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Tri-Valley Central School District Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorians for the Class of 2026

GRAHAMSVILLE, N.Y. - The Tri-Valley Central School District proudly announces the top academic honorees for the Class of 2026. Savannah Chaboty has been named valedictorian, and Emma Richardson and Sophia Richardson have been named co-salutatorians.



Savannah Chaboty - Valedictorian

Weighted GPA: 99.2 Savannah has maintained the highest academic ranking in her class since ninth grade while balancing athletics and extracurricular commitments. She attributes her success to a disciplined approach, completing most of her coursework during school hours to manage her responsibilities effectively. Physics presented her greatest academic challenge, but with determination and the support of her mother and teachers, she persevered. Her favorite high school memories include time spent in Mr. McCauliff's chemistry class, where hands-on learning and collaborative problem-solving left a lasting impact. She plans to attend Penn State Scranton in the fall to major in marketing. (Contd. Pg. 4)

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day - Saturday, May 2, 2026

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Registration will be at 8:30am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building, with The Journey For Sight Walk starting at 9am around the Fairgrounds. The Walk is variable length, so whether you walk one loop around the fairgrounds or multiple, you are a Winner. We ask that all volunteers, Walkers, and Tri-Valley Lions members meet in front of the First Aid Squad Building for a Group Photo at 8:50am. Coffee, water, and a continental breakfast will be available to all Walkers and Volunteers starting at 8am at the First Aid Squad Building.. (Contd. Pg .6)

New Traveling Exhibition on Sullivan County in the American Revolution Available to schools, libraries and more!

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] This year's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a huge anniversary for our country! **To help celebrate, the Time and the Valleys Museum has created a traveling exhibition for students and residents in Sullivan County: *The Revolution in Your Backyard*.** This exhibition answers important questions, such as: Why is Sullivan County Called SULLIVAN County? What was Sullivan County like during the Revolution? What battles were fought in Sullivan County? (Contd. Pg. 5)



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I Corinthians 2:1

OBITUARY**Heather Avery**

July 15, 1979 - March 5, 2026



With heavy hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of Heather Avery, age 46.

She was the daughter of Edward Avery and the late Donna M. Yerkes Avery, born on July 15, 1979 in Portsmouth, NH.

A cherished daughter, sister, mother, aunt, niece, and cousin, Heather was a lifelong resident of Ulster and Sullivan counties.

Heather leaves behind her father Edward, sister Starr, daughters Kyleigh and Victoria, nieces and nephew Marisa, Justin, Abigale, and Emma, as well as multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was held on Monday, March 9, 2026 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Interment followed at Fantinekill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or any charity of your choosing.

Arrangements were under the care of colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Heather Avery, please visit our flower store.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

March 14, 1956 -

Miss Rose Marie Singer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Singer of Sundown, a senior in Physical Education at the State University Teachers College at Cortland, N.Y., has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1955-56 school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Eck of Napanoch are the parents of a son, Mark Frederick, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital on March 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eck of Sundown are the grandparents. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Lions Chocolate Easter Bunnies have arrived!



They are available right now in Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate or White Chocolate.

The milk and dark chocolate bunnies weigh in at 6.2 oz, and the white chocolate at 2.8 oz. Cost is \$5 to \$6 per bunny.

You can get them from any Lion, at the Daniel Pierce Library, The Neversink General Store or The Trading Post in Liberty.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

Whoever kissed the Blarney Stone
upon St. Patrick's Day,
Would surely have the gift of gab
and know just what to say.

But all us other mortals can wear the Irish green,
And wish the sons of Erin the best they've ever
seen.

KUM TO KRUM'S

March 16, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Rich of Litchfield, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Clemens Bribitzer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bribitzer. The future bride and her fiancé are both students at State University College at Plattsburgh. A Tri-Valley graduate, he is majoring in Economics. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey had their daughter, Beth Ann, christened on Sunday, March 13th. Godparents were Miss Cheryl Storms and her brother, Terry of Franklin Lakes, N.J. After the service the Greys entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Storms, Cheryl and Terry and Rev. James Mills.

March 24, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hotchkin, Jr. of Ithaca, are the proud parents of a son, Chad Erik, born on March 15th at Tompkins County Hospital, Ithaca. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hotchkin of Parksville and the great-grandmother is Mrs. Myrtle Cypert of Grahamsville.

March 27, 1986

William M. Hotchkin, son of William Hotchkin and Pearl Grant of Fairfield, Alabama and formerly of Neversink, N.Y., passed away at his home. He was 78 years old. Survivors include his wife, Edith Cross Hotchkin, at home; two daughters, Audrey Currey of Fairfield, Ala., and Lois Freeman of Birmingham, Ala.; two brothers: George of Bradley and Earl of Parksville; four sisters: Philena Heisler, Mary Kahn, and Pearl Asthalter, all of Liberty and Nellie Asthalter of Parksville.

Household Hint:

Add a Little Spirit to Your Spring Cleaning!

Did you knowVodka gets rid of smells from things like smoke, cooking, and pets. It can be sprayed on most clothing, in the air, and on the furniture to get rid of any kind of funky smell that tends to linger.

It also works as a disinfectant!

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.

Pussy Willows will Soon Show off Their Furry Coats

Keep your eyes open for those familiar furry little catkins - Pussy Willows. They will soon be telling the other flora, trees and bushes, "It's time to wake up!"

So far this year, all the Pussy Willows (Salix discolor, a member of the willow family, the Salicaceae) that I have seen still have their hard exterior, the bud scale. This is the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud. With this warmer weather, those little bud scales will begin to swell and will soon be bursting little furry Pussy Willows, a sign we are all waiting for.

A pussy willow is a catkin -a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels. The catkin is the "fur coat", that is a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels that helps keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through winter and early spring.

When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin can rise above air temperatures by trapping the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollen-bearing anthers are protruding and the stigmas are visible.

Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have both male and female reproductive organs in separate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female, that means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow shrubs usually appear earlier than those on the female plants. Chances are, if you currently have encountered a stand of pussy willows they are male catkins that you are seeing.

Pussy willow is highly variable in its identifying characteristics. Typically it grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Willows, in general, grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves will appear after the catkins have bloomed. They are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide.

Pussy willow trees are native to wetlands in the Catskills. They regenerate asexually by sprouting and sexually through seed production and germination. Pussy willow flowers are insect and wind pollinated. The small willow seeds are easily dispersed by wind.

How many of us remember seeing a large vase overflowing with pussy willow branches sitting on the dining room table - a sure sign of spring. In fact, even to this day, picking a bunch of Pussy Willows is certainly a rite of spring even though we still have not put our winter coats away.



Tri-Valley Central School District Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorians for the Class of 2026

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Emma Richardson - Salutatorian

Weighted GPA: 99.1 Emma has excelled academically while actively participating in athletics and the performing arts, including four years in track, cross country, and theater. She credits long-term goal setting, prioritizing restorative sleep, and support from her family and coaches for maintaining her academic and extracurricular performance. Emma found foundational mathematics, including geometry and Algebra II, to be her most challenging subjects, though she thrived in higher-level courses like calculus. Her favorite memories include starring in the school's production of Newsies and attending Mr. McCauliff's science classes, where humor and hands-on learning helped make complex topics more accessible. She plans to attend the University of Maryland to pursue a double major in physics and aerospace engineering, with aspirations to earn a doctorate in astrophysics and work for NASA.

Sophia Richardson - Salutatorian

Weighted GPA: 99.1 Sophia focused on academic excellence beginning in her sophomore year while maintaining elite performance in cross country and track. She excelled in analytical subjects such as math and history, while Spanish required additional effort and focus. Sophia credits her family, coaches, and supportive teachers for helping her balance athletics with academics. Her favorite memories include competing at the state level in athletics, winning sectional titles with her teammates, and drawing support from her seventh-grade cohort, which helped guide her social and academic growth. She plans to attend Providence College to continue competing on the track team while pursuing a degree in engineering, with potential career paths in chemical engineering or federal law enforcement.

The students offered advice to younger students: prioritize mental health, stay organized, and remember that a single grade does not define your future.

Tri-Valley Central School District congratulates Savannah, Emma, and Sophia on their outstanding achievements and thanks the families, teachers, and mentors who supported them throughout their high school careers.



LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 10, 1997

When I was a little girl, my grandmother Davis' ancestors were all in Holland. Her maiden name was Catherine Hogencamp. She was almost as wide as she was tall and I loved her very much. She had the indomitable spirit of two men. Grandma Davis could harness and hitch her horse to the buckboard wagon, she could weave carpet, catch, kill and pluck a chicken for dinner. To me she always was and always will be the symbol of the strong woman.

She pulled her hair straight back and made it up in a little ball. She didn't wash it very often because she said it took the oil out of it.

Grandma was soft spoken and gentle and wore cotton print dresses down to her ankles. She made these garments herself. I can still see her in my mind's eye standing in her kitchen by that old wood stove cooking up a meal for all of us.

Her house had a long railing that ran most of the way around the porch. It was such fun to play games and run around on her porch.

When grandpa Davis went to fight in the Civil War, she kept her family fed, clothed, housed, educated and healthy with her nimble hands, spinning wheel and carpet loom. Such wonderful memories come flooding back when I think of grandma Davis.

She had the softest lap, the softest arms and an ear to listen to all my problems, both large and small. How fortunate we all were that God spared grandma Davis for all of us until she was close to 100 years of age. When she passed away, she left us the spirit to fight when we were down and a sense of worth to both community and family.

I'll always remember my grandma Davis, my dad's mother.

New Traveling Exhibition on Sullivan County in the American Revolution Available to schools, libraries and more



(From Pg. 1) The new traveling exhibition has fun and engaging activities, visuals and informative text relating directly to Sullivan County. It includes 12 eye-catching panels with information on the Sullivan County battles of Minisink and Chestnut Woods, Loyalists, Patriots, the County's early beginnings and evolution, General John Sullivan, difficulties of settler life and more, plus matching games, questions and an activity using a copy of the 1779 Culper Code Book.

Along with the panels there is a table with reproduction Revolutionary War items such as hats, clothing, (Contd. Pg. 5-a)



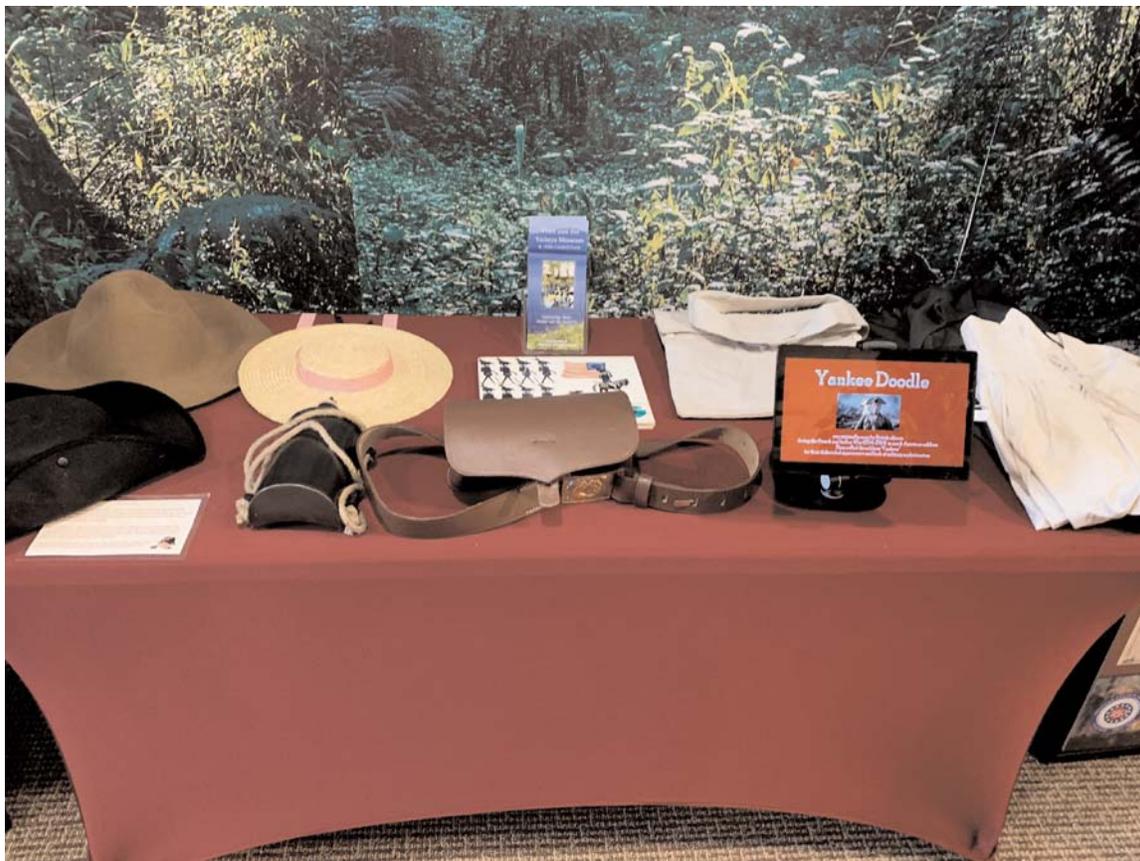
New Traveling Exhibition on Sullivan County in the American Revolution Available to schools, libraries and more

(From Pg. 5) canteen, haversack and cartridge box; a video explaining the song “Yankee Doodle” and a comprehensive **Teacher's Guide** to help teachers thoroughly engage their students with the exhibition.

The traveling exhibition is available to all schools, libraries and other public venues FREE upon request, on a first come first served basis, for up to 2 weeks. It is designed for easy set up and take down and needs minimal space – a large hallway or vestibule area can be used. Complete instructions are included and help supplied if necessary.

The Museum would like to thank Brian McPhillips, our Sullivan County Representative, for his help in securing a Sullivan County Discretionary Grant to fund this exhibition. **For more information or to reserve please email:**

director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700.



