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## Announcing the 2026 Time and the Valleys Museum \$500 Scholarship Winner: Emily Poley

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - We are very pleased to announce the 2026 winner of the Time and the Valleys Museum's \$500 scholarship: **Emily Poley**. Emily will be attending Marywood University studying to be a Physician's Assistant. She is a member of the FFA, FBLA, Varsity Cheerleading, Golf, Ski, Volunteer Club and Student Council. Congratulations Emily!

The Museum's scholarship program is open to graduating Tri-Valley seniors, in good academic standing, with an average of 80 or above, who are planning to pursue a post-secondary course of study at a two- or four-year college or technical school and willing to volunteer 10 hours at the Time and the Valleys Museum over the summer.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$5, and children under six are free. (Contd. Pg. 5)



*This year's \$500 scholarship winner is Emily Poley, an accomplished young woman who will be studying to be a Physician's Assistant at Marywood University. Emily was presented with her certificate by Matthew Haynes, Tri-Valley Teacher*

## Tri-Valley Lions Community Service Awards Presented to six Tri-Valley Graduating Seniors



On June 9, 2026, The Tri-Valley Lions attended the Senior Celebration at the Tri-Valley School Auditorium and presented The Tri-Valley Lions Community Service Awards to six graduating Seniors. From left to right in the photo - Service Committee Chair Leah Exner, and Seniors Jordan Dymond, Dakota Evans, Connor Mendez, Emily Poley, Emma Richardson, Sophia Richardson, and Lion 2nd VP, Mike Ryan. 2nd Photo Lions Mike Ryan and Leah Exner announcing the award winners. Special thanks to Tara Burke for taking the photos at the Senior Celebration. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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continued support.**

**On the Front Burner:** As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Corinthians 9:9

## OBITUARY

**Robert Akerley** of Grahamsville, NY, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, on his 80th birthday.



Born on June 10, 1946, in Liberty, NY, Robert was the son of the late Herbert Akerley Sr. and Maxine Donaldson Akerley. He proudly

served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 before beginning a long and dedicated career as a Correction Officer at Eastern Correctional Facility, from which he retired.

Robert was a lifelong outdoorsman and a proud member of the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club. He found great joy in hunting and fishing, especially when sharing those experiences with his grandsons. Whether tending his garden, raising farm animals, or "working" outdoors, he was always happiest when keeping busy.

Robert enjoyed listening to country music, particularly the songs by George Jones. He loved attending auctions of all kinds, from livestock sales to knick-knack auctions, and was well known for never throwing anything away, always finding a special use for every item he brought home. He had a sweet tooth that was impossible to miss and could often be found enjoying cakes, cupcakes, and other sweet treats.

Those who knew Robert will remember him as a stubborn but loving man with a great sense of humor. He was a jokester who enjoyed making others laugh. One of his favorite annual traditions was attending the Delaware County Fair in Walton.

Robert is survived by his loving daughters, Robin (Thomas) DeMarmels, Denice (Robert Lewis) Smith; Jessie Powell, and Donald Akerley; many cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Maxine Buck; and his sisters-in-law, Hazel Akerley and Kathleen Akerley.

In addition to his parents, Robert was predeceased by his wife of 55 years Violet Akerley; his siblings, Harold Akerley, Kenneth Akerley, Herbert Akerley Jr., Dennis Akerley, Helen Johnstone, Lulubelle Glore, and Ralph Akerley.

"Make America Great Again"

Visitation was on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home,

396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY. Funeral services followed at the funeral home at 2:30 p.m.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call (845) 434-7363.

## DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

### June 13, 1956

Miss Edna Foster of Ellenville has announced the engagement of her daughter, Carol Joan, to Milton D. Smith, son of Milton G. Smith of Wawarsing. Miss Foster is employed at the Home National Bank. Mr. Smith, who was formerly employed the IBM Corp., is serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Dix, N.J. The couple plan to be married at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rubenzahl of Mt. Vernon, N.Y. are parents of a girl, Hana Sue, born June 1st at Mr. Vernon Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. They have a son, David Jack, three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Steuer of Mt. Vernon are the grandparents.

### June 8, 1966

Airman Steven T. Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hill of Grahamsville, has been assigned to Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Indiana, after completing Air Force basic training. The airman will be trained on the job as a vehicle maintenance specialist with the Strategic Air Command. A graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Airman Hill attended Alfred State Technical Institute.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaHanko, 16 years on the 10th; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Terwilliger, 6 years on the 12th; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krum, 4 years on the 16th.

### June 16, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush of Grahamsville, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou to David Norman Krum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krum, also of Grahamsville.. The couple both graduated from Tri-Valley Central High School. Miss TerBush will be attending Sullivan County Community College in the fall. Her fiancé is employed as a lineman for Wired Television Service in Ellenville. No date has been set for the wedding. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

**June 26, 1986**

Robert Van Aken of Grahamsville, a member of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter, has won the State FFA Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award at the State FFA Convention. He will now compete against other state winners to be named one of the four National finalists.

Diane and Larry Mann of Lake Katrine, N.Y. are the proud parents of a son, Joseph Stephen, born on June 21, 1986. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. The maternal grandparents are Clarice and Rudy Herrmann of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Sylvia Rotti of Rutland, Mass., and Ronald Mann of Barre, Mass.

## LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

February 29, 1996

Dan and I were married in November 1924 and in January we moved on the Old Man Davis farm just outside of Grahamsville with six of Dan's eight children. Money was scarce, but we got by thanks to the food we raised on the farm. I don't recall when I first heard the phrase, "Make over, make do, or do without." All our clothes were hand-me-downs from friends or neighbors, and I very soon learned how to make them over to fit; and they usually looked like our very own clothes and not some one else's.

When I received old coats, heavy skirts, or men's suits I learned to rip them apart, press each usable piece, and cut them into blocks. These I used into making quilts for the children's beds. When one quilt top wore through, I just sewed on another and it was good as new, only a little warmer. I had no sewing machine but never felt the need of one.

Another way we got by during those years was by Dan and his sons cutting down trees on the farm and selling firewood. The tops and small branches made great fuel for our own use.

These long-ago experiences have stayed with me all through the years. I always share my quilt scraps, magazines or whatever I have with those who might enjoy them. I save every scrap of sewing material, make scrap paper from junk mail, and stash away all my plastic grocery bags.

Sometimes my children and grandchildren kid me for saving so many things, although every now and then one of them will come by looking for some item of theirs, hoping I had not thrown it out with the garbage. Although a penny doesn't mean much these days, I still believe in the old adage, "A penny saved is a penny earned."

## Household Hint:

### Use Dryer Lint for Crafting

School will soon be out and the kids will be home. Plan to do some crafting on rainy days. Whip up a batch of flour paste for crafts like papier-mâché. When you do, add some dryer lint to the mix for extra texture and bulk. You can also add dryer lint when making homemade paper. Just soak it and blend it with wet scrap paper to create the pulp.

## 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.*

## Nature's Little Pink Bouquets

A drive through many of the local back roads this time of the year can be quite spectacular. If you are out near Ulster Heights you will notice the Mountain Laurel has been in full blossom –they look like little bouquets of either pink or white blossoms..

The dainty blossoms contrast with the beautiful dark shiny green leaves.

Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*.) is an evergreen shrub native to the Catskills. Mature plants can reach 6.5 to 10 feet tall. The leaves are evergreen, sclerophyllous, leathery, 1 to 4 inches long, and 1 to 2 inches wide. The majority of Mountain Laurel leaves survive for 2 to 3 years. Mountain Laurel leaves begin to die in the late spring during their 2nd growing season while a few persist into the 3rd; hence, about half of the leaves on any given plant are the current year's production.



Flowers usually begin to bloom toward the end of April. This year due to the late frost and cold weather, quite a few plants are either blooming a bit later or have not bloomed at all. The Mountain Laurel is one of the plants that began to bloom a bit later this year and in many places, they are still in bloom. The flowers took shape from buds that formed during the previous growing season.

The complete flowerhead including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers will produce a compound flower cluster of showy saucer shaped flowers that are 1/2" to 1 inch wide.

Stems are long and narrow with furrows and ridges, often sloughing in narrow strips or flakes. The fruit is a small capsule that bears hundreds of small seeds. Below a basal burl (knotty growth), Mountain Laurel has a thick rootstock that supports numerous other vertical and horizontal roots that may reach up to 30 inches in depth. Mountain Laurel Mountain is monoecious -having both male and female reproductive organs. Pollination is by insect or self-mediated. Bumblebees are the primary species of insect-mediated pollination. Mountain Laurel anthers are positioned under tension which is suddenly released when a bumblebee or other insect lands on the flower. If the flowers remain unpollinated, the anther will self-release pollen onto the flower's own pistil. Seeds are contained in small fruit-like capsules each containing 300 to 700 seeds. Seedfall will begin in the fall and continues through the spring.

Mountain Laurel stem growth occurs during the spring and ceases during summer.

Mountain Laurel's leaves, buds, flowers and fruits are poisonous and may be lethal to livestock and humans. However, white-tailed deer, eastern cotton tails, black bear, and ruffed grouse are known to utilize this species especially as winter forage or during years of food shortages.

The wood of mountain-laurel has a long history of uses by native and Euro-Americans. It has been used in the manufacturing of pipes, wreaths, roping, furniture, bowls, utensils, and various other household goods and novelties.

Now that the price of gas is beginning to come down, and you may be thinking of taking a Sunday drive, you may still see some of the intricate white and more commonly pink flowers of the Mountain Laurel that have exploded into beautiful pastel bouquets delicately decorating the Catskills Mountains.

## Monticello Kiwanis Club Award Scholarships



*From left - Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport, Principal Jennifer Gorr, Deondra Dillon, Roman Dicio, Yelyzaveta Kilochko, Evan Chen, Peyton Murran, Taylor Crumley, Anneliese Reyes, and Kiwanis Co-Pres/Scholarship Chairman Robert Green. Absent from photo was Emily Pine.*

The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently presented eight (8) scholarships, each for \$1,000, to deserving seniors at Monticello High School. These awards recognize graduating students who demonstrate academic excellence, civic-minded focus and a strong commitment to community service. The venue was Robert Green Truck Division Board Room where the recipients and their families/guardians enjoyed a delicious pizza party and graduation cup cakes.

The recipients were Evan Chen, Anneliese Reyes, Taylor Crumley, Deondre Dillon, Yelyzaveta Kilochko, Peyton Murran, Emily Pine and Roman Dicio. They each shared their plans for schooling going forward and their professional aspirations. Principal Jennifer Gorr was in attendance and shared her pride of the students and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

The Monticello Kiwanis Club is a civic organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time by, among other things, presenting scholarships to high school seniors, donating books to second graders, distributing food baskets, donating toys and providing personal items to children going into foster care. For further information, visit the Monticello, NY Kiwanis Facebook Page.



*Emily Pine receiving scholarship from Kiwanis Co-Pres/Scholarship Chairman Robert Green.*

## Tri-Valley Lions Community Service Awards Presented to six Tri-Valley Graduating Senior

(From Pg. 5) Each of these Seniors submitted applications for the awards which consisted of an essay from each student explaining why they felt they qualified for the award and their future aspirations, their grades, verified community service hours, and references from teachers or counselors.

Leah Exner, Chair for the Service Award Committee, and committee members Lions Maryann Cosentino, Esta Jacob, Pat Menje, Stephen Miller, Susan Miller, Lauree Novogrodsky, Mike Ryan and Stu Wizwer reviewed each Senior application and paperwork and selected the six students listed above and in the photo. These six Seniors will receive a check from the Tri-Valley Lions in the amount of \$500 each upon receipt from their college or higher educational facility of their registration. We know they will enrich the world with their can-do attitude and giving spirit.

The Tri-Valley Lions wish these six graduating Seniors, as well as all graduating Seniors, a successful, happy and healthy future. We hope these award winners will join us at an upcoming Lions Dinner to celebrate all their accomplishments. Congratulations to one and all.

The Tri-Valley Lions, which was chartered in 1977, is now in our 49th year of existence, and we are always looking for new members.

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



## Announcing the 2026 Time and the Valleys Museum \$500 Scholarship Winner: Emily Poley

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

- **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water** and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house and working waterwheel help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.
- **New! The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution** an interactive exhibition celebrating our area's events during the American Revolution for the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's founding.

**The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum**, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

## Neversink Horseshoe League Raises \$15,000 in Support of Community Member Battling Cancer



On the 13th of June 2026, the Neversink Horseshoe League sponsored a Horseshoe Tournament and Benefit for Katlynn (Greffrath) Beale, a loved and respected Tri Valley Community member suffering from Breast Cancer with complications. The hugely successful event included live music, a chicken dinner, many raffles, and a 26 team, highly competitive, tournament. The winner of the tournament, without ever having to toss a horseshoe, was Katlynn, receiving \$15,000 to help support her and her family during this challenging time in their lives.

The Neversink Horseshoe League is a Community oriented sports league that conducts several tournaments a year that are open to the public. Proceeds from select Tournaments go to support local scholarships for students going into the "Trades". For more information on the League, contact the League President, Russell Turner @ 845-866-6036. For anyone interested in learning the sport of Horseshoes, Contact John Kassay, NY State Junior Recruiter and League member at raptorfoot1@gmail.com.

## Kindergarten Graduation Celebrates Milestone for 12 Little Graduates



LIBERTY - On Wednesday, June 10, Sullivan BOCES proudly celebrated the accomplishments of 12 kindergarten students during its Kindergarten Graduation ceremony held at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Family members and staff gathered to celebrate the achievements of these little learners as they completed their first full year of school.

