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## Countdown to The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk on May 2, 2026



*Volunteers and Walkers at May 3, 2025 Annual Journey For Sight at First Aid Squad Building*



*First Aid Squad Manager Tom Cintula, Lions Ismael Berrios, Mike Ryan, Tom Manell, Pat Menje, Jorge Sanchez and Ilene Wizwer at 2025 Journey for Sight*

The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk is just two weeks away, and we hope for a large turnout of Walkers to join us this year. All the details of the Walk, pledge sheets, and walk rules are attached in this edition of the Townsman. As always, the Walk will be accompanied by our TAG DAY, with collection buckets at Routes 55 and 42 (near William Brenner's Law Office) and on Route 55 (between the Fire Department and The Neversink General Store). (Contd. Pg. 5)

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**On the Front Burner:** The Lord, your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes.  
Deuteronomy 1:30

## Happy Birthday Sandy Blade!

Sandy Blade, formerly of Neversink, celebrated her 89th birthday this month. She currently resides in Newtown, PA, and is enjoying her new friends, her jigsaw puzzles, and her leisurely schedule. She loves to receive mail and can be reached at: Sandra Blade, 190 South Sycamore St., #211 Llenroc, Newtown, PA 18940



(Note that is not a typo in her address - Quaker tradition prohibits elevating oneself above others, so the "Cornell" family declined to have a building named after them to recognize their contribution to the community. "Llenroc" was the only acceptable option - Cornell spelled backwards.)

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

### April 11, 1956

A daughter was born on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of lower South Hill, at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. The baby was named Denise Marie and she weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stratton and Mrs. Elmer Sheeley is the baby's great-grandmother.

An April shower turned to snow over the weekend and deposited from ten to twenty-four inches of the white stuff over the Tri Valley area. On Red Hill, Greenville, Blue Hill and Aden huge drifts complicated the task of opening the roads and isolated people temporarily. At Grahamsville where the rainfall turned to snow early Sunday morning, ten inches was measured by N.Y.C.B.W.S. gage keeper, Jack Donaldson.

### April 13, 1966

Helicopter pilot John Nielsen of Neversink is one of five crew members commended for outstanding display of professional skill in a dramatic evacuation of wounded from a downed aircraft in an area subject to hostile ground fire near Cho Gao, South Vietnam. Nielsen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen of Neversink, is married to the former Darlene Garber.

David Dole has been accepted as a full time student at SCCC. He will study commercial art. He has studied art for four years of high school at Tri Valley Central School and Liberty Central School.

### April 21, 1976

Congressman Matthew F. McHugh announced that Elaine C. Stratton, 18, of Grahamsville, has been accepted at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Elaine is the first woman from the 27th District to be admitted to a service academy under a bill signed into law last fall which opened the academies to women for the first time. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton of Grahamsville.

John Kemble Sr. of Kingston passed away on April 14, 1976 at home after a long illness. Born in Kingston on April 4, 1902 to the late Henrietta Hubbard Kemble of Rhinebeck and Dr. U.T. Kemble of Hurley, he was a former resident of Eureka and Grahamsville. He is survived by his wife, Esther McCain Kemble; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Sally) Krom; two sons, John Jr. and William, both of Hurley; and seven grandchildren.

### April 24, 1986

Kimberly Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry, has been named Valedictorian of the class of 1986. A New York State Regents Scholar, Kim has compiled an academic average of 97.2% in her four years of high school. Kim will major in computer and mathematical sciences at Chestnut Hill College, from which she received a full-tuition Presidential scholarship. Mary Weise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weise has been named Salutatorian. She has compiled an academic average of 94.9% during her four years of high school. Mary will major in microbiology at Cornell University.

## LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley

Published April 3, 1997

How fast time flies, here it is April and I will soon be having another birthday. Tonight I am just sitting upstairs in my room watching the sunset colors wrap around the clouds and looking back to the first years of our marriage when I was young. In the evening after the chores were done, our family would sit outside marveling at the evening colors and listening to the evening sounds.

Someone's dog barking, a frog croaking nearby and our own cowbell tinkling out there in the pasture. I married a widower with eight children and it was fun playing the game of finding the first evening star. "There, there" the first to spot the star would say. Then we would watch the sky for the next star, then the next until suddenly, like tonight, the sky would be full. Of course we would all have to wish upon the first star.

Sometimes we would see a star fall and we'd quickly say "money, money, money before Monday night" trying to get it all said before star's trail faded from sight. It did seem to happen at times and we just knew something nice was about to happen. It did one year, our son Floyd was born! Another year our daughter Ella Mae was bom.

We had never heard the sounds of radio or television but children were children and they must be entertained.

Many were the evenings the sounds of corn popping and sweet smell of chocolate fudge would be coming through the kitchen door. Bowls of popcorn and pieces of chocolate fudge would be placed carefully in my lap with a loving hug. I sighed in the knowledge that many more evenings like this would come and go but a mother's responsibilities last for a lifetime.

### Household Hint:

## Clean Store-bought Fruits and Veggies

Mixed with water, baking soda can remove dirt and that waxy coating that comes on produce from the supermarket.

## Nature Column - L. Comando

*A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have loved so much and lost... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry, Barbara Slater, Shirley Davis, Hulda Vernooy, Carolyn Coombe, Martha Ahrens and Barbara Barkley. And also to the memory of Frank Comando. a/k/a Knarf Adnamoc.*

## It's Time for the Race

Watch out for frogs and salamanders crossing the road as they race toward their ancestral vernal pools!

If you were out driving on Saturday night most likely you saw another kind of commuter on the roadways - amphibians. Saturday night's warm weather and rain was a signal for wood frogs and salamanders to begin their annual migration toward temporary vernal ponds and pools where they will mate and lay eggs.

Wood frogs have the remarkable ability during winter to freeze and not die. They bury themselves in the ground and go into a deep hibernation in which their hearts stop beating, they stop breathing and partially freeze. The warm -above 40 degrees F -spring rains revive them. Shortly after thawing from their winter dormancy, wood frogs migrate to temporary wetlands for



breeding. Soon you will hear the raucous, quacking, breeding chorus of the male frogs luring the females to their pools of water for mating.

Spotted salamanders are also beginning to emerge from beneath a blanket of decaying leaves and underground burrows where they have been hibernating through the winter.

The spotted salamander is one of the largest and have a striking appearance. Their long chunky bodies are usually about 8 inches long. They are dark grey, almost black with bright yellow spots. During the mating season the male salamanders arrive at a breeding pool a week or so earlier than the female. They deposit their spermatophores on the bottom of the pool, which attracts the females who will meet the male. A courtship begins with a ritual display of swirls, turns and nudging. The female will then engulf the spermatophore, then deposit fertilized, gelatinous eggs around twigs, aquatic plants or branches. After mating, spotted salamanders will advance to the forest where they will live underground dining on insects, worms and slugs.



Forest-dwelling amphibians like spotted salamanders, wood frogs, peeper, toads are beginning to wake up and leave their winter homes and migrate during the night seeking vernal pools -temporary, fishless ponds or big puddles for breeding. Almost always the eggs are laid in vernal pools. The temporary nature of vernal pools drying out in late summer and early fall means they are fishless. Fish would love to have a hearty meal on those huge egg masses.

For the amphibians, it is a race against dryness. They need to select a pool that won't dry up before their eggs have hatched.

It is also a race for these slow-moving amphibians who are just waking up.

The annual amphibian migration is one of nature's signs of spring reminding us of all the mysterious miracles and wonders in our own backyards. When driving be mindful of these little creatures.



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March 18, 2026

The ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB was formed in 2010 with the purpose of bringing together car enthusiasts and the community. We are a 501-C7 not for profit organization with the goal of donating profits of our events to local charities and projects.

Anyone can join the club. You do not have to own a show vehicle, just have a love for cars and trucks. We do not cater to any one manufacturer, or any given years. Our motto is preserving the past and including the present and future. We are open to all types of wheeled vehicles, including motor cycles and bicycles.

When the club first started we did not hold any judged shows, you just came with your vehicle and enjoyed the day and the company of other car lovers. Cruising to interesting places as a group was the norm.

After the formative years we started to have one actual judged car show a year. Then after that, we started to get requests from people to stage other shows for them. We now run four major events each year. This requires us to provide everything necessary to make the shows enjoyable.

Three years ago the club purchased a fourteen foot enclosed cargo trailer and outfitted it with all the items needed to do this. We carry: tables and chairs, tents, signage, and a battery powered sound system to set up when we arrive at the show site.

We were forced to "shut down" in 2021 for COVID, but bounced back into action in 2023 and 2024 doing four shows a year again.

In 2023 we started a scholarship fund, open to graduating seniors in all of the Sullivan County school systems that are interested in going into the automotive trade. We now give \$750.00 for that.

Our shows were originally only held locally, but in 2024 we expanded our show area to include Ulster County.

Including monies raised in 2025, the club has donated to charities since its beginning, over \$34,275.00.

Our show line up for 2026 will be: the Outpost Bbq show on Rte 209 in Kerhonkson, NY June 6, with **rain date** for June 7, Liberty street fair on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Wurtsboro street fair on July 11<sup>th</sup>, Monticello Bagelfest show August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our club meets at the Munson Diner in Liberty, NY on the second Monday of the month at 5:30PM to eat, with the meeting starting at 6:30PM. Please come join up if you love cars and good friendships. Dues are \$15.00 per year.

Our club is also affiliated with the Catskill Mountain Classic Car Club in Big Indian, NY. And with Wings and Wheels for Warrior's in Ellenville, NY. That show is May 16<sup>th</sup> at the airport in Ellenville, NY. This is a great show and draws lots of vehicles!!!!

For more club information you can contact:  
Tom Matthews, President 845-985-7162  
Glenn VanDenBerg Treasurer 845-985-2943

# Countdown to The Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk on May 2, 2026

(From Pg. 1) We are hoping for really nice weather for the event. A complimentary continental breakfast from The Neversink General Store will be available to all walkers and volunteers at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building starting at 8am on Saturday, May 2nd. Registration for the event will be from 8am to 8:30, and if you don't have a pledge sheet, you can get one when you come to the First Aid Squad Building. A group photo will be taken at about 8:50am outside the building or inside in case of inclement weather. The event will be held rain or shine. The Walk around the Grahamsville Fairgrounds will start at 9am, and is a variable length walk, meaning you can walk whatever number of loops around the Fairgrounds that you feel comfortable doing.

For more information about The Journey For Sight Walk, please contact Lion Esta Jacob at 856-866-1579 or [ejacob4848@gmail.com](mailto:ejacob4848@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your support. Stay well and hope to see you on May 2nd.

(Photos are from last year's Journey for Sight)



*-Lion Fran Fuller and volunteer Julia (Susie) Mednick*



*Lions Merry White and Pat Menje*



*L-R Lions Maryann Cosentino and Esta Jacobs*



*L-R Lion William Brenner and Townsman Editor, Linda Comando*



*Lions and volunteers getting ready to walk in this year's Journey for Sight*



*L-R Lions Claire Rennison and Fran Fuller*



*L-R Lions Gene Froehlich, Carmen Salvemini, Tom Cosentino and Pat Menje*



*L - R Lions Paula Ryan, Gne Froehlich, and Terri Delaney.*

# ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A NEVERSINK WELLNESS WARRIOR?

The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Invite YOU to Our Community Healthy Challenge!  
This is a whole-body, community-driven event designed to uplift the health and spirit of our wonderful town.  
All Town of Neversink residents AND Tri-Valley Students & Staff are welcome to join!

## THE TIMELINE

- **REGISTRATION:** Please fill out the Google Form
- Individual Registration  
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- Family Registration  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckGdCmqiVqT6nI8xejl4MvPEZIxqW5XNxibbaauP0cyCF9nQ/viewform>
- **KICKOFF: MAY 2nd**  
At the **Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight**  
Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Grahamsville, NY
- Earn extra points by bringing your pledge sheet with at least 1 pledge for a donation to the Lion's Club Journey for Sight Fundraiser - email Tanya for a pledge form!
- **THE CHALLENGE RUNS:** May 2 - August 12
- **GRAND FINALE & AWARDS:** AUGUST 22nd  
At the Town Of Neversink Parks & Recreation End of Summer Celebration

## WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR

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  - **MONTHLY "MEGA" EVENTS:** (Community Field Day, Scavenger Hikes, Healthy Cooking Demos)
- More information will be shared!!

