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Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Distributes Driver License Guide Booklets to SC Retailers



Mark McLewin, owner of the Neversink General Store, and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty

In an effort to prevent underage drinking, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is distributing Driver License Guide booklets to alcohol retailers within the county.

The guides, which are provided free of charge by Dana Distributors, the local Anheuser-Busch beer distributor, show examples of drivers licenses from all 50 states, US territories and Canada. If a sales clerk doubts the validity of a drivers license that is presented at the time of purchase, the clerk can easily look up what the license should look like and what safety features should be present on the document.

In the photo Undersheriff Eric Chaboty presents a driver license guide booklet to Mark McLewin, owner of the Neversink General Store. Mr. McLewin's point-of-sale cash register system also uses a sophisticated scanner to detect counterfeit Licenses.

Monticello Kiwanis Donates to Child Advocacy Center



Kiwanis P.R. Coord. Sheila Lashinsky and Club Sec. Kathy Garlick pose with Library Director Mary Paige Lang-Clouse and Diana D'Agati, who support Kiwanis missions and donated many books.

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello recently donated more than 200 books to the Sullivan County Child Advocacy Center. In Liberty, NY. The donation aims to provide comfort and literacy resources to children visiting the facility. Each child has the opportunity to choose a book to take home, giving them something positive to hold on to as they begin their healing journey from their experiences endured in a cycle of neglect and abuse. Child Advocacy Center Coordinator Rachel Waldman was very appreciative stating "Thank you Monticello Kiwanis for believing in our mission and for helping us create moments of comfort, courage and joy for children when they need it most."

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Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?
 1 Corinthians 3:16

OBITUARY

Benjamin Thomas Miklas



of Hurleyville, NY passed away peacefully on July 22nd, 2026. He was 96 years old. His life was long and fruitful, and we, his family, are grateful for every year we were blessed to have with him.

As a first generation American, Ben was born on June 23rd, 1930 to Stella and Michael Miklas, and grew up in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. He was a city kid and proud of it. Right up until the end, his voice still carried an accent that would make anyone smile.

As Ben grew up, he was shaped by his Polish roots, Catholic faith, family, friends, music, baseball, and a lifelong love of fixing things. He especially loved cars, though owning one required a fair amount of negotiation. No matter his age, Frank Sinatra or Nat King Cole could usually be heard in the background either on the radio or Alexa (depending on what decade you caught him in). He always knew where the Yankees stood, and there was always a new mission underway, whether it was finding a good deal on a lawnmower, giving someone a new rosary or St. Christopher for travel, or reorganizing the garage for the hundredth time.

Not long after graduating high school, Ben was drafted into the United States Army and served for three years during the Korean War. It is hard to imagine a young man who had scarcely left Brooklyn suddenly finding himself halfway around the world. The 70 years after were always deeply impacted by his time in war, and he never forgot those who were lost. He was always a proud Veteran and no words will ever describe how

grateful we are for all the sacrifices he and so many others made.

Upon returning, he married Margaret Marie Buckley and found himself venturing to the Catskills for work. From owning and operating the Sundown General Store, to serving as a correctional officer, to faithfully attending school concerts and ball games as a devoted grandfather, Ben spent the rest of his life building a home and community for himself in the mountains he came to love.

Ben was predeceased by his wife, Margaret and his beloved poodle, Benji. He is survived by his children, Kathleen Jones (Desi), Benjamin Miklas Jr. (Karen), and Michael Miklas (Sha); and his grandchildren, Lauren (John), Devan, Kaylee, Jason, and Jonah.

We think of Ben's passing as a celebration of a life well lived and find comfort when remembering how much he loved diners, an espresso martini, a good pierogi, his faith, a ShopRite bargain, and telling a story or two. There is no question Ben knew how to get what he wanted out of life.

If you were lucky enough to hear one of Ben's stories, we hope the memory brings a smile to your face and inspires you to pass along one of his tales or a bit of his humor to others. That would be one of the greatest tributes to his memory.

A wake will be held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, July 26th from 2-4 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, July 27th, at 10:00 am at the Church of the Immaculate Conception with interment at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery to follow.

If wishing, we ask any donations be made to the Sullivan County SPCA, an organization Ben felt deeply passionate about. Donations can be made to PO Box 995, Rock Hill, NY 12775 or <https://sullivanspca.org/>. In closing, we leave you with a favorite toast of Ben's: "Na zdrowie!" which in Polish means "To your health!"

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

August 8, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schwake of Moonachie, N.J., formerly of Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to William Kelly of Grahamsville. He is the son of Mrs. Blanche Kelly and the late Francis Kelly. An August wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Curry are the parents of a daughter, Debra Lee, born July 25th at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello. Mr. and Mrs. Max Gilles and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Curry are the baby's grandparents.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Denman of West Shokan on Wednesday, August 1st at Kingston Hospital. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman and Mr. and Mrs. George Singer.

August 3, 1966

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gruner of Rocky Hill on the birth of a son, Eric Allan, born July 1st at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. The Gruners hail from Staten Island.

The new homes on Big Hollow Rd. being built by Miller for Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuck of Monticello, and the Schoonmaker being built for Mr. and Mrs. James Rennison, also of Monticello, are coming along fine.

August 11, 1976

Nancy Seaman was born eight years before the first Little World's Fair at Grahamsville, and this spry little lady of 105 years expects to attend the Fair again on August 21st. She will participate in the ceremonies dedicating the newly built covered bridge which must be crossed to enter the fairgrounds.

At the Board of Education meeting Mrs. Joan Hall was appointed to a one year position as a teacher in the Elementary school and Mrs. Fred Booker was appointed as a General Science teacher.

August 21, 1986

Edith Chewiwi (Shay Sha Dhee) of Claryville received Honorable Mention in Jewelry at the Catskill Art Society 16th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair held on Saturday, August 9, on the Monticello Courthouse Green. Congratulations Edith!

Barry Lewis, formerly of Grahamsville, has been promoted to Managing Editor of the Democrat. Mr. Lewis graduated from Liberty Central High School in 1978. He received an Associate Degree from Herkimer Co. Community College and a BA in Communications from Marist College in Poughkeepsie. Barry and his wife, Bonnie, and their son, Sean, now live in Neversink.

Household Hint:

Want Moss to Grow in Your Shade Garden?

If you want to encourage moss to grow in your shady garden, pick some moss, put it in a blender with some milk, then spraythe mixture on a rock, an old wooden chair, or whatever you would like to have moss covered. The milk provides the protein to encourage the moss spores to germinate and grow.

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.

Mosses, Dinosaurs and Diapers???

A few of our younger grandchildren are big fans of fairies, gnomes, elves, etc. Over the summer, we have spent a little time in our yard making a fairy garden—their own little enchanted forest filled with the magic of nature—different types of green moss from our backyard. As we searched for little samples, I explained that moss has been growing for over 150 millions years on Earth. That was not as impressive for their young minds as the little pink moths that flew away from little mossy mounds. The children were convinced they were fairies!!

When I added that plant-eating dinosaurs feasted on the different mosses they immediately paid attention and began to imagine those huge hulk-like dinosaurs moving slowly through our mossy back yard, munching on drippy moss waterweeds?



Sphagnum Moss

Moss (Musci, subclass of Bryophyta) originally came from water bound one-cell green algae. Leaving the water after millions of years, it



scrambled up on dry land and survived! A miracle plant with no roots, no stem, no leaves! How did this happen?

Keeping to moist stream banks and splash zones of waterfalls, moss put out root-like hairs called rhizoids that anchored the plant and absorbed moisture. As moss advanced, cells began to join end to end developing a primitive stem that also supported tiny leaf-like tissues, only a single layer of cells thick. When this simple structure dried out, it could easily soak up twenty five times its own weight of rain or dew drops.

Moss accomplishes this by osmosis, a natural process whereby water is drawn through cell walls along the whole plant and refills storage cells. This is how moss regains its fresh green condition so quickly. Besides storing water, moss leaf cells also make plant food by photosynthesis.



Star Moss

Moss reproduces in a primitive two-step cycle: a green generation of two separate plant tissues, the protonema, a tiny green pancake-like structure from which the moss plant that we recognize grows; and the fruiting generation—a stalk rising out of this new moss plant with a capsule full of spores on top. When the capsule splits open, ripe spores are windblown to fertilize nearby female plants (sporophytes). Spores are so small that hundreds packed together look like a puff of dust, a miniature version of stepping on a puffball or mushroom.

Empty spore capsules remain on the moss and are the easiest way to identify these small plants. Mature capsules look like tiny tan footballs with a cap at one end. Some are pear-shaped.

As we walked further into forest we found Pin Cushion moss, Star moss in plushy green mats, and Sphagnum moss that covered some of the trees.

Because moss is so absorbent and contains a natural antiseptic, people have used it to dress wounds from 2000 B.C. until World War 1.

Europeans have burned peat moss to heat their homes for centuries. Some American Indian tribes used moss to diaper their babies.

By the time we were done with our journey through our own 'Enchanted Forest' the grandchildren were all happy to know that it was moss that survived and not dinosaurs!

LOOKING BACK by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 9, 1998

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

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

Memories of the kids' happy faces as I arranged their flowers in a jelly jar are vivid as ever. Then there were memories of my clothesline being mysteriously shortened as jump ropes blossomed in our driveway.

Hopscotch squares were scratched in the soft dirt and the boys were playing mumblety peg with their Christmas jack knives.

In order to hang out the wash, I had to dig up more rope for the clothesline.

Hanging laundry out to dry never seemed like work on the "Old Man Davis Farm."

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

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

Monticello Kiwanis Donates to Child Advocacy Center

(From Pg. 1) It did not take long to rally the Kiwanis members to gather books from their families and friends -



including Diana D'Agati, a friend and supporter of our Kiwanis projects, as well as Ethelbert Crawford Library Director Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, who both donated an ample supply of books. The books ranged from interests for toddlers, young children and teenagers. The members and our community supporters were very happy to help out with this project. In addition to this project, Kiwanis provides books to all the second graders at the George L. Cooke Elementary School each year and gives personal items to children going into foster care in order to assist with their transition. All of these projects directly support the Kiwanis mission to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Monticello meets the first Monday of the month at Albella's Restaurant in Monticello, NY at 6:00 PM. For more information about the club and its activities, please check out its facebook page at Monticello NY Kiwanis Club.

Monticello Kiwanis P.R. Coord. Sheila Lashinsky, Club Secretary Kathy Garlick and Child Advocacy Center Coordinator Rachel Waldman displaying donated books at Child Center.