Dressed in caps, the graduates proudly received their diplomas, marking the transition from kindergarten to first grade.

The event highlighted not only the academic progress of the students, but also the friendships, confidence, and skills they developed throughout the year. Staff members praised the students for their perseverance, positive attitudes, and enthusiasm for learning.

"This is such a special day for our youngest students. Over the past several months, they have learned new

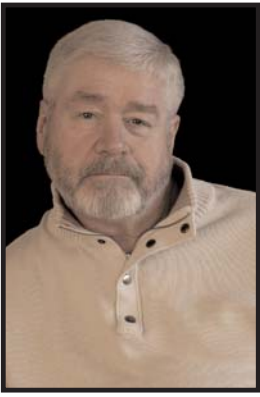
skills, built friendships, gained confidence, and grown in so many ways," said Barbara Utter, Principal of the Elementary Program. "Their hard work and enthusiasm have prepared them for the exciting journey ahead as they move on to first grade. We are so proud of each and every one of them and grateful to the families and staff who helped support their journey."

Congratulations to all of the graduates, and we wish them continued success as they begin first grade in the fall

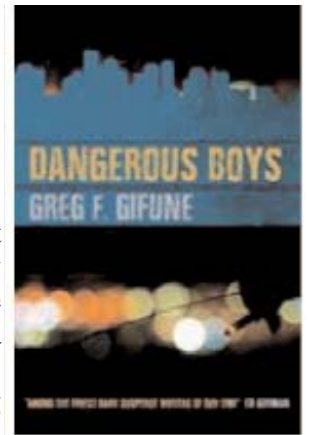
### Kindergarten Class:

Angelluis Almodovar Jr., MCS  
 Colton Brackman, RCS  
 Gianna Huscha, SWCS  
 Liam Macghee, MCS  
 Julia Ruiz, ECS  
 Benjamin Salazar Zempoaltecatl, FCS

Noah Snyder, RCS  
 Angel Vega Rosales, FCS  
 Sophia Garcia, MCS  
 Ella Ma, MCS  
 Hunter Vandemark, TVCS  
 Garrett Soules, MCS



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 184  
**Dangerous Boys**  
 Mysterious Book Report No. 206  
 by John Dwaine McKenna  
 Published June 18, 2020



In the summer of 1984, a series of heat waves blasted the northeast United States in rapid succession, one after another. It's particularly hot in the old whaling port of New Bedford, Massachusetts, where the usual cooling ocean breezes have disappeared, leaving the city in a steaming humid mess of baking sidewalks, human sweat and bad tempers. It's where four lifelong friends are coming of age in a gripping new novel by one of the best crime fiction and horror writers in the country.

*Dangerous Boys*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$17.95, 308 pages, ISBN 978-1-946502-52-0) by Greg G. Gifune, is so compelling, you won't be able to put it down; so well written, you'll feel the heat and humidity; and so heart-breakingly real that you'll feel sort of sorry for the lost boys at the same time you're disgusted by their behavior, and utterly repulsed by their savagery and criminality.

Aldo, Richie, Dino, Fritz and Petie are young bad-asses on the verge of adulthood: too old to be doing what they're doing, and too young to act like adults. They've known each other since grade school, hung out and raised hell together. Fact is, they're thugs who've been committing petty crimes and getting picked up by the cops ever since they were seven years old. Now it's decision time, but only Richie Lionetti wants out. He wants something better because he knows that they can't continue as they are, and he doesn't want the life of crime, or the dull, back-breaking, life-ending jobs his friends are destined for. Richie dreams of getting out. Out of the gang. Out of his nowhere life. And out of New Bedford, where his mother – his only living relative – is slowly killing herself with booze and heroin. So, Richie agrees when Aldo proposes the heist . . . the really big-time job that'll put them over the top, into the big leagues and a whole new dimension of criminality . . . the job *that can't go wrong if we stick to the plan*. Yeah. Right. This novel transcends time and space. It drops the reader smack dab into the hottest summer imaginable, at the point of no return for the young protagonists in this dark, dark noir thriller that made the MBR an instant fan of the work of Greg G. Gifune!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Suddenly Summer

I think it was just last week that we fired up the wood stove to take the chill out of the house. It is definitely not needed today as temperatures soar to the mid nineties and it feels uncomfortably tropical with thunderstorms looming each afternoon.

I am not complaining. I love the heat. It is so much more fun to cool off than it is to warm up.

The town pool is now open on weekends and the water temperature will be near 80. I am looking forward to wallowing there and catching up with my friends and neighbors who survived this ridiculously arduous winter that was a roller-coaster of snow, ice, cold, and thaw.

Summer is when I can live in and outdoors. Even the kittens, now cats, come out and in with me. They have discovered the green word they have looked at longingly all winter when it was mostly white and gray.

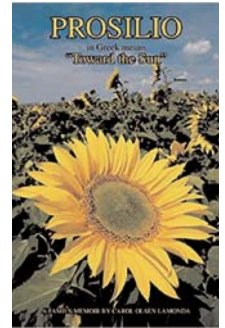
Summer for me, as a retiree, is a joy. It is license to do or not do as I please. As an early riser, I do all the household repetitive chores early in the morning. That leaves all afternoon to read, listen to a book on the deck, paint, write, wander in the woods, visit friends, nap or do nothing!

Supper is easier and lighter. Sometimes we can just have some snacks or salad, and ice cream.

Having lived many summers, I realize how precious these three short months can be. I treasure each moment of freedom and warmth. Like the flowers and shrubs that are perennial, I bloom during this season.

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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



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## We're here for you! Gear up for summer break with a visit to the library

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Can you hear it?

The jubilant sounds of school wrapping up for summer, BBQ's sizzling and sprinklers cranking out drops of gloriously cold water on these hot days...that's right, the easy-breezy days of summer will soon be upon us. Do you have plans?

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Beyond our regular day-to-day services, we're also launching our 2026 "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program on June 28, which comes chockfull of wonderful reading challenges and programs. Pick up the appropriate paperwork here (reading bingo gameboards/logs/bookmark challenge) or print from home and return to us completed for a chance to win cool prizes. Please remember to register for any programs you'd like to participate in via our website.

If you're in the neighborhood, swing by the library and check out our summer book tent. We are constantly adding to the inventory! Also, you can visit the tent any time. We don't have to be open. If you find a treasure and would like to purchase it, please just drop the white envelope with the payment into the drop box. Speaking of the book tent, if you have donations to drop off, please call Lisa or Michelle at 845-985-7233 and we'll be happy to discuss the opportunity with you.

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## CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND THE CATSKILLS

*News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 19*  
Lynn M. Priebe



Joseph Brant - that name struck fear in the hearts of those living on the New York and Pennsylvania frontier during the American Revolution. If reports were to be believed, he could show up anywhere, at any time. News of a battle or attack on a community caused the settlers to assume Brant was responsible. If he had been in all the places he was said to have attacked, he would have needed more modern modes of transportation than were available to him in the 1770's. Today he remains the face of the Native Americans who fought against the Patriots in the war to gain our freedom.

Joseph Brant was an inspiration to Native Americans and British Loyalists, and a bogeyman to the Americans. He was responsible for numerous frontier attacks. Here are some of them. Brant led Natives alongside British troops at the Battle of Oriskany in the Mohawk Valley on August 6, 1777, when General Herkimer and 385 members of the Tryon County Militia were killed, and over 80 wounded or captured. Though Brant lost just 65 killed or captured, that battle convinced Natives that fighting alongside British Regulars was too costly. Thereafter they preferred to make surprise attacks along the frontier. In the spring of 1778, Brant and Natives attacked the settlement of Cobleskill, where 16 soldiers were killed and 14 people were taken captive. He led troops attacking Peenpack (now Huguenot in Orange County) in the Minisink Valley on October 13th of the same year. Along with Loyalist Captain Walter Butler, Brant savagely attacked Cherry Valley on the headwaters of the Susquehanna on November 11, 1778, killing 15 troops and 32 villagers. These violent attacks created his fearsome reputation.

In 1779 the attacks continued. Returning to the Minisink Valley, Mahackamack (Port Jervis) was attacked on July 20th. This attack led to his most famous local encounter, the Battle of Minisink, on July 22nd, where 46 militia members were killed in a furious day long battle. Later that year, the Sullivan Clinton Expedition traversed Native Territory west of the Fort Stanwix Line (article #4) destroying over 40 settlements. Brant's Natives and Loyalist

troops under the Butlers fought them at Newtown, near Elmira on August 29th.

In 1780. Brant was part of an attack on the "breadbasket" of Washington's army in the fertile Schoharie Valley which destroyed many farms and much needed grain.

As you can see, he was very busy and successful as a British ally, but it is important to remember where he was not. The most lethal attack on the frontier during the American Revolution took place in the Wyoming Valley on the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania on July 3rd and 4th

in 1778. Between 200 and 300 were killed by the Loyalist Butlers and Natives. The scope of the death and destruction caused people to blame the infamous, but absent, Brant. On September 5th of that year, he was credited with the attack on Pinebush on the Minisink Road and the attack on Lt. John Graham and his troops at Chestnut Woods later that day. The attack on the Wawarsing Valley on August 12, 1781 which led to the burning of over 13 farms and the capture of two, was not his work. Many accounts erroneously credited him with these and other attacks. A more balanced view of his life, is needed. Thayendanega was born in 1743, a member of the Mohawk tribe. He was an educated convert to Christianity who, as a young man, fought on the side of his British King against the French. Because of a close association with Sir William Johnson, British Indian Agent in the Mohawk Valley, he remained loyal to the Mother Country throughout the war.

Many of his most brutal attacks can be explained as occurring in retaliation for attacks against his people, including the burning of Oquaga, his home base, in 1778, and the Sullivan Clinton Expedition destruction of over 40 Iroquois villages in 1779. After the war he settled in Canada and devoted his life to caring for his people, even translating the Bible into the Iroquois language. He died in 1807 at age 64, well respected by even those in the American government because of his efforts to keep the peace between many Native tribes and the new American nation.



*Jos. Brant*

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## DEC Announces Opening of 2026 Black Bass Season — Abundant Bass Fishing Opportunities in Waters Across the State

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced the open (harvest) season for black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass) begins on Monday, June 15, and extends through Monday, November 30. A catch-and-release season for New York's most popular freshwater sportfish exists in most of the state from December 1 through June 14. Variations in minimum length and daily limits exist for some waters, so anglers are encouraged to check the current fishing regulations before heading out.

“New York anglers are fortunate to have some of the best bass fishing opportunities in the country,” Commissioner Lefton said. “Whether you're fishing a top-ranked water such as Lake Erie, the St. Lawrence River, and Oneida Lake, or just a local fishing hole, catching a big bass is just a cast away here in New York.”

Bass fishing is another fun way for New Yorkers get out and enjoy nature, and the open season further supports Governor Kathy Hochul's “Get Offline, Get Outside” initiative that promotes physical and mental health by helping encourage New York's kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and outdoor social gatherings.

Bass can be found around the state in most waters including rivers, ponds, and lakes. New York's bass fisheries remain in the national spotlight. In 2025, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Erie were ranked the #4 and #9 bass lakes, respectively, in the country by Bassmaster Magazine. The St. Lawrence River, Lake Erie/Upper Niagara River, Lake Champlain, Cayuga Lake, Oneida Lake, Otisco Lake, and Chautauqua Lake also landed in Bassmaster Magazine's top 25 Northeastern Best Bass Lakes list.



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Fishing for bass is a great option for beginning anglers interested in going “beyond the bobber.” For tips on how and where to catch bass, see Fishing For Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass on DEC's website. Those new to fishing can check out the I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing, which has all the information needed to get started. There's also a “how-to” video series on DEC's YouTube channel.

Visit DEC's Places to Fish and Warmwater Fishing webpages for more information on where to go bass fishing, as well as the Tackle Box feature in the HuntFishNY mobile app.

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) provides advice to anglers about what fish are safe to eat and how often. Visit DOH's website to search by waterbody location.

[https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health\\_advisories/](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/fish/health_advisories/)

## Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Meets with 19 Members

—William A. Brenner, Esq.

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club held their June monthly meeting filling up the Grahamsville First Aide Building with 19 members attending. This included four (4) new members.

President Robert Brown discussed the members distribution of brown and brook trout that were released in the rapid flowing streams in Town of Neversink that flow into its two reservoirs.

Sullivan County is known for its excellent fishing streams, from its world wide “fly fishing” reputation in the Northern part of Sullivan County around Roscoe, to the two major reservoirs, with lake trout, salmon and pickerel and bass in Neversink Reservoir, and the Merriman Dam Rondout Reservoir near the Route 55 Ellenville boarder.

This fishing, especially in the Catskill State Park is always welcome to visitors and locals alike.

Sullivan County Sheriff, Michael A. Schiff, and Undersheriff, Eric J. Chabody attended the meeting.

Undersheriff Chabody issued a friendly summer warning to automobile drivers in the county: “When you see a female deer (without antlers) amble slowly across the road, slow down, please slow down. On too many occasions, a spotted faun may suddenly sprint out of the bushes on its spindly legs, to catch up with its mother. The result may not cause much damage to your car but it will make for a miserable day.

Enjoy your camping, hiking, and fishing in the Catskills this summer.

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

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## E-Bikes in our Community An Insight into E-bike Safety and Laws

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Traffic Safety Board and the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) will host a free public forum on e bike laws, safety, and emerging regulations on Thursday, June 18, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the SUNY Ulster Kingston Center, 94 Mary's Avenue in Kingston (Room 104).