## REWARDS OF THE NEVERSINK WELLNESS WARRIORS

### GRAND PRIZE: THE WARRIOR'S CUP

A unique trophy that will display the winner's name and reside at Town Hall!  
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### HOW TO JOIN THE TRIBE:

1. **REGISTER** - this can be done before May 2nd at Town Hall (-Registration forms can be found on the 2nd floor of Town Hall outside the Parks & Recreation office) OR via Google form OR AT KICKOFF: Visit the Parks & Rec table at the Journey for Sight Walk on May 2nd.
2. **TRACK YOUR POINTS:** Grab a "Warrior Passport" or scan the QR code for our digital tracking form.
3. **CONNECT ON FACEBOOK:** Join the community group for daily motivation, tips, and bonus points!

**LET'S GO!! #NEVERWELLNESSWARRIORS**

For more information, contact Tanya Huggler, Parks & Recreation Director at 845-807-7502 or  
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## Cheater's Game

### Mysterious Book Report No. 402

by John Dwaine McKenna

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*“In a society without shame, where faking it is making it and deceit trumps virtue, integrity is for losers and cheaters win. Fairness? Forget about it! A meritocracy? In your dreams! Earn your diploma? Why bother, when you can buy it.”*

So says aging linebacker and CTE sufferer turned lawyer, Jake Lassiter, as he takes on the college admissions cheating scandal in Paul Levine's newest, propulsive courtroom thriller entitled: *Cheater's Game*, (Herald Square Publishing, PB, \$15.99, 426 pages, ISBN 978-17342551005).

Mr. Levine is at the top of his form in *Cheater's Game* – his fourteenth Lassiter novel-which covers the timeliest of subjects in this period of such income disparity the ability of the haves to purchase what the have-nots can only dream about. In this case, it's admission into the country's most prestigious and elite universities.

As the novel begins the brain-damaged ex-pro football player, Jake Lassiter, has quit trial lawyering and taken a job with the Florida Bar Association, going after attorney's who break the law. But when his beloved nephew Kip is indicted by a grand jury and hauled into Federal Court on 37 felony counts after being set-up by his scheming boss and so-called 'partner,' Jake comes back to defend the young man he's raised as a son. He puts his life on the line in the process, while Kip is facing what amounts to a life sentence if convicted.

The courtroom drama is fast-paced, intricate and ever-changing as the strategies, schemes and betrayals play out, while at home the heartaches mount as Jake's condition worsens as he comes to grips with the fact that the case is unwinnable and he may not be able to save his sister's son Kip, “the smartest kid in the room . . . and the dumbest one on the street . . .”

Read it for yourself, and see why legions of die-hard fans around the world can't wait for Jake Lassiter's next adventure . . . and you, like me, will be a fan too!

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# The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

## Piddlin'

Some call it “spring cleaning”; I call it “piddling.” That is my cousin Nancy's term for what I used to call “puttering.” The connotation of piddlin' (said with a Georgia drawl) is that accomplishment is not always the goal. The process of doing is the most important thing, and sometimes it never even reaches a goal. It is exercise and living in the moment.

For example, I wanted to paint a window insert to match the other seven inserts. So first I needed to find the matching paint which I was

sure I kept in the garage. Well, I never found the paint, but I did locate the solar lights I had bought. Now that the ground is thawing, I can put those out now, so I moved them into the kitchen where I can assemble them to put out to catch the sun's rays,

However, when I got to the kitchen, I saw the recycling next to the sink and saw that it needed to be moved to the bin in the garage. So back to the garage; however, the cats followed me, so to get them back in the house, I had to go to the kitchen to get their jar of treats to lure them back in.

As long as I had the recycling bin out, I loaded the car for the dump to take it there and check out the “Bushkill Boutique”, my name for the give-away pile. So off to the dump where I found a bin the perfect size for the down comforter I just washed and need to stash away.

Back home, I needed to take my newly found bin to the bathtub to wash it before I put the comforter away for the summer.

The bin needed to go upstairs to my lady loft for storage, so while I was up there, I noticed that a picture needed to be framed. I brought the painting downstairs along with a fame and mat and frame to the dining room table where there is my flat work surface.

I had already set the table for dinner, so I cleared to the table and put dishes and silverware back in drawers and cabinets.

When I opened the cabinet, the cats came running for treats.

Are you getting an idea of how I “piddle”?

It is barely noon, and I have not painted the insert, not put out the solar lights, not framed my watercolor, and I remembered it is Saturday and I had not sent Linda Commando my column.

So off to the lady loft where my computer is to write a column, But first I may check my emails and messages....

### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

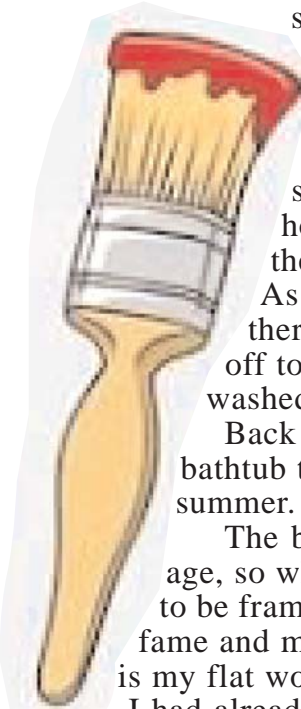
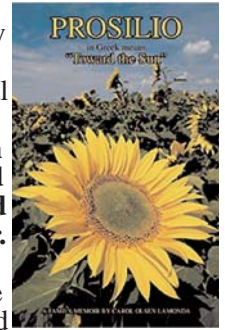
... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of “Prosilio” as you read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

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# DEC Announces Winner of Timbrook Summer Camp Scholarship

## Camper Awarded Free Scholarship to Attend Rushford Environmental Education Camp this Summer

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that Grover Bennett Villari from Genoa, Cayuga County, is receiving an environmental camp scholarship created in memory of former camper Emily Timbrook. Grover was selected from an essay they wrote about their experience at DEC's Camp Rushford in Caneadea, Allegany County, last summer.

"Summer camp is a place where campers are empowered to grow and learn while making life-long memories," said Commissioner Lefton. "Grover's experience embodies Emily Timbrook's spirit and love for camp, showcasing the value of the friends you meet and the adventures you have at camp. We are honored to carry on Emily's memory at Camp Rushford beyond."

Timbrook, a former Camp Rushford attendee and volunteer who resided in Alfred Station, Allegany County, died tragically in a car crash in April 2009. Barbara and



Tim Timbrook, Emily's parents, worked with DEC and the Natural Heritage Trust

(NHT) to create a summer camp scholarship fund in Emily's name to encourage other young people to get outdoors and appreciate nature as Emily did. The funds collected are used for an annual camp scholarship to send one returning camper to Camp Rushford for free.

Mr. and Mrs. Timbrook, said, "We are delighted to honor Emily's memory by supporting one returning camper each summer at Camp Rushford. Our daughter's love of nature and commitment to environmental stewardship was nurtured at a DEC camp, and we are pleased that Grover demonstrated a similar excitement about protecting the environment and enjoying the benefits of being outdoors. We are so happy to remember Emily in this way."

Natural Heritage Trust Executive Director Sally Drake said, "The Natural Heritage Trust is proud to work with the Timbrook family and DEC to administer the environmental summer camp scholarship in Emily's memory, honoring her love of nature and the Camp Rushford experience. Congratulations to Grover on receiving this year's Timbrook Award in recognition of her commitment to stewardship and appreciation of all that summer camp has to offer."

Campers who excelled at Camp Rushford in 2025 were given the Timbrook Award by camp staff and were invited to submit an essay about their camp experience and its impact on their lives. The award-winning campers were chosen for their demonstrated interest in building upon their outdoor recreation




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experiences and sharing their knowledge of the state's natural resources with other campers.

Grover, who turns 13 in April, attended Camp Rushford for the first time last summer after hearing so much about it from their older sister Clementine, who has been attending since 2023. Highlights of Grover's week at camp included learning about nature, the trip to the Hanging Bog Wildlife Management Area, making friends with campers and counselors, singing around the campfire, and learning about community.

DEC's unique residential camp program offers week-long experiences in conservation education and environmental stewardship for children ages 11 to 17. There are four residential camps for youth ages 11-13 or 14-17: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake, Franklin County; Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County; Camp Rushford in Caneadea, Allegany County and Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County. Visit the DEC Summer Camps webpage for more information about all four DEC summer camps.

Donations to support future camp scholarships can be made by visiting Natural Heritage Trust. Funds are managed by the Natural Heritage Trust, a public benefit corporation that receives and manages gifts, grants, and contributions to further public conservation programs. A description of NHT is available. To donate to the Emily Timbrook fund, send a check made out to: NHT-DEC Camps, with Emily in the memo section to Summer Camps Scholarship, c/o Director of Management and Budget Services, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-5010.



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*News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 10*



Who were the men that served on the frontier in Ulster County? They were those who lived there and who signed up to help protect their neighbors from the horrors of Native and Tory attacks by joining the Ulster County Militia. To understand all who served, this column will highlight a man named Jacobus Davenport, who served in the Ulster County Militia as a private for five years. He was a colorful character who lived in Neversink after the Revolution and died there at the impressive age of 100.

Jacobus was born in the town of Rochester around the year 1759. He professed to not be quite sure of the date. When the war broke out, he was a young man of only 16. According to his application for a pension filed in 1833 at the age of 74, a year after Congress passed a law giving a salary for life to Revolutionary War veterans who had served for 2 years in that struggle, he served each year from 1777 to 1781.

When a soldier filed for a pension, he needed to provide as many details as possible about his service including dates, engagements involved in and the names of his commanders and fellow soldiers. Any discharge papers or other physical evidence in his possession was also asked for. Not surprisingly such detail was difficult for men so advanced in age and the pay records or sign-up papers often no longer existed. The deponent usually had witnesses testify to his service record.

We at the museum sought out the pension records of Jacobus Davenport to solve some of the mysteries about our local Battle of Chestnut Woods. In the definitive history of Sullivan County, written by James Eldridge Quinlan and published in 1873, Jacobus claimed to have been part of a 300 man force needed to bury the many dead from that engagement. Our monument and the Clinton Papers, the most accurate record of the war, claimed only three were killed rather than the whole force of about 20 minus three who made it back to Fort Honk.

Jacobus volunteered to serve in Colonel John Cantine's 3rd Regiment of the Ulster County militia in 1778, the year of the battle, but mentions nothing about his duties other than to "guard against the Indians." But

in his later years, he often told the tale of helping to bury the dead! It was strange that he left this out of his pension application. When he talked of his service in 1780, he devoted much testimony to an attack on the settlement of Wawarsing and the fort in which he was stationed.

His version of events follows.

"I entered the service for nine months and was stationed at the part of Rochester called Wawarsing guarding the frontiers against the Indians and Tories who had become almost as numerous as the Indians themselves and quite as barbarous. The neighborhood of Wawarsing was burned by the Tories and Indians this year. The burning commenced a little before daylight in the morning. My company was stationed in an old stone building with some of the fortifications affixed to the same. The Indians and Tories made an attack upon our fort and two of them were killed and they fled. We pursued them twenty or thirty miles in the woods but had no engagement."



Jacobus told about his 1780 service in such detail that one would think it an accurate account. Perhaps it was, but he got the year wrong! The attack on Wawarsing happened not in 1780, rather on April 12, 1781. Too many years had gone by to get it all right. He was granted his pension despite some errors, based on his account and a number of witnesses who corroborated his record.

Jacobus married and he and wife Maria moved from Rochester to Neversink around 1808, raising a family there. He spent much time with two other veterans, John Barnes and Peter Coons, who had been members of the Dutchess County Militia, reminiscing about the pivotal events of their younger years. His two friends also lived long lives but died before Jacobus and were buried near Curry in the Townsend Cemetery. When Jacobus died, he requested that he be buried there between them. He rests under a government issued military stone. The Cemetery has since become known as the Davenport Cemetery in his honor.

Thank you for your service Jacobus!

