schafman at prguy1942@yahoo.com. Your support will directly improve the lives of these animals and benefit our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Larry Schafman Neighbors Loving Cats

Food Scraps? Dispose of Them for Free! Sullivan County Transfer Stations Welcome Organic Waste

Monticello, NY - As part of Sullivan County's effort to construct a composting facility and to encourage recycling, all County transfer stations are now accepting food scraps at no charge.

"We love that smelly food waste!" affirmed Recycling Coordinator Kassie Thelman. "Don't throw it in with the rest of your garbage - bring it to one of our transfer stations in Monticello, Ferndale, Mamakating, Cochection, Livingston Manor or Barryville!"

Any and all kinds of food scraps are accepted, including egg shells, nuts, seeds, coffee grounds (and their paper filters), even tea bags (with the staples removed). Not accepted are bags, packaging or dishware/utensils, even if they are labelled "compostable." Similarly, pet waste, flowers and soiled paper (like napkins) are not able to be taken. These should be bagged with other household waste.

All food scraps are brought to a commercial facility where they are turned into compost - the kind of facility that County leaders hope to build in the next couple of years near the Monticello Transfer Station.

For more information, email recycling@sullivanny.gov or call 845-807-0291. For hours and locations, visit:

<https://www.sullivanny.gov/Departments/SolidWaste/Recycling>

Open Mic –

Every Sunday:

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Monticello at 506 Broadway presents “Every Sunday - Open Mic 11AM-1PM. Dusty David Rosenberg and Lively Laura Garone have acted as Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the past nine (9) years.

Frequently, Steve Schwartz, proprietor of Steve's Music Center, located at 248 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY shows up with his band, with Steve on lead guitar, Kenny Windheim on bass and Eric Nies on the key-board. The group often accompanies and encourages other singers and music students. Young performers receive a cookie. Owner Angelo Foglia is the baker, and owner Camela is the cook. On the menu is oven-baked Italian bread, bagels, cannoli's, cakes and cookies with breakfast. Free Admission. Call (845) 791-4103 for further information.

Every Wednesday:

Heartbeat Music Hall

Heartbeat Music Hall, owned and operated by musicians David and Theresa Trestyn, in Grahamsville at 290 Main Street, present “Open Mic Night” from 7PM-10PM. Open Mic Night often includes surprise traveling guests. This being their 6th year running, and are open through Thanksgiving. BYOB. Free Admission. Call (845) 985-5068 for further information.

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Dana Vogler, Secretary

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Please be advised:

The Village of Monticello Planning Board will be holding a Work Session for the Mountaintop PUD

(planned Unit Development),
on **Tuesday, July 28th, 2026 at 6:00pm.**
The Public is welcomed to attend,
but you will not be able to comment.

Thank You.

The Village of Monticello Planning Board

Please be advised:

The Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding their meeting on Thursday, July 30th, 2026 at 6pm.

All are welcomed to attend.

Thank You.

The Village of Monticello Zoning Board of Appeals

SC Chamber of Commerce July Networking Mixer at the Blue Fox Motel

Date: July 23, 2026 • Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST

Location: 5670 NYS Route 97 Narrowsburg, NY 12764 United States

This month's Networking Mixer is all about connecting with fellow Chamber members, local business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders in a relaxed poolside setting at the beautiful Blue Fox Motel.

Hosted in partnership with Sullivan 180, the evening is designed to foster meaningful conversations, strengthen professional relationships, and celebrate the spirit of community collaboration. Attendees will also enjoy light refreshments while getting an exclusive first look at Sullivan 180's "Join the Movement: Step into Wellness" Walking Challenge, launching in celebration of National Wellness Month.

Don't forget to bring your business cards, swag items, or gift certificates. We'll be giving away exciting door prizes throughout the evening!

Free to attend: Registration is required.

Whether you're looking to grow your professional network, build new partnerships, or simply enjoy a summer evening with great company, this month's mixer offers the perfect opportunity to connect, collaborate, and support a healthier, stronger Sullivan County.

For more information: <https://business.catskills.com/chamber-events/Details/summer-networking-mixer-at-blue-fox-motel-sponsored-by-sullivan-180-1850685?sourceTypeId=Website>

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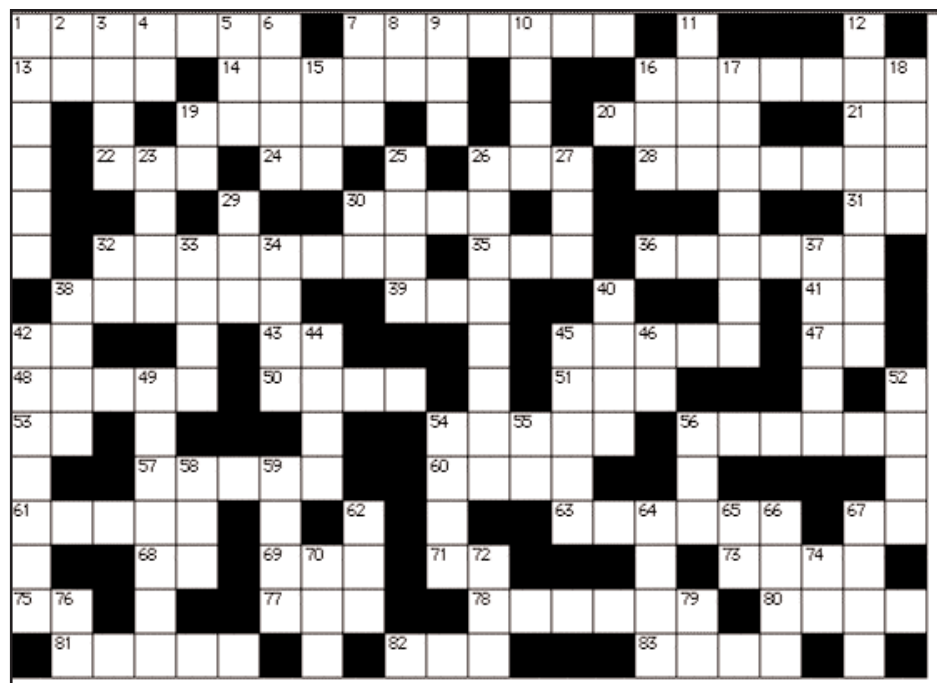
The position is from May to September at an hourly rate of **\$17.02** per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly.

Applications must be received as soon as possible.

Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall.

Please address any questions to **Preston Kelly**, at (845) 985-2281.

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Thomas Jefferson's Vanilla Ice Cream

From Thomas Jefferson's original handwritten recipe, preserved at the Library of Congress

Makes: About 2 quarts

Ingredients:

2 bottles (quarts) of good cream
6 egg yolks
1/2 lb. sugar (about 1 1/2 cups)
1 stick of vanilla

Instructions (in Jefferson's own words):

Mix the yolks and sugar. Put the cream on a fire in a casserole, first putting in a stick of vanilla. When near boiling, take it off and pour it gently into the mixture of eggs and sugar.

Stir it well. Put it on the fire again, stirring it thoroughly with a spoon to prevent it sticking to the casserole. When near boiling, take it off and strain it through a towel.

Put it in the Sabottiere*, then set it in ice an hour before it is to be served. Put into the ice a handful of salt. Put salt on the coverlid of the Sabottiere and cover the whole with ice. Leave it still half a quarter of an hour. Then turn the Sabottiere in the ice 10 minutes. Open it to loosen with a spatula the ice from the inner sides of the Sabottiere.

Shut it and replace it in the ice. Open it from time to time to detach the ice from the sides. When well taken, stir it well with the spatula.

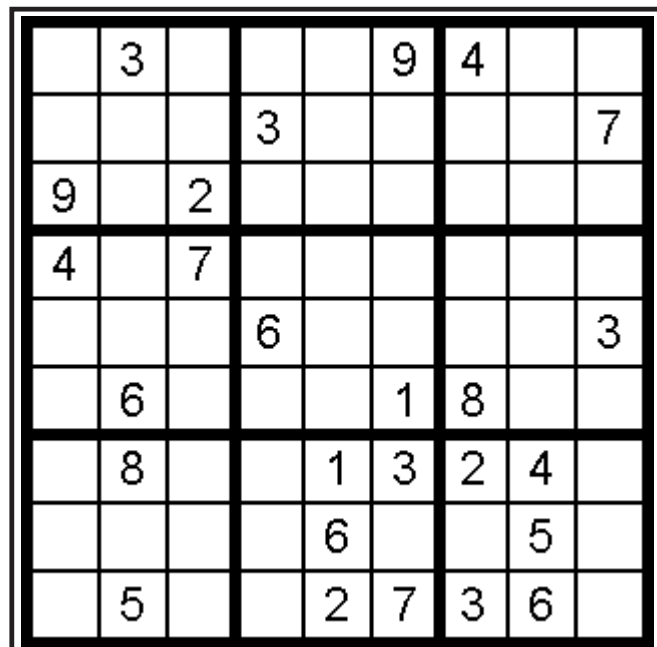
Put it in moulds, justling it well down on the knee. Then put the mould into the same bucket of ice. Leave it there to the moment of serving it.

To withdraw it, immerse the mould in warm water, turning it well till it will come out and turn it into a plate.

*A Sabottiere is an ice cream maker - in its simplest form, a mould or small bucket.