About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

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, working waterwheel and many other buildings help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, providing 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 or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day - Saturday, May 2, 2026

(From Pg. 1) First Aid personnel will be available again this year for those who would like a blood pressure check. We thank the First Aid Squad and EMTs in advance for this valuable service.

As you can see by the photos of prior Journey For Sight Walks, all our friends and neighbors are encouraged to join the Tri-Valley Lions for the May 2nd Walk or just stop into chat and have a bite to eat before or after the Walk. We encourage all Walkers and Volunteers (even if you are not walking) to collect pledges and bring the pledges and completed pledge sheets to the First Aid Squad Building at 8:30am on May 2, 2026. I've attached Pledge Sheets, and a Journey For Sight Poster in this week's Townsman. Pledge sheets will also be available on the morning of the Walk. Your pledges for the Walk and donations to our Tag Day enable The Tri-Valley to donate to our local food pantries, the Daniel Pierce Library, Guiding Eyes for The Blind, which sponsored three seeing eye dogs to blind Lions members Monte LaHanko and John Harrop, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Garnet Hospital Heart program, Leukemia and Lymphoma organizations, Eye Screenings for local schools including Tri-Valley, Headstart, Fallsburg and more,. We have also provided Community Service Awards to selected Tri-Valley Seniors. We have supported local families who experienced devastating home fires, catastrophic illnesses, provided Free Rabies Clinics for cats and dogs. Additionally, we have donated to the electronic scoreboard at the new ballfield, helped with the building of a children's playground at the ballfield, and contributed to the moving of the Milk House at the Time & Valleys Museum.

Also, **our incredibly delicious Easter Bunnies have arrived and are available right now in Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate or White Chocolate. The milk and dark chocolate bunnies weigh in at 6.2 oz, and the white chocolate at 2.8 oz.** Cost is \$5 to \$6 per bunny. I can attest to the great taste of the bunnies, as I am munching down on an ear of a dark chocolate bunny as I write this article. No kidding! You can get them from any Lion, the Daniel Pierce Library, The Neversink General Store or The Trading Post in Liberty.

I will be contacting many of the past walkers to see if they will join us once again this year and to help make our 2026 Journey For Sight Walk a success. Bring the kids. Bring the family. You can reach me at 845-866-1579 or ejacob4848@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to walk with us, or volunteer at this event. For more information on the Tri-Valley Lions or to become a member, please contact Tri-Valley Lion President - Stephen Miller - sgrecords@hvc.rr.com - 845-798-1981 or Tri-Valley Membership Chair - Patricia Menje - hvacpat69@gmail.com - 917-783-6253.

Wishing one and all a happy, SAFE, and HEALTHY Spring, and thank you in advance for your support. .

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day - Saturday, May 2, 2026 Pledge Rules

- 1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.**
- 2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.**
- 3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.**
- 4. Pledges must be collected from your Sponsors and turned in at Registration or no later than June 1 to any Lion.**
- 5. The Journey For Sight will begin at 9:00 am. Participants must sign in between 8:30 am and 9:00 am at the GRAHAMSVILLE FIRST AID BUILDING (where the walk will begin and end). Refreshments will be available during this time.**
- 6. The event will be held rain or shine.**
- 7. All food and drinks given before, during, and after the event are free.**
- 8. Neither Tri-Valley Lions, nor Lions International will be responsible for injuries incurred during the event.**
- 9. It is suggested that Participants without pledges offer a donation of \$30.**

Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Annual Walk Saturday, May 2, 2026

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 2, 2026
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

Please be available no later than 8:45am
for a group photo before
the start of the Walk

Complimentary coffee & continental breakfast
starts at 8am, please join us

Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the
First Aid Squad Building
and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds
each walker feels comfortable doing.

Even if you do not walk, donations are appreciated.

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

For additional pledge sheets or questions about the
Journey For Sight Walk, please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927
or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.

Thank you.



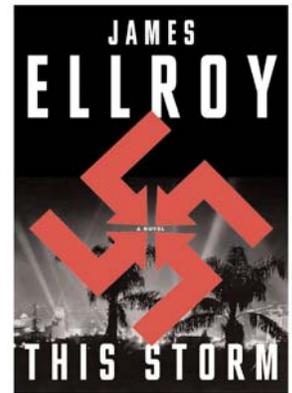
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Mysterious Book Report No. 380

by John Dwaine McKenna

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The writer James Ellroy is a genius, and a living legend who follows no rules but his own. He cuts, slashes and burns the English language however he sees fit, then reassembles it at will in his own inimical style to bring forth what can only be called masterpieces of American literature. He writes fiction; he writes about crime, criminals and criminality, but transcends genre and creates iconic works that are universally admired, unique, and wholly original. He is irascible, unpredictable, utterly unpretentious . . . and what every serious wordsmith wishes to be when they grow up. So when he produces a new work, the whole world pays attention. Here's his latest:

This Storm, (Knopf, \$29.95, 590 pages, ISBN 978-0-307-95700-9) by James Ellroy, is the follow-up to 2014's *Perfidia*, and picks up the narrative in January 1942. The city of Los Angeles, and the whole country, is reeling in shock from the unprovoked sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. In the City of Angels, local Japanese citizens are being rounded up and slammed in jail as widespread and violent anti-Japanese sentiment sweeps the nation, and the internments begin. That's when a massive thunderstorm hits the city, causing floods, mudslides, and a body in a burnt wooden box to wash up in Griffith Park. The cops tag and bag it as routine evidence, but they're wrong. It's an early warning sign of chaos, and an indicator of the tectonic social shifts that are about to grip the city.

Told with a robust cast of characters who never seem to run out of schemes, malice or bad intentions, the twists, turns and treachery, as well as the debauchery, depravity and savagery is unending in this hard-boiled look at a country at war with the world, and a city at odds with itself.

From the author's booknotes:

FIDIA, covers December 6 through December 29, 1941. *The L.A. Quartet: THE BLACK DAHLIA, THE BIG NOWHERE, L.A. CONFIDENTIAL, and WHITE JAZZ* covers the years 1946 to 1958 in Los Angeles. *The Underworld U.S.A. trilogy: AMERICAN TABLOID, THE COLD SIX THOUSAND and BLOOD'S A ROVER* covers 1958-1972, on a national scale."

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"*THIS STORM* is the second volume of the second L.A. Quartet. The first volume, *PER-*

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Lioness

They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. What they do not tell you is that March comes in like a post-menopausal lioness who had her meds prescribed by a dazed squirrel on crack. Last week there was snow, freezing rain, and black ice. This weekend we are approaching seventy although I doubt it will be warm enough to melt these abstract sculptures of frozen ice that line my driveway.

The snow has melted on the steeper mountainside leaving patches of dark earth but nothing green. How I long to see some snowdrops poking through.

The clocks go ahead (spring forward) which should be a hint that spring is imminent, but here in the Catskills, we know that winter can linger until late May. There are signs though that we are sick and tired of winter at this point in the calendar.

Right now I long to open a window and let some fresh air in. I am sick of crockpot meals and stews. I am craving a hotdog on the grill. The wood

stove becomes a chore instead of a cozy habit, and the wood blocks and logs are a nuisance to sweep up.

So we are transitioning from lioness to lamb. Baaaa humbug. To help us along, we have spring breaks, cabin fever get togethers, seed catalogues, later sunrises, and Easter, and Passover.

The bulk of the winter is over. Just the hot flashes and cold night sweats of old Mother Nature are left to remind us that winter is not gone and spring is not yet here.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

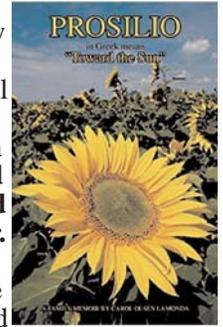
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read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

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Spring ahead to some great programs

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMSVILLE-Ahh, feel that beautiful, bright sun! The first signs of approaching spring are upon us: the daffodils sprouting; the thermometer is reaching 50 and 60 degrees and the spring equinox is coming up.

Another sign that spring is approaching-the 2026 Daniel Pierce Library Spring Children's Programs! Calling all caregivers and their little ones (ages 12 months to 4 years) in the Tri-Valley Central School District, we've got just the thing for you. Our spring session starts the week of April 6 and runs for eight, fun-filled weeks. Registering your little one for one of our three age-appropriate programs is a great first step to a life-long love of reading and appreciation for libraries. Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) starts Wednesday, April 8. This program is designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time, nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime and music. Toddler Time (24-35 months) begins Thursday, April 9 and includes stories, felt stories, crafts, music and friendship-building activities. Story Hour (3 and 4-year-olds) begins Friday, April 10 and features the "magic bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework and music. If you haven't done so yet, please register online as soon as possible. And, if you are a returning attendee, please register for the class level your child was in for the fall program. For example, if your child was in Mother Goose Time in the fall, they would be registered for Mother Goose Time for the spring. Registration is only open for Tri-Valley residents. Our "Story Hour on the Road" UPK program also begins the week of April 6. During the eight-week program, DPL staff members visit the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley CSD each week and share a read-aloud and felt story with the children as well as allow them to choose books to check out from our mobile book collection. Registration for the UPK program is not required. If you have any questions, please contact the DPL's Children's Program Coordinator, Deirdre McHugh.

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practicing and passing the test that's required to get a driver's license. Students 16 and up also have to take a DMV approved, mandatory 5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class. Thankfully, we're hosting one on Saturday, March 21 from 10AM to 3PM! This course, brought to you by La June Blake of J & J Driving School, provides attendees with a certificate good for one year. The class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration, submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to the class date. Additionally, students need to have their NYS "photo" permit to attend and should remember to bring their lunch.

Are you interested in sitting outside and enjoying this beautiful weather? Stop at the DPL and 'sit a spell' on our back patio. It's a great place to do a little work or read a book in the sunshine. And, if you need a book recommendation, stop in and see our Page to Screen display. There's a whole collection of fabulous books that have been turned into movies and/or shows. We also have an interesting collection of popular books spanning the decades from the 1980's to the 2020's on display. So stop by and check them out!



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News From Time & the Valleys Museum #5

Lynn M. Priebe



“...I desire that you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and Favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could.”

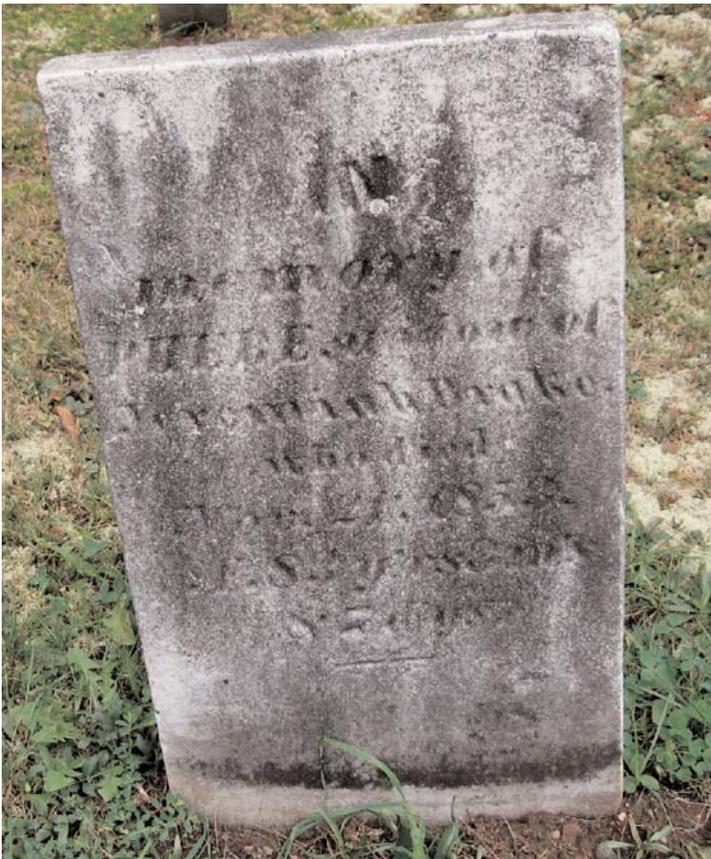
This sage advice to John Adams came in a letter from his wife Abigail written on March 31, 1776 from the family home in Massachusetts, as the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia was contemplating drawing up a declaration of our country's independence from Great Britain.

Abigail, wife and mother of four, was expected to run the farm and hold the Adams family together as her patriot husband worked to achieve American independence. Her story mirrors that of so many women who filled that same role during the 8 years of war. We know Abigail's name, but we know very few of the others. Often those that are given a name were known as victims of the horrors of war rather than those who helped win it. For example, the very famous Jane McCrea, who was scalped by British General Burgoyne's Native American allies in 1777, did impact the war when many militia members came out in

response and helped to win the turning point battle near Saratoga. But there are other stories of women who acted to aid the war effort. Most did it by tending the home fires, but others took an active role in the fight.

On Sunday March 15 at 2 PM in honor of Women's History month and the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, the Time & the Valleys Museum will present Phyllis “Penny” Coombe with a special program bringing some of their stories to life. The slide show program will draw attention to the crucial role the wives, mothers and daughters played in the successful attainment of independence.

There were heroines on the frontier in what is now Sullivan County. They rest in our old cemeteries. Two that I would like to highlight are Abigail Tyler of Cushetunk settlement on the Delaware River and Phebe Reynolds of Monroe in Orange County, who moved with her family to Neversink in the 1780's. Abigail Tyler Thomas Chapman Drake suffered such unbelievable personal loss in the war. Her ancestors had settled in the area in the early years of the Cushetunk settlement. She and her first husband had moved to the Minisink area because of the choice to become patriots. She experienced the loss of both her husband Moses Thomas II and Beezalel Tyler III, a family member (perhaps an uncle) in the Battle of Minisink in 1779. She then married Nathan Chapman and moved to the dangerous Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, where he was killed by Native Americans. She returned to the Delaware River valley and there married Private Jesse Drake, a third patriot who served in the militia and Continental Line. He survived the war and died in 1833 at age 76. They are buried in Skinners Burial ground in Milanville Pennsylvania. It is difficult to imagine how much she suffered.