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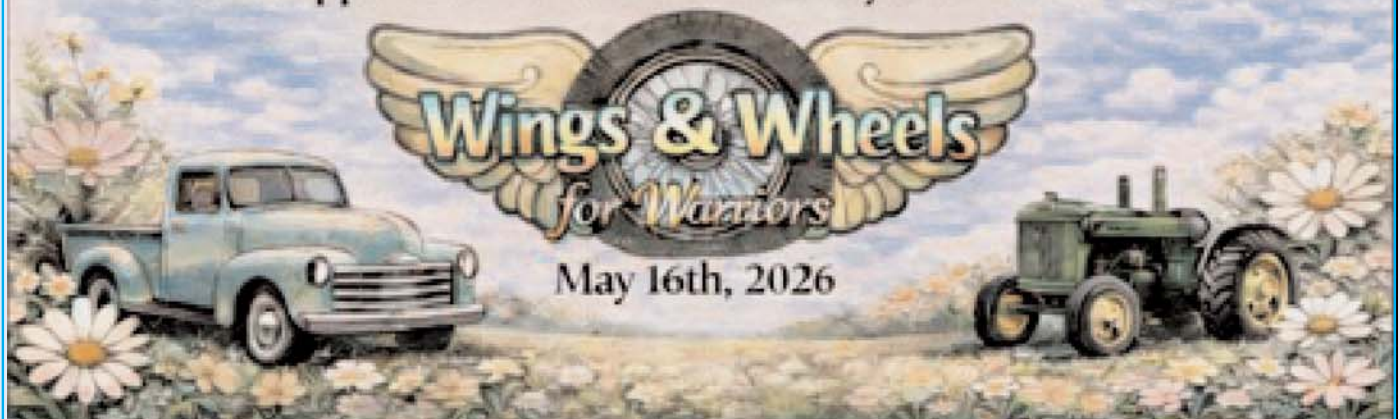
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## UC Department of Health Seeks Nominations for Community Public Health Champions

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Health is pleased to announce the launch of its first Ulster County Public Health Champions search. Community members are invited to nominate individuals, businesses, or organizations that have made positive contributions - large or small - to public health in Ulster County. Nominations will be accepted in five categories:

- Public Health Change-maker: Individual Awards
  - Rising Public Health Star: Youth Awards
  - Business for Public Health: Business Awards
  - Community Public Health Champion: Community Organization/Coalition Awards
  - Public Health Equity Champion: Any Nominee
- Focused on Equity in Public Health

Nominees must either reside in Ulster County or represent an organization that serves the Ulster County community.

Nominations are due by July 31 at 2 PM and may be submitted through the online nomination form at

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/nominate-a-public-health-champion>. Awardees will be honored at a special ceremony in late 2026.



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This new recognition program is inspired by the Department's recent "We Are Public Health" artwork commission to highlight the many ways community members contribute to public health every day. Public health is not just the work of trained professionals - it is a community responsibility, shaped by the choices and actions of residents, businesses, schools, and local leaders.

Examples of everyday public health contributions include:

- A restaurant donating leftover food to a community fridge
- A volunteer driving elderly neighbors to medical appointments
- An employer offering family friendly workplace policies
- A school partnering with a local health clinic to host a vaccine event
- A community member donating excess produce from their garden
- A business choosing environmentally friendly packaging
- A teen making free safer sex supplies accessible to peers
- A builder prioritizing healthy design and materials

These small efforts, multiplied across the County, strengthen the overall health and well being of our communities. Simply put: Ulster County's public health successes would not be possible without you.

"Anyone can make a difference in public health," said Eve Walter, Ulster County Public Health Director. "That is why we are excited for this opportunity to learn about people, businesses, and organizations already doing their part to contribute positively to public health and make our County healthier."

Help us celebrate Ulster County's everyday health champions by submitting a nomination today. For more information, visit <https://ulstercountyny.gov/we-are-public-health> or contact Kristin Kessler, Director of Community Health, at [kkes@ulstercountyny.gov](mailto:kkes@ulstercountyny.gov)

## Warming Centers Closing for the Season Served Dozens Every Night During Harsh 2025-26 Winter

Monticello, NY - As the 2025-2026 winter season comes to a close, Sullivan County is recognizing the extraordinary efforts of the community partners, staff, and volunteers who made this year's warming centers a critical source of refuge and support for residents experiencing homelessness during some of the coldest months of the year.

From November 21, 2025 through March 31, 2026, Sullivan County's two warming centers - United Methodist Church in Liberty and St. John's Episcopal Church in Monticello - saw 25-30 people every night, equating to 2,787 individual overnight stays. Operating primarily from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., the warming centers provided guests with a safe place to escape dangerously low temperatures, rest, and receive food and resources. During two different winter storms, the centers stayed open 24 hours a day.

"This winter was especially brutal, with extended periods of extremely low temperatures and consistently high attendance at both centers," said Sullivan County Health & Human Services Commissioner John Liddle. "Despite the harsh conditions and growing need, our warming center staff remained steadfast in their commitment. Their compassion and dedication never wavered, and their presence made a meaningful difference in the lives of some of our community's most vulnerable residents."

The final night to utilize the warming centers is April 15th, with both closing at 8 a.m. April 16th.

Sullivan County extends its sincere gratitude to the many individuals and organizations who made this season possible, including Kathy Kreiter of the Federation for the Homeless for coordinating staffing for the Monticello location; Wendy Brown, for her leadership and support at St. John's Episcopal Church; Pam Winters, for her continued commitment to the Liberty location; and the many warming center staff members and volunteers whose tireless efforts ensured the centers remained open and welcoming throughout the winter season.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

His name was Breece.

He was more than a headline, more than a moment, more than the way his life ended. He was a man who lived, loved, and he mattered deeply.

On the morning of February 20th, 2026, everything changed when he jumped from the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Just 10 days after his 50th birthday, the world lost him, but those who loved him lost so much more.

The grief, the devastation, the quiet weight of it... it's something words can't fully hold.

He was an incredible artist and cartoonist. He loved motorcycles and spent over 20 years as a Harley mechanic. Breece could recognize people by their bikes alone. He had a way of connecting with others, talking to anyone, anywhere. He was kind, intelligent, and thoughtful. The type of person you didn't forget.

Breece grew up in the Hudson Valley, where it felt like everyone knew him. He was a swimmer from a young age all the way through the Junior Olympics and later attended The College of Saint Rose in Albany. He lived a full life. A life filled with experiences, travel, and countless memories shared with the people he loved.

My name is Melissa. Breece was my partner, my love, and my world for nearly 27 years.

He was deeply loved by so many, even as he carried a battle inside that many couldn't see.

Behind his smile was a struggle with severe depression and he is missed.

"Breece, my love, I look for you everywhere I go. One day, I'll look up, and I know you'll be there."

All my love,  
*Your Bunny*

If his story reaches you, please know you are not alone.

Our hope in sharing Breece's life is to bring awareness, compassion, and change, to create something meaningful from tragedy.

Senate Bill S3053 is currently being considered in favor of supporting safety and deterrence measures on bridges. These changes will create precious moments: a pause, an interruption. They can change a decision, save a life, and spare families from unimaginable loss.

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S3053>

Please reach out to your representatives and ask them to support this bill. I have spoken with Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, and she is in full support.

Even one life saved is everything.

-Melissa Perez  
Gardiner

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## Pride OPEN CALL FOR ART: Unveiling Identity & Transformation Submission Deadline: April 16, midnight

LGBTQ+IA artists are invited to submit work for Unveiling Identity & Transformation, a curated Pride exhibition celebrating the many ways identity evolves, emerges, and is expressed. This exhibition seeks artwork that explores themes of self-discovery, authenticity, personal growth, and the transformative journeys within LGBTQ+ experiences.

We welcome diverse interpretations of identity-cultural, gender, emotional, spiritual, and social-and encourage artists to reflect on moments of revelation, resilience, and change. Work may explore the process of becoming, the courage of visibility, or the complexities of living authentically.

### Accepted Media

Open to a wide range of media, including:

- o Painting
- o Sculpture / 3D work
- o Photography
- o Mixed media
- o Fiber art

Please note: We are not showing nude photography or erotic artwork at this time.

### Eligibility

- o Open to emerging and established artists
- o Work should be created within the past few years
- o Artists are encouraged to submit work that has not been previously exhibited

### Submission Process

1. Prepare a brief artist statement connecting your work to the exhibition theme
2. Select or create eligible artwork
3. Submit online by April 16 at 11:59 PM
4. If accepted, deliver work during the intake windows below

Following the opening reception, ASK will host its annual Pride Stroll at 8:30 PM, when participants walk together across the Rondout Bridge, illuminated in rainbow lights for Pride Weekend.



**IMPORTANT DATES:** Opening Reception Friday, June 5 at 7 PM (Pride Weekend)

Exhibition Dates: June 5 - June 28, 2026

Artwork Intake (Drop-Off)

- o June 2, 5-8 PM
- o June 3, 1-4 PM

Artwork Pick-Up

- o June 28, 5-8 PM
- o June 29, 1-4 PM

**Juror:** Tracy Bouvette Bio:

Tracy Bouvette is an artist and independent curator with more than twenty years of experience. Their practice includes painting, furniture making, sculpture, and installation work that often engages cultural and environmental questions. Their projects explore topics ranging from sugar in our collective diets—such as in their piece “Candy & Gunpowder”—to invasive plant species in “Rhythms of the Park,” a project documented on YouTube. Tracy has exhibited work in Denver, Philadelphia, Kingston, and Woodstock, and has maintained studios in RHINO Denver, Aston Mills Arts in Aston, Pennsylvania, and Habitant Studios in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. They have lived near the Woodstock-Saugerties line since 2019.

Alongside their studio practice, Tracy organizes exhibitions at the Kingston LGBTQ Community Center. They also facilitate the Center's Rainbow Lounge, a weekly discussion group for individuals over the age of 50. In recent years Tracy has curated several exhibitions at the Center, including “Parts and Pieces,” “Raise Every Voice,” and “Living in Color.” These shows have presented work by LGBTQ+ community members and allies across a wide range of ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, genders, and identities.

Through both their artwork and curatorial work, Tracy seeks to encourage deeper engagement with the diverse and evolving experiences of LGBTQ+ communities—exploring how personal stories, social pressures, and cultural shifts shape identity and expression. Tracy studied fine art and art history at Rice University in Houston and through programs at the Houston School of the Arts and the Woodstock School of Art.

For more information go to: [https://askforarts.org/june-2026/?mc\\_cid=ddc0091df4&mc\\_eid=5bb4c202f9](https://askforarts.org/june-2026/?mc_cid=ddc0091df4&mc_eid=5bb4c202f9)

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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

### **Neversink Fire District 2026 Pool Staff Posting**

Neversink Fire District is accepting applications for Pool Manager, certified life guards and pool assistants at the Neversink Pool for the 2026 Summer Season. Salary is to be determined and will be based on experience. All inquiries, please reach out to Commissioner Paul Lepke at paulslepke@gmail.com

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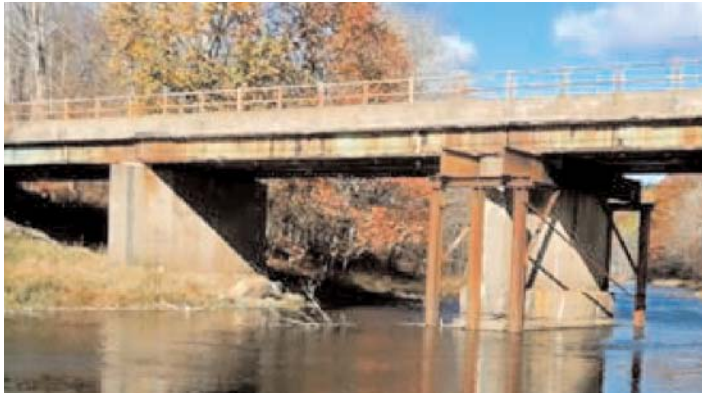
The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2026 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 319.

## **Public Information Meeting Notice for BWS Road / CR 105B over the Neversink River BridgeNY 2022 Replacement Project PIN 9755.58**

Neversink, NY - Sullivan County's Division of Public Works will conduct a Public Informational Meeting to discuss the proposed replacement of Sullivan County Bridge No. 301 which carries BWS Rd. (CR 105B) over the Neversink River. This project is funded through the BridgeNY program.



*Bridge No. 301 spans the Neversink River just south of the Neversink Reservoir.*

The meeting will be held at the Neversink Fire Dept., 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, on Tuesday April 28, from 6-8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to view preliminary project plans, learn about the proposed schedule and maintenance and protection of traffic during construction, and obtain comments from interested parties related to proposed project.

C&S Engineers, Inc., under contract with the County, is currently developing plans for this project following NYS Department of Transportation requirements. The project work being considered involves the removal and replacement of

the existing three-span bridge and replacement with a single-span bridge structure. Planning and design work is scheduled for completion by the end of 2026, with anticipated construction starting in the spring of 2027.

Should any attendee require a sign language interpreter or assistive listening system, or for any other questions or concerns, please contact Roman Di Cio, PE, Sullivan County Division of Public Works, at 845-807-0281, at least seven days before the meeting.

## **Time for Spring Cleaning Sullivan County! Annual Litter Pluck Returns April 1, Runs through October 31**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Annual Litter Pluck launches April 1 and runs all the way through October 31, 2025. By resolution of the County Legislature, the disposal fee is waived during that time for roadside, public trail, and water bodies/shoreline litter at County-operated transfer stations.