National School Food Advocate Chef Ann Cooper Coming to Sullivan County *Community conversation about healthier school meals and student wellbeing*

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 will welcome nationally



recognized chef and school food advocate Chef Ann Cooper for An Evening with Chef Ann Cooper: A Conversation with the Renegade Lunch Lady on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn at The Center for Discovery.

This first talk in the Sullivan 180 Speaker Series will explore how fresh, scratch-made school meals can improve children's health, support academic success, and

strengthen connections between schools, families, and local agriculture. For more than two decades, Chef Ann has helped transform school meal programs across the country, inspiring schools and communities to embrace fresh, nutritious food that supports student health and success.

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

Nearly 30 million children eat school meals five days a week, that's more than half of all school-aged kids in the U.S. In Sullivan County the number is close to 10,000. By making sure school meals are healthy and cooked from scratch using real ingredients, we can help tens of millions of kids feel better and succeed in and beyond the classroom. (Chef Ann Foundation)

Attendees will hear Chef Ann's story, learn about innovative school nutrition initiatives, and explore how we can work together to improve children's access to healthy food.

Community members, educators, school administrators, parents, caregivers, students, healthcare professionals, and anyone interested in improving children's health through better nutrition are encouraged to attend.

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

Sullivan County Seeks Farm Applicants for Farmland Protection Grant Program

LIBERTY, NY, July 21, 2026 - The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB), in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) and the Orange County Land Trust (OCLT), is currently seeking farm owners interested in applying for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program.

This initiative offers a unique opportunity for farmers to permanently protect their land from future development through agricultural conservation easements, while continuing to actively farm. Participating farms must be actively farming the property and committed to placing a permanent land protection agreement on their property, ensuring it remains in agricultural use for generations to come.

"Preserving farmland is essential to safeguarding our local food supply, supporting family farms, and maintaining the rural character of Sullivan County," said Melinda Meddaugh, Agriculture & Food Systems Sr. Issue Leader at CCESC. "This program provides critical resources to help landowners protect their legacy."

To qualify, interested farms must submit a Pre-Application Inquiry Form by Monday, August 17, 2026. The Sullivan County AFPB will review and rank submissions before forwarding selected applications to the Orange County Land Trust for inclusion in the state grant process. After submitting the pre-application form, a representative from the Orange County Land Trust will follow up directly with applicants to discuss the program in more detail and review eligibility requirements. When offered in the past, the grant has been highly competitive, with requests for State assistance often exceeding available funds.

How to Apply:

Visit the Farmland Preservation Project website to download the inquiry form.

Submit completed forms via email to Melinda Meddaugh at mm2592@cornell.edu or

Michael Sweeton at michael@oclt.org.

Alternatively, mail forms to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County
64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754

For more information about the NYSDAM FPIG Program, visit the official program page.

For more information about the Sullivan County Farmland Preservation project, visit the CCE Sullivan program page.

This effort is part of a broader initiative to preserve open space, protect historic sites, and strengthen the rural economy through strategic land conservation and community engagement. The program is proudly supported by the Sullivan County Legislature, which recognizes the vital role that farmland plays in the county's heritage, economy, and future sustainability.

Sullivan 180 Strengthens Suicide Prevention Efforts Through Statewide Region Leader Meetings

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is strengthening suicide prevention efforts across Sullivan County through participation in the Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY) Region Leader Meetings. Youth Mental Health Program Manager Mylene Ortiz, Sullivan County's designated Region Leader for the New York State Office of Mental Health, joined prevention professionals from across New York State during meetings held in April and July to share best practices, discuss emerging initiatives, and strengthen local suicide prevention efforts.

The quarterly Region Leader Meetings bring together leaders from across the state to share successful community initiatives, review current suicide prevention data and trends, and receive updates on statewide priorities. The meetings also provide opportunities to collaborate on innovative approaches that support schools, healthcare providers, community organizations and local stakeholders.

"Building a safer community requires more than awareness. It requires leadership, collaboration and a commitment to continuous learning," said Mylene Ortiz, Youth Mental Health Program Manager at Sullivan 180 and Sullivan County Region Leader for the Suicide Prevention Center of New York. "Participating in these meetings helps ensure Sullivan County remains at the forefront of youth mental health and suicide prevention."

As Sullivan County's Region Leader, Ortiz serves as a liaison between the New York State Office of Mental Health, the Suicide Prevention Center of New York and local organizations. Resources and information shared during the meetings help inform Sullivan 180's community trainings, school-based initiatives and countywide suicide prevention strategies, ensuring local efforts reflect current evidence-based practices.

Insights gained through the Region Leader Meetings continue to strengthen Sullivan 180's community trainings, school partnerships, Hope Squad implementation and collaborative prevention initiatives throughout Sullivan County.

Community members, schools and organizations interested in suicide prevention training or partnering with Sullivan 180 are encouraged to contact Mylene Ortiz at Mylene@Sullivan180.org.

Two New Group Exhibitions Open at DVAA

Both are presented as part of DVAA's 50th Anniversary Celebrations

(Narrowsburg, NY-July 24th, 2026) Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) proudly announces the opening of two new group exhibitions, (T)Here in the Alliance Gallery and Fellows in the Loft Gallery. These group exhibitions are presented as part of DVAA's ongoing 50th Anniversary programing. They celebrate the organization's home, Narrowsburg, NY, and the community of artists that have been directly supported by Individual Artist Fellowships.

On view from August 1st - September 13th.

Opening Receptions for both exhibitions will take place on Saturday, August 1st from 4-6pm.

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

Walk-ins are welcome, and our galleries are ADA-accessible. Please note that the Gallery & Shop hours are extended for the summer season:

Wednesday - Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm
Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm
and by appointment.

For more information, visit DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org

Alliance Gallery

On View: August 1st - September 13th

Curated by Ariel Shanberg

Opening Reception: August 1st, 4-6pm

Presented in conjunction with DVAA's 50th Anniversary, (T)Here is an exhibition that contemplates individual and collective memory of place, and how the way in which an artist shapes and interprets their surroundings can serve as a lasting record of that place.

Three artists featured in the exhibition - Francis Cape, Jorge Colombo, and Brea Souders, all full or part-time residents of Narrowsburg - each construct a vantage point through which we are invited to consider how one shapes an understanding, a sense of (T)Here.

Organized as a series of thematic 'zines, Jorge Colombo's ongoing cataloging of Narrowsburg's denizens and informal landmarks constructs a sense of place that is both shared and specific to one person. In her series End of the Road, Brea Souders' documentation of anonymous individuals isolated on a country road, coexists between the intimate and the removed, a moment that is rooted in place yet floating in transience.

With his series Community Chairs Model sculpture Francis Cape's installation offers a platonic suite that encompasses distinct eras and circles within a community, constructed with white pine sourced from Narrowsburg and surrounding towns.

Fellows
Loft Gallery

On View: August 1st - September 13th

Curated by Tanner Simon

Opening Reception: August 1st, 4-6pm

Fellows surveys eight years of visual artists who have been supported through the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's Individual Artist Fellowship. Formerly known as "Artists in the Community," the fellowship is a New York State Council on the Arts regrant program administered by DVAA to support artists living and working in Sullivan County. Bringing together photography, painting, collage, sculpture, drawing, and interdisciplinary practices, the exhibition reflects the breadth of artistic inquiry sustained within the region.

Artists in the show include Bobbie Oliver (2019 Fellow), Kaitlyn Danielson (2021 Fellow), Kathleen Anderson (2021 Fellow), Amy Yoes (2022 Fellow), Bobby Abate (2023 Fellow), Kelley Simons (2024 Fellow), Douglas Shindler (2024 Fellow), Hai Zhang (2025 Fellow), and Kelly O'Brien (2026 Fellow).

DVAA 50

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

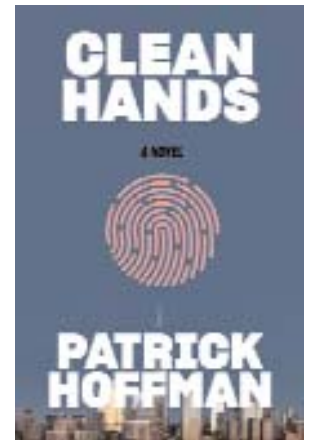


Clean Hands

Mysterious Book Report No. 412

by John Dwaine McKenna

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High finance, billion dollar banks and a Wall Street law firm on the brink of disaster . . . combined with a talented fixer, a determined, urbane and experienced warrior woman known for her smooth style, velvet touch and iron fist . . . and you'll have just a few of the elements of a recent thriller entitled: *Clean Hands*, (Grove Atlantic, \$26.00, 277 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2953-6) by Patrick Hoffman.

Big mergers between mega corporations involve billions of dollars in cash, accounts receivable and debt. They're full of big risks, big paydays and big problems, that, once completed successfully, are cause for big celebrations as well as big congratulations. It's when things go wrong, right in the midst of negotiations however, that the crying starts and the headache begins. It's when the recriminations, finger-pointing, denials and calls go out for "lawyers, guns and money." It's also where the pulse-pounding *Clean Hands* begins.

The mega-merger between two multi-billion dollar banks has collapsed and a lawsuit has been filed, followed by an even larger counter claim. It's the most high-stakes lawsuit the prominent Wall Street law firm has ever filed in its entire history and survival – as well as the personal wealth of the partners – hangs in the balance. A successful outcome is the only possible option. So, when a junior associate loses his cellphone with a significant number of the firm's secret case files on it, panic sets in at the highest levels. Senior partner Elizabeth Carlyle, the lead lawyer, is under extreme duress to get the phone back . . . or else. The threat of ruination is imminent, should the pilfered iPhone fall into the wrong hands. Ms. Carlyle needs help, and deniability, as fast as she can get it. She calls an ex-CIA officer named Valencia Walker, a "high-priced fixer," whose clients include governments, corporations and millionaire tycoons, all handled with the utmost discretion. She retrieves the phone, but finds that it's been copied, and now the law firm is being blackmailed. Negative stories start to run in the press, a lawyer appears to have killed himself, and rumors begin to swirl about dark, and even darker deeds.

This fast-paced, electrifying thriller has it all: gangsters, hit men, shady lawyers, backstabbers, sneaky government agents, corruption in high places, super-patriots and enough bad-assery to fill up a ten-wheel dump truck. It'll keep you enthralled all afternoon during these hot August days of COVID-19 induced shut-in and strife. Be well. Stay well. Enjoy this awesome new author and remember . . .

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are now available at the
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Need Answers

You would think after eight decades, I would have most of my questions answered. Now, with AI, you'd think there would be pat, logical answers. I still have questions. As I fall asleep and ponder the universe, I think I have answers to "who, which, where, and what." What I tend to wonder is in the "WHY?" Category:

Why do men grow facial hair and beards? I know women may have some stray hairs on their chin but why a full beard? What is its purpose?