This free public event will provide community members with clear, accessible information on New York's current e bike and active transportation laws, including which devices are legal or illegal, equipment requirements, operating rules, local regulations, safety considerations, and legislation under discussion at the state level. The forum will include remarks from Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, NYBC trainers, and local traffic safety professionals, followed by a community Q&A.

At 4:00pm, NYBC will also conduct an advanced training session for law enforcement, elected officials, and traffic safety professionals.

The forums are presented by NYBC as part of its Active Transportation Law and Safety curriculum, with support from a Governor's Traffic Safety Committee grant.

These events are free and open to the public, but registration is required, and space is limited to 40 attendees. Learn more at <https://ulstercountyny.gov/e-bike-forum>

For more information, contact Brian Slack at [bsla@ulstercountyny.gov](mailto:bsla@ulstercountyny.gov).

## Farm-Friendly Communities Workshop to Strengthen Agri-Tourism in Sullivan County

LIBERTY, NY - June 11, 2026 - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, in partnership with the Sullivan County Visitors Association and the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, will host Farm Friendly Communities: Zoning Tools to Support Agri-Tourism on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at The Arnold House in Livingston Manor, NY.

This informative workshop is designed to equip municipal leaders and community stakeholders with practical tools to support and grow agri-tourism through effective land use planning and zoning practices. Attendees will gain insights on how farm-friendly policies can encourage economic development while preserving the region's agricultural heritage.

The session will be led by Nan Stolzenburg, AICP, a planner with Community Planning & Environmental Associates, who will present on zoning policies, definitions, and techniques that can help municipalities better accommodate farm-based enterprises such as on-farm retail, breweries, and other agri-tourism ventures.

Planning and Zoning Board members are eligible to receive two training credit hours toward their required continuing education. The workshop is free, but advance registration is required. Light refreshments provided.

This event underscores the importance of collaboration between local government, agriculture, and tourism sectors to build resilient, farm-friendly communities that support both farmers and local economies.

For more information or to register, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 or email [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visit [www.sullivancee.org/events](http://www.sullivancee.org/events).

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The 20th Annual Trout Parada was held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 in Livingston Manor. This year's them was "Cirque du Trout".

The costumes were great! The floats were great! In fact, the whole day was great! It was filled with magic.

The school band played as the participants marched.

Activies were held throughout the day. A silent auction sponsored by the local library was an important fundraiser for the day.

The parade began at School Street and traveled down Main Street to the Fire Department. Various vendors were open from 10 am to 3 pm. The Livingston Manor Trout Parade officially began at 1 pm. Beside the parade, there was fun, music and vendors that provided fun and intersting things for the whole family throughout the day.

The Trout Parade is a fundraiser that supports critical community programs.



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

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

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

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

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

- o County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
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- o Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

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<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp>, or give our office a call at (845) 292-7166.

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### **DVAA Announces 2026 Performing Arts Season Including summer live music series with WJFF**

(Narrowsburg, NY-June 11th, 2026) The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is delighted to announce a robust schedule of performing arts events taking place at the historic Tusten Theatre in Narrowsburg, beginning in June. From Jazz, to Classical, to Folk, to protest songs of all genres, the Tusten Theatre will be overflowing with musical delights all summer.

Too Stupid To Stop will employ storytelling and sketch comedy to explore the lighter side of life, and the ambitious 50th Anniversary re-staging of *Our Town* will lead us into the Fall. Along with monthly Retro Cinema offerings, Deep Water Literary Festival in June, and the 15th Annual Big Eddy Film Festival in September, 2026 promises to be a very busy year for the beloved 100-year-old theatre and the creative community that surrounds it!

**Sunday, June 28, 2pm -A Midsummer Night's Dream:** A Family Concert Performed by Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra. Enter a musical world of magic and mischief! DVAA and The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) invites music lovers of all ages to a magical performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by German composer Felix Mendelssohn at this family-friendly classical concert. Presented as part of DVAA's Upstate Art Weekend programming. Free entry for children aged 12 and younger.

**Saturday, July 11, 2pm -Thurman Barker "Beyond The Curve"** Album Release. Enjoy an afternoon of Jazz with a master of the genre. Celebrate the release of the latest album by renowned local musician, composer and educator, Thurman Barker. A professional musician for over 60 years, including 10 years as the in-house percussionist at the Shubert Theater in Chicago, Thurman Barker's music spans Jazz, Funk, Blues, the Avant-Garde and everything in-between. Thurman will be joined by Matthew Albeck on guitar, Joe Tranchina on keyboard, and John Menegon on bass. Co-presented by WJFF.

**Saturday, July 18, 7pm -Music to the People - An Evening of Protest Songs**  
Gather at the Tusten Theatre for an evening of art as activism. Music to the People features an eclectic lineup of artists singing songs of hope, resistance, and

## **SLAC AGENDA June 26, 2026**

**The SLAC meeting will be held in the Legislator's  
meeting room  
at 10 AM, Friday the 26th.**

Please join us to discuss the following:

1. Update the management situation at the ACC.
2. Update the Garnet /Montefiore merge, and how it is affecting us.
3. More information on AIR340B, who they are, and how they educate us on how the 340B Federal program, is used as a profit maximizer for non-profit Hospitals country wide.

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social justice. Featuring Elizabeth Rose, Richard Hoehler, Kathy Geary, Open for Suggestions, and Singing Resistance NEPA Choir. Music to the People is a companion piece to the group exhibition *Revolutions*, on view at DVAA through July 26. Co-presented by WJFF.

Thursday, August 6, 7pm "Here & There" with Shlomo Franklin & AILISE

Witness two young singer-songwriters with a gift for enchanting their audience. Raised in Bethel, NY and now residing in Nashville, TN, this Tusten Theatre appearance will be something of a homecoming for Shlomo Franklin. Shlomo sings country-tinged serbia-inflected folk songs about love, loss, and the American dream. Born in Ireland and now residing in the Western Catskills, AILISE sings songs rooted in ancestral spirit, pulling on themes of change, personal evolution and re-igniting the fires within. Co-presented by WJFF.

Saturday, August 22, 7pm *Too Stupid To Stop* Laugh at life's ups and downs with some veteran comedic writers. Featuring local writers, performers, and artists including John Back, Joel Greenhouse, Ron Littke, Janet Noble, and Carol Roig, (who collectively have over two centuries of life experience to draw from), Too Stupid To Stop will present on work both old and new to explore a comical look at life, aging and the creative process. Through storytelling and sketch comedy, Too Stupid To Stop serves as a clarion call to neighbors that "we're here, we're old and we're still relevant!"

Saturday, September 5, 7pm *LETZ* Explore ancient melodies and folk tales from around the world. A modern roots musical ensemble featuring violinist Odetta Hartman, bassist Jamie Mohamdein and guitarist/composer Perry Foster, LETZ are inspired by the combination of sacred Southwest melodies, Eastern European folklore, Borscht Belt ballads, and Yiddish penny songs of the Lower East Side. For this special performance, LETZ will perform original and traditional repertoire through an evocative and experimental interpretation of the Golem - a haunting folktale exploring the conflicts within self-preservation. This concert will feature a special pop-up exhibition of historical photos by the Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project. Co-presented by WJFF.

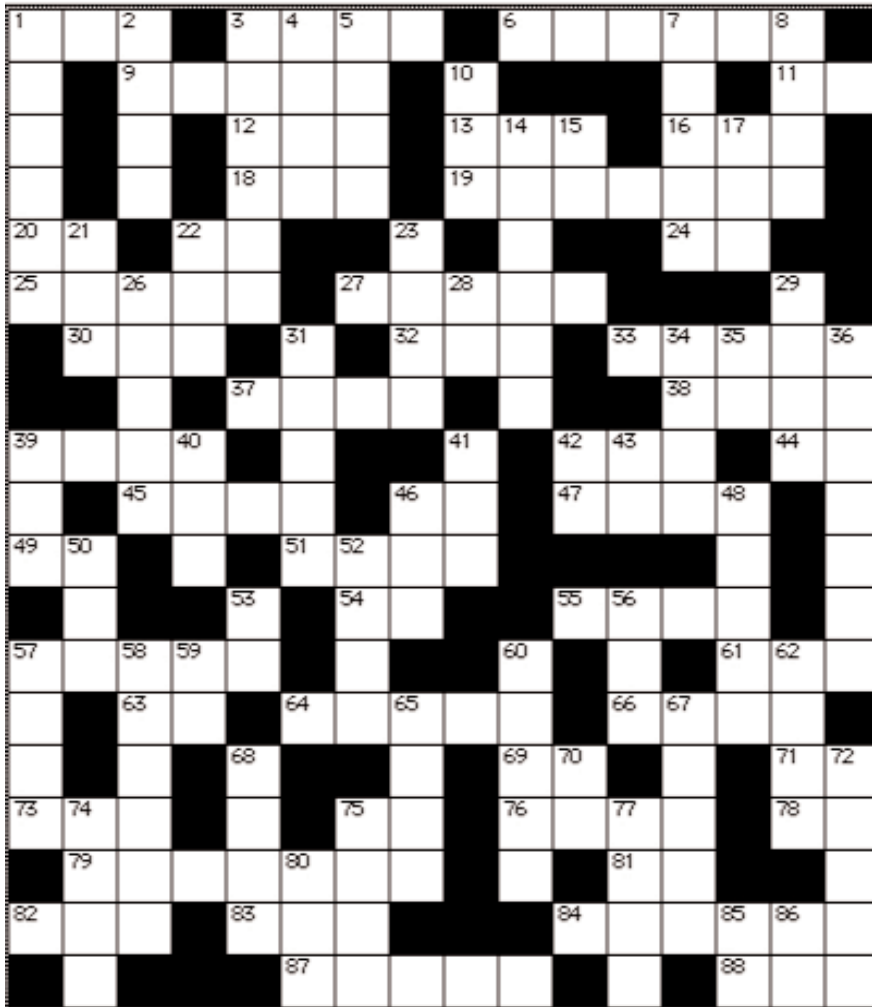
**October 17, 18, 24, 25 Our Town Toast DVAA's history and revel in our local acting talent with this much-loved play.**

DVAA's 50th Anniversary re-staging of *Our Town*, directed by Greg Triggs, will assemble a cast of talented local actors to bring Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize winning play back to our community. The 1975 local production, which formed part of the Narrowsburg's Bicentennial celebrations, lay the groundwork for DVAA's founding in 1976. We hope that this ambitious re-staging will bring our community together once again to enjoy this classic celebration of small-town life.

November 6,7,8 Tusten Jazz The three-day immersive weekend of Jazz returns this Fall with two evenings of double bill performances, Catskills Jazz Brunch and more! Details to be announced soon.

December 12 Cozy Catskills Holiday Revue  
The Ladybug Land Entertainers led by the Hartman Sisters, Camellia and Odetta return with their retro-style variety show.

Oh My Papa! - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

- 1 Belonging to a male person
- 3 Destiny
- 6 Commander
- 9 Manager
- 11 Supported by
- 12 Used to make a generalized reference to something
- 13 Unpleasant noise
- 16 National Rifle Association
- 18 Female chicken
- 19 More intelligent
- 20 That thing
- 22 Physical Education
- 24 Election District
- 25 Serve
- 27 Comprehensible
- 30 Fastener

- 32 Total amount
- 33 Small water vessels
- 37 Rugged cliff
- 38 Small container
- 39 Local wild hoofed grazing animal
- 42 Busy insect
- 44 Egyptian sun god
- 45 Nevada City
- 46 Northeast
- 47 Hearing organs
- 49 Proceed
- 51 17th Century Scottish Presbyterian
- 54 Type of modern art
- 55 Couch
- 57 Fills a container
- 61 Covered box-like vehicle
- 63 That which
- 64 Having more

- knowledge
- 66 Not shut
- 69 Chem element silver
- 71 Transcendental Meditation
- 73 Who we will honor on Sunday
- 75 Endearing term for 'dad'
- 76 Small barrels
- 78 To such an extent
- 79 Biological microchip
- 81 Light
- 82 Not new
- 83 Implements
- 84 Makes fun
- 87 Stage
- 88 100 sq meters

**DOWN**

- 1 Courageous
- 2 Foretell the

- future
- 3 Patriarch
- 4 Pain
- 5 In those days
- 7 13th century Italian poet
- 8 Deep cry of a lion
- 10 Advertisements
- 14 Old Chevy model
- 15 North America
- 17 Color at the end of the spectrum
- 21 Strike quickly
- 22 Writing tool
- 23 Banner
- 26 Type of swallowtail butterfly
- 28 Elevated railway
- 29 Celebrity
- 31 Dart
- 34 Atop
- 35 Artificial Intelligence

- 36 Loosen
- 39 Canine
- 40 Rapid Eye Movement
- 41 Plea
- 42 To exist
- 43 Each
- 46 Pinch
- 48 Cut off; crop
- 50 German grandfather
- 52 Member of the Pueblo Indians
- 53 Exists
- 56 Or Best Offer
- 57 Received wages
- 58 Frank
- 59 Kansas (abbrev)
- 60 Curb
- 62 Picnic pests
- 65 Washing substance
- 67 Macaroni
- 68 Wharf
- 70 General Electric
- 72 A type of code
- 74 Fit to
- 75 Substance
- 77 Delight
- 80 All the rage
- 85 South America
- 86 Emergency Room

**BBQ Shrimp Scampi for Father's Day**

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ground black pepper to taste
- crushed red pepper flakes to taste (optional)
- 1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

In a large, non-reactive bowl, stir together the olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, garlic, and black pepper. Season with crushed red pepper, if desired. Add shrimp, and toss to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat grill for high heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard any remaining marinade.