This popular annual event is coordinated by the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

"This is a great way to 'clean ourselves up' as we get ready for spring, summer and fall," says Legislature Chairman Nadia Rajsz. "One of the first impressions we make on anyone - residents and visitors - is the state of our roads. We can really put the shine on this beautiful area, and keep it that way!"

Residents who wish to participate in the Litter Pluck may pick up their free disposal coupons, along with program guidelines, at their town or village hall, any County-operated transfer station, or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated transfer station at the time of disposal.

For more information about the Litter Pluck, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287 or email [scparks@sullivanny.gov](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.gov).

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING,  
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Grahamsville, Town of Neversink  
County of Sullivan, New York

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Collaboration Center, Grahamsville, New York, on:

**Thursday, May 7, 2026  
7:00 P.M. (Eastern Standard Time)**

For the purpose of presenting the school budget proposed by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money that will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public funds, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting and Election. A copy of the detailed statement of estimated expenditures will also be made available at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 7, 2026 and on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 19, 2026.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Annual Meeting and Election, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2026-2027 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and any other business that may legally come before this meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, at the Secondary School Lower Level Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any qualified voter who desires to submit a proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting and Election, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published or posted notice of meeting, shall file with the Board of Education a petition setting forth such proposition, not less than thirty (30) days (by no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Monday, April 20, 2025) prior to the

Annual Meeting and Election and such petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of members of the Board of Education will be available beginning on March 9, 2026, from the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building and shall be filed with the District Clerk at her office in the Administration Building during regular office hours between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, no later than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting Election (Monday, April 20, 2026). Nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District or two percent (2%) of the voters who voted in the previous Annual Meeting and Election, whichever is greater; must state the name and residence address of each signer; and must state the name and residence address of the candidate. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2026, there are three (3) Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Mr. Patrick Kelly

Ms. Tammi Chaboty

Vacant Seat

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time in the Secondary School Lower Level Collaboration Center.

At-Large Voting: the three candidates with the highest amount of votes will fill the three vacant positions.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Shall the following resolution be approved?

**BE IT RESOLVED ....** that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, be authorized to make the expenditures shown in the budget presented by the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. No person shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 19, 2026, whose name does not appear on the register of the District or who does not register as hereinafter provided, except a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and is registered under the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, and Thursday, May 14th, 2026, in the Administration Building between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, and any person shall be shall be entitled to have that person's name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, that person is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 14th, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the four (4) calendar year periods prior to May 19, 2026. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, they are also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that consistent with Section 2018-a of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12th, 2026) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 18th, 2026), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a MILITARY BALLOT. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application, or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Applications for military ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed military voter registration applications and military ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, the twenty-sixth day before the Annual Meeting and Election. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. A list of persons to whom military ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on weekdays prior to Annual Meeting and Election and on at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that consistent with Section 2018-e of the N.Y. Education Law, applications for EARLY MAIL BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting and Election (Sunday, April 19, 2026) and at least seven (7) days before the Annual Meeting and Election if the Early Mail Ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12, 2026) OR the day before the Annual Meeting and Election (Monday, May 18, 2026) if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter or their agent. Early Mail Ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election. A list of all persons to whom Early Mail Ballots shall have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, in the District Office on each of the five (5) days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election, except Sunday (Saturday by appointment only), and at the polling place during the hours of the Annual Meeting and Election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of the election on the day of the Annual Meeting and Election.

By order of the Board of Education,  
HeatherBonnell, District Clerk  
Dated: February 12th, 2026

# A Concert Celebrating the 80th Season of the Forestburgh Playhouse

**A NATURAL WOMAN: The Songs of Carole  
King Starring Brianna Kothari Barnes**

Forestburgh, NY - The Forestburgh Playhouse proudly launches its milestone 80th Season with a special concert event, A Natural Woman: The Songs of Carole King, starring acclaimed performer Brianna Kothari Barnes.

Following her critically acclaimed performances as Carole King in productions of Beautiful: The Carole King Musical across the country (and at the Playhouse in 2024!), Barnes brings her deeply authentic interpretation of King's iconic music to the Playhouse stage. This powerhouse tribute celebrates one of the most influential songwriters of all time, featuring beloved hits including "I Feel The Earth Move," "It's Too Late," and "You've Got A Friend."

Guests are invited to enjoy a festive kickoff reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine and beer provided by Catskill Brewery, and a Signature Eightieth Season Cocktail from Do Good Spirits.

o 7:30 PM - Performance

The evening continues with a dynamic concert performance celebrating the music of Carole King.

o Post-Show - Mingle with the Artists

Attendees are invited to stay after the performance for an exclusive opportunity to meet the artists. Tickets are \$80 per person.

All proceeds benefit the Forestburgh Playhouse, a nonprofit organization dedicated to producing exceptional live theatre and supporting the arts in the Sullivan Catskills.

Tickets are available at:

[www.fbplayhouse.org/carole-king-brianna-barnes](http://www.fbplayhouse.org/carole-king-brianna-barnes)

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Brianna Kothari Barnes, a multi-dimensional artist based in New York City, has built an impressive career as an actor, singer-songwriter, and playwright. Her portrayal of Carole King has been seen at notable venues including The Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Stages St. Louis, White Plains Performing Arts Center, the Forestburgh Playhouse, and Virginia Musical Theatre. Recent credits include Jenna in Waitress at Northern Stage and Lucy in the National Tour of A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Her original music has been featured in the award-recognized musical Walking With Bubbles and in Rathskeller: A Musical Elixir, as well as on her album Hierophanies, available on streaming platforms. Barnes has also headlined at iconic New York City venues including The Green Room 42 and The Cutting Room, and has appeared at 54 Below. As a writer, she is a recipient of the NYC Women's Fund Grant and was a finalist for The Jonathan Larson Grant.

## About the Forestburgh Playhouse

Founded in 1947, The Forestburgh Playhouse is the oldest continuously operating professional summer theatre in New York State. Known for its vibrant mix of Broadway musicals, plays, cabaret performances, and educational programming, the Playhouse continues to be a cornerstone of arts and culture in the Catskills.

Subscriptions and packages offering discounted tickets and premium seating are available now.

For more information, visit [www.fbplayhouse.org](http://www.fbplayhouse.org).

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1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00 per week

Full Page - 8" x 10" - \$100.00 per week

Digital Flyer Insert - 8"x10 - \$100.00/week

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Local Municipalities

and Organizations -

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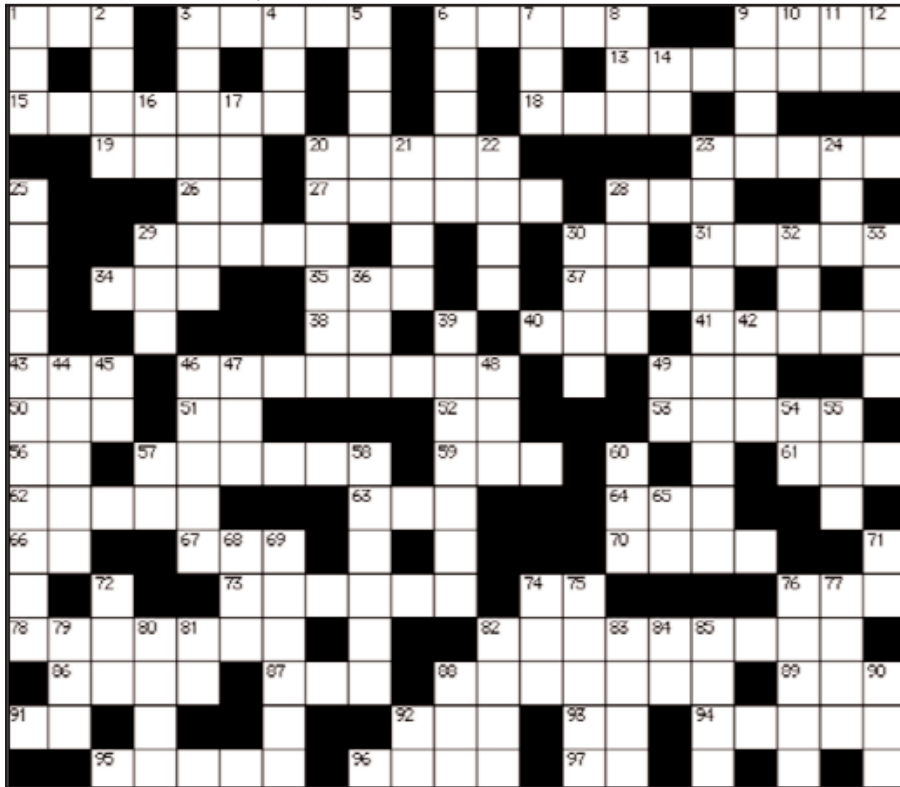
we will publish it each week

through the week of the event)

**As in the past, there is no fee for  
advertising for our local churches**

**Low Rates  
High Visibility!**

Fiddling into Spring!! - L. Comando



**ACROSS**

- 1 Used to play a fiddle
- 3 Irregular surface
- 6 Make fabric on a loom
- 9 Market garden
- 13 Grant an official pardon
- 15 Continue to exist
- 18 Makes lace
- 19 Product of three and three
- 20 Used for draining waste material
- 23 Light meal
- 26 Combining form; having two
- 27 Red wine
- 28 19th century Gothic poet and critic
- 29 Hue

- 30 To such a great extent
- 31 Have a particular idea
- 34 Pull along with a rope
- 35 Upper limb
- 37 Nuisance
- 38 Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 40 Dismal
- 41 Cloth woven from flax
- 43 Grassy meadow
- 46 Medieval military expeditions
- 49 Limb used for standing
- 50 Make a mistake
- 51 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
- 52 Associated Press

- 53 A mental interpretation of an idea
- 56 Expression of surprise
- 57 Material
- 59 Strong alkaline solution
- 61 Writing tool
- 62 Prepares for publication
- 63 Make a choice
- 64 Long period of time
- 66 Auto-exposure
- 67 Fasten with stitches
- 70 Picnic pests
- 73 Deserving respect
- 74 Brit's thank you
- 76 An object used for play
- 78 More easily understood
- 82 Quilt composed of different elements
- 86 Wreck-

- age
- 87 Family
- 88 Woven fabric
- 89 Crude metal
- 91 North-east
- 92 Ocean
- 93 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
- 94 Book of maps
- 95 Accommodate
- 96 Cloth shelter used by a camper
- 97 Common Era

- DOWN**
- 1 Public transportation vehicle
  - 2 Having clothing on one's body
  - 3 Arch of colors
  - 4 Employ
  - 5 Establishment for accommodating tourists
  - 6 Compound of Hydrogen and Oxygen

- 7 Expression of human creativity
- 8 Consume food
- 9 Flowerless plant with leafy fonds
- 10 Used in Comparisons
- 11 Right (abbrev)
- 12 Posses-sive pronoun
- 14 Title before a woman's surname
- 16 Roman 6
- 17 Some-thing used to conceal
- 20 Small pieces of leftovers
- 21 Comfort-ably high temperature
- 22 Slender leaved grass plant
- 23 Where people establish a community
- 24 Be able to
- 25 Young, curled edible fond of certain fern plants
- 28 Rhyme
- 29 Domestic bovine
- 30 Whirl around quickly
- 32 A guest house
- 33 Group of people with similar

- characteristics
- 36 Long narrow inlet
- 39 Rich
- 42 Independent Grocers' Association
- 44 Decay
- 45 Chem element Argon
- 46 A group of students
- 47 Steal
- 48 Secret agent
- 49 Long Island (abbrev)
- 54 General Practitioner
- 55 Snake-like fish
- 57 Foot (abbrev)
- 58 Soft white fibrous substance
- 60 Hot brewed beverage
- 65 Not off
- 68 Female sheep
- 69 Employee
- 71 Because of
- 72 Large fast-running bird
- 74 A heavy demand
- 75 Loft
- 76 Mythical creature
- 77 Vegetable used in gumbo
- 79 Anger
- 80 Flat hollow bread
- 81 A logarithm to the base
- 82 Boggy decomposed matter used for gardening
- 83 Mention as an example
- 84 Hectoliters (abbrev)
- 85 Destroy by use
- 88 A decade
- 90 Eastern Standard Time
- 92 Southeast

**Fun & Easy!**  
**Mary Inghrim's Easy**  
**as 1, 2 3 Cake**  
*(Back by popular demand!)*

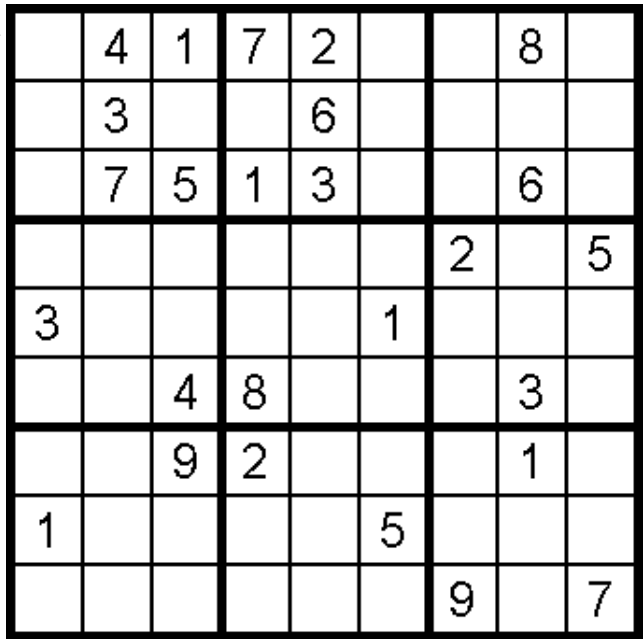
Mix one box of Angel Food Cake (must be Angel Food!) with one box of vanilla cake mix. You can store this mixture, and use it whenever you want.

