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They are an artsy bunch, these DPL patrons!

By Lisa Carroll



Community Programs Associate, said. "Keeley had great patience with us, taking us through each step and giving us a skill that will lead us to more fun crafting," She added. (Contd. Pg. 8)

GRAHAMSVILLE-It's been a crafty couple of weeks here at the DPL.

This past Thursday, we held our book inspiration crafting event. A huge thank you to Keeley from Frost Valley for bringing her skills and special talent to our patrons. "It was a fun evening with a fabulous group of patrons; learning how to craft pieces of art from books," Nicole Richardson, DPL's

Revolutionary Women A Talk by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] An in-person and virtual program A talk by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe in honor of National Woman's month and the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, NY. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Legislature Celebrates Black History Month by Honoring Longtime Resident Pete Tweed



Celebrating Pedro "Pete" Tweed's were, front row from the left, Care Center Administrator Kayshawn Macharie, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, Tweed, District 5 Legislator Cat Scott and District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward; and back row from the left, County Manager Josh Potosek, District 1 Legislator Matt McPhillips, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, District 3 Legislator Brian McPhillips, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone and Deputy County Manager Michelle Bowers. (Story on Pg. 5)

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On the Front Burner: Hear the word of the Lord you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah. Isaiah 1:10

William F. Sutherland

“Bill” of Parksville, NY died Saturday, February 21, 2026 at Garnet Health Medical Center, Middletown, NY. He was 80.

The son of the late William P. and Roma L. Sorocco Sutherland, he was born August 23, 1945 in Monticello, NY.

Bill was a retired BCI Investigator and Trooper for Troop F. After retirement, he owned and operated Elegance and Oak Furniture Store in Nanuet, NY. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. He had been a member of the Aden Night Riders Snowmobile Club, a member of the Liberty Elks Lodge # 1545, and a communicant at St. Peter's Church in Liberty.

Known to many as the life of the party, Bill rarely missed a chance to tell a story, crack a joke, or lend a helping hand. No matter how tough the situation, Bill was someone you could always count on. He liked to keep things light, enjoyed good company, and had a way of leaving people laughing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Meade Sutherland; his children, Michael Sutherland and his partner Stacy Babcock of Parksville, NY, Daniel Sutherland and his wife Pam of Monroe, NY, and Stephanie Hansen and her husband Chad of Tomkins Cove, NY; his sister, Margaret “Peggy” Morgans and her husband Lynn of Parksville, NY; his brother, Jon Sutherland and his wife Justine of Parksville, NY; his grandchildren, Caitlyn, Joseph, Emily, Zack, Dena and Lillian; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, and one sister, Maria Ackerley and her husband Gene.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 2 Liberty, NY. Father Edward Bader officiated.

Memorial contributions in

William's name may be made to the Sullivan County Turkey Federation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200, www.Harris-FH.com.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the
Grahamsville Fire Department
for their quick response on
Monday and for all of their
help.

Linda G. Comando

**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.

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. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

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 Grammsville 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:

Keep Those Bathtub Toys Mold Free

Although lots of fun for the little ones, bath toys can grow mold on the inside from excess water and dampness. Easy fix –you can avoid the problem by sealing that hole shut with hot glue!

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

Black Squirrels – Lucky or Unlucky

A few years ago, seeing an abundance of black squirrels in the area was quite impressive. Then the numbers seemed to dwindle.. For the past few years, very few black squirrels were sighted. Now it seems, they are back and once again this year and quite popular in the Tri-Valley area.

The change has nothing to do with squirrels moving in and out of the area, but rather due to a mutation that causes a change in their genes.

The coat of a black squirrel is different from the grey squirrels.

The first black squirrels were sighted in the early 1900's, but it was a very scarce sighting.

Today, they are becoming an increasingly common sight are a result of this genetic mutation which stops their fur from turning to grey. Scientists are saying that this due to a gene that could also make them more immune to diseases.

If you look closely at grey squirrel hairs, they are not actually grey at all but are a combination of white, black and orange stripes. However, the hairs of black squirrels have no stripes; they are just plain black. In grey squirrels the pigment gene works by producing two hormones.

Researchers claim that one hormone turns the switch on to make black fur, and a different hormone turns the switch off to make orange and white fur. In the grey squirrel, as the fur is growing, the switch turns on and off to make the stripes. However, in the black squirrel, because there is a piece of DNA missing. The first hormone that switches it on still works and black fur is made, but the second hormone that should switch off fails and the black fur continues to grow. In black squirrels the missing piece of the gene means this 'switching off' process never happens and their fur remains jet black.

The mutation in pure black squirrels is not a threat to our grey squirrels. The black squirrel is the same species as the grey squirrel. Black squirrels can mate with grey squirrels and if this happens offspring will have a combination of faulty and fully working genes. The mutated gene is inherited from both parents that have a piece missing which is involved in producing pigment.

Researchers found that black squirrels are more immune to diseases. That along with the fact that the fur of a black squirrel appears to have superior abilities to deal with cold weather, they generate more body heat and lose body heat less rapidly than other squirrels. With all this going for the black squirrels, they still seem quite outnumbered by the grey squirrels. One reason, while black squirrels are better adapted to the cold that their black coat makes them easier for predators to spot.

To many, sighting a black squirrels is an omen of good luck, But according to the Choctaw Legend, they claim solar eclipses were attributed to black squirrels. They believed black squirrels would eat the sun therefore must be driven off if mankind were still to enjoy the heat and light.

Whichever way you look at black squirrels, good luck or bad luck, black squirrels are still fun to watch. And if something makes you smile, consider yourself lucky!



LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published February 4, 1999

My parents owned a little general store and dad was Postmaster in Grooville, Sullivan County. I guess we would call dad a "jack of all trades", for he also dealt in furs, old rubber, rags and had a little shoe repair shop in a room off the post office.

Our Grooville Post Office was considered fourth class and dad kept in contact with Livingston Manor Post Office. Mail came into Livingston Manor by Ontario and Western Railway in the early 1900's and was brought to the post office by horse drawn wagon where it was sorted.

Our mail arrived Grooville by horse drawn wagon once a day at around 4 p.m. Our mail driver was Mary Conklin and she was a plump, not little lady and to me as a child, she was also mysterious. She wore ten-penny nails in her hair instead of hair pins like my mother wore. She quite often rode up front on the running board of her wagon when there were extra passengers enroute for Livingston Manor. She charged a 25 cent fare each way.

People who were waiting for the mail to be sorted convened in the waiting room of our tiny post office. On Saturday they sometimes waited in the living room of our home which adjoined the post office. My dad sorted the mail and placed it in the windowed receptacles where the recipient could see if there was mail in their rented box. The fee was \$1.00 a year. Only letters and cards went into these boxes.

If packages or large envelopes arrived, a card would be placed in their mail box stating, **PACKAGE TOO LARGE FOR BOX** and the recipient would hand it back and receive the item.

When dad opened the small window, everyone knew the mail had all been sorted and placed in the assigned boxes. How interesting it was in those days for folks to receive a personal letter, a colorful postcard or perhaps a card saying "package too large for box". It could even be an order arriving from Montgomery Ward or Sears & Robuck.

My parents quite often sent an order into New York City on Monday and receive their items on Wednesday by Parcel Post.

I loved to sit by dad and just watch him as he canceled stamps on outgoing mail and worked on his books. We had no speedy cars or trucks but our Ontario & Western Railroad brought our mail quickly. I sure miss that old railway.

Way back then postage on a letter cost 2 cents and a penny for a card and the United States mail was a very precious cargo.

Uncle Sam's mail pouches were made from sturdy leather and the first class pouches had a lock and key. The only one who had access to the mail pouches was our postmaster.

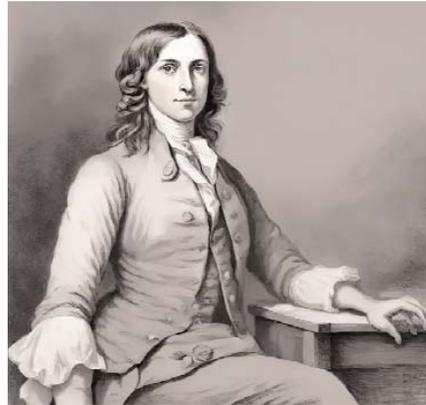
Revolutionary Women

A Talk by Phyllis (Penny) Coombe

Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.

(From Pg. 1) Meet some of the many mothers, wives and daughters of their more famous fathers, husbands and sons who made significant contribu-

tions to the successful conclusion of the American Revolution. Learn about the girl who dressed as a man and served in the army, the wife who took over firing her husband's cannon, the slave who was a pub-



Deborah Sampson.
lished poet, and more.

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. **In case of inclement weather, please check our website:**

www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

To join the program virtually, please register by email at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org and put Revolutionary Women 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 Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day through September, Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is \$10, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free.

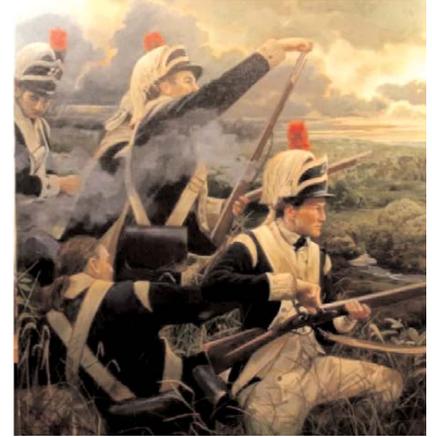
Museum exhibitions are interactive and both fun and educational for all ages:

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

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

- **1930s Lost Catskill Farm**, a farmhouse, outhouse, barn, electric plant, milk house, working waterwheel and many other buildings help visitors experience life in the 1930s through displays, videos, games and hands on activities.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, providing free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a field trip for schools, or group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.



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Legislature Celebrates Black History Month by Honoring Longtime Resident Pete Tweed

(From Pg.1)

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators gathered with the community today to recognize Black History Month in a truly local fashion.

"Black history is not a side story to American history," wrote Sullivan County Human Rights Commission Executive Director Ramone Wilson in words shared by District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward. "It is American history. It is a story of a people who survived slavery, seg-

regation, disenfranchisement, racial terror, exclusion from opportunity and generations of systemic injustice, yet still gave this country some of its greatest moral leadership, its most influential art, its most transformative civic moments and some of its deepest expressions of hope."



Monticello High School's "Garage Band" wowed the audience with their musical talents.

"Black history is often remembered through landmark moments: emancipation, constitutional amendments, civil rights legislation," remarked Kay-shawn Macharie, licensed administrator of the County's Care Center at Sunset Lake. "But what sustains a people is not only legislation. It is resolve, it is faith, it is the willingness to stand, even when standing comes at a cost."

Remarks were also given by Thompson Town Historian Al Dumas, My Brother's Keeper, and the office of Assemblymember Paula Kay, interspersed with soulful tunes by Monticello High School's "Garage Band." But the focus of the day was squarely on one outstanding member of the Sullivan County community.

"As Sullivan County's first African-American legislator, I feel strongly that we should acknowledge and celebrate our history here in the County, and inspire the next generation to strive to make a difference - because they certainly can!" Legislator Ward noted.

Like thousands of others, she's found such inspiration in Monticello resident Pedro "Pete" Tweed.

"He's known - on a first-name basis - by all of Sullivan County and far beyond," Ward acknowledged. "His name is synonymous with athleticism (particularly gymnastics), compassion, entrepreneurship and positivity. He is truly a beloved and legendary figure in our midst!"

Born in the Dominican Republic, Tweed spent the first 12 years of his life living with his grandmother Altagracia in the small Caribbean country. His mother, Cleopatra, had moved to America shortly after giving birth, though the two stayed in touch throughout Tweed's childhood.

"There was definitely a bond," he said. "I had been writing letters to her since I was 5."

As his teenage years approached, both son and mother wanted

to be together, and he traveled to live with her in the Bronx, where she worked at a bank. They grew close, but the transition was still challenging.

"I didn't speak English, so the kids in school treated me differently," Tweed recalled.

That was the beginning of his understanding that fellow human beings could be discriminatory, if not outright racist. Yet this did not dim his outlook or ambition.