*Phebe Reynolds Drake, died November 21, 1853,
age 83 years, 3 months, 7 days*

Phebe Reynold Drake was the oldest daughter of Henry and Mary Reynolds. The family lived in Westchester and Orange County during the war years. Henry was a well-known patriot who fought at the battle of Stony Point and was very much hated by local Tories. At least two different attempts were made on his life in his own home. The second attempt brought lasting fame to 12 year old Phebe when she cut him down as the Tories tried to hang him and then shielded his body with her own, suffering scars that lasted her entire life. Her story can be found in Quinlan's Sullivan County history because shortly after the war the large family with at least 13 children moved to Mutton Hill in Neversink. There her father served as the first Supervisor of the new town of Neversink in 1798. Phebe married Private Jeremiah Drake, who had served under Colonel Pierre Van Cortlandt in the Westchester militia. They raised a large family and Phebe and her husband lived a long life. They are both buried in Pound Cemetery on Myers Road.

These two stories have been told because they are unusual, but perhaps they are not all that unusual. Come join us on Sunday to “Remember the Ladies” of the Revolution and find out.

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Sullivan 180 Shares Farm to School Leadership at Statewide Summit Advancing collaboration to strengthen student wellness through healthy food

[LIBERTY, NY] - Sullivan 180 recently attended the 2026 NY Farm to School Summit, joining partners from across New York State to explore strategies that strengthen connections between local farms and schools. The Summit convened educators, farmers, policymakers, and community organizations focused on expanding access to fresh, locally grown foods, enhancing nutrition education, and supporting student wellness initiatives. Sullivan County was well represented at the statewide conference with A Single Bite, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County, and Food Service Leaders from Sullivan BOCES, Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello Sullivan West school districts.

During the Summit, Sullivan 180 presented a lightning talk titled "Building a Healthier Generation Through Nutrition and Farm to School: It Takes a Community." The presentation highlighted Sullivan 180's collaborative approach to advancing wellness and Farm to School efforts in Sullivan County, emphasizing partnerships among schools, local farmers, families, and community stakeholders with specific explanation of the School Nutrition Action Coalition (a collaborative effort in Sullivan County to increase access to scratch cooking in our schools). Discussions throughout the Summit reinforced the importance of integrating food access, education, and community engagement to build stronger regional food systems and lifelong healthy habits for students.

"Farm to School is about more than what's served in the cafeteria," said Meghan Stalter, Special Projects Manager. "It's about education, collaboration, and creating environments where the healthy choice becomes the easy choice. When schools, farmers, and community partners work together, we can create lasting impact for our students and our community through nutrition."

To learn more about Sullivan 180's Farm to School initiatives and ongoing efforts to support student wellness in Sullivan County, visit Sullivan180.org.

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

Members of the Sullivan County School Nutrition Action Coalition Attend the 2026 Farm to School Summit.



Pictured from Left to Right: Denise Frangipane (Sullivan 180), Jennifer Bitteto (A Single Bite), Kristen Huffman (Sullivan County BOCES), Meaghan Mullally-Gorr (Sullivan 180), Alan Carroll (Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County), Joy Leon (Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County), Meghan Stalter (Sullivan 180), Liz Stretch (A Single Bite), Dara Smith (Sullivan West School District), Christy TerBush (Sullivan 180), Dawn Parsons (Sullivan County BOCES).



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

NOTICE AND WARNING

A terrible war has suddenly exploded throughout the Middle East. How far it will spread, how long will it last, and its effects are not known. Sullivan, Ulster and Orange Counties with its reservoirs and water supplies may be vulnerable.

Several years ago, restrictive barriers prohibiting cars and trucks from driving over the scenic middle of the Ashokan Reservoir Dam between Olive and Kingston were erected and are still guarded. The Town of Neversink has two, the Neversink reservoir and Roundout Reservoir which also transfers water from the Downsville Reservoir in Delaware County all which supplies water to New York City.

Those watersheds and stream tributaries are patrolled by the New York City Board of Water Supply in Grahamsville on Route 42 at Route 55. This is our home territory and our individual responsibility to immediately report any "unusual" activity to:

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Lydia Freethy from The Delaware Highlands Conservancy to Speak at Bird Club Meeting



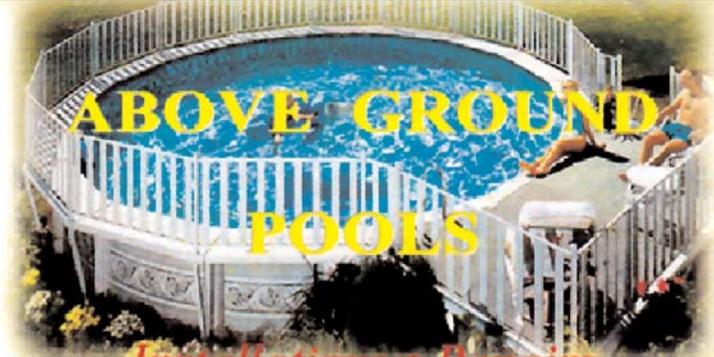
Lydia Freethy from the Delaware Highlands Conservancy will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Catskill Exotic Bird Club, this Thursday, March 12th, at 7 PM at 20 Crystal Street in Monticello.

Lydia will discuss the biology and conservation of bald eagles, including their incredible comeback from the brink of extinction.

The public is welcome and admission is free. There will also be a free distribution of premium Harrison's parrot pellets, first come, first served. The Catskill Exotic Bird Club celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and welcomes anyone with pet birds or with an interest in birds to join us. For more information call Richie at (845) 794-7966 or (845) 807-8253.



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Revolutionary Women



A talk by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe

Sunday, March 15th 2 p.m.
In Person and Virtual

Time and the Valleys Museum

In honor of National Woman's month and the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, meet some of the many mothers, wives and daughters of their more famous fathers, husbands and sons who made significant contributions to the successful conclusion of the American Revolution. Learn about the girl who dressed as a man and served in the army, the wife who took over firing her husband's cannon, the slave who was a published poet, and more.

Time and the Valleys Museum, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY 12740
In person program includes light refreshments and Museum admission.

To join virtually, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org
and put *Revolutionary Women Link* in the subject line.

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Dana Vogler, Secretary

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FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:

As required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2025 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Nancy Parrow, Town Clerk / RMO

February 27th, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st, 2026.

A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411, during normal business hours. Failure to file as required will be subject to penalties under the law.

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Denning Town Clerk

March 9th, 2026

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The annual Plot-Holders' meeting of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association will be held on March 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Grahamsville.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 06:00 p.m.** prevailing time, at the **Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center.** It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at the start of the Regular Meeting.

This meeting of the Board of Education shall be held at the time and place stated above.

Heather Bonnell

Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

FREE Premium Parrot Pellets to be Distributed at Catskill Exotic Bird Club Meeting

The Catskill Exotic Bird Club will be distributing free premium Harrison's and Nekton parrot pellets at the next meeting, Thursday, March 12th, at 7PM at 20 Crystal Street in Monticello. Everyone with pet parrots is invited. The pellets were generously donated to the club for the club's annual Pet Bird Show which was cancelled due to losing the venue.

Supplies are limited so please let us know if you will be coming and what size parrots you have. The Catskill Exotic Bird Club celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and is an informal association of parrot owners, breeders and others who have an interest in pet birds. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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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.

Sweet Sounds & Warm Chocolate...



February at Ashokan carried the energy of winter forward with music, learning, and community gatherings across our snowy landscape. While the final day of the Winter Hoot helped ease us into the month, February quickly took on a life of its own with programs that brought students, families, and musicians together.

Early in the month, we hosted two three day sessions of Fiddles in the Forest, where young musicians explored traditional fiddle music and the connection between music and nature right here on campus. Young string players from our local Onteora School District, Half Hollow Hills in Connecticut and Friends School of Baltimore took part in this exciting program.

Soon after, Ashokan was buzzing with laughter, music, and the sweet scent of cocoa during Hot Chocolate Fest, where approximately 500 community members gathered with friends and family to warm up with delicious hot chocolate and live performances from Budz, Circadian Rhythm, Allie Chip, and the Onteora Middle School Jazz Band. Guests also enjoyed the return of crowd favorite ice sculptor Thomas Brown, whose creations added a touch of winter magic to the day.

The following weekend marked the debut of our brand new Grappelli-Django Weekend, led by Jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis. This immersive fiddle and guitar camp celebrated the spirit of Gypsy jazz, inspired by legendary duo Stéphane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt, filling Ashokan with swinging rhythms, workshops, and late-night jams.

As February came to a close, our team continued welcoming school groups and began tapping maple trees in Ashokan's sugar bush in preparation for the sweet arrival of maple syrup season and the return of Syrup & Jazz in March.

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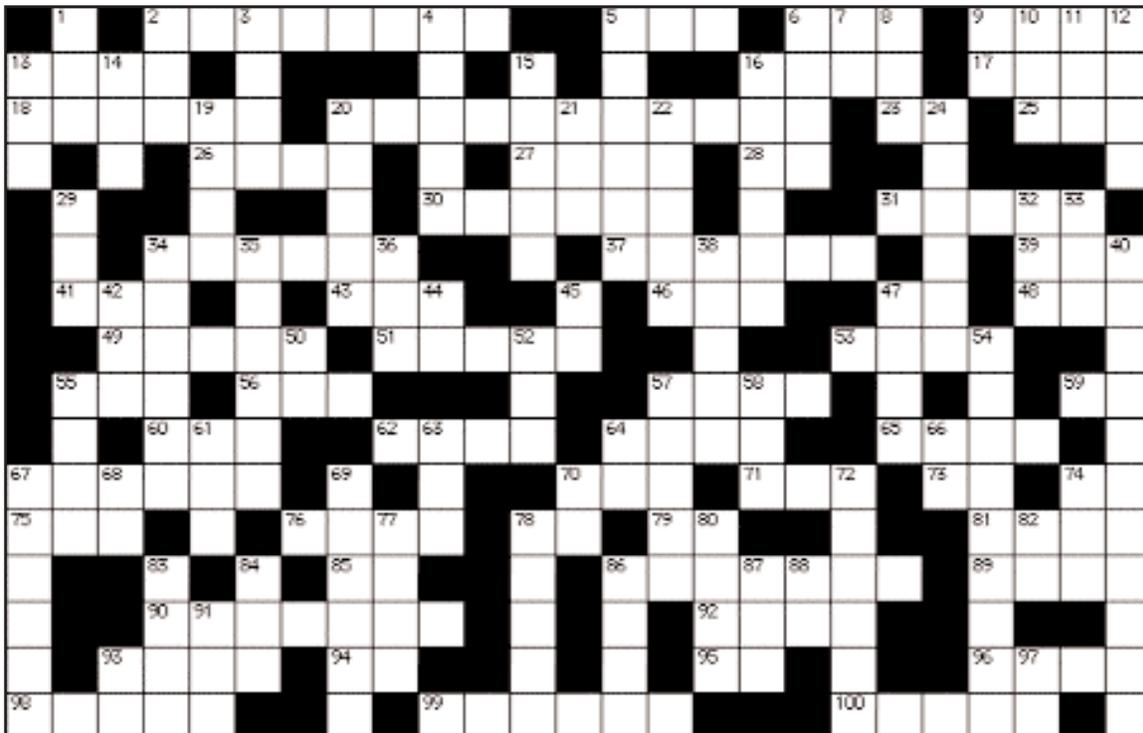
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cut into cubes
1 cup buttermilk
2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 375°F.
Spray 8-inch-diameter cake pan with nonstick spray. Whisk flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in large bowl to blend. Add butter. Using fingertips, rub in until coarse meal forms. Make well in center of flour mixture. Add buttermilk. Gradually stir dry ingredients into milk to blend. Mix in raisins.

Using floured hands, shape dough into ball. Transfer to prepared pan and flatten slightly (dough will not come to edges of pan). Sprinkle dough with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar.

Bake bread until brown and tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Transfer to rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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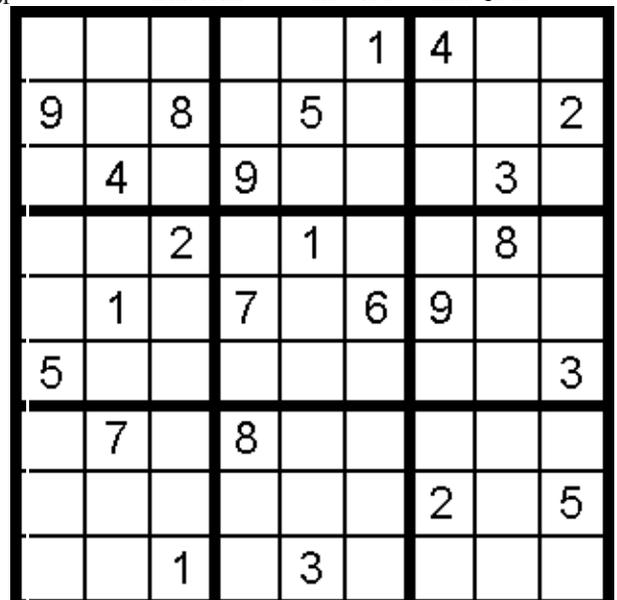
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38 Expressed clearly
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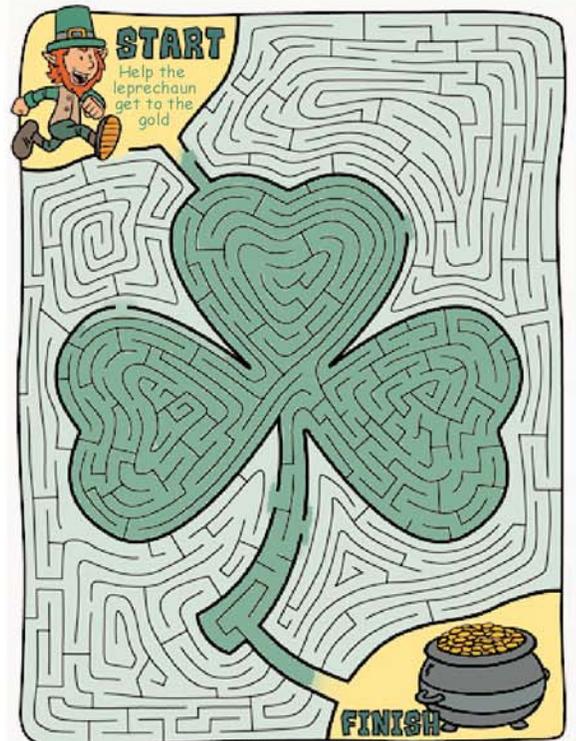


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- GREEN
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10:00 AM Sunday Morning
(Latin) 11:30 AM Sunday Morning*
(Spanish) 1:00 PM Sunday Afternoon
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9:00 AM Saturday

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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

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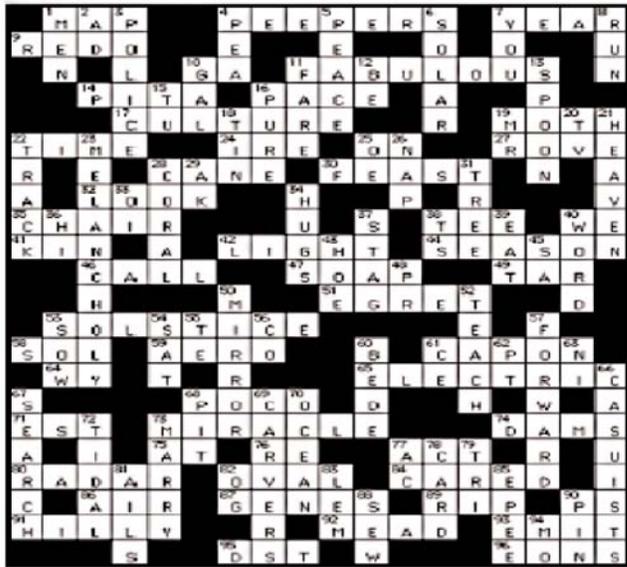
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Ans to last week's Crossword



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NFX advances groundbreaking research that will bring us closer to ending neurofibromatosis.
 Thank you

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

- Spring Fling, Saturday May 2nd 12-3pm
- 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.