When you want a quick dessert - Just put 3 tbsp of the dry mix in a microwavable cup. Add 2 tbsp of water and then Microwave it for 1 minute.

Add some whipped cream or ice cream (or both) and you have a delicious cake dessert!

Great recipe! And so easy, even the kids can do this.

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# Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

## Cryptogram

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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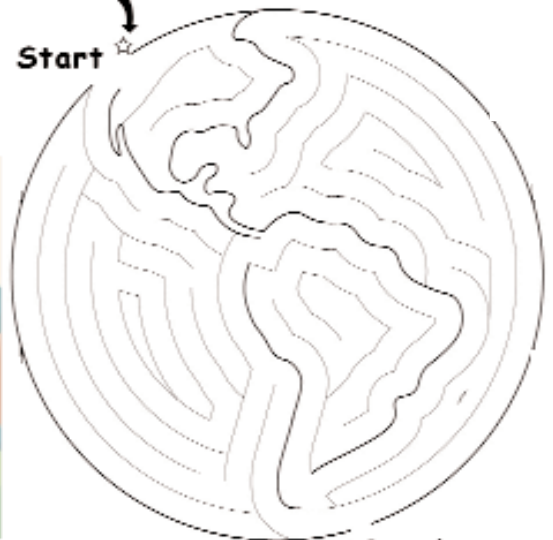
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Can you find 5 differences between the 2 pictures?



Find your way through the maze



April 22, 2026

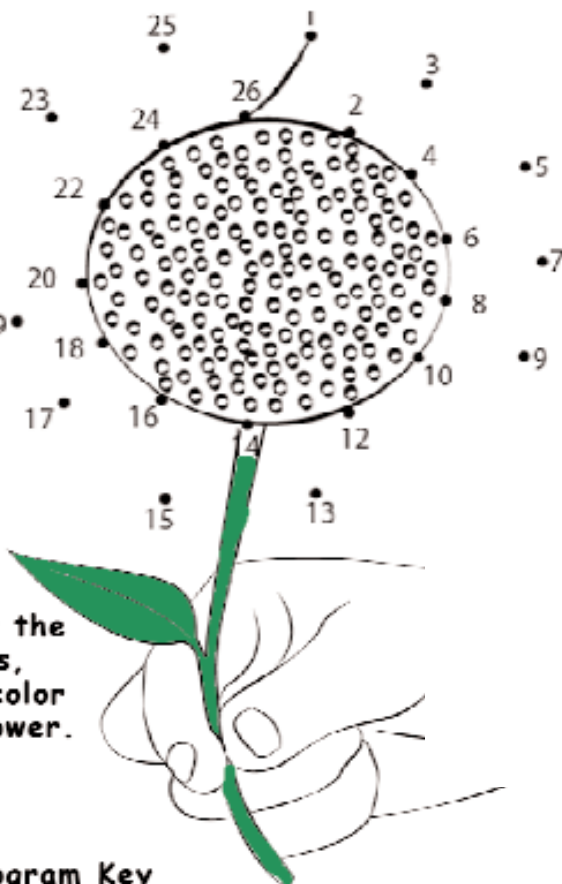
## Earth Day

Word Search Puzzle



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Follow the dots, then color the flower.



Cryptogram Key

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|-----------|-------------|------------|
| APRIL     | ENVIRONMENT | PLANET     |
| CLEAN AIR | GLOBAL      | POLLUTION  |
| CLIMATE   | GREEN       | RAINFOREST |
| COMPOST   | HABITAT     | RECYCLE    |
| CONSERVE  | LITTER      | TREES      |
| BAKTH     | NATURE      | VOLUNTEER  |
| ECOLOGY   | OCEAN       | WATER      |
| ENERGY    | OZONE       | WILDLIFE   |

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MONUMENTS INSTALLED IN ALL CEMETERIES  
CREMATION MEMORIALS & BENCHES, MONUMENT LETTERING & CLEANING

Sundown United Methodist Church

**Covered Dish  
May 2, 2026  
5:30 pm  
Sundown Church Hall**

To be announced soon  
2026 Indoor Yard Sales!  
*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

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

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

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

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST**  
Schedule will be listed in the bulletin  
<https://smsaparish.org/bulletins>

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

**Mass Times**  
**Sat: Vigil 4:00 PM • Sun: 9:00 AM**

**Confessions:** Saturdays -3:15 to 3:45 pm  
Or by appointment.  
Call the rectory at (845) 434-7643.  
**Parochial Vicar: Father Thomas**

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**1st Thrift Sale of the Year!**

**Apr. 18, 2026  
9 am - 12 Noon**

**Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches**

Come and Join us for in person Worship on Sundays.

Sundown UMC 8:30 am  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Grahamsville UMC 10:30 am  
350 Main Street, Grahamsville  
Pastor Harriet Wilkin  
845-985-2283

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
P O Box 238 - Route 55  
Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

**Claryville Reformed Church**

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

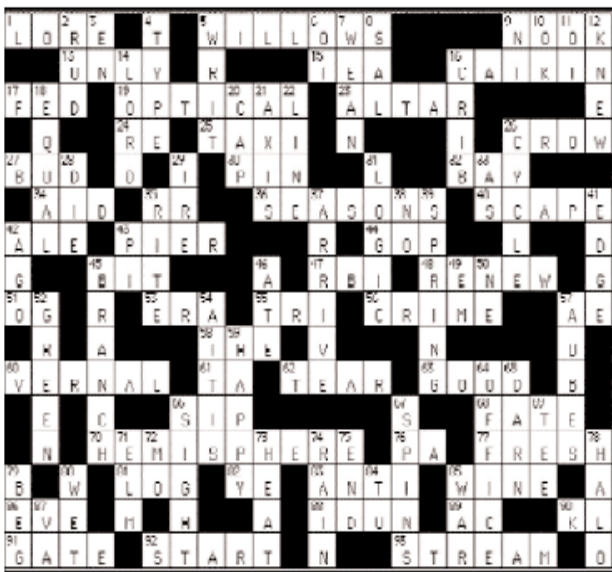


Church Hall available for rent  
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**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

**WANTED**  
 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

6	4	1	7	2	9	5	8	3
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4	5	9	2	8	7	3	1	6
1	6	7	3	9	5	8	2	4
2	8	3	4	1	6	9	5	7

To learn more about  
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 or to make a donation  
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<https://www.nfxdetroit.org/>

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

**\$126 Million in Unclaimed Funds Returned in March**  
 Comptroller DiNapoli handing over Unclaimed Funds check

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

[https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm\\_content=20260411&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=weekly+news](https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds?utm_content=20260411&utm_medium=email&utm_source=weekly+news)

Check the air quality where you are at:  
<https://www.airnow.gov/>

**ARTISTS • CRAFTERS**  
 Need a place to show and sell your crafts?  
 email: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)  
 or visit our Virtual Mall  
<http://gnomehomeinc.com>

**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

4/14/2026	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/14/2026	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/15/2026	<b>Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc.</b> 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire Department Firehouse
4/16/2026	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting—6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/16/2026	Neversink Fire Commissioners' Meeting 7 pm
4/21/2026	Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 4/10/2026)
5/5/2026	Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
5/6/2026	Town of Neversink Planning Board -7 pm (Application Submission Due Date 4/24/2026)
5/13/2026	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Town of Denning - <http://www.denningny.gov>  
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

## UC Legislative Weekly Update

for the Week of  
April 13, 2026 - April 17, 2026

Wednesday, April 15

- **9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **10:00 AM (or immediately following UCIDA Regular Board Meeting) - Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Regular Board Meeting**, in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **4:00 PM - Housing Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting**, in the KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Thursday, April 16

- **4:00 PM - Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **5:00 PM (or immediately following Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee) - Ways & Means Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **5:30 PM - Ulster County Youth Board**, at the Restorative Justice & Community Empowerment Center, 733 Broadway, Kingston

Friday, April 17

- **No Meetings**

## Dept. of Motor Vehicles dates for the Neversink Town Hall

April 9th, May 7th & June 4th, 2026



Go on the DMV Website to make a reservation.

Search [sullivancountydmscheduling](https://sullivancountydmscheduling.com)

Please read all appointment types before selecting one. If you select the wrong appointment type you may have to reschedule due to time constraints.

**Now conveniently doing business at 9 locations:**

- Neversink Town Hall - 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Callcoan Town Hall - 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Rockland Town Hall - 85 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY (rotating schedule)
- Delaware Town Hall - 104 Lower Main Street, Hortonville, NY (rotating schedule)
- Mamakating Town Hall - 2949 US 209, Wurtsboro, NY (rotating schedule)
- Tusten Town Hall - 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY (rotating schedule)
- Town of Liberty Senior Center - 119 N Main St. Liberty, NY (rotating schedule)
- Bloomington Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomington, NY (rotating schedule)

Customers **MUST** have all forms completed **BEFORE** arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - [dmv.ny.gov](https://dmv.ny.gov)

\*\*\* IF YOU ARE LATE OR NOT PREPARED YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE \*\*\*

Please limit the number of people coming to your appointment. Additional people not necessary.

to the reservation step for each of us and vehicle.

The DMV will continue to take mail-in license renewals with proof of an eye exam and registration renewals to: Sullivan County DMV, 100 North Street, Monticello NY, 12701

For further information please call: 845.754.3572

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## Grahamsville United Methodist Church

356 Main St. P.O. Box 86 Grahamsville, NY 12740

### Thrift Sale Schedule 2026

All sales are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April – 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

May – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

June – 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

July – 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

August – 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

October – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

Nov – 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday Craft Fair

Donations accepted in the thrift building on Tuesdays, starting March 17, 2026, from 9:30 to 11:30 or by appointment. Call Ruth at 845-985-7222.

Harriet Wilkin, Pastor– [grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com) or visit us on Facebook

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# Bake Sale Fundraiser

Sunday, April 26th  
9am - Noon

Grahamsville Firehouse

Hosted by the Neversink Track Club to  
support the Tri-Valley Track & Field and  
Cross Country programs



Supporting Tri-Valley Track & Field and Cross Country Program

Contact: [neversinktrackclub@gmail.com](mailto:neversinktrackclub@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COME WALK WITH US!

Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.

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

Thank you.

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

# Pledge Rules

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



## The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Invite YOU to Our Community Healthy Challenge!



This is a whole-body, community-driven event designed to uplift the health and spirit of our wonderful town.

### WHO CAN JOIN:

All Town of Neversink residents AND Tri-Valley Students & Staff are welcome to join!



### THE TIMELINE



**REGISTRATION:** Information will be shared soon!



### KICKOFF: MAY 2nd

At the Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight  
Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Grahamsville, NY

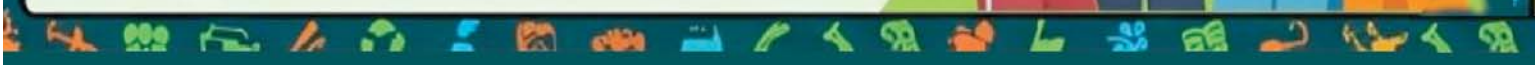


### THE CHALLENGE RUNS: May 2 – August 12

### GRAND FINALE & AWARDS: AUGUST 22nd

At the Town Of Neversink Parks & Recreation  
End of Summer Celebration

**IMPORTANT:** Earn extra points by bringing your pledge sheet with at least 1 pledge for a donation to the Lion's Club Journey for Sight Fundraiser - email Tanya for a pledge form!





# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A WARRIOR

This isn't just about weight loss. It's about mental strength, community connection, and daily consistency. Participants will track their progress through a simple point system, earning points for:



- ✓ **DAILY WELLNESS:** (Hydration, Movement, Healthy Eating)
- ✓ **WEEKLY MINI-CHALLENGES:** (No Soda Week, Digital Detox, Explore a New Trail)
- ✓ **MONTHLY "MEGA" EVENTS:** (Community Field Day, Scavenger Hikes, Healthy Cooking Demos)

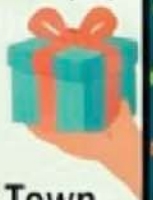
More information will be shared!!



## REWARDS OF THE NEVERSINK WELLNESS WARRIORS



**GRAND PRIZE: THE WARRIOR'S CUP** A unique trophy that will display the winner's name and reside at Town Hall!



Plus, Bragging Rights, Prizes, & Surprises!



**REGISTER** - this can be done before May 2nd at Town Hall (-Registration forms can be found on the 2nd floor of Town Hall outside the Parks OR via Google form link, Google form link will be available soon!



**TRACK YOUR POINTS:** watch for our digital tracking form.



**CONNECT ON FACEBOOK:** Join the community group for daily motivation, tips, and bonus points!

## LET'S GO!! #NEVERIEWELLNESSWARRIORS

For more information, contact Tanya Huggler, Parks & Recreation Director at 845-807-7502 or townofneversinkparksandrec@gmail.com

**April 25, 2025**

**10 am - 12 noon**

held on the

**Horseshoe Courts at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds**

**Horseshoe Pitching Clinic  
is for youth ages 8 to 18**

The clinic is geared towards first time pitchers  
and intended to introduce them  
to an outdoor fun activity they can enjoy  
individually or with family and friends

**The clinic will be conducted by John Kassay,  
the current NYS Class A Elders Champion**

**The clinic is free  
Horseshoes will be provided**

For additional information contact  
**John at e-mail, [raptorfoot1@aol.com](mailto:raptorfoot1@aol.com)**

or inquire through the  
**Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Department**



# Time and the Valley Museum's Community Takeout Chicken BBQ

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

Museum and Library Parking Lot  
332 Main Street, Grahamsville

- *Murray's Chicken*, BBQ'D to perfection by the *Neversink Fire Department*
- Delicious sides of baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and split top roll from *Wilson's Deli*
- Dessert from *Frost Valley YMCA*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

# of Meals:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form with your check to: Time and the Valleys Museum  
P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 or call 845 985-7700 with credit card



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

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

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

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

If so, please call or email

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville  
[director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:director@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) 845 985-7700

*All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition*

**Thank you so much!**





**Bring a  
covered dish  
to share  
Enjoy good food  
and fellowship**

# **Covered Dish Supper**

**Saturday  
May 2, 2026  
5:30 pm**

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**  
(Intersection of Sundown Rd. Peekamoose Rd.  
& Greenville Rd., Sundown, NY 12740)



**Be sure to check out the tables  
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**and**

**Wednesday, August 19th.**

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

**The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on East Dillon Road at 8:15 AM  
The bus will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM.  
Reservation must be received by June 8th for the June 24th bus trip.**

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**Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets  
Bethlehem, PA.**

**Wednesday, August 5th**

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

**\$50 pp with \$30 free play.  
Reservations must be received by July 13th.**

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**Checks should be made out to Primetimers.  
Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192.**

# NEW!

## Sullivan County in the Revolution Traveling Exhibit



### Includes:

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- ♦ Interactive learning components including matching games, a 1779 Code Book spy activity and Revolutionary War reproduction items
- ♦ Video - meaning behind the words in Yankee Doodle!



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or call 845 985-7700

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or to reserve

*Funded by a Sullivan County Discretionary Grant sponsored by Legislator Brian McPhillips  
and grant from Stewart's Shops*

Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254 Grahamsville NY 12740

info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org 845 985-7700

# New Funding Opportunity Announced for Municipalities and Non-Profits for Lower Esopus Stream Projects

## *Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council Reaches Key Milestones in Strengthening Regional Watershed Collaboration*

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced two major developments supporting long term stewardship of the Lower Esopus Creek: the release of a 2026 funding opportunity for projects that advance the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan, and the adoption of a new Framework for Collaboration by the Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council (LECAC).

The Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council - composed of municipalities and community stakeholders from the Lower Esopus watershed and the contributing Sawkill and Plattekill Creek sub watersheds - was formed to coordinate implementation of the Lower Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan and strengthen local engagement in watershed health. The Council has now formally adopted its Framework for Collaboration, a milestone that establishes shared goals, decision making processes, and a unified structure for advancing restoration, mitigation, and community driven watershed priorities.

The Framework builds on years of stream management work following the 2013 Order on Consent with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, which funded the development and implementation of the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan. As part of that agreement, the Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research, Inc. (HRF) administers a multi year Environmental Benefit Projects funding program to support projects that address water quality, reduce turbidity impacts, and enhance ecological, recreational, and community value along the Lower Esopus.

HRF is now accepting proposals from local governments and non-profit organizations to fund projects that align with the Lower Esopus Stream Management Implementation Plan. Awards in the range of \$50,000 - \$100,000 are available, and Letters of Interest must be submitted by April 30.

"Caring for the Lower Esopus is a shared responsibility, and the new Framework for Collaboration strengthens how we work across municipal lines to protect this important waterway and the local ecosystems it sustains," said Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger. "This grant opportunity will enable towns and non-profit partners to implement projects that enhance water quality, community access, and recreational enjoyment."

"This funding gives municipalities and nonprofits a strong opportunity to move meaningful on the ground projects forward," said Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle. "These dollars can also help local partners leverage larger state and federal matching grants, positioning them to bring tangible improvements to the Lower Esopus and the communities along it. We look forward to seeing these efforts advance and produce lasting results."

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Start at Route 209 and 213 in Stone Ridge	
-Going Towards Olivebridge	7.5 Miles
← Turn LEFT onto The Krumville Road/CR-2A	0.8 Miles
Gun Shop on LEFT	

## Bingo at the Monticello Elks Lodge

Every Tuesday at 7 PM

46 North Street in Monticello

For information

contact Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell  
at (845) 701-0695

"The Department of the Environment would like to congratulate the Lower Esopus Creek Advisory Council for their progress," said Andy Bicking, Director of the Ulster County Department of the Environment. "The organization represented by the new Framework for Collaboration will help the group realize its vision and goals in the years ahead. As part of the Department's mission to help create the conditions for local environmental successes, we are excited to offer our technical support and guidance to community groups and local governments looking to apply for the most recent round of funding from the Hudson River Foundation."

Eligible applicants should review both the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan and the Implementation Plan, identifying the corresponding project number listed in the 2026 solicitation. Letters of Intent that meet the criteria will be invited to submit a full proposal. Department of the Environment staff are available to provide technical support and guidance to municipalities or community groups wishing to apply for the grant. Please contact [environment@ulster-countyny.gov](mailto:environment@ulster-countyny.gov) to schedule an appointment.

The Request for Proposals is available at: <https://hudsonriver.org/article/le-smp-grants/>. For questions related to the RFP, applicants may contact Jonathan Kramer, President of the Hudson River Foundation, at [jkramer@hudsonriver.org](mailto:jkramer@hudsonriver.org). Information about the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan and Implementation Plan can be found at: <https://loweresopus-smp-ulstercounty.hub.arcgis.com>



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EMAIL [tmatthewsm88@gmail.com](mailto:tmatthewsm88@gmail.com) TOM

## 2026 SHOW DATES

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

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

**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OPEN TO ALL TYPES & YEARS OF WHEELED VEHICLES.**

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

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

**DASH PLAQUES FOR FIRST 40 VEHICLES. RAIN OR SHINE**



**BETHEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**



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# NETWORKING in BLOOM EARTH DAY CHAMBER MIXER

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Business Association & Bethel Sanitation invite you to come together with our vibrant business community to network and celebrate Earth Day with fun, energy, and plenty of community spirit.

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 22, 2026  
5-7 PM  
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### THE EVENING WILL FEATURE

**5-7 PM Networking & Chamber  
Introductions**



**5:30 PM Ribbon  
Cutting Celebrating  
Bethel Sanitation**

Bethel Sanitation is a family owned business serving Sullivan County for over 25 years. They provide reliable residential and commercial trash pickup with a strong focus on community and service.

- Voted the "Best Trash Service in Sullivan County" in The River Reporter's 2026 Best of Guide
- Will be featured in the 2026 SC Democrat Men at Work edition

Enjoy a specially curated Benji & Jake's menu, with playful signature cocktails available for purchase.

Official Kick-Off and Sign-ups for the Town of Bethel Litter Pluck on Saturday, April 25. Volunteers can adopt a road and help keep our community shining.

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

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

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

Membership is only \$25 for a FULL YEAR

- ◆ Free admission to all in-person and virtual programs, exhibits and the Catskill Farm
- ◆ Invitations to all special member openings and events
- ◆ *Around the Reservoirs* Newsletter and monthly historical and informative emails
- ◆ 10% discount in the Museum Shop
- ◆ FREE ADMISSION to over 30 New York State Museums, and more!



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

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



Time and the Valleys Museum P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740  
845 985-7700 / [timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership)

11<sup>th</sup> Annual!

# Wings & Wheels for Warriors



Dash Plaques for first  
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**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2026**

Rain date: Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
9am to 3pm

**JUDGING UPON ARRIVAL - 11AM CUTOFF**

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Dear Friends of Disabled American Veterans,

Over the past ten years, **Wings & Wheels for Warriors** hosted by **Sprague & Killeen, Inc.** has grown into one of our community's most anticipated events. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and supporters like you, we have raised **\$220,000 for the Disabled American Veterans of NY**. Each year, we are reminded that when a community comes together, incredible things happen.

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:

- Plane rides with **Fly with Kate, LLC**
- Music by **DJ Brian**
- Craft tents and activities for children
- Raffles and prizes
- Food offerings
- A vibrant atmosphere celebrating community and patriotism

In appreciation of your support, **all sponsors receive recognition**, including:

- Placement in our exclusive Program
- Event signage and regular announcements throughout the day
- Promotion on our event Facebook page – Your business will be promoted to our large Facebook audience
- All recognition will feature your logo or business information. If needed, our design team will gladly create professional signage using your name, phone number, or website.

**Silver** sponsors and **above** are also invited to host a table at the event for an additional \$100 donation to **DAV of NY**, providing a great opportunity to engage directly with attendees.

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

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

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

With sincere gratitude,

Dwight Coombe and the Staff of Sprague & Killeen, Inc.  
Proud Hosts of Wings & Wheels for Warriors  
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Co-Sponsor Levels

BRONZE – \$100 – 11" x 17" Sign

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**DIAMOND – \$5000 – 4' x 8' Banner**

**All proceeds go to Disabled American Veterans!**

\*We encourage all sponsors to donate an item or basket for our silent auction.\*

Thank you for supporting Wings & Wheels for Warriors and  
the Disabled American Veterans of NY!

**\*Please make check or money order payable to  
the Disabled American Veterans of NY\***

If you wish to co-sponsor the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wings & Wheels for Warriors, please fill in the form below and mail it to our office with a check or money order payable to the Disabled American Veterans of NY. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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Saturday, May 2nd

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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**Free Admission • Family Friendly Event**

## Matthewis Persen House Museum to Close for 2026 Season for Historic Roof Restoration

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office has announced that the Matthewis Persen House Museum will be closed to the public for the 2026 season while critical roof restoration work is completed.

Located at the historic intersection of Crown and John Streets in Uptown Kingston, the Persen House is one of the oldest and most significant buildings in Ulster County. Operated by the Ulster County Clerk's Office as a cultural heritage site, the museum has long welcomed visitors with exhibits, guest hosts, and cultural programming highlighting the region's rich and diverse history.



The temporary closure will allow for the replacement of the building's roof as part of a major preservation project supported through a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program. In December 2024, Ulster County was awarded \$558,232 to complete the project, which is considered a critical step in preserving the historic structure within the Kingston Stockade National Historic District.

The Ulster County Clerk's Office worked collaboratively with the Ulster County Executive's Office and the Department of Public Works Buildings & Grounds Division to secure the funding and plan the project. Architectural planning and contractor selection have taken place over the past year, and construction is expected to begin in July 2026, continuing through November before resuming in spring 2027.

Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck acknowledged that the closure will be felt by many in the community. "The Persen House has become an important gathering place where residents and visitors alike can connect with Ulster County's history. While we will certainly miss welcoming guests during the 2026 season, this project represents an essential investment in protecting one of the county's most treasured historic sites for generations to come."