(For Modern Version Adapted by food historian Marie Kimball go to Pg. 26)

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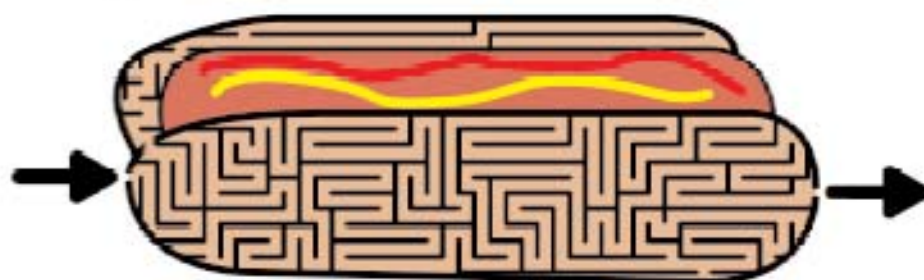
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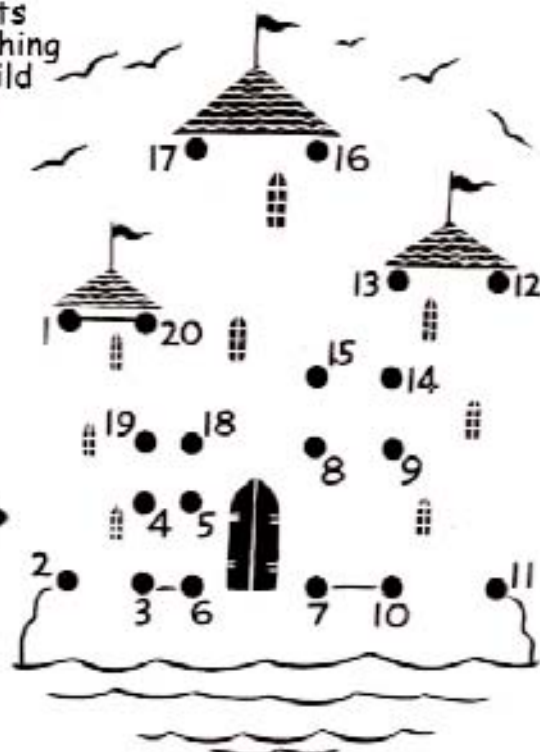
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Mass Times

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5:00 PM Saturday Evening
7:30 AM Sunday Morning
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
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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:

Duck Race, Thursday August 13th 6pm

Halloweenfest, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm

Joy to Wurtsboro, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm

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



Daniel Pierce Library Hours

Monday - 9:00 - 4:00

Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00

Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00

Thursday - 9:00 - 7:00

Friday - 9:00 - 4:00

Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00

Sunday - Closed

\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check

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

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

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2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/15 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
- 7/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 7/16 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
- 7/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 7/10/2026)
- 8/4 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8/5 Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 7/24/2026) 8/11
- 8/11 Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 8/11 Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 8/12 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 8/19 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse

SAVE THE DATE!
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 July 20, 2026 - July 24, 2026

Monday, July 20

o **4:30 PM - 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: 830 1965, 0233 Passcode: 202519

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

No Meetings Tuesday, July 21

Wednesday, July 22

o **9:00 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board**, at the District Office, 5 Park Lane, Highland

o **12:00 PM - Resolution Deadline**

o **3:00 PM - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board**, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Room M-1, Cottekill

Thursday, July 23

o **5:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Finance Committee Meeting**, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, and livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

o **6:00 PM** (or immediately following UCRRA Finance Committee Meeting) - **Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Regular Board Meeting**, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

No Meetings Friday, July 24

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Thomas Jefferson's Vanilla Ice Cream

Modern Version –Adapted by food historian Marie Kimball

Ingredients:

6 egg yolks
1 cup sugar
Pinch of salt
1 quart heavy cream
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Instructions:

Beat the yolks of 6 eggs until thick and lemon colored.
Add gradually 1 cup of sugar and a pinch of salt.
Bring to a boil 1 quart of cream and pour slowly on the egg mixture.
Put in top of a double boiler and when it thickens, remove and strain through a fine sieve into a bowl.
When cool, add 2 teaspoons of vanilla.
Freeze as usual, with one part salt to three parts ice. Place in a mould, pack in ice and salt for several hours. For electric refrigerators, follow usual directions but stir frequently.



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Sundown UMC Ladies' Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

As a result of so many incredible donations this summer we will be open **EVERY SATURDAY** through
July 25th, 2026

9 am to 1 pm

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

Annual Chicken BBQ

Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sat. Aug 29th 4-7 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children: \$10

Last Indoor
Yard Sale!

For a peek at some of the many items
at the Indoor Yard Sale go to:

<http://comando.50megs.com>

and Click on:

Sundown UMC Ladies' Yard Sale

Last Indoor
Yard Sale!



We appreciate donations for our White Elephant table

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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

Sundown UMC Saturdays in July Indoor Yard Sale

New items every week -treasures and bargains for all...!



9:00
am
to
1:00
pm

Only two more sales this year
July 18 & 25, 2026



Sundown UMC Church Hall
Corner of Peekamoose & Greenville Roads, Sundown, NY 12740

Sundown UMC Saturdays in July Indoor Yard Sale

New items every week -treasures and bargains for all...!



Collectibles



Picture Frames

Only two
more sales
this year
July 18 &
25, 2026

9:00 am
to
1:00 pm



Christmas in July!!!

Sundown UMC Church Hall
Corner of Peekamoose & Greenville Roads, Sundown, NY 12740

Bargains galore... Sundown UMC Ladies' Indoor Yard Sale

Every Saturday from 9 am - 1 pm through July 4th, 2026 at the

Sundown UMC Hall - more items will be added to this flyer as more new items come in every week!



Solid Wood Futon - just \$100!



Collectibles



Books -old and new!



Like New!
Medical
Equipment



Handcrafts



Housewares... and more!



New Items Every Week!

Sundown UMC Saturdays in July Indoor Yard Sale
New items every week -treasures and bargains for all...

Rare! *Little Lady Diana Collectible Doll*



Little Lady Diana doll in original box
can be yours! Stop by the Sundown
United Methodist Church Hall
Indoor Yard Sale this
Saturday, July 18
from 9 am - 1 pm
at the corner of
Peekamoose & Greenville Roads
in Sundown, NY 12740.
\$100 or best offer!

Similar Little Lady Diana doll
listed on Ebay for \$349!

Visual matches



eBay

Franklin Mint LITTLE LADY
DIANA doll collection NEW Dol...

Sundown UMC Saturdays in July Indoor Yard Sale

New items every week -treasures and bargains for all...

Is this an Arnel's Pottery Porcelain Pitcher and Washbasin Set?



This vintage-style ceramic wash pitcher and basin set features a distinctive blue and white color scheme and ruffled edge detailing.

The design consists of a predominantly white body with light blue accented edges and detailing. Approximately 16 inches in diameter.

You can still see this beautiful vintage wash basin and pitcher this weekend at the Sundown UMC Indoor Yard Sale.

Make an offer,
and own this lovely set.

All
Auction
Buy It Now
Condition
Item Location
Local

Vintage Arnel's Water Blue & White Pitcher and Wash Basin
Pre-Owned

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Vintage Arnels Elegant Blue Roses On Blue & Ivory Pitcher With Bowl
Pre-Owned

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Buy It Now
+C \$48.90 shipping
from United States

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Antique Arnels Elegant all White Pitcher and Wash Basin
New (Other)

C \$125.97
or Best Offer
+C \$202.56 shipping

You never know what **treasures** you will find in Sundown at the UMC Indoor Yard Sale! Check it out this weekend - **only 2 more weeks of the Indoor Yard Sale left this year!**

New items every week!

**Sundown UMC Church Hall
Corner of Peekamoose &
Greenville Roads
Sundown, NY 12740**

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Sundown UMC Annual **CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

Sat, August 29th
4 - 7 pm

Take Out & Outdoor Dining

Pick up dinners at Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Adults: \$15.00
Children (8 & Under): \$10.00

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm
at the Sundown Church Hall
Indoor Yard Sale

For information &/or tickets
Contact: John Barnum 845-985-7065

The Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary Presents

Taste of Broadway V

Two time Tony Award winner!

Brighton Beach MEMOIRS

By Neil Simon

Directed by Brendan Burke

Sunday | August 2

at The Shadowland Theater, Ellenville, NY

11:45AM lunch at Gaby's Cafe (141 Canal Street)

followed by 2:00PM Show

See enclosed menu.

Price: \$109 includes lunch, show and fundraiser.

* If you are a paid season subscriber to Shadowland, your price is \$79.

(Please make check payable to "ERH Auxiliary" with your phone #, choice of entree and if you are a season subscriber).

Mail to Helene Morris, PO Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483

Call 845-210-7120 with any seating requirements or questions.

GABY'S CAFE



**SHADOWLAND
STAGES**

“A Taste of Broadway V”

Lunch at Gaby's Café before the Show

11:45 AM Open Seating (Cash Bar)

Appetizer

Gaby's House Salad

Choice of Entrée

Pollo 5 de Mayo

Egg battered, pan seared chicken breast with capers,
fresh tomato in a reduction of fresh garlic, white wine and lemon juice.

Pernil al Horno

Roast Pork, Gaby's Style.

Quesadilla de Verduras

Flour tortilla stuffed with grilled zucchini, bell
peppers, carrots, eggplant, melted cheese, red & green sauce.

Dessert

Assorted Cookies

Coffee / Tea / Tip Included

Please call ERH Auxiliary Event Chairperson Helene Morris at 845-210-7120 with your selection. Make check out to ERH and mail to Helene Morris, P.O. Box 105, Spring Glen, NY 12483. (Tickets will be given at the restaurant)



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.