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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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/17/2026	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 3/6/2026)
3/19/2026	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting–6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
3/19/2026	Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
4/1/2026	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 3/20/2026)
4/3/2026	Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
4/7/2026	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
4/8/2026	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
4/14/2026	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/14/2026	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY

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 Committee Meetings
 Weekly Update For The Week Of
 March 9, 2026 - March 13, 2026**

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

Monday, March 9
 4:30 PM - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
 5:00 PM - Ulster County Community Services Board, at the Ulster County Department of Mental Health, 368 Broadway, 4th Floor, Kingston
 6:00 PM - Ulster County Traffic Safety Board, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, March 10
 4:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 4:30 PM (or immediately following UCIDA Governance Committee) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
 4:30 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, 115 Ralston Road, Weymouth, MA 02190 & Via Legislature Livestream

5:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Health, at the Department of Health, 239 Golden Hill Lane, Director's Conference Room, Kingston
 5:30 PM (or immediately following Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee) - Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
 6:00 PM - Ulster County Board of Ethics, at the Ulster County Human Services Complex, 100 Development Court, Building #2, Veterans Services Entrance, Kingston

Wednesday, March 11 –No Meetings

Thursday, March 12
 4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee, in the Legislative, Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
 5:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

No Meetings –Friday, March 13



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 on location 10:00am - 3:00pm

2026 Winter Schedule

You can also Schedule an Appointment at sullivanny.gov | County Clerk Russell Reeves

<p>JEFFERSONVILLE Tues January 6 Tues February 3 Tues March 3 License & Registration Appts 19 Legion St Jeffersonville, NY</p>	<p>WURTSBORO Thurs January 22 Thurs February 19 Thurs March 19 Registration Appts Only 2948 US 209 Wurtsboro, NY</p>
<p>LIVINGSTON MANOR Tues January 13 Tues February 10 Tues March 10 Registration Appts Only 95 Main St Livingston Manor, NY</p>	<p>GRAHAMSVILLE Thurs January 8 Thurs February 5 Thurs March 5 License & Registration Appts 273 Main St Grahamsville, NY</p>
<p>NARROWSBURG Tues January 20 Tues February 17 Tues March 17 Registration Appts Only 210 Bridge St Narrowsburg, NY</p>	<p>HORTONVILLE Thurs January 15 Thurs February 12 Thurs March 12 Registration Appts Only 104 Lower Main St Hortonville, NY</p>
<p>LIBERTY Tues January 27 Tues February 24 Tues March 24 License & Registration Appts 15 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY</p>	<p>BLOOMINGBURG Thurs January 29 Thurs February 26 Thurs March 26 License & Registration Appts 13 North Rd Bloomingburg, NY</p>

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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 845 985-7700

All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition

Thank you so much!



Sullivan County Public Health Employees Are Part of Ongoing Influential Study

Liberty, NY - A study just published in a scholarly health journal included significant participation from the Sullivan County Department of Public Health.

“Myself and Epidemiologist Haley Motola have been working on this multi-phase study for years, so it's especially gratifying to see a portion of that study published in *Heliyon*, a peer-reviewed health journal,” acknowledged Deputy Public Health Director Jill Hubert-Simon.

Motola and Hubert-Simon contributed to the writing and editing of the article.

“We hope it furthers discussion about conducting more research in rural communities like Sullivan County, which have unique and often more significant health challenges than urban and suburban areas,” added Motola, who noted that this is the seventh scholarly article published to date regarding the larger NYU School of Medicine study looking at the County's diabetes rate.

For this particular portion of the study, Motola and Hubert-Simon coordinated the collection of urine samples from over 300 local residents between November 2022 and September 2023 to determine:

- If such sample collection was feasible and accurate in a rural area, relying mostly on participants to collect, freeze and ship their samples to the lab; and
- If elevated levels of bisphenol, an endocrine disruptor linked to diabetes, could be detected

Of the 304 enrolled study participants, 296 mailed back the remote urine sample collection kits - a 97.4% return rate. Average bisphenol levels, while not significantly elevated, were 2-3 times higher in remotely sampled collections than initial samples obtained in person by Public Health (possibly because of daily diet variations, as bisphenol is found in canned food packaging).

“Our findings for the feasibility of remote biospecimen collection,” wrote the authors of the journal article, “could be invaluable as we continue to leverage new approaches to reach rural settings remotely and conduct high-quality rural health research.”

To read the article, visit

[https://www.cell.com/heliyon/fulltext/S2405-8440\(26\)00117-9](https://www.cell.com/heliyon/fulltext/S2405-8440(26)00117-9).

Six other articles have been published about the overall study in the last two years.

They can be found at

<https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/HALEY-L-MOTOLA-2316618079>.

Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Tight Lines

by Laura Colangelo
& Seth Cavarretta

The snow and ice are starting to melt, the rivers replenished with water and we can all see signs of spring on the horizon! Join us, April 4, for our traditional Opening Weekend Celebration! We kick off with “Meet your Maker” Bamboo rod casting at Rockland School, in Roscoe at 9 am. At 12 pm here at CFFCM, we will have all of Agnes's favorite soups hot and ready for you, Phil Street on the vise tying up some Catskill Classics and free admission for all.

Our spring calendar is filling up! You can check it out here. Our Saturday Tying Series, sponsored by the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild has a full line up of Tyers, which will be added soon! Tying will be 11 am to 3 pm. (Note! We do not host Saturday Tyers on the same days of CFTG meetings). We also have some new exciting things on our schedule for spring including, A Night with Chip Stauffer and The Fly Tyers Rendezvous. We hope you can join us!

Tickets for our Annual Dinner are now on sale! Please join us as we welcome the 2026 class of Catskill Legends, enjoy a wonderful meal at The Rockland House and take a part of our exciting Live and Silent Auctions. Tickets are limited and sell out- so make sure to reserve yours today! Sponsorships are available! Email us office@cffcm.com for more information.

Tickets for the Fly Fishing Film Festival are almost gone! April 10 we will host F3T @CFFCM. Limited Seats- Reserve yours here!

https://cffcm.com/eventscalendar/2026/4/10/20th-annual-fly-fishing-film-tour-f3t?ss_source=sscampaings&ss_campaign_id=69adb0550880d729d836443a&ss_email_id=69aea9429c971676dba3c4fd&ss_campaign_name=Spring+Ahead-+A+full+line+up+of+events%21&ss_campaign_semt_date=2026-03-09T11%3A04%3A59Z

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting event- that sells out quickly every year. We have only a few left!

We look forward to seeing you across the bridge, and on the stream in 2026!

Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Annual Walk Saturday, May 2, 2026

In memory of our fellow Lions lost over the past years. All proceeds go into our Charity Account to help support the missions of The Tri-Valley Lions, which include Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, and support to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Local Food Pantries, Service Awards for local high school graduates, Sight Screenings, and so much more.

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 2, 2026
at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building

Please be available no later than 8:45am
for a group photo before
the start of the Walk

Complimentary coffee & continental breakfast
starts at 8am, please join us

Walk starts promptly at 9 am from the
First Aid Squad Building
and consists of as many loops around the Fairgrounds
each walker feels comfortable doing.
Even if you do not walk, donations are appreciated.

COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

For additional pledge sheets or questions about the
Journey For Sight Walk, please call Esta Jacob 845-985-2927
or Stephen Miller at 845-798-1981.

Thank you.

River Reporter to host News Ambassador meeting and information session



DVHS student journalists and youth news ambassadors Kimberly Smyser, left, Ava Troup, Emma Simmons, and Kaitlin Gelardi.

NARROWSBURG, NY - The River Reporter will host a News Ambassador meeting and information session at the River Reporter office, 93 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, on April 8 at 7 p.m. Current news ambassadors and anyone interested in learning more about the News Ambassador program are welcome to attend for information, conversation, and light refreshments. To RSVP or for details, please email Lenore Rogan at social@riverreporter.com or call 845-252-7414, ext. 127.

Last year at this time, the River Reporter launched its News Ambassador program with a grant from Press Forward, a coalition of funders working to strengthen local news organizations nationwide so that communities stay informed, connected, and engaged.

With Press Forward support, the River Reporter connected with local community members willing to consistently attend public meetings, record them, and communicate key details back to the newspaper. Since then, several intrepid volunteers have done just that, expanding both the newspaper's coverage and community engagement with local government.

Today, the News Ambassador program remains in its early stages, but thanks to a dedicated cohort of news ambassadors from towns like Bethel and Delaware, NY, and Honesdale and Hawley, PA, a vision for its future is emerging. Student journalists from Delaware Valley High School (DVHS) in Milford, PA, have been especially helpful with moving the program forward, not only regularly attending and recording Delaware Valley School District's school board meetings, but also providing meaningful news leads to River Reporter staff and publishing some of their work in the River Reporter's news pages.

Regarding student participation, DVHS English and Journalism Teacher Leslie Lordi observed, "It has been refreshing to see my young high school journalists have an interest in covering our school board meetings. They are invested in this News Ambassadors program and its importance in our community." The River Reporter welcomes their perspectives, values the time and talent they are investing, and looks forward to their ongoing leadership and success.

If you think you might like to join the news ambassador team, or if you work with young people and would like to

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Announces Second Marking Period Honors

FALLSBURG - Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is excited to announce their elementary Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients for the second marking period of the 2025-2026 school year. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0.

Grade 4

Honor Roll: Maximiliano Agurto, Yaretzi Alas Amaya, Hannah Arroyo, Fatima Baig, Emerson Choc Choc, Kaylin Cummings, John Darcy, Robert Decker, Breelynn Frunzi, Ryan Frunzi, Alexis Gold, Skylar Jackson, Bubacarr Kassama, Jamarkis Mack, Xavier Martinez, Jayden Nunez Mejia, Vincent Nipitella, Savannah Ocasio, Ryan Patnode, Raygen Phillip, Nataly Posadas Rivera, Logan Purcell, Tida Sawo, Kasia Szefflinski, Emerson Vallejo Lezama, Aubree VanWolde, Vincent Velez, Sebastian Whitaker, and Madelyn Wiltsie.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Leon Isaias, Aven Mendoza Garcia, Autumn Pinelli, Savannah Saravia, and Leonardo Sabovic.

Grade 5

Honor Roll: Jalen Anthony, Juliette Aviles Zelaya, Abigail Bensimon, Abigail Call, Owen Castillo, Ancel Chavez, Aubrey Curtin, Giuliana DiCostanzo, Trinity Doolittle, James Geagley, Jaime Giron Paredes, Alessio Hugo Alvarez, Maydelin Jacobo Lopez, David Jimenez-Castillo, Elias Lopez, Giavanna Mack, Sofia Madera, Eliana Montenegro Sandoval, Zoe Murry, Gabriel Ortiz, Zoe Otero Deras, Dove Picciotti, Kenneth Reyes Sierra, Jacob Rubio Romero, and Ashley Ruano Lopez.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Mila Anthony and Ashton Mahodit.

Grade 6

Honor Roll: Genesis Anderson, Mila Arroyo, Santiago Brito Garcia, Amore Brown, Kewin Choj Ramirez, Elijah Cruz, Samantha Darcy, Kadence Duncan, Brooklyn Fisher, Gianna Guerrero, Katherine Giron Cabrera, Jacob Graham, Chloe Hadden, Hudson Healy,

Jackson Hockenberry, Olivia Hilliard, Sydney Johnson, Eliza Lagos Guardado, Enina Lulanaj, Bryan Maldonado Alvarado, Lilliana Martinez, Scarlett Martinez Diaz, Zoya Meer, Anthony Mora Ceron, Leslie Peralta Rosa, Alayna Phitts, Jax Pillius, Jean Carlos Pineda Reyes, Daniela Rios Nunez, Johan Blandon Salinas, Taylor Simms, and Jazmyne Ward.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Jacob Boynton Torres, Giada Evangelista, Jax Frunzi, Esther Grande Lagos, Ravyn Henry, Jase Hermann, Josiah Hinton, Brianna Johnson, Muhammed Kassama, Mason Li, Braylee Maitland, Elizabeth McManus, Levi Nicanor Perez, Lincoln Oneal, Skyla Restrepo, Madax Simpson, Mircy'ah Steele, and Elijah Torres.