Ulster County Historian Eddie Moran also emphasized the importance of the restoration effort. "Closing for a season is never easy, especially for a place that brings so many people together to explore our shared past," Moran said. "We are disappointed that we won't be able to host our usual slate of programs in 2026, including events connected to the Burning of Kingston commemoration. At the same time, we're excited to see the Persen House's historic roof restored so the building can continue welcoming visitors for many years to come."

Built in the 17th century and expanded over time, the Matthewis Persen House Museum has served many purposes throughout its long history and today operates as a museum and educational center within the Kingston Stockade National Historic District. When open, the site welcomes visitors with rotating exhibits, artifacts uncovered during archaeological excavations of the property, and interpretive displays that highlight the many layers of Ulster County's past and the diverse communities that have shaped the region.

The Ulster County Clerk's Office looks forward to reopening the Persen House to the public once restoration work is complete. Updates on the project and future programming will be shared as they become available.

For more information about the Persen House and other historical initiatives, please contact the Ulster County Historian's Office at (845) 340-3415 or [countyhistorian@ulstercountyny.gov](mailto:countyhistorian@ulstercountyny.gov).

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





# The Daniel Pierce Library

## *Spring Children's Programs* 2026

*The library is a wonderful place to ignite your child's love of reading!*

Calling all caregivers and their little ones (ages 12 months to 4 years) in the Tri-Valley Central School District.

We've got exciting programs designed just for you!

Our spring session begins the week of April 6th and runs for eight fun-filled weeks. These programs are offered at no cost, thanks to the support of our amazing community. Registration is required.

We can't wait to learn, play and grow together!

**Mother Goose Time (12-23 months)**  
**Beginning Wednesday, April 8th**

**Toddler Time (24-35 months)**  
**Beginning Thursday, April 9th**

**Story Hour (3 and 4 year-olds)**  
**Beginning Friday, April 10th**

### **Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour**

Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School.

Children will be registered at school.

Click Here to Register your Child

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Caregiver

Cafe' Support Group

Jan-June 2026



Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup> May 4<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup>



1st Monday of  
each month  
10 am-11 am

Registration Required:

Use the QR code below or go to  
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Take a break while you:

- Learn about tips for self-care
- Share caregiving strategies
- Connect with others
- Enjoy a light snack on us!



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

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# WE'RE LOOKING FOR *Volunteers* TO HELP US OUT!

Maybe you're a student looking for some volunteer hours, a retiree looking to use your skills and passion to help others, or maybe you just LOVE your library and have an extra hour or two each week!

Whoever you are, we appreciate your interest!  
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## *Thank You!*



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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

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"INSPIRE SUCCESS TOGETHER"



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## Tri-Valley Elementary School



### UPK REGISTRATION

**If you have a child that will be 4  
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**845-985-2296 ext. 5405**

**Or send an email to:**

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



## Ulster County Department of Public Works Announces Sully Bridge Closure in Woodstock Beginning April 14

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Public Works will temporarily close County Bridge #182, the Sully Bridge, located on Tannery Brook Road (County Road 41) in the Town of Woodstock beginning Tuesday, April 14, for a bridge superstructure replacement. The estimated project duration is approximately two months, weather and site conditions permitting.

The closed section of roadway will be on Tannery Brook Road, 50 feet north of the intersections with Ohayo Mountain Road and Millstream Road, and will be closed to all vehicular traffic for the duration of the replacement project.

Bridge Closure: County Bridge #182 - Sully Bridge,  
Tannery Brook Road (CR 41)  
Location: Town of Woodstock  
Start Date: Tuesday, April 14

Detour Route: Traffic may use Millstream Road east for 0.4 miles, to West Hurley Road north for 285 feet, to State Route 212 west for 0.8 miles, to Tannery Brook Road south for 0.3 miles.

The Ulster County Department of Public Works appreciates the public's patience and cooperation during this infrastructure improvement project.

## Governor Hochul Announces Start of \$17 Million Project to Replace State Route 17 Bridge in Orange County

### New Single Span Bridge Over State Route 17K in Wallkill Will Enhance Safety and Resiliency Along Vital State Highway

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that work is underway on a \$17 million project to replace the bridge carrying State Route 17 over State Route 17K in the Town of Wallkill, Orange County. The project will replace the existing, 68-year-old structure with a new, single-span structure that will enhance safety and resiliency along this critical transportation corridor that serves one of the fastest growing regions in the state. The new bridge will also have a higher clearance than the original structure to reduce the likelihood of collisions with over-height vehicles and further enhance safety.

“New Yorkers deserve quality roads and bridges to get where they need to go safely and efficiently, and that is exactly what we are delivering with this project,” Governor Hochul said. “By replacing this aging bridge along State Route 17, we will ensure continued smooth travel along one of the most important transportation corridors in the state to further fuel the economic boom we are seeing throughout the Catskills.”

The new bridge's clearance of 16 feet, eight inches above State Route 17K is two feet higher than the original structure, allowing it to meet the latest interstate standards and reduce the potential for bridge strikes. Additionally, the new span will feature jointless bridge decks to lessen noise pollution, reduce long-term maintenance costs and create a smoother riding surface. Additional improvements include new road surfaces, steel girders, concrete abutments and utilities.

The project was advanced using state-of-the-art 3D modeling techniques, which reduced the need for printed construction drawings and allowed for easier collaboration among the design team and more efficient workflow. While construction is underway, motorists should expect lane shifts and limited daily lane closures. Work is expected to be complete in late 2027.

State Route 17 is a heavily traveled artery that ties together the Mid-Hudson, Catskills and Southern Tier regions. This bridge project compliments the work along State Route 17 at Exit 122 to reconfigure the eastern portion of that interchange, produce a collector-distributor service road to access East Main Street/Crystal Run Road, reconstruct the bridge over the Wallkill River and build a shared use path.

Representative Pat Ryan said, “This \$17 million investment to replace the bridge connecting State Route 17 and 17K in Wallkill is a major win for Orange County, and the entire Hudson Valley,” said Congressman Pat Ryan. “For too long, Hudson Valley commuters have dealt with congestion, outdated infrastructure, and limited options - this project is real progress toward safer, more reliable travel for families, workers, and businesses across the region. Our Hudson Valley community is expanding, and I'll always fight alongside our state and local partners to get us the transit options we deserve.”

About the Department of Transportation

It is the mission of the New York State Department of Transportation to provide a safe, reliable, equitable, and resilient transportation system that connects communities, enhances quality of life, protects the environment, and supports the economic well-being of New York State.

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# Daniel Pierce Library Senior Social!

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
at 1:00 p.m.**

Open to all community senior patrons 55 and up

Join us for an afternoon of  
conversation with fellow seniors  
in our Adult Reading Room.  
Light refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Adele Barnard at  
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Register at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



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1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



### Sunday, April 19th

**Serving 8:00 until 12 Noon**

**Adults: \$13**

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

**Children Ages 5-11: \$5**

**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

**Take-outs: \$13**

**Call 845-985-7270**

**We accept cash and checks only**

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Man-n-moon, Spud-eggo, Oj, Coffee / Tea**

## Sullivan County's Bureau of Fire Attends Statewide Conference Fire Coordinators Gather to Share Info



*Sullivan County extends its congratulations to Sandra Maxon (center) of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control on her retirement after 43 years of dedicated administrative service to the New York State training program. Pictured with her are, from the left, Brian Soller, Jack Halchak, John Hauschild, Joe Mall and Bill Lothrop.*

Watkins Glen, NY - The Sullivan County Bureau of Fire recently participated in the New York State Fire Coordinators Conference in Watkins Glen, joining fire service leaders from across the State to discuss public safety, training, and the future of emergency response.

Representing Sullivan County were Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, Chief Deputy Fire Coordinator Jack Halchak, Deputy Fire Coordinator Bill Lothrop, Special Operations Deputy Fire Coordinator Brian Soller, and Training Coordinator Joe Mall.

Conference sessions addressed a range of critical topics, including grant opportunities, the State's new fire reporting system, disaster safety assessments, solar energy emergency response, and lessons learned from a major fire in Ontario County. A strong emphasis was also placed on the growing role of artificial intelligence in emergency services.

Sullivan County Health and Wellness Coordinator Jill Holland delivered a presentation highlighting the importance of supporting firefighter mental health an increasingly recognized priority within the fire service.

Additional discussions focused on firefighter training programs, fire prevention initiatives, and the future of New York's volunteer fire service. With approximately 93 percent of departments staffed by volunteers, recruitment and retention remain key challenges statewide.

"Attending this conference allows us to bring back valuable ideas and resources to better support our firefighters and protect our communities," said Fire Coordinator John Hauschild.

He added that the conference reinforced how Sullivan County's efforts align with Statewide priorities and best practices.

## Building community through the arts. Join us.

It has come to our attention that there was an issue with the link to the member show. For these reasons, we are extending the show deadline to 4.20 @ midnight. Please see info below, Thanks!

Members Call for Art:

### ART AS AN ACT OF REBELLION

Deadline EXTENDED to April 20, Midnight

JUNE MEMBERS SHOW: Art as an Act of Rebellion

Submission Period: April 1-April 16, 2026 Midnight

Exhibition Dates: June 5 - June 28, 2026

Theme: Art as an Act of Rebellion

Rebellion can be loud or quiet, political or personal. It can be protest, joy, vulnerability, or radical self-expression. This exhibition invites LGBTQ+IA artists to share work that pushes boundaries, reclaims identity, questions norms, or celebrates the freedom to exist and create on your own terms.

Seeking work that explores how art challenges norms, resists oppression, and reimagines identity and belonging. Interpretations may include:

Personal acts of resistance  
Queer joy and visibility  
Political or cultural protest  
Breaking social, gender, or artistic boundaries

Reclaiming narratives and identities

Media

Open to a wide range of media, including:

Painting  
Sculpture / 3D work  
Photography  
Digital art  
Mixed media

**Please note:** We are not showing nude photography or erotic artwork at this time.

Eligibility

Open to emerging and established Artist Members

Must be a CURRENT ARTIST MEMBER of ASK - Join [HERE](#)

DATES: Opening Reception Friday, June 5 at 7 PM (Pride Weekend)

Artwork Intake (Drop-Off)

June 2, 5-8 PM  
June 3, 1-4 PM

Artwork Pick-Up

June 28, 5-8 PM  
June 29, 1-4 P

SUBMIT & LEARN MORE [HERE](#)

[https://askforarts.org/june-members-show-2026/?mc\\_cid=ddc0091df4&mc\\_eid=5bb4c202f9](https://askforarts.org/june-members-show-2026/?mc_cid=ddc0091df4&mc_eid=5bb4c202f9)

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# Mother's Day — PANCAKE BREAKFAST —

Hosted by the Big Indian–Olivera Fire Dept. Auxiliary

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Big Indian–Olivera Firehouse

8 Firehouse Rd, Big Indian, NY



— Dine In or Take Out —

*Served by Auxiliary Members & Volunteers*

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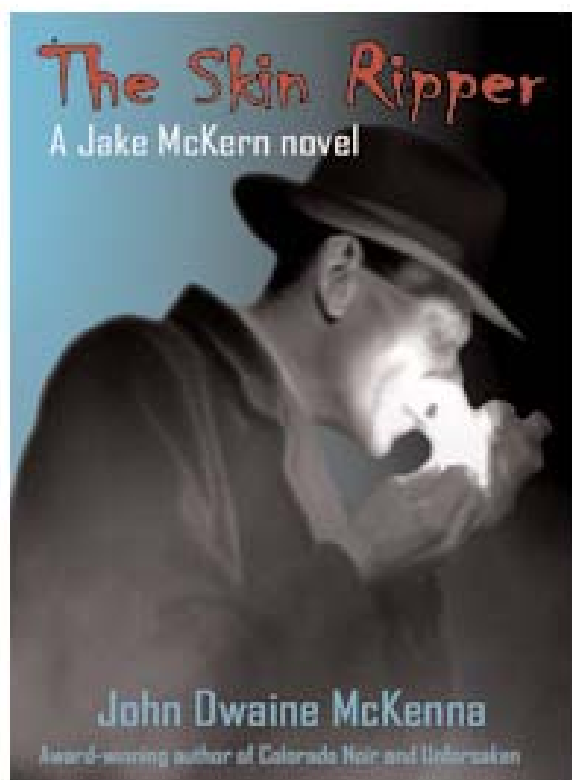


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## Farm Arts Collective Throws a Birthday Party

### Friday, April 24 at 7 PM

*Damascus, PA*-Farm Arts Collective will throw a birthday party fundraiser to celebrate the milestone birthdays of its two leading ladies, Tannis Kowalchuk and Jess Beveridge.