Also, why do men have an Adam's Apple in their throat? What does it do?

Why do we dream and why don't we always remember what we dreamt?

What is inside the earth's core?

Do babies think inside the womb?

How can waves lap up on every shore whether the direction is north, south, east, or west?

Why can't we imagine a new color?

If math and music are universal, why are languages so distinct?

I have lots of questions. Is there anyone out there with answers?

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "**Toward the Sun**," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been

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Foam-tastic Party and Creative Geodes Make for Great Times at the DPL!

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-We're at summer's half way point and just one more program away from wrapping up that portion of our 2026 Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program.

Our felting event for students in grades 4-6



was held on Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30PM. The participants, lead by felting expert Christine Adams, did an amazing job creating their own beautiful felted geodes. Felting, for anyone who doesn't know, is an age-old fiber art that uses wool, specialized tools and simple techniques to craft unique pieces. In this

relaxing process, participants learn the finer techniques involved and produce decorative and functional art pieces. The kids had a blast creating their colorful geodes and walked away with a new skill — a win, win for everyone!

Now, while their felting work was stunning, the cutest thing ever was seeing the babies (children 0-5) attend the Rawrr! Dinosaur Bones and Foam Party on Thursday, July 23. So many soap bubbles —it was foam-tastic! The little kids thoroughly enjoyed jumping, squishing and sliding through the mountain of foam Ms. Deirdre created with her foam cannon. They also got their creative juices flowing with sidewalk chalk and a huge pile of foam dinosaur bones that they had to put together in some semblance of a dinosaur...it was too cute. They wrapped up their activities by munching on some dinosaur cookies and juice. It was a beautiful evening at the library. (Contd, Pg, 9)





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Our final program of the season is Entertainment Night at the library on Thursday, July 30.

While our programs are wrapping up, our 2026 SRP is still going strong with reading logs and Bingo games. Pick up a new form at the library or print one from home, complete it and get it back to us by August 31 for a chance to win cool prizes. Our bookmark contest is coming to an end though, on July 30, so please turn in any completed contest forms to the library by Thursday!

In other news,

There's a lot of interesting programs coming up in August; from free health screenings and mortgage days to blood drives and an author talk and book signing from DPL's own Library Manager, Cathy Russo. Keep updated with all the goings-on of the library by signing up for our emails.

We are still accepting books for our book tent. Please give Lisa or Michelle a call at 845/985-7233 to discuss your donation.

We also have great summer books on display throughout the library, so if you're heading off to the beach or just enjoying a quiet moment at home, stop at the library first. We're all readers here and enjoy giving out recommendations.



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News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 25
Lynn M. Priebe



During my participation in the weekend celebration of the 247th anniversary of the Battle of Minisink, which took place at Minisink Ford on the Delaware River near the mouth of the Lackawaxen, my mind was taken back to those harrowing days of the American Revolution because of a sudden downpour.

Huddled under a large popup tent with our brochures, signs and artifacts covered by a small tarp, representatives of the Beaverkill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sullivan County Semiquincentennial Commission, the Sullivan County Historical Society and our own Time and the Valleys Museum waited out a strong rain shower. This experience caused me to consider how it must have been 250 years ago. On march or during battle, poorly clothed and underfed soldiers had no such protection and must have endured many days and nights of cold and wet weather.

The fierce battle between Joseph Brant's Native and Loyalist forces and the Orange, Ulster and Sussex militias raged for about five hours along the Delaware River and upon a steep hill in what is now the township of Highland in Sullivan County, killing 46 of the American Militia. In 2010, a richly documented book called *So Many Brave Men* by Mark Hendrickson, Jon Inners and Peter Osborne told the story of the battle. That was where I learned that my ancestor Henry Bertholf was proven to have participated in the battle. The authors carefully examined pension papers filed by Patriots or their widows, as well as other primary sources, to determine the names of those who fought. They were able to document the names of 103 of the possible 150 participants



My 7 times great uncle Ensign Henry Bertholf of the 4th Orange Militia, an officer under Colonel John Hathorn, fought there and survived. Pension records of his widow Anna's application for a half pension in 1846 were used by the authors to prove he was at the battle. His cousin, Samuel Bertholf, my Patriot ancestor, was also a member of the 4th Militia and may have participated, but he died in 1813, too early to file for a pension, so I will probably never know.

Henry served in the Orange County Militia throughout the war, stationed in various New Jersey locations, as well as Smith's Clove in New York, guarding the Ramapo Pass. He remained as a defender of his home county after the war. He was commissioned Captain of a militia company in 1787 and ultimately became a 2nd Major of a Regiment in 1795.

When visiting near Warwick in Orange County to search for ancestors in the Locust Hill or Belcher Cemetery, also known as the Bertholf Cemetery because it was donated from their property, I located and was able to photograph Henry's grave. The stone is missing the metal marker that was often on the Orange County 4th Militia graves. The inscription on the stone says, "In Memory of HENRY BERTHOLF son of Jacobus Bertholf who departed this life January 24, 1818 aged 67 yrs, 6 months & ___ days." There is an unreadable verse on the bottom of the stone. I also located the grave of his father Jacobus, with his metal marker still attached.



Henry was born in 1750 and died in 1818 at the age of 68. He was the son of Jacobus and Elizabeth Bertholf. His father was also a member of the 4th Militia of Warwick. Henry married Anna Vandervoort (1757-1849) in 1773 and they were parents of a number of children, one named Jacobus who also served in the military.

Henry's profession in civilian life was that of a blacksmith, but he willingly left his forge to fight for freedom.

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

For tickets and more information, visit www.fbplayhouse.org or call 845-794-1194.

Join the Movement: Step into Wellness A walking challenge to get moving, make connections and build a healthy community

[LIBERTY, NY] -Sullivan 180 is inviting businesses, organizations, schools, municipalities, community groups, families and friends to Join the Movement: Step into Wellness, a countywide walking challenge taking place throughout National Wellness Month, Aug. 1-31.

Designed to make healthy routines simple and accessible, Step into Wellness encourages teams of two or more people to walk together at least once a week throughout August.

Step into Wellness builds on Sullivan 180's commitment to building healthier communities by degrees; and by making it easier for people to connect through a simple, everyday activity. Participants are encouraged to explore local parks, trails, neighborhoods and public spaces while making movement part of their weekly routine and sharing photos and stories from their walks. Walk Together. Build Connections. Create Healthy Routines.

"Step into Wellness is an invitation to walk with coworkers, neighbors, friends or family and discover that improving health doesn't have to be complicated. Sometimes it begins with taking a walk," said Anne-Louise Scandariato, Director of Community Engagement. "Rather than focusing on competition, the challenge celebrates participation, consistency and community connection. There are no required steps or miles; allowing teams to participate in a way that works best for them."

Registration opens July 22 and will remain open throughout August. Teams may represent businesses, nonprofits, schools, healthcare organizations, municipalities, emergency services, libraries, civic groups, families, friends or any group of at least two individuals. To register or learn more, visit Sullivan180.org. Participating teams will be recognized during Sullivan 180's Autumn Celebration on Sept. 23 at Bethel Woods.

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



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Join us this weekend, August 1 & 2 for Summerfest! Our annual fly fishing flea market from 9am-4pm both days never disappoints! We have food trucks, a beer tent, vendors, kids activities and more! Plus, The Catskill Fly Tyers Guild will be serving up coffee and donuts Saturday morning! Admission is free for all!

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help with our Welcome Table and kids activities! If you would be willing to help, either day, reply to this email and let us know!

Mark your calendar for Mike Vallas 2nd Classic Fly Tyer series! August 15, 11 am, Mike will be giving a presentation on Len Halladay and his Adams. There is a \$10 donation for admission to CFFCM to help us off set refreshment costs. Interested in coming? Reply to this email or send us a note office@cffcm.com and let us know!

Final Reminder!

Tickets for the Catskill Gathering are on sale! Our annual t shirt is a part of the ticket price and you need to register by July 31 to have your name on the shirt! More information and registration here!

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See you across the bridge and on the stream!

-The CFFCM Team

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Big Sky Productions & the Sullivan County Museum Present "Closets" this Weekend *A new play by local playwright Bill Duncan*



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



Carol Montana
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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.



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Our meeting will be held in the SC Legislator's Conference Room at 10AM Friday, July 31, 2026

Our concern regarding the ACC is ongoing, due to the fact that the Administrator is only committed to 8 hrs. per week.

How this happened and what we can do about it will be discussed.

Our next concern is the Hospital situation, concerning the closing of more services, and the Mobile Health Van, which we share with Ulster County, but is not advertised in SC.

It is not utilized to the extent we need here. Why?

Again, the Transfer Station for the homeless has been neglected. Who is responsible and why? We have lost the funding needed to start this project because no one wants it in their neighborhood, and no one is fighting for it.

We hope to hear from all our supporters regarding these issues and of course, your input and advice is welcome.

***Being Somebody: Growing Up in Brooklyn... A Father/Daughter Tale* Celebrates Family and Roots at the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Hurleyville, NY**

Audiences are invited to take an unforgettable journey from the streets of Canarsie to the Catskills without ever leaving their seats as the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) proudly presents the one-night-only performance of *Being Somebody: Growing Up in Brooklyn... A Father/Daughter Tale*, a touching theatrical production that celebrates family, nostalgia, and the moments that shape our lives.

Performed by real-life father and daughter Dr. Howard Mase and Marla Mase, *Being Somebody* follows the story of a father and daughter across several decades, spanning the 1940s through the 1990s. Through heartfelt storytelling, music, photographs, and letters discovered in a drawer, the performance explores childhood, coming of age, love, friendship, and the enduring bonds between generations.

Audiences will recognize pieces of their own lives in the production, from neighborhood streets and Catskills bungalow colonies to family celebrations, reunions, and treasured memories captured in old photographs. The production offers a nostalgic and deeply personal experience that resonates with anyone who has reflected on family history or rediscovered memories tucked away in a photo album or a stack of letters.

Following the performance, guests are invited to stay for a special Talk Back featuring Howard Mase, Marla Mase, and producer Elizabeth Browning. This interactive discussion gives audience members the opportunity to ask questions, share their own stories, and connect with the artists behind the production.

"This is more than a theatrical performance. It's an opportunity to reflect on the people, places, and memories that make us who we are," said Christina Antizzo, CEO of HPAC. "We are excited to bring this one-night-only event to Sullivan County and invite our community to experience this moving story together."