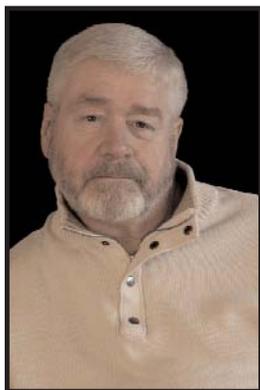
On the advice of an uncle, he took a summer job at the former Brickman Hotel in South Fallsburg between grades in high school.

"I started by folding towels, and soon I was part of the entertainment, with my gymnastics and martial arts skills," he explained.

Tweed had long enjoyed the martial arts - so much so that he had repeatedly rejected invitations to join his school's gymnastics team.

"My father had been a boxer, and I told them I just wanted to fight," he shared. "So I joined the wrestling team."

(Contd. Pg. 5a)



Legacy Mysterious Book Report No. 169 Red Metal

Mysterious Book Report No. 379

by John Dwaine McKenna

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Europe has lived in the shadow, first of the Soviet Union, and more recently, of the *Rodina* . . . Mother Russia herself . . . since the end of World War II. It's the reason the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, was formed by the US, Canada and several European nations for the purpose of joint security. An attack on one would be considered an attack on all. It

has been an effective deterrent to another war for more than seventy years. But, what if . . . what if it stopped working?

That's the premise underlying a page-turning and electrifying new thriller that's perfect for your summer reading program. And, hey! Fair warning – don't worry about cutting the grass or washing the car once you begin reading this one, because it's too compelling to let you worry about the mundane.

Red Metal, (Berkley/ Penguin/Random House, \$27.00, 656 pages, ISBN 978-0-451-49041-4) by Mark Greaney and H. Ripley Rawlings IV, have combined their immense talents to produce the best military action adventure since Tom Clancy wrote *The Hunt for Red October* nearly forty years ago.

Red Metal opens in Kenya, where the Russians are mining a mountain of precious, rare earth minerals; a necessity in manufacturing everything high-tech, from satellites to cell phones, under an agreement with the government. It's a treaty signed in greed and ignorance, that hugely favors the Russians, and the Kenyans, with assistance from the United States, kick the Russians out by force . . . humiliating a Spetsnaz (Special Forces) Colonel named Yuri Borbikov in the process. He gets his revenge a few years later, when threats of war between China and US ally Taiwan cause the President to order nearly all US military assets to the Far East, leaving a lethargic, loosely defended Europe inadequately protected. Colonel Borbikov presents a war plan that he's drawn up called *Operation Red Metal*, in which Russia tank forces and armored divisions will launch a lightning strike into Germany, and at the same time, commence an attack in Africa to retake the mine. To every senior Russian General's surprise, the Russian President approves the audacious plan and war – unthinkable only days earlier – is set in motion on land, air and sea . . . and in cyberspace. Once the war machine wheels start to turn, bullets fly, the computer hacking begins, and the action never stops as the authors tell the story from multiple points of view and all sides of each conflict, from the lowest NCO to the highest general. Whether you're a student of geopolitics, battle tactics, or just enjoy a good action adventure yarn, this one will keep you nailed to the page from start to finish, for hours at a time. Tell your friends-you saw it here first-the MBR predicts *Red Metal* is going to be a blockbuster hit!

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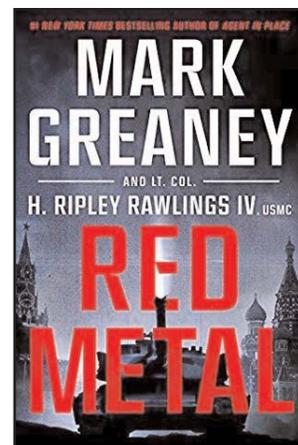
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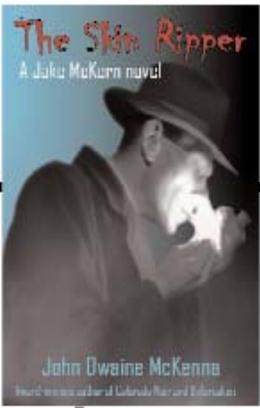
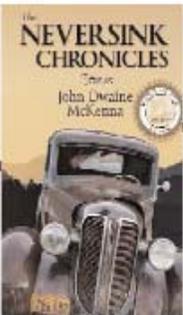
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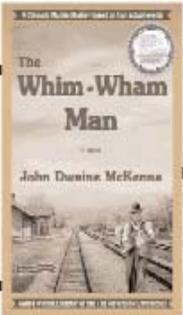
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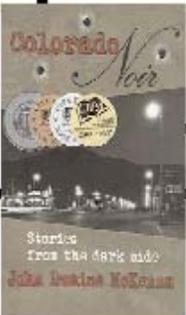
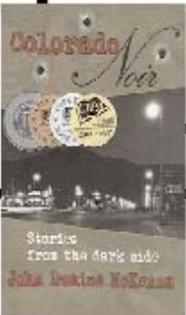
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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

We Do Not Care

Hospital Version

I just spent eleven days in the hospital with an acute Perforated, Ruptured Appendix with Peritonitis. Sound awful? It was.

However, there is humor in some aspects of it. So, with respects to Melanie Sanders who became the WDNC club, here is what I thought.

1. We do not care that our "Johnny" gown is open in the back. Walk ahead of me.
2. We do not care that the scrambled eggs are cold and the soup is cold. After not eating for 9 days, I will gnaw on your arm.
3. We do not care that nurses younger than my grandson have cleaned my butt. Therapy is their problem.
4. We do not care that we have to call again for the bedpan. We have to go again.
5. We do not care that you want to visit. We do not.
6. Instead of a phone call, text us. We'd rather sleep than talk.
7. We do not want a visit to chat. Just send a card or drop off some cookies.
8. We do not care that a hospital gown is the size of a Sasquatch. What falls out of its open spaces is not my problem. Don't look.

Seriously, now that I am home and recouping. I can look back and be grateful for a premier surgeon that just happened to be on duty and for nurses whose job is so important. What caring professionals.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

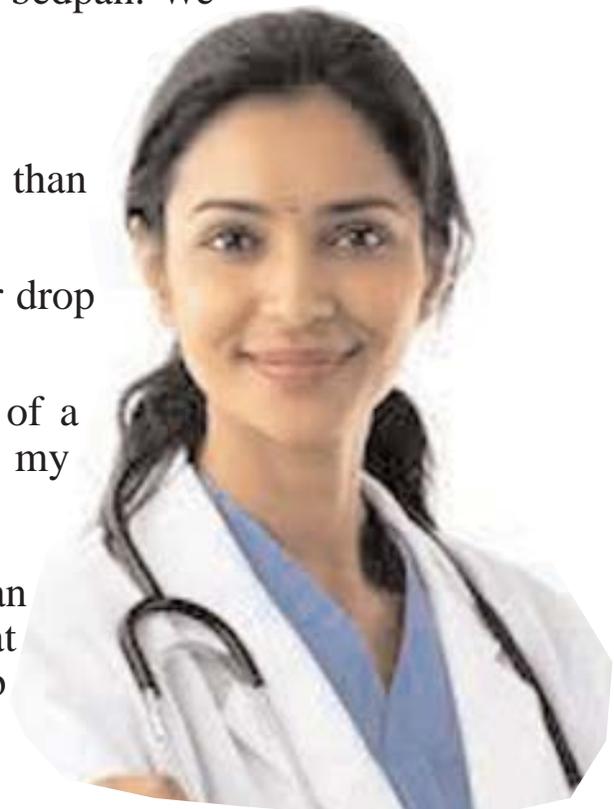
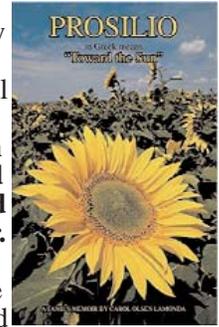
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read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

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and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



They are an artsy bunch, these DPL patrons!

By Lisa Carroll

(From Pg. 1) To make this beautiful artwork, there's a lot of math involved, and specific book lengths to consider...but after much calculations, folding and cutting, stunning images of butterflies, hearts and words of encouragement emerged from the page edges.



Just a few weeks ago, on February 13, our patrons partook in another fun crafting project, watercolor painting with local artist, Chris Parrow. Chris taught the eager artists-to-be some of the skills and techniques needed to create stunning, colorful still-life paintings of fresh floral arrangements...and boy, did they turn out spectacular!

Thank you to all our brave patrons who come out to the library to try new experiences. We love offering new programs and events, and hearing how much everyone enjoys them, well, that certainly warms our hearts.

If you're interested in more experiences, check out our Pocketbook Bingo on April 10. Our Bingo games are so much fun! The night will include

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And, just a reminder, we have books! Lots and lots of wonderful books to check out. There are great displays in our adult non-fiction section on decluttering your mind and your home. In the adult fiction section, we have a fantastic display, 'Page to Screen,' of books that have been turned into movies and shows. Also in the adult fiction section, we're displaying the bestsellers from each decade, from

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News From Time & the Valleys Museum #4

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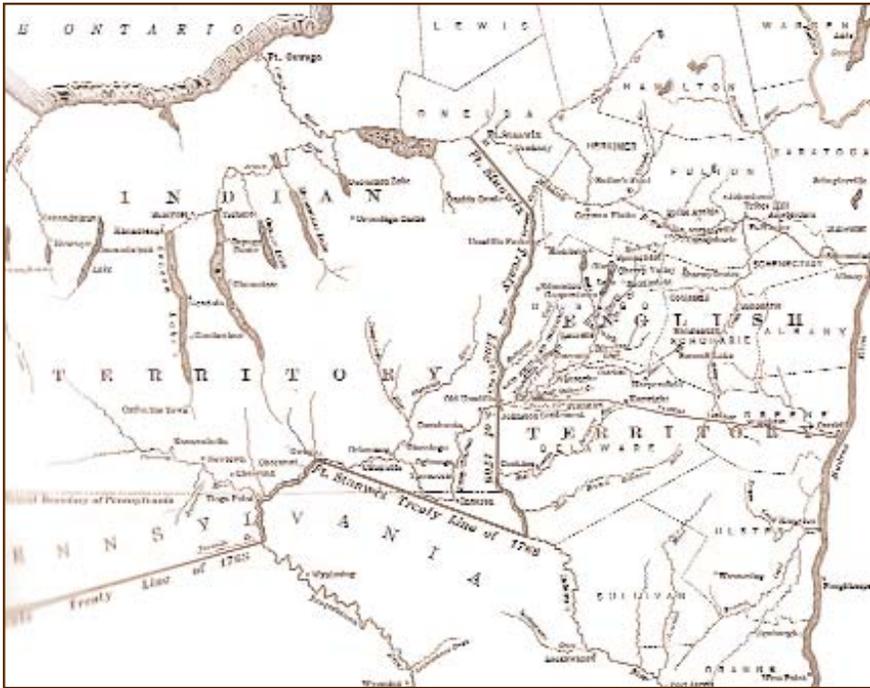


Which side are you on? This question is one the museum addresses in our traveling exhibit which will move around the county this year in conjunction with the Sullivan County Semiquincentennial Commission's celebration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. We will also be concerned with the same question in our new exhibition at the museum.

At the outbreak of war around Boston in 1775 people living in the American colonies were forced to choose where their loyalties would lie. It was not a simple choice and more difficult in areas that were the dividing lines between British held land and those controlled by the new 13 states.

New York State was a particularly difficult place for those who lived there. For most of the war, New York City, the rest of Manhattan Island, Long Island and Westchester County were under the control of the British Army. The Hudson River - Lake Champlain corridor was of such importance as the "key to the continent," that armies were continually moving back and forth on its waters. And then there was the powerful Iroquois Confederacy as well as other Native groups of western New York, centered in the Susquehanna and Mohawk River Valleys and the Finger Lakes region. Land had been reserved to Natives according to the Fort Stanwix Treaty agreed upon between the British government and the Native Americans in 1768.

Located between these powerful forces were the frontier areas of Orange and Ulster Counties, parts of them populated with small farming communities that could provide important food and livestock to the opposing sides. It was natural that they would be sites of conflict. A side must be taken or one would be the enemy of all - that a far greater danger than declaring where you stood and enjoying the protection of those who thought as you did.



Neversink, then part of Rochester in Ulster County and Denning, part of Shandaken, were both sparsely populated. Though many settlers removed from this dangerous frontier area and did not return or settle until after the war ended, some remained. They were not immune from the necessity to choose a side. Some of their names may be found on lists required by New York State.