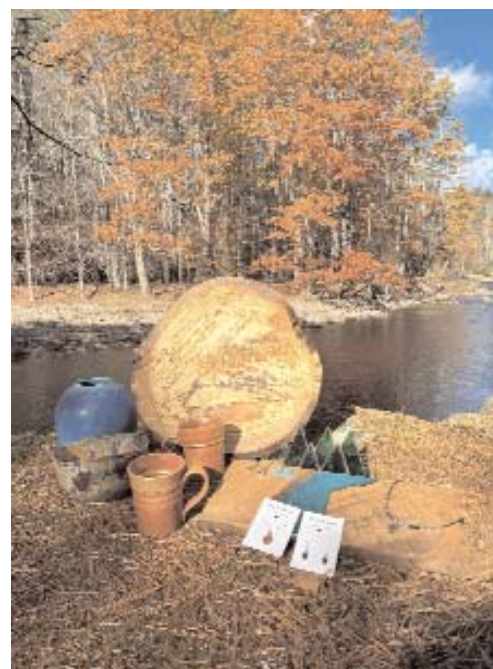
Reserve your tour now by email at flyingtrillium@gmail.com. Visit Flying Trillium's website for more information.

<https://www.flyingtrillium.com/> Flying Trillium is located near the Neversink Reservoir in Sullivan County, New York.

Neversink River Craft Co-op Opened this Sunday – July 26

On Sunday, July 26th the Neversink River Craft co-op will be open from 10-5 at 2554 Frost Valley Road in Claryville, New York. The exhibit will include handmade woodwork, jewelry, ceramics, stained glass, paintings, photography, fabric art, note cards and more, all from the studios of local artists. Come see what's new this week, shop for gifts or for yourself or just browse and visit - we would love to see you on the 12th. Bring a friend and enjoy the drive!

Call 845-985-2016 for information and check out our video at Youtube Neversink River Craft Co-op.



Neversink River Craft Co-op 2026

July 26, August 9,
October 10 & 11
10 AM - 5 PM

2554 Frost Valley Road,
Claryville, NY

Directions: From Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, go up Claryville Road (County Rt. 19 and just past the church in Claryville, take Frost Valley Road (County Rt 47) for four miles to the Co-op signs and barn.

Natural Dye Workshop with Eco Artist Courtney Dudley

Join the Catskill Center and eco artist Courtney Dudley for a hands-on introduction to the vibrant world of natural dyes.

Discover the vibrant colors hidden within plants at our Natural Dye Workshop on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Catskills Visitor Center. Guided by eco artist Courtney Dudley, you'll learn the basics of natural dyeing while creating your own silk head scarf using eco printing. Participants will also experiment with bundle dyeing, uncovering the beautiful colors and one-of-a-kind botanical patterns that emerge from locally sourced plants and natural materials.

Participants will learn which fabrics work best for natural dyeing and how to properly prepare them for the dye process. Courtney will guide the group through experimenting with a variety of dye plants and demonstrate techniques for extracting rich, lasting colors. Participants will also have the opportunity to try eco printing and bundle dyeing methods to create intricate botanical patterns on fabric.

Each participant will leave with a one-of-a-kind hand-dyed 100% mulberry silk scarf and a natural dye booklet filled with information and techniques to continue exploring natural dyes at home.

Advance registration is required, a \$100 fee applies.

Register here:

https://givebutter.com/Natural-Dye-Workshop?mc_cid=eb56e63602&mc_eid=741885eb1c

Join the Catskill Center and eco artist Courtney Dudley for a hands-on introduction to the vibrant world of natural dyes. <https://courtneydudley.com/> In this immersive workshop, participants will explore the art and science of creating beautiful colors and botanical prints using sustainably harvested plants, flowers, bark, and nuts sourced from the local landscape.

Date: August 15, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Tickets: \$100 per person

Location: The Catskills Visitor Center

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Catskills+Visitor+Center/@42.0272566,-74.2697809,1544m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x89dcfef33a8d4c7b:0x8d1e4a597fb1eba0!8m2!3d42.0279699!4d-74.2697582!16s%2Fg%2F11b809jvrb?entry=tu&q_ep=EgoyMDI2MDcxNS4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

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Your support will directly improve the lives of these animals and benefit our community

Thank you

Benjamin Cosor Elementary Welcomes Kimberly Patete as Assistant Principal



FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce its newest assistant principal, Kimberly Patete.

In addition to being a graduate of the Tri-Valley Central School District, she also served as a teacher for the district since 2012. She was also briefly the school's interim assistant principal last year.

When asked about her most significant accomplishments as an educator, she shared that she played a crucial role in introducing more science-based extracurricular programs to elementary students. One program in particular was hydroponics, which is a method of growing plants without the use of soil. Her initiative to bring new ideas allowed for teachers to grow in their confidence and students to become more excited about learning.

Her first set of priorities is to help guide students in a positive direction that directly meets their needs. She believes that the school culture, which prioritizes deep community bonds, will help her make a significant impact.

"I've been welcomed with open arms and people have been wonderful," said Ms. Patete. "I love seeing everybody's smiling face and I am beyond excited to be here."

The Fallsburg school community wishes Ms. Patete the very best of luck in her new role.

Welcome to the Sixties! The Smash Hit *Hairspray* Bursts onto the Stage at Forestburgh Playhouse July 28 - August 9

Forestburgh, NY - Get ready for big hair, big dreams, and big fun! The smash hit musical *Hairspray*, opens at the Forestburgh Playhouse on July 28 and runs through August 19. Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8PM, Wednesdays at 2PM, and Sundays at 3PM.

It's 1962, and Tracy Turnblad just wants to dance her way onto the local TV show-but when her new-found fame inspires her to fight for inclusion and equality, she shows that one girl really can change the world. Featuring the beloved hits "Good Morning, Baltimore," "Welcome to the 60's," and "You Can't Stop the Beat," this Tony Award-winning musical is a joyful celebration of love, acceptance, and standing up for what's right. Get ready to laugh, dance, and leave the theater smiling-*Hairspray* is the feel-good event of the season!

The Forestburgh Playhouse production is proudly sponsored by Jeffrey and Nicole Gerson, whose continued support helps bring bold and inspiring stories to life on stage. The entire 80th Anniversary 2026 Season is made possible by generous sponsorship from the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association and Silent Maid. Thanks to Van Etten Energy Systems, the Playhouse stays powered up and shining bright all season long!

Directed and Choreographed by Lauren Haughton Gillis, with additional choreography by Playhouse alum Renell Taylor, and with musical direction by Cooper Sheehy, this production promises to deliver unstoppable energy, irresistible songs, and a heart as big as Baltimore.

"*Hairspray* is more than a crowd-pleasing musical-it's a joyful celebration of courage, inclusion, and the power of believing that one voice can make a difference," said Producer, Franklin Trapp. "With its unforgettable score, infectious energy, and timeless message, we're thrilled to bring this beloved production to our audiences and invite everyone to dance, laugh, and be inspired together."

Tickets are on sale now and going fast! Don't miss your chance to join in the fun at the Forestburgh Playhouse.

**“Women of Substance”
Reception and Artist's Talk
Sunday July 26th
1:30 - 3:30pm**

**Curated by Eileen Bernstein
Ceramic Artists:**

*Judi Aronson, Ellany Gabel, Lynn Isaacson,
Naomi Teppich*

Painters and Mixed Media Artists:

*Eileen Bernstein, Georgia Chambers, Marjorie
Morrow, Alex Siroc, Claire Wasser,
and Sue Zwadlo*

This exhibition honors the artistry of women who have profoundly influenced my life and highlights the frequently under-appreciated talent of female artists in galleries and museums. It is imperative that we redefine the narrative and drive cultural progress. Through acknowledging the artistic contributions of these “women of substance” we elevate their fundamental importance in our society. Eileen Bernstein, Curator

**Gallery Exhibition is Open Every Tuesday &
Wednesday from 4-6pm through Aug 31.**

Art Exhibition Gallery Open - Women of Substance

July 21 2026 Tuesday

4:00PM 6:00PM

Arts Nest Concert - Dan Garcia, Classical Guitarist

July 25 2026 Saturday

07:00PM 09:00PM

**Art Exhibition - Reception and Artist's Talk -
Women of Substance**

July 26 2026 Sunday

1:30PM 3:30PM

Art Exhibition Gallery Open - Women of Substance

July 28 2026 Tuesday

4:00PM 6:00PM

Art Exhibition Gallery Open - Women of Substance

July 29 2026 Wednesday

4:00PM 6:00PM

Veronica Mak and Jonathan Lawlor in Recital

August 2 2026 Sunday

2:00PM

Neversink River

CRAFT CO-OP

WHERE:

2554 Frost Valley Rd. Claryville, NY

2026 DATES:

June 28

July 12

July 26

August 9

October 10 & 11

HOURS:

10am - 5pm

For more information, call 845-985-2016

The Neversink River Craft Co-op is showing new work throughout the summer and fall.

Visit, relax, meet the artists, and shop for pottery, wooden bowls, cutting boards, jewelry, paintings, photography, and more!



DIRECTIONS: From Napanoch or Liberty, take Rt. 55 to Grahamsville. Turn up Claryville Road. Just past the church in Claryville, turn left on Frost Valley Road and continue for four miles until you see our sign!

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Phone/Text: Glenn Pomerantz (845) 656-1284

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Sullivan County in the Revolution Traveling Exhibit



Includes:

- ♦ Engaging information on the Sullivan County battles of Minisink and Chestnut Woods, Loyalists, Patriots, Sullivan County's evolution, General John Sullivan, settler life & more.
- ♦ Comprehensive Teacher's Guide which takes a deeper look into the topics and includes activities and student worksheets
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*Funded by a Sullivan County Discretionary Grant sponsored by Legislator Brian McPhillips
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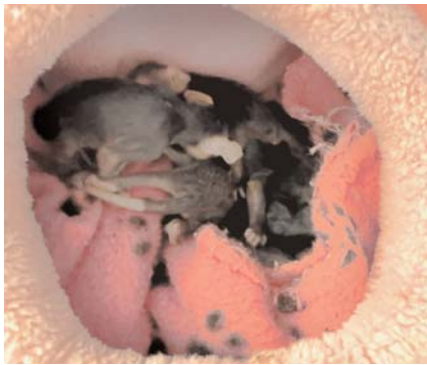
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – Environmental Conservation Police on Patrol

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York State's Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State.

“DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators enforce New York's Environmental Conservation Law to ensure the protection of public safety and our vast natural resources, including air, water, wildlife, and New York's one-of-a-kind outdoor spaces,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “This highly specialized and rewarding work is instrumental to upholding our stringent laws and making the great outdoors safe and enjoyable for everyone.”

Opossum Rescue - Suffolk County

On June 11, ECO Anderson responded to a request from the Suffolk County Police Department for assistance with an injured opossum in Center Moriches. Officer Anderson arrived at the location and determined the female opossum was deceased but observed movement from six baby opossums that were still alive in her pouch. Officer Anderson transported the animals to the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center in Hampton Bays where the babies were successfully removed from the pouch and placed in an incubator. Baby opossums, also known as “joeys,” are only the size of a jellybean at birth and remain in the mother's pouch for approximately seven weeks before they move to ride on the mother's back. DEC checked in with the wildlife rescue center and learned the opossums are still at the facility, doing well, and should be ready for release in approximately two months. Residents are encouraged to contact a local wildlife rehabilitator if they encounter injured wildlife.



Baby opossums held at wildlife rescue center in Hampton Bays, Suffolk County

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Eagle Rescue and Release - Montgomery County

On June 17, ECOs Willson and Valenty, and Trish Marky of North Country Wildcare in Saratoga Springs released a Bald Eagle found injured on the side of the New York State Thruway approximately a month earlier.



Rehabilitated Bald Eagle released in Montgomery County

On May 7, ECO Willson responded to a request for assistance at mile marker 203 of the Thruway in Montgomery County from a New York State Trooper regarding

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

a large adult eagle unable to fly. Officer Willson managed to safely secure the bird (a large female) and transport it to North Country Wild Care.

The eagle was released along the Mohawk River in the Town of Minden near where it was secured by ECO Willson. Watch a video of the release.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqC2KiLYTH0>

Fawn Rescue - Dutchess County

On June 18, ECO Radomski and Forest Ranger Grillo responded to a call regarding a fawn that fell down an abandoned well in the Town of Milan. Utilizing a ladder borrowed from a concerned resident and pruning shears to clear the vegetation around the well, they were able to safely extricate the animal from the well. The fawn appeared to be in good health and was reintroduced back into the woods where the mother deer was last seen.



ECO Radomski and Forest Ranger Grillo rescue a fawn stuck down a 10-foot well in Dutchess County



ECO Radomski and Forest Ranger Grillo with rescued fawn in Dutchess County



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

Covered Dish Supper

**Saturday
August 1, 2026
5:30 pm**

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

**(Intersection of Sundown Rd. Peekamoose Rd.
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**Be sure to check out the tables
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THE NEVERSINK-RONDOUT ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION's
26th ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW

ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th from 10 am-6 pm

(rain date Sept. 20th) at the

GRAHAMSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS, 8230 State Rt. 55, Grahamsville NY

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

BUT ALL tractor makes and models are welcome to participate.

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

Also featured will be the

***Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club with the Sportsman's Vendor Barn,
 the Catskill Region AACA Car Club CRUISE-IN (all vehicles welcome)
 and Knife Sharpening by the Buley Family.***

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

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*live entertainment with Jon Zanger & DJ Mark Hyzer; hayrides, kids pedal tractors, Timmy the Train,
 Tractor Parade & MORE*

Get your tickets for our 50/50 Raffle. \$5 a ticket with the drawing at the show.

NRAMA is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Program.

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

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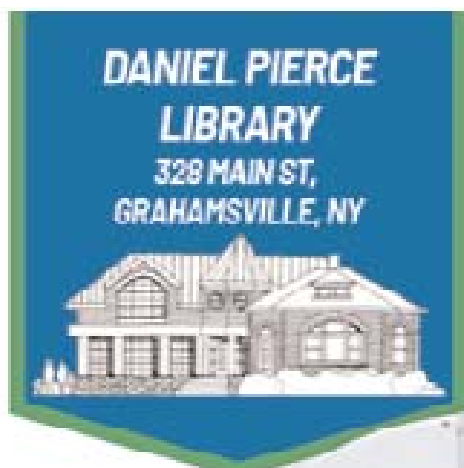


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- Apply for SNAP
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- Community Resource Referrals

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

AUGUST 14TH 10:00 AM-4:00PM

QUESTIONS?

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This July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

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

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

Hanofee Park Pavilion
136 Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY

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

Monticello Fire Station
23 Richardson Ave, Monticello, NY



REQUIREMENTS

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



REQUISITOS

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

Our book tent is officially open for business!



Something for everyone:

- ▶ Hardcover: \$1.00
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- ▶ DVDs & CDs: \$1
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The Primetimers of Temple Sholom

Monticello, NY sponsoring

Summer Bus Trips

On-your-own day trip to

New York City

New York City trip is via Leprechaun Lines

Wednesday, August 19th

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

Reservations must be received by August 12th

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

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

Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

Bethlehem, PA

Wednesday, August 5th

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

The Casino Trip is a good deal –2 hour ride in the country

Pay \$50 per person –get \$30 back in free play.

Many outlet stores and food venues.

**Reservations must be received
by July 27th**

Checks should be made out to Primetimers.
Call Paula for further information
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HEALTH & SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sullivan County Department of Public Health
50 Community Lane
Liberty, NY 12754
Phone: (845) 292-5910

Friday, July 24, 2026
12 - 3pm

2-3pm Sensory Friendly

Back to School Tdap and Meningitis Vaccination Clinic

Appointments recommended

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Lions SEE Vision Screening

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Summer & Animal Safety Education

Touch a Truck & Drone Demonstration

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Daniel Pierce Library

Entertainment Night

UNEARTH A STORY



DINOSAURS ROCK®

Fossil Adventure

Thursday, July 30, 2026

5:30 pm

for all young explorers and their families

Join us for a Jurassic Journey! Step back in time and explore the world of dinosaurs with this exciting, interactive & hands-on experience!

What to Expect: See and touch life size, authentic museum exhibit pieces. Learn from a DINOSAURS ROCK expert. Go on a real fossil dig.

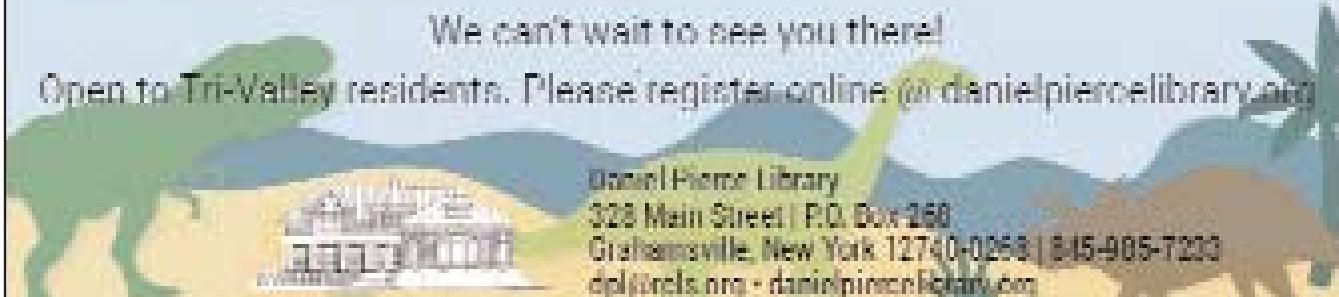
Bonus: Every child receives a FREE book!

What to Bring: Chairs or blankets for your comfort.

Location: Daniel Pierce Library

We can't wait to see you there!

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online @ danielpiercelibrary.org



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2026 SHOW DATES

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

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

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

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

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

SATURDAY 7/4/26: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY 7/11/26 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

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

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

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

GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 3 2006 & NEWER TOP 12 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

SUNDAY 8/9/26 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

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

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

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

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The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution

Celebrating our Nation's founding by exploring
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Patriots, Loyalists, Settler Life, Battle of Chestnut Woods,
Raids, Captives and More. Games, Interactives, Audio and Video!



Opening 4th of July

Weekends through September - 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment

Private tours for groups of 15 or more



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DEC Forest Rangers Week in Review

Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions

During the first six months of 2026, Forest Rangers conducted 126 search and rescue missions, extinguished 65 wildfires covering more than 215 acres, and participated in 54 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate 1,355 acres of land. In 2025, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 202 wildfires covering 840 acres, participated in 68 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate 1,649 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,100 tickets and arrests. Also in 2025, 41 Forest Rangers were deployed to fire assignments in 10 different states.

Town of Hunter Greene County Wilderness Rescue: On



July 8 at 7 p.m., Greene County requested Forest Ranger assistance with a swimmer and a dog stranded below Fawn's Leap. The dog went over the edge and was stuck on the other side of the stream. A 29-year-old from Poughkeepsie tried to rescue the dog but also got stuck. Rangers Horn and Jackson assisted the Ulster

County Sheriff's Dive/Swift Water Rescue Team, the Greene County Sheriff's Office, the Athens and Hudson Fire Departments, and Twin Cloves Technical Rope Rescue Team with a high-angle rope rescue. Rangers provided a personal flotation device to the swimmer as a rescuer was lowered to attach a harness to the swimmer and the dog. Rescuers raised the swimmer and dog to the top of Fawn's Leap, where they



were assisted across a calmer section of the stream. Resources were clear at 9:15 p.m.

This occurred in a restricted area with warning signage. DEC reminds hikers to follow signs and avoid dangerous locations.