Performance Details

What: ***Being Somebody: Growing Up in Brooklyn...
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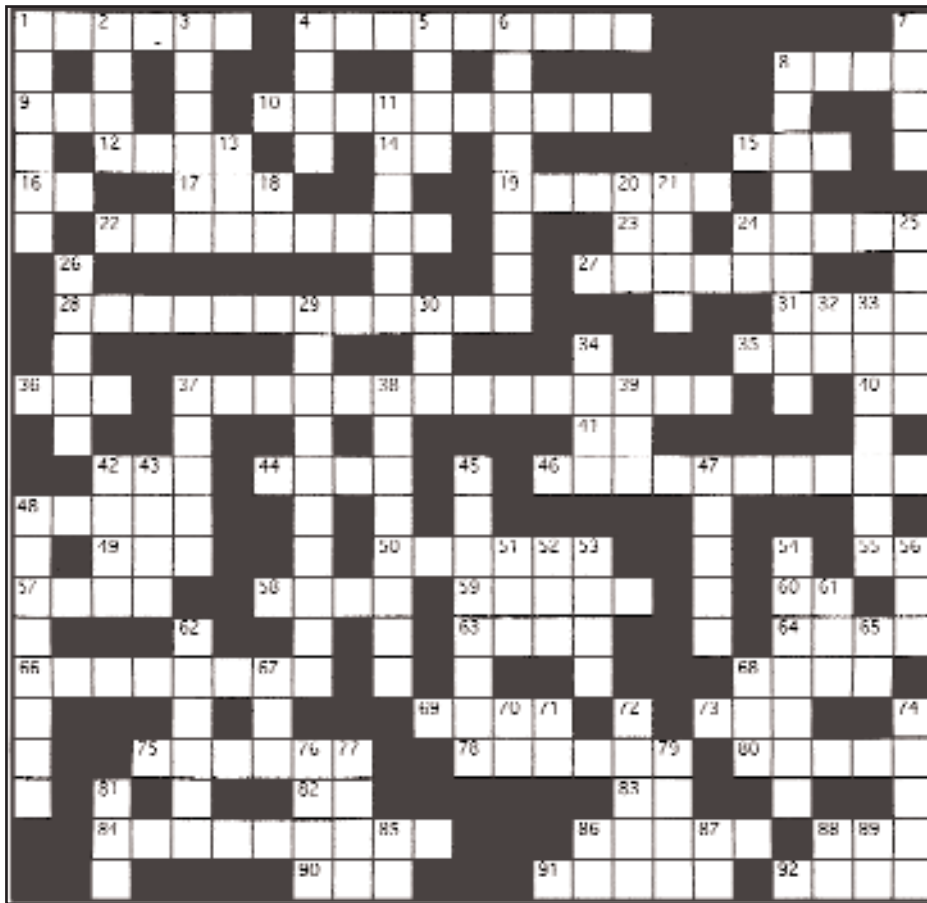
When: Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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Talk Back: Immediately following the performance with Howard Mase, Marla Mase, and producer Elizabeth Browning.

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 19 Story handed down for generations
 22 Lepidoptera
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 27 Made of wood
 28 Main character in Mr. Knickerbocker's tale that took place in the Catskills
 31 Small flute-like instrument
 35 One-celled plants containing pigments
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 40 Card used for identification
 41 Second tone of the diatonic scale
 42 Small seed of a certain legume plant
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 50 Little people who are believed by some to dwell in the Earth and guard her treasures
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Quick Quesadilla Pie

2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles, drained
 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 2 cups milk
 1 cup Bisquick
 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate. Sprinkle chiles and cheese into plate.

Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate. Bake until knife inserted between center and edge comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and guacamole if desired.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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Kids' Fun Page - L.Comando

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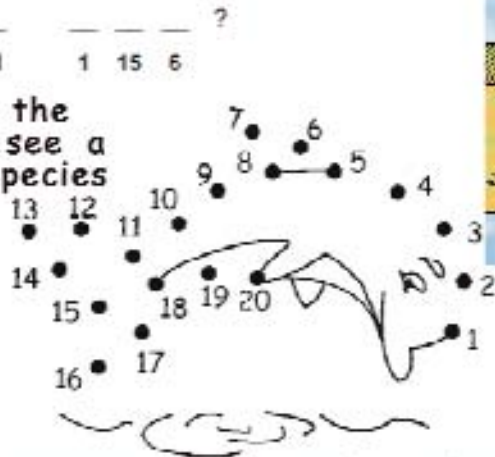
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Follow the dots to see a native species



Find 5 differences between the two pictures



NYS Invasive Species Week Wordsearch

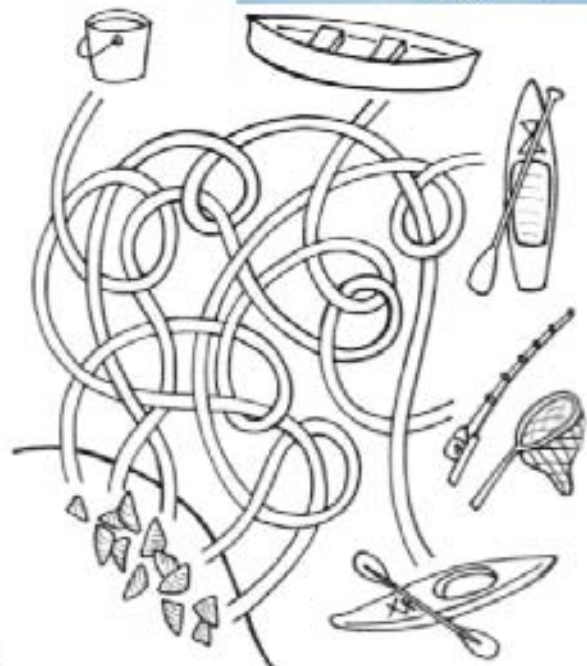
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Aquatic Native Species

Chorus Frog
 Painted Turtle
 White Sturgeon
 Burbot
 Rainbow Trout
 Mountain Whitefish
 Walleye
 Western Floater Mussel
 Signal Crayfish
 Western Ridge Mussel

Aquatic Invasive Species

Bullfrog
 Red-eared Slider
 Goldfish
 Asian Carp
 Gobies
 Largemouth Bass
 Yellow Mussel
 Rusty Crayfish
 Chinese Mystery Snail



Follow each path from the Zebra Muscles to the source of how they got into the lake

Cryptogram Key

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Methodist Church
Covered Dish
Supper**

August 1st • 5:30 pm

Chicken BBQ
Aug 29
4-7 pm
(See Page 28)

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*

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

Mass Times

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

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9:00 AM Saturday

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Thank you

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County
at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.
For information call 845-434-8044.

2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- 8/20 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting-6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
- 8/20 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
- 8/29 **Sundown UMC Chicken BBQ** - Sundown UMC Church Hall 4- 7 pm (See Pg. 28)
- 9/7 Town of Neversink Holiday - **LABOR DAY**

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 19th • 10 am - 6 pm Neversink-Rondaout 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 27, 2026 - July 31, 2026

No Meetings Monday, July 27

Tuesday, July 28

o **5:30 PM - County Executive Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2026, A Local Law Amending Section 301 Of The Code Of Ulster County To Require Licensed Tobacco Retailers In Ulster County To Sell Tobacco Products Only To Patrons Who Show Proof Of Age And To Post Signage Stating This Requirement, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston**

o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Transit Riders and Intermodal Advisory Committee, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551**

Wednesday, July 29

o **Cancelled - Ulster County Environmental Management Council, at the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center**

No Meetings Thursday, July 30

No Meetings Friday, July 31

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Youth Bureau Offers New Round of Funding

Applications for Three Programs Are Due by August 14

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is now accepting grant applications from organizations which serve children and youth within Sullivan County.

The Youth Bureau receives monies annually from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to fund youth development programs. This year, OCFS has made available three funding sources: Youth Development, Sports Education Opportunity Funding and Youth Team Sports.

All programs must embed the 8 Features of Positive Youth Development as outlined in the applications and must serve anyone under 21 years of age, or as specified below.

Youth Development Programs: The OCFS encourages organizations to fund a wide variety of programs including, but not limited to, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Community, Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Safe Harbor/Anti-Trafficking, and Family Supports.

Youth Sports and Education Funding: The OCFS encourages a wide and flexible definition of sports that encompasses any organized activities with movement, including physical fitness activities such as yoga, hiking, dance and active outdoor pursuits.

To ensure that funding is going to the intended population, priority will be given to historically under-resourced communities, marginalized communities with higher barriers to participation, federal and/or New York State-recognized tribes and tribal organizations, communities with high rates of public housing and/or homelessness, Opportunity Zones or neighborhoods/cities/areas deemed "low income" via externally available tools like the NYS Council on Children and Families Kids' Well-Being Indicators Clearinghouse, neighborhoods that experience higher rates of crime and violence and have lower-performing schools.

Programs eligible for this funding must meet the following criteria:

o Provide physical recreation and/or sports activities for youth 6-17

- Operate in New York State
- Demonstrate basic competency in the areas of governance, monitoring and evaluation
- Have child protection policies in place that includes adherence to local town, agency, school district, and State child protection guidelines
- Have the ability to collect registration data, including participant demographic information, as required by the OCFS in a manner that allows for accurate reporting of anonymized aggregate data.

Youth Team Sports: All funded programs must aim to foster the following: physical health and well-being, men-

tal health and well-being, employment skills, community cohesion.

Funding may be used for coaches/instructors, direct service staff, purchase of equipment, capital investment, facility/field space costs and/or purchase of Automated External Defibrillators.

These organizations must provide programs to youth under the age of 18 who reside in under-resourced communities.

Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities. All programs must advertise to a wide audience to attract as many participants as possible.

Applications and additional descriptions of requirements for each funding source - and information regarding which one will best meet the needs of your program - can be found at <https://Sullivanny.gov/Departments/Youthbureau>.

NEW THIS YEAR: In order to apply for funding, YOU MUST ATTEND one of two MANDATORY information telesessions on July 28, 2026 at 2 p.m. or July 29, 2026 at 6 p.m. Attendance will be taken, and if you do not attend one of these information sessions, your program will be ineligible to apply.

- To attend the July 28 session, log on to this Zoom link (or dial in) by 2 p.m. that day:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87888842693?pwd=jIyaVAHMeiZKpktVoabbCcjoogH7hQ.1>

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- To attend the July 29 session, log on to this Zoom link (or dial in) by 6 p.m. that day:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87642086586?pwd=s6zfTSXgbS7M3mp17X7C4Pl17xnIaI.1>

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Organizations who would like to be considered for funding must submit completed applications by Friday, August 14, 2026. All applications must be submitted in person or through the USPS to:

Sullivan County Youth Bureau
100 North Street
Monticello, NY 12701

Scanned/emailed copies will not be accepted. For more information, please call the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at 845-807-0395.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism

The Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism expressed its outrage and concern upon learning about two hate-filled incidents against members of the Jewish community in our area.