*Tannis and Jess in the flower fields and teaching a workshop.*

The party will take place Friday, April 24 at 7 PM at the Farm Arts Collective Agricultural Center on Willow Wisp Organic Farm in Damascus, PA.

The ticketed event will feature Mexican-themed party food, refreshments, cake, a piñata designed by Kit Sailer, and party music by DJ Adriatica, with a dance set to the end the celebration.

The party proceeds will benefit programs in the 2026 Farm Arts Collective upcoming season of farm workshops, performances, tours, and special events that intersect farming, art, food, and ecology.

Doors open at 7 PM. Tickets are sliding scale, Pay-What-You-Can, \$40 or \$60 and can be purchased online at <https://www.farmartscollective.org>

Farm Arts Collective is located at 38 Hickory Lane Damascus, PA 18415

## DVAA Presents Catskill Mountain Shakespeare's Production of Hamlet

### A kinetic interpretation of Shakespeare's classic play

*A fast-paced, touring version of Hamlet, set in the 1980s*

(Narrowsburg, NY-April 9, 2026) The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), is delighted to present Catskills Mountain Shakespeare's (CMS) production of Hamlet on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6.30pm, doors open 6 pm at the Tusten Theatre 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg

Directed by London Academy of Dramatic Arts graduate and CMS Company Member Sydney Berk. Reimagined through a bold contemporary lens, this pro-

duction is set in a punk-inspired 1980s world, electrifying Shakespeare's classic with the raw energy of rebellion, youth culture, and political unrest.

Streamlined into a fast-paced 90-minute touring adaptation and performed by a dynamic cast of six actors, Hamlet explores the play's timeless themes of authority, identity, and defiance. The result is a visceral, high-impact production with no intermission that delivers Shakespeare's language with urgency and clarity, designed to captivate modern audiences and first-time Shakespeare viewers alike.

Advance tickets are available now: [Ticket Link](#)

Adults: \$25

Students (13-18): \$10

Children (12 and under): FREE

Discounts are available for DVAA Members and ticket prices will be higher at the door.

### ABOUT CATSKILL MOUNTAIN SHAKESPEARE

Founded in 2020, Catskill Mountain Shakespeare is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit theater company dedicated to producing vibrant, professional productions of classic works. Inspired by the beauty of the Catskill Mountains, CMS creates accessible theatrical experiences for local communities, visitors, and students while fostering diversity, inclusion, and equity both onstage and off.

[www.catskillmountainshakespeare.com](http://www.catskillmountainshakespeare.com)

### SUPPORTERS

Catskill Mountain Shakespeare's tour is supported, in part, by a \$25,000 grant from Shakespeare in American Communities, a national program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest and in association with Catskill Mountain Foundation.

### ABOUT DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance serves as the Arts Council for Sullivan County, New York, presenting year-round programs in the visual, performing, and community arts and providing resources for artists and arts organizations throughout the region, on both sides of the Delaware River.

### DVAA 50

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





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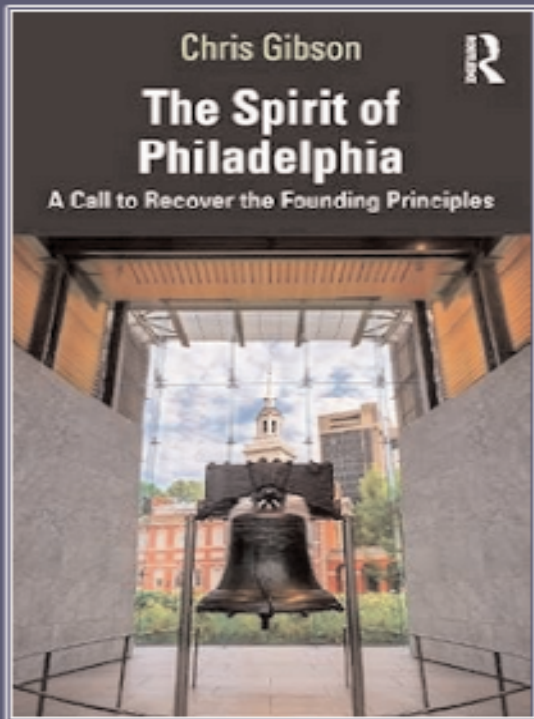
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# The Spirit of Philadelphia

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**



# Delaware Valley Opera 40 years

## 40th Anniversary Gala

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 — 6:00 PM

\$70 Presale (through May 26)

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# APRIL 2026

### THE ARTS NEST

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**APR. 12** **HIROYA TSUKAMOTO**  
\$20 Presale / \$25 AT THE DOOR  
2:00pm - At the Arts Nest  
<https://hiroyatsukamoto.com>



Experience the spellbinding artistry of **Hiroya Tsukamoto**, a master of fingerstyle guitar and evocative storytelling that transcends cultural boundaries.

**APR. 18** **OPERATION: JONATHAN JONATHAN CHARLES FOX AND THAT DOG NAMED GIDGET**  
\$20 Presale / \$25 AT THE DOOR  
7:00pm - At the Arts Nest - (Seating Limited)



An evening of personal storytelling with Jonathan Charles Fox and That Dog Named Gidget for one night only. "Insightful, witty, and unmistakably Jonathan - an evening not to be missed."

**APR. 25** **CRAIG BICKHARDT**  
\$20 Presale / \$25 AT THE DOOR  
7:00pm - At the Arts Nest



**Craig Bickhardt** is a journeyman singer-songwriter and performer with a career spanning five decades. Craig's songwriting is praised for its emotional depth and literary lyricism. His original song catalog contains over 800 songs, some of which have been covered by Johnny Cash and Ray Charles.

**APR. 26** **SCOTT PALERMO**  
\$20 Presale / \$25 AT THE DOOR  
2:00pm - At the Arts Nest



**Scott Palermo** is a self-taught musician with the rich folk tradition of the sixties and seventies. With influences such as John Prine, Cat Stevens, Gordon Lightfoot, and John Denver, and blends it with more contemporary folk artists and his own original compositions.

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The telephone number of the museum is 845 - 254 - 4460.



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are needed.**

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appointment today.

**Donate Blood. Help Save Lives.**

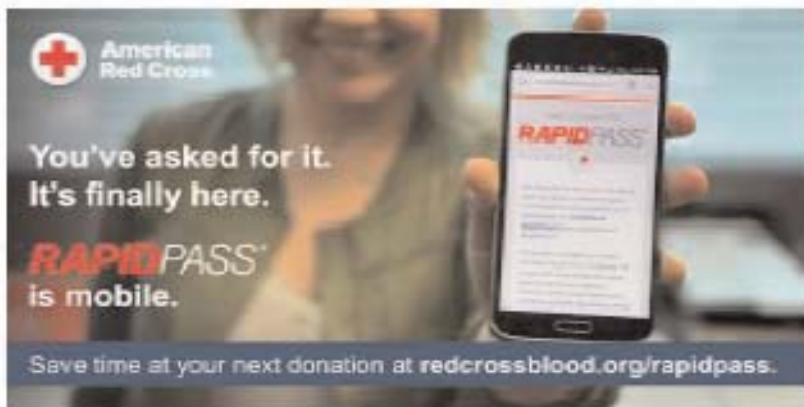
## Daniel Pierce Library Community Blood Drive

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

Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make your lifesaving appointment today!

EAT WELL - HYDRATE - BRING ID

Walk-Ins Welcome - Appointments Preferred!



**Shady United Methodist Church**  
**Italian Dinner**  
**Sat. April 25**

**Choice of:**  
**Spaghetti & Meatballs**  
**Meatball Sub; Baked Ziti**  
**with Salad & Dessert**

**Takeouts Only**

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

**Adults \$18 Children \$9**

**Church Road - Rt. 212**  
**5 miles West of Woodstock**  
**For Info: 679-2982 or 679-4039**



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Donate a little of your time and have a direct impact on someone's path to recovery!

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A program for DPL Patrons

**Every Tuesday  
9 am - 12 pm**

Receive help on a variety of basic tech topics including:

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

Bring your own device or use our computers!

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# RAISE A READER.

Want to instill a love of reading in your children that will benefit them for a lifetime?

## Get a library card.

You can fill your home with new reading material as often as you'd like, for **free**.

**Sign up today!**

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Like new! \$14,500.

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# Daniel Pierce Library Gardening Club

Growing Wellness, One Garden at a Time

**Tuesday, April 21st & Thursday, May 14th**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We're excited to launch a brand new Gardening Club with Eve Minson, Foodscape Designer, Educator and Farmer with over 30 years of experience in growing, ecological landscaping design and community-based food systems.

To get started, we're offering two educational series designed to empower you with the knowledge and confidence to grow your own food, herbs and ecological landscapes. After this introduction series, enjoy monthly meetings and programs focused on building the skills needed to create productive, beautiful and sustainable gardens, no matter your experience level or growing space.

**Attend one session or join them all - you choose!**

Advanced registration preferred at [danielpicelibrary.org](http://danielpicelibrary.org)





# Homeschooling

**Calling All Homeschooling Families!**  
**Join a welcoming, self-guided homeschooling**  
**group that meets monthly at the**  
**Daniel Pierce Library.**

**Beginning**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Connect with other families to:

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

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

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

**Please join in, the possibilities are endless!**


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



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Call to speak with our Veteran  
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 Borrow movies, documentaries, TV series and more

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Check out books, magazines, e-books, and audiobooks from all 47 **RLS** libraries

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**Entertain your kids – or yourself**

Passes to Mohawk Preserve and the **Jim and Valleys** Museum

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There's even more to explore with your library card.

- ▶ Online programming, databases and research material
- ▶ Expert reading recommendations
- ▶ Internet access and computers to use

**SIGN UP TODAY!** It's **FREE** and easy!  
Visit the Daniel Pierce Library for more details.

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VOICESUNITED4CHANGE'S VIRTUAL

# YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!



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

Contact Rebekah at [rumbashar@asfl.org](mailto:rumbashar@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

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# PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US!




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

Contact Anne-Marie at [afreitas@asfl.org](mailto:afreitas@asfl.org) for more information.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH

WEDNESDAY

@ 6:30 PM

### Sullivan County Intervention Line for Parents and Teens

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

**Help is available now!**

We are here anytime you need to talk.

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



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

Calls and texts are answered 24/7

A program of the DRC

### Sullivan County Text For Teens

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



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

We're Here to Listen:  
Bullying - Eating Disorders -  
Self-Harm - Homeless/Runaway -  
Pregnancy - Problems at Home -  
Relationship Issues - LGBTQ+ -  
Divorce - School Issues -  
Substance Use -  
Physical/Mental/Sexual Health -  
and more!

**Text "Start" to:**  
**845-637-9486**

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



Text for Teens is supported by a Grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation



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Who will you protect?



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Obtenga los hechos.

Talk to your healthcare provider about the COVID vaccine.



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Hable con su proveedor de salud sobre la vacuna del COVID-19.

**#VaccinateSullivan**

For more information, visit [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us)



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Sullivan County  
Public Health Services

GET SIGNED UP TODAY FOR OUR UPCOMING CERTIFICATION CLASS !!

Contact:

Alyssa Wowk  
(845) 645-6544

[awowk@chowc.net](mailto:awowk@chowc.net)

Sullivan County Department of Social Services is looking for families who can help fulfill the **DESPERATE NEED** for ages **8-18!**



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Live in  
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**at  
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Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Wiltwyck Golf Club  
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**Finding Neverland**

(PG · 2004 · 1hr 46min · Biography/Family)

*Finding Neverland* is a 2004 biographical drama. directed by Marc Forster and written by David Magee, based on the 1998 play *The Man Who Was Peter Pan* by Allan Knee. The film is about playwright J. M. Barrie and his platonic relationship with a family who inspired him to create Peter Pan.



The film earned seven nominations at the 77th Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Actor for Johnny Depp, and won for Best Original Score. The film was the inspiration for the stage musical of the same name in 2012.



Starring Johnny Depp as J.M. Barrie, Kate Winslet as Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, Dustin Hoffman as Charles Frohman, Julie Christie as Mrs. Emma du Maurier, Rudha Mitchell as Mary Ansell Barrie

The story focuses on Scottish writer J. M. Barrie, and his platonic relationship with Sylvia Llewelyn Davies, and his close friendship with her sons named George, Jack, Peter and Michael, who inspire the classic play *Peter Pan*, or *The Boy Who Never Grew Up*.

**Answer to last week’s Knarf’s Trivia Question:**  
 Joan Crawford as Crystal Allen

**This weeks’ Trivia question:** What movie does Michelle Pfeiffer try to skip out on the mafia?



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