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Artists Who Fished the Catskills

A talk by Judy Van Put
(in person and virtual)
Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.
at the Time and the Valleys Museum, St. Rt. 55, Grahamsville

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] On Sunday, April 19th at 2 p.m., Judy Van Put will give a presentation: The Artists Who Fished the Catskills at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, NY and virtually on Zoom. Created by the late author Ed Van Put and given by his wife Judy, the presentation focuses on the artists from the Hudson River School of Landscape Painters, including Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, and Worthington Whittredge. (Contd. Pg. 5)

"Shorts & Sweets for April Fools" coming to Roscoe

Laure Valentine, Performer and Speech/Language Pathologist

April 2026 is here and what better time for some risqué jokes? "Shorts & Sweets for April Fools" is by far Big Sky Productions' most requested program. This "adults only" presentation will be performed by Big Sky's Laure Valentine and Carol Montana at the Roscoe branch of the Livingston Manor-Roscoe Library on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

This program of funny, devilish, bawdy and slightly off-color short stories, anecdotes and jokes will be accompanied by sweet treats and beverages provided by the Livingston Manor-Roscoe Library director and trustees. (Contd. Pg. 5)

Carol Montana, Big Sky Productions Artistic Director

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On the Front Burner: Behold it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken. Ezekiel 39:8

OBITUARIES

John M. Bowers, 90, passed away peacefully at home on April 4, 2026, just two days shy of his 91st birthday. Born on April 6, 1935, John lived a long and meaningful life rooted in hard work, family, and a deep appreciation for the outdoors.

John was raised on a farm, where he developed a lifelong love of nature and a strong work ethic that carried him throughout his life. He was an avid reader and enjoyed traveling, but he was happiest spending time outdoors gardening, tending to his lawn, or simply enjoying the beauty of the land around him. A devoted fan of country music, John found joy in its stories and melodies.

Known for his remarkable skill and ingenuity, John could fix nearly anything. He spent countless hours repairing and rebuilding tractors and took great pride in building the family home with his own hands-a lasting testament to his dedication and craftsmanship.

John was a proud and devoted member of the Loch Sheldrake Fire Company, serving his community for over 50 years as a life member. He also dedicated more than 24 years to the Sullivan County Highway Association and later retired from E. Tets & Sons at the age of 70, where he formed lasting friendships and was regarded as part of their extended family.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Doris Bowers; his children, Dale Bowers, Sue-Ellen "Susie" Osterhout (Earl), and Patricia "Patti" Bonnell (Sean); his cherished grandchildren, Brittney Siegel (Hunter), Hope Monforte (John), and Wade Bonnell; his great grandchildren, Leah Siegel and Johnny Monforte; and his sisters, Mary Lou Mears and Rose Ann Knox; his sister-in-law, Geraldine Bowers.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Jo-Ann Bowers; his brothers, Fred "Bucky" Bowers, William Bowers, and James Bowers; his sisters, Kathleen Hartling and her husband Richard, and Joan Magie; his son-in-law, Scott Bonnell; and his daughter-in-law, Linda Bowers.

John will be remembered for his quiet strength, generous spirit, and unwavering dedication to his family and community. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the values he instilled in those who knew and loved him.

The family asks that donations be made in John's name to St. Jude Children's Research Foundation in his memory.

Visitation will be on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788 from 1:00pm-3:00pm. A private burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

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

Thomas P. Cypert passed away on April 5, 2026, at the age of 83.

Tom was born on August 30, 1942, to Paul and Wanda (Kocijanski) Cypert at the family homestead in Woodbourne, New York. He grew up rooted in family values and a strong work ethic that would define his life.

After completing his schooling, Tom proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving his country with honor. On December 5, 1964, he married the love of his life, Linda, and together they built a life centered on family, raising four children.

Tom dedicated over 50 years of hard work to Operating Engineers Local 825 before retiring. He took great pride in his career and the life he built through his dedication.

In his spare time, Tom enjoyed rebuilding tractor engines and restoring antique Model T cars. He also found great pleasure in reading, especially keeping up with the *Lancaster Newspaper.* Above all, Tom lived for his children –always ready to lend a hand, offer guidance, or simply be there whenever he was needed.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Linda; his children, Stephen (Wendy), Anthony (Val), Jennifer (Jim), and Jeffrey (Lisa); his cherished grandsons, Thomas Paul (Destiny) and Aiden Lee; his sister, Susan; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. (Contd. Pg. 4)

He was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Wanda Cypert, and his sisters, Carole and Nancy.

In accordance with Tom's wishes, a celebration of life will be held later in the year at the family's convenience.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tom's memory.

