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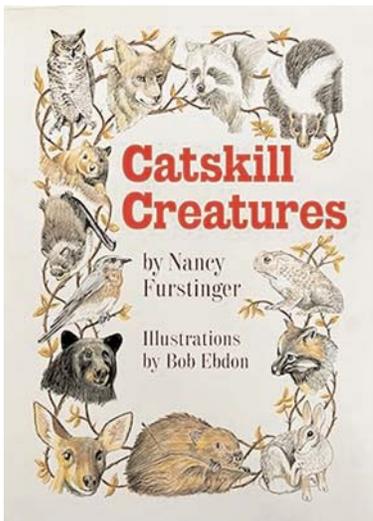
8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Sixteenth Annual Poetry Slam



From left to right): Bianna Meyer (Performance Award); Ona Thompson (Performance Award); Addie Dymond (Performance Award); Cadence Buckler (3rd Place); Lily Kopp (2nd Place); Makenzie Rainey (2nd Place); Alicia Adams (2026 Champion); Abby Kennedy (2026 Champion)

On March 11, 2026, the sixteenth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Fifty-four 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The evening event was watched by a crowd made up of parents, students, teachers, staff, and administrators. (Contd. Pg. 5)

Catskill Creatures talk by author Nancy Furstinger Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m. At the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] On Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 2 p.m. author Nancy Furstinger will give a talk on her book, *Catskill Creatures* at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville NY and virtually. Get familiar with the fascinating creatures who crawl, walk, run, swim, slither, hop and fly through your backyard, as Nancy Furstinger spotlights wildlife with intriguing facts and dramatic illustrations. Copies of her book will be available for sale in the Museum's shop. **Admission to this program is FREE for Museum Members and \$5 for non-members.** Admission to the program also includes light refreshments and Museum admission. The Museum Shop will also be open. (Contd. Pg. 5)

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OBITUARY

Violet "Sally" Rae Dlugatch

passed away Saturday morning, March 7th, 2026, after a short illness. Sally was born July 12th, 1936, in South Fallsburg to Oscar "Brick" Burger and Hazel Cross Burger, the second of three children. Sally graduated from Fallsburg High School in 1954 and immediately began working for the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) as a telephone operator until the late 1960s. In 1961, Sally met her husband, Donald "Don" Dlugatch, of 64 years. They married on February 24, 1962. Their son, John David, was born with spina bifida on September 20, 1962, and would pass away almost a year later on September 10, 1963. They had a daughter, Diane Stacy (Dlugatch) Helms, on November 9, 1964. Like many growing up in the Borscht Belt, she eventually moved on to work at The Pines Hotel as a telephone operator until 1972, connecting outside calls to hotel guests. In 1976, after being a stay-at-home mother, she began working for the Fallsburg Central School District as Cafeteria Staff until retiring in 2010. She became a grandmother on July 11, 1988, to her granddaughter Amanda (Helms) Ybañez and again later on December 25, 1989, to her grandson Robert D. Helms. She became a great grandmother on January 17, 2022, to her great granddaughter and namesake, Isla Rae Ybañez.

Sally is predeceased by her husband, Donald "Don" Dlugatch, son, John David Dlugatch, parents, Hazel & Oscar "Brick" Burger, sister, Thelma Bechuck, & son-in-law Robert A. Helms. She is survived by her daughter Diane Helms of Tupper Lake, Granddaughter Amanda (Helms) Ybañez & her husband Joseph, of Carthage, grandson, Robert "Bobby" D. Helms of Tupper Lake, Great Granddaughter, Isla R. Ybañez, Foreign Exchange Grandson, Marek Sedlák, of Bratislava, Slovakia, her sister, Janet Burger Moss of Callicoon and several nieces and nephews.

Sally was as cautious and safe as her husband was reckless and fear-

less. She was the first to tell you to be careful and the first to tell you, "I told you so" when you got hurt. She supported her husband in all his endeavors from being prominent members of the CSEA family, he as president and she as treasurer for over 20 years, to watching him shoot at the local Rod & Gun Club. She was a constant presence in her grandchildren's lives, even when they moved five hours away, coming up almost every weekend, taking them on spring breaks and for stretches of time in the summer. At 4'10" she could barely see over the steering wheel but would be your biggest advocate. She was at hockey games and volleyball games, helped her granddaughter move in and out of college dorms and the sorority house, and offered up her car for her granddaughter's road test at 16. She burnt burgers in the broiler and then blamed it on the broiler or her husband for feeding the cow too much corn and always had vanilla ice cream in the freezer. She was close with her great granddaughter, savoring daily visits and meals at the nursing home and hearing about her day. She enjoyed lively conversations with her grandson-in-law; he could always make her laugh. She lived a quiet, unassuming life and was content living in the home her father built.

Memorial visitation was at Colonial Family Funeral Home 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home for further information please call 845-437-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

March 15, 1956

The Neversink Fire Department has acquired a 1951 Miller Cadillac ambulance. At the present time the ambulance is not in service as it is now in the process of being equipped. Arrangements for its operation are being made.

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DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

March 15, 1956—Chester Hornbeck died at the age of 88 on Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Burch of Sundown. He was born January 16, 1868 at Eureka, the son of Horace and Sarah DuBois Hornbeck. On April 6, 1889 he married Trissie Smith, who survives him. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Burch of Sundown and Mrs. Ira Ter Bush of Newburgh; one son, Ralph of Grahamsville; nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

February 16, 1966

A/IC and Mrs. James Lievre of Acworth, Ga., are the parents of their first child, James Wilson Lievre, born February 3rd. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lievre are the proud paternal grandparents.

Fifty two student nurses received the Vassar Brothers School of Nursing cap at ceremonies in the Joseph T. Tower auditorium at the Poughkeepsie hospital on Friday night. Taking part in the ceremony was Miss Sandra Mae Holmes of Neversink, a Tri-Valley School graduate.

February 18, 1976

We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Nyhof and their three children to our community. The Nyhof's are from Waterloo, Iowa, and Rev. Nyhof is the new pastor of the Grahamsville and Woodbourne Reformed Church.

Art Dymond is still looking for his red '66 Chevy pickup that was lost in a pothole on Route 55. Hope you find it Art.

February 27, 1986

Kimberly Curry, a senior at Tri-Valley Central School, has been awarded a full tuition Presidential Scholarship to Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pa. She will be attending Chestnut Hill in the fall of '86 and be majoring in Liberal Arts. Kim is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry of Neversink.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barkley of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, formerly of Woodbourne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14th at a surprise party given for them by their children, sons Tom Jr., Richard and Harry and daughters, Geraldine Bowers and Marlene Lawrence, all of Sull. County. The party was held at the Black Bear Hunting Camp in Claryville.

Household Hint:

Use Ketchup to Shine Copper Pots and Pans

If you ran out of copper cleaner and want to shine up those copper bottom pots and pans, try some ketchup! Ketchup helps dissolve tarnish on copper pots and other copper cooking accessories. Just rub the sauce over the surface, and add a pinch of salt if you come across exceptionally stubborn spots.

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.

Delectably Delicious Leek

The leek in our backyard have poked their way out of the still cold soil and last fall's decaying leaves. They are starting to develop broad, smooth light green leaves. Soon deep purple or burgundy tints will be visible on the lower stems.

Leek (*Allium porrum*, family Liliaceae) have scallion like bulbs that are strongly rooted just beneath the surface of the soil. If you tear a leaf or stem and take a sniff you will recognize the strong and distinctive onion/garlic-like scent of the Wild Leek



Leek are herbaceous perennial plants that produce basal leaves 4-9" long and 1 1/2 -3 1/2" across on short petioles -leaf stalks that joins two or three leaves to the stem. The basal leaves are ovate-oval to ovate-elliptic, light to medium green, hairless, and smooth along the margins. Their petioles are reddish, hairless, and wrapped in a basal sheath below. The leaves develop during the spring and wither away by early summer.

During early to mid-summer, a cylindrical, slightly tapered, smooth and reddish to pale green flowering stalk about 1/2-1 _" tall will appear. At its base, there is a papery sheath. The stalk terminates in a single rounded umbel (flower cluster) of flowers spanning 1-2" across; there are typically 20-40 flowers per umbel. At the base of this umbel, there is a pair of deciduous bracts. Each flower is about 1/4" across, consisting of 6 translucent white tepals -a segment of the outer whorl in a flower that has no differentiation between petals and sepals. The blooming period occurs during the summer and lasts about 2 weeks. Both the flowers and foliage exude an onion-like odor. After the blooming period, the ovary of each flower matures into a 3-celled seed capsule; each cell contains a single globoid seed that becomes black at maturity. The root system consists of an ovoid bulb with fibrous roots at its base. Offsets often develop, producing identical colonies of plants.

They like rich, moist, loose soil high in organic matter and low in pH, which makes mountain hardwood forests perfect. Ramps grow in small sparsely populated patches up to densely populated areas of several acres. They are usually ready to harvest by mid March through April depending on the region and only last a month or so before wilting and disappearing.

It is extremely important to think conservatively when considering ramp harvest. In many areas where ramps were once abundant they are now rare and populations continue to be decimated by over-harvesting for ramp festivals, fundraisers, farmers market sales and by individuals who gather as much as they can for their own use. Please be gentle and use good judgment. The most sustainable way to harvest ramps is by using a knife to gently move the soil from one side of the bulb. Then, taking care not to dislodge the bulb and roots, cut the base off of the bulb leaving it with the roots in the ground. This will ensure new ramps will grow the following season.

This charming woodland herb should not be underestimated. The leaves provide lavish greens for any salad. Their delicate flavor surpasses even that of scallions or chives. The entire plant is more than simply edible: it is delectably delicious!

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published February 15, 1995

I went from primer through eighth grade in a little one-room schoolhouse in Grooville District #5. Every year a trustee meeting was held in the schoolhouse and my Dad was usually elected trustee.

A large schoolhouse wood chunk stove sat in the center of the room (up front). There were no screens on the large windows which meant insects of all kinds were as welcome as us kids and our teacher.

We were taught the Palmer method style of writing with its ovals, direct eclipse, and up-and-down movements without moving your arm (which I never did master)... and too loud whispering could earn you a sharp tap on the knuckles from your teacher's ruler. ... Most of the children brought their lunches to school in a pail.

We learned arithmetic without a calculator... and once a year we went out into the hall to be examined by the doctor as our names were called.

All holidays were observed, including Arbor Day in the spring and Valentine's Day in the winter. Valentine's Day usually brought welcome excitement. Our teacher usually brought a treat for every one. I recall a teacher bringing tiny hearts with little love messages stamped on their faces one year. But the real thrill of Valentine's Day was centered around the mailbox at the front of the room, all decorated with hearts and flowers. It would hold the dozens of valentines my schoolmates and I would make and exchange. Wall paper catalogs made the prettiest valentines as their pages were very bright and colorful.

And that was one day out of the year when a girl having a crush on a certain boy could just slip a valentine in the box and then steal a glance at him as he opened the envelope. Would he scowl or would he give her a smile? Pretty as the box was, it didn't make every one in that school room feel cheerful. In the eyes of us kids the valentine box was sort of a social reminder... one that could easily hurt tender feelings.

Rock Hill Fire District Expresses Gratitude for Community and Government Support for Emergency Shelter and Operations Center

Rock Hill, NY - March 12 2026- Steven Gottlieb, Chairman of the Rock Hill Volunteer Fire District, today expressed his heartfelt gratitude to State Senator Peter Oberacker, Assemblywoman Paula Kay, County Legislator Terry Bernardo, Town of Thompson Supervisor Scott Mace, and Village of Monticello resident Chelsea Raponi for providing letters of support for the district's Rock Hill Emergency Shelter and Operations Center project.

"The support from our community leaders and residents is invaluable," said Chairman Gottlieb. "These letters demonstrate the strong backing for a project that will enhance public safety and emergency preparedness in Rock Hill, while ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources." The Emergency Shelter and Operations Center is designed to replace the current firehouse, providing a modern, hurricane-grade facility for emergency response, evacuation coordination, and disaster preparedness. The project also has the support of Eric Abramson, Director of the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, who has provided guidance and endorsement to the district.

To fund this vital project without placing additional financial burden on local taxpayers, the Rock Hill Fire District has submitted grant applications to Congressman Josh Riley, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, and Senator Chuck Schumer. These requests aim to secure federal and state funding for the construction and operation of the Emergency Shelter and Operations Center, ensuring the safety and resilience of the community during emergencies.

Chairman Gottlieb concluded, "We are proud to work alongside local leaders, residents, and state and federal partners to make this critical facility a reality. The safety of our residents remains our top priority, and this project is a significant step toward ensuring that our community is prepared for any emergency."

8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Sixteenth Annual Poetry Slam

(From PG. 1) A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the night was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Alicia Adams and Abby Kennedy were crowned 2026 Poetry Slam champions for their poem "What Are You Going to Do Today?" Lily Kopp and Makenzie Rainey were the runners-up with their poem "Never Enough." Cadence Buckler finished in third place with her poem "Unplug." Finally, Addie Dymond and Ona Thompson and their poem "We're Just Two Middle School Girls" and Bianna Meyer and her poem "Childhood" shared the Performance Award.

The event was hosted by 9th grade student Brea Sheeley, last year's Performance Award winner. Mrs. Bridget Corso-Tri-Valley ELA Teacher-served as the event's guest poet. She performed his poem titled "Strangers on a Train."

Judges for the Poetry Slam included 2025 Poetry Slam 3rd Place finishers, Sam Carroll, Emily Hadden, and Justice Whitted; 2025 Poetry Slam 2nd Place finisher, Anthony Jacobs, Jr.; and 2024 Poetry Slam Champions Avery Carrier, Grace Nichols, and Abby Rusin.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam was organized by 8th grade ELA teachers Matt Haynes and Caitlyn Robillard, 8th grade special education teacher Deb Swett, and 8th grade ELA student teacher Kevin See.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget!

Catskill Creatures talk by author Nancy Furstinger

(From Pg. 1)

To join the program virtually, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Catskill Creatures in the subject line, or call 845 985-7700. A link will be sent to you. Non-members are asked to please first make a donation on the Museum's website: www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/donate.