Amid the Ongoing Military Operations in Iran, Governor Hochul Visits Fort Drum in Watertown

Governor Kathy Hochul today visited Fort Drum to show her support for soldiers and the community amid the ongoing military operations overseas. While at Fort Drum, Governor Hochul met with Major General Scott Naumann for a briefing on the current state of the military base and how New York State can continue to support the facility and the men, women and families who serve there. The Governor issued the following statement:

“Fort Drum is the largest single-site employer in New York State. I want to ensure we are doing everything we can to support the Fort Drum community, which plays a critical role in the defense of our national interests, especially during the current military conflict in the Middle East.

“I have been a proud supporter of Fort Drum throughout my time in public service, rallying to save the base almost a decade ago and working to ensure that soldiers serving here have access to workforce development programs to continue working in the North Country and New York State. I deeply value the working relationship New York State has with Fort Drum, especially our shared focus on energy resilience and national security, and we firmly stand with the families back home during these high-stress missions.

“Following the terrorist attack near Gracie Mansion and continued military action in Iran, New York State remains in a heightened threat environment. We pray for the safety of all who protect us at home and abroad, including the more than 1,000 members of the National Guard who are deployed on state active duty protecting critical transit sites across New York City. I am profoundly grateful for the service members and first responders who put their lives on the line to keep their fellow New Yorkers safe.”

Corned Beef Dinner



FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
350 Main Street, Grahamsville

Time: 4-7pm

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Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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New Spring Collection!



Daniel Giordano, Davana Robedee and Kathy Ruttenberg at Catskill Art Space

Livingston Manor, NY - Catskill Art Space (CAS) is pleased to present a three-person exhibition featuring Daniel Giordano, Davana Robedee, and Kathy Ruttenberg, on view from March 7 through April 25, 2026. Spanning



CAS's ground-floor galleries and bringing together three distinct yet resonant practices, the exhibition explores transformation-of materials, perception, and our connection to the natural world. Each artist examines how human and natural systems intersect, inviting viewers to reflect on the relationships between bodies, objects, and the environment.

On Saturday, April 25 at 3 p.m., the exhibition culminates in an Art and Ecology Symposium featuring the participating artists in conversation. The symposium will be facilitated by artist and writer Hovey Brock and will expand upon the ecological frameworks, material strategies, and philosophical inquiries presented throughout the exhibition.

Daniel Giordano's *The Greasiest Feast* includes intimate assembled objects from his *Pleasure Pipes* and *Study for Brother* bodies of work, along with recent reliefs rendered from former boat cushions. Drawing from materials from his local ecosystem, he combines organic matter with carved wood, raku-fired ceramic, and cast aluminum components produced en masse. These forms are treated with substances that reference the body, lipstick, hosiery, marzipan, and urinal cake, materials that evoke personal and cultural memory. Giordano preserves these charged surfaces through layers of resin and sealant, immortalizing fleeting associations in sculptural form.

Davana Robedee centers her practice on experiences of visual aura, lucid dreams, and hallucinations, question-

ing the nature of consciousness and perception. Working with indigo she grows in her own dye garden, Robedee uses meditative stitch-resist shibori as a drawing tool. Her process is indirect and intuitive, as she guides and coaxes her marks, allowing images to slowly emerge. The resulting works function as metaphors for the liminal space between thought and matter, dream and waking life.

Kathy Ruttenberg is widely recognized for her ceramic sculptures depicting a “wonder world in which species merge and figures serve as landscapes.” Her multidisciplinary practice spans sculpture, painting, and animation, and for the first time, she exhibits tapestries rendered from her sketches. Oscillating between intimate works and monumental installations, Ruttenberg employs ceramic, concrete, and light to explore ecofeminism, animal liberation, sexuality, and emotional vulnerability. Her symbolic language portrays inner landscapes where fantasy becomes a vehicle for exploring human relationships with the natural world.

About the Artists

Daniel Giordano (b. 1988, Poughkeepsie, NY) is based in Newburgh, NY. He earned his MFA from the University of Delaware in 2016. He participated in the Millay Arts Core Residency Program in 2024, the AIM Fellowship at the Bronx Museum of the Arts in 2021, and the EmergeNYC Fellowship in 2015. Recent solo exhibitions include the Hyde Collection, Glens Falls, NY (2024); JDJ, New York, NY (2023); and MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA (2023). Recent group shows include *High Noon*, New York, NY (2024); *Grimm*, New York, NY (2024); and *The Bronx Museum of the Arts*, The Bronx, NY (2024).

Davana Robedee is an artist, curator, and educator. She creates large-scale indigo drawings and fiber art installations using pigment sourced from her own dye garden. She cultivates community arts practices as the Director of the Tyler Art Gallery at SUNY Oswego and through her work with *Quilting by the Lake*. Robedee was part of the American Craft Emerging Artist Cohort 2024 and is a NYSCA 2025 Artist Awardee. She served as the 2024 Fiber Arts Resident, jointly hosted by Catskill Art Space and Gael Roots Community Farm.

Kathy Ruttenberg (b. 1957, Chicago, IL) is a multidisciplinary artist working in sculpture, painting, and animation. Emerging from New York's early 1980s East Village art scene, her allegorical paintings contributed to the vitality of new figurative expressionism. Over the last four decades, her work has gradually shifted from painting toward sculpture. Oscillating between intimate and monumental scales, she uses ceramic, bronze, and light to explore themes of ecofeminism, animal liberation, and sexuality. Ruttenberg lives and works in upstate New York.

Long-term Installations

Following a major renovation and expansion, Catskill Art Space reopened in October 2022 with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's *Avaar* (1982) in a custom-built gallery on the building's second floor. A room-sized installation, *Avaar* is an important example of the artist's early, wall-based “aperture” works, which function by creating two areas within a room. (Contd. Pg. 34)

Daniel Giordano, Davana Robedee and Kathy Ruttenberg at Catskill Art Space

(From Pg. 33) There is a “viewing space,” where one stands to see and experience the work, and a “sensing space,” which is an ambiguously defined area of diffused light. Avar is one of the rare examples of Turrell's aperture works to make use of white lighting only; no colors will be present in the installation. This work is in the collection of the Seattle Art Museum, which has granted CAS a special long-term loan to exhibit the work. The presentation at CAS marks the first time the work has been shown since the 1970s, giving audiences from the Catskills and beyond the rare opportunity to experience a major Turrell work that has not been seen in nearly five decades.

On the second floor's central landing, Sol LeWitt's vibrant Wall Drawing #992 unfolds in three sections, each consisting of 10,000 straight lines drawn in color marker, to create a mesmerizing arrangement of primary colors. On the fourth wall, presenting LeWitt's Wall Drawing #991, straight, arced, and organic lines will encompass the wall in black marker and pencil. The conceptual, minimalist artist conceived guidelines for his two-dimensional works to be drawn directly on the wall. Much like Turrell's Avar, the LeWitt works were realized for CAS's space; in this instance, they are generously loaned by the artist's estate. This work was overseen by a draftsman, who determines the length and placement of the lines, and executed by five artists local to the area over nearly two weeks.

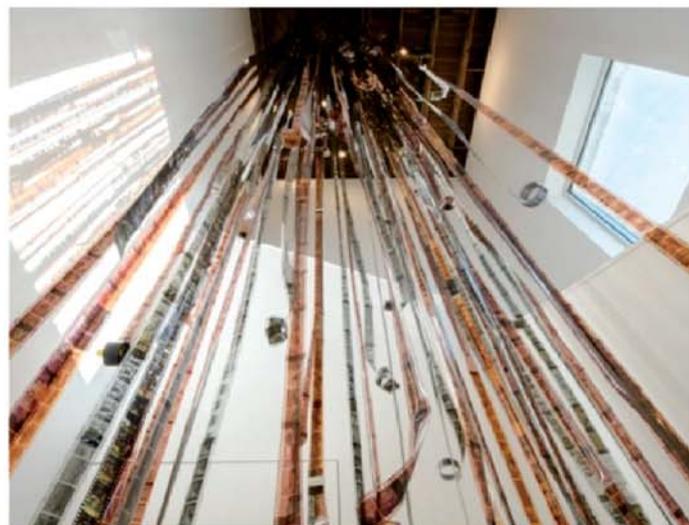
The newly realized performance space on CAS's second floor hosts British sculptor Francis Cape's A Gathering of Utopian Benches—an installation of meticulous copies of benches built and used by communal societies. Cape's installations have always argued that design and craft express belief. Utopian Benches, which has toured extensively throughout the US, was built from poplar grown near Cape's studio in Narrowsburg, NY. To be considered both as contemporary sculpture as well as furniture that visitors can actively use, the benches reference the societies who first used them, inviting visitors to utilize them for exchange, discourse, and community. The installation, which is meant to be used by visitors both for contemplation and may be used for performance seating, overlooks an expansive wall of windows onto the Willowemoc Creek.

Ellen Brooks activates an intimate gallery space, framed by a partially open staircase, with Hang (2022), an installation suspending over 30 feet of scrolls of film negatives from the ceiling. The artist hangs transparencies and negatives in all formats and from clips attached to the ceiling, mimicking the practice of film photography. Hanging negatives reference the surrounding natural landscaping, evoking a cascading waterfall with coils of film collecting on the ground floor gallery.

About Catskill Art Space

Catskill Art Space (CAS) explores contemporary art practices of emerging and established artists. Through exhibitions, performances, classes, lectures, and screenings, CAS fosters creative community in the Catskills.

Established as Catskill Art Society in 1971, CAS reopened in October 2022 as Catskill Art Space following a major renovation and expansion of its multi-arts center, located in the picturesque hamlet of Livingston Manor in the Western Catskills. CAS presents a rotating slate of exhibitions, performances and other events featuring national and regional talents, alongside long-term installations of works by James Turrell, Sol LeWitt, Francis Cape, and Ellen Brooks. Learn more at catskillart-space.org.



SCDW Call for Directors

Do you have directing experience? A burning desire to give directing a try? The SCDW would love to have you join us!

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is planning our annual Plays in Development series! This year's series will include seven short plays, ranging in length from 5 minutes to 16 minutes, written by local playwrights from Sullivan, Orange and Ulster counties. Now SCDW is looking for individuals interested in directing those short plays. Whether you are experienced, or excited to give directing a try for the first time, this is a great opportunity to get involved!

Plays will be presented in a staged-reading format with scripts in hand. Actor auditions are planned for mid-April with performances slated for May 8, 9, and 10. After each performance, to help playwrights further develop their scripts, the audience will be invited to give feedback and constructive criticism. Rehearsals will be minimal, as will the black-box set.

Potential directors will read the chosen plays, pick their favorite and participate in general auditions. To express your interest or to get any needed clarification, please contact Jean Eifert or Peter Nastasi by March 30th. We had a great time last year with excellent audience feedback. We hope you'll join us at SCDW and take advantage of this exciting opportunity!

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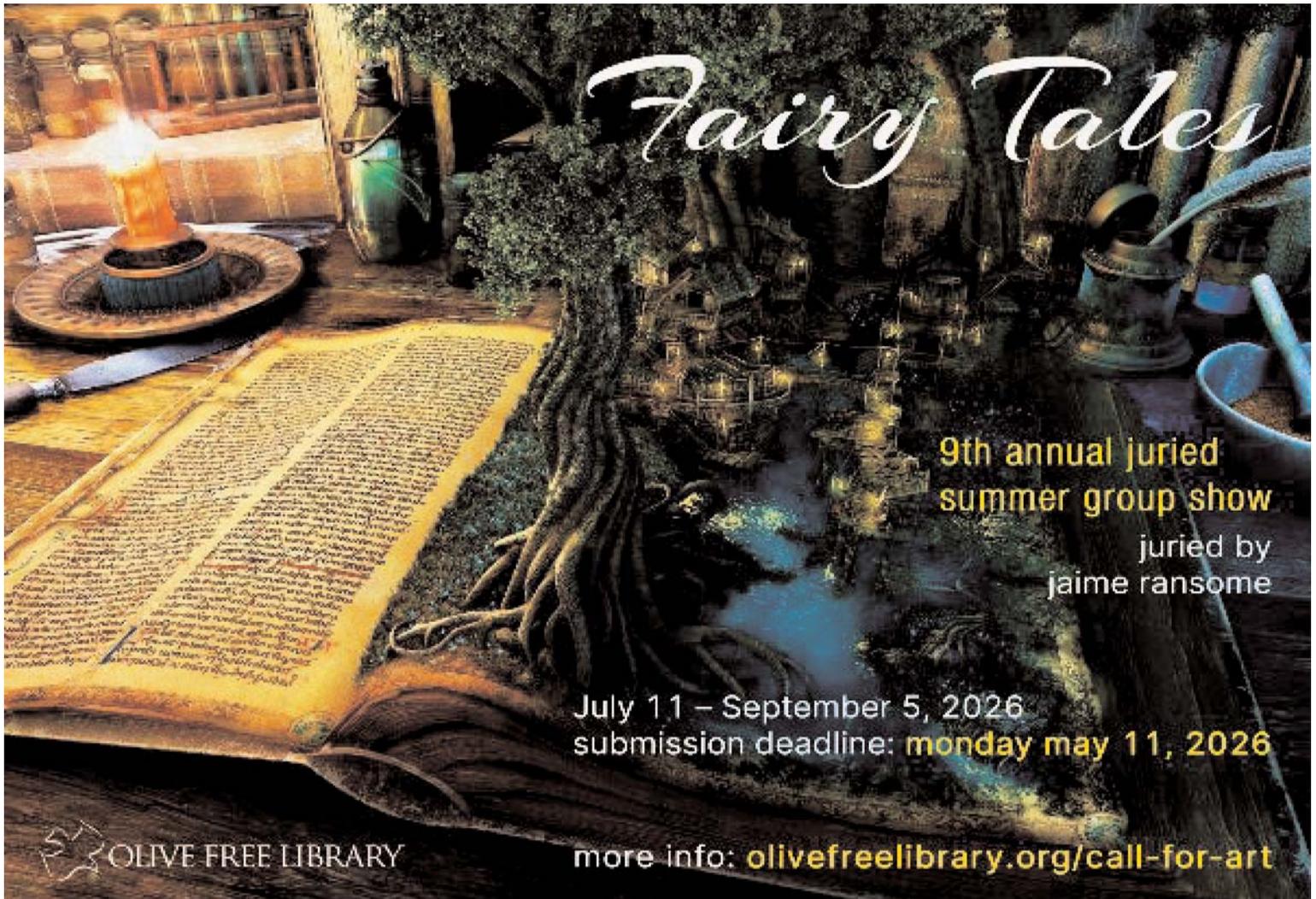
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It's that time again - the Frost Valley Annual T-Shirt Design Contest is here! Campers, we want to see your creations!