Americans living in New York were asked to choose right away. Two days after the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 20, 1775 a Provincial Convention of County delegates met in New York City and adopted a pledge to be sent to each county for signatures to associate for security and to carry out measures recommended by the Continental Congress and New York State. The pledge was to be returned to the Provincial Congress of New York by July 15th with the names of signers AND THOSE WHO REFUSED TO SIGN.

A person who refused to sign may have felt strongly that the colonies should remain British or they may have been people who did not want to get actively involved, just wanting to stay neutral and hope it would all end soon.

Each choice involved danger. There was no easy answer on the frontier as the fortunes of both sides waxed and waned. The story of the war in this area was the story of various depredations of small settlements and militia responses. Patriot settlers were very frightened and felt extreme hatred for the Tories and their Native allies.

A letter written in 1785, just three years after the war ended, was published in the Ellenville Journal and republished in Sylvester's History of Ulster County shows how strong that fear and hatred was. It was written by Nicholas Depui of Wawarsing and sent to his former neighbor Richard Broadhead who had relocated to the Port Jervis area.

"I have often thought on the Situation of your family living on the Frontyere during the last war, exposed to the Ravages of the Savages and the more horrid White Savages. It is the most surprising thing in Nature to think that White men could join themselves to Savages to Imbrue their hands in the blood of their Countrymen."

This letter shows one perspective. The Loyalists and Native Americans felt a similar fear and hatred because of abuses perpetrated by the Patriots. What then occurred were a series of attacks, first by one side and then a response by the other side.

The Battle of Chestnut Woods is part of just such a series of events. It did not happen in isolation. Our exhibit will tell more of the story!

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environmental narratives of climate change, habitat loss, and biodiversity. Artists are encouraged to interpret “between the bees” expansively: as a literal space of ecological exchange, a metaphor for collaboration and community, or a meditation on the delicate balance that sustains life.

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However you would like to share your experiences, we welcome your submissions. The pieces will be on display throughout the months of April and May . We are also planning a roundtable panel where people can share their memories, talking about their mothers. Mothers-to-be encouraged to enter as well.

Artists and makers, writers, musicians and the public are invited to apply. Please indicate what your medium is and the nature of the proposal so we can plan the space your piece will occupy.

Send your ideas and photos if appropriate to the show curator, Naomi Frumess, at nfrumessfnp396@gmail.com or call her at (845) 807-6656 or (845) 807-6055. The Museum is located at 46 South Main Street in the village of Liberty, across from the Liberty Theater.

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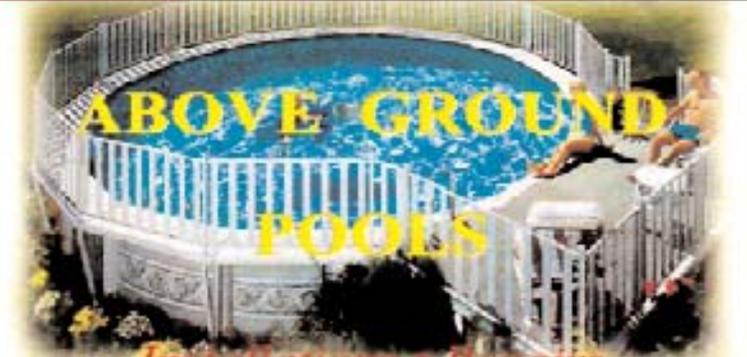
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Bassett Network Addresses ICE Rumors

After rumors of Immigration and Customs Enforcement visiting Bassett Healthcare Network in Cooperstown circulated in recent weeks, the organization told AllOtsego that was not true.

“Immigration and Customs Enforcement was not at Bassett Medical Center, despite rumors and misinformation spreading through the community,” spokesperson Gabrielle Argo said in a statement.

“The Department of Homeland Security visited Bassett Medical Center a couple of weeks ago to meet with our Security Department. This was unrelated to immigration and customs enforcement. They were doing a routine cybersecurity vulnerability assessment. This is a process that occurs at hospitals every year as part of our routine safety planning,” Argo said.

Rumors of ICE presence had circulated after that visit, and were mentioned at a Democratic state legislature candidate forum in Franklin on February 14.

“There’s lots of things that we need to be pushing back on the federal government right now,” said Michele Frazier, a candidate for the 51st State Senate District, adding she supported the New York for All legislation which would limit ICE collaborations in the state.

At the February 14 candidate forum, Frazier said to those gathered, “We have a community that we actually want people to live here. We want our immigrant neighbors to feel safe. They were at Bassett hospital recently, and there are now doctors who don’t want to come to our communities because of that.”

Argo told AllOtsego that Frazier’s assertions are untrue.

Argo said Bassett Healthcare Network has been working to educate employees about processes and guidelines, “in cooperation with our Security and Legal teams, in the event Immigration and Customs Enforcement ever visits one of our campuses.”

“We continue to keep our staff advised. Our Security team is prepared to respond to these interactions. Bassett will comply with all legal requirements, including requiring law enforcement to have judicial warrants to enter private spaces in our facilities as it aligns with the law and Constitution,” Argo said.

Bassett employs a number of medical professionals present in the country on visas.

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Time and the Valleys Museum, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville NY 12740
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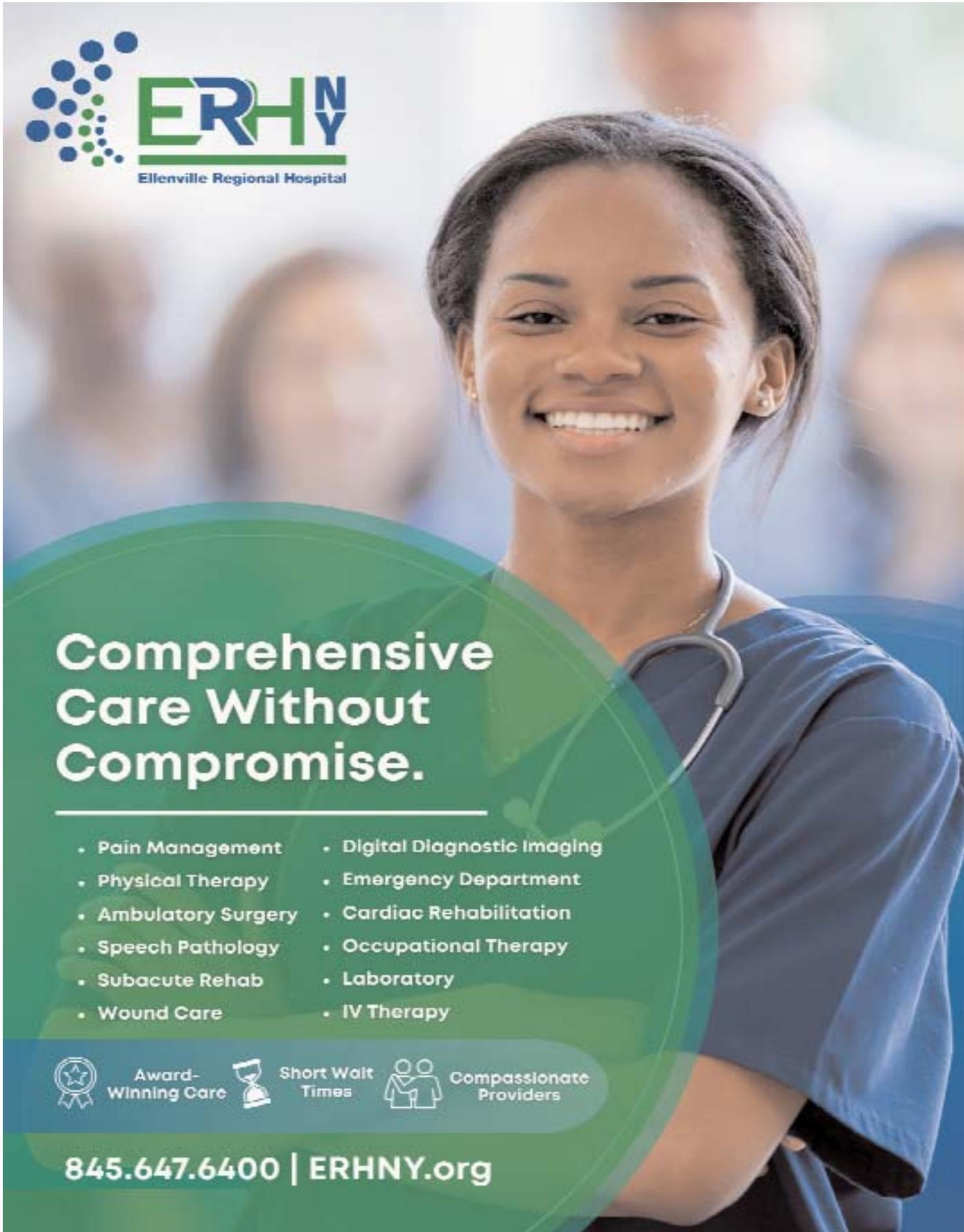
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The annual Plot-Holders' meeting of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association will be held on March 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Grahamsville.

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Accepting Public Input to Amend Sundown Wild Forest Unit Management Plan

DEC is accepting public input on the development of an amendment to the Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the **Sundown Wild Forest in Ulster County.**

The 900-acre addition to Sundown Wild Forest, part of the Catskill Forest Preserve, will provide expanded public access to State lands, opportunities for public recreation, and enhanced natural resource protection. Notable landmarks on the property include Wagon Wheel Gap, Low Point, Little High Point, and one of the best views of the Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskills.

Sundown Wild Forest currently contains 30,100 acres of protected land including 10 mountains more than 2,000 feet high, numerous waterfalls, valleys, and streams, as well as access to the Long Path, Vernooy Kill Falls, and the Peekamoose Valley Blue Hole.

DEC will solicit input from the public on the types of public use and supporting facilities they may want to have developed on the new parcel and how the land will be managed.

DEC will accept written and emailed comments until April 1, 2026. After the comment period, DEC will develop a draft amendment to the 2019 Sundown Wild Forest UMP (PDF) that will include:

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/sdw-fump2.pdf

- Formal classification and addition of the 900-acre acquisition to Sundown Wild Forest;
- Identifying opportunities for improvements to recreational facilities and natural resource protection goals for all lands contained within the unit.

Comments can be mailed to Environmental Program Specialist Pine Roehrs, NYSDEC, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561 or emailed to Catskill.Park@dec.ny.gov.

The amendment planning process will include an additional public meeting and comment period on the draft amendment to provide the public with the opportunity to review and provide input before it is finalized.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District will hold a Special Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

The Board anticipates convening immediately into executive session pursuant to Section 105 of the New York State Public Officers Law. There will be no public portion of the meeting.

Heather Bonnell

Tri-Valley Central School District Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, a meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 07:00 p.m.** prevailing time, at the **Tri-Valley Central School District Secondary School, Lower Level Collaboration Center.** It is anticipated that an Executive Session will be held at the start of the Regular Meeting.

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

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Forestburgh Playhouse Reveals Broadway Sensation Come From Away as "Mystery Show" for Landmark 80th Anniversary Season

Forestburgh, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse has officially unveiled its highly anticipated "Mystery Show" for the 2026 Season and landmark 80th Anniversary Celebration: the international Broadway hit, *Come From Away*.

The critically acclaimed musical will run August 25 - September 6, 2026, serving as a major highlight of the Playhouse's historic anniversary season.

Come From Away tells the inspiring true story of 7,000 stranded airline passengers and the extraordinary small town of Gander, Newfoundland, that welcomed them after the events of September 11, 2001. When 38 planes were unexpectedly diverted, an incredible display of kindness, resilience, and human connection unfolded. With its soaring and unforgettable score, the production has captivated audiences worldwide with its uplifting message.

"Revealing *Come From Away* as our Mystery Show feels especially meaningful during our 80th Anniversary Season," said Producer, Franklin Trapp. "This musical celebrates compassion, community, and the very best of humanity - values that have defined the Forestburgh Playhouse for eight decades."

Since its Broadway debut, *Come From Away* has earned widespread acclaim, including multiple Tony Award nominations, and has become a global theatrical phenomenon.