Tom will be remembered for his unwavering devotion to his family, his generous spirit, and the quiet strength with which he lived his life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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DAYS OF YORE….
Today's History

April 4, 1956

Fred and James Costa took over the Grahamsville Garage on April 1st from Charles Klothe. Mr. Klothe will continue to operate his bottled gas business and Mrs. Klothe will keep her Nearly New Shop over the garage.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson and Mr. Victor Bailey, both of Liberty, were united in marriage on Palm Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Worden of Revonah Hill. The couple left for a trip to the Finger Lakes and Adirondack region after a wedding dinner. Mr. Bailey is a patrolman for the N.Y.C. B.W.S. stationed in Grahamsville.

April 6, 1966

James L. Goldsmith, a history student at St. Michael's College, Vermont, has been named as the recipient of a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship. James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Goldsmith of Guilderland, N.Y., graduated from Tri Valley Central School. James was one of 1,408 chosen from over 11,000 nominations.

Miss Linda Gridley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gridley of Grahamsville and a junior at Tri Valley, was named 1st alternate for the newspaper scholarship to the Blair Summer School of Journalism, it was announced by the Times Herald Record on Sunday. Thirty students applied for the scholarship within the newspaper's region. A Cornwall-on-Hudson senior was the winner. Linda will work for the Record for two weeks this summer. Last summer she served on the staff of the Townsman.

April 14, 1976

The year was 1951. Skirts were ankle-length, crinolines and bobby sox were the rage. The boys wore slick back hair or crew cuts. The birth of rock and roll was just ahead, and an evening of fun could be had with some coke and a jukebox. Here in Grahamsville, the first class of students was admitted to the newly constructed Tri-Valley School. The school eventually incorporated portions of the Towns of Wawarsing, Denning, Rochester, Liberty and Fallsburg and all of the Town of Neversink. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the school, the PTA of Tri Valley Central School is sponsoring an Informal Tea. A variety of events is planned.

John Sauchuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuck, Sr. of Grahamsville, has been accepted at West Virginia University in the Forestry Program.

April 17, 1986

Sorry to say but there was no news to report in this issue.

Household Hint:

Use a Lint Roller to Clean Lampshades and Fabric Surfaces

Simplify your cleaning routine by grabbing a lint roller to remove dust and debris from lampshades and other fabric surfaces. This quick and efficient method ensures a polished, lint-free look with minimal effort.

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.

The Tiny Fairy Spud
A Real Spring Beauty

I was out walking the dog this morning and noticed a few delicate spring wildflowers gracing the forest floor in our backyard. They were little Fairy Spud, also known as Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica). Fairy Spud are small low-growing wildflowers that appear in a star-like cluster of five white to light pink flowers.

The Fairy Spud is one of the most common native perennials in eastern North America. One reason it is so common is its ability to survive in areas that have suffered through the breakdown of a forest; in our case in Sundown, erosion from Hurricane Irene. Many other native woodland wildflowers didn't fare as well.

This perennial wildflower is about 3-6" tall, consisting of a flowering stem with a pair of opposite cauline leaves (leaves arising directly from the root/rootstock) and some basal leaves (located at the base of a plant or stem) that are linear or linear-lanceolate, (shaped like a head of a lance) slightly re-curved, glabrous, smooth along the margins, and slightly fleshy. There is a single central vein along the length of each leaf. The leaves are about 2-5" long; their width varies somewhat depending on the local ecotype, but it is approximately 1/4 inch across.

The stem is light green or slightly reddish green, glabrous (smooth), and rather succulent. The stem terminates in a floppy cluster of flowers. Each flower is about 1/3 of an inch across when it is fully open, consisting of 5 petals, 2 green sepals, 5 stamens with pink anthers, and a pistil with a three-part style. The petals are white with fine pink stripes; these stripes vary from pale pink to bright pink. The flowers open up on warm sunny days, and close during cloudy weather and at night. They are more or less erect while open, but nod downward when closed. The blooming period occurs from mid to late spring and lasts about 1-2 months. Each fertile flower produces an ovoid capsule containing several seeds; this capsule is enclosed by the 2 sepals. The root system consists of a small corm and secondary roots. This wildflower spreads by reseeding itself; sometimes forming rather loose colonies of plants.

The Fairy Spud thrives in deciduous forests and forest edges in upland and riparian settings.

Honey bees and butterflies are attracted to the pollen of the Fairy Spud flower.

The corms of the Fairy Spud are often dug up and eaten by some small rodents, including the White-Footed Mouse and Eastern Chipmunk while the foliage is sparingly eaten by White-Tailed Deer.