Lightly oil grill grate. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.

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June 20, 2026  
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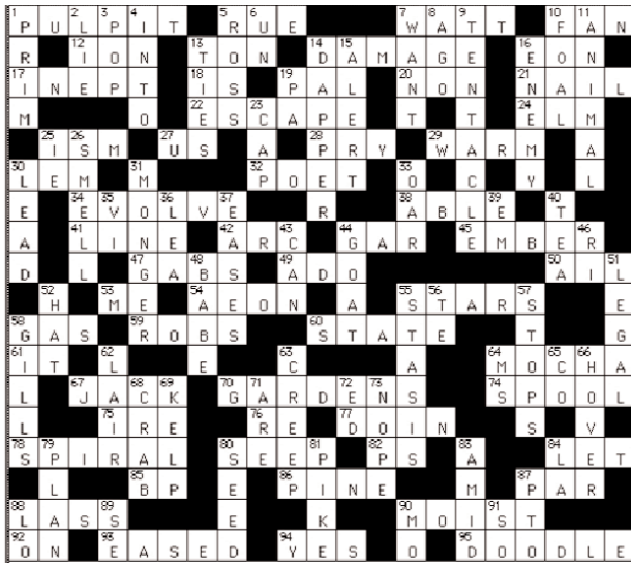


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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

**Street Fair, Saturday July 11th 11-5pm**  
**Duck Race, Thursday August 13th 6pm**  
**Halloweenfest, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm**  
**Joy to Wurtsboro, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm**

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

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

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**Daniel Pierce Library Hours**

Monday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Tuesday - 9:00 - 7:00  
 Wednesday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Thursday - 9:00 - 7:00  
 Friday - 9:00 - 4:00  
 Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00  
 Sunday - Closed

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 The Office of the State Comptroller returned \$126 million in unclaimed funds to its rightful owners during the month of March. From uncashed payroll checks to forgotten bank accounts, Comptroller DiNapoli is dedicated to putting money back into the pockets of the people and organizations it belongs to.  
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 For information call 845-434-8044.

## 2026 LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/18 Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm  
 6/21 Claryville FD **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 8 am - 12 noon  
 6/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY  
**(Please Note Date Change from 6/18)**  
 6/30 **TV Lions Rabies Clinic** 5:00 to 6:30 pm, under the Pavillion at The Grahamsville Fairgrounds (See Pg. 55)  
 7/1 Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 6/19/2026)  
**7/3 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - Independence Day**  
 7/7 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm  
 7/8 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting  
 7/14 Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY  
 7/14 Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY  
 7/15 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.** 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse  
 7/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 7/10/2026)

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, July 12, 2026 **Matthew Bertholf Memorial Horseshoe Tournament**  
 at the Neversink Fire Department Pavilion

**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**

Legislative Committee Meetings are Livestreamed at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>  
 June 15, 2026 - June 19, 2026

**Monday, June 15**

- o **4:15 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Sole Member Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 881 6176 1133, Passcode: 532905
- o **4:30 PM** - (or immediately following the UCEDA Sole Member Meeting) **Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Annual Board Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL, 33436, and Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 850 2548 0869, Passcode: 640455
- o **6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**Tuesday, June 16**

- o **5:00 PM - Democratic Caucus**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- o **6:15 PM - Republican Caucus**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

**The Following Public Hearings & Legislative Session are held in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Livestream at**  
[youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

- o **7:00 PM - 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

- o **7:05 PM - Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts**
- o **7:10 PM - Public Hearing, as required by 24 CFR 570.486, on the current NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: Ulster County Manufactured Home Water & Sewer Preliminary Engineering (CDBG 1160CP111-24)**  
 Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

**Wednesday, June 17**

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

**Thursday, June 18**

- o **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

**Juneteenth Holiday - County Offices Closed Friday, June 19**

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# 2026 Grahamsville Gallop Results

The 52nd annual Grahamsville Gallop was held Sunday, June 7 at the Iatauro Sports Complex at Tri-Valley School. 61 youth and 4 families participated in the event, which included age group races, a family relay, and for the first time- long jump and shot put events. . All participants received either a trophy (places 1-3) or a medal. Thank you to the Tri-Valley administration for allowing the Gallop to be held on school grounds. Thank you also to Tyler Eckhoff, Skyler Musa, Travis Wolfe and the Tri-Valley Track Team, who helped organize and run the event. We also thank all parents and grandparents who continue the tradition by bringing their children to participate. The first Grahamsville Gallop was held in 1972, organized by Norton Hyman. It was then run by Joe and Missy Iatauro through 2013.

## RESULTS:

### Girls Age 3 and Under (80 Meters)

1 Ele Allen	22.31
2 Maggie Ruhlin	33.25
3 Kylie Bonnell	43.89
4 Payton Everson	47.00
5 Bella Smith	58.00

### Boys Age 3 and Under (80 Meters)

1 Logan Rogers	22.97
2 Jack Poley	23.81
3 Calvin Craft	25.08
4 Cooper Garigliano	31.0
5 Scott Garigliano	39.29
6 Aidan Knox	37.00
7 Levi Kopp	36.22
8 Grayson Brazell	1.00.0

### Girls Age 4 (100 Meters)

1 Abigail Garigliano	26.95
2 Vera Harripensad	47.26

### Boys Age 4 (100 Meters)

1 Leo Wilson	24.40
2 Jack Bernstein	25.84
3 Skyler Wolfe	25.99
4 Finley Winters	28.78
5 Asher Kopp	35.00
6 Evan Lewis	44.00

### Girls Age 5 (200 Meters)

1 Raynie Winters	47.53
2 Prudence Kerrigan	52.75
3 Blair Bonnell	55.28
4 Kylie Knox	56.00
5 Charlotte Kopp	59.00

### Boys Age 5 (200 Meters)

1 Charlie Bonnell	1:04
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### Girls Age 6 (400 Meters)

1 Ellie Knox	1:47.28
2 Ava Festa	2:01.68
3 Daniella Liles	2:01.71
4 Eliza DeGraw	2:23:53

### Boys Age 6 (400 Meters)

1 Finley Wolfe	1:39
2 Ollie Bietrzki	1:46
3 Logan Winters	1:59
4 Luke Garigliano	1:57
5 Camden Garigliano	2:07

### Girls Age 7 (400 Meters)

1 Dionne Liles	1:41
2 Vaeda Luczynski	1:46
3 Allye Bertholf	1:50
4 Rebecca Garigliano	1:52
5 Presley Skinner	1:57

### Boys Age 7 (400 Meters)

1 Ryelin Illing	1:35
2 Emory Allen	1:37
3 Calvin Brown	1:45
4 Joey Bonnell	1:51
5 Alexander Coombe	2:03

### Girls Age 8 (400 Meters)

1 Whitney Dirie	1:51
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### Boys Age 8 (400 Meters)

1 Connor Garigliano	1:33
2 Eddie Bonnell	1:40

### Girls Age 9 (400 Meters)

1 Miles McCarthy	1:19
2 Messiah Liles	1:49

### Boys age 9 (none)

### Girls Age 10 (400 Meters)

1 Raegan McCarthy	1:34
2 MacKenzie Mioglionico	1:35
3 Keirstin Brown	1:50
4 Aurelia Coombe	1:59

### Boys Age 10 (400 Meters)

1 Jayce Walters	1:35
2 Cameron Favre	1:39

### Girls Age 11 (800 Meters)

1 Gwenn Illing	3:51
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### Girls Age 12 (800 Meters)

1 Keira Brown	3:57
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### Girls 13-14 (800 Meters)

1 Lily Kopp	3:24
2 Faith Matthews	NT

### Family Relay (4 x 100 meters)

1 Luczynski Family	1:09.96
2 McCarthy Family	1:10.0
3 Favre Family	1:18
4 Wolfe Family	1:24

### Long Jump Results

Name	Age	Distance
Gwen Dirie	?	LJ 3-2
Ian Horton	15	LJ 11-8
Lily Kopp	13	LJ 9-10
Cameron Favre	10	LJ 8-7
Diem Luczynski	10	LJ 4-6
MessaihLiles	9	LJ 7-10.5
Miles McCarthy	9	LJ 10-7
Whitney Dirie	8	LJ 4-7.5
Vaeda Luczynski	7	LJ 6-8.5
Emory Allen	7	LJ 6-1.5
Rylan Illing	7	LJ 5-65
Allye Bertholf	7	LJ 5-5.5
Dionne Liles	7	LJ 7-7
Presley Skinner	7	LJ 4-11
Finley Wolfe	6	LJ 6-2.5
Ava Festa	6	LJ 4-5.5
Daniella Liles	6	LJ 3-10.5
CamdenGarigliano	6	LJ 4-5
Charlotte Kopp	5	LJ 6-1.5
Prudence Kerridan	5	LJ 4-8.50
Vera Harripensad	4	LJ 9-0
Jack Bernstein	4	LJ 4-1.50
Leo Nelson	4	LJ 4-0
Skyler Wolfe	4	LJ 3-5
Calvin Craft	3	LJ 2-6.5
Eli Allen	3	LJ 2-9
Payton Everson	2	LJ 0-7

# Sundown UMC Ladies Indoor Thrift & Yard Sale

## Every Saturday through July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm

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

## Annual Chicken BBQ

Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sat. Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 4-7 pm

Adults: \$15 • Children: \$10

For a peek at some of the many items  
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and Click on:

Sundown UMC Ladies Yard Sale



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- ▶ DVDs & CDs: \$1
- ▶ Vinyl Records: \$1
- ▶ Puzzles & Games: \$1

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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)

# Empowering a Healthier Generation 2025-2027 Grant Awards

## Healthier Generation District Impact, Competition, and School Grants

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025-2027 Healthier Generation Grants. These grants support schools in their efforts to support health and wellness for students and staff through nutrition, physical activity and social and emotional wellness.

Eldred Central School District and Tri-Valley Central School District were awarded Healthier Generation District Impact Grants in the amount of \$20,000 to support initiatives that strengthen student well-being, leadership, and school culture. Eldred will implement “Eldred Ignite”, providing district-wide mental health and anti-bullying programming, sensory support resources for students, and transportation for a Hope Squad Educational Exchange. Tri-Valley will launch the Leader in Me Life-Ready Leadership Curriculum & Credentials program for students in Grades 9-12, with a bridge for Grades 7-8, to develop leadership skills, strengthen student voice, and promote positive academic and personal growth. District Impact Grants support district-wide or school-based initiatives that advance Wellness Policy goals and improve health and wellness outcomes.

The following five Sullivan County schools were awarded \$10,000 Competition Grants. These grants promote innovative campaigns that elevate school wellness and engage the broader school community.

School Building	District	Initiative
Fallsburg Junior Senior High School	Fallsburg	Mental Health/Peer Support
Liberty Elementary	Liberty	Nature Trail/Outdoor Seating
Sullivan West Elementary	Sullivan West	Physical Fitness/Care Cupboard
Tri-Valley Elementary	Tri-Valley	Forest School/Indoor/Outdoor
Tri-Valley Secondary	Tri-Valley	Forest School/Outdoor/Recess

The following nine Sullivan County schools have been awarded School Grants in the amount of \$4,000 for building-level projects that increase awareness of and support Wellness Policy goals.

School Building	District	Initiative
Rubin Pollack Education Center	SC BOCES	Walking Classroom/Playground
George Ross Mackenzie Elementary	Eldred	Desk Bikes
Eldred Junior Senior High School	Eldred	Trail/Blender Bike/Mental Health
Liberty Middle School	Liberty	Classroom/Trail/Gaga Ball
Emma Chase Elementary	Monticello	Cafeteria Revitalization
George L. Cooke Elementary	Monticello	Forest School
Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary	Monticello	Forest School
Monticello High School	Monticello	Clash of the Classes
Rockland Elementary	Rockland	Weight Room/Water/Book Study

“We are incredibly proud of the commitment Sullivan County schools have shown to creating healthier learning environments,” said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness. “Health and wellness are no longer programs that exist alongside the school day, they have become part of the culture of our schools. The positive impact is evident in the policies, practices, and daily experiences of students and staff. As we launch the 2025-2027 Empowering a Healthier Generation grant cycle, we are excited to support schools as they take their wellness efforts to the next level.”

For more information about Sullivan 180, visit [www.Sullivan180.org](http://www.Sullivan180.org) or call (845) 295-2680.

*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](http://Sullivan180.org) or [Facebook.com/Sullivan180inc](https://www.facebook.com/Sullivan180inc).*


# Daniel Pierce Library

## UNEARTH A STORY

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM | GRADES 4-6

#### FELTING EVENT


Tuesday, July 21, 2026  
5:30 to 6:30 pm



Join felting expert Christine Adams for a hands-on workshop where participants will create their own beautiful felted geode.

**What is felting?**  
Felting is a fiber art that uses wool, specialized tools and simple techniques to craft unique pieces that are both decorative and functional. Many people find the process relaxing and therapeutic. Using a felting mat and needle, participants will learn how to shape and sculpt wool step by step to create a geode-inspired design.

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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# DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

## UNEARTH A STORY

### Summer Reading Program | Ages 0-5 Years

#### RAWRRR! Dinosaur Bones and Foam Party


Thursday, July 23, 2026  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Come dressed in comfortable play clothes and get ready to jump, dance and discover the magic of dinosaurs and foam!

Spark creativity and hands-on exploration with this engaging dinosaur event. Featuring 160 oversized "bones," children can design and build anything their imagination dreams up; from prehistoric dinosaurs to futuristic creatures!