About the Author: Nancy Furstinger has been speaking up for animals since she learned to talk, and she hasn't shut up yet. She is the author of nearly 100 books, including many on her favorite topic: animals! She started her writing career in third grade, when her class performed a play she wrote while recovering from chicken pox. Since then, Nancy has been a feature writer for a daily newspaper, a managing editor of trade and consumer magazines, and an editor at two children's book publishing houses. She shares her home with big dogs, house rabbits, and a chinchilla (all rescued), and volunteers with several animal organizations. Visit her website at www.nancyfurstinger.com.

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. 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.

Fallsburg CSD to Host Spring Family Engagement Day

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is excited to announce that they will be hosting their Spring Family Engagement Day on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School. All are welcome to attend the free-of-charge event, which will include live music, fun games for the children, food, and raffle prizes! There will also be a clothing drive and community organizations providing informational resources.

Free transportation by Rolling V Transportation Services will be provided for this event. Here are the following pick-up times and locations:

Bus One

10:15 am: Mountindale Post Office

10:30 am: Woodridge Town Hall

10:45 am: Woodbourne Fireman's Parking Lot

2:00 pm: Drop-Off - Return in opposite direction

Bus Two

10:00 am: Loch Sheldrake Municipal Parking Lot

10:15 am: Hurleyville Post Office

10:30 am: Laurel Avenue by Apartments

10:40 am: Griff Court
10:50 am: Main Street Houses in South Fallsburg
2:00 pm: Drop-Off - Return in opposite direction

Pop-up Concert, Sunday, March 22, 2pm at the Sullivan County Museum featuring Sullivan County's own Blues Legend, Slam Allen!

The internationally renowned blues guitarist, Slam Allen, is returning to the Sullivan County Museum! Slams music is a mix of Soul, R&B, some originals and a touch of Rock and Roll. He delivers powerful soul stirring performances! Slam's voice echoes Otis Redding, and his guitar playing immerses you in B.B. King state of mind.

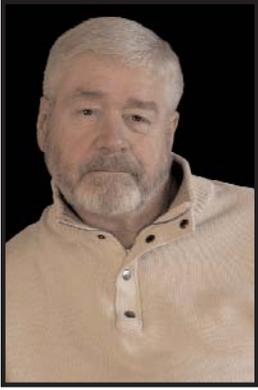
Growing up, Slam played drums for the Monticello based family soul band "The Allen Brothers". Later on he learned guitar from his Dad, Harrison Allen and his Uncle, Cecil Allen. The family knew they had a special talent.

Today, Slam has 6 cd's to his credit, and tours the globe playing festivals from Argentina to New York, Italy to Florida, Switzerland to Chicago, and beyond.

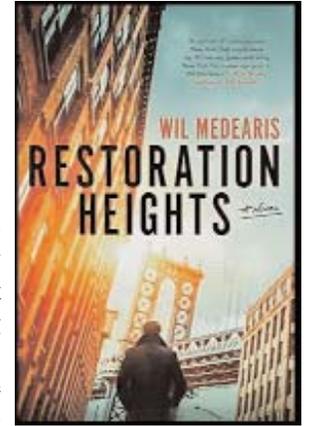
Join us this Sunday, March 22nd, from 2-4pm at the Sullivan County Museum. Refreshments will be served, and the Museum will be open for tours.

This free performance is sponsored by the Frederick Cook Society, Donations are always appreciated.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. Call 845-434-8044 for more information. Little Sparrow will host the event, and there is more info on their Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/littlesparrowny/>



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 171
Restoration Heights
Mysterious Book Report No. 367
 by John Dwaine McKenna
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Gentrification is a recently coined term that describes the displacement of blue collar, working-class residents from their long established city neighborhoods by newer and wealthier persons who've moved in and bought houses where the people with less money used to live. It's a contributing cause of homelessness, and it's happening in every major city in America. One of the most notable examples is found in New York City, where whole

neighborhoods are being gobbled up and their character destroyed by huge influxes of hip, upwardly mobile and prosperous move-ins. The social friction and unrest caused by that kind of displacement is the subject of a compelling and thoughtfully written debut novel that combines social commentary with dramatic crime fiction.

Restoration Heights, (Hanover Square Press, \$26.99, 330 pages, ISBN 978-1-335-21872-8) by Wil Medearis, takes place in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. It's where we meet Reddick, a white guy living in the traditionally black neighborhood that's deep in the throes of gentrification. Reddick's a struggling artist, drawn to the area eight years earlier by the cheap rent and large studio spaces. He makes his expense and rent money working as an art handler, where he installs, takes down, crates up and stores, priceless works of art for some of the city's richest families. As such, he rubs elbows with both the ultra-rich, as well as the ultra-average black citizens with whom he plays basketball at the local YMCA every spare moment. By accident, Reddick is the last person to see Hannah, the fiancé of Buckley Seward, heir to the largest fortune of the entire art-collecting community in New York. When the Seward family refuses to call in the police, Reddick takes it upon himself to solve the young woman's disappearance and possible murder. This simple act of compassion and caring about a seemingly disposable person puts Reddick deep into the cross-currents and riptides of high society where wealth and power and influence trump all; where face and social standing are more important than the lives of common folk. It's where the brine is deep and money-fueled megalodons prey upon the unprepared and the unwary. **Restoration Heights** is a startling, complex and auspicious first novel from a young wordsmith who's bound to become a force in the literary world!

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**John Dwaine McKenna's Books
are now available at the
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The image displays five book covers by John Dwaine McKenna arranged in a grid-like fashion. From left to right: 'The Skin Ripper' (A Jaku McKenna novel) featuring a man in a hat; 'The Neversink Chronicles' (The John Dwaine McKenna series) featuring a vintage car; 'Colorado Noir' featuring a night scene with a car; 'Unforsaken' featuring a skull; and 'The Whim-Wham Man' featuring a man on a train track.

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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda



Photo-Bomb

I am old enough that my baby photos are black and white in 3 1/2 inch squares with rippled edges. Somewhere in my childhood, color photos were more common with parents buying Kodak film in twelve or twenty-four print rolls of film that had to be taken to a drug store or sent away in pre-paid folders. The day photos arrived was one of excitement as we searched through for possible two or three good ones.

These photos, good, bad, and ugly, were then added to scrapbooks and photo albums.

These photo albums were then relegated to closets, bookshelves, and drawers.

Our photos were chronicled and warehoused if we were efficient. Many times, they were simply put in a box or envelope to do sometime when we had more time.

Then came the possibility of photo books which, like albums, got shelved somewhere.

With the advent of smart phones, we could take photos and store them (in memory or in cloud) and even send them to others who could delete them or store them on their phones or cloud.

We photograph everything nowadays: meals, feet in sandy places, selfies, sunsets, and family gatherings. Mostly, I photograph pill bottles to enlarge large enough to read.

What are we going to do with all these records of the moments of our lives?

Perhaps we are diminishing the first hand experiences of our lives by replicating them in photos.

Skim through your photos sometime and critically look at what you have chosen to save. Ask yourself what is worth saving.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

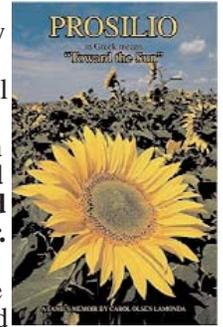
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read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

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Many Thanks to Central Hudson!

Grant paves the way for expanded DPL adult programming

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMASVILLE-It is with great pleasure that we announce Central Hudson Gas & Electric's generous financial contribution to this year's Daniel Pierce Library's Adult Programming.

"Partnering with the Daniel Pierce Library on the 2026 Adult Enrichment Initiative Program is an exciting opportunity to support meaningful learning and engagement for adults across our region. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to expanding access to educational resources and strengthening community connections. We are proud to stand alongside the library as they launch this important program," Jerry Nappi, Director of Public Affairs for Central Hudson Gas & Electric, said.

Central Hudson's philanthropic model "strives to improve the quality of life and help make a difference through strategic investments in nonprofit organizations throughout the mid-Hudson Valley," according to their online statement, and has successfully "contributed to the health, education and wellness of children and families throughout the area." Interestingly, Central Hudson services a 2,600 square mile territory in NY, from the suburbs of NYC to the Capital District near Albany, with nearly 400,000 customers.

"The Daniel Pierce Library is truly grateful to Central Hudson for their continued support and commitment to our library through this grant. Their investment helps us to expand our programs and services, which benefit our community," Daniel Pierce Library Manager, Cathy Russo, said. "We are thankful for this partnership," She added.

DPL Community Programs Associate, Nicole Richardson, seconded Russo's comment, adding, "the library is very fortunate to have the continued support from Central Hudson. It's businesses like these that allow us to continue our mission of providing



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excellent library services to the Tri-Valley community. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our community; whether that be through financial contributions, donations of goods, services and time or from patrons utilizing the library and attending our programs."

The grant will be utilized to expand upon current adult programming and services offered and to explore options for new programs.

In a time when libraries across the country are facing financial crisis due to increased costs and reduced funding, it's remarkable to be in the position to make such announcements. But that is also, as we've come to know, the special hallmark of our library. When faced with hardship, it is the tenacity of our community, of our patrons, friends, families and volunteers who support our unending mission, and for that, thank you! Thank you to Central Hudson, thank you to all our supporters-no matter how large or small the contribution, without it, we wouldn't be the same.



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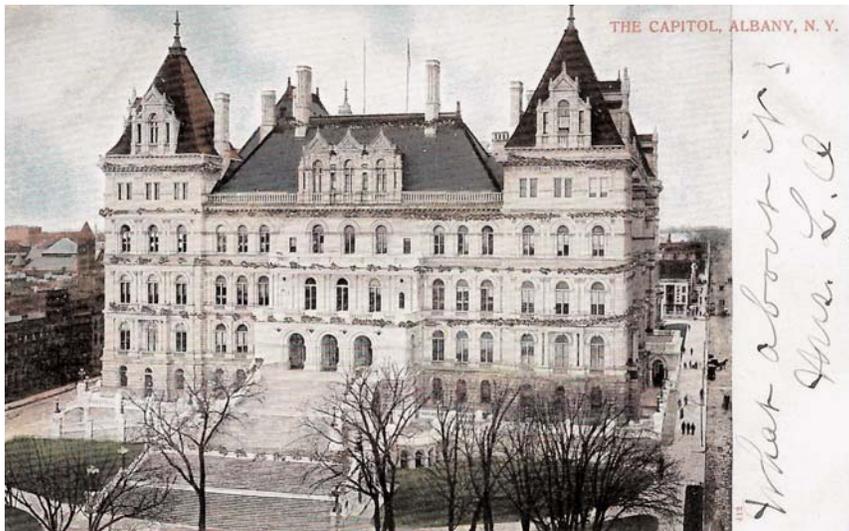
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News From Time & the Valleys Museum #6

Lynn M. Priebe



So many mysteries! That is what we encounter when we try to understand what has come before. There are always new things to discover and so much more to learn. It is particularly true when studying the events of the Revolutionary War on the frontier. Who had time to write when trying to survive? And when they did, was the account one sided? It would be very important to know since as mentioned in article number 4, Patriots, Loyalists or Native Americans would see the same events differently.



"New York State Capitol building before 1911 fire.

on a small scale every day, but a catastrophic loss to the State of New York occurred on March 29, 1911 just after midnight when fire broke out in the New York State Assembly Library located in the State Capitol building. It quickly spread to the precious State library collection. By dawn, it was finally out. Much of the building was saved, but the night watchman had died and the library was almost a complete loss. The cause was determined to be defective wiring in the ornate building which had been completed in 1899. At the time the collection was considered the fifth largest in the United States! An estimated 450,000 books and 270,000 manuscripts and irreplaceable documents of colonial and early state history were lost. It has been called the greatest library disaster in modern times. An irony is that the collection had been due to be moved to the new Education building that was being erected, by January 1, 1911, but because of construction delays the move had been changed to September of that year!

On a visit to the Capitol in 2003, my daughter and I were first made aware of the fire as the tour guide pointed out the the burn marks on the beautiful grand staircase leading to the third and fourth floors that had housed the library. As a lover of history, it made me very sad. We should all be sad. Nothing can be done to recover those records, but much more exists that can be in danger. Families may possess the key to solving many mysteries from the past. Keep that in mind as you wonder what to do with old family documents. Consider sharing them with historical groups. They can be copied or scanned and still be yours. We all are historians!

Our coming frontier exhibit must be as accurate as possible. How do we achieve our goals? It takes much research and our team has been involved in the effort for over a year. We have searched our book collection, local historical societies, battle sites and documents that can be accessed on line. When doing so, we have found stories that are not consistent and often very incomplete. It is a never-ending search.

The best choices to learn what happened are primary sources that were created at the time or shortly afterwards. These would be reports to government, official documents, letters to family members, diaries or journals, newspaper stories and books written by participants or their descendants. These sources also have their limitations. Spelling of names was not consistent, locations not pinpointed and viewpoints varied.

Those problems are nothing compared to the complete destruction of sources. That happens



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Community Dinner**

—William A. Brenner, Esq.

The enthusiastic and energetic members of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church served a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in their Social Hall behind the church on Friday, March 13, 2026 and a welcoming and hungry community packed the place.

In addition, there was a separate long line for "take outs". Advance ticket sales give little indication of how large the "show up at the door" crowd there would be.

Fortunately, the planner over ordered and there was enough for everyone - and for "seconds". An indication of how large a crowd would come was that at opening time at 4:00 pm, the church parking lot was filled and by 4:30, so was the Time and Valley Museum and Daniel Pierce Library across the way, and parking on Route 55.

The friendly crowd waited patiently as the church folk scrambled to fill orders, seat and serve people and clean and reset tables. Many folks volunteered to help. And many youngsters volunteered on the spot to help serve, set up and clean up.

And the wait was well worth it as the aroma of corned beef and cabbage filled the room and lively Irish music filled the hall. But there was no room or time for dancing.

A special "Hoo Hah!" goes to the overworked crew of cooks and chef consisting of Jason McCarthy, who cooked the corned beef the night before. Cutting and cooking the carrots and potatoes and lots and lots of cabbage was Chris Gibson and Kevin and Cathy Murphy.

The frantic kitchen crew and serving consisted of somewhere between 10 to 15 people.