In Woodridge, an incident was recently captured on video of a man brandishing a crowbar screaming anti-semitic threats at Jewish bystanders, then driving away quickly. We understand that local police are pursuing this man to determine if an arrest warrant is appropriate.

In nearby Greenfield Park, State Police are investigating an apparent antisemitic attack on several Jewish women riding bicycles by a passing car whose passengers sprayed manure at the group, striking two women.

"We appreciate and support police authorities investigating these incidents and call on our local officials and leaders of all faiths to speak out and condemn such blatant acts of antisemitism and hate," said Lynn Skolnick speaking on behalf of the Coalition.

The Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism is made up of representatives of ten local synagogues and Jewish congregations and was formed to call out and combat antisemitism and help educate the community to counter hate and bigotry.

Lynn Skolnick
Kiamasha Lake

Our Aging Military Equipment

Our annual Department of Defense (DOD) budget is approaching \$1 trillion; but our military equipment is drastically aging. Unfortunately, it takes years to manufacture an adequate quantity of new sophisticated weapons. We used over 1000 Tomahawk cruise missiles and hundreds of interceptor missiles in our war with Iran, which will take over three years to replace. How did the DOD allow this to happen?

In the New Hampshire Union Leader of May 22, 2026 George Will, along with a quote from retired Air Force Lt. Gen. David Deptula, point out " two-thirds of our Air Force, or 2,000 aircraft, are about 50

years old. " " All of our B-52s were built over 60 years ago. Since 1991 our fighter squadrons have declined from 134 to 56, and the average age of fighter planes has increased from 9.7 years to 30.3 years. The Air Force is more than 2,000 pilots short of requirements. "

A Heritage Foundation Report (HFR) of March 4, 2026 states the Army's equipment is ageing, and the Army is not keeping up with modernizing. It is only at 62% of needed forces to respond to more than one Major Regional Contingency (MRC).

The HFR rates our Navy as too small and aging. Shipyards cannot keep up with repair work which delays ships returning to the fleet, and this increases the duration of deployments and fosters lower personnel retention. We have 290 ships but 400 are needed.

The Marine Corps is able to field its requirement of three Marine Expeditionary Units, which are well organized with modern equipment.

We need to upgrade and increase quantities of military equipment; which necessitates increasing our DOD budget to 5% or 6% of GDP.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry NH





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

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Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm
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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 will be Open Sunday, August 9th



The Neversink River Craft Co-op will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM. at 2554 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY on Sunday, August 9th. The members will be showing woodwork, jewelry, pottery, prints, photography, fabric art and more, all handmade in Neversink studios.

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 mailbox #2554. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

For information call 845-985-2016. See our video on Youtube Neversink River Craft Co-op.



Neversink River Craft Co-op 2026

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.



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Book BINGO: Ages 6 - 11 years, "Tweens" Grades 5-8, Teens Grades 9-12 and Adults.

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HAVE FUN!



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**Bring a
covered dish
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Enjoy good food
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Covered Dish Supper

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

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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



**Be sure to check out the tables
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household items and more
that will be available for sale**

The Forestburgh Playhouse

Celebrating 80 Years of Live Theatre in the Catskills

Opening Tuesday!

HAIRSPRAY
July 28-August 9

You Can't Stop the Beat! Get ready for big hair, big dreams, and big fun! The smash-hit musical Hairspray bursts onto the stage with unstoppable energy, irresistible songs, and a heart as big as Baltimore. It's 1962, and Tracy Turnblad just wants to dance her way onto the local TV show-but when her newfound 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!

And, Our Famous Dinner Cabaret...

Sixties Soundtrack!

July 28-August 8

Take a musical journey through the decade that changed everything with Sixties Soundtrack! From the sparkle of girl groups and the British Invasion to the soulful sounds of Motown, the spirit of the Summer of Love, and the dance hits that defined a generation,

our Resident Company celebrates the unforgettable music of the 1960s. Packed with harmony, nostalgia, and nonstop fun, this vibrant cabaret is the perfect way to get groovin' before Hairspray hits the Playhouse stage!

Plus... Don't Miss These Upcoming Shows & Cabarets!

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET
August 11-23

The night rock 'n' roll came alive! Step back in time to the legendary day when Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins came together for one unforgettable night of music magic!

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August 11-23

Getting the Band Back Together brings some of your favorite Forestburgh Playhouse alumni back to the stage for one unforgettable musical reunion!

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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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DEC Celebrates Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act and Expanded Accessible Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

New Adaptive Viewfinders and Other Accessibility Investments Help More New Yorkers Experience the Outdoors Through Governor Hochul's 'These Lands Are for Everyone Initiative'

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today marked the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by highlighting new investments that are expanding access to outdoor recreation and helping ensure New York's public lands are welcoming to visitors of all abilities. As part of Governor Kathy Hochul's These Lands Are for Everyone initiative, DEC is installing 40 adaptive color-enhancing viewfinders at 36 locations across New York State, providing new adaptive recreation equipment, investing in accessibility improvements, and providing more inclusive programming to make it easier for more people to enjoy the outdoors.

"The Americans with Disabilities Act transformed access to public spaces and opportunities across our nation," DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. "As we celebrate this landmark civil rights law, DEC is proud to continue building on its legacy by expanding access to New York's public lands. Through Governor Hochul's These Lands Are for Everyone initiative, we are helping ensure more New Yorkers can experience the beauty, recreation, and health benefits our natural resources provide."

New York State Chief Disability Officer Kimberly Hill-Ridley said, "True equity means ensuring our state's natural treasures are open and welcoming to every single New Yorker. On this ADA anniversary, we're not just celebrating past progress, we're actively removing the barriers that keep people from fully experiencing the outdoors. From adaptive viewfinders that bring vibrant landscapes into focus to sensory kits and beach access, these investments reflect our unwavering commitment to building an inclusive, accessible New York for people of all abilities."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "Physical activity has many health benefits, from reducing the risk of developing chronic conditions to improving mental health and wellbeing. Through the dedication of the New York State DEC, outdoor recreation destinations across the state have never been more accessible. In recognition of the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the State Department of Health is proud to support these important adaptive equipment and accessibility investments that enables more New Yorkers to get outdoors

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and experience the stunning natural resources and recreation opportunities the state has to offer."

New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen said, "Ensuring equal access to outdoor public spaces is a foundational legacy of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Under the leadership of Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State is advancing that legacy through the coordinated work of New York's Master Plan for Aging. DEC's commitment to accessible and inclusive outdoor recreation reflects this effort, recognizing that all New Yorkers-regardless of age or disability-should have the opportunity to enjoy the social, mental, and physical health benefits of spending time outdoors."

Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Willow Baer said, "The Americans with Disabilities Act is observed every day through the simplest of accommodations such as curb cutouts for wheelchair access, to the more complex and innovative technology that exists today to provide equal opportunity to people with disabilities. As we celebrate the 36th anniversary of the ADA, OPWDD is grateful for Governor Hochul's leadership in this area and to our partners at the Department for Environmental Conservation for proactively taking steps to improve accessibility at New York's public lands, ensuring they are welcoming and inclusive of everyone."

New York State Parks Commissioner Kathy Moser said, "The 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act serves as a reminder that access to public lands is a right, not a privilege. (Contd. Pg. 40)

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(From Pg. 39) Thanks to Governor Hochul's record investments in our state lands and programs like 'Get Together, Get Outside Day,' we are working to ensure New York's state parks and public facilities are welcoming, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. DEC's accessibility improvements complement New York State Parks' ongoing efforts to expand adaptive recreation opportunities, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to make New York's public lands more accessible for all."

A centerpiece of DEC's newest accessibility investments is the installation of adaptive color-enhancing viewfinders at 36 scenic destinations statewide, including Prospect Mountain overlooking Lake George in the Adirondacks. Funded through DEC's Love Our New York Lands initiative and supported by federal grant encouraging people to get outdoors and enjoy New York's natural resources, the adaptive viewfinders feature EnChroma lens technology designed to help visitors with red-green color vision deficiency experience a broader spectrum of color while enhancing scenic viewing for all users.

The statewide installation of 40 adaptive viewfinders expands opportunities for visitors to experience some of New York's most iconic landscapes while supporting DEC's commitment to making outdoor recreation more accessible and inclusive.

The adaptive viewfinders are one part of DEC's ongoing effort to improve accessibility at State lands, environmental education centers, and outdoor recreation facilities.

Through a partnership with the New York State Department of Health's (DOH) Disability and Health Program, DEC has expanded adaptive recreation opportunities across the state by providing:

- o Adaptive birding equipment, including spotting scopes, viewing screens, monoculars, wheelchair-mounted viewing systems, and binocular chest harnesses that help visitors with limited vision, mobility, hand strength, or chronic pain enjoy wildlife viewing;
- o Adaptive fishing supports for anglers with limited arm strength;
- o Adaptive archery stands that make the sport more accessible for visitors with mobility limitations;
- o Sensory kits to support neurodivergent visitors participating in outdoor recreation and environmental education programs;
- o New mobility scooters at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and Reinsteins Woods Nature Preserve;
- o A new beach wheelchair at Hinckley Day Use Area;
- o Beach access mats supporting accessible programming at Mount Loretto Unique Area and the Catskill Center; and
- o Accessibility assessment equipment and training for DEC operations and land management staff to help identify and implement accessibility improvements.

Much of this adaptive equipment also has been distributed to DEC's environmental education centers and regional offices, supporting year-round accessible programming across New York, including the annual Get Outdoors and Get Together Day held across the state every June featuring new adaptive programming through this initiative.

Since the ADA was signed into law in 1990, DEC has continued working to remove barriers to outdoor recreation by expanding accessible facilities, improving visitor services, and

increasing opportunities for people of all abilities to connect with nature.

Today, DEC offers accessible trails, campgrounds, fishing and hunting opportunities, wildlife viewing areas, environmental education programs, adaptive recreation equipment, and accommodations that help more visitors enjoy New York's public lands.

DEC also continues to work with its Accessibility Advisory Committee, ADA Accessibility Coordinators, partner agencies, and stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve accessibility across the agency's lands, facilities, and programs.

Outdoor recreation provides opportunities to improve physical and mental health, connect with nature, and strengthen communities. By continuing to expand accessible recreation opportunities statewide, DEC is helping ensure all New Yorkers can experience these benefits.