This year's prompt is "Rooted in Camp: Create a design that is inspired by how you feel connected to our camp community."

Just like last year, we will be posting submissions to our social media pages, and taking votes from YOU! The winning design will be printed on the 2026 Summer Camp t-shirt. Keep in mind that the final design will be printed in a single color!

Please submit designs via email to campdirector@frostvalley.org by Monday, March 16th.

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DEC Announces 2026 Exam Dates for Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Licenses

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the upcoming dates of examinations for individuals seeking licenses for falconry, wildlife rehabilitation, and leashed tracking dog handling. To provide enhanced access, DEC is offering these examinations online.

“As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the customer experience, DEC is proud to offer these examinations online and free of charge,” DEC’s Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources Katharine Petronis said. “This process makes it easier for individuals to meet examination requirements, apply for a license, and interact with wildlife safely and responsibly.”

The 2 hour exam can be completed any time between 7 am and 11 pm on the assigned date.

2026 Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog License Examination Schedule

Exam Date:	Exam Times:	Registration Must Be Received by:
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March 20, 2026	7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	March 19, 2026
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June 5, 2026*	7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	June 4, 2026
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August 7, 2026*	7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	August 6, 2026
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October 9, 2026*	7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.	October 8, 2026
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***Please note: Registration for the June, August, and October exams will open the week following the previous exam date.**

To register, visit the DEC Special Licenses Unit Exams Registration website.

Individuals can apply for more than one license. For each exam, applicants will receive an email acknowledging registration with a one-time link to access the specific exam on the specified exam date. Upon successful completion of the exam, applicants will receive information on applying for the license, including an application form. Please do not send the application or license fee prior to passing the exam.

Apprentice Falconry License

Birds of prey are protected species and cannot be possessed without a license or other authorization from DEC. Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American Kestrel or a Red-tailed Hawk. To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry License, applicants must:

- score 80% or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 14 years of age;
- possess a valid New York State hunting license;
- maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors; and
- be a resident of New York State.

A falconry study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC “Falconry License” webpage. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabil-

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- o be at least 16 years of age,
- o be interviewed by DEC regional wildlife staff, and
- o be a resident of New York State.

A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available from DEC at no cost on the DEC “Wildlife Rehabilitator License” webpage. There is no cost for the five-year wildlife rehabilitator license.

Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License

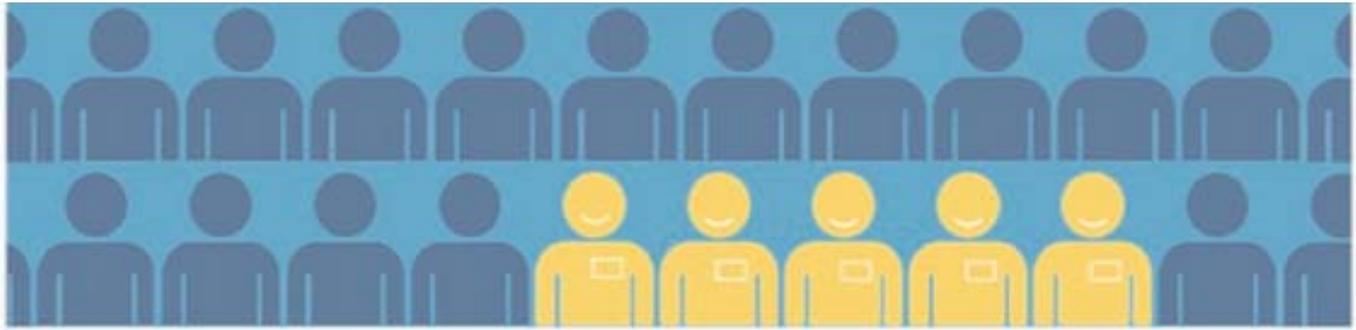
Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- score 80% or higher on the written exam, and
- possess a valid New York State hunting license.

A leashed tracking dog handler study guide is available from DEC at no cost on the DEC “Leashed Tracking Dog License” webpage. While the exam is free, first-time license applicants have a non-refundable \$25 license application fee.

The five-year leashed tracking dog handler license is \$50. For questions or assistance, contact DEC's Special Licenses Unit:

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Department of Environmental Protection Holds Graduation Ceremony for 31 New DEP Police Officers



DEP Police Protect New York City's Drinking Water Supply Systems Throughout the Catskills and Lower Hudson Valley

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Lisa F. Garcia today announced the graduation of 31 new Environmental Police Officers (EPOs) from the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston, New York. The new EPOs will be immediately deployed joining the DEP Police force to protect the 2,000-square-mile city's water supply system and will have the responsibility for safeguarding the watershed land and infrastructure in nine counties throughout the Catskills and lower Hudson Valley.

"Protecting the quality and integrity of the water supply for nearly 10 million New Yorkers is a responsibility that demands exceptional dedication, and these 31 new Environmental Police Officers are stepping into that critical mission with pride," said Commissioner Garcia. "From patrolling 2,000 square miles of watershed to safeguarding key infrastructure, they join us as both protectors and environmental stewards. We're excited to add them to our ranks within the DEP Police."

The Environmental Police Academy was launched in 2002 as the first-of-its-kind in the nation to provide training, experience and concentrated course work in advanced environmental stewardship and protection. The new graduates, who live in 16 different counties, have successfully completed a total of 31 weeks of instruction in which they underwent intense training in counterterrorism, environmental protection, police science, the use of firearms and defensive tactics. In addition, recruits completed courses in environmental conservation laws, land navigation, fish and wildlife, and watershed protection.

Today's graduation ceremony took place at the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston and, in addition to Commissioner Garcia, was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Ari L. Maas, Chief of Department Frank J. Milazzo, Deputy Chief Brian C. Handy, and Inspector Justin R. Kight.

The graduating class named EPO Brandon Rivera as the class leader, and EPO Danielle Gorat, EPO Evan Ashley, EPO Andrew Schmidt, EPO Alejandro Gamboa, and EPO Andrew Krueger as squad leaders. During the graduation ceremony, awards were presented for outstanding performance during training. EPO Josiah Santiago received the Physical Fitness Award; and EPO Ciaran Mercer received the Academic Proficiency Award, EPO Michael Phillips Jr. received the Firearms Proficiency Award, and EPO Josiah Santiago received the Sergeant William R. Kresser Award, recognizing the best overall officer.

The complete list of graduates and their home counties:

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DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing approximately 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to nearly 10 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties which consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City and are comprised of 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$92 million payroll for water supply staff, and \$165 million in annual property and school taxes paid in counties throughout the Hudson Valley and Catskills regions, DEP has invested more than \$3 billion in watershed protection programs since 1997—including on partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook, or follow us on X.

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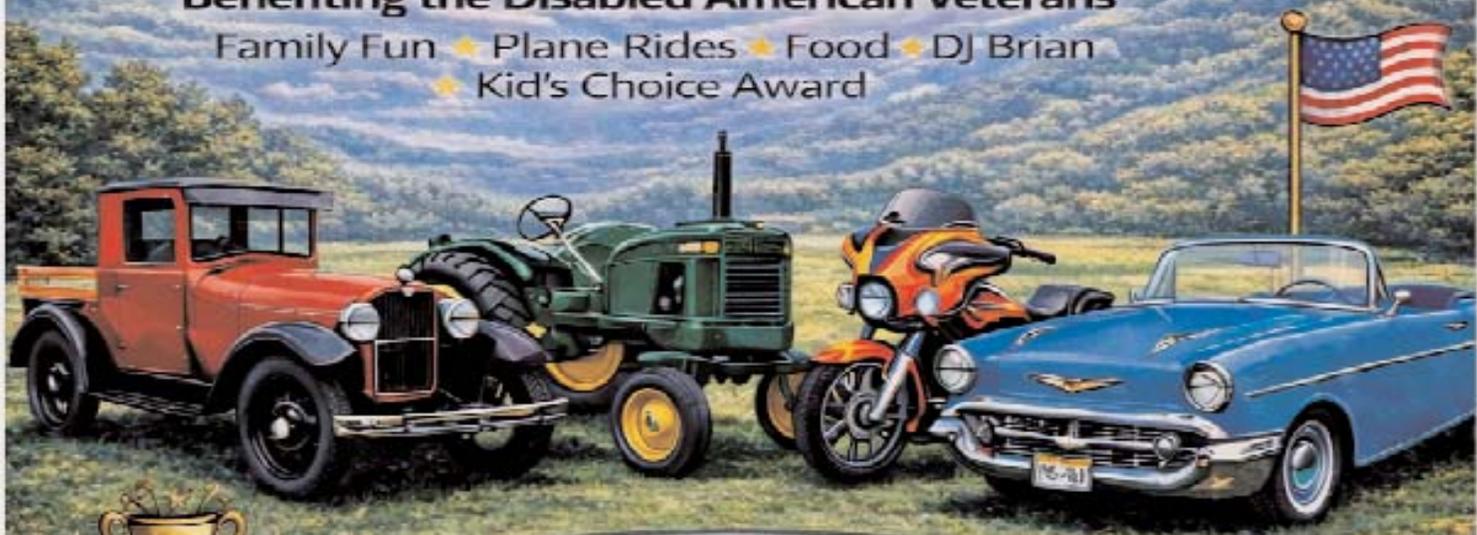
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As we celebrate our **11th anniversary**, our goal is ambitious but heartfelt: to raise **\$50,000 in 2026 in support of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country**. There is no group more deserving of our support than our nation's veterans.

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We are also seeking **volunteers** to help make the day a success. If you or your team would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

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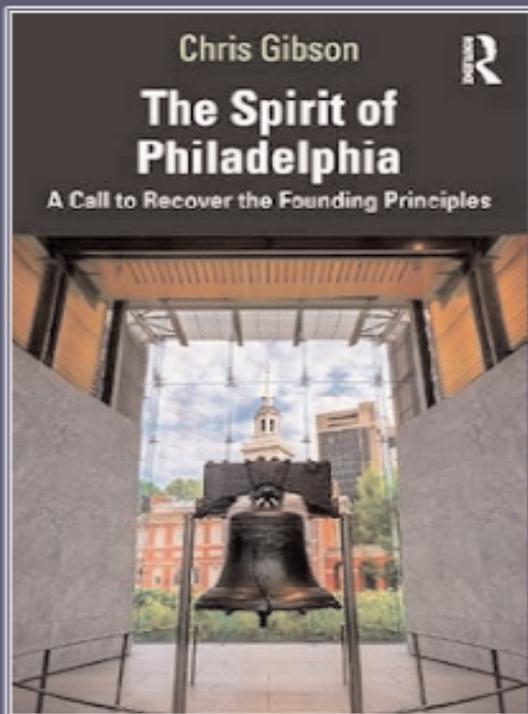
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

I hope your summer has gone well. I'm reaching back out to you to share the news that our website has been refreshed and updated. It now features four new essays on the Founding era recently published by the Hoover Institution of Stanford University as we look forward next year to celebrating our 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. One of those essays is on the significance of the Battle of Saratoga, which proved to be a turning point in the Revolutionary War. You can now read those essays for free on our website here.

<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,
Chris Gibson

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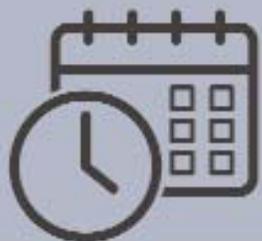
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Jan-June 2026



Jan. 5th Feb. 2nd March 2nd April 6th May 4th June 1st



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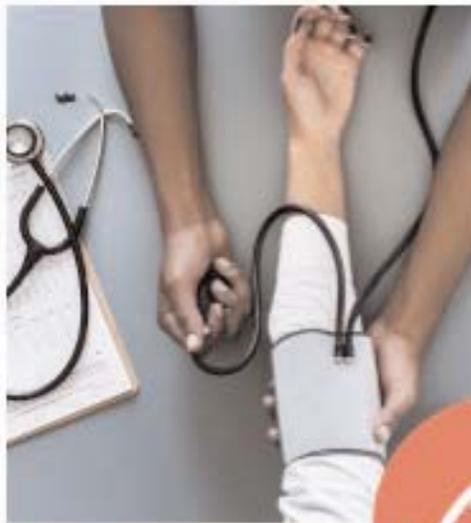
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Medicare 101 Zoom Webinar



Saturday, March 14, 2026
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
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Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this free live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including, When to join, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs). This program will simplify the choices you need to make, help you make well-informed decisions and explain what Medicare means to you! This is an educational event.

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Our Hudson Valley community has shown what we stand for: justice for all, a life that everyone can afford, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. Not forever wars that cost trillions of dollars and countless lives. Not mass detention centers. Not fear-mongering.

When we stand up together, our community grows stronger. Our kids and future generations are depending on us to keep the faith. I have no doubt that we will. Here's some of how I fought for our Hudson Valley values this week:

FIGHTING TO STOP TRUMP'S WAR WITH IRAN

I served two combat tours in Iraq. I've seen what happens when a President beats the war drums, more than willing to send our kids off to die in the Middle East but unable to articulate why.

Now, 20 years, trillions of dollars, and countless deaths later, we still haven't gotten accountability from the politicians who started this mess.