According to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, the short-lived Fairy Spud are not only beautiful, but a tasty spud-like vegetable. The tubers are often compared to tiny potatoes but taste much sweeter than the average spud! They are rich in nutrients including potassium, calcium and vitamins A and C. No wonder the name - Fairy Spud!

If you take a hike through the Catskill Park during April or early May chances are you will see these enchanting little flowers along the way.

Conceivably, no other wildflower announces the magic of the new spring with such passionate intensity as the tiny little Fairy Spud - a real Spring Beauty!

LOOKING BACK

by Beatrice Akerley
Published April 4, 1996

I am wondering just when April 1st, "April Fool's Day," stopped being a holiday. Many years ago, April Fool's Day, April 1st, made us feel like winter was truly past, and we could look forward to warmer and brighter days. Our spirits lifted and we proceeded to warmth and pleasure as adults joined the children in "April Fool" fun. That was the day out of the year when it was both agggravating and funny to find salt in the sugar bowl or sugar in the salt shaker. I recall one April Fool morning finding the handles of my jumping rope missing and Edith my sister hiding under the porch just waiting to pop out and sing "April Fool!"; and I could only wait until I found a way to April Fool her back.

It was the year of 1909 on April Fool morning that I sat at the breakfast table with our family and watched in amazement as Eunice, the girl my Dad hired to work for us, securely tied my Uncle Will Dickerson to his chair as she walked back and forth from the stove to the table, cooking and serving us pancakes and eggs. After our breakfast was finished and my uncle started to get up from the table, his chair went along with him, as Eunice sang out "April Fool." We all had a good laugh at that one, but a few minutes later, her apron, which had been tied aroung her waist, fell to the floor. It was Uncle Will's turn to April Fool.

In the good old days no one had to send out word that it was April Fool's Day. Just about everyone in our neighborhood showed up at the post office with a story to tell –either he had April Fooled someone or had been April Fooled himself.

How I miss those days. There's nothing to compare to good old fashioned friendship.

Horseshoe Pitching clinic

On 25 April between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon on the **Horseshoe Courts at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds,** there will be a **Horseshoe Pitching Clinic** 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, or inquire through the Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Department.

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom Sponsoring Summer Bus Trips

The Primetimers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning several trips this summer, including two on- your- own day trips to New York City and a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets in Bethlehem, PA.

The New York City trips are via Leprechaun Lines on Wednesday, June 24h and Wednesday, August 19thth. 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 and will leave the City at approximately 5:00 PM. Reservation must be received by June 8th for the June 24th bus trip.

The Wind Creek Casino/Outlets trip is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th. Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping at outlet stores for $50 pp with $30 free play. Reservations must be received by July 13th.

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

Artists Who Fished the Catskills

The Fishing Party –Homer

(From Pg. 1) The Catskill mountains have played a dual role in American history - they not only attracted our country's earliest and foremost trout fishermen, but also many of our first and finest artists. Their paintings brought the public closer to nature and spurred tourism and an appreciation of the environment. There are many beautiful landscape paintings, some of which may be familiar; others will allow the viewers to appreciate what these artists found as they hiked, fished and traveled, particularly in the fall, through the Catskill Mountains. Their paintings brought the public closer to nature and as such, spurred tourism and an appreciation of the environment.

Ed is the author of *Trout Fishing in the Catskills,* the comprehensive history of Catskill fishing; as well as The Beaverkill: *The History of a River and its People* first and second editions, *The Remarkable Life of James Beecher*, and his last book which came out in July, 2025, A *FlyFisher's Revelations.*

Admission to this program is FREE for Museum Members and $5 for non-members. Admission to the program also includes light refreshments and Museum admission. The Museum Shop will also be open. For virtual attendance please email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org and put Artists Who Fished the Catskills in the subject line and request the link in the body of the message. A link will be sent to you. If you are not a member, please visit timeandthevalleysmuseum.org/support/donate to make a donation prior to requesting a link.

About the Speaker: Judy is a past employee of NYS DEC Bureau of Fisheries, serving as a Fisheries & Wildlife Technician, and is now retired from working in Real Estate. She lives in the Catskills, along the Willowemoc Creek, and is a member of the NYS Outdoor Writers Association. She writes a weekly fishing columns, "Streamside" for the Sullivan County Democrat, and a monthly horse column "Horse Tales" for Country Folks farm journal. She was awarded the New York State Council of Trout Unlimited's Professional Communications Award in 2005, and in 2025 was named a Catskill Legend by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center. She enjoys fishing and writing, and is a long-time member of the Woman Fly Fishers Club, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, and the recently relaunched Beamoc Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

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

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

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

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

Shorts & Sweets for April Fools" coming to Roscoe

(From Pg. 1)

Laure Valentine is a resident of Livingston Manor who currently works at the Monticello Central School District as a Speech/Language Pathologist. She has appeared on screen in the pilot for "The Manor." Laure loves performing for Big Sky Productions, which is where she met her honey Mike nearly 30 years ago during their production of "On Golden Pond"!