Everything was well cooked, soft and delicious, serve with coffee, tea and finish with Irish Soda Bread.

For desert, the women had cooked brownies and cake served with globs of ice cream.

And a word of thanks to Pastor Harriet for her enthusiasm and encouragement.

Victoria Eddings who is on the Board of Trustees, cheerfully announced that it has been six (6) years since the Grahamsville United Methodist Church held a community dinner.

Tammie Short is the president of the Board of Trustees. Perhaps this church dinner is the start or continuation of our community renaissance.

**Forestburg Fire Department #1 Starts
St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinners
with an Overwhelming Takeout**

—William A. Brenner, Esq.

Arriving in a heavy fog with occasional rain, well before 7:00 pm, the parking lot was full and there were two long lines of folks dressed in green or jeans with suspenders waiting patiently for seating at the table (a long line) or for take outs (an even longer line).

Inside the firehouse was friendly, neighborly, bedlam, one grey-haired lady with a green top hat smiled and said "it happens every year".

"The secret is in the cooking and the food", said Millie Hogue, the concierge of the dessert table.

"The cabbage is cooked in the brine of the corned beef."

The food line, separate and distant from the take out line, was buffet style with firemen and ladies auxiliary ladling out portions of small potatoes, cooked carrots, steamed cabbage and finally generous slices of steamed corned beef - followed by fresh rye bread.

One fireman, wearing a green apron with a leprechaun patch, while slicing the corned beef said, "It's a good thing we decided to over order." (Contd. Pg. 14)



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(From Pg. 13) At a second long table was the spicy mustard, soda, coffee and tea, At the end were four (4) sheet cakes with white and green icing and carrot cake generously contributed by ShopRite.

According the feisty Millie Hogue, all four (4) sheets of thinly sliced cakes and the carrot cake were gone before the evening was over.

I was told, several take out were delivered to the 911 staff on duty. Seemed like all the politicians, including Sheriff Mike Schiff and District Attorney Brian P. Conaty were more interested in eating than politicking.

The waitresses, young and old, male and female were rushing around the overcrowded meeting hall, cleaning up and setting up tables with placemats and silverware.

According to Ms. Hogue, the crowd must have been, including 180 take outs, over 300 people.

However, at around 10:00 pm. At the end of the cabbage and corned beef dinner, a happily exhausted and frazzled fireman, Al Devlin, who was one of those in charge, said there were about 250 take outs, and over 400 people came. And, some even had "seconds".

Mr. Devlin described the planning for this simple neighborly dinner. Besides all the prep work, there were 4 rotated firemen in the kitchen and 4 serving. The members of the Forestburg Fire Department are deeply appreciative of the enthusiastic assistance of the Boy Scouts and the many senior students from Monticello Central High School and students from Port Jervis High School, most of whom were working on their community projects.

This was a fun, but exhausting community effort that everyone can be proud of. This writer's own Grahamsville and Neversink Fire Departments are having their annual Pancake Breakfast at the Neversink Fire House on March 22nd from 7:00 am until Noon.

And the Claryville Fire Department up the hill has a delicious Pancake and Sausage breakfast the 3rd Sunday of each month.



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DEC Reminds New Yorkers: Statewide Residential Brush Burning Prohibition Starts March 16

Annual Spring Burn Ban Reduces Wildfire Risks, Protects Lives and Property

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that the annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning begins March 16 and runs through May 14. Since 2009, DEC enforces the annual brush burning ban to prevent wildfires and protect communities and first responders during heightened conditions for wildfires.

"Many of us are looking forward to spring weather after a very cold winter, but with the warming temperatures comes increased fire risk," Commissioner Lefton said. "That's why we're once again asking all New Yorkers to abide by the two-month-long burn ban. The more careful you are with fire, the better we can protect our communities and natural resources as well as our Forest Rangers and firefighters across the state."

Even though some areas of the state are damp or remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can quickly cause wildfire conditions to arise.

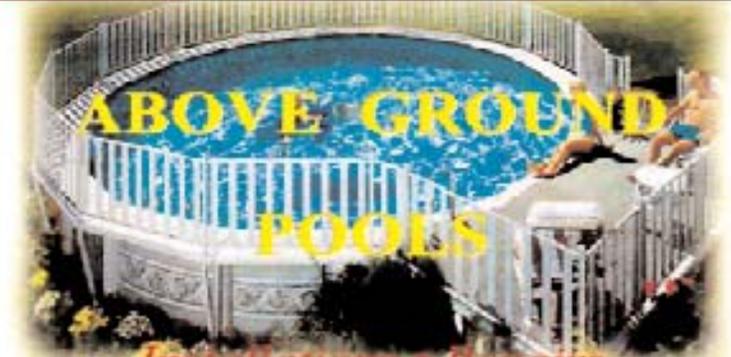
Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

Each year, DEC Forest Rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments, many of which are staffed by volunteers, all too often must leave their jobs and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires. DEC continually updates a Fire Danger Map on DEC's website as a resource to view local conditions.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur. Backyard fire pits and campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. People should never leave these fires unattended and must extinguish them. Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York State.

For more information about fire safety and prevention in homes and communities, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York webpage.

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Monticello, NY - With the New York State Burn Ban running this year from March 16 to May 14, Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild is emphasizing the fact that open burning isn't just illegal –it's incredibly dangerous.



This was just some of the damage caused by a brush fire in Westbrookville a few years ago, and local fire departments are bracing for numerous callouts, should residents not heed the current Statewide burn ban.

“Snow and ice are still around, but vegetation is really dry and easily set aflame by sparks and ash,” he explained. “I’m urging everyone to avoid open burning and the consequences that can come with it: callouts of local fire departments, damage to plants and properties, and injuries –including death. Even if you start a fire accidentally, you can be held legally liable for the consequences.”

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in the State. For details on the burn ban, visit the DEC's website at

[https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning.](https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning)

Sullivan 180 Hosts Building & Grounds Workshop Sharing Best Practices, Tools, and Strategies to Enhance Community Spaces

[BETHEL, NY] - School Buildings & Grounds staff, Parks and Recreation crews, and municipal employees from across Sullivan County gathered to learn practical information, tips, and best practices to help maintain public spaces and work more efficiently and effectively.

Participants networked, exchanged ideas, and learned about tools and resources that can help them maintain safe, welcoming, and well-kept parks, school campuses, and public areas throughout the county. Workshop sessions were led by industry professionals from a variety of backgrounds.

Chris Sitko, Manager of Golf Facilities & Athletic Sports Turf at Cornell University, presented on turf management, offering guidance on maintaining healthy, resilient lawns and athletic fields. Josh Cunningham, Grounds Superintendent at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, led a discussion on snow removal strategies, emphasizing practices that help minimize spring cleanup and reduce the need for additional maintenance. He also shared time-saving tools that have proven effective for crews. Chris Franke of Mullally Tractor Sales in Jeffersonville introduced robotic equipment used in grounds maintenance, along with other equipment options designed to assist with day-to-day operations.

Carmela Hugel, Beautification Program Manager at Sullivan 180, discussed the benefits of public spaces for community health and shared information about the organization's beautification resources and programs that support schools and municipalities in enhancing public spaces.

“Workshops like this not only provide practical skills and resources, but they also strengthen community pride and foster collaboration among everyone dedicated to keeping Sullivan County's schools, parks, and public spaces safe, welcoming, and beautiful,” said Carmela. “Seeing teams share ideas and work together reminds us how much we can achieve when we combine expertise, creativity, and a commitment to our community.”

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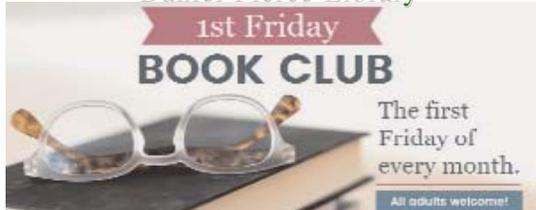
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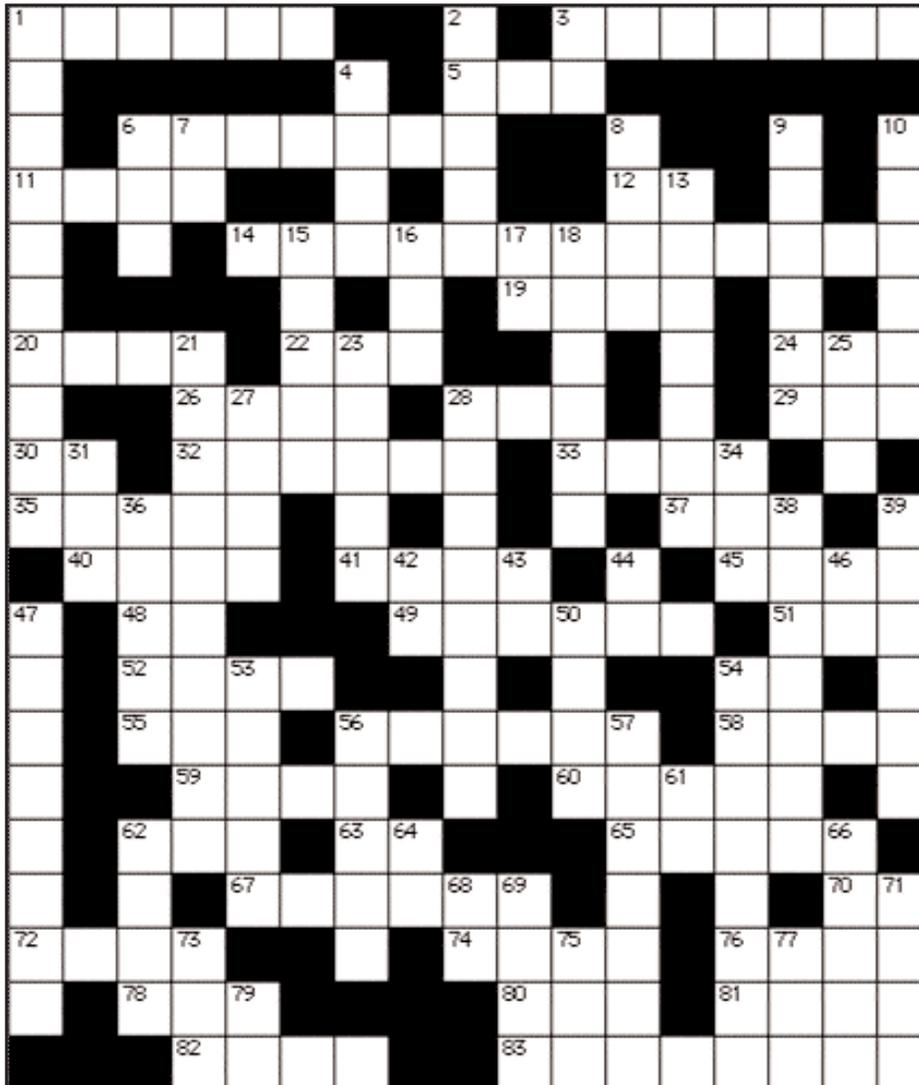
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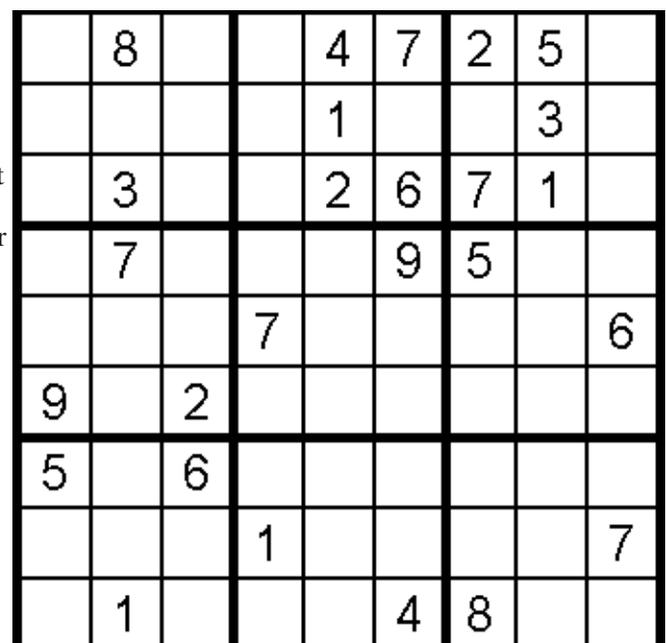
Slowly whisk in 6 cups of broth then simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Whisk together egg yolks and 2/3 cup cream until blended then slowly whisk mixture into soup, a little at a time. Raise heat and bring to a near boil. Stir until thickened. Salt and pepper to taste.

Whip remaining 1/3 cup cream; top each serving with a generous spoonful and garnish with minced wild leek leaves. Serves 6.

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

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Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
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Worship Service 9:30 am
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845-985-7480

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Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041
Worship Services @ 10:15 am

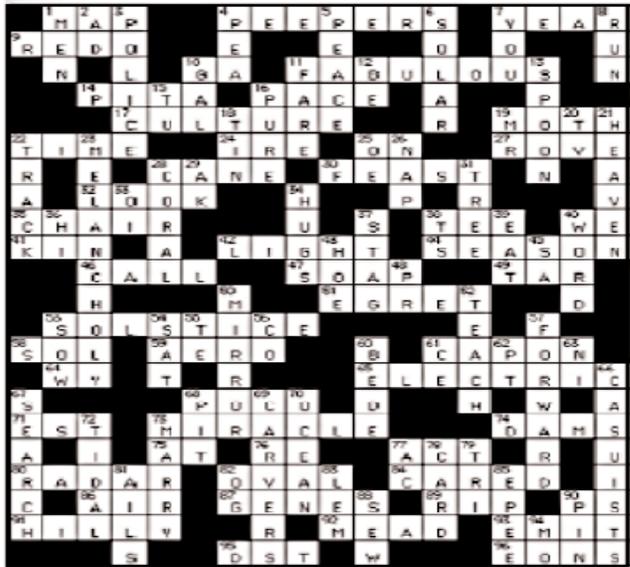


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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NFX drives bold, high-impact research to discover and develop targeted treatments for **neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1)**
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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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 For information call 845-434-8044.