I refuse to let the country I love make those same mistakes again.

This past week, I stood alongside colleagues in Congress who are also veterans of the country's longest wars to call on the rest of our colleagues to pass the War Powers Resolution to reign in Trump's military actions. As veterans, we have a special obligation to the next generation of American Patriots to ask the hard questions and force this debate. Watch our press conference here.

We passed the War Powers Act after the Vietnam War to ensure that before the President sends our troops into harm's way, he has to make his case to the American people.

Trump hasn't done that. He still hasn't clearly explained his goals. He still hasn't told you what it will cost - both in our tax dollars and even more of our kids coming home in flag-draped coffins.

We need to have a full and honest conversation in front of the American people about what comes next. That is how we stop yet another forever war.

HELPING AMERICANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST RETURN HOME TO THE HUDSON VALLEY

The State Department has advised Americans in the Middle East to leave immediately due to safety risks.

Please follow the below guidance from the State Department if you are a U.S. citizen currently in the Middle East and relay this to any American you know currently there.

If you or a loved one needs assistance returning safely home to the Hudson Valley from the Middle East, please contact my office by calling 845-443-2930.

DEMANDING AN INVESTIGATION INTO ICE

ICE has consistently sent out contradictory information, dismissed the concerns of local residents and elected officials, and repeatedly ignored our Requests for Information about its proposed mass detention center in Chester.

This level of gross mismanagement is beyond unacceptable and ends now.

Last week, I joined Senator Schumer in demanding answers on whether the facility is truly gone for good, and we're demanding an investigation into how the hell the Administration came to this dangerous and Un-American decision in the first place.

Not a single elected official - Democrat or Republican - supports this plan, nor were they briefed on it at any point.

We don't want armed, masked agents on our streets. We don't want a mass detention facility. We want answers, and ICE has a duty to provide them.

With Senator Schumer's support and our entire community with us, we are not giving up this fight. Read more here.

IMPROVING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

For far too long, residents west of the Hudson have been stuck with exhausting commutes into New York City, unreliable transit options, and a transportation system that simply hasn't kept up with the needs of our growing communities.

We've waited long enough for the public transportation improvements that we deserve.

That's why Governor Hochul and I are launching the West of Hudson Transit Study to take action towards ensuring that our region finally gets the attention and investment it deserves. Read more about the study here.

HONORING THE BLACK HISTORY OF THE NEWBURGH COMMUNITY

Thank you to Joy Rene Young and Paul Thompson for bringing us together for Newburgh's Black Renaissance Film Screening and Awards last weekend - it was truly moving. Read more about it here.

Congratulations to the honorees - thank you for your profound contributions to our Hudson Valley community!

WISHING YOU A HAPPY PURIM

I want to wish everyone across the Hudson Valley this past week a Happy Purim! There was simply no better way to have enjoyed the holiday than with some NY-18 hamantaschen!

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF THE FIRE HORSE

I had a great time at the Mount Hope Chinese Association and Middletown High School's Diversity Club's Chinese New Year Celebration.

Thank you to the organizers and to Dragon Springs for hosting! May the Year of the Fire Horse bring happiness, good health, and prosperity!

CONGRATULATING THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I was honored to present Orange County Chamber of Commerce CEO Heather Bell with a Congressional Record to congratulate the Chamber on winning the 2025 New York Chamber of the Year Award!

Thank you for everything you do to uplift our Orange County community!

I also want to congratulate the Chamber's Choice Awards Gala awardees - thank you for all of your invaluable contributions that help Orange County thrive!

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS

I want to give a big thank you to Chief Camuto and the entire Esopus Fire Department for hosting me at their Pancake Breakfast last weekend.

It was a true honor to join these local heroes. Thank you for your bravery and service to our community - I'll always have your backs!

HONORING CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

It was a privilege to join the Minister's Alliance of Ulster County's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Program last weekend.

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Thank you to Pointe of Praise and Rev. Evelyn Clarke for bringing us together to honor two champions of justice in Ulster County: former Legislator Manna Jo Greene and the late Fr. Frank Alagna who serve as models for us all on how to lead lives grounded in service.

BRINGING MY OFFICE TO YOU

Do you need help enrolling in Medicare, getting your IRS tax return, and more? Join my team at one of March's CARES Van events for one-on-one assistance with federal programs.

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

CONGRATULATING SUNY ORANGE ON AN OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT

I want to give a huge congratulations to SUNY Orange on winning a 2026 National Bellwether Award for community colleges!

This major accomplishment reflects SUNY Orange's expansive curriculum and investments in student success.

Way to go - our entire Hudson Valley community is proud of you!

THANKING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND A HEROIC PILOT

This past week, a heroic pilot and our brave emergency responders' quick thinking and skillful action prevented a tragedy when a small plane made an emergency landing near the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge in the Hudson River.

I'm incredibly grateful for our Hudson Valley first responders who responded swiftly and put their lives on the line to keep others safe and to the extraordinary pilot who navigated the crisis calmly and whose expertise saved lives.

WORKING TO MAKE HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE

I'm grateful to Sun River Health, Cornerstone Family Healthcare, and the Institute for Family Health for the productive conversation about how we can ensure every Hudson Valley family has the high-quality health care they need at a price they can afford.

I'll keep fighting every day to make sure they have the resources they need to keep serving our communities.

WISHING A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A HUDSON VALLEY HERO

I want to give a huge Happy 100th Birthday to WWII veteran Leonard Bellacicco!

Leonard, thank you for your heroic service to our nation and invaluable contributions to our Hudson Valley community over the years.

I'm grateful that COL (ret) Greg Gardner from my Veterans' Advisory Board presented him with a Congressional Record from me to celebrate the milestone.

HELPING FUND THE ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) provides critical funding for arts and arts education for our communities.

Join my team and I on Monday, March 9, at 1:00PM for a Grants 101 webinar to learn more about how your organization can access NEA funding and expand the arts here in the Hudson Valley.

GRANTS CORNER

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

2026 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Programs: IMLS supports and advances the work of museums, libraries, and related institutions across the U.S. Through a wide range of grant programs, it empowers these organizations to enhance their services, foster innovation, and address community needs. The available grants are designed to cater to the diverse missions of these institutions, promoting growth and sustainability. Below are a few examples of its programming:

21st Century Museum Professionals Program supports projects that build career pathways, strengthen professional networks, and identify and share effective workforce education and training practices in the museum field.

Museums for America (MFA): This program invests in museums of all sizes and disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, and collections stewardship activities.

Inspire Grants for Small Museums (Inspire) : This is a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program designed to support small museums of all disciplines.

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian (LB21) : This program support the development of a library and archival workforce that can meet the information needs of communities and increase the institutional capacity of libraries, archives, and library and information science graduate programs across the country.

Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) : This program builds the capacity of African American museums and supports the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums. The program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Many of these programs have a deadline of March 13, 2026.

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley has ongoing community grant, funding, and scholarship opportunities. Current funding includes:

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley administers more than 50 scholarship funds to help students pursue postsecondary education. Opportunities are available for students attending four-year colleges, community colleges, and trade or technical programs. A single common application with eligibility quiz makes it easier for students to quickly identify and apply for awards Deadline: March 15, 2026. Learn more and apply here.

2025 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): \$97.4 million in new funding is available for active transportation-related projects and programs that support the advancement of healthy lifestyles across New York State. Projects selected under this solicitation will support the Department of Transportation's commitment to community-centered transportation by providing safe, reliable and resilient transportation systems. Selected projects, which include multi-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclists, will also connect communities, enhance the quality of life, protect the environment and support the economic well-being of New York State. TAP funding is made available to the State through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The application deadline is March 12, 2026.

Brownfields 101 with the EPA: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 Office recorded its "Brownfields 101" briefing for New York communities to provide an overview of the EPA's Brownfield Program. To view the recording, please contact Natalie Lincoln at natalie.lincoln@mail.house.gov or (518) 465-0700.

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

New York School Bus Incentive Program (NYSBIP): Governor Kathy Hochul announced \$200 million in new funding for zero-emission school buses through the Environmental Bond Act of 2022. Distributed via the NYBIP, the funds support electric bus purchases, charging infrastructure, and fleet planning to improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities across the state. The funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered electric school bus. This helps offset some or all of the difference in purchase price between zero-emission buses and comparable diesel or gasoline buses. All school bus fleet operators in New York State can also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

Weatherization Assistance Program is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. NYS WAP assists income-eligible homeowners and some renters* in our state by reducing heating and cooling costs through energy-conservation measures, while also addressing health and safety issues in their homes. Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance. Program services are available to both homeowners and renters, with priority given to senior citizens, families with children, and people with disabilities. If a household contains a member who receives Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits or certain other forms of public assistance, the household is automatically eligible for NYS WAP services. Applications are accepted from renters, homeowners, and rental property owners. Potential program participants apply by contacting the WAP provider that serves their area.

RESOURCES:

New York Small Business Development Center (NYSBDC) - NYS Multi-Agency Small Business Resource Presentation: Watch this free session as representatives from several NYS agencies share information about resources and services available to assist small businesses. Topics include licensing, regulations, taxes, insurance, grants, training, and more.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



Operation Epic Fury

My statement regarding Operation Epic Fury and the joint U.S. and Israeli military strikes targeting the Iranian regime:

“As the Department of War brilliantly executes Operation Epic Fury against the despotic Islamist Iranian regime, I pray for the safety of all our U.S. service members and allies in the region. I hope the brave Iranian people will take back their country from the brutal mullahs, and the people of Iran can have a future of peace and prosperity, instead of tyranny and terrorism.”

House Passage of DHS Funding Bill

Last week, the House of Representatives passed legislation to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security and restore normal operations across the agency during a time of rising global threats. DHS is responsible for protecting our borders, securing our airports, defending critical infrastructure, and responding to emergencies across the country through agencies such as Customs and Border Protection, ICE, the Coast Guard, TSA, FEMA, and the Secret Service. In recent weeks, several DHS components have been limited to essential functions only, raising concerns about our nation's preparedness. The House has done its job by passing this bill to ensure these critical missions continue without disruption. Now, Senate Democrats must act immediately to pass this legislation and fully reopen the government so the agencies responsible for protecting the American people have the resources they need to carry out their mission.

Assisting Constituents Returning from the Middle East, Resources for Americans Abroad

Our office has also been working to assist constituents who were located overseas in the Middle East during recent regional conflict. We successfully helped dozens of individuals in countries including the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Kuwait connect with the State Department, receive timely guidance, and secure safe travel arrangements back home. Assisting constituents during urgent situations abroad is an important part of the services our office provides, and I am grateful to the State Department and our regional partners for their help ensuring Americans were able to return home safely. Americans currently overseas who may need assistance or guidance from the U.S. government can contact our office and are encouraged to utilize the following resources:

State Department Crisis Intake Form - Used to notify the U.S. State Department and request assistance or information during emergencies abroad: <https://mytravel.state.gov/s/crisis-intake>

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) - Allows U.S. citizens abroad to register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate and receive important security alerts and updates: <https://step.state.gov>

Travel.State.gov - Americans traveling or living abroad should regularly monitor Travel.State.gov and communications from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate for country-specific updates and safety guidance. (Contd. Pg. 56)

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. (Contd. Pg. 56)

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Ownership Act of 2025: This bill would expand federal programs that promote Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) and other employee-owned business models. Specifically, it would enhance technical assistance and outreach efforts to help business owners transition to employee ownership and improve access to financing for these transitions to ESOPs. This legislation helps encourage broader adoption of employee ownership structures that support job creation, business continuity, and long-term economic growth.

H.R. 2581, the Iranian Terror Prevention Act: This bill would prohibit federal funds from being provided to entities that conduct business with or support the Government of Iran's terrorist activities. The current Iranian regime is the largest global state sponsor of terrorism and continues to support extremist groups across the Middle East. This legislation helps the efforts of President Trump while ensuring that U.S. taxpayer dollars are not used to indirectly support entities connected to Iran's terrorist activities.

H.R. 2561, the One Vote One Choice Act: This bill would require states to ensure that voters cast only one ballot in federal elections by prohibiting the counting of multiple ballots submitted by the same individual. Maintaining the integrity of federal elections requires clear safeguards that ensure each eligible voter can vote once and that their vote is counted. This legislation helps strengthen election security and public trust in the electoral process.

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.

Wednesday, March 4

I voted "Yes" on S. 723, the Tribal Trust Land Homeownership Act of 2025. This bill codifies the current Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulatory deadlines for processing and reviewing certain mortgage packages involving property located on tribal land held in trust. Additionally, this bill directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study and report to Congress on how digitizing mortgage packages could streamline these approval processes. This legislation cuts red tape and streamlines the mortgage approval process, expanding access to capital and helping alleviate housing shortages. This bill passed by a vote of 384-40.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 6472, the Territorial Student Access to Higher Education Act. This bill amends the Higher Education Act (HEA) to require public institutions of higher education (IHEs), as a condition of participating in HEA federal financial aid programs, to charge in-state tuition to students who are U.S. nationals from U.S. territories. H.R. 6472 strengthens the workforce by enabling students from the territories to pursue higher education opportunities in the mainland U.S. by reducing overburdensome regulations and bringing parity to higher education financial aid policies. This bill passed by a vote of 351-72.

I voted "Yes" on the Motion to Refer H.Res. 1100, Directing the Committee on Ethics to preserve and publicly release records of the Committee's review of violations or alleged violations of clause 9 (as it pertains to acts of sexual harassment) and clause 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives. This resolution would have ordered the Ethics Committee to publicly release all documents related to sexual harassment and sexual assault by a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner. I agree with the premise of this resolution and encourage the Ethics Committee to swiftly consider it. However, this resolution needs several changes before it is ready for the floor. First, this resolution would reduce witness cooperation with the Ethics Committee, inhibiting future investigations. Many witnesses and victims come forward to the Ethics Committee given that their comments remain confidential, which helps facilitate greater transparency with the Committee. Second, this resolution does not sufficiently protect the privacy of victims and does not include investigations related to staffers. Third, this resolution did

not go through regular order, which would allow this resolution to be debated and be amended to remedy the issues. Thus, I voted for the Motion to Refer to allow the Ethics Committee to debate and amend this resolution. The Motion to Refer passed the House by a vote of 357-69, with 1 member voting present.