Town of Shandaken Ulster County Wilderness Rescue:

On July 12 at 4:44 p.m., Forest Rangers Horn and Martin responded to a call for a hiker who fell, twisted their leg, and hit their head on a rock approximately a quarter mile up the Tanbark Trail. Rangers joined the Phoenicia Fire Department and Shandaken EMS to package the patient and carry them to the road. Shandaken EMS transported them to the hospital. Resources were clear at 6:15 p.m.

Town of Hunter Greene County Wilderness Rescue: On

July 12 at 7:10 p.m., Greene County requested Forest Ranger assistance for a report of an unconscious subject at Kaaterskill Falls. Rangers responded with Twin Cloves Technical Rope Rescue Team, Hunter Police, Greene County Sheriff's Deputies, Greene County Paramedics, and multiple fire departments. When rescuers arrived, the patient was conscious after suffering a diabetic emergency. Rescuers carried the subject to the trailhead. A Hunter ambulance transported them to the hospital. Resources were clear at 9:45 p.m.



Kaaterskill Falls rescue

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's "Hike Smart NY," "Adirondack Backcountry," and "Catskill Backcountry Information" webpages for more information._

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on State lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

Olive Free Library

Storytime

for toddlers

at the Shokan Branch!

Fridays at 2pm starting July 3



26-28 Mountain Rd. Shokan, NY 12481
SHOKAN BRANCH
 At the American Legion Hall

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UPON THE PRIOR WEEK

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SATURDAYS:
JULY 18 & 25,
AUGUST 1 & 8
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.



Experience the Laughter, Warmth, and Wit that have made Neil Simon's *BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS* a Cherished Classic

Listen and watch the cast of 'Brighton Beach Memoirs' talk about this Neil Simon classic opening this week on the MainStage at Shadowland Stages!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biNinNKGvr0>

Part one of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy is a hilarious and heartwarming portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937, living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. This bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of Eugene Jerome, coping with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother, Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche, her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters, and you have a recipe for hilarity, despite tough times and the looming threat of WWII.

"Mr. Simon has written more than 30 plays...But this one works on every level, all the time." - Frank Rich, The New York Times

The cast includes Kimberly Faye Greenberg (Danny & Sylvia: The Danny Kaye Musical - Off Broadway), Jordan Kaplan (American Conservatory Theater), Danny Meglio (Commonwealth Shakespeare Company), Julia Anne Cohen (The Sound of Music: Broadway National Tour), Harrison Zraly (Shadowland Stages' The Reservoir), Thea Beth Strehlow (Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama), and Victoria Vogrincic (CenterStage). Brendan Burke (Artistic Director of Shadowland Stages) directs the production.

Performance Schedule & Tickets

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

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

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

https://shadowlandstages.easy-ware-ticketing.com/eventsByMovie/A000000227?mc_cid=cf7a5a0983&mc_eid=138a9b9d06

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

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

Click here for our 2026 Season Video!

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Brighton Beach

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JULY 17 - AUG 9



2nd Annual Sullivan County VOLUNTEER FAIR

Get involved. Have some fun.
Make a difference. Make new friends.
Connect in the community.



Explore volunteer opportunities and meet people from a variety of local organizations to find a volunteer match that works for you!

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monticello Firehouse
23 Richardson Avenue
Monticello, NY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

Experience a One Room School from Long Ago



Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator

Meet 1930s Schoolmarm
Elsie Harshey
on June 6th
Don't be late for school!

Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids

2026 Open Hours

Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

June 6, July 18,

August 15, September 19,

October 17

Admission by donation



Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY (next to the church hall)

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

A collaborative project of the Claryville Reformed Church, Neversink Association and the Time and the Valleys Museum

Find Your Adventure - Know Before You Go, Adirondack Rail Trail, FIFA, Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe, Great Camp Santanoni, The Art of Fly Fishing, Events

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Know Before You Go

<https://dec.ny.gov/places-to-go/know-before-you-go>

New York is home to tens of thousands of acres of public lands, dozens of campgrounds, and thousands of miles of trails for visitors of all ability levels to enjoy. These locations are unique and offer varied features depending on where you are traveling to. The Know Before You Go video series helps you plan for your next adventure.

Summer is for the Adirondack Rail Trail
Person using binoculars looking at water and trees along the Adirondack Rail Trail.

Adirondack Rail Trail

Bird, bike, hike, and more along the Adirondack Rail Trail this summer!

The Adirondack Rail Trail connects the communities of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, and Tupper Lake through a 34-mile accessible trail that highlights the unique charm and amenities of each community while providing access to miles of breathtaking trails, numerous campsites, and abundant waterways in the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Three locations along the Adirondack Rail Trail were just added to the New York State Birding Trail in Saranac Lake, Floodwood, and Tupper Lake. In addition to the wildlife, the biking is top-notch. The majority of the trail consists of crushed stone that is ideal for gravel, hybrid, and mountain bikes. Freshwater fishing opportunities are abundant along the trail, particularly along Lake Colby in Saranac Lake.

If you're camping Fish Creek Pond Campground, Rollins Pond Campground, Saranac Lake Islands Campground, or Meadowbrook Campground, the Adirondack Rail Trail is nearby. There are also many options for primitive camping in the area.

Kick it with DEC at a New York State United - 2026 World Cup Watch Experience

<https://www.newyorkstateunited.com/>

Kids and adult with a soccer ball at a FIFA watch party event. New York State United - 2026 World Cup Watch Experience

This summer, Governor Kathy Hochul and New York State invite you to a free, large-scale World Cup Watch Experience, bringing fans together for an unforgettable celebration of world-class soccer. Cheer on your favorite teams on giant out-

door screens and enjoy live entertainment surrounded by community spirit and family-friendly fun.

Kick it with DEC at the event on July 19 at Kensico Dam Plaza. Before the games begin, visit the DEC booth for activities, information, and a World Cup inspired birding challenge. Don't miss your chance to win a limited-edition DEC soccer ball! Visit the link below for more information and to register for your free tickets.

2026 World Cup Watch Experience

DEC and AARCH Announce Dates for 2026 Electric Wheelchair Program at Great Camp Santanoni

DEC and Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) announced the continuation of its free electric wheelchair program at Great Camp Santanoni for 2026. Great Camp Santanoni is a historic Adirondack Great Camp located along the shores of Newcomb Lake, reached by a 5-mile one-way gravel road.

The 2026 Electric Wheelchair Program is available by reservation to qualified members of the public at no charge through October 12, 2026, on many weekdays, each Saturday and Sunday, and holiday Mondays. The 2026 program expands offerings to include many weekdays and a flexible reservation process.

The program has expanded in 2026 with increased dates, more flexible reservation times, and a simplified reservation system to continue improving access to the Historic Great Camp Santanoni for persons with disabilities. To learn more about the program, visit the link below.

<https://dec.ny.gov/places/camp-santanoni-historic-area/mobility-device-reservation-pilot-program>

2026 Electric Wheelchair Program at Great Camp Santanoni -Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe!

Mountains with lake, green trees.

Hike Safe NY

Headed out on the trails this summer? Check out Hike Smart NY. By properly preparing for your adventure, you can minimize risk and safety concerns, ensuring all in your group have a memorable outing.

Carry the 10 hiking essentials in a day back on all hikes for a safe and enjoyable experience:

Navigation: Pack a map and compass and know how to use them. A GPS system can also be helpful.

Insulation/rain gear: Even in summer, bring some warm layers, especially if heading to higher elevations in the Adirondacks and Catskills. Weather conditions change quickly, so always having a rain jacket in your pack will keep you ready for rain.

Light source: Headlamp or flashlight with spare batteries. Cell phones are not a reliable light source as batteries do not last in case of an emergency.

First aid supplies: Pack the essentials and bring backups of any medications you require.

Emergency kit: This can include a multi-tool, duct tape, signal mirror, and whistle.

Fire: Matches in a waterproof container, lighter, and fire starters.

Nutrition: Bring high protein and high calorie items and stop frequently to snack.

Water: Bring more water than you think you'll need and bring a filtration device. If you anticipate running low on water while still on your hike, plan to filter at the next reliable water source.

Sun & insect protection: Sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, bug repellent, and bug net can all help keep you comfortable in the sunny and buggy summer conditions.

Emergency shelter: An emergency space blanket, bivy, or tarp can make all the difference if you have to spend an unplanned night in the woods. (Contd. Pg. 60)

Daniel Pierce Library

Entertainment Night

UNEARTH A STORY



DINOSAURS ROCK®

Fossil Adventure

Thursday, July 30, 2026

5:30 pm

for all young explorers and their families

Join us for a Jurassic Journey! Step back in time and explore the world of dinosaurs with this exciting, interactive & hands-on experience!

What to Expect: See and touch life size, authentic museum exhibit pieces. Learn from a DINOSAURS ROCK expert. Go on a real fossil dig.

Bonus: Every child receives a FREE book!

What to Bring: Chairs or blankets for your comfort.

Location: Daniel Pierce Library

We can't wait to see you there!

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online @ danielpiercelibrary.org

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

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

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.

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

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

Oppose an ICE facility in Newburgh? Make YOUR voice heard: <https://bit.ly/STOPNewburghICE>

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-launches-hudson-valley-wide-petition-stop-potential-ice>

STANDING WITH HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS AGAINST HARMFUL GOP BILL

Brave men and women sign up to serve because they trust us to have their backs. They trust that when they get home, the country they fought for will be ready to embrace them. The recently introduced GOP bill, H.R. 9237, breaks that sacred trust by creating the largest cut to veterans benefits in a generation.

My Democratic veteran colleagues and I have spent weeks fighting to stop this bill that would cut veterans benefits for common conditions like tinnitus and sleep apnea and raise fees on VA home loans. This week, Republicans were forced to withdraw it.