Get ready for a bubbly, giggly good time! Our Foam Party offers a safe and sensory-rich experience filled with mountains of soft, fluffy foam. Children can explore and play as gentle foam fills the space, encouraging movement, laughter and imaginative play. The foam is non-toxic, hypoallergenic and specially made for young children.

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# DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

## UNEARTH A STORY

### Summer Challenge

#### 2026

#### Reading Logs

Children Ages 0-5 Years and 6-11 Years  
Read all summer, log the number of books and minutes read to receive prizes!

"Tweens", Teens and Adults  
Log the number of books and minutes read and for every 4 books you read you will be entered into our SRP drawing!


#### Book BINGO

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

Read. Play. Win. To join our Book BINGO challenge, read books that fit the categories listed on the BINGO card for a chance to win free books!

Print out reading logs & BINGO cards from the DPL website  
[danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)  
or pick them up from the library!

## HAVE FUN!



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Sundown UMC Ladies  
**July 4**  
**Indoor Yard Sale!**  
**... and Bake Sale!**

The banner features a dark blue top section with five white stars. Below this, the text is centered. Two red stars flank the words 'Indoor Yard Sale!'. The bottom of the banner consists of three horizontal red stripes.



**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> • 9 am - 1 pm**

**Hot Dogs • Chips • Water  
will be available for sale**

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**  
Intersection of Sundown, Peekamoose & Greenville Roads  
Sundown, NY 12740

# Students Say Goodbye to Elementary School and Hello Middle School

LIBERTY - On June 10, the Elementary Program at Sullivan BOCES held a Stepping Up Ceremony for eleven sixth-grade students transitioning to the middle school program at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Families, students, staff, and administrators gathered to celebrate this important milestone.


During the ceremony, students were recognized for completing their elementary school experience and taking the next step into middle school. Ms. Barbara Utter, Principal of the Elementary Program, shared words of encouragement and pride as she presented students with certificates and personalized items that reflected each student's strengths.

"Today marks the end of your elementary school journey and the beginning of an exciting new chapter," said Utter. "As you move on to middle school, continue to be curious, work hard, and believe in yourselves. We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished and excited to see what the future holds for each of you."



## Stepping Up Class:

- Gabriel Ackerley, TVCS
- Damien Bauernfeind, SWCS
- Thorin Chandler, SWCS
- Ling Chen, ELL
- Javier Codrington, PJCS
- Rosalie Corbin, MCS
- Anthony Kaminsky, LCS
- Leland Kessler, LCS
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## Sullivan County Dramatic Worksop

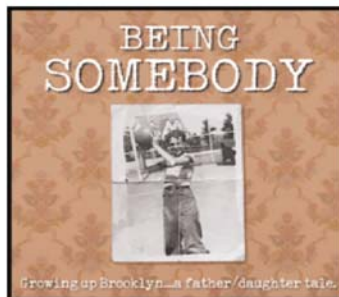
Here's what's coming up!



**End of School Year Celebration**

Sat, June 27 at 2:00pm

[Buy Tickets](#)



**Being Somebody**

Sun, June 28 at 2:00pm

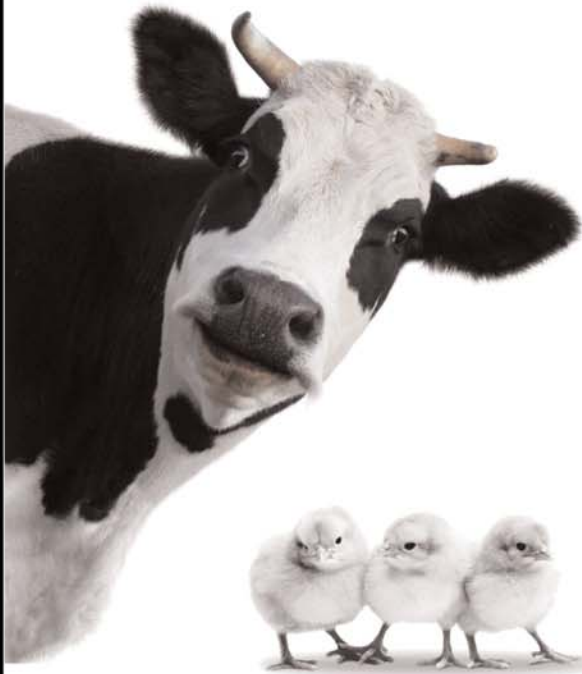
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**JEKYLL AND HYDE THE MUSICAL**

Fri, July 10 at 7:30pm  
 Sat, July 11 at 7:30pm  
 Sun, July 12 at 2:00pm  
 Fri, July 17 at 7:30pm  
 Sat, July 18 at 7:30pm  
 Sun, July 19 at 2:00pm

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# Life on a 1930s Farm

Sunday, June 14  
1 to 3 p.m.

Unique 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with historic house, milk house, 1870s barn, working waterwheel and more!



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- ☛ Fun for the Whole Family!

**Includes refreshments  
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**Noon to 4 p.m.**

**\$10 Per Person**

**\$5 under 16**

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**Bring a  
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Enjoy good food  
and fellowship**

# **Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday  
July 4, 2026  
5:30 pm**

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

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



**Be sure to check out the tables  
with a variety of collectibles,  
household items and more  
that will be available for sale**

**Ellenville Regional Hospital  
Auxiliary Presents**

# Cookie Bookie Sale



**Friday, June 19, 2026**

**From 9am to 3pm**

**Tents on Hospital Grounds  
Main Entrance**

**\$3 BAG OF BOOKS  
(AS MANY AS YOU CAN FIT)  
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**Live  
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# "DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 36: Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells - Meet the Team Tracking these Hidden Hazards

## DEC's Division of Mineral Resources is Plugging Hundreds of Abandoned Wells Across New York State

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of "DEC Does What?!", a podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 36 spotlights the work of DEC's Division of Mineral Resources to address the threats that unplugged oil and gas wells have on the environment and public safety across New York State. Approximately 35,000 orphaned wells are estimated to exist in New York State, many drilled and abandoned before the existence of DEC or modern environmental regulations. In this episode, hosts DEC Chief of Staff and Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice Adriana Espinoza and Region 4 Director Sean Mahar talk with Grace Gallagher and Nathan Graber from DEC's Oil and Gas Compliance Enforcement Section about New York State's progress to identify, prioritize, and plug abandoned wells. They'll cover how drone technology helps locate high priority orphaned gas wells leaking methane into the environment and ways DEC engages with New Yorkers to search for abandoned wells on their property.

Grace and Nathan also share memorable well-plugging projects they were involved with, including an orphaned well leaking gas and vegetation-killing brine in Rome, Oneida County, and two abandoned wells drilled in the 1870s for a now-demolished hotel located on an island on the Susquehanna River in Tioga County.

Experts from DEC's Division of Mineral Resources were previously featured in episode 25 ("From Pit to Park: Reclaiming New York's Mined Lands") which discussed the essential role of minerals in New York State's economy and how the agency oversees the mining industry to ensure the protection of natural resources.

All episodes of "DEC Does What?!" are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, Amazon Music, and all major podcast platforms.

For more information on "DEC Does What?!", visit <https://dec.ny.gov/news/podcast>.

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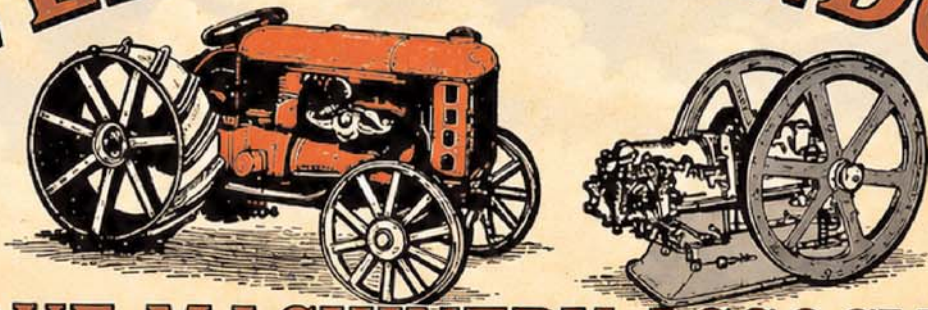
# 2026 SCHEDULE

<b>FRIENDLY</b> SAT APR 18 2:00 PM FERRARI FIELD	<b>FRIENDLY</b> FRI APR 24 7:00 PM TENNEY STADIUM	<b>FRIENDLY</b> FRI MAY 1 7:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM
<b>CENTRAL</b> SAT MAY 16 7:00 PM MERCER CO	<b>USA FC</b> SAT MAY 23 5:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM	<b>FC</b> SAT MAY 30 5:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM
<b>NYFC II</b> SAT JUN 6 5:00 PM BROOKLYN COLLEGE	<b>M</b> WED JUN 10 7:00 PM MET OVAL FIELD	<b>NYFC II</b> SAT JUN 13 5:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM
<b>USA FC</b> SAT JUN 20 7:00 PM SUSA COMPLEX	<b>M</b> WED JUN 24 7:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM	<b>FC</b> SAT JUN 27 7:30 PM BELSON STADIUM
<b>NYFC II</b> SAT JUL 11 5:00 PM DIETZ STADIUM	<b>EAST SEMI</b> WED JUL 15 TBD	<b>EAST FINAL</b> SAT JUL 18 TBD

HOME AWAY

NYFC II The League

# NEVERSINK-RONDOUT



## ANTIQUE MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

★ Antique Tractor Show – Saturday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date 20<sup>th</sup>) ★

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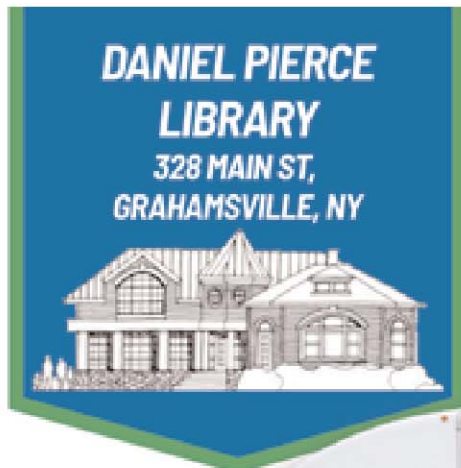
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**Summer Kickoff Art Show**

**June 6-28**  
**Opening Reception**  
**June 6**  
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- Prescription Deconstruction Kits
- Hygiene Kits
- Substance Use Disorder Support

## LINKAGES

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

**DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY**  
**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Christina Elwyn at  
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## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, June 21st**

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

**Senior Citizens (age 65 +): \$11**

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**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

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**T**his July is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Time and the Valleys Museum is honoring our area's contribution to the struggles for independence by creating two new interactive exhibitions on the Revolution in 2026.

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

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

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Join now by going to [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership), or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return mail.

**2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting - be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!**



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# The Daniel Pierce Library

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## 250 All American

# BINGO

### Friday, July 10, 2026

Doors open at 6:00 p.m  
Calling begins at 7:00 p.m.

### \$40 per Person

Includes  
7 games, door  
prize entry &  
★ light  
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## 2026 SHOW DATES

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

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

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

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

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

### SATURDAY 7/4/26: LIBERTY RISING STREET FAIR

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

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

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

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

### SATURDAY 7/11/26 WURTSBORO FOUNDERS DAY

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

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

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

GIVEN OUT AT 4:00 PM PRICE \$15.00 PER VEHICLE TROPHIES WILL BE TOP 3 2006 &

NEWER TOP 12 2005 & OLDER; KIDS CHOICE; JUST BECAUSE; BOARD OF TRADE CHOICE; CLUB PICK AND BEST OF SHOW. RAIN OR SHINE.

### SUNDAY 8/9/26 MONTICELLO BAGEL FEST

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB SHOW, BROADWAY MONTICELLO, NY 12701 ENTER

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

OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.

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

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

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## Summer Bus Trips

Two on-your-own day trips to

## New York City

New York City trips are via Leprechaun Lines

**Wednesday, June 24th**

and

**Wednesday, August 19th**

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

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

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

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

# Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets

Bethlehem, PA

**Wednesday, August 5th**

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

\$50 pp with \$30 free play.

Reservations must be received by July 13th

Checks should be made out to Primetimers.  
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845-354-4460

➤➤ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!** ◀◀

*Honoring Our Past. Celebrating Our Present. Inspiring Our Future.*



## Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

### All Vendors are wanted!

New, Used, and Handmade items -- Something for Everyone!!

**When:** Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Rain or Shine**

**Where:** Claryville Fire Dept.  
1500 Denning Rd  
Claryville, NY 12725

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**Setup start time: 8 AM Break Down by 3 PM - \*vendors must stay until 3pm\***

#### Regulations for Sellers:

- Open to all sellers, artisans, antique dealers, and crafters on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **No food vendors or baked goods** (sold exclusively by the fire department).
- Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.
- **Fee:** \$20 per table (8 ft long or 8 ft picnic table). If an outlet is required, the fee is \$25 per table. Tables are provided.
- **Claryville Fire Dept. is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen merchandise**

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer at 845-807-6563; email at [claryvillefd@gmail.com](mailto:claryvillefd@gmail.com).