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
4/21/2026	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 4/10/2026)

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>

**Weekly Update For The Week Of
 March 16, 2026 - March 20, 2026**

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17 No Meetings

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 AM - Ulster County Workforce Development Board, at the Office of Employment & Training, 521 Boices Lane, Kingston

5:30 PM - Democratic Caucus, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

6:30 PM - Republican Caucus, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,

[Kingstonyoutube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature](https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature)

7:05 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026, A Local Law Amending § 312-4 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Partial County Tax Exemption On Residences Of Senior Land Owners With Limited Income

7:10 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2026, A Local Law Establishing A Demonstration Program Imposing Owner Liability For Failure Of An Operator Of A Vehicle In Ulster County to Stop For A School Bus Displaying A Red Visual Signal And Stop-Arm

7:15 PM - Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2026, A Local Law Amending Section A38-3(A)-(D) Of The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster To Reflect A Change of Name Of The Workforce Investment Board To The Workforce Development Board And To Change The Residency Requirement Of The Board

Immediately Following Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Thursday, March 19

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

6:00 PM - Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Zero Waste Committee, at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, 999 Flatbush Road, Kingston, & livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/@ucrra5008>

Friday, March 20 No Meetings



SULLIVAN COUNTY DMV
 mobile unit
 on location 10:00am - 3:00pm

2026 Winter Schedule

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

<p>JEFFERSONVILLE</p> <p>Tues January 6</p> <p>Tues February 3</p> <p>Tues March 3</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>19 Legion St Jeffersonville, NY</p>	<p>WURTSBORO</p> <p>Thurs January 22</p> <p>Thurs February 19</p> <p>Thurs March 19</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>2946 US 209 Wurtsboro, NY</p>
<p>LIVINGSTON MANOR</p> <p>Tues January 13</p> <p>Tues February 10</p> <p>Tues March 10</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>65 Main St Livingston Manor, NY</p>	<p>GRAHAMSVILLE</p> <p>Thurs January 8</p> <p>Thurs February 5</p> <p>Thurs March 5</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>377 Main St Grahamsville, NY</p>
<p>NARROWSBURG</p> <p>Tues January 20</p> <p>Tues February 17</p> <p>Tues March 17</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>20 Bridge St Narrowsburg, NY</p>	<p>HORTONVILLE</p> <p>Thurs January 15</p> <p>Thurs February 12</p> <p>Thurs March 12</p> <p>Registration Appts Only</p> <p>108 Lower Main St Hortonville, NY</p>
<p>LIBERTY</p> <p>Tues January 27</p> <p>Tues February 24</p> <p>Tues March 24</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>15 Sullivan Ave Liberty, NY</p>	<p>BLOOMINGBURG</p> <p>Thurs January 29</p> <p>Thurs February 26</p> <p>Thurs March 26</p> <p>License & Registration Appts</p> <p>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
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- 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!



Coffee House Social

for Seniors 65+

**An Honor Society Project
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Refreshments, Coffee & Hot Cocoa Bar

Live Music - FREE EVENT



Sunday, March 22, 2026

4-6 pm

St. Mary's St. Andrew's Church

Parish Hall

137 South Main Street, Ellenville, NY

**RSVP by March 20th by emailing
aaronmedwards845@gmail.com or
by calling 845-866-1689.**

High School Students Grades 9-12 are invited to volunteer.
Documentation for services hours will be provided upon request.
To sign up to volunteer, contact Jennifer at 845-866-1689.

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.

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

Pledge Rules

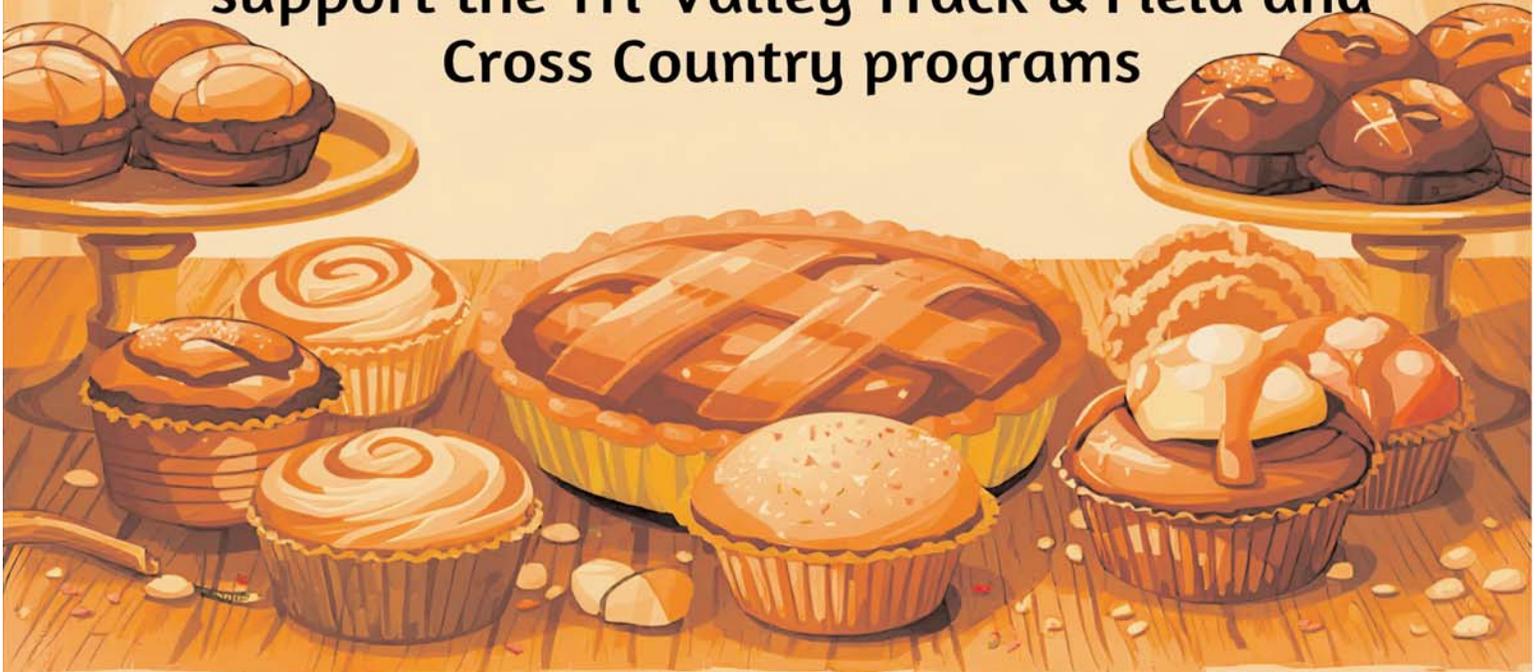
1. Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of parent or guardian on the form.
 2. Each participant should encourage as many sponsors as possible. Sponsors may pledge as much as they wish.
 3. The Sponsor Pledge Form must be returned by 8:30 am on the day of the event.
 4. Pledges must be 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.
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Bake Sale Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 26th
9am - Noon**

Grahamsville Firehouse

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Supporting Tri-Valley Track & Field and Cross Country Program

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DEC Issues Recreational Use Advisory for Adirondack and Catskills Backcountry Regions

*Recreationists Are Cautioned on
Unstable, Dynamic Conditions in
the Adirondacks and Catskills*

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) advises the public to exercise an abundance of caution when recreating in the Adirondack and Catskill backcountry areas, including the High Peaks Wilderness Area, and consider alternative plans or adjusting your travel dates.

Warmer temperatures and rain have contributed to intense, severe, and dynamic conditions across the Adirondacks and Catskills. Key winter routes are now impassable due to washed out bridges, thawed water crossings, and flooding. Even navigable trails present additional hazards, as compacted snow may appear to be a solid surface but often leads to post holing or sinking through to the ground level. This can happen with boots, skis, and even snowshoes. DEC staff have encountered up to two feet of standing water on frozen lake surfaces, damage to high water bridge crossings, and snow slides on steep terrain.

On the Calamity Brook Trail, the high-water bridge 1.8 miles from the Flowed Lands, is now washed out and impassable. Water crossings that are frozen and reliable in the winter should no longer be considered safe. These areas also present additional hazards as high snowbanks and ice must be navigated to get down to water level for crossing.

Water crossing conditions can change dramatically throughout the day, especially on warm and rainy days. A passable stream at the start of a hike can quickly become a life-threatening crossing on the way out. The East Branch of the Neversink River in the Town of Denning, Ulster County, has been quick to rise and fall.

DEC is committed to providing updates to backcountry conditions but urge recreationists to reconsider backcountry excursions while conditions remain unstable. Each year, experienced backcountry hikers unnecessarily risk their lives attempting to cross dangerous water crossings in order to avoid a longer trip in the backcountry. DEC advises all recreationists to know your route and multiple alternatives, be prepared to wait for water levels to lower, and plan on longer-than-anticipated detours.

If you do venture out there, remember to Hike Smart NY! Inform loved ones of your detailed trip itinerary, travel with an experienced hiking partner, and pack headlamps, emergency shelter, additional food and non-cotton clothing, along with the rest of the 10 Essentials systems. To learn more about hiking safety essentials, visit DEC's Hike Smart NY webpage.

Stay up-to-date with backcountry conditions and advisory updates on DEC's website

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Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Protect Seniors' Savings

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), the top Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee, along with Senators Andy Kim (D-NJ), Susan Collins (R-ME), and Dave McCormick (R-PA), introduced the bipartisan Senior Security Act to help stop financial predators from scamming America's seniors. This bipartisan legislation would protect seniors' savings by creating a Senior Investor Task Force within the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to offer recommendations for strengthening protections and safeguards for senior investors.

"Senior investors deserve to be protected, especially as scammers increasingly target older Americans, robbing them of their hard-earned savings and stealing their personal information," said Senator Gillibrand. "As the top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Aging Committee, I've seen firsthand the devastating impact these scams have on older Americans and their families, and how far too often federal agencies remain unprepared to address the specific needs of older populations. Our Senior Security Act would establish a dedicated task force to better protect investors over the age of 65 and help create the stronger protections that our seniors and their families deserve. I am proud to introduce this legislation and will fight to get it across the finish line."

"Scammers are preying on our seniors, stealing billions of dollars from Americans' hard-earned retirement savings. Aging with dignity and security shouldn't be too much to ask for in our country. We need this legislation and task force to take targeted and thorough action to confront these crimes and stand up for our nation's seniors," said Senator Kim. "As a Senator representing the oldest state in the country, I have consistently worked to fight fraud and financial exploitation targeted at older Americans," said Senator Collins. "This bipartisan bill would ensure that the Securities and Exchange Commission has the expertise needed to coordinate the efforts of state authorities and regulators to reduce the risk of senior investors being defrauded."

"Pennsylvania seniors deserve to be protected from scammers looking to steal their retirement savings," said Senator McCormick. "I'm proud to work across the aisle to give the Securities and Exchange Commission stronger tools to crack down on fraud and ensure our seniors are not targets of financial scammers."

The Senior Security Act was also introduced and passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by Reps. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05) and Ann Wagner (R-MO-02). The bill is endorsed by AARP.

According to the FBI, seniors lost \$4.8 billion in 2024 to frauds and scams. The Senior Security Act would create a dedicated Senior

Investor Task Force to holistically coordinate across SEC divisions, consult with state and federal regulators, and issue a public report to Congress every two years outlining trends, enforcement actions, regulatory gaps, and legislative recommendations related to investors over the age of 65. The bill also directs the Government Accountability Office to conduct a comprehensive study on the economic costs, frequency, and reporting gaps associated with senior financial exploitation.

Senator Gillibrand has worked to prevent financial fraud throughout her time in office. As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, she has led the fight to protect seniors from frauds and scams, raised awareness about predatory scammers targeting seniors, and demanded answers from those attempting to cut funding for agencies like the CFPB. She has also introduced legislation such as the National Strategy for Combating Scams Act, the Stop the Scammers Act, the Senior Financial Empowerment Act, and the DO NOT CALL Act, as well as the SNAP Theft Protection Act, the core of which was passed into law in 2022.

The full text of the Senior Security Act can be found here.

<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/EHF261791.pdf>

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Farm Arts Collective *My Bookish Friends* A Literary Series Sunday, March 29 at 2 PM

Damascus, PA-- Farm Arts Collective is launching a literary series in 2026 that will feature book readings, conversations, and signings by authors we admire and love.

To kick-off the series, we will feature readings and conversations with two unique theatre writers: NYC activist and playwright Karen Malpede, author of "Last Radiance: Radical Lives Bright Deaths" & NACL's Brad Krumholz who wrote an unique theatre training book called "Why Do Actors Train?" The event will be moderated by theatre practitioner and scholar, Mimi McGurl. The readings will be interspersed with questions and conversation with attendees to create a lively discussion surrounding the authors, their books, and the ideas being put forth. Following the readings and conversation, there will be mingling, refreshments, and book signings.

Last Radiance: Radical Lives, Bright Deaths by Karen Malpede

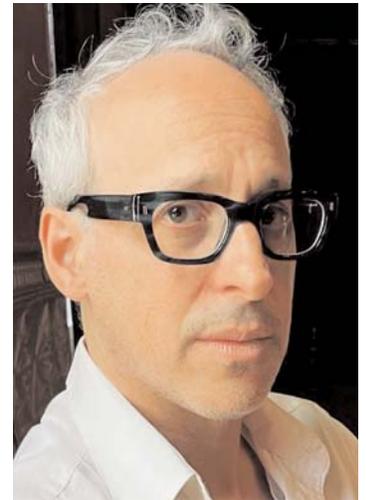
After the protagonist's violent father dies a harrowing death, she leaves home determined to become an artist. Her path takes her through the reckless, libertine world of the New York avant-garde and into the deeply committed realm of the ecofeminist pacifist left. There, she bears witness to the bright deaths of Julian Beck and Barbara Deming and finds her life partner: the brilliant actor-producer George Bartenieff. Together, they create boundary-pushing theatre that confronts the biggest issues of our time-war, climate change, collective historical trauma-while unearthing George's past as a hidden child in Nazi Germany. This memoir traces lives lived at full intensity: radical love, fearless art, deep community, and the painful beauty of last things. It invites readers into the underworld of grief and dying, offering lessons in presence, remembrance, and the urgent need to confront a failing medical system with courage and care. New York playwright, Karen Malpede says "Last Radiance is my love letter to the cultural avant-garde and pacifist left. This is my love letter to George Bartenieff, Julian Beck and so many more. This is my love letter to all of us who have sought a better world and live to make that happen."