Taking care of the heroes who risked their lives for this country is not a partisan issue - it's a fundamental American value. We shouldn't have to tear critical benefits away from our nation's heroes to fund programs for others - especially not when the Pentagon has a \$1.5 TRILLION budget and seemingly endless cash for Trump's war in Iran. I've heard from countless local veterans about how devastating the impacts of this would be in the Hudson Valley - I'm proudly standing with them and will keep fighting to stop this betrayal.

"As a retired Army officer and veteran, I know that every service member accepts the risks of military service with the understanding that America will stand behind them if they are

injured or become ill," said Stan Warrick, West Point graduate and US Army veteran, Warwick. "We should be reinforcing that covenant by improving healthcare, strengthening benefits, and recognizing the sacrifices made not only by veterans, but also by their families and caregivers. This bill does the opposite. I appreciate Congressman Ryan's opposition to this bill and his commitment to service members and their families."

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/worst-kind-betrayal-ahead-house-vote-congressman-pat-ryan-stands-hudson-valley>

CELEBRATING A HUDSON VALLEY HERO

I was proud and honored to recognize a true American hero this weekend, Army veteran and Legion Post 37 Commander Nathan B. Grant!

Congratulations, Nate -- thank you for your service to our country & community.

WELCOMING NEW CITIZENS AT ULSTER COUNTY NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

I was honored to speak at Ulster County's naturalization ceremony in Kingston last week!

To the 16 new citizens - congratulations to each and every one of you!

And thank you to County Clerk Bruck for organizing & inviting me to speak.

DELIVERING FUNDING FOR THE ULSTER COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Our first responders are heroes. They deserve the best.

I'm proud to have delivered more than \$1 million for the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center, which will serve as a command hub for our agencies to coordinate their vital work keeping us safe.

FIGHTING FOR THE WEST PARK POST OFFICE AT OUR COMMUNITY RALLY

For many communities in the Hudson Valley, the U.S. Postal Service is a lifeline.

That's especially the case in West Park where it's one of the few meeting places in town.

I've heard from seniors worried about picking up their medication, small business owners who rely on the shipping services, and most of all from neighbors, worried about losing this center of their community. We need to make sure USPS understands just how vital this post office is to the West Park community.

USPS owes the Hudson Valley better, and our community will keep fighting to save the West Park post office and ensure our neighbors don't get left behind.

If you live in West Park, NY, sign my petition to save the post office.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-rallies-west-park-community-postal-workers-save-west-park>

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PARKS AND REC MONTH

From the oldest section of the Appalachian Trail to following in the footsteps of President Franklin Roosevelt in Hyde Park, NY-18 has some magnificent places to visit this National Parks & Rec month!

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

If you need help enrolling in Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, and more; Join my team at one of the next July 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. (Contd. Pg. 62)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 61)**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>

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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

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

SIGN UP FOR MY 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.

GRANTS CORNER**Featured Funding Opportunities****FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)**

Through FEMA's NSGP, nonprofit organizations can receive funding for security enhancements, like security cameras, additional warning and alert systems, gates and lighting, access control systems and training programs for staff. FEMA published the FY 2026 NSGP funding opportunity, making \$300 million in NSGP funding available to nonprofit organizations across the country.

To apply for NSGP funding, nonprofit organizations must submit an application to their State Administrative Agency. In New York, this is the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). Eligible nonprofit organizations include houses of worship, educational facilities, medical facilities, senior centers/care facilities, community/social services, shelters/crisis centers, event venues, science organizations, camps, and museums. DHSES will announce when applications are due in the coming weeks.

NYS Clean Green Schools Initiative

Recently, Governor Kathy Hochul announced more than \$100 million is now available to make clean energy upgrades in public schools through the Clean Green Schools Initiative, which provides funding to implement modern, energy efficient solutions from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 (P-12) educational buildings.

The initiative is open to public school districts that are designated as Priority Districts, or if the public school buildings and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) buildings are located in a disadvantaged community, as defined by the New York Climate Justice Working Group. Incentive amounts start at \$500,000 for qualifying projects and proposals are due on August 18, 2026 by 3 p.m.

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

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

Applications are due 2 p.m. on Wednesday August 12, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

Funding Levels:

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

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

Funding Inquiries are due no later than 11:59 PM ET, July 31, 2026.

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.

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Fiscal Year 2026 Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

The released NOFOs include the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) and several other grant programs that:

Support the hiring and retention of sworn law enforcement officers,

Keep school students safe,

Promote the health and safety of our nation's law enforcement personnel,

Keep communities safe by providing active shooter training

Applications are due starting Thursday, July 23, 2026. Review the NOFO for additional information.

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

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 NYPLATES 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. (Contd. Pg. 63)

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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.

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

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!



Advancing My Essential Caregivers Act through Ways and Means

This week, my bipartisan Essential Caregivers Act advanced through the House Ways and Means Committee, bringing us one step closer to ensuring nursing home residents and individuals in long-term care facilities are never again separated from the loved ones they rely on during a federal, state, or local emergency, including a public health emergency. During the COVID-19 pandemic, too many seniors and individuals with disabilities endured unnecessary isolation when families were prevented from providing care, advocacy, and emotional support. My legislation protects the right of residents to have access to a designated essential

caregiver while establishing clear safety guidelines to protect patients, caregivers, and facility staff. I will continue working to advance this commonsense, bipartisan legislation to preserve the dignity, well-being, and quality of care for some of our most vulnerable Americans.

Introducing the No Hostile ONLOOKERS Act

America's National Laboratories are at the forefront of scientific research and technological innovation that are critical to our national defense and economic security. That's why I introduced the No Hostile ONLOOKERS Act, which would strengthen safeguards to prevent hostile foreign adversaries like Communist China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea from accessing sensitive laboratory facilities, research, and technology. This commonsense legislation ensures Intelligence Community funding only supports laboratories that maintain strong national security protections while helping defend against espionage, intellectual property theft, and other threats. Protecting America's research enterprise and technological advantage is essential to keeping our nation safe and maintaining our competitive edge.

Celebrating the Appointment of Rich Andres to USTR Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee

Congratulations to Niagara County Legislator Rich Andres on his appointment to the Office of the United States Trade Representative's Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee. Rich Andres is a strong voice for Niagara County and Western New York, and his appointment to USTR's Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee is great news for our region. Trade policy has a direct impact on our farmers, manufacturers, small businesses, and hard-working taxpayers. Rich understands these issues and will bring commonsense Upstate New York values to this important advisory role. Thus, when USTR sought my recommendation for individuals to serve on the IGPAC, I strongly recommended Rich Andres to represent the interests of our region and our communities. I look forward to seeing him advocate for policies that strengthen American workers, support our local economy, and keep Western New York competitive.

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. 951, the 250 Years of Service and Sacrifice Commemorative Coin Act: This bill would direct the Department of the Treasury to mint commemorative gold, silver, and half-dollar coins honoring more than 250 years of Americans' service and sacrifice as part of the Nation's celebrations. Recognizing the sacrifices of our servicemembers, veterans, first responders, and Gold Star families helps preserve our nation's history while supporting those who have given so much for this country. This legislation helps commemorate America's 250th anniversary by honoring generations of service and sacrifice while providing meaningful support to the families and communities that continue that legacy.

H.R. 824, the Government Office Realignment And Closure (GORAC) Act of 2025: This bill would require the Comptroller General to conduct a comprehensive review of federal agencies and programs every 10 years to identify duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions and recommend whether these agencies and programs should be eliminated or realigned. Regularly evaluating the size and effectiveness of the federal government helps ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly and that agencies remain focused on their core missions. This legislation helps reduce waste, improve government efficiency, and strengthen fiscal accountability while preserving essential government services. (Contd. Pg. 64)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 63)

H.R. 1520, Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act: This bill would prohibit health care providers, transplant centers, and organ procurement organizations from denying or restricting an individual's access to an organ transplant solely because of an individual's physical or mental disability. Ensuring that organ transplant decisions are based on sound medical judgment rather than discriminatory assumptions helps protect equal access to lifesaving care while preserving appropriate clinical standards. This legislation helps safeguard the rights of individuals with disabilities and ensures that transplant eligibility is determined by medical need and the likelihood of a successful transplant.

My Votes Explained

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

Monday, July 13

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3106, the Weatherizing Infrastructure in the North and Terrorism Emergency Readiness Act of 2025. This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to test the Department's ability to respond to terrorist attacks, including attacks against critical infrastructure, during an extreme cold weather event. Communities across Upstate New York understand how extreme cold can strain critical infrastructure, which can quickly complicate disaster response. This legislation helps ensure emergency officials are prepared to protect families when natural disasters and national security threats overlap. This bill passed the House by a vote of 400-7.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8897, the Improving Travel for American Families Act. This bill allows the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to establish a two-year pilot program at airports to expedite access to security screening for adults traveling with children 12 years of age and younger. Importantly, the bill preserves existing security protocols, and only travelers already eligible for TSA PreCheck or another expedited screening program may use those lanes. Ensuring that children and parents can go through security screenings together can limit potential delays for passengers. This commonsense bill helps families move through airports more efficiently without weakening critical security standards. This bill passed the House by a vote of 398-12.