For more information about accessible recreation opportunities on DEC-managed lands, visit DEC's Accessible Recreation webpage. <https://dec.ny.gov/places-to-go/accessible-recreation>

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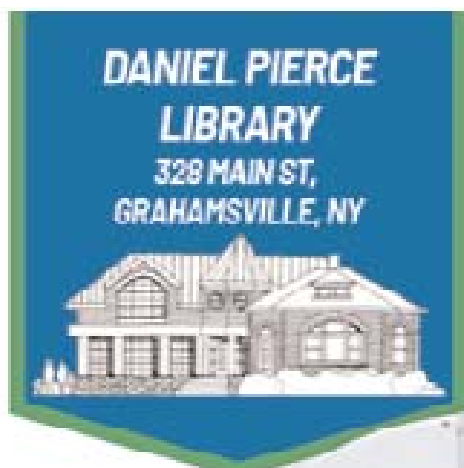
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biNinNKGvr0>

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.

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House Passage of the FY2027 National Defense Authorization Act

This week, the House passed the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act, which strengthens America's military, supports our service members, rebuilds our defense industrial base, and prepares our nation to confront growing threats from China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. The bill provides junior enlisted servicemembers with a 7% pay raise, cuts wasteful Pentagon bureaucracy, strengthens support for allies like Israel and Taiwan, and advances President Trump's Peace Through Strength agenda.

I am especially pleased that the NDAA includes my FORKS Made in America Permanency Act. This provision requires the Department of War to purchase American-made stainless steel flatware, supporting Central New York manufacturers like Sherrill Manufacturing and reducing our reliance on foreign supply chains. The House also adopted several of my amendments to protect military readiness, defend women's sports, strengthen security around military installations, support school choice for military families, and counter threats from China. At a time of growing global instability, Congress must ensure our troops have the resources they need while supporting the American workers and manufacturers who help keep our nation secure.

Introducing the SCREEN Act to Revitalize America's Movie Theaters

This week, I also introduced the SCREEN Act to help local movie theaters modernize, remain competitive, and continue serving as anchors for our Main Streets. The bill would provide a targeted tax credit for upgrades such as new seating, projection and sound systems, and accessibility improvements. These investments would support local jobs and bring more customers to nearby restaurants, shops, and small businesses.

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. 1340, the More Homes on the Market Act: This bill would increase the capital gains tax exclusion on the sale of a primary residence to incentivize more home sales. Many homeowners remain in larger homes because existing tax rules can make selling financially burdensome, limiting the supply of available housing. This legislation helps expand housing inventory, support retirement planning, and create more opportunities for families and first-time homebuyers

to purchase a home.

H.R. 1266, the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act: This bill would classify illicit xylazine as a Schedule III controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act while preserving access for its legitimate uses by veterinarians. Xylazine is commonly used by veterinarians for animal medicine, but has become increasingly used in illicit fentanyl and other dangerous drugs, contributing to overdose deaths. This legislation helps strengthen efforts to combat illicit drug trafficking while ensuring veterinarians and livestock producers can continue to use xylazine safely and for its intended purpose.

H.R. 294, the Dairy Farm Resiliency Act: This bill would amend the dairy margin coverage program established under the Agricultural Act of 2014 to provide greater support for dairy producers. The Dairy Margin Coverage program helps protect producers when the difference between the national average milk price and feed costs falls below established levels, providing an important financial safety net during periods of economic uncertainty. This legislation helps strengthen risk management for expanding family dairy farms and ensures producers have access to coverage that more accurately reflects their current operations.

My Votes Explained

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

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

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

Monday, July 20

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8823, the Putting Patients First by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act. FECA exists to provide timely, quality care to federal employees who are hurt on the job, but bad actors in the medical community have exploited the program by submitting fraudulent claims and draining resources that should be reaching workers in need. This bill gives the Department of Labor permanent authority to suspend payments to medical providers who have been convicted of fraud involving the Federal Employees' Compensation Act or other government health care programs, ensuring that workers' compensation funds go to the injured federal workers they are meant to serve, not to fraudulent providers gaming the system. This bill passed the House by a vote of 396-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4541, the Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young (EARLY) Act Reauthorization. This bill reauthorizes three CDC-administered programs designed to reach young and high-risk women with the education, awareness, and support they need to detect breast cancer early and fight back. This includes the Bring Your Brave outreach campaign targeting women between 18 and 44; grants to nonprofits providing services to young breast cancer survivors; and continuing medical education for health care providers. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed among women in the United States, with more than 316,000 new diagnoses and 42,000 expected deaths in 2025 alone. (Contd. Pg. 61)

This Week with Claudia(From Pg. 60)

With incidence rates rising among younger women, early detection is not just important, it is lifesaving. The women of NY-24 deserve access to the resources and information that give them the best possible chance of catching this disease early, and this legislation ensures that programs with 15 years of proven results continue reaching the women who need them most. This bill passed the House by a vote of 394-6.

Tuesday, July 21

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6955, the Main Street Capital Access Act. This bill makes it easier to establish new community banks and requires federal regulators to tailor banking regulations to an institution's size, business model, and level of risk, rather than applying rules designed for the nation's largest banks to small local lenders. For decades, burdensome federal regulations have contributed to the decline of community banks and made it harder for new banks to open, reducing access to local financing in rural communities. Community banks are especially important throughout our district because they understand the families, farmers, and small businesses they serve. By reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens while maintaining important safety standards, this legislation helps restore a thriving community banking sector, providing long-term benefits for our local businesses and communities. I was pleased to see this commonsense legislation receive bipartisan support. However, instead of seeing this legislation as an opportunity to expand access to capital for our rural communities and small-town businesses, sadly, many of my Democrat colleagues attacked this effort to strengthen our capitalist society since it does not advance their absurd woke agenda. Please rest assured that House Republicans and I remain committed to advancing pro-growth policies that revitalize Main Street. This bill passed the House by a vote of 270-155, with 1 member voting present

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1118, the Value Over Cost Act. This bill allows federal agencies to consider quality and performance, not just the lowest price, when awarding certain government contracts. The cheapest option is not always the best deal if it does not meet the government's needs or costs more to fix or replace later. Federal procurement should focus on delivering the strongest return for taxpayers, not simply choosing the lowest upfront price. By allowing agencies to choose the option that provides the best overall value, this legislation helps ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. This bill passed the House by a vote of 421-1.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 9770, Making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2027, and for other purposes. This continuing resolution (CR) extends government funding through December 4, 2026. While CRs are always a measure of last resort, due to the Democrats' obstructionism, Congress is unlikely to complete its annual appropriations process prior to the September 30th deadline. This CR gives Congress additional time to finish the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process and avoid another costly and harmful government shutdown. Last year, due to the Democrats' obstructionism, the U.S. experienced the longest shutdown in history of 43 days. We cannot allow this to happen again, which is why House Republicans are

proactively seeking to pass a CR to ensure the government does not shut down again on October 1st. Unfortunately, the vast majority of my Democrat colleagues are once again opposing a clean CR and appear to want another lengthy government shutdown. This is a complete abdication of responsible governing, and I hope my Democrat colleagues reconsider their position and join House Republicans in keeping the government open. I urge the Senate to take up this CR expeditiously to prevent another government shutdown. The bill passed the House by a vote of 220-205.

Wednesday, July 22

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7008, the Stop Insider Trading Act. This bill directly prohibits Members of Congress, their spouses, and their dependent children from purchasing individual stocks while in office, requires public disclosure of planned sales in advance, and imposes substantial penalties for violations. Members of Congress are elected to serve the American people, not to use their positions or access to sensitive information for personal financial gain. Additionally, this legislation included critical election integrity measures to require voters provide a photo ID when casting a ballot in federal elections. Furthermore, as Co-Founder and Chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, I have been clear that protecting the right to vote begins with safeguarding the integrity of our elections. This bill promotes integrity and transparency both before Members are elected, through election integrity measures, and after Members are elected, through the stock trading ban. This bill passed by a bipartisan vote of 232-198.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8800, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027. As the world becomes increasingly dangerous, America must remain prepared to confront growing threats from China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and terrorist organizations. The FY27 NDAA delivers the investments our military needs to remain the strongest fighting force in the world while ensuring our servicemembers receive the support they have earned. It also strengthens America's defense industrial base, cuts wasteful spending, and reinforces President Trump's Peace Through Strength agenda. I am especially pleased that my FORKS Made in America Act was included, which supports local manufacturing jobs in Central New York and ensures our troops have the highest-quality products that are made in New York. This year's NDAA also provides junior enlisted servicemembers with a 7% pay raise, and importantly this NDAA continues to build on House Republicans' efforts to support meritocracy over woke ideology by prohibiting funds for DEI bureaucracy and gender mutilation surgeries. This bill supports our servicemembers and our national security, and I strongly supported its passage. This bill passed by a vote of 216-212.

I voted "Yes" on H.Con.Res. 113, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036. This resolution sets the parameters for the upcoming budget reconciliation process to provide \$73 billion for expenses related to the Iran War, \$12 billion for relief payments for farmers, and \$10 billion to promote election integrity measures. This is a critical first step towards delivering for the American people once again and ensures that our national security, food security, and election security are taken seriously.

(Contd. P:g 61)

This Week with Claudia(From Pg. 61)

While Democrats continue to refuse necessary funding through a supplemental package for the Iran War, Republicans are committed to ensuring that our Armed Forces have the resources they need to keep Americans safe and defend the homeland against our enemies. Further, Democrats continue to obstruct efforts to promote commonsense election integrity measures, such as voter ID and preventing noncitizens from voting, and this reconciliation process will include funding to secure our nation's elections. Finally, as farmers continue to struggle, this bill will provide much-needed relief for farmers throughout NY-24. Adoption of this budget resolution will allow Congress to provide this funding and deliver for the American people. I urge the Senate to take up this concurrent resolution quickly so Congress can support President Trump's efforts to deliver on the America First agenda that the American people voted for overwhelmingly. This concurrent resolution passed the House by a vote of 216-214.

Thursday, July 23

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8884, the Removing Barriers to Work for Disabled Americans Act. This bill restores the Social Security Administration's authority to conduct demonstration projects for the Disability Insurance program through 2031. These projects allow the agency to temporarily test changes to eligibility and benefit rules to determine whether they make it easier for beneficiaries to work without facing sudden benefit cliffs or confusing program requirements. The bill also ensures that an individual's total income cannot be reduced because of their participation in a demonstration project. Many Americans with disabilities who want to work are discouraged because earning additional income can create uncertainty about overpayments or the sudden loss of benefits. By allowing the Social Security Administration to test alternative policies before permanent changes are made, this legislation helps identify reforms that expand opportunities to work while protecting beneficiaries' financial security. I will always remain a steadfast supporter of Social Security and the dignity of work, as I personally know how important these programs are to so many of my constituents. This bill passed the House by a vote of 232-188.