Why Do Actors Train? (Bloomsbury, 2023) by Brad Krumholz

NACL's founding artistic director, Brad Krumholz powerfully demystifies the actor-training process by focusing on acting as embodied cognition. Engaging with ideas of contemporary significance from neuroscience, psychology, linguistics, and philosophy, *Why Do Actors Train?* challenges the outmoded dualistic notions of body and mind that permeate common conceptions of how actors work. In this framework, thought is action and action is thought. Krumholz uses the frame of embodied cognition to ana-

lyze which specific skills are being developed through several acting exercises. He bypasses typical acting-coach encouragements to "stop thinking" and "get out of your head," instead insisting that all acting is always already both physical and mental. Through detailed, step-by-step analyses of specific actor-training exercises, the author examines the tools that actors use to bring life and meaning to the stage. This book provides theatre practitioners and scholars alike with a new lens to re-examine the craft of acting, offering a framework to understand the art form as one that is fundamentally grounded in embodied experience. This is a must-read book for anyone interested in the intersections of philosophy, theatre, and psychology, as well as anyone who has ever wondered what the point of seemingly-trivial acting exercises is.



The event will take place Sunday, March 29 at 2 PM
Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane, Damascus, PA 18415

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can at the Door

More info: www.farmartscollective.org

Tague Backs 10-Bill Package to Fix Failing HALT Act and Staff Shortages

Assembly Minority introduces legislative package mirroring recommendations from state-commissioned HALT Committee

Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C-Schoharie) offered his remarks following the Republican Assembly press conference unveiling the 10-bill package to reform the failing HALT Act and tackle the ongoing correctional staffing crisis.

"Gov. Hochul and her progressive allies turned our prisons into war zones with the reckless HALT Act. Violent inmates have been emboldened, and our correctional officers have been left defenseless against record assaults and brutal mandatory overtime. A year ago, she promised bipartisan fixes, but that was a lie. She ignored the recommendations in her budget and hasn't even mentioned them since. She did, however, fire 2,000 officers in a spiteful move that worsened the chaos her policies created," said Tague.

Tague has been a vocal supporter of correctional officers, walked picket lines during the 2025 demonstration and has repeatedly called out Hochul's prison policies as an "unorganized disaster." Legislation introduced today would codify the HALT Committee's unanimous recommendations: expanding segregated confinement eligibility for serious misconduct, reducing ambiguity in definitions, adding protective custody options and providing administrative flexibility.

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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Fairy Tales

9th annual juried
summer group show
juried by
jaime ransome

July 11 – September 5, 2026
submission deadline: **monday may 11, 2026**

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY

more info: olivefreelibrary.org/call-for-art

OLIVE SENIORS

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

Where: American Legion Hall*

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

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

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

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



Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

Saturday, May 16, 2026
4 to 6 p.m. \$15

Museum and Library Parking Lot
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Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum
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Find Your Adventure - 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge, Free Fishing Days, DEC Summer Camps, Stay Safe, Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge taking place March 1-November 1! Identify 10 species of birds anywhere in New York State, submit online or by mail, and receive a commemorative patch, sticker, certificate, and be entered to win birding related prizes. This year's challenge patch will feature the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*).

Get to know our featured feathered friend for this year's challenge:

Great Horned Owls are large birds of prey that are found throughout New York State and get their name from their two prominent feathered tufts on their head.

These Owls prefer woody habitats-including forest edges, mixed forests, suburban yards, urban parks, and in places with younger forests.

You'll hear or see them throughout the year, as they stay in New York State year-round, nesting in tree cavities.

They are fierce predators, eating anything from skunks, squirrels, other Owls, and even Peregrine Falcons-their strong talons require a force of 28 pounds to open!

They are approximately 18-25 inches in length, have a 4-5-foot wingspan, and weigh around 3 pounds.

Want to level up the challenge? Identify 10 new species to you in New York State to add to your life list, identify 10 warblers, waterfowl, or birds of prey, or identify all 10 species at a New York State Birding Trail location. No matter how you experience the joy of birds, we hope that you make 2026 the year you take the challenge!

Challenge materials are also offered in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, and Urdu.

Take the **2026 I BIRD NY Challenge**

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/birding/i-bird-ny>

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Every Tuesday at 7 PM

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For information

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at (845) 701-0695

These days provide a great opportunity for those who might not fish a chance to try the rewarding sport of freshwater fishing at no cost, introduce people to a new hobby, and encourage people to support conservation by purchasing a New York State Fishing License. Free Fishing Day participants are reminded that although the requirement for a freshwater fishing license is waived during free fishing days, all other fishing regulations remain in effect. Outside of free fishing days, anglers over the age of 16 must have a valid fishing license. For more information on purchasing a license visit DEC's website.

Take part in this opportunity on the following dates in 2026:

June 27-28;

September 26 (National Hunting and Fishing Day); and
November 11 (Veterans Day).

Find out more about 2026 Free Freshwater Fishing Days
<https://dec.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2026/2/governor-hochul-and-dec-announce-2026-free-freshwater-fishing-days-in-new-york>

Experience Adventures at DEC Summer Camps Campers pose for a photo while observing a butterfly.

Registration for summer 2026 will open on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 1:00 PM EST! DEC Summer Camps combine environmental education, hunter education programs, and outdoor recreation into a fun adventure. Camps use a hands-on approach to teach about the environment. Campers will have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills including backpacking, camping, and canoeing.

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They will explore New York's diverse habitats, have the chance to learn basic ecological concepts, and how human activities affect the environment. Campers solve challenges, explore environmental concepts, practice outdoor skills, and spend the week immersed in nature. Camps are offered to 11-17-year-olds, run Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon, and cost \$350 per camper, per week.

Sign Up for DEC Summer Camp

<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/summer-camps>

Get Offline, Get Outside, Stay Safe!



Hikers at a Fire Tower, image by Dhaval Bhavsar

Hikers at a Fire Tower, image by Dhaval Bhavsar

Hiking to a Catskill Fire Tower by Dhaval Bhavsar

Snow, cold, and wintry conditions remain across most of New York State. You can be prepared for the challenging conditions by wearing the proper clothing, adventuring in a group, and fueling for your adventure.

Wear layered, non-cotton clothing: Cotton clothing does not wick or absorb moisture, so it can lead to some dangerous situations, especially in winter. Choose to wear blended clothing items in layers. A moisture wicking base-layer can be followed by a good insulating layer and a waterproof outer layer.

Adventure in a group: Hiking, ice fishing, and skiing is best done with others. In winter, having another person to assist when temperatures are cold can be

critical. For your safety, we encourage you to adventure with others during these colder months.

Stay fueled: Staying hydrated is vital to keeping you moving forward on your outdoor adventure. Drink water and eat protein dense foods and snacks.

Winter Work at Hunter Mountain Fire Tower DEC Operations staff making repairs to the inside of Hunter Mountain Fire Tower.

This winter, after a period of intense high winds swept across the Catskills, damage was discovered at the Hunter Mountain Fire Tower in Greene County. Several tower windows were

impacted. Two were broken, while three others were left swinging open after the hardware securing them failed. The force of the winds was strong enough to break latches on each window.



DEC Region 4 Operations staff making repairs to Hunter Mountain Fire Tower

Working in frigid temperatures, DEC Region 4 Operations staff boarded up the two broken windows and secured the remaining three using wood and screws to prevent further damage.

These temporary repairs will protect the tower from additional weather exposure until a permanent fix can be completed. The Operations Crew plans to return later this year, when conditions are more suitable for comprehensive repairs.

DEC staff at Muslim American Heritage Festival



In 2025, more than 8,900 people directly engaged in programs, presentations, or outreach events held by the Office of Outdoor Recreation. Our team kicked off 2026 alongside the Office of Environmental Justice, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights, and Division of Communication, Education, and Engagement to connect with community members at the Dr. King Volunteer Fair, Black History Month Celebration, and Muslim American Heritage Festival. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Upcoming Events

March 14-15: Camp Santanoni Winter Weekend

March 14-15: Upstate Sports Summer Expo at Saratoga Springs City Center

Mon, March 16: Fishing Rules and Regulations Library Lesson (Bayside)

Thu, March 19: Intro to Fishing in NYC Library Lesson (Flushing)

Mon, March 30: Watchable Wildlife: Woodcock Walk at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

Tue, March 31: International Transgender Day of Visibility Stroll at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center

Sat, April 4: Springtime Welcome Walk at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center

Wed, April 8: Senior Saunter at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center

Sun, April 12: Friends of Reinstein Woods Spring Walk at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center

April 17-19: Canal Clean Sweep, Statewide

Join Us to Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Anniversary!

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

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

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- ◆ 10% discount in the Museum Shop
- ◆ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



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

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



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Governor Hochul Announces Start of \$8.2 million Malden Turnpike Bridge Replacement Project Over the Thruway in Ulster County

** New Structure Will Include Safety Features and Increased Vertical Clearance*

** Bridge Is Closed to Traffic Until Fall 2026*

** Signed Detour in Place During Construction*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the start of an \$8.2 million project to replace the Malden Turnpike bridge over the Thruway (I-87, milepost 103.16) in the Village of Saugerties in Ulster County with a modern structure. The 78-year-old bridge is currently closed to traffic to safely facilitate construction. Approximat

“New York’s economy is powered by our transportation network, which is why we continue to make smart investments to upgrade and modernize our infrastructure,” Governor Hochul said. “When our roads and bridges are upgraded, we improve the driving experience for daily commuters and the commercial vehicles that New York relies on to move goods and services throughout our state and across the nation.”

New York State Thruway Authority Executive Director Frank G. Hoare said, “The Thruway Authority is investing in replacing and rehabilitating aging infrastructure, enhancing the safety and reliability of vital connectors in local communities that thousands of motorists use every day. These investments maintain the Thruway as one of the safest and most affordable superhighways in the nation.”

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, “Replacing the nearly 80-year-old Malden Turnpike Bridge over I-87 is a critical investment that will give our residents a safer ride and strengthen the long-term resilience of our local infrastructure. I thank Governor Hochul and the Thruway Authority for their continued partnership in prioritizing the modernization of our local roads and bridges here in Ulster County.”

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, “We thank Governor Hochul and the NYS Thruway Authority for making this major investment to replace the Malden Turnpike Bridge and improve safety and reliability of this important connector to Saugerties and the Catskill region of Ulster County. I also want to thank our local officials, emergency services, and community members for their cooperation throughout the construction period. Projects like this strengthen our infrastructure and ensure that Ulster County remains safe, accessible, and prepared for the future.”

The new bridge will have an anticipated service life of 75 years and feature two 11-foot travel lanes with 5-foot shoulders. Additional upgrades include an improved riding surface, new bridge railings, and increased vertical clearance over the Thruway from 14 feet-two-inches to 16-feet-six-inches to enhance safety and reduce the chance of bridge hits.

The Malden Turnpike bridge closed to all traffic on Monday, March 16, and will remain closed until the project is complete in fall 2026. The Thruway Authority has coordinated with local municipalities including law enforcement, emergency responders, fire departments and local schools in advance of the closure. Additionally, a public information session was held on this project for the local community in April 2025.

A seven-mile signed detour is in place. Motorists seeking to

access Malden Turnpike should use NY Route 32 South to NYS Route 212, to Main Street, to US Route 9W north to Malden Turnpike.

Motorists may encounter lane closures on the Thruway in this area during construction. Variable Message Signs have been deployed to advise motorists of the construction work and detour information.

A. Colarusso & Son Inc. of Hudson, NY was selected as the project contractor following a competitive bidding process.

The work is weather dependent and subject to change. Motorists are urged to be alert and follow the posted work zone speed limits. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Motorists should be aware of an increase in points for violations of speeding in a construction zone.

To further enhance safety for workers in a work zone, Governor Hochul signed legislation establishing the Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement pilot program. The safety enforcement program began in April 2023 and is in effect in various active construction zones on the Thruway. Work zones with speed camera enforcement will have clear signage leading up to the work zone. Motorists violating the posted speed limit within the work zone will be fined. Violation fines will be issued to the vehicle’s registered owner by mail.

For up-to-date travel information, motorists are encouraged to download the Thruway Authority’s mobile app which is available to download for free on iPhone and Android devices. The app provides motorists direct access to real-time traffic and navigation assistance while on the go. Travelers can also visit the Thruway Authority’s interactive Traveler Map which features live traffic cameras. Motorists can also sign up for TRANSalert e-mails, which provide the latest traffic conditions along the Thruway.

The Thruway Authority’s approved 2026 budget also invests a total of more than \$600 million in capital contracts scheduled to be awarded in 2026, an increase of more than \$133.5 million from the 2025 budget projected totals, and one of the largest single-year investments in Thruway history. The 2026 budget includes a historic \$2.8 billion Capital Plan for 2026-2030. The five-year plan will fund the replacement or preservation of 150 of the Thruway’s 819 bridges-about 18 percent-and the resurfacing of more than 1,500 of its 2,800 lane miles of highway, or roughly 60 percent.

About the Thruway System

Built in the early 1950s, the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway is one of the oldest components of the National Interstate Highway System and one of the longest toll roads in the nation. It sets the standard for modern highway geometric design with safe roadway characteristics including smooth curves, wide medians and unobstructed driver sight distance.

For more than 71 years, the Thruway System has been essential for commerce and travel in the Northeast. About one-third of all vehicles using the Thruway are from out of state. This 570-mile superhighway, with 819 bridges, 118 interchanges and 27 Service Areas connects New York’s principal cities, rural areas and tourist destinations.

Year after year, the Thruway system is recognized as one of the safest highways in the nation. In 2024, the Thruway-wide fatality rate was 0.22 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, one of the lowest recorded rates on the Thruway system since fatality rates have been documented in 1954. The figure is significantly lower than the nationwide traffic fatality rate for 2024 of 1.20 and the latest New York State traffic fatality rate from 2023 of 0.93.