Thursday, March 5

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 7744, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026. This bill provides \$92.008 billion to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The legislation provides full funding for the Department of Homeland Security and restores operational capacity across its agencies, including Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Coast Guard, TSA, FEMA, and the Secret Service. DHS plays a central role in protecting the United States from terrorism, cyber threats, illegal border crossings, and other national security challenges. In recent weeks, operational disruptions have limited several DHS components to essential functions only, raising concerns about preparedness during a time of heightened global threats. The House passed the bill to ensure these critical agencies have the resources they need to protect the American people and maintain national security readiness. With threats around the world escalating and national security on the line, the United States cannot afford to allow the continued shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security. DHS protects our borders, secures our airports, defends our critical infrastructure, and responds to emergencies across the country. The House has done its job and passed legislation to fund these essential missions. Now Senate Democrats must stop playing political games, pass this bill immediately, and fully reopen the government. Weakening homeland security at a time of rising threats is simply unacceptable, and the American people deserve better. This bill passed the House by a vote of 221-209.

I voted "Yes" on H.Res. 1099, Reaffirming Iran remains the largest state sponsor of terrorism. For decades, Iran has been the largest global state sponsor of terrorism. This includes funding, training, arming, and providing intelligence to partners and proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, as well as curating its own terrorist organization in the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Through these efforts, Iran has targeted and killed hundreds of Americans and plotted assassinations of U.S. government officials, including President Trump. The fact that 53 of my Democratic colleagues want to deny fundamental realities and basic facts is beyond absurd. It is a shame that these members are so consumed by Trump Derangement Syndrome that they wish to deny basic facts that are universally recognized. This resolution passed by a vote of 372-53, with 2 members voting present.

I voted "No" on H.Con.Res. 38, Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran. This resolution would have compelled the President to withdraw U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities involving Iran under the War Powers Resolution. The Islamic Republic of Iran is the world's foremost state sponsor of terrorism, with a decades-long record of targeting and killing Americans in pursuit of its openly declared goal of defeating the "Big Satan." I commend President Trump and the Department of War for their decisive action to hold the Iranian regime accountable, protect American lives, and advance the cause of freedom for the Iranian people. Thanks to their courageous actions, Ayatollah Khamenei is dead, and the world is safer without him. Good riddance. His reign brought decades of terrorism, brutal tyranny, and deliberate regional destabilization - inflicting immeasurable suffering on millions while posing a persistent threat to the United States and our allies. As the Department of War continues to execute Operation Epic Fury against the Iranian regime, I stand firmly behind their mission. These operations have the potential to fundamentally reshape the Middle East, dismantling longstanding threats to the American people and opening the door to lasting peace and prosperity in the region. I pray for the safety of all our U.S. service

Senator Michelle Hinchey and Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Announce Legislation to Pilot 10% Property Tax Exemption for Full-Time Residents

KINGSTON, NY - New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger announced the introduction of state legislation that would authorize Ulster County to pilot a 10% property tax exemption for full time residents. The measure, introduced by Senator Hinchey as Bill 2025 S9287, aims to help address rising housing costs and support year round residents who form the backbone of Ulster County's communities.

The proposal would allow municipalities within Ulster County to opt into a local exemption for homeowners who occupy their property as their primary residence and are enrolled in or eligible for the STAR program. The exemption would also apply to property owners who rent to full time tenants under a lease of at least 12 months, ensuring that long term renters also benefit from increased housing stability.

County Executive Metzger first outlined the concept in her State of the County address last month, emphasizing the need to make living in Ulster County more affordable for the people who sustain its civic and economic life.

"I brought this initiative to Senator Hinchey because we have to take meaningful steps to make living in Ulster County more affordable for the people who call this place home. This proposal is rooted in the recognition that we would have no community or local economy without our full time residents, and we need to ensure they can continue to afford to live here. In some of our towns, a third to two thirds of all houses are second homes, and while many of those sit dark for much of the year or operate as short term rentals, our year round residents are the ones keeping our communities running with fewer neighbors to share the load," said County Executive Metzger. "Many of our residents can barely afford a first home, let alone a second, and this measure will help make living here a little more affordable for them. I'm deeply grateful to Senator Hinchey for recognizing the importance of this issue and for her partnership in advancing this legislation."

"Ulster County is a special place because of the people who have chosen to build their lives here, and we have a responsibility to make sure local families can afford to stay in their community," said Senator Michelle Hinchey. "One solution we're putting on the table is our bill to deliver property tax relief for full-time residents. This measure will help make life more affordable for people who call Ulster County home, as the housing crisis has made finding an affordable place to live nearly impossible. The cost of housing in the Hudson Valley is severely out of whack with what people earn on a daily basis. We must find creative solutions to help our seniors and working people who make our communities run day in and day out, and ensure they can thrive here in our county. This legislation is one of my top priorities in the Senate this session, and I thank County Executive Metzger

for her partnership at the local level."

The second home market has significantly reshaped housing availability and affordability in Ulster County and across the country. In towns such as Shandaken, Denning, and Hardenburgh, between one third and two thirds of all homes are used as second residences. This dynamic has contributed to rising home prices and limited inventory for year round residents, particularly young families seeking to put down roots.

The proposed exemption is designed to recognize the value that full time residents bring to their communities - from supporting local schools and libraries to staffing volunteer fire and EMS services - and to help ensure they are not priced out of the places they sustain.

If enacted, the legislation would authorize each municipality in Ulster County to decide whether to adopt the exemption locally. The bill is currently before the State Legislature, and Senator Hinchey and County Executive Metzger expressed optimism about advancing the measure during the current legislative session.

CE Sullivan is now offering Bone Builders Exercise Classes in Two Locations

LIBERTY, NY - BONE BUILDERS is an exercise program designed to help individuals aged 65+ maintain bone mass and build on existing bone mass but is open to anyone concerned about their health as they age. Osteoporosis is a major public health threat for more than 44 million Americans, 80% of whom are women. A "silent disease," bone loss usually occurs without symptoms. People may not know they have osteoporosis until their bones become so fragile that a fracture occurs.

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The first program will take place weekly on Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm, from March 19 - May 21, 2026, at the Western Sullivan Public Library- 19 Center St., Jeffersonville in the Community Room. A second series of classes will begin on Thursdays from 11-12pm, from March 26 - May 7, 2026, at the Extension Education Center located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY 12754.

Class size is limited and you may only register for one of these locations by going to <https://tinyurl.com/5n6mtpy4>, or www.sullivanccce.org/events, or by calling the Caregiver Resource Center at 845-292-6180 ext. 122, or emailing sullivanccrc@cornell.edu.

The Caregiver Resource Center is a co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County and is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program.

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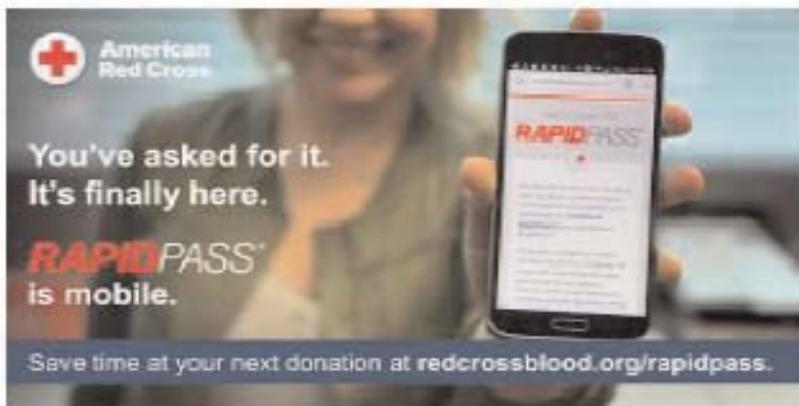
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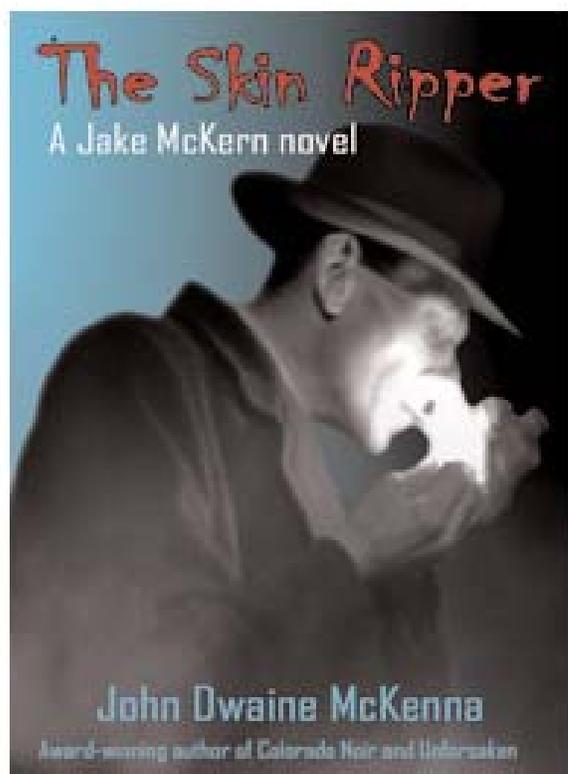


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MARCH FITNESS CALENDAR



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(EPL)
Ellenville Public Library
40 Center Street
Ellenville, NY 12428

(SH)
Ellenville Senior Housing
15 Healthy Way
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(TRF)
Trudy Resnick Farber Building
Basement Community Room
50 Center Street
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(ML)
Mamakating Library
128 Sullivan Street
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(EHA)
Ellenville Housing Authority
199 Canal Street
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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00am	***Bingocize (EPL) Starts 3/9	Breathe, Stretch, & Flex (ML)		***Bingocize (EPL) Starts 3/12	
11:00am	FIT Class (TRF)		HIIT Class (TRF)		Cardio Beat Boxing (EPL)
12:00pm		Senior Power 1/2 Hour (SH)		Senior Power 1/2 Hour (SH)	
1:30pm		Senior Power 3/4 Hour (EHA) Workout pickup 2pm-2:30pm			
4:30pm	Brain & Balance (ERH)		Strength Training (ERH)		Breathe, Stretch, & Flex (ERH) *No class 3/13*

As the weather changes, check our Facebook for updates on class cancellations.

*** Classes with an asterisk require registration with Office for The Aging (OFA)
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All other classes do not require registration, for questions please call 845-647-6400 ext. 215



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UPCOMING DATES

March 13 10:00 to 12:00PM	March 20 2:00 to 4:00PM	March 27 10:00 to 12:00PM
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NEW HORIZONS: COLORECTAL CANCER AND NUTRITION

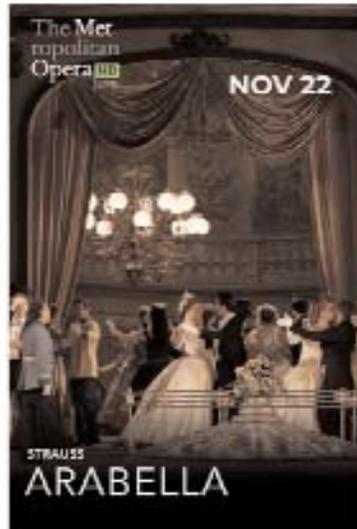


Join us as The Rural Health Network's Wellness staff will lead a conversation on the basics of colorectal cancer: facts, statistics, and the screening tools available.

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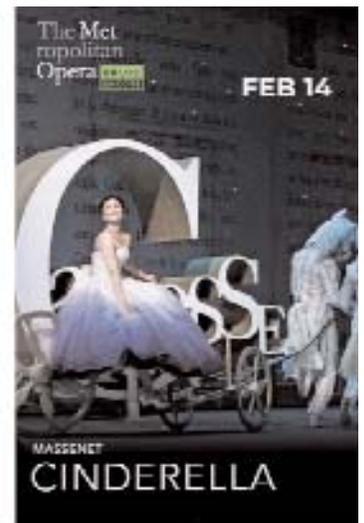
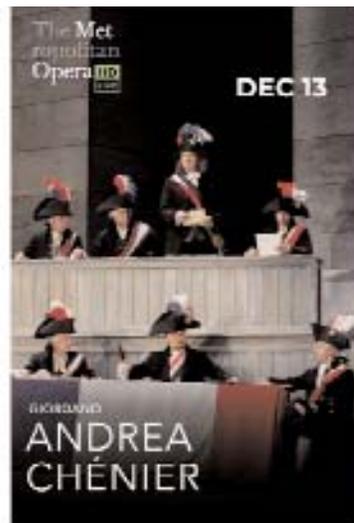


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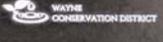
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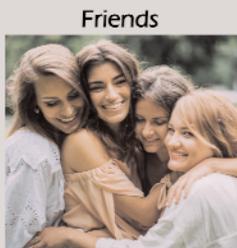
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1927 nonfiction book *The Gangs of New York*. The screenplay was written by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, and Kenneth Lonergan. The film stars **Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, and Cameron Diaz**.

In 1863, a long-running Catholic-Protestant feud erupts into violence, just as an Irish immigrant group is protesting the low wages caused by an influx of freed slaves, as well as the threat of a compulsory enlistment into the Armed Forces.

Scorsese spent 20 years developing the project until Harvey Weinstein and his production company Miramax Films acquired it in 1999.

Made in Cinecittà, Rome, and in New York, the film was completed by 2001, but its release was delayed by the September 11 attacks. Released on December 20, 2002, the film grossed \$193 million worldwide against its \$100 million budget. Reviewers praised Day-Lewis' performance, Scorsese's directing, and the film's production and costume design but criticized the story. The film received 10 Oscar nominations at the 75th Academy Awards.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Knarf Odnamoe
Gnome

Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:
Jane Austen

This weeks' Trivia question: Who played the role of Michaleen Oge Flynn, the matchmaker in *The Quiet Man*?