**Payment and registration must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot.  
Payment will no longer be accepted on the day of the event!**



## Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Craft and Vendor Fair & Community Yard Sale

Claryville Craft and Vendor Fair and Community Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Rain or Shine

Vendors Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor spaces reserved (8-ft indoor/ outdoor spaces): \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity needed:  Yes  No

Tables requested (8-foot tables provided by CVFD – MAX 4):

0 tables     1 table     2 tables     3 tables     4 tables

Table type:  8 ft table (indoor or outdoor)     8 ft picnic table (*outdoor use only*)

*Outdoor or indoor preference (not guaranteed):*  Pavilion / Outdoor Area     Inside Building

**\*\*\*Indoor spots are first come, first serve based on postage date of application\*\*\***

Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if paid: cash: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** \$20.00 per 8 ft indoor / outdoor vendor space or \$25.00 per space with electricity (limited availability).  Please note vendor spot fee is nonrefundable \* Initials

Donation for door prize (item donated by vendor for raffle) Yes    No

Event time: is 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM    Set Up is 8:00 AM

**\*\*I understand that Claryville Fire Dept shall not be held responsible for any lost, damage or stolen merchandise\*\*** Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendors are responsible for leaving their area in the same condition as they found it.

**Registration forms and payment must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot!**

**\*\*Payment will no longer be accepted the day of the event! \*\***

Make checks payable to Claryville Volunteer Fire Department

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Attn: Jennifer Pisaniello

Mike Beiling and the Bertholf Family and Friends Present

# Matty Bertholf's Annual Horseshoe Tournament

**Sunday, July 12th, 2026  
Neversink Firehouse**

## **Times**

Registration 8:30 am

Tourney Begins 9:00 am

**Entry Fee \$25**

## **Contests**

50-50 drawings

## **Beverages**

Bring your own

Non Players all donations appreciated\*\*

**Proceeds will Benefit the Scholarship  
Fund at TVCS in Matty's Name**

•• If you would like to donate but are unable to attend you may do so by mailing a check made payable to "Matthew R. Bertholf Scholarship Fund" to the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, 30 Scott's Corners Drive, Suite 203, Montgomery, NY 12549. Attention: Stacey

All donations are tax decuctible

# New IMMERSIVE Exhibit!



## The Great Fear: Frontier Life in the American Revolution

Celebrating our Nation's founding by exploring  
the American Revolution in our own backyard!

Patriots, Loyalists, Settler Life, Battle of Chestnut Woods,  
Raids, Captives and More. Games, Interactives, Audio and Video!



Opening 4th of July  
Weekends through September - 12 to 4 p.m. and by appointment  
Private tours for groups of 15 or more



Time and the Valleys Museum  
P.O. Box 254, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY 12740  
timeandthevalleysmuseum.org 845 985-7700

*Partially funded through a  
Sullivan County Discretionary  
Grant secured by  
Legislator Brian McPhillips*

**Daniel Pierce Library**  
**UNEARTH A STORY**



Summer Reading Program | Grades 1-3  
**3D Printing Event**

Tuesday, July 14, 2026  
 5:30 to 6:30 pm




Get ready for an awesome 3D printing adventure!

We'll kick things off with a fun, easy-to-understand intro to 3D printing so you can see how this amazing technology brings ideas to life. Then it's your turn to get creative! You'll pick and customize your own filament colors and watch as a real 3D printer uses them to create a one-of-a-kind, multi-color miniature just for you to take home.

But that's not all! Each student will also get a super cool 7-inch articulated dinosaur to paint and decorate using washable acrylic paints. Make it bright, bold, silly, or realistic—the choice is yours!



Create it, watch it, paint it... and take it home!

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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Summer Challenge Bookmark Contest

**Calling ALL Aspiring Artists**

Three Categories:  
 Ages 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-18 years


Students are invited to submit an original design for the library's Summer Reading Program Bookmark! Winning designs will be selected and printed to be the official 2026 DPL Bookmark.



Follow the official guidelines and rules on our website.  
**The deadline for ALL entries is Thursday, July 30, 2026**


1 winner will be picked from each category.  
**Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.**

Open to Tri-Valley residents. **Good luck!**



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**Daniel Pierce Library**  
**UNEARTH A STORY**  
 Summer Reading Program  
 Grades 7-12




**DINOSAUR EYE**

Create realistic or imaginative dinosaur eye!  
 Thursday, July 16, 2026  
 5:30 - 6:30 pm


- ◆ Create your own prehistoric masterpiece in this fun, hands-on teen program! Design and build a realistic (or wildly imaginative) dinosaur eye using clay, texture and creative materials. Whether you love fierce T-Rexes or gentle herbivores, you'll bring your dino to life one detail at a time.
- ◆ Just bring your creativity!

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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**Daniel Pierce Library**  
 Entertainment Night  
**UNEARTH A STORY**



**DINOSAURS ROCK®**  
 Fossil Adventure

Thursday, July 30, 2026  
 5:30 pm  
 for all young explorers and their families

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


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

**Bonus:** Every child receives a **FREE** book!

**What to Bring:** Chairs or blankets for your comfort.

**Location:** Daniel Pierce Library

We can't wait to see you there!  
 Open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online @ [danielpiercelibrary.org](http://danielpiercelibrary.org)



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**X50** PERFORMING  
ARTS

*A Family Concert Performed by  
Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra*

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

By Felix Mendelssohn

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 2pm

Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg

Free entry for children under 12



**Rabies Clinic**  
**Hosted by the Tri-Valley Lions Club**



When: Tuesday June 30, 2026, From 5-6:30 pm

Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds- Pavilion

8230 State Rte 55 Grahamsville, NY

**Cost: FREE - Donations Accepted**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED OR IN A CARRIER  
BRING PRIOR PROOF OF VACCINATION WITH YOU**



**Shady United Methodist Church**

**Baked Ham Dinner**

**& Strawberry**

**Shortcake**

**Sat. June 20**

**Takeouts Only**

**4:00 to 6:30 PM**

**Adults \$20 Children \$10**

**Church Road - Rt. 212**

**5 miles West of Woodstock**

**For Information:**

**845-679-2982 or 845-679-4039**

*Fairy Tales*

9th annual juried  
summer group show  
juried by  
jaime ransome

July 11 – September 5, 2026

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

more info: [olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art](http://olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art)

## OLIVE SENIORS

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

**Where:** American Legion Hall\*

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

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

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

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

# Historic Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

*Experience a One Room School from Long Ago*



*Debbie Scanlon, Museum Educator*

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

**Interactive exhibits, games and activities for kids**

## 2026 Open Hours

Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.  
June 6, July 18,  
August 15, September 19,  
October 17  
*Admission by donation*



## Claryville Schoolhouse Museum

946 Claryville Road, Claryville NY (next to the church hall)  
info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

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



## 1700s Frontier Exhibit Opening in May & We Need Your Help!

Do you have any of these items below to loan to the  
Time and the Valleys Museum through September, 2028?

- Mannequins with heads (man and woman)
- Taxidermied deer, beaver, opossum, hedgehog, racoon, fox, wild cat, rabbit and especially wolf
- Any items (real or replica) from the 1700s

We are also seeking someone with graphic design skills  
to enhance photos and create graphics.

If so, please call or email  
Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville  
[director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700  
*All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition*  
Thank you so much!



# POP UP ART EXHIBIT

## **Sleepy Hollow**

Self Guided Tour

**June 8th through June 22nd**

Meet the artists Friday, June 12, 2026 from 2 - 4 pm



The Daniel Pierce Library is pleased to present an art exhibition by Catskills based artists Maciej Toporowicz and Moonching Wu. The show is a tribute to Washinton Irving, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle.

Please enjoy!



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

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

I risked my life in combat to protect fundamental American freedoms. That includes a woman's right to choose.

I was proud to stand alongside my colleagues, especially New York State Attorney General Tish James, to make clear to women in New York seeking reproductive care and the doctors providing it: we've got your back.

These deeply personal and private medical decisions should be made by women, their health care providers, and their families, not by extremist judges or politicians.

Overturing *Roe v. Wade* wasn't enough for Republicans. Now, the Trump Administration is trying everything they can to restrict access to abortion, including going after doctors right here in our own community, but we're fighting back.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-attorney-general-letitia-james-planned-parenthood-state>

#### **BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU**

It was great to spend time with so many members of our community this weekend at our C.A.R.E.S. Van stop in Kingston.

Whether you need help navigating a federal program or accessing your benefits, we're here to serve YOU.

Thanks to everyone who came out!

If you need help enrolling in Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, and more; Join my team at one of the next June CARES Van events for one-on-one assistance with federal programs.

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

#### **DELIVERING MASSIVE WINS FOR KINGSTON**

As a fifth-generation Kingston native, fighting for my hometown is one of the most rewarding parts of this job. Delivering a historic \$22 million is a massive win for our Kingston community, and builds off of years of progress and advocacy at every level. It was great to join folks to celebrate this funding at the Maritime Museum.

The waterfront in particular is an incredibly special place to me - my family landed at the Rondout when they came from Ellis Island - and with this investment, we're preserving the rich history of Kingston and all the families who call it home.

Revitalizing the Kingston waterfront is something I've been pushing for since my time as County Executive - now, we can use this funding to protect against future flood damage, build desperately needed housing, and spur the growth of our exceptional small businesses. Across the Hudson Valley, we're making critical investments that will serve our communities for generations to come - and we're just getting started.

Read more: <https://patryan.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-pat-ryan-kingston-leaders-celebrate-22-million-federal-investments>

#### **CELEBRATING RUMSHOCK VETERANS VILLAGE**

No veteran should face homelessness in the country they swore to protect. Rumshock Veterans Village proves that when our community comes together, we can change lives.

Grateful to work alongside exceptional partners, especially the Whetsel family, to deliver for Hudson Valley vets.

#### **REMEMBERING PULSE NIGHTCLUB**

10 years ago, 49 lives were viciously taken in the Pulse Night Club shooting.

This Pride & Gun Violence Awareness Month, my message to the LGBTQ+ community is this:

You are loved, You belong, And I will always fight to protect your rights and freedoms as Americans.

#### **CORNWALL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS FAIR**

Grateful that my team was able to attend the Civics Fair at Cornwall Central High School last week to see the students present their research on issues affecting the local community.

#### **CONGRATULATING CHILDRENS HOME OF POUGHKEEPSIE ON THE GRAND OPENING OF ANCHORPOINT**

The new Children's Crisis Residence Program in Poughkeepsie will provide much needed relief for children & families in crisis, offering kids a safe place to recover.

Proud of our exceptional community partner, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, on the grand opening at AnchorPoint!!

#### **TOURING OUR LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITY**

Our local recycling partners help keep our towns and cities running smoothly and our community clean & safe.

Last week, my team got a chance to tour the Republic Services Recycling Facility in Beacon to see how it operates. Remember to separate your recycling (especially batteries)!

#### **GRANTS CORNER**

Important Deadline - 30C Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Tax Credit Expires June 30, 2026

Has your school district purchased an electric school bus charger in the last year, or plan to install one soon? You may qualify for the 30C tax credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property. This tax credit is available to tax-exempt entities through the recently established IRS system of elective payment. To qualify, chargers must be placed in service by June 30, 2026.

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## Pat Ryan (From PG. 61)

### **Fiscal Year 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants**

The FY 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are now available! The application periods opened TUESDAY May 19 at 9 a.m. ET and close MONDAY June 22 at 5 p.m. ET.

FEMA is hosting Application Workshops, find the schedule here!

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance - please contact my office.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program

This program provides funding for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of inter-city passenger and freight rail.

Applications must be submitted no later than June 22, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET.

### **NYS 2026 Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC) Grant Program**

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) seeks applications through the SCAHC grant program, which funds safety and security projects at nonprofit organizations at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs, or mission. DCJS expects between \$35 million and \$70 million will be made available to support these projects. Applications will be accepted for up to \$250,000 per organization. Each eligible organization may submit one application for one or more physical security enhancements and/or cybersecurity enhancements.

The deadline for applications is Noon (DST) Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

### **NYS Clean Green Schools Initiative**

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

The initiative is open to public school districts that are designated as Priority Districts, or if the public school buildings and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) buildings are located in a disadvantaged community, as defined by the

New York Climate Justice Working Group. Incentive amounts start at \$500,000 for qualifying projects and proposals are due on August 18, 2026 by 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Funding Levels:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Support the hiring and retention of sworn law enforcement officers,

Keep school students safe,

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



### **Supporting the Secure America Act**

This week, I supported the Secure America Act to provide critical funding for Border Patrol, ICE, Homeland Security Investigations, and the frontline law enforcement officers working every day to keep our communities safe. This legislation invests nearly \$70 billion through 2029 to strengthen border security, combat fentanyl trafficking, support child trafficking investigations, and ensure immigration laws are enforced. President Trump has made tremendous progress restoring order at our southern border, and Congress must provide the resources necessary to keep that momentum going. After Democrats spent months delaying funding for these crucial operations, House Republicans acted to ensure Border Patrol and ICE have the tools they need to secure our borders, protect American families, and defend our national security.

### **Rooting Out Fraud, Protecting Taxpayers, and Strengthening Accountability**

Also, I supported a series of House Republican measures to root out fraud, protect taxpayers, and strengthen accountability across the federal government. The House passed legislation to stop fraudsters from stealing federal student aid through fake identities, prevent improper payments before taxpayer dollars go out the door, establish permanent government-wide anti-fraud oversight tools, and condemn those who seek to defraud federal programs. Fraudsters have been exploiting government programs for far too long, taking resources away from the families, students, and seniors these programs are meant to serve. Every dollar lost to fraud is a dollar stolen from hardworking taxpayers. These commonsense reforms will help expose scams, stop waste before it happens, and ensure government serves the American people rather than those trying to game the system.