The production is expected to be one of the most in-demand titles of the 2026 summer season. The 2026 Season marks 80 years of "Broadway in the Catskills" for the Forestburgh Playhouse, continuing its legacy as New York State's oldest continuously operating summer theatre.

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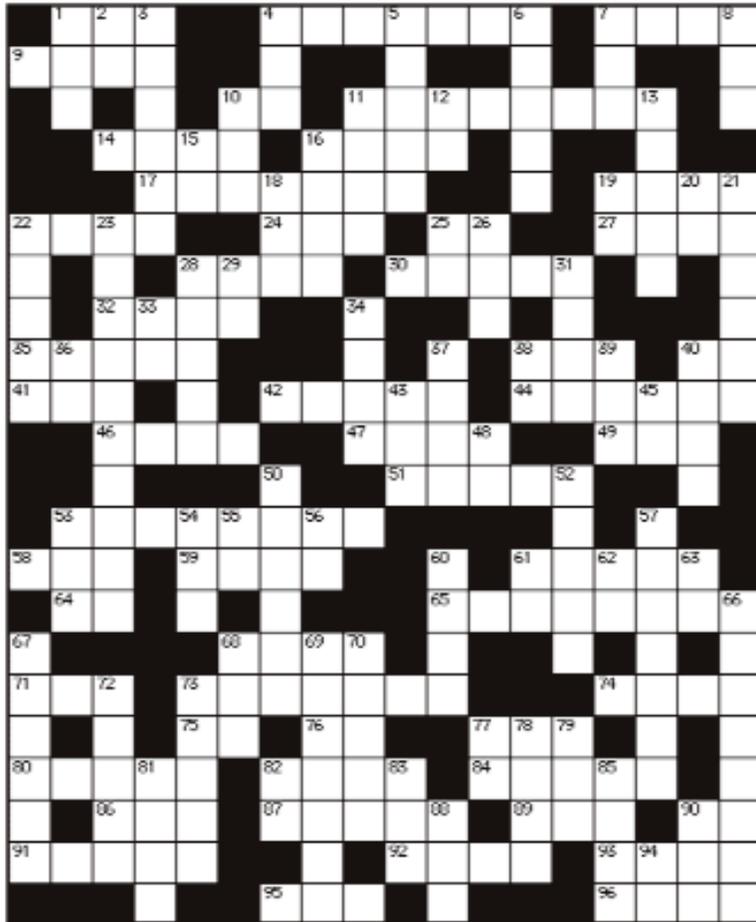
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 38 ... Eliot, author associated with the rise of literary modernism
 39 Consume food
 40 Single element of speech
 43 Garden tool
 45 South America
 48 Public Relations

50 Reflective surface
 52 Explain how to do something
 53 Plant seed
 54 To pose particularly in a seated position
 56 Colorado (postal)
 57 How we will push our clocks this weekend
 60 English

monk, theologian and historian who became a Saint (673-735)
 61 Common Era
 62 Half a quart (abbrev)
 63 Chem. element
 66 Clever persons with

unsound reasoning
 67 Look for
 68 Seed
 69 Artists who carve wood
 70 Sea
 72 Affected by the tides
 73 Wed
 77 Alternating Current
 78 Used to send a greeting
 79 Consisting of three

81 Afflicts
 82 Author of the "God Memorandum"
 83 Lunar Excursion Module
 85 Sharp pointed dueling sword
 88 Stitch
 90 Tack
 94 Short period of time

Chilly Night Quick Chicken and Dumplings

- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 3 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3 cups cubed cooked chicken breast
- 1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1-2/3 cups reduced-fat biscuit/baking mix
- 2/3 cup fat-free milk

In a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray, cook and stir celery and carrots over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in broth, chicken and seasonings. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to a gentle simmer.

dumplings, mix biscuit mix and milk until a soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoonfuls on top of the simmering liquid. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook until a toothpick inserted in dumplings comes out clean (do not lift cover during the first 10 minutes), 10-15 minutes.

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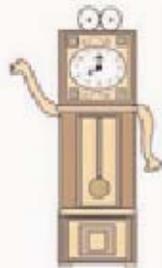
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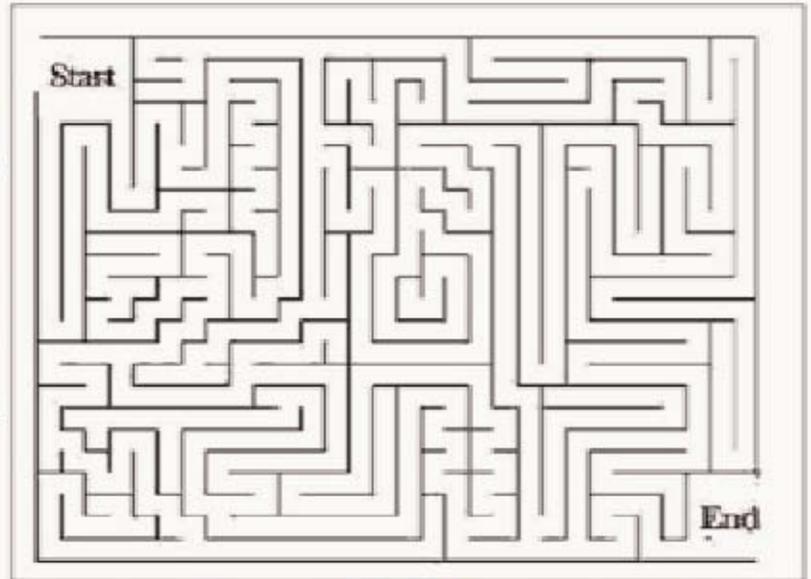
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Daylight Savings Time Wordsearch

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Help the old clock through the maze while he springs ahead



- UNIVERSAL GRADUALLY TIME CHANGE ADJUSTMENT SPRING FORWARD
- FALL BACK CLOCKS TURN BACK DISRUPTS REMINDER SLEEP HABITS



Can you find at least 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



Follow the dots to complete this picture.

Cryptogram Key

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST
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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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
8:00 AM Monday through Friday
9:00 AM Saturday

HOLY DAY EUCHARIST
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Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am
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Pastor Harriet Wilkin
845-985-2283

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:15 am

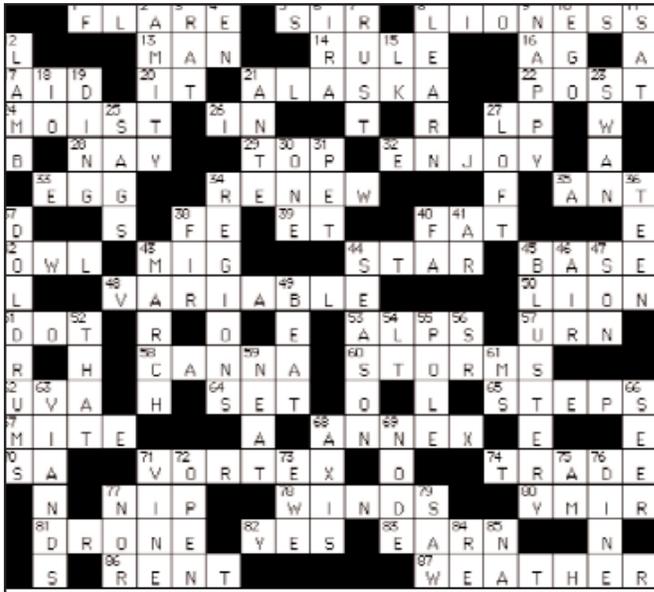


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Ans to last week's Crossword



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 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
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Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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To learn more about **Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1)** or to make a donation please go to:
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NFX drives bold, high-impact research to discover and develop targeted treatments for **neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1)**
NFX advances groundbreaking research that will bring us closer to ending neurofibromatosis.
 Thank you

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

- Spring Fling, Saturday May 2nd 12-3pm
- Street Fair, Saturday July 11th 11-5pm
- Duck Race, Thursday August 13th 6pm
- Halloweenfest, Saturday October 31st 12-3pm
- Joy to Wurtsboro, Saturday November 28th 1-4pm

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

Daniel Pierce Library Hours

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

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/4/2026	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 2/20/2026)
2/10/2026	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
2/10/2026	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
3/11/2026	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
3/17/2026	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 3/6/2026)
3/19/2026	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting-6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
3/19/2026	Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
4/7/2026	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm

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>

There's a forest growing in the WCAA gallery at 959 Main Street in Honesdale

"TREE" OPENS MARCH 7, 2026 AT THE WCAA GALLERY

The WCAA Gallery opens its' 2026 season with an exhibition of Wayne County School District's student artists. "TREE", a collaboration between Wayne Highlands, Wallenpaupack Area, Western Wayne School Districts, the Wayne Conservation District and the Wayne County Arts Alliance, showcases the work of 700 K-12th grade students, and celebrates trees in a variety of ways.

In October of 2025, the Wayne Conservation District donated and planted a native tree on every Public School campus in Wayne County. The Conservation District and the WCAA collaborated with public school administrators, teachers, and students who participated in "Planting Ceremonies" that provided inspiration for the creation of "TREE" art in schools all over the county. "TREE", the culmination of this collaboration, will be on view at the WCAA Gallery at 959 Main Street in Honesdale from Saturday, March 7, 2026 through Friday, April 3, 2026. The Gallery is open Thursdays thru Sundays 11am-4pm.

For more information visit waynecountyartsalliancer.org.



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2026 Winter Schedule
 You can also Schedule an Appointment at sullivanny.gov | County Clerk Russell Reeves

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

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

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

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

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

If so, please call or email

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville
director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition

Thank you so much!



Fallsburg Honors Winter Scholar Athletes

FALLSBURG - The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to recognize its NYSPHSAA scholar-athletes for the 2025-2026 winter season. The NYSPHSAA recognizes teams and individual athletes who excel academically within each sports season. To qualify as a scholar-athlete team, at least three-quarters of the students must maintain a grade point average of 90.00 or above.

Boys Basketball: Xzavier Berrios, Jansel Rosa Gonzalez, Treyvon Hayden, and Xavier Young

Girls Basketball: Marilyn Santos, Joslyn Smith, and Alisha Tremper

Cheerleading: Maria Nardi

Boys Indoor Track: Jansel Rosa Gonzalez, Treyvon Hayden, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Efrain Rodriguez, and Zayd Snead

Girls Indoor Track: Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Autumn-Rain Atkinson, Kaddyjatou Darboe, Deysi Diaz Hernandez, Isabella Gonzales, Camdyn Hoefling, Zoey Ketcham, Dalila Koljenovic, Alisha Tremper, Helen Vasquez, and Skylar Wright

Girls Alpine Skiing: Madeline Pantel

Wrestling: Eriberto Gonzalez Jr. and Samuel Vega

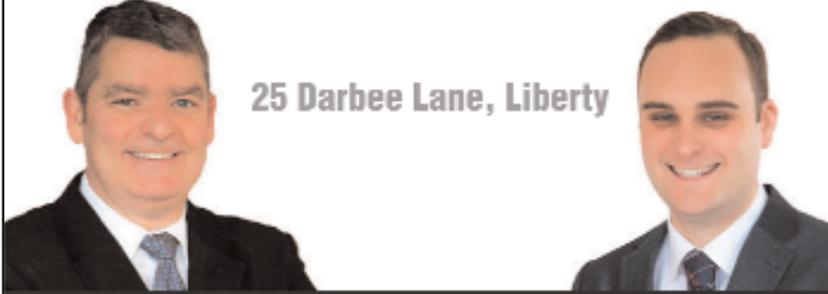
Stefanik Statement on Operation Epic Fury

"As a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Select Committee on Intelligence, I have always been consistent that Iran cannot have nuclear

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weapons capabilities that would threaten the national security of the United States. Iran is the world's largest sponsor of terror and has targeted, killed, and wounded U.S. service members and civilians throughout the Middle East over the past decades including soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division. Additionally, the sick Iran regime controlled by the blood-thirsty ayatollah terrorists have destroyed a nation, continued to pursue nuclear weapons threatening America and all of humanity, slaughtered innocent Iranians, and shed blood across the Middle East including Americans.

I know President Trump has to make some of the most difficult decisions imaginable and there is no decision more serious that military action to protect our national security and American lives.

God Bless our brave men and women in uniform. The American people are praying for your safety," Stefanik said._

More Ask Happenings!