I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 89, Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran. This resolution would mandate President Trump to withdraw all U.S. Armed Forces from the conflict with Iran pursuant to the War Powers Resolution. Iran remains the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and has spent decades targeting Americans, destabilizing the Middle East, and openly threatening the destruction of the United States and our allies. I continue to stand firmly behind President Trump and the Department of War as they carry out Operation Epic Fury to dismantle the Iranian regime's terrorist infrastructure, protect the American homeland, and prevent Iran from ever threatening the world with a nuclear weapon. Forcing the withdrawal of American forces in the middle of these critical operations would embolden our enemies, undermine our service members, and jeopardize the tremendous progress already made. We cannot give the Iranian mullahs impunity to target and kill Americans, close

the Strait of Hormuz, and develop nuclear weapons. President Trump's Peace through Strength is the only way in which we can neutralize the threat posed by the Iranian regime, and I continue to strongly support his efforts to keep America safe. Unfortunately, this resolution passed by a vote of 214-208.

**Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!**

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

1. Demanding lower grocery prices

Hardworking New Yorkers' budgets are being stretched to the absolute limit as prices rise due to President Trump's war with Iran and reckless tariffs.

This week, Kirsten spoke with New Yorkers in five communities across the state -Poughkeepsie , Rochester , Latham , Utica , and Riverhead - about how they are being impacted by rising grocery costs. New Yorkers deserve better than this administration's cost-increasing chaos, and Kirsten is doing everything she can to fight back.

Read more.

<https://www.oneidadispatch.com/2026/07/20/gillibrand-addresses-rising-grocery-costs-lagging-consumer-confidence/>

2. Holding the Trump administration accountable for their Iran war lies

President Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have lied about the goals, outcomes, and duration of the Iran war since it began.

At a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing this week, Kirsten grilled Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth about these lies and the administration's refusal to address rising costs for American families brought on by the president's war of choice.

Read more.

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/07/21/world/live-news/iran-war-trump?post-id=cmrv6m6h5000e356sr4tadksp>

3. WATCH: Fighting to protect seniors' medical care

The Trump administration is using artificial intelligence (AI) to delay and deny seniors' healthcare.

On the latest episode of her YouTube series, Two Truths and Trump's Lies, Kirsten exposed the dangerous consequences of the president's sinister AI scheme and spoke with an expert about how the use of AI to evaluate medical claims harms seniors on Medicare.

Watch here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8C0wV67At4>

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! (From Pg. 62)

4. Supporting public safety officers

Public safety officers serve on the front lines of our communities. When tragedy strikes and they are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty, we owe it to them and their families to have their backs.

This week, Kirsten stood with police officers on Long Island to call for passage of her bill to improve the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program (PSOB), which provides benefits to injured and fallen first responders.

Read more.

<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/politics/sen-kirsten-gillibrand-public-safety-officers-benefit-program-vv21sm3s>

5. Advancing bills to support 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.

Following Senate passage of Kirsten's legislation to reauthorize funding for OAA programs last week, Kirsten demanded that the House bring this critical legislation to a vote to ensure that seniors continue to receive the services and support that they deserve.

Read more.

<https://www.wbng.com/2026/07/22/senate-unanimously-approves-gillibrands-bipartisan-older-americans-act-reauthorization-bill/>

6. Demanding transparency in prescription drugs

Americans deserve to know where their prescription drugs are manufactured so they can make informed healthcare decisions.

This week, Kirsten's bill to add country of origin labeling requirements to the U.S.' prescription drug supply chain passed out of committee. This is a critical step forward, and Kirsten is doing everything she can to make sure this legislation is brought to a vote in the full Senate.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-scott-applaud-senate-help-committee-passage-of-bipartisan-clear-labels-act/>

7. Fighting for a more just immigration system

President Trump's immigration policy puts cruelty, politicization, and a lack of transparency front and center.

This week, Kirsten introduced two bills to reform the immigration system and safeguard civil rights. The PROKID Act would establish essential accountability measures to make sure that children seeking safety are treated with the compassion they deserve. At the same

time, the Real Courts, Rule of Law Act would insulate our immigration courts from political influence, restoring integrity and due process to the system.

Read more.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-durbin-introduce-two-bills-to-reform-americas-broken-immigration-system/>

8. Helping NY veterans

Following a year-long administrative delay, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran reached out to Kirsten's office for help securing their long-overdue VA Claims Folder (C-File).

Kirsten's office jumped into action, and after a couple of weeks, the veteran received their requested C-File.



I hear it constantly from folks across Upstate New York: people are fed up watching politicians get rich and cling to power in Washington while their own bills keep climbing back home. Washington is broken, and too many career politicians go there to serve themselves, not the people who sent them.

I'm fighting to change that. That's why I introduced the Drain the Swamp Act to tackle corruption at every level.

My Drain the Swamp Act is about holding politicians accountable and putting power back where it belongs - with the people. It's a comprehensive plan to:

- o Ban corporate PACs and dark money so elected officials answer to working people, not special interests.

- o End insider trading in Washington by banning members of Congress and the President from owning or trading individual stocks.

- o Set term limits for Congress, because public service shouldn't be a lifelong career.

- o Strengthen anti-bribery rules to permanently block federal officials from accepting foreign gifts and corporate favors.

- o Reform the Supreme Court with term limits and a strict code of ethics, holding justices to the same standards of transparency as everyone else.

- o Rein in presidential pardon power to make sure no one - no matter how connected - is above the law.

I'm not afraid to take on the political establishment in both parties to get this done, because I don't work for anyone but you.

With gratitude and high hopes,
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Frost Valley YMCA recently featured on NBC's TODAY Show

In case you missed it, Frost Valley YMCA was recently featured on NBC's TODAY Show, and we're excited to share it with you.

The segment shines a spotlight on our Kidney Camp Program, which has been providing children living with serious illness the opportunity to experience the joy, adventure, and connection of sleepaway camp for the past 50 years. NBC's Joe Fryer visited Frost Valley to meet campers, families, and staff, capturing the laughter, resilience, and unforgettable moments that make camp so meaningful.

It's an incredible honor to have this work recognized on a national stage, and we're proud to share the story of the children, volunteers, medical professionals, and supporters who make this all possible.

To watch video go to:

https://www.today.com/video/inside-the-camp-bringing-summer-fun-to-kids-with-serious-illness-266944581511?utm_source=Frost+Valley+YMCA&utm_campaign=c633f22b3c-EMAIL_CAM-PAIGN_2025_10_16_05_55_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-e3d0ce3086-293509519

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Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre Announces Conclusion of Operations Effective October 31, 2026

Hurleyville, NY - Joint Statement from HPAC and TCFD: After thoughtful discussion and careful consideration, the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) has made the decision to conclude its current operations, effective October 31, 2026. The Center for Discovery (TCFD) will work collaboratively with HPAC and support HPAC as it moves through this transition. This transition reflects HPAC's evolving priorities and strategic direction while honoring the strong partnership and shared commitment both organizations have maintained in service of the Sullivan County community.

For more than a decade, HPAC has worked to support and celebrate the arts in Sullivan County by offering to the public a variety of cultural opportunities like cinema, festivals, youth and family programming, senior programming, educational classes, and community events. The Arts Centre is grateful to all those who came through our doors, and we thank our staff, volunteers, artists, supporters, donors, and community members who have contributed to this important work.

As HPAC transitions into this next chapter, HPAC and TCFD remain committed to supporting the continued growth of Hurleyville, Sullivan County, and the broader arts community. TCFD will carry on this work to sustain and expand HPAC's legacy of providing meaningful arts programming in Hurleyville, including initiatives such as sensory-friendly movies, activities for seniors and children, Holiday in Hurleyville, and other community events that bring people together to gather, connect, celebrate and learn.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have worked together and look forward to continuing our respective efforts to create a positive impact and strengthen our communities.

****Please note: All events currently scheduled through October 31st, 2026, remain secured and will be honored as planned. All tickets previously purchased for these scheduled events will remain valid.*

With gratitude and appreciation,

The Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre

Janet Carrus, Founder and Chairperson, HPAC

'This Happened': Yarnslingers Celebrates 15 Years with New Podcast and Anthology Twin projects preserve fifteen years of true Catskills storytelling for audiences everywhere

NARROWSBURG, NY - For fifteen years, Yarnslingers has invited audiences throughout New York's Catskills and northeastern Pennsylvania to gather around one timeless tradition: people telling true stories from their own lives. Now, in celebration of its fifteenth anniversary, Yarnslingers is preserving that legacy through two companion projects sharing the same name and purpose—This Happened, a free podcast produced in partnership with Radio Catskill, and This Happened: Yarnslingers Book One, a new anthology featuring memoir-based stories from 25 regional writers.

Together, the podcast and the book extend Yarnslingers' mission beyond the stage, ensuring that the stories which have moved live audiences for more than a

decade can continue reaching new listeners and readers for years to come.

The This Happened podcast features recordings of unforgettable performances from the long-running storytelling series founded in 2011 by Ramona Jan. Each episode presents true, first-person stories inspired by a common theme, celebrating the humor, heart-break, resilience, family, identity, and unexpected moments that connect us all.

Listeners can stream or download the podcast at:

<https://tinyurl.com/YarnslingersPodcast>

The first episode of the podcast entitled, The Origin Story, features host Greg Triggs interviewing founder, Ramona Jan, who also shares a story from the group's new book.