### **Securing \$3 Million in Northern Border Regional Commission Funding for NY-24 Infrastructure Projects**

Three communities across NY-24 will receive a total of \$3 million through the Northern Border Regional Commission's 2026 Catalyst Program to support critical infrastructure and economic development projects. These investments will help the Village of Oakfield modernize aging water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure, assist the

Town of Varick in improving water quality along Cayuga Lake through a new sanitary sewer district, and support the Village of Clayton's efforts to expand workforce housing through vital water and wastewater improvements. The Northern Border Regional Commission continues to be an invaluable partner for communities across Upstate and Western New York, helping address long-standing infrastructure needs, strengthen local economies, and create opportunities for future growth. I will continue fighting to bring federal resources to our region and ensure our communities have the tools they need to thrive.

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. 5498, the Small Business Health Options Awareness Act of 2025: This bill would require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to conduct outreach and education on association health plans and other health coverage options for small businesses. Small businesses often face higher health insurance costs and may be unaware of high-quality, affordable plans available to them. This legislation helps increase awareness of health plan choices that can improve access to affordable coverage for small business owners and their employees.

H.R. 6924, the Porch Pirates Act of 2025: This bill would establish enhanced federal penalties for individuals who steal packages delivered by mail or by commercial carriers. Package theft has become an increasingly common crime that imposes financial costs and inconvenience on consumers, businesses, and delivery services. This legislation helps strengthen accountability for individuals who engage in criminal package theft while protecting consumers and their property.

H.R. 4087, the Define to Defeat Act of 2025: This bill would require federal agencies to adopt and apply the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism when enforcing federal civil rights laws. Antisemitic crimes have increased in recent years, highlighting the need for clear standards in enforcing federal law. This legislation helps provide consistency across federal agencies and strengthens efforts to combat antisemitism while protecting Jewish communities.

### **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.

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**This Week with Claudia** (From Pg. 63)**Monday, June 8**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8466, the TRUE Accountability Act. This bill requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue guidance within 180 days of enactment directing covered federal agencies to create internal plans for the active prevention of fraud. Additionally, each agency must designate a senior official responsible for implementation and the use of real-time data tools to catch fraud as it occurs. This legislation moves the government towards actively taking real steps to prevent fraud, instead of just reacting to waste, fraud, and abuse after the fact. This bill passed the House by a vote of 384-0.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8428, the Federal Fraud Prevention Workforce Training Act. This bill requires the Treasury Secretary and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to create a standardized training program to help federal employees identify and prevent fraud and improper payments. The training will cover new methods to spot fraud, including the use of data tools and Treasury Department systems to catch bad payments, as well as methods to report suspected waste or abuse, and maintain proper internal controls. This bill also requires this training to be made available to employees of State, local, and Tribal governments who are responsible for the administration of federally funded programs. This legislation will help ensure that the federal workforce is effectively trained and equipped to detect instances of fraud, helping prevent crimes before they occur. This bill passed the House by a vote of 393-0.

**Tuesday, June 9**

I voted "Yes" on S. 2, the Secure America Act. This bill provides \$69.55 billion for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and other related programs through Fiscal Year (FY) 2029. This funding includes over \$31 billion for ICE operations through FY29, covering enforcement personnel, detention and removal operations, transportation, technology modernization, and coordination with state and local law enforcement. Additionally, the bill provides over \$9 billion for Border Patrol agents and over \$7 billion for HSI, to fund equipment upgrades, training, anti-fentanyl enforcement programs, child trafficking interdiction efforts, and border surveillance capabilities. For 76 days, Congressional Democrats have blocked efforts to fund CBP and ICE through the regular appropriations process, making demands that would weaken enforcement and undermine border security. While providing regular funding for government agencies through reconciliation is never ideal, Democrats' refusal to continue funding these critical agencies left us no choice. President Trump has made incredible progress restoring order at the border, and Congress must ensure that progress continues. The Secure America Act gives our frontline law enforcement officers the resources they need to keep our borders secure, stop the flow of fentanyl into our communities, and enforce our nation's immigration laws. This bill passed the House by a vote of 214-212.

I voted "No" on H.R. 5408, the Faster Labor Contracts Act. This bill mandates that after 90 days of negotiations, a union and a private business can be forced to go to mediation, after which a mandatory panel of arbitrators can impose contract terms on both workers and employers, even if the workers do not vote to approve these terms. This would actively incentivize unions to drag out negotiations to force arbitration and disincentivize mutual cooperation between unions and private businesses. Additionally, arbitrators have little way of knowing what a business can reasonably afford or accommodate, and arbitrators have no real stake in preventing businesses from closing their doors due to burdensome mandates. This would impose a one-size-fits-all model on businesses instead of working on a case-by-case basis. This bill did not go through regular order, avoiding the usual process of scrutiny and amendments before coming to the House floor. As such, I opposed this bill when it passed the House by a vote of 230-193.

**Wednesday, June 10**

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7892, the No Aid for Ghost Students Act. This bill helps crack down on federal student aid fraud, ensuring that taxpayer dollars go to real students in need, not fraudsters. Ghost student schemes have become increasingly common, where criminals use stolen and counterfeit identities to apply for student aid, and then steal state or federal aid by capturing the refund portion of the aid after charges are covered. Since 2019, over \$350 million in ghost student aid fraud has been uncovered. This bill would mandate that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) verify the identity of every applicant through identity fraud detection systems to flag any suspicious activity, and it prohibits any FAFSA aid from being disbursed before the identity is verified. House Republicans are committed to ending the waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars, and this bill is another small commonsense step in the right direction. This bill passed the House by a vote of 249-172.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 8464, the Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act. This bill requires federal agencies to take corrective action before disbursing payments if the request is found to have an elevated risk of fraud. For too long, the federal government's mantra of paying first and asking questions later has led to mass waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. This commonsense bill will instead ensure that federal agencies scrutinize every payment before disbursing any funds, to ensure all payments are above board. Once a payment is made to a fraudster, it can be incredibly difficult to recover those funds, making early prevention and detection critical.

I strongly support this commonsense bill and find it astounding that only 6 of my Democratic colleagues could cross the aisle and support this bill. Democrats have made it clear time and time again that they are the party of waste, fraud, and abuse, while Republicans continue fighting to protect taxpayer dollars. This bill passed the House by a vote of 218-200.(Contd. Pg. 65)

## This Week with Claudia (From PG. 64)

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 8312, the Fraud Prevention and Accountability Act. This bill creates two new institutions inside the Treasury Department to strengthen the federal government's ability to prevent fraud and improper payments. First, it establishes a new Commissioner within the Bureau of Fiscal Service to run the Do-Not-Pay system and operate a data-sharing program that helps federal, state, and local agencies screen payments against fraud databases. Second, it creates a new Inspector General for Fraud, Accountability, and Recovery (IGFAR). The Department of Treasury must do more to combat the epidemic of waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. These changes will help ensure that there is full accountability and more focus on safeguarding taxpayer dollars. This legislation passed the House by a vote of 240-181.

Thursday, June 11

I voted “Yes” on H.R. 9238, To amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes. This bill would have extended Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) until July 2, 2026. As I have explained previously, FISA Section 702 allows U.S. intelligence agencies to surveil foreign non-U.S. persons who are connected to our adversaries, terrorism, weapons proliferation, and narcotics. Importantly, FISA Section 702 cannot be used to target Americans, nor can it be used against individuals in the United States. As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), I have engaged in rigorous oversight of the use of FISA Section 702, and I am pleased that many of the historical abuses of this program have been curbed. FISA Section 702 is a critical national security authority that we simply cannot afford to let lapse. A significant portion of the President's daily brief is collected via FISA Section 702, by some estimates up to 70%, and letting this critical authority lapse would be the greatest gift China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and terrorists around the world could ever receive. As a constitutional lawyer, I remain dedicated to protecting our civil liberties and privacy while defending our national security. Please know that I will continue my rigorous oversight of this program as a member of HPSCI to ensure that the law is followed. This bill sadly failed to pass the House of Representatives by a vote of 198-218.

I voted “Yes” on H.Res.1335, Condemning actors seeking to defraud the United States Government, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that government-wide fraud and improper payment prevention reforms will meaningfully improve the financial prosperity of the United States, and that Federal program eligibility should be verified before payment. This resolution strongly condemns the waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. It finds that the federal government has made roughly \$3 tril-

lion in improper payments since 2003 and loses between \$233 billion and \$521 billion to fraud every year. I applaud the Trump administration's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud and the Justice Department's National Fraud Enforcement Division in suspending \$1.4 billion in fraudulent home health payments, uncovering \$6.3 billion in suspected contract fraud, and securing guilty pleas from providers who submitted hundreds of millions in false Medicaid claims. It is sad, but not surprising, that so many of my Democrat colleagues opposed this commonsense resolution. The Democrats continue to stand with fraudsters and criminals who steal taxpayer dollars intended for the most vulnerable in our communities, while Republicans stand with the taxpayers in protecting their hard-earned dollars. This commonsense resolution should have passed through the House unanimously, and it is yet another example of how radical the Democrat party has become. This legislation passed the House by a vote of 235-177, with 2 members voting p

## Tague Calls for State Attorney General Investigation Into Hochul Medicaid Scandal

*Assemblyman Chris Tague says New Yorkers deserve answers after federal lawsuit alleges Hochul administration rigged \$11 billion Medicaid homecare bid*

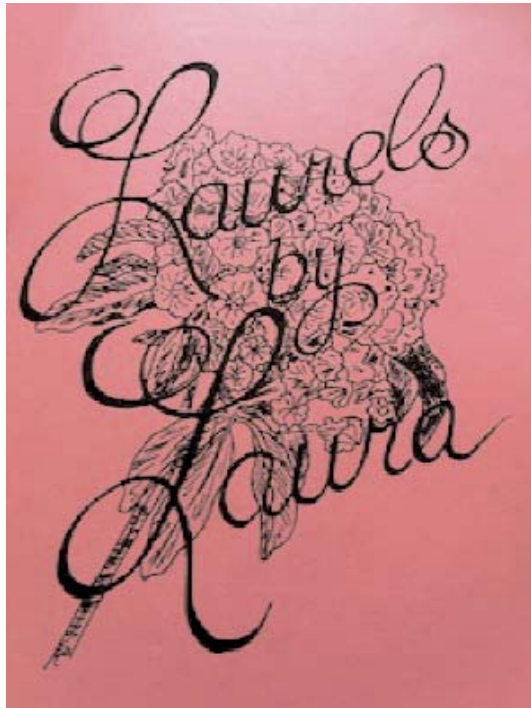
SCHOHARIE, NY - Assemblyman Chris Tague today called for a NYS Attorney General investigation following reports that the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit alleging Governor Kathy Hochul's administration rigged the bid process for an \$11 billion Medicaid homecare program.

“This is a grave breach of public trust, and New Yorkers deserve answers immediately,” said Assemblyman Chris Tague. “The DOJ's allegations are explosive: a favored vendor, millions in taxpayer dollars allegedly siphoned away, vulnerable patients and caregivers left in chaos, and Hochul administration officials right in the middle of it. Governor Hochul owns this scandal. It happened under her administration, with her people, on her watch. Albany Democrats have no shame, and this is exactly what one-party rule looks like when nobody is held accountable. For some reason, our State Attorney General is nowhere to be found to defend taxpayers. As State Senator, I will fight for a full investigation, public hearings, subpoenas if needed, and real accountability for every corrupt Albany insider who swindled New Yorkers and betrayed the public trust.”

Read More: <https://nypost.com/2026/06/16/us-news/feds-sue-hochul-officials-claim-massive-fraud-scheme-in-revamp-of-nys-11b-medicaid-program/>

Assemblyman Chris Tague is the current Assemblyman for District 102 and a candidate for State Senate District 51 (Schoharie, Otsego, Delaware, Sullivan, and parts of Ulster, Broome, and Chenango Counties) on the Republican and Conservative lines.

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## Sullivan 180 Celebrates Growing Spartan Club Movement Across Sullivan County Schools

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 is celebrating the continued growth of Spartan Clubs across Sullivan County schools as they conclude another inspiring weekend at the 2026 Tri-State New York Spartan Event at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. What began as a single club has evolved into a countywide movement that is empowering students and school staff to challenge themselves, build confidence, strengthen connections and embrace healthy lifestyles.

Today, there are nine Spartan Clubs operating across Sullivan County schools, engaging students and staff from elementary through high school in activities that promote physical activity, teamwork, resilience and personal growth. The clubs provide opportunities for participants of all abilities to set goals, support one another and discover their own strength, both on and off the racecourse.

"Spartan has helped me change my perspective on difficult things and realize that everything is in your head. We learned things beyond physical fitness and racing," said Stephanie, a Monticello High School Student.

"It really is life changing for people. I have students and staff who trained for this race and completed it, overcoming lifestyle changes and generational obesity. I am so proud to be a part of this!" Said Ashlea Prouty, Sullivan BOCES.

Spartan Clubs are currently active in schools throughout Sullivan County, including programs in the Monticello, Sullivan West, Liberty, Fallsburg and Rockland school districts, as well as Sullivan BOCES. Each club reflects the unique culture of its school community while sharing a common commitment to wellness, perseverance and belonging.

The annual Bethel Woods Spartan Race has become a powerful milestone for many club members, offering the chance to celebrate months of preparation, teamwork and personal growth. For many participants, crossing the finish line represents far more than completing an obstacle course, it symbolizes overcoming challenges, building confidence and realizing their potential.

"The growth of Spartan Clubs demonstrates what is possible when schools create opportunities for their community to connect, challenge themselves and support one another," said Meaghan Mullally-Gorr, Director of Health & Wellness at Sullivan 180. "What started as a single program has become a movement that is helping young people develop resilience, confidence and healthy habits that can last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of the students, staff and school leaders who have embraced this initiative and made it their own."