11th Annual!

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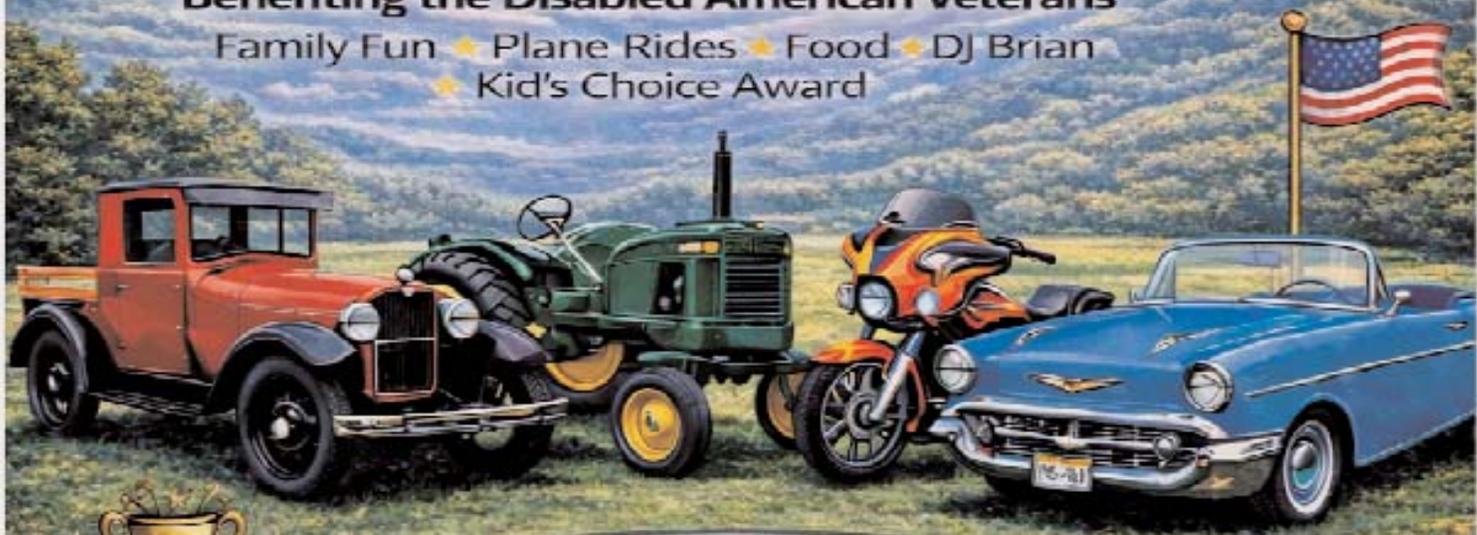
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As we celebrate our **11th anniversary**, our goal is ambitious but heartfelt: to raise **\$50,000 in 2026 in support of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country**. There is no group more deserving of our support than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

One of the most impactful ways to participate is by becoming a sponsor. We invite you to select a sponsorship level that works best for your business from the enclosed co-sponsor sheet. Every level of sponsorship makes a difference and helps ensure the continued success of this highly attended **car show and community event**.

Wings & Wheels for Warriors is a day full of family-friendly fun featuring:

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- A vibrant atmosphere celebrating community and patriotism

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Your contribution is **tax-deductible**, but more importantly, it represents a tangible show of gratitude and support for **Disabled American Veterans of NY**. Any level of participation is deeply appreciated.

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.

Thank you for considering being part of this special event. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact us at **845-647-9100**. We truly hope you will join us in honoring our veterans and strengthening our community.

With sincere gratitude,

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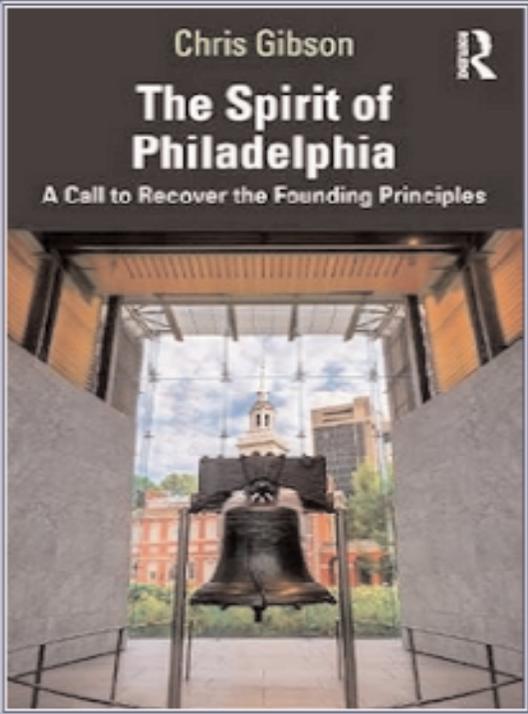
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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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!

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Thank you for your support and best wishes for the holiday season!





The Daniel Pierce Library

Spring Children's Programs 2026

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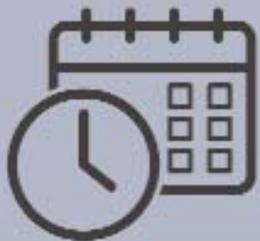
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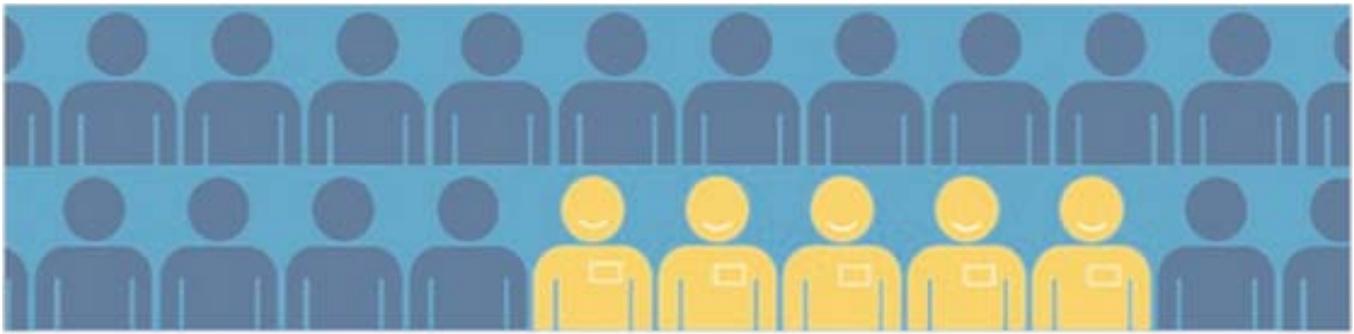
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During these times, the news cycle can feel too heavy and exhausting. I want to remind you of all the good that is surrounding us right here in the Hudson Valley - our neighbors never hesitating to lend a hand to each other, our kids accomplishing awe-inspiring feats, immigrants and entrepreneurs achieving the American dream.

That's the good that I want you to hold on to during these times, it's what motivates me every day to fight for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley for us all. Here's some of how I did that this past week:

CONTINUING THE FIGHT TO STOP TRUMP'S WAR IN IRAN

Almost all Americans agree on two things: our government needs to lower costs and keep us out of forever wars. Not only is Trump's war with Iran not investing in the American people - it's raising costs for them by sending gas prices soaring. It's a betrayal of the American people.

REMAINING FOCUSED ON MY MISSION OF SERVING YOU

Like I said in my recent State of the Hudson Valley address, every day, my team and I are fighting on your behalf, working to build trust, and not only showing up to every community, but truly listening with an open heart. Watch the clip of my speech here.

That's how we've resolved over 5,000 constituent cases and returned over \$43 million to folks across the Hudson Valley owed to them by federal agencies.

If my team and I can assist you with anything - big or small - please call us at (845) 443-2930.

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.

FIGHTING TO END CORRUPTION IN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

For way too long, politicians of both parties have put their own gain ahead of what's best for the American people. That's why I recently spearheaded efforts with my colleagues to demand an investigation into senior Trump officials who are ex-lobbyists and could be exploiting their positions of power to enrich their former employers and clients. Read more about it here.

The Trump Administration has become a textbook example of Washington's revolving door - lobbyists, consultants, and political operatives cycle into powerful government roles and use those positions to advance the interests of the very industries that once paid them.

It's unacceptable.

I'm fighting for transparency and accountability because the only thing public officials - including those working in the White House - should be concerned with is serving the American people, not lining their own pockets or those of their former employers.

It's why I also introduced my comprehensive Anti-Corruption Agenda last year and will keep fighting to get it passed. Read more about my Anti-Corruption Agenda here.

HELPING YOUTH LEAD LIVES OF SERVICE

At West Point, I learned to live a life grounded in Duty, Honor, and Country.

It's a privilege to introduce our nation's future leaders to this life through nominations to U.S. Service Academies.

Learn more about the application process at my spring information session on Saturday, March 21, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM at the Dyson Center at Marist University in Poughkeepsie.

I'm grateful to the hopeful Air Force officers from New York who spoke with my team about how the Civil Air Patrol has shaped them into better citizens and prepared them for careers in service to our nation.

Proud to support the Patrol in its mission!

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On last weekend's International Women's Day, we celebrated the women who battled for equal rights and reaffirm our commitment to protecting those rights worldwide.

We must serve as a beacon for equality by continuing to expand women's freedoms - not rolling them back.

DEMANDING BETTER LEADERSHIP FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

As the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem fundamentally betrayed the American people. Under her watch, ICE killed civilians, deported veterans, and kidnapped children. She had to go - and Trump finally fired her last week.

But Trump's nominee to replace her, Senator Markwayne Mullin, is even more sensationalist, more volatile, and more blindly loyal to the President. He's tried to get into fist fights on the Senate floor. He constantly implies he's served when he's never worn the uniform a day in his life. His net worth has increased by tens of millions while in Congress.

Markwayne is EVERYTHING that is wrong with DC today, and putting the security of the homeland under his guidance - especially as Trump wages an open-ended war - is a terrible idea.

ENCOURAGING OUR AWE-INSPIRING HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS

I'm thrilled to see the artistic talent, creativity, and skill of our Hudson Valley high schoolers on full display again for the 2026 Congressional Art Competition.

High school artists: submit your artwork now through April 20. Learn more about eligibility and entry requirements here.

I can't wait to see the winning work displayed in the U.S. Capitol!

SHOUTING OUT THE HUDSON VALLEY'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

I want to give a shout out to the Hudson Valley's newest Eagle Scouts.

Way to go Alex, Kyle and Eugene - our entire community is proud of you. You have bright futures ahead and I'm rooting for you every step of the way!

CONGRATULATING AN AWARD-WINNING KINGSTON STAPLE

A huge congratulations to Kingston's beloved Eng's for winning the New York State James Beard Foundation's America's Classic Restaurant award!

The Hudson Valley is proud of you and glad to have you in our community! (Contd. Pg. 54)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 53)**UPHOLDING OUR NATION'S PROMISES TO OUR VETERANS**

Our men and women in uniform risk their lives for our country - we have a solemn duty to take care of them when they come home.

And Trump is breaking it.

He's sending our sons and daughters into war while pulling the rug out from under our veterans. It's unacceptable.

Whether it's rallying our community to save beds at VA Castle Point and Keller Army Community Hospital or fighting for legislation like my TRICARE Transition Transparency Act and the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act, I'll always uphold the promises our nation made to those who served.

CHEERING ON THE HUDSON VALLEY'S STAR WRESTLERS

Congrats to Minisink Valley grad P.J. Duke for dominating the Big Ten's wrestling tournament!

He and Middletown grad Stephan Monchery are both moving on to the NCAA tournament later this month. The entire Hudson Valley will be cheering you on P.J. and Stephan!

WISHING A HAPPY 103RD BIRTHDAY TO A HUDSON VALLEY HERO

I want to wish a Happy 103rd Birthday to WWII veteran Romeo Zaccone!

Romeo, thank you for your heroic service to our nation and for your extraordinary contributions to our Hudson Valley community - we're profoundly grateful to you.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF HARRIET TUBMAN

This past Tuesday, we marked Harriet Tubman Day by celebrating her profound bravery as a pivotal abolitionist, women's suffragist, and conductor of the Underground Railroad, leading countless African Americans from slavery to freedom.

HELPING KIDS THRIVE WITH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Thank you to the physical education teachers from SHAPE America for meeting with my team to discuss how we can support physical education in schools and give our kids the resources to lead active and healthy lives!

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL CREDIT UNIONS

For over 60 years, the Hudson Valley Credit Union has been a staple in our community.

Grateful my team could join the grand opening of its newest branch and celebrate the Credit Union's expansion!

GRANTS CORNER**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:**

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

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. Sign up for the EPA's Technical Assistance and Funding Resource Guide here !

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 subscribe to the grants guide, please email elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.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 NYSBIP, 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.



This week, I was named Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Family Business Caucus alongside Congressman Lou Correa (CA-46). Family-owned businesses are the backbone of communities across our country and across Upstate New York, creating jobs, supporting local economies, and carrying on traditions that span generations. As someone who helped run my family's small business, I understand the challenges these businesses face, including rising costs, workforce pressures, and complex regulations.

Through this caucus, we will work to ensure that family-owned businesses have a strong voice in Washington and that Congress advances policies that support entrepreneurship, economic growth, and opportunity for the more than 32 million family businesses that employ over 83 million Americans. The caucus will hold its first meeting of the year on March 17, where members, business leaders, and policy experts will discuss strategies to help family-owned businesses grow, compete, and continue supporting American workers.

Introducing the Healthcare is Human Act

I recently introduced the Healthcare is Human Act of 2026 alongside Congressman Steven Horsford to help address the growing shortage of health care providers in rural and underserved communities. Across Upstate New York, too many families struggle to access timely medical care because there simply are not enough doctors, nurses, and medical professionals serving these areas. This legislation would create a tax credit for licensed health care providers who deliver services in federally designated health professional shortage areas and Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, helping encourage more providers to serve where care is needed most. By strengthening the health care workforce and supporting those who serve our

communities and our veterans, this bill aims to improve access to care and ensure families across rural America are not left behind.