SKETCH GROUP MONTHLY

Drop-In Drawing is part of ASK Friday Nights, when Arts Society of Kingston stays open late and admission is free. ASK Sketch Group invites community members to explore sketching in a relaxed, welcoming drop-in session. These gatherings are about observation, curiosity, and creativity, not perfection.

Sessions are facilitated by ASK Gallery Committee members and guest artists and take place monthly in the ASK classroom and gallery. All skill levels are encouraged, from first-time doodlers to experienced artists.

Participants bring own art materials.

FRIDAY, February 20, 7 - 9 PM

Drop in's & Sign ups.

And every third Friday following...

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NEW WORK LAB

Arts Society of Kingston's MONTHLY New Work Lab is a supportive, artist-centered space for developing original theatrical material at any stage. Open to playwrights, actors, directors, and theater-makers from across the Hudson Valley and beyond. Sign up below.

Playwrights are invited to bring in pages, scenes, or full drafts to be read aloud by fellow artists, followed by thoughtful, facilitated conversation. Rooted in ASK's commitment to creative process, equity, and community care, will use writer-driven (Liz Lehrman) feedback approach. There is no pressure to perform or produce-only the opportunity to hear work out loud, ask questions, and explore what the play wants to become.

THURSDAY February 19, 7 - 9 PM

Sign up in advance.

Every 3rd Thursday.

SIGN UP for either group [HERE](#)

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Open Source Forms Dance Classes in the Hudson Valley! Dancing the Inner Landscape with Teresa Smith

Every other Friday 11:00 AM - 1 PM:
March 13 - June 19, 2025

REGISTER: Earthbodybreath@gmail.com

Learn more: earthbodyevents.com

Open Source Forms / Dancing the Inner Landscape
In OSF classes we enter a creative process; letting go of outer layers of holding to find primal energy and ease.

Guided by embodied imagery as a powerful tool for transformation we'll learn to move with agility, transparency and depth. Through alignment studies, movement exploration and group improvisation we'll cultivate a deep connection to our inner and outer environments. In this series we'll explore three unique states of dancing; I move, it moves me, It moves! A remarkably effective way of learning, the OSF approach can catalyze transformation in many kinds of practice, in unique movement virtuosity, and in daily life.

What to expect:

This is an improvisational movement class for all levels of movers, and can be done with any amount of energy. Kinesthetic insight is approached in multi-directional, structural and poetic ways. Music and silence is interwoven with (spoken) poetic imagery, deep meditations and active, focused improvisation.

Teresa Smith brings to her teaching a warm appreciation of each person's essence and delights in awakening the creative spirit. She is a certified teacher of Open Source Forms™ and practiced the root form Skinner Releasing™ for three decades. Through her dance company 'Earthbody' she presents performance, artwork and workshops emerging from an intimate conversation with the body, psyche and natural environment.

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THE REP! Announces Summer Theater Camp 2026 at Arts Society of Kingston

A New Professional-Driven Musical Theater Institute for
Youth Ages 13-17

Kingston, NY - THE REP!, a newly formed independent youth theater company, is proud to announce its inaugural REP! Summer Theater Camp 2026, taking place at the Arts Society of Kingston. Running June 29 through July 26, 2026, this month-long musical theater institute invites young creatives ages 13-17 to become the founding REP Ensemble of performers, producers, musicians, and technicians.

Created and led by professional musical theater directors, composers, and producers, THE REP! offers an immersive, hands-on training experience rooted in collaboration and excellence of craft. Ensemble members will learn the full structure of theatrical production, including acting, movement, musicianship, management, and design. Each participant will rotate through multiple roles-onstage and behind the scenes-mirroring the collaborative nature of professional theater-making.

Seth Bodie is a theatre designer and educator with 30 years of production experience that spans the globe. Dani Super is a talent manager and acting coach who has worked in film, television and theatre for three decades. Mike Davis is a musician with decades of professional experience as a performer, composer, producer and recording/mix engineer.

Camp meets weekdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with extended technical and dress rehearsal days on Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24. The program culminates in a weekend of fully staged live performances, presented July 24-26, marking the debut production of THE REP! Ensemble.

Enrollment is now open. Families can learn more and register online [HERE](#)

https://www.woodstockyouthrepertory.com/service-page/the-rep-www-theater-camp-2026?referral=service_list_widg-et&mc_cid=baa560ac16&mc_eid=5bb4c202f9

Mental Health Matters Day in Albany

[LIBERTY, NY] Sullivan 180 and Fallsburg Hope Squad will represent Sullivan County at “Mental Health Matters Day” in connection with the Mental Health Association of New York State in Albany on March 11. The event brings together students, educators, and mental health advocates from across New York State to highlight the importance of mental wellness and the need for accessible, effective support systems. Together, they will be advocating for stronger mental health resources and awareness in schools and communities.

Sullivan 180 is participating in a three-year pilot with the New York State Office of Mental Health to bring Hope Squad to local middle and high schools. Sullivan 180's Youth Mental Health Program has supported the implementation of Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention initiative that fosters connection while breaking down mental health stigma, in both Fallsburg and Eldred Middle & High Schools. Students from Fallsburg's Hope Squad will showcase how they use peer support to advocate for meaningful changes in school mental health resources.

A key component of Mental Health Matters Day is the opportunity for students to meet with state legislators. Fallsburg Hope Squad members will engage directly with policymakers, sharing their perspectives and advocating for policies that strengthen school mental health resources.

“Mental Health Matters Day allows our Hope Squad students to step into leadership roles, share real teen perspectives, and advocate for stronger mental health support in our schools,” said Hope Squad Advisor Kristen Meyer. It reinforces that their voices matter and that they can help shift the conversation around mental health toward understanding, connection, and hope.”

“Mental Health Matters Day reminds us that advocacy starts with listening and taking action,” added Mylene Ortiz, Youth Mental Health Program Manager at Sullivan 180. “Programs like Hope Squad empower students to support one another and to have their voices heard in shaping healthier school communities.”

To learn more or for schools interested in fostering student mental health and peer support can bring Hope Squad to their campuses by contacting Mylene@sullivan180.org. Together, we can create safer, more compassionate schools where every student feels seen, heard, and supported.

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

Sullivan BOCES Career & Technical Education Students Earn Honor Roll and High Honor Roll Recognition

LIBERTY: Sullivan BOCES proudly recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled at the Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center who earned placement on the Honor Roll and High Honor Roll for the recent marking period.

These students demonstrated exceptional dedication, strong work ethic, and a commitment to excellence while balancing rigorous academic expectations with hands-on technical training. Sullivan BOCES CTE programs prepare students for college and careers by blending real-world skills with academic achievement, and this recognition highlights the determination and focus of these learners.

Executive Principal Jeffrey Molusky praised the students for their accomplishments, stating, “Congratulations to our Honor Roll and High Honor Roll students on this well-earned recognition. Their success reflects not only their hard work and perseverance, but also the strength of our Career & Technical Education programs and the support of our dedicated teachers and families. We are incredibly proud of their achievements.”

For more information about Sullivan BOCES Career & Technical Education programs, visit www.scboces.org/CTE

High Honor Roll

Allied Health

Maliea Agapito, (LCS)
Elionna Bell, (Ellenville)
Michael Carman, (MCS)
Alivia Garcia, (RCS)
Aaliyah Hyman, (MCS)
Sarai Miranda, (LCS)
Peyton Murran, (MCS))

Animal Science

Kylee Curry, (LCS)
Audrey Krum, (LCS)
Elecssia Kruszka, (MCS)
William Pennell, (LCS)

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Sullivan BOCES Career & Technical Education Students Earn Honor Roll and High Honor Roll Recognition

(From Pg. 29)

Auto Technology

Christian Curry, (LCS)
Chase Graham, (TVCS)
David Hermann, (TVCS)
Stephan LaTouche, (MCS)
Leon Martinez, (MCS)
Kenji Rodriguez Santillan, (MCS)
Auto Technology (cont.)
Jaycob Torres Barreto, (MCS)
Jacob Tucker, (RCS)

Broadcasting/Music Production

William Blume, (TVCS)
Raedyn Boatright, (MCS)
Dexter Hannold, (TVCS)
John Palacios Medrano, (LCS)
Jose Ybanez, (SWCS)

Cosmetology

Naiara Alvarado Piedy, (LCS)
Isabella Carpinone, (MCS)
Giada Donato, (Eldred)
Sydania Foster, (LCS)
Christina Kritikos, (MCS)
Nydia Lopez, (Ellenville)
Kara Schloicka, (MCS)

Culinary Arts

Angelika Foley, (Eldred)
Kaylee Taubl, (TVCS)
Mallory Tesseyman, (LCS)

Early Childhood & Development

Taliah Aguayo (RCS)
Gabiella Alger (RCS)

Kyleigh Avery (FCS)
Mackenzie Cole (RCS)
Nicole Phillips (RCS)
Early Childhood Cont.
Skylar Wright (FCS)

Electrical

Steven Acevedo Huerta, (MCS)
Logan Schmeiser, (RCS)

Health Occupations

Katherine Alvarado Castro, (FCS)
Kerice Barrett, (MCS)
Amberleigh Benitez, (MCS)
Giada DeFrank, (LCS)
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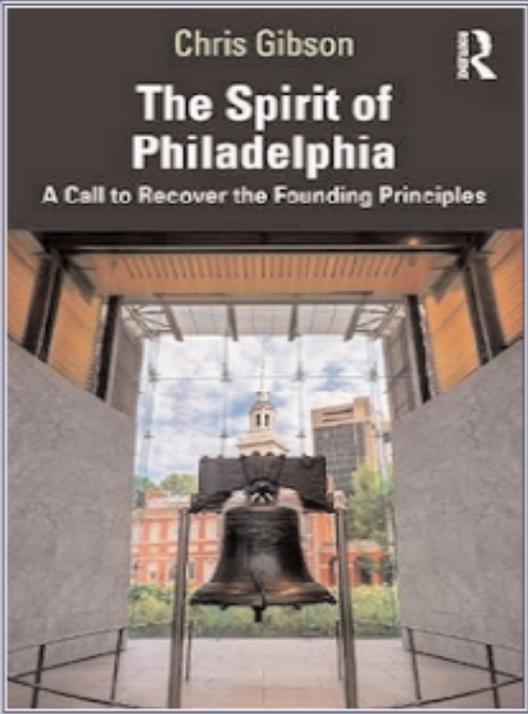
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By Chris Gibson

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Greetings again from Kinderhook,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,
Chris Gibson

Chris Gibson

Soldier



Scholar



Statesman



Letter to the Editor:

Tague Blasts CLCPA as 'Reckless Downstate Experiment' *A statement from Assemblyman Chris Tague (R,C-Schoharie)*

"I've been saying it for years, the CLCPA's aggressive green mandates are imposing an unbearable financial burden on upstate New Yorkers. NYSEDA's own internal memo confirms what we've all felt in our wallets. Upstate households staring down over \$4,000 a year in extra costs! This is a reckless, downstate-imposed experiment that's driving up energy bills, threatening jobs and making life unaffordable for the people who actually power this state," said Tague.

"Albany Democrats talk about affordability, but they're the ones responsible for record spending, taxing and forcing this rushed electrification nightmare," Tague concluded.

Assemblyman Chris Tague represents the 102nd Assembly District, which includes Greene and Schoharie counties, and parts of Albany, Delaware and Otsego and counties.

Chris Tague,
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Frost Valley 2026 Camp T-Shirt Design Contest!

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

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

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

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

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DEC Announces 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge

Program Encourages New Yorkers to Experience the Joy of Birding Across the State

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced today that the 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge for birders of all ages and abilities will start on March 1. The challenge encourages New Yorkers and visitors to identify birds and learn about birdlife, and finishers are awarded a commemorative I BIRD NY Challenge patch and certificate-plus the opportunity to win birding-related prizes.

"New York State's globally significant habitat supports a wide range of bird species," Commissioner Lefton said. "Whether you are an expert birder or birding for the first time, the I BIRD NY program offers opportunities to experience birds and the diverse habitats they call home."

New York State offers exceptional opportunities to experience the joy of birds across wide-ranging habitats. From the Atlantic Ocean's sandy beaches to the Great Lakes coastlines, Adirondack and Catskill peaks, and everywhere in between, the state supports more than 450 different bird species throughout the year. The I BIRD NY Challenge incentivizes observing birds in neighborhoods, local parks, or DEC and partner lands throughout the state.