As the movement continues to grow, Sullivan 180 remains committed to supporting schools in creating environments where students can thrive physically, socially and emotionally. For more information on how to start a Spartan Club at your school, contact [Meaghan@Sullivan180.org](mailto:Meaghan@Sullivan180.org).

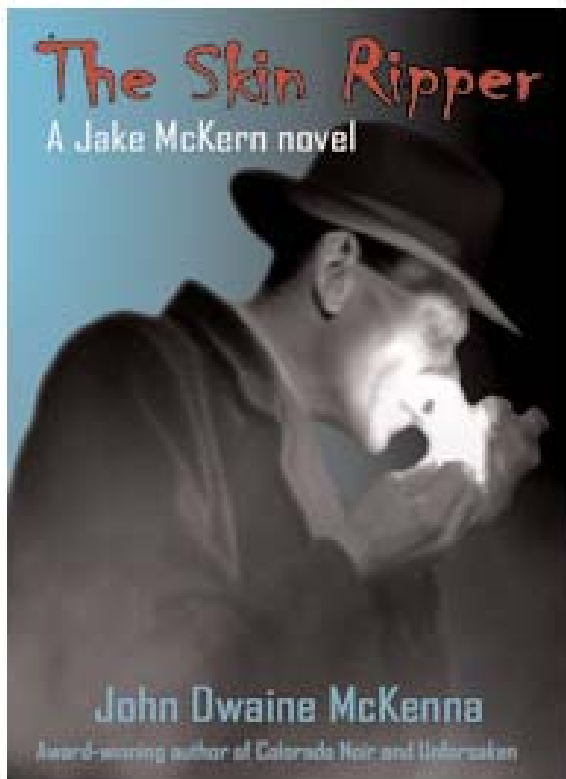


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## Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute!

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

#### 1. Protecting Social Security

Americans who have worked hard their entire lives deserve every dollar of Social Security they were promised. But due to the Trump administration's reckless policy agenda, seniors' benefits are projected to be cut by more than 20% in six years.

This week, Kirsten demanded that Republicans work with Democrats to address this shortfall. She is fighting to pass legislation that would extend the solvency of Social Security for 75 years by requiring the wealthiest American households to pay their fair share of payroll taxes.

Read more. [https://www.mymalonetelegram.com/top\\_stories/sen-gillibrand-touts-bill-to-protect-social-security/article\\_550768f5-6b66-5808-9af3-c02a61dcc89f.html](https://www.mymalonetelegram.com/top_stories/sen-gillibrand-touts-bill-to-protect-social-security/article_550768f5-6b66-5808-9af3-c02a61dcc89f.html)

#### 2. Supporting NY healthcare students

New York's nurses, social workers, public health professionals, physician assistants, and healthcare administrators are the backbone of our healthcare infrastructure. Unfortunately, many of these professions are facing devastating workforce shortages—a crisis that will worsen in the coming years because of Trump administration restrictions on the amount that students pursuing graduate degrees in those fields can borrow.

This week, Kirsten announced a new bipartisan bill that would give nursing, public health, and other healthcare graduate students access to the student loans they need to earn their degrees. This is commonsense legislation to support our students and protect our public health, and Kirsten is determined to get it passed.

Read more. <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/student-loans/professional-student-degree-act-2026-lmandp5/>

#### 3. \$\$\$ \_ NY projects

This week, Kirsten celebrated more than \$24 million in federal funding for critical projects across Long Island and in Westchester County.

This includes:

\$3 million for the expansion and renovation of the YMCA's community center in Patchogue. Read more.

Over \$1 million for improvements to Yonkers' drinking water infrastructure.

\$750,000 for a Construction Training Academy at the United Way of Long Island.

\$400,000 for the renovation of a community hub at the Viscardi Center on Long Island.

#### 4. Calling for federal \$\$\$ for NY historic sites

From Revolutionary War sites to elite colleges and arts institutions, the Hudson Valley is home to so much American history. As we approach our nation's 250th anniversary, we must make sure that the communities who safeguard this history have the resources they need to preserve it.

This week, Kirsten visited Hudson to announce a major bipartisan push for federal historic preservation funding to make sure that historic treasures across New York and the nation can be protected for generations to come.

#### 5. Supporting economic growth in the North Country

This week, Kirsten visited Arts Center Lake Placid and the Mt Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex in the North Country.

At Arts Center Lake Placid, she celebrated a \$1 million federal investment to help create a new arts and early childhood education complex at the center. At Mt Van Hoevenberg, she met with officials to discuss New York's pursuit of a bid to host the 2042 Olympic Games.

#### 6. Fighting for reproductive care

When the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, it stripped over 170 million Americans of their constitutional rights to privacy and bodily autonomy.

Ahead of the four-year anniversary of that disastrous decision, Kirsten introduced legislation that would reaffirm the constitutional right to travel freely across state lines and empower Americans to take legal action against those who seek to block women from traveling to access the reproductive care they need.

#### 7. Delivering FEMA funding for NY

This week, Kirsten secured the release of over \$168 million in long-delayed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants to New York State for disaster relief following major events like Tropical Storm Fred, Hurricane Ida, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

These dollars will help repair local infrastructure and prevent damage from future weather events and disasters in communities across the state.

#### 8. Helping New Yorkers with Social Security

A Westchester County senior reached out to Kirsten for help reversing an erroneous deduction of Social Security benefits from his checking account.

Kirsten's team coordinated with three different federal agencies and the constituent's bank to correct their records and confirm that the deduction should never have been made. After months of coordinating with all involved, the constituent was finally refunded the amount that was mistakenly taken out of his account.

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## Summer Is Showing Off

You know that moment when the farmers market starts looking less like spring and more like summer? We're right there.

The lettuce is lush, the strawberries are sweet, the flowers are blooming, and suddenly your market bag is overflowing!

Clove Valley Community Farm will be bringing not only beautiful early summer vegetables but also their gorgeous fresh-cut flowers. There is something undeniably joyful about heading home with both dinner and a bouquet.

Tonic will be at the market with their line of "consciously crafted botanicals to help calm your mind, comfort your body and nurture your nature." It's a great opportunity to learn more and ask questions directly from the people who make them.

### Try Something New This Week

If you haven't tried their sunflower seed butters from Red Hook Dreams this is your chance. Rich, creamy, and full of flavor, they're a delicious alternative to traditional nut butters and perfect on toast, fruit, crackers, or straight from the spoon—we won't judge.

Try a taste of spirits from Skillers Mountaintop Distillery who honor the age-old techniques of distillation while embracing innovative practices. Their locally sourced ingredients, ensure quality and authenticity in every bottle. Dinner everyone will love!

Manolo's Cuban Cafe has their signature cuban sandwich and homemade empanadas. While Yeah Dawg satisfies any craving for comfort food with mac and cheese, hot dogs with all the toppings plus mushroom skewers! The Land of the Tamal is rounding out the selection with a menu full of tamales, tacos, burritos, street corn, nachos and more!

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## This week at the Market

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Mingo and his band, The Big Boss Sausage, have recorded 3 full length albums. Members of the Sausage have performed with The

Samples, Rusted Root, Jo-Jo Russell and Phish, to name a few.

### Vintage Fair

The Farm Fest Vintage Fair is coming up July 17-19 and we could use your help! This is our first annual tag sale to benefit WFF market bucks, our mutual aid currency initiative. You can find more info about market bucks here.

We're still accepting donations of adult clothing at the info booth every market, 3-7pm. Take a peek in your closet and we'd gratefully accept any great items you're ready to part with! Please no shoes, housewares or kids' clothes at this time.

### Volunteers Needed

We're also looking for volunteers for the sale itself - all types of help is needed, from set up/break down to working the sale itself. You can find all the info here.

And of course, come support WFF at the sale! There will be all manner of vintage and secondhand gems, housewares, shoes, and much more! Follow us on insta for a preview!

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,  
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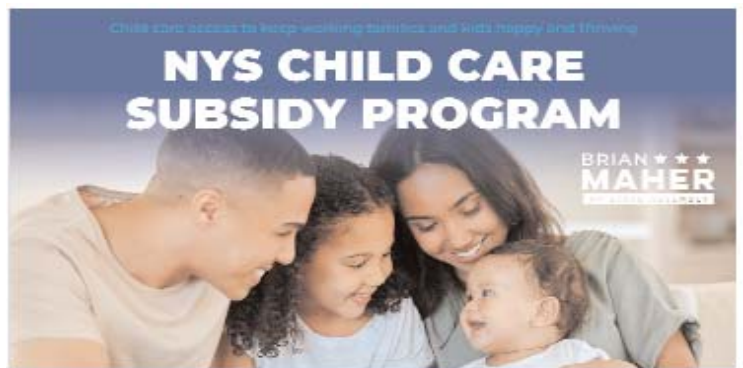
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Tri-Valley Elementary School  
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## Tri-Valley Elementary School



### UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
years old by December 1, 2026 please  
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**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

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



# Olive Free Library Events



**The Shokan Branch**  
 Open Mondays & Fridays 11am-6pm  
 & now open on Saturdays!  
 Saturdays 10am - 4pm



**Free concert series**  
 at the Olive Free Library  
 community room  
*brought to you by the Friends  
 of the Olive Free Library*

**June 18 • 6:30pm**

**ABBY NEWTON & SELMA KAPLAN**

Celtic cellist, Abby Newton is joined by pianist Selma Kaplan as they transport us from the Catskills to the rolling green hills of Scotland. Join us for a music-filled evening rich with soul, history, and connection.



**NEW!**



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

Olive Free Library  
 Join us for the Summer Reading Program Kickoff  
 Event:

REPCO's prehistoric  
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**UNEARTH  
 A STORY**

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event  
**Saturday, June 13 1pm**  
**FREE REPTILE SHOW**

For kids of all ages

Come see ten live animals that share a connection with the world of the past and REAL FOSSILS!  
 Bring your smile—nature awaits!





**ABSTRACT  
 THAT!  
 GEOMETRIC**

with instructor/  
 artist *Natalie Boburka*  
 Olive Free Library  
**Wednesday, June 24 at 1pm**



# ULSTER JUNE EVENTS COUNTY'S

## **CATSKILL PYSANKA WORKSHOP**

Soyuzivka Heritage Center

8 am, June 3rd

216 Foordmore Road, Kerhonkson

## **ONE LIFE ONLY PRESENTS: ULSTER FUTURE STARS UNITY CUP**

Field of Dreams

11 am to 7 pm, June 6th (Rain date: June 7th)

241 Libertyville Road, New Paltz

## **GATHER IN GARDINER: A WEEKLY COMMUNITY MARKET**

Little Light of Mine Village Candle

10 am to 2 pm

June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, June 27th

120 Main Street, Gardiner

## **UPAC 100: CENTENNIAL KICKOFF CELEBRATION**

Ulster Performing Arts Center

4 pm, June 9th

601 Broadway, Kingston

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## FERMENTATION FESTIVAL

Twin Star Orchards  
11 am to 6 pm, June 13th  
155 North Ohioville Road, New Paltz

## BACK TO THE GARDEN 1969 WOODSTOCK EXPERIENCE TRIBUTE SHOW

Colony Woodstock  
7 pm to 10 pm, June 13th  
22 Rock City Road, Woodstock

## NEW NETHERLAND MARKETPLACE: LIVING HISTORY EVENT 2026

Historic Huguenot Street  
10 am to 5 pm, June 13th  
10 am to 4 pm, June 14th  
81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz

## KLYNE ESOPUS MUSEUM'S ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Klyne Esopus Museum  
12 pm to 5 pm, June 20th  
764 US-9W, Ulster Park

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# **ULSTER** JUNE EVENTS **COUNTY'S**

## **UPSTATE ART WEEKEND**

Hudson Valley & Catskills Locations  
June 25th to June 29th

## **EARLY ONES ONLY: THE PARTY THAT DOESN'T RUIN TOMORROW**

Bearsville Theatre  
5 pm to 9 pm, June 26th  
291 Tinker Street, Woodstock

## **D&H CANAL MUSEUM CANAWLER DAYS**

D&H Canal Museum  
10 am to 5 pm, June 27th  
10 am to 11 am, June 28th  
1315 Main Street (Route 213), High Falls



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- ▶ Website navigation
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  - ▶ Social Media
  - ▶ Messaging Apps
- ▶ Streaming platforms
  - ▶ And more...

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**The Courtship of Eddie's Father**  
(Comedy, 1963)

Young Eddie Corbett (Ron Howard) tries his best to be a matchmaker for his widowed father, Tom (Glenn Ford). At first, sexy Dollye Daly (Stella Stevens) seems promising, but she falls in love with Norman (Jerry Vandyke). The fun begins!

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1 hr 58m

**LIFE WITH FATHER**  
(Comedy, 1947)

Based on the 1939 play of the same name. It tells the true story of Clarence Day, Who wants to be master of his house, he finds his wife, his children are ignoring him, until they start making demands for him to change the attitudes of his own life.



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Apple TV

**FATHER OF THE BRIDE**  
(Comedy, 1950)



An American comedy film directed by Vincente Minnelli, about a man trying to cope with preparations for his daughter's upcoming wedding. The film stars Spencer Tracy in the title role, Joan Bennett, Elizabeth Taylor, Don Taylor, Billie Burke, and Leo G. Carroll. Father of the Bride was nominated for Academy Awards for Best Actor in a Leading Role, Best Picture and Best Writing, Screenplay.

**Happy Father's Day!**

*Stay Safe an Stay Well*  
*Knarf Odnamac*  
*Gnome*

**Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:**  
**Lost in Translation**

**This weeks' Trivia question:** *On the Wataerfront* stars what controversial Hollywood star in a lead role?



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