Tuesday, July 14

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1181, the Protecting Privacy in Purchases Act. This bill prohibits payment card networks and payment processors from assigning a merchant category code (MCC) that distinguishes firearms retailers from general merchandise or sporting goods retailers. Under the Biden administration, left-wing activists sought to pressure credit card companies to create a new MCC for firearm purchases, which would allow the Biden administration to easily surveil Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights. I was an original cosponsor of this important bill to prevent credit card companies from ever creating this specialized MCC and opening the door for further surveillance of law-abiding citizens. This legislation protects Americans' financial privacy and ensures that firearms businesses are not unfairly singled out by financial institutions. One of my top priorities throughout my time in Congress has been to preserve and uphold the sacred right to bear arms, and I will continue to fight against efforts to infringe on our Second Amendment. This bill passed the House by a vote of 221-201.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 139, the Sunshine Protection Act of 2025. This bill makes Daylight Saving Time (DST) permanent across the United States. Changing clocks twice a year forces

families, workers, schools, and small businesses to continually readjust their schedules. Eliminating this burdensome and confusing time-change system will provide more usable daylight during evening hours, when Americans are more likely to be active. Locking the clock also provides consistency and reduces disruptions for farmers and would support small businesses by providing a stable, year-round time system. This bill passed the House by a vote of 308-117.

Wednesday, July 15

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8595, the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2027. This bill supports American national security interests around the world while continuing to cut wasteful and bloated spending. This bill cuts spending by 6%, or \$2.69 billion, as compared to the FY26 enacted level. This bill continues to support our allies abroad, including Taiwan and Israel, and also includes critical restrictions on funding for UNRWA, the World Health Organization, the International Criminal Court, and the International Court of Justice. This bill also continues to combat the threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party and restricts foreign embassies and consulates from flying woke and progressive flags, which undermines U.S. interests. This bill also includes one of my amendments to encourage the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom to support equal access for all to the Temple Mount, the holiest site in the world to the Jewish people. This bill wholly supports President Trump's commitment to Peace through Strength and ensures that the U.S. continues to be the global leader in fighting for freedom, democracy, and peace. This bill passed the House by a vote of 217-209.

Thursday, July 16

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 5362, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs multispecialty clinic in Marietta, Georgia, as the "Colonel Michael H. Boyce Department of Veterans Affairs Multispecialty Clinic". Colonel Boyce served our country for nearly 30 years in the United States Marine Corps, including in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Restore Hope, Desert Thunder, and Desert Fox. After his military service, he remained active in public service and veterans' advocacy as Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, where he led efforts to establish the first Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Cobb County, Georgia. H.R. 5362 honors his memory and his service following his passing in 2022. This bill passed the House by a vote of 418-0.



Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

1. Fighting to protect seniors' healthcare

Allowing AI to delay and deny seniors' medical care is completely immoral and absolutely unacceptable.

This week, Republicans blocked Kirsten's legislation to end the Trump administration's WISer pilot program, which uses AI to evaluate seniors' medical claims. Following the vote, Kirsten vowed to continue fighting until the WISer model is abolished once and for all.

Read more.

<https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/senate-republicans-block-medicare-ai-prior-authorization-pilot-repeal-wiser/825523/>

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! (From Pg. 64)

2. Introducing bipartisan paid leave legislation

No American should ever be forced to choose between earning a paycheck and caring for a newborn baby, a sick parent, or their own health.

That's why this week, Kirsten introduced a landmark bipartisan bill that would establish a grant program to help states create robust paid parental, caregiving, or medical leave programs. This bill would help give Americans the flexibility to deal with life's emergencies without sacrificing their income. Kirsten is determined to get this legislation passed and will continue fighting until every American has guaranteed access to paid leave. Read more.

<https://www.politico.com/live-updates/2026/07/16/congress/new-paid-leave-bill-01000616>

3. Demanding gun safety regulations

Earlier this month, devastating mass shootings turned Fourth of July celebrations in nine states into a series of tragedies. But instead of taking action to protect our families, the Trump administration is rolling back dozens of commonsense gun safety regulations that are designed to keep our streets safe.

This week, Kirsten demanded a reversal of these rollbacks, pointing to the proven success of her anti-gun trafficking statute as evidence that commonsense gun safety reforms save lives. On the latest episode of her YouTube series , Two Truths and Trump's Lies, Kirsten also spoke with an expert about the critical need for commonsense gun safety measures.

Read more. <https://www.wbng.com/2026/07/16/gillibrand-slams-trump-gun-regulation-rollbacks-touts-trafficking-law-results/>

Watch Two Truths and Trump's Lies. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suarno26fv0&feature=youtu.be>

4. Questioning Trump's intelligence nominee

President Trump's nominee for director of national intelligence, Jay Clayton, is unfit to lead our country's intelligence apparatus.

At Clayton's Senate Intelligence Committee confirmation hearing this week, Kirsten pressed him about election security and his refusal to state plainly that Joe Biden won the 2020 election.

She also demanded answers about the subpoenas he issued to multiple New York Times journalists who reported on security concerns involving President Trump's Qatari-donated Air Force One.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2026/07/15/trump-intel-pick-jay-clayton-set-face-tough-confirmation-hearing/>

5. Passing legislation to protect seniors

The Older Americans Act (OAA) has been a lifeline for seniors for decades, supporting programs that provide nutrition assistance, meal deliveries, transportation services, caregiver support, long-term care, and more.

This week, Kirsten's OAA Reauthorization Act passed the Senate unanimously, bringing us one step closer to renewing funding for these vital programs.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-applauds-senate-passage-of-the-older-americans-act-reauthorization-act/>

6. Demanding accountability for civilian bombings

This week, Kirsten continued leading the charge to demand answers about the U.S.' bombing of an Iranian elementary school in February, which reportedly killed about 120 children and at least 175 people total.

here is no justification for withholding information from the public or Congress about what happened, what went wrong, and what the Pentagon is doing to prevent it from happening again. Kirsten will continue holding the Trump administration's feet to the fire until Americans get answers.

Read more. <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/lawmakers-demand-pentagon-release-findings-probe-iran-school-strike-2026-07-13/>

7. Helping New Yorkers get student loan forgiveness

A Westchester County constituent reached out to Kirsten for help resolving a frustrating roadblock with her Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) application.

After Kirsten's team contacted the Department of Education to request clarification on the status of her loans, the constituent secured full loan forgiveness, totalling about \$200,000.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here . <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/>



The Riley Report - my weekly newsletter to keep you informed about the work I'm doing on behalf of Upstate New York. Here's a look at what I was up to last week.

REINING IN DATA CENTERS

Upstate New Yorkers shouldn't have to pay for data center projects that none of us asked for, and nearly everyone opposes. My bipartisan FAIR Data Act would make sure that the utility monopolies can't force working families and small businesses to foot the bill for Big Tech.

<https://riverreporter.com/stories/riley-introduces-bill-to-stop-data-center-projects-from-driving-up-energy-bills,267946>

HOLDING ICE ACCOUNTABLE

Two more killings on the streets by ICE agents. It's heart-breaking, infuriating, and it underscores a simple fact: we need change.

In the United States of America, you should not have to live in fear of being shot and killed by federal agents when you drive to work or drop your kid off at school. I voted against additional funding for ICE, and I'm joining my colleagues to demand an immediate, independent investigation into these deaths.

STANDING UP TO BIG PHARMA

Big Pharma is telling rural hospitals: hand over patient health data or pay more for prescription drugs. That's wrong.

340B helps safety-net hospitals and rural clinics keep their doors open. I signed a bipartisan letter to protect it. I won't let them hold Upstate NY's health hostage. (Contd. Pg. 66)

The Riley Report (From Pg. 65)

I met with upstate New Yorkers

Saunderskill Farm has roots stretching back to 1680 and spanning 12 generations. They're a pillar of our community and a part of Upstate New York history - but like many farms in the Hudson Valley, they were hit hard by April's devastating frost.

I was glad to have the opportunity to tour Saunderskill and see the damage to their crop firsthand. I'm pushing the federal government to move faster, cut the red tape, and deliver the relief our farmers need.

Working families shouldn't have to go bankrupt just to send their kids to preschool. That's why I'm focused on commonsense fixes to expand access to affordable childcare in Upstate New York and bring down costs across the board.

It was great to sit down with members of The Arc New York and local partners to talk about how we can work together to address the childcare crisis impacting our neighbors in Columbia County.

I was glad to sit down with newly appointed Columbia Economic Development Corporation President Jonathan Spampinato to talk about how we

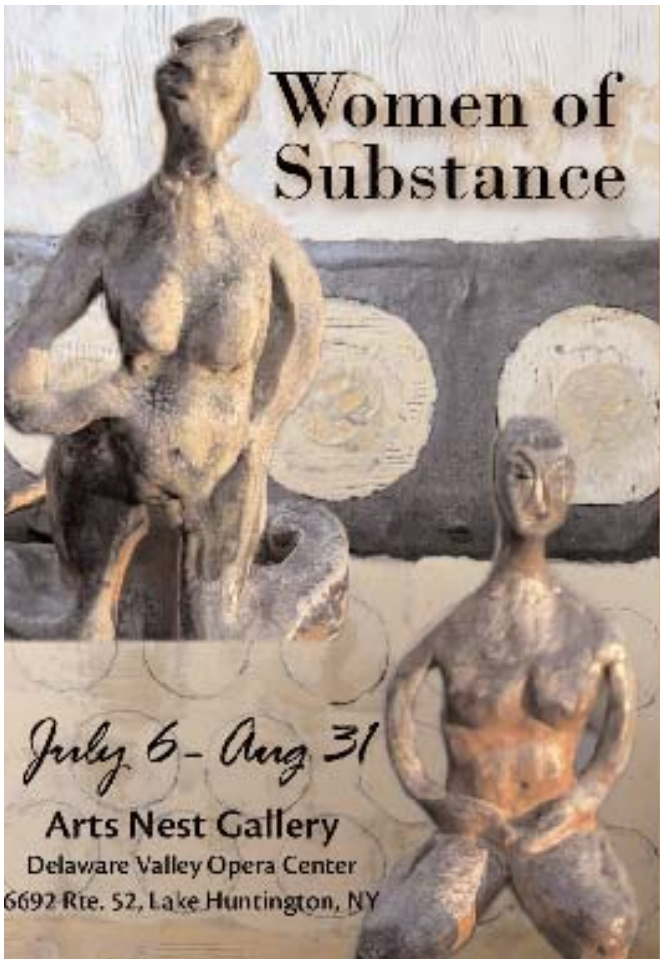
can strengthen Columbia County's economy: backing local businesses, expanding affordable housing, growing our workforce, and helping the next generation build a future here at home.