New and experienced birders can discover the thrill of birding by taking the I BIRD NY Challenge, visiting a site along the New York State Birding Trail, and viewing additional birding resources on DEC's website.

The I BIRD NY program was launched in 2017 to build on the State's efforts to increase access to New York's vast natural resources and promote no- and low-cost opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and connect with nature. Because people can observe birds wherever they live, work, or recreate, birding is an accessible activity that does not require transportation or the purchase of specialized equipment. Bird watching can be enjoyed by people from all economic backgrounds and education levels. While binoculars can help, many birds can be identified without them.

The 2026 I BIRD NY Challenge is open to all ages and runs from March 1 to November 1. To complete the challenge, participants must identify any 10 wild bird species and submit a challenge sheet to DEC. Over 1,600 birders completed this fun challenge in 2025.

Challenge sheets can be submitted online via Survey Monkey or sent via email or mail. Entries must be received by November 18, 2026. Entry forms will be available in Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, and Urdu. All participants will be awarded a commemorative patch, given a completion certificate, and entered into a drawing for great birding prizes. Two youth and two adult winners will be chosen. Participants will also receive an extra prize entry for providing a photo documenting their challenge experience. Those interested in taking the challenge can visit the "I BIRD NY" webpage to access this year's challenge sheet and find information on where and how to watch birds, upcoming birding events, a downloadable Beginner's Guide to Birding (PDF) (also available in Spanish (PDF)), and additional resources. Those interested may also opt to sign up for DEC's monthly birding newsletter, Words of a Feather, for birding tips and tricks, New York State Birding Trail site recommendations, events, and more delivered right to one's inbox. "We love introducing people to the joy of birds and building inclusive community around birding in Western New York. The I BIRD NY Challenge provides a great opportunity for birders of all levels to get outside and have fun birding," said Ruth Goldman, President, Birds on the Niagara and Feminist Bird Club Buffalo Leader.

"Birds can be enjoyed by anyone at any time and anywhere. Birds bring us joy and help us discover wonder in the world and connect with the needs of our ecosystems. Happy birding!" said Jenn Lodi-Smith, PhD, founder and Director of The Spark Bird Project and WNY Young Birder Club mentor.

"While certain birds stay hidden in the treetops, many species can be found in open marshes, along lakes and rivers, and popping up in the tall wildflowers of grasslands. Different birds are adapted to thrive in different ecosystems, so the more locations you visit, the larger variety of birds you can find! Across the 50,000-acre Montezuma Wetlands Complex, for instance, you can drive and walk around to spot Bald Eagles, Wood Ducks, and Trumpeter Swans, no equipment necessary. The I BIRD New York Challenge offers a great opportunity to explore new places and see new wildlife," said Chris Lajewski, Montezuma Audubon Center Director.

DEC also reminds the public that highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is currently widespread in wild birds and mammals. The public can help minimize risk and the spread of disease by preventing contact between domestic animals and wild birds. The public is encouraged to report sick or deceased wildlife to DEC. In cases where field staff may be unavailable to collect samples or carcasses from the landscape and removal is necessary, use proper personal protective equipment, including disposable gloves, a mask, and eye protection. Avoid direct contact with the carcass or fluids by using a shovel to transfer it to a tripled garbage or contractor bag, which should be placed in an outdoor trash receptacle. More information about HPAI, including how it is spread and which animals can be infected, is available on DEC's "Animal Diseases" webpage.

As always, participants are encouraged to Love Our New York Lands all year by practicing Leave No Trace™ principles and by recreating safely and sustainably.

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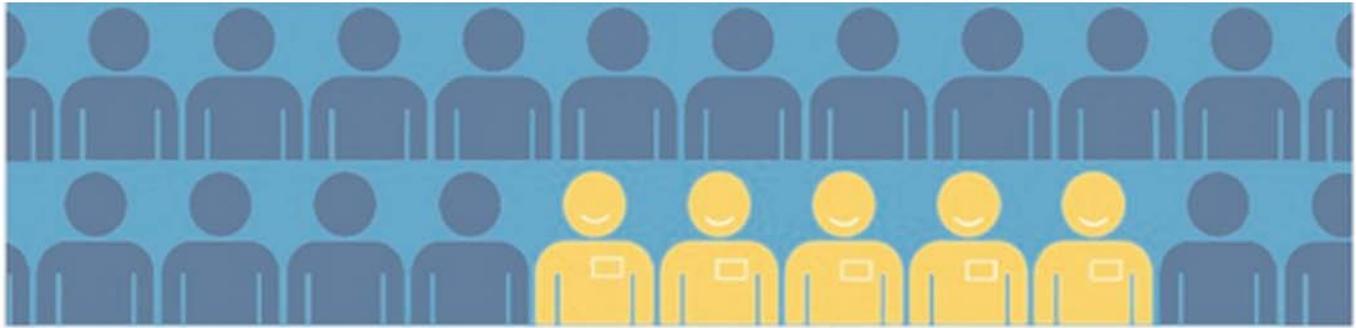
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Join now by going to timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership, or send a check (\$25 for Individual, \$40 for Double and \$50 for Family) to the Museum at the address below. You will receive membership cards, a newsletter and special gift by return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

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



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740
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Archival Exhibit Grand Opening:

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Wednesday, March 11, 2-4

Nina Postupack Archives Gallery

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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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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.

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Gillibrand, Colleagues Introduce Legislation to Guarantee Free, Easy Tax Filing for Americans

Washington, D.C - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) joined Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Chris Coons (D-DE), Ron Wyden (D-OR), and dozens of her Democratic colleagues in introducing the Direct File Act, new legislation that would reverse the Trump administration's decision to end the highly successful Direct File program - which allowed taxpayers to file their taxes online, for free, and directly with the government - and make the program permanent. If fully implemented, Direct File was projected to lower costs and save families up to \$23 billion annually in fees, time, and tax credits.

“Filing your taxes shouldn't be a burden. But President Trump ended the highly successful Direct File program to side with powerful special interests over everyday Americans, making it harder and more expensive for working families to file their tax returns,” said Senator Gillibrand. “I'm proud to cosponsor the Direct File Act to restore this free, easy option so Americans can file directly with the government. I look forward to working to lower tax burdens for New Yorkers and will fight hard to get this important legislation across the finish line.”

“It's a no-brainer: Americans should be able to file their taxes easily and for free. Donald Trump canceled Direct File after giant tax prep companies spent millions lobbying to protect their profits,” said Senator Warren. “We're fighting to lower costs for families by bringing Direct File back and making it the law of the land.”

“Direct File helped hundreds of thousands of American taxpayers file their taxes quickly, easily, and for free - so of course President Trump and Republicans killed it,” said Senator Coons. “This year, those Americans will have to go back to expensive tax preparation services owned by President Trump's donors. This legislation would bring back Direct File, because tax season is already hard enough without having to pay a company to pay your taxes.”

“Trump and the Republicans shut down the IRS Direct File program because they're bought and paid for by the tax software industry and don't have a problem with middle-class taxpayers getting ripped off every spring,” said Senator Wyden. “This bill is a promise that Democrats are going to restore Direct File the next time we're in charge of the IRS, and in the meantime, it's a shame that the Trump administration is a threat to any public service that saves

Americans time, hassle and money.”

The average American taxpayer spends eight hours and \$160 each year filing their taxes with tax prep companies. In 2024, the IRS launched Direct File to save families time and money. 94% of users described their experience as “excellent” or “above average,” and more than 70% of taxpayers said they would use Direct File if they were eligible.

Despite Direct File's success, the Trump administration ended the program after extensive lobbying efforts by tax prep companies. This decision contradicts recommendations from the independent Government Accountability Office and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, ultimately raising costs for Americans and making the tax filing experience even more burdensome.

In addition to directing the IRS to establish and operate a free online tax preparation and filing program, the Direct File Act would:

- o Prohibit the IRS from entering into agreements that restrict its ability to provide free online tax preparation or filing services.
- o Direct the IRS to publish an annual report on use levels, patterns of usage, and ways to improve access to Direct File.
- o Direct the IRS to enable seamless integration between state tax filing systems and Direct File, including through information sharing and a new grant program for states.
- o Reduce tax fraud by getting third-party income information to the IRS earlier in the tax season, allowing the agency to verify this information before issuing refunds.

Gillibrand, Warren, Coons, and Wyden were joined on the legislation by Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senators Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), John Fetterman (D-PA), Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Andy Kim (D-NJ), Angus King (I-ME), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM.), Ed Markey (D-MA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Tina Smith (D-MN), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Mark Warner (D-VA), Peter Welch (D-VT), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI). Over 120 representatives introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Read the full text of the legislation here.

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Governor Hochul Announces \$10 Million to Expand Access to Dental Care for Children

Increasing Access to High Quality Dental Care Through School-Based Health Centers

As part of Governor Hochul's ongoing commitment to expand access to preventive health care services for children, the New York State Department of Health today announced \$10 million to enhance dental care services at school-based health centers and improve oral health outcomes for children across the state.

“Our administration's children's health agenda is about ensuring that our youngest and most vulnerable have access to the care they need,” Governor Hochul said. “With this investment, we are meeting children where they are to provide dental services and set them on the path for a healthy life.”

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, “Oral health is critical to overall health. Thanks to Governor Hochul's leadership, we are supporting healthy habits and improving access to preventive dental care at an early age. Practicing good oral hygiene, including routine brushing twice daily and flossing, and having access to preventive oral health care can prevent or reduce tooth decay in children and positively affect their overall health.”

This initiative stems from Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the State and supports the broader children's health agenda. School-based health centers deliver free comprehensive primary and preventive health care to children in low-income and high-risk communities and utilize interdisciplinary care teams composed of nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, social workers, and other allied professionals.

The program includes dental services offering preventive and restorative oral health care - including screenings, sealants, and treatments - delivered directly within schools through:

- o Fixed sites located inside school buildings.
- o Mobile dental clinics brought onto school property.
- o Portable dental setups in designated spaces within schools.

This funding will:

- o Support dental service delivery, especially for students lacking access to regular oral care;
- o Offset costs that are not covered by insurance and would have otherwise been billed to the patient or their caregivers;
- o Cover staffing costs such as dental hygienist salaries;
- o Fund the purchase of equipment and supplies necessary for dental operations;
- o Expand service capacity and reduce cost barriers in

underserved communities; and

- o Foster health equity by improving access for students in low-resource settings.

Funding will be distributed to 33 school-based health centers across the state over five years. To ensure transparency, accountability, and statewide evaluation efforts around oral health access, operators who accept the funds will be required to:

- o Report on service delivery metrics, including those tied to dental service expansion;
- o Submit documentation related to program impact, reach, and operational outputs; and
- o Track and share outcomes related to sealants, screenings, and treatments delivered because of this funding.

Assemblymember Amy Paulin said, “Access to quality dental care is essential to a child's overall health and development. I applaud Governor Hochul for investing in dental care at school-based health centers, which are a lifeline for children in low-income and underserved communities.”

The New York State Department of Health recognizes February as National Children's Dental Health Month with a reminder to parents and guardians of the importance of regular dental checkups and preventive care. This funding is just one part of the overall mission to improve the health of New York's kids. In 2024, Governor Hochul signed legislation allowing greater access to fluoride treatments for pediatric dental patients.

Fluoride protects teeth from cavities and helps heal early decay. Regular visits to a dental provider and daily use of fluoride in toothpaste and at the optimal level in public drinking water supplies are the best ways to protect against dental decay. When fluoride is added to community drinking water, it provides an effective, inexpensive, and safe way of reducing dental decay.

When there is not optimum fluoride in the water, fluoride drops, fluoride tablets, or a fluoride rinse may be given to your child. Be sure to talk to your dentist or pediatrician about fluoride supplements.

A child's first set of teeth is as important as their permanent teeth. These teeth help a child eat and speak. They hold space for the permanent teeth. Tooth decay in baby teeth can lead to:

- o Problems with sleeping, chewing and talking
- o Infection and illness
- o Difficulty learning

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommends that infants see the dentist for their first dental exam within 6 months of getting his/her first tooth or by their first birthday. After the initial dental visit, regular visits, based on the child's oral health needs, are recommended. Additional information and recommendations for daily hygiene habits for specific age groups can be found on the Department's [Oral Health for Infants and Children](#) web page.