As your representative in Congress, my top priority is championing legislative initiatives that benefit you and your families. Each week, I review numerous bills and letters, engaging in thorough discussions with members of our community to determine which actions to support and address your needs. Below are a few bills I recently cosponsored.

H.R. 503, the Qualified Immunity Act of 2025:

This bill would codify the qualified immunity doctrine for law enforcement officers, shielding them from personal liability in civil lawsuits when acting within the scope of their official duties and in accordance with clearly established law. As assaults on police officers continue to increase and the radical Left's 'Defund and Demoralize the Police' movement gains traction, some local and state-level governments are cutting police budgets and working to strip away qualified immunity. H.R. 503 safeguards qualified immunity for these courageous police officers who risk their lives to serve our community.

H.R. 35, the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act:

This bill would amend federal immigration law to require the detention of noncitizens who commit offenses that result in the assault, serious injury, or death of a law enforcement officer. Law enforcement officers face significant risks while protecting public safety and enforcing the law. This legislation ensures that noncitizens who commit crimes against law enforcement officers are held accountable.

H.R. 909, the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act of 2025:

This bill would modify the allocation of funds from the Crime Victims Fund to provide more stable and predictable funding for victim assistance and compensation programs. Specifically, it would allow certain monetary penalties collected through deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements to be deposited into the Crime Victims Fund. The Crime Victims Fund supports victim programs, including counseling, legal assistance, and emergency support. This legislation helps strengthen resources available to victims by ensuring this program remains funded to assist individuals and families affected by

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Building community through the arts – Join us March ART OPENINGS Women's History Month - Exhibitions! "All Was Done by Hand" Textile Arts Exhibit, Year 2!

In celebration of Women's History Month, ASK partners for a second year with Woodstock Weavers and City of Kingston's Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs for "All Was Done by Hand," a textile showcase event at City Hall on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

"All Was Done by Hand" will feature live demonstrations of weaving, spinning, quilting, lace making, rug hooking, basketry and more, and will feature broadsides showcasing the history and significance of in-home textile production. A "Fleece to Shawl" presentation will illustrate the transformation of raw wool into a woven shawl through carding, spinning, and weaving, and various hands-on activities for all ages. Spinning bees, used as protest in American history, and quilting bees will be represented. A hand-woven hand-dyed American flag will be completed during the event, with the stars forming "a new constellation" as described in the American Flag Act of 1777.

Presenters will include representatives from regional textile guilds: Woodstock Weavers, Elmendorph Hand Spinners, Wiltwyck Quilters Group, DCSWGA Rug Hooking Group, Ulster Hand Spinners, the New England Lace Group, Dutchess Heritage Quilters, Wallkill Valley Fiber Arts Guild, and independent artisans.

Organized by textile artisan Carol Wood and the Woodstock Weavers with support from the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association and sponsorship from the Arts Society of Kingston, the event, which is a part of the yearlong 250 Years of America's Voices, Stories and Histories programming, is free and open to the public.

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For more information about this and other 250 Years of America's Voices, Stories and Histories programs, please visit <https://kingston-ny.gov/250yearsofamericasvoices>.

APRIL Sneak Peeks!

• Weekend Acting Technique Immersion: April 11 & 12, 10 AM - 4 PM

This is a two-day advanced scene study intensive designed for serious actors ready to work on their feet and in the scene. Participants dive deep into advanced acting technique while gaining a clear, efficient self-tape methodology. Master director and teacher, Dexter Bullard, will show you how to apply the techniques for rehearsing for hours to master a cold-read self-tape in minutes. You'll leave with stronger instinct, sharper choices, and compelling self-tape footage that gets you in the room.

Dexter Bullard's bio:

Dexter has directed throughout Chicago since 1990 at theaters such as Steppenwolf, Goodman, Northlight, Victory Gardens, HOUSE, A Red Orchid, American Blues, Next, Famous Door, and American Theater Co. He returned to American Blues in September 2025 with Things with Friends, a world premiere play by Kristoffer Diaz. He directed the Steppenwolf production of Tracy Letts' Linda Vista on Broadway with Second Stage at the Hayes Theater in fall 2019, which received two 2020 Tony nominations: Ian Barford for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play and Cora Vander Broek for Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play. Also in

New York, he directed Grace on Broadway and Bug, Lady, and Mistakes Were Made off-Broadway.

Dexter is an alumni director for Second City, developing original, improvisational devised revues for Detroit and ETC, as well as ongoing projects for Second City Theatricals. In 1995, Dexter founded Plasticene, "a pioneer physical theater company" (Chicago Reader). With the ensemble, he developed more than fourteen critically acclaimed experimental works that appeared at many venues, including the Edinburgh Fringe, Soho Theater NYC, Viaduct Theater, Links Hall, the MCA and the Storefront Theater. The Chicago Tribune called Dexter "Chicago's small theater genius" for his work with Plasticene, A Red Orchid Theater, and at Barrow Street in NYC. He has received a Jeff Citation, a Lucille Lortel Award, Jeff Award Nominations, and a Drama Desk Nomination, and was named "Best of Chicago" by Chicago Magazine in 2011.

Dexter studied acting at Northwestern and received his MFA in Performance from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Dexter is a Full Professor of Acting at The Theatre School at DePaul University, where he has served as a lead teacher for the acting program. He has taught hundreds of workshops and classes at all levels with Plasticene and at University of Illinois Chicago, Columbia College, Roosevelt University, The Actors Studio, The Actors Center, and Second City Training Center.

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APRIL EXHIBITIONS

Members Gallery

EXPLORE BOUNDARIES

Juried by Wayne Montecalvo

Explore Boundaries is an experimental exhibition inviting artists to investigate boundaries in their many forms—from physical borders to emotional, psychological, social, and political limits. Through a broad range of two- and three-dimensional media, participating artists explore ideas that question what separates us, what connects us, and how limits can be tested, dissolved, or redefined.

Participating Artists:

Susan Angeles, Edward Bakst, Stuart Bigley, Mary Lynne Bonforte, Dave Channon, James Fossett, Tom Hackett, D.A. Hamlin, Michelle Hughes, Deborah Kittay-Heffler, Terry Murray, Sean Nixon, Jacqueline O'Malley-Satz, Lindsay Peyton, Tom Picasso, Deborah Sanchez, Aleksandra Scepanovic, Steven Sidrane, Suzanne Stokes, The Welcomes, Lisa Wilde, and Vindora Wixom.

Juror: Wayne Montecalvo

Wayne Montecalvo is a multi-disciplinary artist working across mixed media, photography, printmaking, sculpture, video, and installation.

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His work explores perception, material transformation, and the conceptual boundaries of image-making, often foregrounding process as a generative force.

Montecalvo has received numerous awards and residencies including the Awagami Artist-in-Residence Program in Tokushima, Japan; NYFA MARK '09; fellowships at the Vermont Studio Center; residencies at the Frans Masereel Centrum (Belgium), the John Michael Kohler Foundation Arts/Industry Residency (Wisconsin), Women's Studio Workshop, Artists at Work (New York State Council on the Arts), and Cill Rialaig in County Kerry, Ireland.

His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally at venues including the Kingston Museum of Contemporary Art, Awagami Paper Factory (Japan), Center for Photography at Woodstock, the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, Albany Center Gallery, Truro Center for the Arts, and the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Spotlight Gallery INNER WORLDS, OUTER VIEWS

Lynn Margileth is an award-winning visual artist working across oil, acrylic, etching, encaustic, and mixed media. Her work has been featured in numerous solo exhibitions and public collections.

Margileth's landscapes are inspired by a deep connection to the



spirit of the land. Through layered color and energetic brushwork, her paintings guide the viewer through familiar Hudson Valley landscapes toward moments of meditative

radiance that transcend reality.

Her canvases explore both vast and intimate spaces-sky, mountains, water reflections, and winding roads-inviting the viewer to soar, wander, and dream. She was recently selected for an artist residency at the Colerain Art Center in Pennsylvania.

Oneil Edwards

This series is shaped by a lifelong relationship with nature that began in the mountains



of the Hudson Valley. By zooming into the landscape until it dissolves into form, color, and light, Edwards seeks moments where harmony and chaos, beauty and the sublime coexist. O'Neil Edwards is an emerging abstract impressionist painter based in New York's Hudson Valley. He earned his BFA from the School of Visual Arts, studying with pioneering abstract painter Jack Whitten. After graduating in 2002, Edwards began his career in graphic design with a small art publication before transitioning into product design. Over the past two decades he

has led design initiatives and product design teams for major media and technology companies including The New Yorker, Yahoo Finance, and several startups.

During the pandemic, Edwards began refocusing his professional path toward creating artwork, reconnecting deeply with his studio practice. He continues to pursue this work today. This exhibition marks his first.

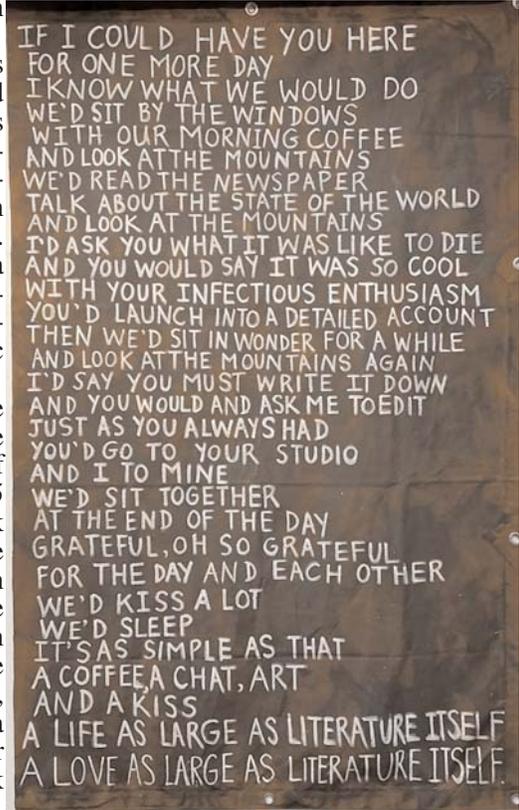
Eileen Power

This body of work was born of grief. A few years ago, my partner Steve passed away after a long battle with cancer. As a way of working through that grief, I began creating artworks using his used drop cloths. The resulting pieces became a testament to our love-somehow, he lives on within them.

Eileen Power creates sculptures and mixed-media works from everyday materials, animating discarded objects in unexpected ways. Her work reflects a deep interest in transformation and renewal through artistic process.

Her sculptures have been exhibited at the Phoenicia Festival of the Arts, the 2025 Biennial Woodstock Byrdcliffe Sculpture Show, Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, the Kingston Design Showhouse, and the exhibition Shelter, curated by Melinda Stickney-Gibson for the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild.

Power received the Robert Angeloch Printmaking Award from the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum in 2021 and the Nicholas Buhalis Award for Weaving the Woven in 2024. Her work is held in collections across the United States and Europe.



TWO SEASONS

Ted Dixon's solo exhibition Two Seasons features abstract paintings inspired by the cyclical rhythms of shared human existence. "As with art, the change in seasons provides opportunities for reflection," Dixon writes. "If we had no winter, walking barefoot on a warm sandy beach would take us to a very different place."

Born in New York City in 1953, Dixon has lived in the Hudson Valley since 1992 and in Rosendale since 2009. He studied at Fordham University, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and the School of Visual Arts. After a 25-year career as a web designer, Dixon began dedicating himself fully to his artistic practice in 2009.

His work has been exhibited at Montgomery Row Art Space (Rhinebeck), Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, ADS Gallery (Newburgh), Arts Society of Kingston, Gallery at the Rosendale Theatre, and Albany Center Gallery.

Dixon is a Black painter working primarily in abstraction. His work explores perception and memory through layered visual compositions. "How do we learn to see what we cannot yet see?" he asks. "My paintings attempt to capture moments in time shaped by personal experience."



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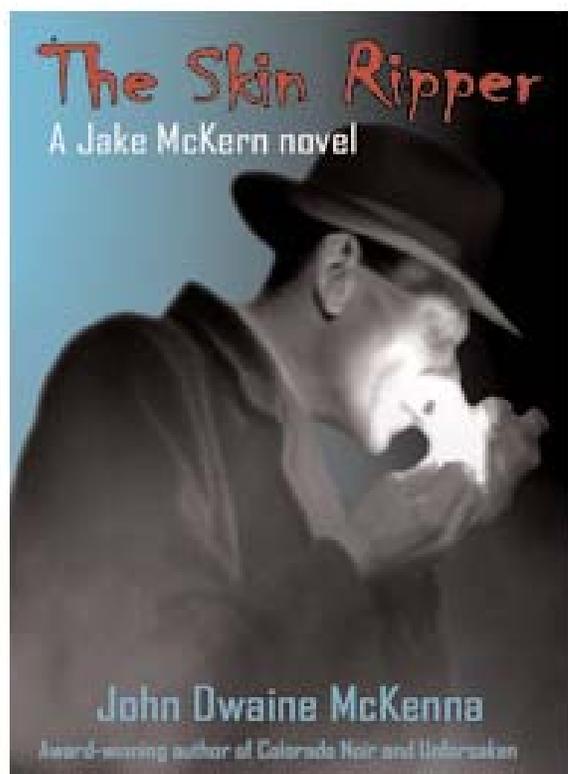


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DMV approved class and mandatory for unlicensed students 16 and up looking to get their license. Students must hold a NYS "photo" permit to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Looking to get your license? This 5 hour DMV approved course will provide you with a certificate good for 1 year. Brought to you by J & J Driving School, instructed and owned by La June Black with over 25 years experience.

Class fee is \$45 per student. To secure registration submit checks to DPL payable to J & J Driving School prior to class date.

Please stop in to the library today. Space is limited.

- Become a safe driver
- No test required to complete
- Get certificate valid for 1 year
- Gain confidence
- Photo permit required day of
- Additional course information to follow upon payment & registration

BRING YOUR LUNCH!

Advanced registration is required at:
www.danielpiercelibrary.org



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328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268
Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233
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MARCH IS NUTRITION AWARENESS MONTH



Good nutrition supports heart health, helps manage weight, and reduces the risk of chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure. Focus on balance by adding more fruits and vegetables, choosing whole grains, selecting lean proteins, and limiting added sugars.