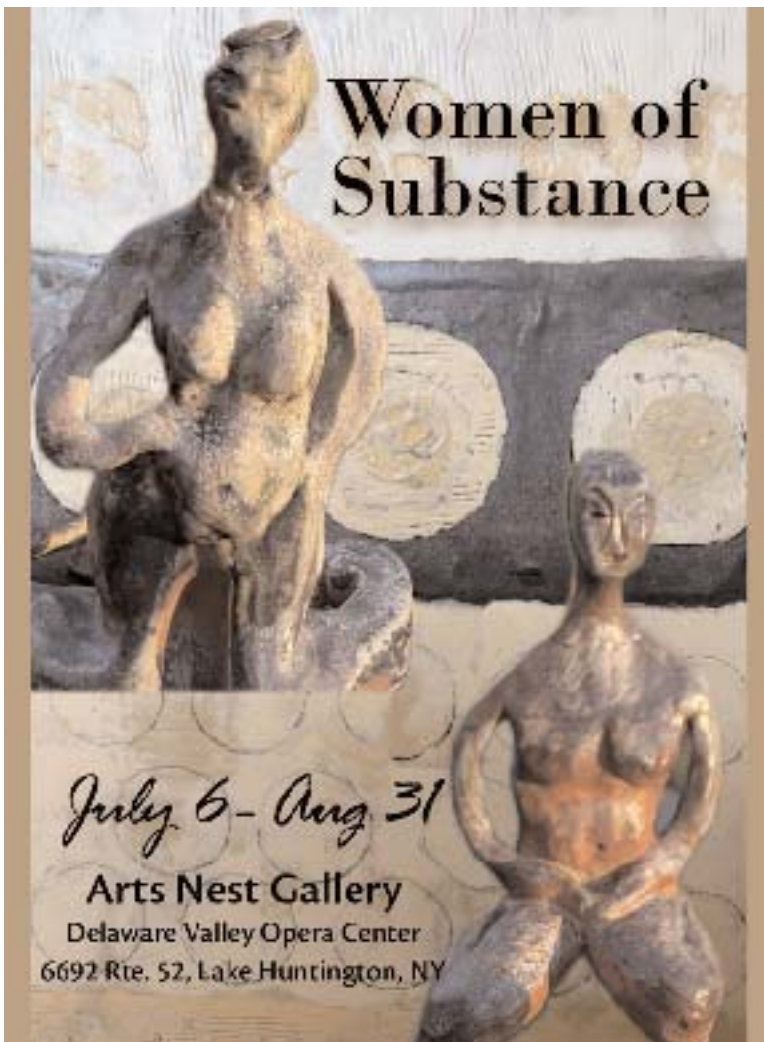
The companion anthology, This Happened: Yarnslingers Book One, captures many of those same voices in print. Every story in the collection was first performed before a live Yarnslingers audience, reflecting the belief that authentic storytelling creates empathy, strengthens community, and reminds us that extraordinary experiences often emerge from ordinary lives.

For more than a decade, Yarnslingers has welcomed thousands of audience members to free performances while providing a stage for hundreds of storytellers—from first-time performers to nationally published writers. Among them are authors whose work has appeared in The New Yorker, McSweeney's, Vulture, and numerous other respected publications. Yet the organization's heart remains the same: creating a welcoming space where every voice has value and every story has the potential to resonate.

"Every month, people walk onto the Yarnslingers stage and trust us with stories that are funny, heartbreaking, surprising, and totally human," said producer/editor/host Greg Triggs. "As we celebrate fifteen years, we wanted to preserve those voices in two lasting forms. The podcast lets listeners hear the emotion of a live performance, while the book invites readers to spend more time with the stories. Together, they're a celebration of what Yarnslingers has always been about—bringing people together through storytelling."

Founded in 2011, Yarnslingers is a nonprofit storytelling organization dedicated to celebrating true personal stories through free public performances, workshops, publications, and now podcasting.

"This Happened, the Yarnslingers Podcast" is produced in cooperation with WJFF Catskill Public Radio, and made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re-grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.





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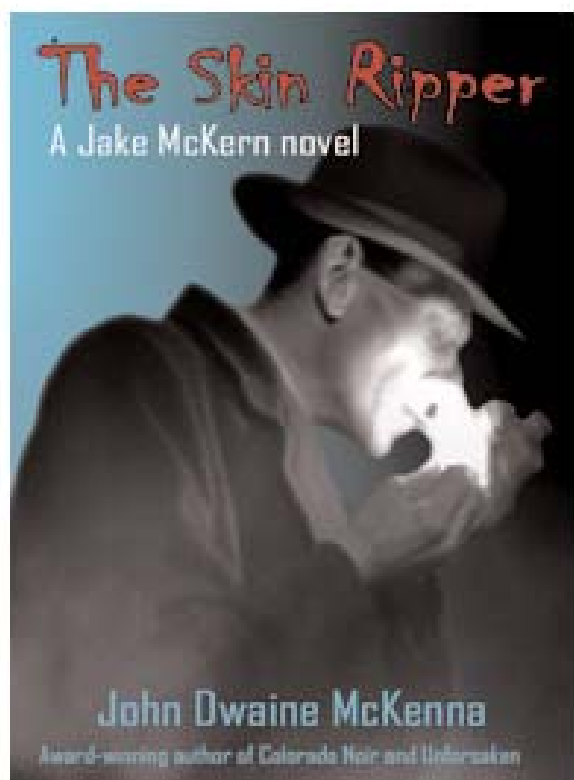
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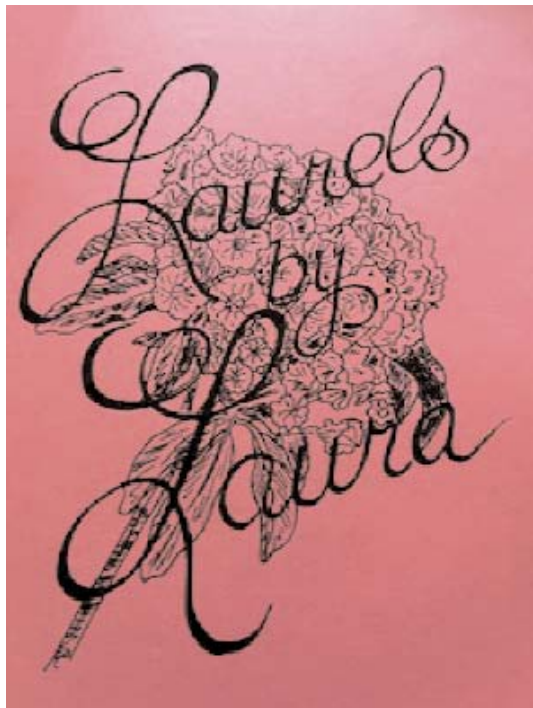
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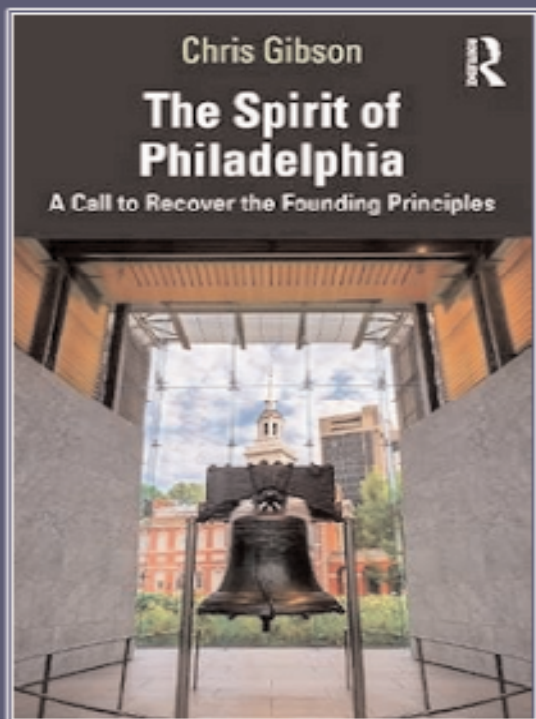
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We've also added links to some of our recent TV, radio and podcast appearances, relevant media coverage, and an updated listing of upcoming events (all of these can be found on the "media & events" page). All of the new items are marked with a green "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.

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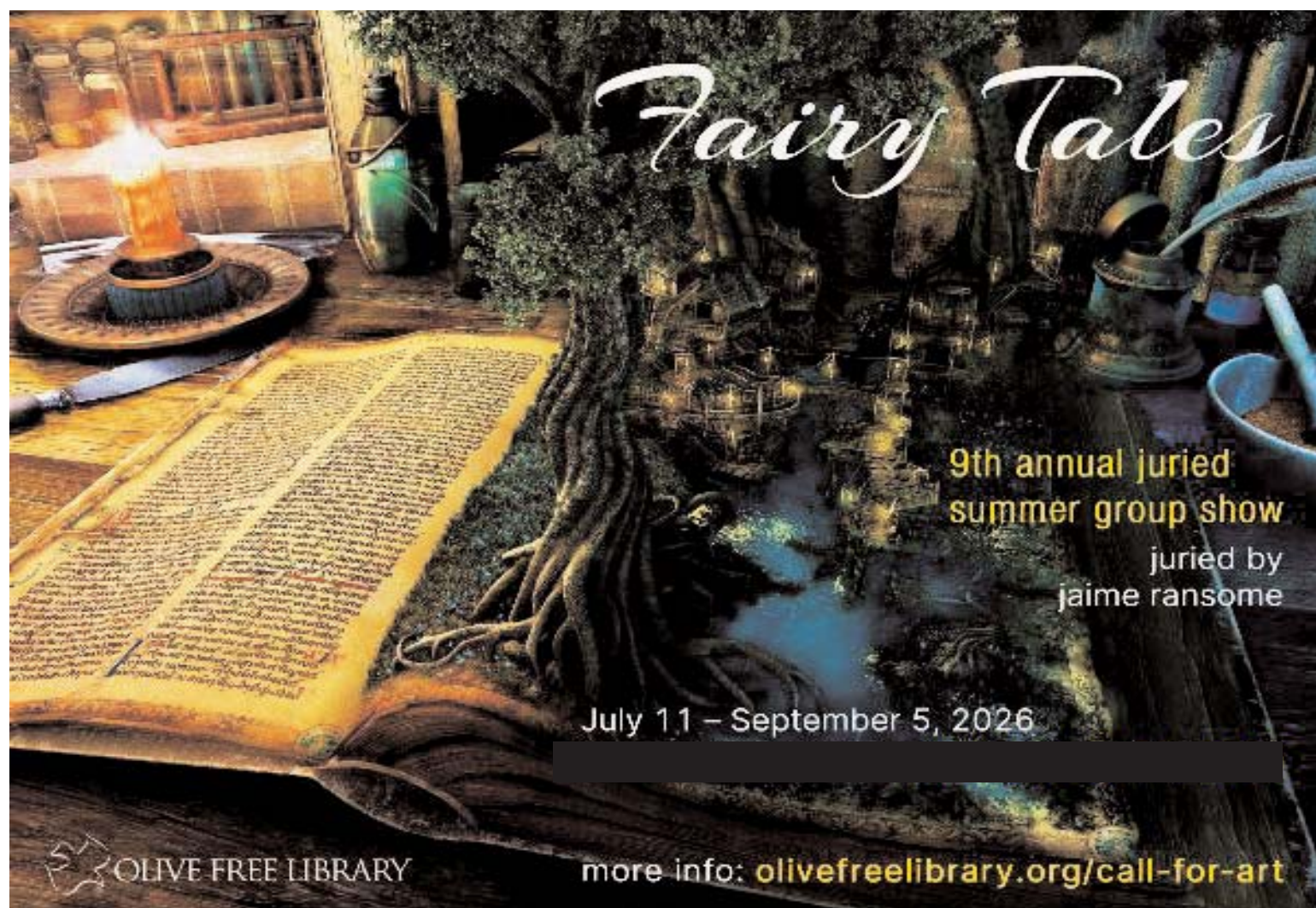
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