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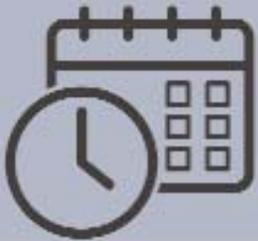
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I write this week with a heavy heart. But throughout our nation's history, even in the most tumultuous times, the Hudson Valley has served as a beacon of moral fortitude and of our nation's founding principles. Every day, we continue to live up to that tradition and I have no doubt that we will continue to do so generations into the future.

Together, we'll keep fighting for what is right and against any harm to our community. Here is some of how I fought for a more affordable, safe, and free Hudson Valley for us all this past week:

NO MORE FOREVER WARS

I served two combat tours in Iraq. I've seen what happens when a lying, chicken-hawk President beats the war drums. I ran for Congress and serve on the Armed Services Committee because I refuse to let the country I love repeat those mistakes.

It's why we passed the War Powers Act (after Vietnam) in the first place.

So that before the President sends our troops into harm's way, he has to make his case **TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**.

Trump hasn't done that. He hasn't explained his goals.

He hasn't told you what it will cost - both in our tax dollars and our kids coming home in flag-draped coffins. We've already lost American heroes and my heart breaks for those we've lost and for their families. I pray that no one else must feel the pain of losing a loved one to this war.

That's why I cosponsored Congressman Khanna and Congressman Massie's War Powers Resolution. And why I'm calling for a vote **IMMEDIATELY**.

To force an honest conversation as a country about what comes next. To stop yet another forever war.

We cannot repeat our approach from 2001 and 2002. The answer cannot be "we'll figure it out as we go." I lost too many friends because of that logic. As I said after the attack on Iran's nuclear sites last June: Air strikes may start a war. They rarely end it.

DELIVERING THE STATE OF THE HUDSON VALLEY: STRONG, PROUD, AND PATRIOTIC

My mission, every day, is to deliver the more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley that all our families deserve.

The last year hasn't been easy, but I made it clear in my State of the Hudson Valley address last weekend: The State of the Hudson Valley is strong. It is proud. And it is unapologetically Patriotic.

Strong in the face of harm. Proud of neighbors who refuse to turn their backs on each other. And Patriotic for the country we know to be the greatest in the history of the world - for everything we know America can be.

It's the honor of my life to represent this community, and there's no one else I'd rather fight alongside. Watch my full State of the Hudson Valley address here.

MY RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF THE UNION

At my State of the Hudson Valley address, I laid out a clear vision to deliver a more affordable, more safe, and more free Hudson Valley for every family.

This past week, I attended the State of the Union hoping to hear the President outline a plan to achieve those goals.

Instead, the President ignored the affordability crisis hurting every constituent I talk to, stoked fear and division, and doubled down on the harms and chaos that have hurt our community for the last year.

Rather than making life more affordable for middle-class and working class families, he applauded his handouts to billion-dollar corporations and the wealthiest 0.1%, and recommitted to his cost-raising tariffs on the rest of us.

Rather than a real plan to make us all safe, he bragged about deploying US troops in US cities against American citizens and refused to take any accountability for ICE's lawless violence.

Rather than committing to protect core freedoms for every American, he talked about an unconstitutional third term in office and vowed to disenfranchise American citizens.

I attended the speech tonight because it is my Constitutional duty. With that same duty as my guide, I'll continue to both fight back against the President's disastrous agenda that is hurting our community and fight for the more affordable, safe, and free community we all deserve.

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.

My team has had a great time helping out folks in every corner of the Hudson Valley - hope they'll see you at one of March's CARES Van events!

REMEMBERING A HERO OF OUR HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY

The Hudson Valley has lost a true hero - Bill Whetsel was a light for our veterans and a visionary founder of the Rumshock Veterans Foundation.

It was a true privilege to call him a friend and support his mission.

He will be deeply missed. I send my condolences to his loved ones and our entire community.

His legacy will live on through every life he uplifted, veteran he aided, and person he inspired.

DELIVERING VALENTINES TO OUR VETERANS

Veterans put their lives on the line to keep us safe and protect our democracy - it's the ultimate expression of love for their fellow Americans and for our country.

Each year, it's been remarkable to see the community's outpouring of gratitude to our local veterans during my Valentines for Veterans program.

I'm so grateful to everybody - especially hundreds of students - who helped us deliver a record 10,000 Valentines to our Hudson Valley veterans this year. Thank you for showing our local heroes how much the Hudson Valley values their heroism and service.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

I want to wish our entire Hudson Valley community a Happy Lunar New Year last Tuesday and a healthy Year of the Horse ahead! (Contd. Pg. 53)

Pat Ryan (From Pg. 52)

AND A BLESSED RAMADAN

I want to wish everyone who began their observance of Ramadan last Tuesday across NY-18 a meaningful and blessed holiday and month ahead.

HONORING CHAMPIONS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Rev. Jesse Jackson was an unstoppable force in the fight for civil rights, whose commitment to Liberty and Justice for all represented the very best of our country.

Our nation profoundly feels his loss - may his memory forever remind us what we can accomplish when we Keep Hope Alive.

Last Saturday marked what would have been John Lewis' 86th birthday, one of our nation's finest public servants and a fierce fighter for justice.

It's on each of us to ensure their legacies live on.

HELPING HUDSON VALLEY FAMILIES HAVE A HOME OF THEIR OWN

Habitat for Humanity transforms lives by helping our neighbors most in need have a place of their own to call home.

I was grateful to meet with Habitat leaders from Hudson Valley, including Habitat of Dutchess County CEO Eelco Kessels and Habitat of Greater Newburgh Executive Director Jessica Miuccio.

NOMINATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

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 fall info session on March 21! RSVP to the Facebook event here.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR ULSTER COUNTY FAMILIES

I'm grateful for County Executive Metzger's partnership in fighting for Ulster County families and that my team could join to hear her vision for the future at her State of the County address.

She's a true champion for our communities and I'm proud to work alongside her to help Ulster County continue to thrive!

CELEBRATING PRESIDENTIAL HISTORY IN OUR HUDSON VALLEY

The Hudson Valley is home to some remarkable American history, and President's Day last Monday was the perfect day to celebrate our Hudson Valley's invaluable place in Presidential history.

It doesn't have to be President's Day though to see and learn more about the Hyde Park residence that President Franklin D. Roosevelt called home. Learn about the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site and plan a visit here!

CONGRATULATING HUDSON VALLEY SAILORS ON A HISTORIC WIN

For only the fourth time in 140 years, the Naversink River in New Jersey froze over, allowing the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club to take on the North Shrewsbury Ice Boat & Yacht Club in an ice yachting showdown for the ages.

They took down the New Jersey team and brought home the Van Nostrand Cup! Congrats to the Club on this historic accomplishment!

GRANTS CORNER

NEW!

BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative : This NOFO supports comprehensive service networks addressing untreated mental illness and substance use at the intersection of mental health, substance use, and justice systems. Specifically, this initiative provides funding to support activities through four core areas: crisis stabilization centers, treatment services, housing access, and electronic health record (EHR) systems and technology modernization. Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov March 30, 2026, by 11:59pm Eastern Time. Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: April 6, 2026, by 8:59pm Eastern Time.

USDA Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants: Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners in rural areas to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. To qualify, you must: Be the homeowner and occupy the house; Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere; Have a household income that does not exceed the very low limit by county ; For grants, be age 62 or older. Utilizing the USDA Eligibility Site you can enter a specific address for determination or just search the map to review general eligible areas. Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards. Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards. Applications for this program are accepted through your local RD office year-round.

NYS Open Space Conservation Grant Program : Municipalities, not-for-profits, and Indian Nations or Tribes can apply for funding through this program to purchase land for permanent conservation. This grant is funded through New York State's Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act) and the Environmental Protection Fund. Applicants may apply for a minimum grant amount of \$50,000 and up to a maximum of \$3,500,000. Apply through the Statewide Financial System by 3:00 pm Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each month Hudson Valley Regional Council 1 publishes its Grants Guide focused on federal, state, and local funding opportunities related to economic development, water, clean energy, resilience, and sustainability. Each grant listing features the deadline, eligibility, and a short description including the amounts municipalities are eligible to apply for and any required match. To view past Grants Guides, click here . To subscribe to the grants guide, please email elaferriere@hudsonvalleyrc.org.

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.

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

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon!



President Trump's State of the Union

President Trump delivered his State of the Union Address this week, outlining his administration's progress and priorities for the year ahead. The speech focused on restoring economic stability, strengthening national security, securing the border, and lowering costs for American families after years of inflation and uncertainty. The address also highlighted the work being done in partnership with House Republicans to implement pro-growth policies and deliver results for communities across the country, including here in Upstate New York. My statement is below:

"President Trump's State of the Union made it unmistakably clear: America is back on track and the state of our Union is strong. After years of reckless spending, soaring inflation, open borders, and weak leadership, we are finally restoring strength, stability, and common sense. Inflation has come down dramatically from the Biden-era 40-year high to 2.4 percent, gas prices have fallen to a four-year low, and mortgage rates are easing. Under President



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Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Moves Forward with Foreclosure Process on iPark 87 West

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) Board voted today to move forward with the legal process to foreclose on two parcels on the West Campus of iPark 87, the former IBM complex in the Town of Ulster. The action follows National Resources' continued failure to make required mortgage payments or finalize a negotiated agreement to cure the default.

This foreclosure action applies only to the two West Campus parcels - the former Bank of America building at 101-899 Enterprise Drive and an adjacent vacant lot at 605-695 Boices Lane. It does not affect the East Campus, which includes the new Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Center and Archtop Fiber.

National Resources has not made a single mortgage payment on the West campus since acquiring it in 2023. The total amount now owed - including missed annual payments, late fees, default interest, and other charges - is nearly \$4 million, and the company has not undertaken any redevelopment of this property since taking ownership. The company is also delinquent on property taxes on the West Campus owed to the County, Town of Ulster, and Kingston City School District, totaling \$628,000.

UCEDA has spent more than a year attempting to resolve the default through constructive negotiations, including offering a loan modification and a deed-in-lieu-of-foreclosure agreement that would return the West Campus parcels to UCEDA in exchange for release of the mortgage obligation. While that option remains preferable, National Resources has not made sufficient progress toward an agreement.

“The UCEDA Board has a fiscal responsibility to protect public assets,” said UCEDA Chair Gregory Simpson. “We have pursued every reasonable avenue to reach a negotiated resolution, including a deed-in-lieu-of-foreclosure arrangement that would allow National Resources to focus on the East Campus while enabling UCEDA to reposition the West Campus for redevelopment. In the absence of material progress, we must move forward with foreclosure while remaining open to an agreement that serves the long-term interests of Ulster County.”

“I fully support UCEDA's action to safeguard the County's investment,” said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. “National Resources is an experienced developer, and we continue to hope they will work with UCEDA to reach a mutually acceptable agreement that avoids foreclosure and allows them to continue their work on iPark East. But we also have a responsibility to ensure the West Campus can move forward toward productive redevelopment. UCEDA's decision keeps us moving in this direction while still allowing for a negotiated resolution.”

Ulster County acquired the former IBM complex through foreclosure in 2019. In partnership with UCEDA, then-County Executive Pat Ryan worked diligently to attract a responsible developer and ultimately secured National Resources as a buyer in 2022. In 2023, County Executive Jen Metzger secured a \$10 million Restore New York Communities Initiative grant from Empire State Development to support National Resources' redevelopment efforts, including environmental remediation of properties on the East Campus, which is now complete.

UCEDA remains committed to protecting public investment and ensuring that the iPark 87 West Campus can fulfill its potential as a driver of economic growth and opportunity for Ulster County.