Healthy eating is not about perfection. It is about simple, sustainable habits that fuel your body and fit your lifestyle.

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE FREE NUTRITION COUNSELING?

For those who are managing or at risk of developing chronic disease

**Work with our Certified Nutrition
Specialist Courtney Jollie, MS, CNS**

- Action planning & goal setting towards a healthier life
- Meal planning & prepping
- Healthy recipes
- Portion control
- Lower sodium & sugar substitutions
- Answering any questions you may have!



**CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A FREE CONSULTATION!
(845) 647-6400 EXT. 209**

MARCH FITNESS CALENDAR



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*

Location Key

- (ERH)**
Ellenville Regional Hospital
Specialty Services Lobby
10 Healthy Way
Ellenville, NY 12428
- (EPL)**
Ellenville Public Library
40 Center Street
Ellenville, NY 12428
- (SH)**
Ellenville Senior Housing
15 Healthy Way
Ellenville, NY 12428
- (TRF)**
Trudy Resnick Farber Building
Basement Community Room
50 Center Street
Ellenville, NY 12428
- (ML)**
Mamakating Library
128 Sullivan Street
Wurtsboro, NY 12790
- (EHA)**
Ellenville Housing Authority
199 Canal Street
Ellenville, NY 12428

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

*** Classes with an asterisk require registration with Office for The Aging (OFA)

Call Ulster County OFA at 845-340-3456.

All other classes do not require registration, for questions please call 845-647-6400 ext. 215



UPCOMING SHARPS AND MEDICATION COLLECTION

Sharps Collection will now take place every Friday at Ellenville Regional Hospital's Emergency Department Entrance!

Sharps must be in a plastic puncture-proof container.

FREE sharps container and medication disposal products!
For information, call (845) 647-6400 ext. 215



UPCOMING DATES

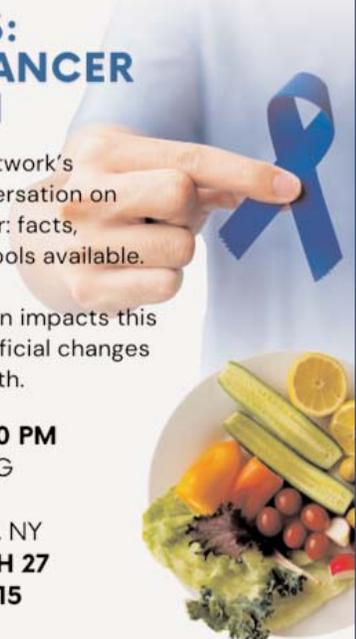
- March 13 10:00 to 12:00PM
- March 20 2:00 to 4:00PM
- March 27 10:00 to 12:00PM

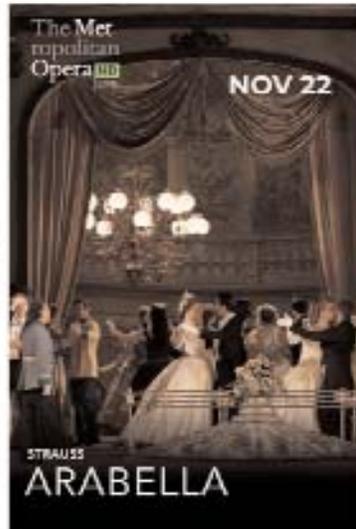
NEW HORIZONS: COLORECTAL CANCER AND NUTRITION

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.

We will also cover how nutrition impacts this disease, while promoting beneficial changes for best colon and overall health.

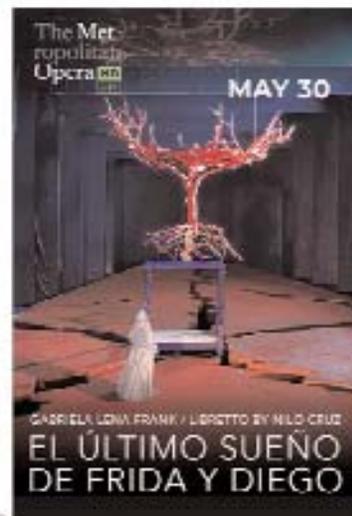
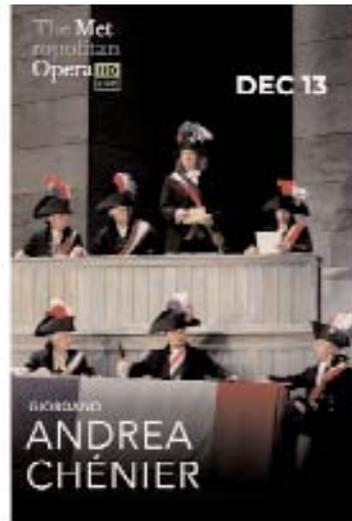
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 1:00 PM
ELLENVILLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY ROOM
15 HEALTHY WAY ELLENVILLE, NY
PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 27
CALL (845) 647-6400 EXT 215





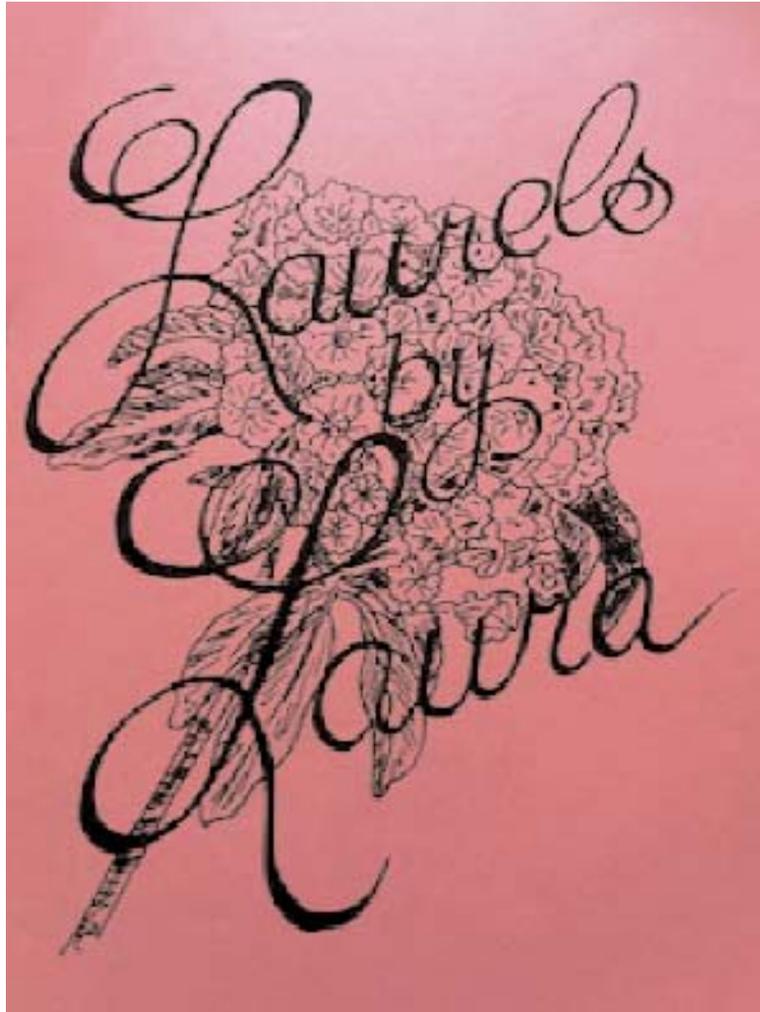
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The book is available at the **Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill** for \$10.00. Not only will you want your own copy, but *Laurels by Laura* will make a great gift -

The Shandaken Historical Museum is located at
26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465.
The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.



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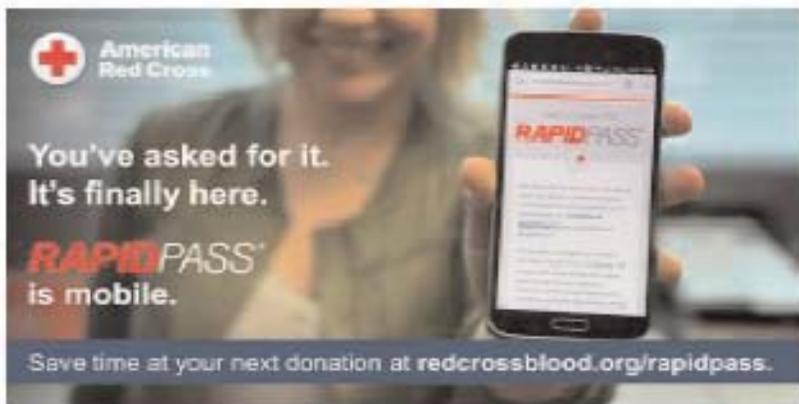
Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

**Friday, May 29, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make your lifesaving appointment today!

EAT WELL - HYDRATE - BRING ID

Walk-Ins Welcome - Appointments Preferred!



Olive Free Library

SENIOR ART GROUP

Meets at the
American Legion Hall on
Mountain Road, Shokan,
Monday 10-noon

A chatty, friendly group of seniors meet each Monday. At least monthly, we have a guest artist come for a workshop. There is no cost. We have a limited supply of watercolors, oil pastels, water soluble oil paints, paper and canvas. Brushes, too. Our crafty folk might paint or sew or knit or crochet or just hang out with friends. Our guest instructors have been Mia Fink and Sue De Sanna. Linda Schultz and Linda Champanier have been added to our possible guest instructors. MaryAnn Shultis has led us in sewing workshops to make bags and runners, and Donna Kopf has taught us quilt square patterns. We also stuff dolls for a project called MY FRIEND RAGDOLL that sends sweet dolls to Children's hospitals.

Come join us!



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

- Every 3rd Thursday
- Finger foods and beverages at 6:30pm
- Music begins at 7:00pm
- Local and regional musicians
- Cozy coffeehouse atmosphere

March 19 • 6:30pm
DORRAINE SCOFIELD DUO

A beloved Catskills-based musician, Dorraine Scofield brings joyful energy and heartfelt musicianship to the stage. She and her partner, JB Hunt, blend acoustic originals with folk, rock, and country favorites—creating a rich, uplifting sound that's perfect for welcoming back the community to Music Café.

NO RESERVATIONS
Just come by and enjoy the music!
Donations are welcome to support this community event.



Music Café returns!

Join us on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm for the return of Music Café with Dorraine Scofield Duo.

No reservations necessary—this is a free event & donations are welcome!

The WCAA Gallery Presents



opening reception
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 1pm to 4pm

For more information visit:
waynecountyartsalliance.org



March 7 - April 3, 2026

An exhibition of art made by Wayne County Public School Students



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- ▶ Tablets
- ▶ Laptops
- ▶ Website navigation
- ▶ Downloading apps
 - ▶ Social Media
 - ▶ Messaging Apps
- ▶ Streaming platforms
 - ▶ And more...

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Join a welcoming, self-guided homeschooling
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Daniel Pierce Library.

Beginning
September 23rd

4th Tuesday of each month
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Connect with other families to:

- Share lessons and ideas
- Plan field trips and activities
- Enjoy guest speakers and special programs
- Build a supportive homeschool network

While you're here, don't forget — with an RCLS library card, you can also:

- Borrow books and DVDs
- Access the internet and online research databases
- Use comfortable library spaces for learning and collaboration

Please join in, the possibilities are endless!

Text or call Dana for more information: 845 707 - 2489



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- ▶ Expert reading recommendations
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VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led, mental health, lesson based virtual support group for teens ages 13-17. Together we learn about our mental health and do an activity together. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Rebekah at rumarbashar@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!

Join us for a peer led virtual support group for parents of children with mental health challenges. Together we have time for conversation and an activity. This group is completely free to join, and all supplies for the activity will be sent to your home. Space is limited for each group!

Contact Anne-Marie at afreitas@asfl.org for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

Are you a parent struggling with your family?
Are you a teen having problems at home?

Help is available now!

We are here anytime you need to talk.

Give us a call or send us a text and someone will always be there to listen and help you deal with your situation.



Text 845-372-1817
Call 866-372-2336

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

Sullivan County Text For Teens

Monday - Friday
4pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday
5pm-12am



Free & confidential support
Someone who can listen and help
Text as often as you need!

We're Here to Listen:
Bullying - Eating Disorders -
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Divorce - School Issues -
Substance Use -
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -
and more!

Text "Start" to:
845-637-9486

OFF HOURS:
Call 1-888-750-2266, option 2



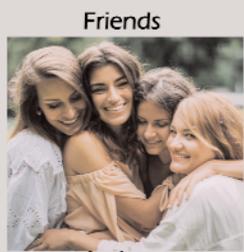
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COVID-19 Vaccines Save Lives

Who will you protect?



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Get the facts.



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(845) 645-6544

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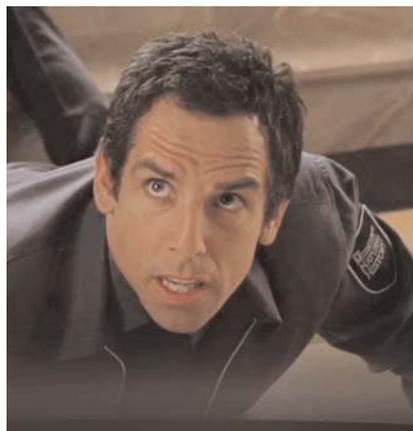


Knarf's Classic Movies

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2006 • PG • 1h 48 min
Family Comedy

Night at the Museum
 (2006)



Larry, a dreamer, believes he's destined for something big but his imaginative ideas never pay off and in desperate need of a job, he accepts to be a security guard at the Natural History Museum. During his watch, Larry makes a startling discovery. Thanks to the unleashing of an Egyptian curse, the museum's animals spring to life after the building closes. Chaos reigns at the Museum and Larry must find a way to save the museum from complete disorder.



Night at the Museum is directed by Shawn Levy; Screenplay by Shawn Levy, Thomas Lennon, and Robert Ben Garant; starring Ben Stiller, Ricky Gervais and Carla Gugino.

*Stay safe and stay well,
 Knarf Odnamoc
 Gnome*

Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:
 Barry Fitzgerald

This weeks' Trivia question: Name Mel Brooks' 1974 rendition of a western.

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