Irrigation is the lifeblood of agriculture, and National Pipe & Plastic in Endicott builds the systems that keep water moving for farmers across Upstate NY and the country. My LEAPS Act helps farmers upgrade to energy-efficient pumping systems made right here in NY-19.

More than 2.2 million New Yorkers are affected by kidney disease, and the Ithaca Dialysis Clinic provides critical care to folks struggling with this chronic condition. It was great to visit the clinic and talk about my work to support kidney patients and protect living donors.

As always, to stay up to date with the work I'm doing, follow along on my official social media pages at @RepRileyNY on X, Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. If there's anything my team or I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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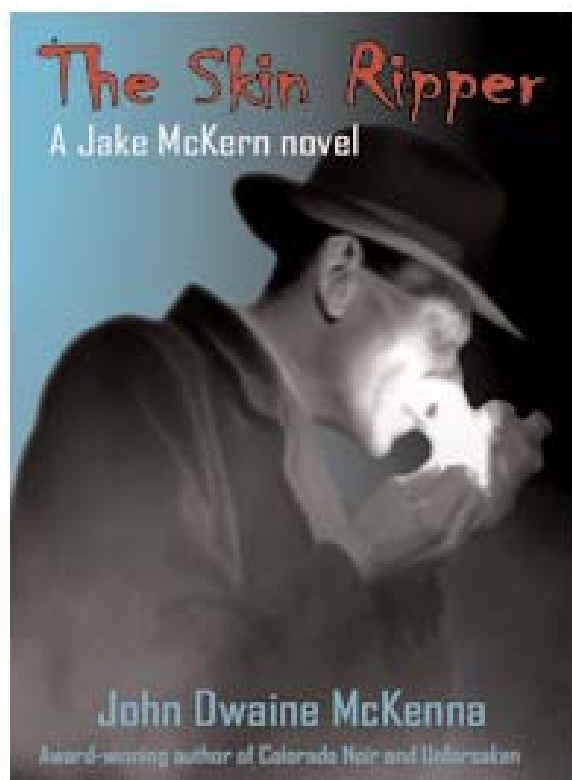
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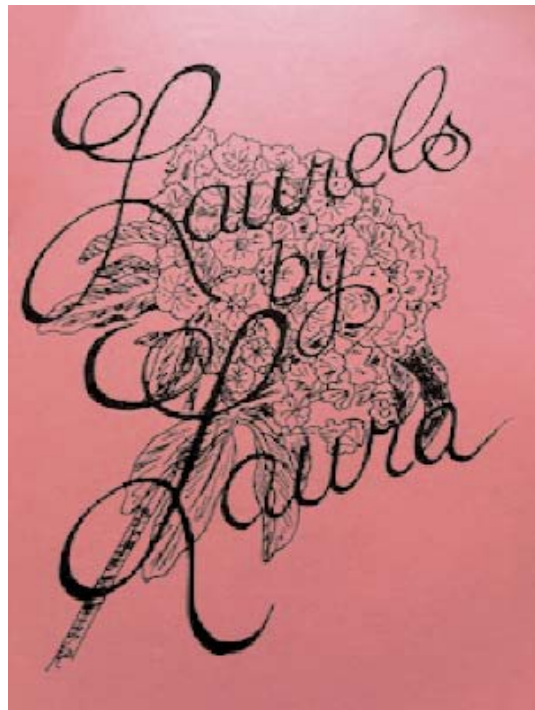
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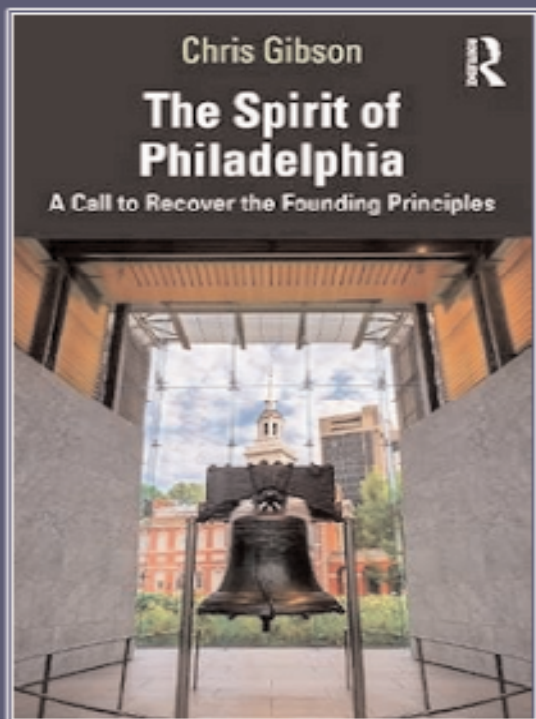
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We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green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

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

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

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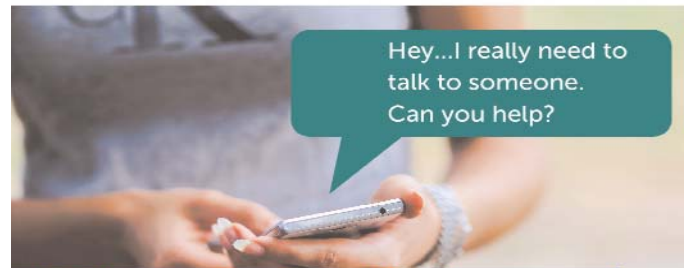
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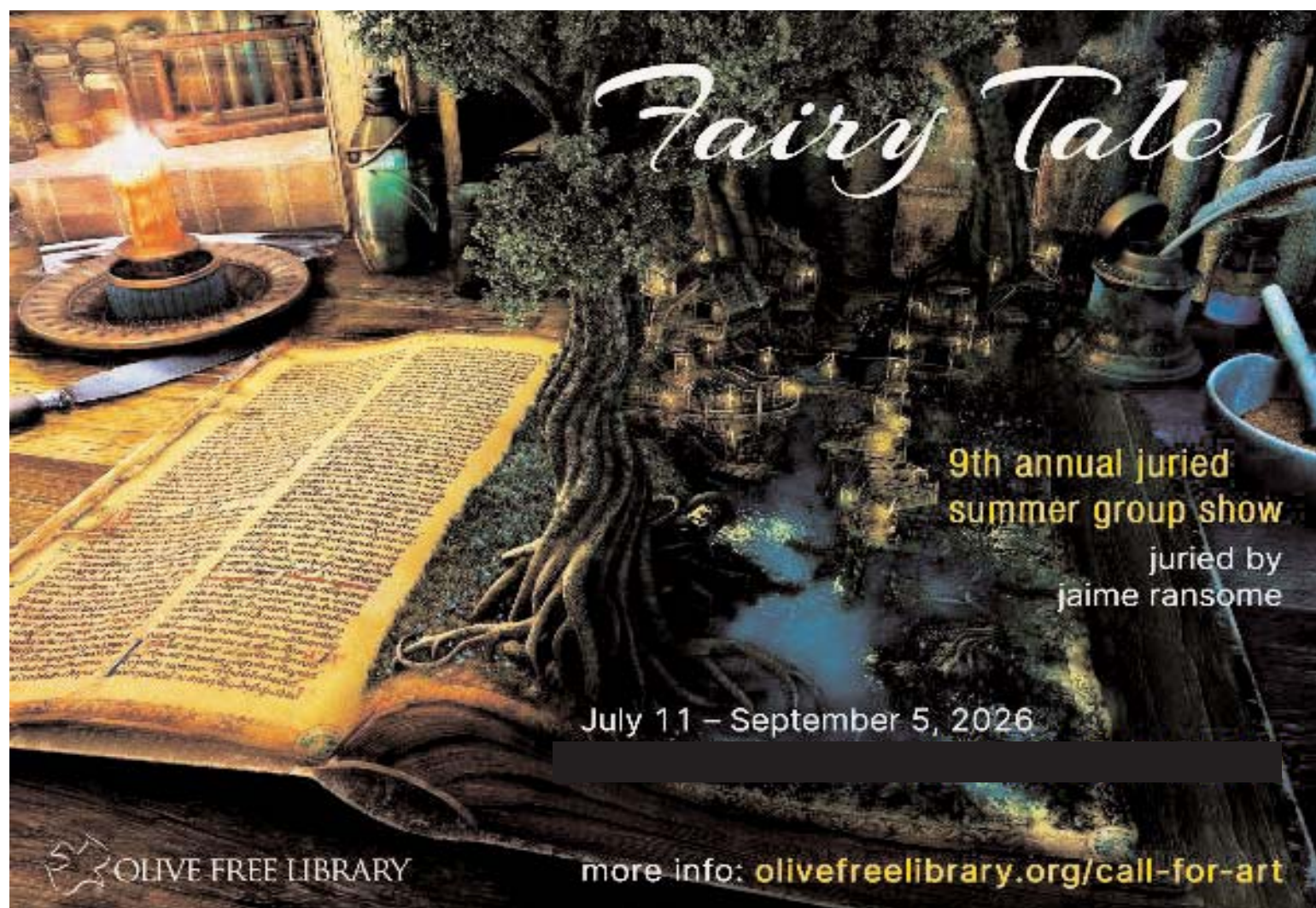
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Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question: *The Dead Pool*

This weeks' Trivia question: What is the name of Stella's sister in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?