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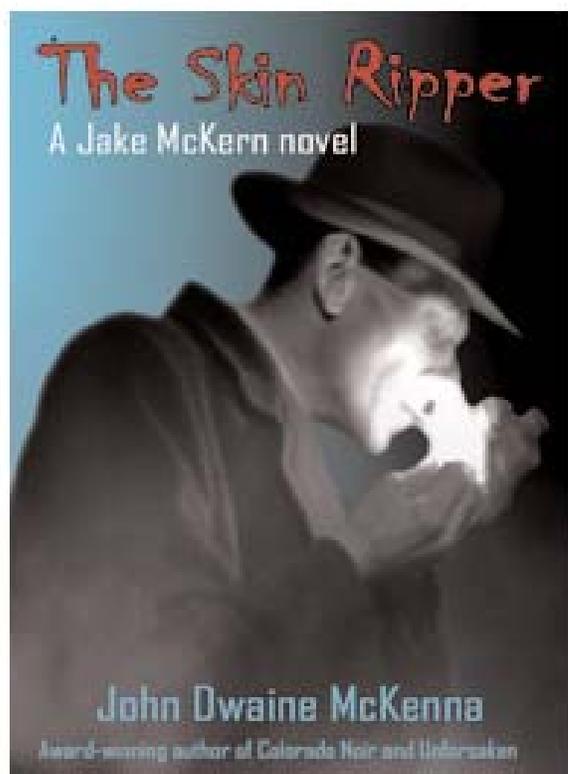


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Governor Hochul Appoints New York State's First-ever Director of Security and Intelligence

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Ahern Tapped To Lead State's Unified
Security and Intelligence Strategy and
Response*

*New Senior Leadership Position Will
Synchronize State's Defenses and
Advance New York's Growing Defense
Industrial Base*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the appointment of Colin Ahern to serve as New York State's first-ever Director of Security and Intelligence (DSI). In this role, Director Ahern, who previously served as New York State's Chief Cyber Officer, will provide strategic direction and further unify the State's security assets on national security and intelligence matters. The DSI will also coordinate statewide activities to better respond to global risks and seize opportunities for advancing the defense industrial base and technologies crucial to national security.

"Keeping New Yorkers safe is my top priority, and the threats we face are more complex and interconnected than ever before, which is why we need to be aggressive, innovative and adaptive in the way we combat new threats and adversaries," Governor Hochul said. "To meet these challenges and seize these opportunities, I am appointing Colin Ahern as the State's first Director of Security and Intelligence. Colin has served New York State well as our first-ever Chief Cyber Officer combatting cyber threats, and now, he will take his work to a new level collaborating with state, local and federal government partners to ensure we are meeting this moment head on, and keeping our state and community safe from new and emerging threats."

The Director of Security and Intelligence will report directly to Director of State Operations Jackie Bray, and will coordinate across state agencies, local governments, federal partners and the private sector to ensure a whole-of-state response to foreign malign influence, hybrid warfare and other national security issues.

Furthermore, the DSI will champion and advocate for investment in New York's defense and security industries, facilitating partnerships in key areas including the defense industrial base, drones, quantum, and other technologies crucial to national security.

Director of Security and Intelligence Colin Ahern said, "It's an honor to be named New York State's first Director of Security and Intelligence and to continue working to help keep New Yorkers safe. New York continues to meet today's challenges, stepping up to strengthen our security, defense, and intelligence efforts, and I'm grateful to Governor Hochul for her continued leadership and commitment to making sure New York remains a national leader in security and intelligence."

Director Ahern brings nearly two decades of experience in intelligence and security to this new role. He previously served as the State's first Chief Cyber Officer. He is a decorated former U.S. Army officer, Bronze Star recipient and veteran of two tours in Afghanistan. Director Ahern has also taught hybrid warfare, intelligence, and cybersecurity at Columbia University and the George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies, is a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations, and holds an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business.

Michaela Lee will be the Acting Chief Cyber Officer until a permanent Chief Cyber Officer is named.

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL

"Following the U.S. military operations in Iran overnight, we are taking precautionary steps to protect New Yorkers. State Police are increasing their presence at religious, diplomatic, and cultural sites statewide in coordination with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners. Additionally, in advance of the Jewish holiday of Purim, State Police remain alert and have already begun outreach to religious organizations to offer support.

"While there have been no specific, credible threats to New York identified, we continue to monitor online activity for any potential threats, and we encourage New Yorkers to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity."

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MARCH IS NUTRITION AWARENESS MONTH



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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 ½ Hour (SH)		Senior Power ½ Hour (SH)	
1:30pm		Senior Power ½ 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!

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UPCOMING DATES

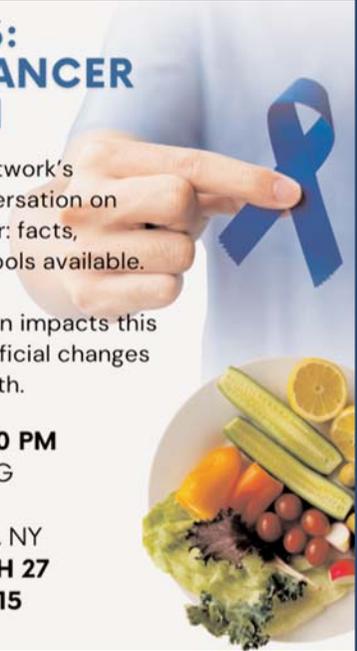
- March 13**
10:00 to 12:00PM
- March 20**
2:00 to 4:00PM
- March 27**
10:00 to 12:00PM

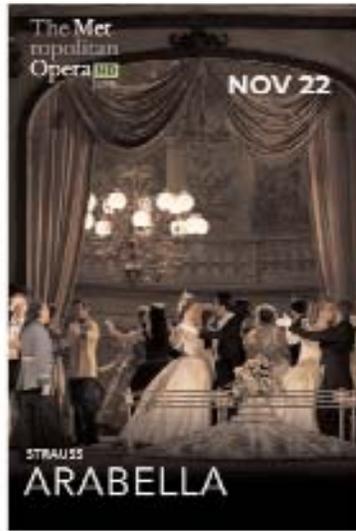
NEW HORIZONS: COLORECTAL CANCER AND NUTRITION

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

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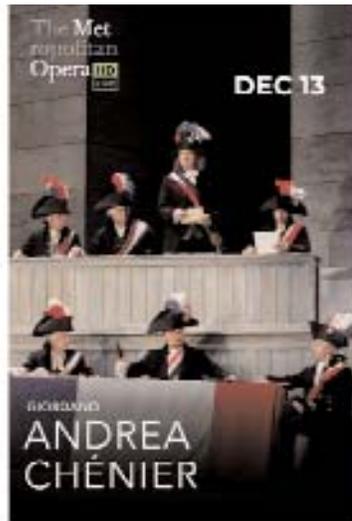
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The Shandaken Historical Museum is located at
26 Academy Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465.
The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.

Celebrating Women in Ulster County History Archival Exhibit Grand Opening March 11: Women Shaping Democracy in Ulster County

KINGSTON, NY - On Wednesday, March 11, from 2-4 p.m., Ulster County will host the grand opening of a new archival exhibit, Women Shaping Democracy in Ulster County, at the Nina Postupack Archives Gallery on the second floor of the Ulster County Office Building. Remarks will begin at 2:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit features original voter registration books from the first elections in which Ulster County women cast ballots, offering a rare and powerful glimpse into the local expansion of suffrage. Newly curated materials from the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region and the Ulster County Archives will also be unveiled, highlighting the first women elected to local office and tracing the lasting impact of women's leadership in shaping democracy in Ulster County.

Featured speakers will include Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck, Ulster County Elections Commissioner Ashley Torres, Chief Diversity Officer Dina Suggs, and Cindy Bell of the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region.

“Our archives tell the story of who we are as a community,” said Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck. “Preserving and sharing these original voter registration books allows us to honor the women who exercised their right to vote for the first time and laid the foundation for generations of civic participation in Ulster County.”

“Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, and this exhibit reminds us that access to the ballot was hard-won,” said Ashley Torres, Ulster County Elections Commissioner. “Seeing the names of the first women voters in our county is both moving and inspiring, it underscores the responsibility we carry to protect and strengthen the democratic process for everyone.”

“In a democracy, power rests with the people,” said Dina Suggs, Ulster County Chief Diversity Officer. “It's hard to imagine our country - or Ulster County - without women's voices at the ballot box and their leadership in civic life. This exhibit offers a meaningful look at the journey that brought us here and an uplifting reminder that we must remain vigilant and engaged to keep our democracy strong.”

“The League of Women Voters was founded on the belief that democracy works best when everyone participates,” said Cindy Bell, League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region. “By highlighting the women who first voted and those who broke barriers to serve in public office, this exhibit celebrates the progress we've made and the work that continues.”

This exhibit invites residents and visitors to reflect on the evolution of women's civic engagement - from newly enfranchised voters signing their names in poll books for the first time to women stepping forward as candidates, public servants, and community leaders.

For more information, please contact the Ulster County Clerk's Office at (845) 340-3288, or the Ulster County Board of Elections at (845) 334-5470.

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.

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Olive Free Library Conversations With Death

First Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Starting Saturday, January 3

Join three death doulas for Conversations with Death, a monthly circle that invites open dialogue about dying, grief, and the cycles of life.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery's annual spring seedling sale is now open and will run through May 13. Each year, the nursery offers low-cost, locally grown trees and shrubs for sale to encourage plantings that help conserve New York State's natural resources and foster the next generation of forests.

"DEC's Saratoga Tree Nursery annual seedling sale is a simple, affordable way for New Yorkers to help create wildlife habitat, clean our air and water, reduce flooding, lower summer temperatures, and improve the quality of life in their communities," Commissioner Lefton said. "Every tree planted counts toward Governor Hochul's 25-million-tree-planting goal for the state, which will strengthen our forests and build more resilient communities. By planting native seedlings today, you'll be making a lasting investment in a healthier, greener future for generations to come."

DEC's tree nursery grows more than 50 conifer and hardwood species from local seed sources, creating seedlings that are well suited to New York State's climate. Seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 or more and there are several mixed species packets available. Seedlings are bare root, a minimum of 5 inches tall, and 1-3 years old (depending on the species). Call 518-587-1120, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to place your order. For more information, visit the Spring Seedling Sale webpage on DEC's website.

Make sure your planted trees count toward New York State's 25 million trees goal! Enter them into the Tree Tracker at on.ny.gov/treetracker. For more information about the 25 Million Trees Initiative, visit on.ny.gov/25milliontrees.

School Seedling Program Application Period Now Open

Applications are being accepted for the nursery's School Seedling Program until March 27. Schools and youth education organizations across New York State may apply to receive 50 free seedlings to plant with their students.

The goal of the program is to foster environmental stewardship at a young age and equip students to make informed decisions about natural resource use. The program is an excellent tool for educators to help meet the Next Generation Science Standards as it provides a hands-on opportunity for students to learn about natural systems and the valuable role that trees play, while building their awareness of conservation issues.

All schools (public, private, nursery, elementary, secondary, vocational, college, or university), home-school groups, and any youth education-based organization may apply, provided trees are planted within New York State. Individual homeschools must apply through a homeschool group, co-op, or other association. Seedlings are 2-3 years old, about 4"-12" tall, and bare root. There are three species available-pitch pine, red oak, and silky dogwood-and up to two teachers/educators per school or organization may apply for a package of seedlings this year. Visit DEC's website for more information and to apply online. For assistance or questions, contact the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery at nysnursery@dec.ny.gov or 518-581-1439.

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM





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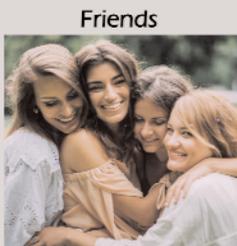
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THE HOURS

(Rated NR, Age 15+ suggested, 1HR 55 Min, HD)

The Hours is a 2002 psychological drama film directed by Stephen Daldry and starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, and Nicole Kidman. Supporting roles are played by Ed Harris, John C. Reilly, Stephen Dillane, Jeff Daniels, Miranda Richardson, Allison Janney, Toni Collette, Claire Danes, and Eileen Atkins. The screenplay by David Hare is based on Michael Cunningham's 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same title. The plot focuses on three women of different generations whose lives are interconnected by the 1925 novel *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. The women –Clarissa Vaughan (Streep), a New Yorker preparing an award party for her AIDS-stricken long-time friend and poet, Richard (Harris) in 2001, Laura Brown (Moore), a pregnant 1950s California housewife in an unhappy marriage with a young son, and Virginia Woolf (Kidman) in 1920s England, who is struggling with depression and mental illness while trying to write her novel.



Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia

Question: Rosebud

This weeks' Trivia question: *Pride and Prejudice* is gased on the book by what author?