Carol Montana, Big Sky Productions Artistic Director has a Master's Degree in Dramatic Form and Structure from the University of Connecticut. She's directed over 60 plays for several area theatre companies and schools. Carol has worked as a journalist, library clerk, public relations director and theatrical technical director, as well as a newspaper editor. She is currently the freelance Media Manager for Action Toward Independence and Vet 2 Vet of Sullivan County.

The Roscoe Branch of the Livingston Manor-Roscoe Library is located at 85 Highland Ave, Roscoe, NY. Registration is suggested at lmr-library.org, but walk-ins are always welcome. Admission is free!

For more information, call Big Sky Productions at 845-985-3175 or the Roscoe Library at 607-498-5574.

Signs of Spring: RNSP Updates and News

Wings of Spring -A Guided Birdwatching Walk in the Neversink Watershed

Celebrate the arrival of spring in the Catskills with a guided birdwatching walk, co-hosted by the Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP) and the Sullivan County Audubon Society (SCAS). As warmer weather returns, riparian areas, forests, and fields fill with birdsong as migratory species arrive, and resident birds become more active- making this one of the best times of year to observe a wide variety of birds.

The walk will be led by Russ Scheirer, a local resident and experienced birder, SCAS Conservation Chair, and RNSP Nursery Technician. Join us for a relaxed morning outdoors at the Flying Trillium Gardens and Preserve in Neversink, NY, where we'll look and listen for spring birds while exploring the sights and sounds of this beautiful site. Along the way, participants will learn tips for identifying birds by sight and sound and gain a deeper appreciation for the wildlife that call the Catskill watershed home. This event is beginner-friendly and open to all ages. Birders of all experience levels are welcome.

The event is free, but registration is required. The registration deadline is Monday, April 27. The event address will be shared with all registrants prior to the event.

Please bring binoculars if you have them, sturdy shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, bug spray/sunscreen, and water.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the program will take place on Sunday, May 3rd from 9-11 a.m.

Join the Flock!

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Give a Hoot about Stream Health!

What do owls have to do with stream protection? More than you might think!

Eastern Screech-Owls are small, fierce, and surprisingly important to healthy stream systems. As skilled hunters and adaptable nesters, they play a valuable role in controlling rodents that can damage young riparian plantings and contribute to restoration challenges.

Owl You Need to Know
Photo Courtesy of Catskill Mountain Club

Check out our fact sheet to learn more about the connection between Eastern Screech-Owls, riparian buffers, and stream health. It takes a closer look at how owl boxes, natural rodent control, and healthy streamside habitat all work together to protect streambanks and improve water quality-and how landowners can help.

Native Species Spotlight:

Foamflower (Tiarella cordifolia) is a low-growing, native perennial that grows across the forest floor. Typically reaching 6-12 inches in height, it features heart-shaped leaves that often develop bronze or reddish markings. In spring, delicate spikes of tiny white to pale pink flowers rise above the foliage, creating a light, "foamy" appearance that gives the plant its common name.

Bloom Time: April through June

Habitat: Commonly found in moist, shaded woodlands, especially along streams and in rich, forested understories. Foamflower thrives in partial to full shade and prefers cool, well-drained soils with plenty of organic matter.

Ecological Role:

Foamflower provides an early-season nectar source for pollinators, including native bees and small insects emerging in spring. Its dense groundcover helps retain soil moisture, reduce erosion, and support healthy forest and riparian ecosystems.

Fun Fact:

The genus name Tiarella comes from the Greek word for "tiara" (a type of crown or turban), with the name meaning "little tiara"-a nod to the plant's delicate flowers that resemble tiny crowns.

Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District Updates:

o Spring Fish Stocking Program

o Planning to stock your pond this spring? The Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting fish orders through Friday, May 22, 2026. Orders can be placed online or by submitting a completed order form to their office at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754, along with a copy of your fish stocking permit. Full payment must accompany all orders, with checks made payable to Sullivan County SWCD.

Fish pick-up will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Permits and supporting documents may also be emailed to agray@sullivanswcd.org.

Tree and Shrub Program

SCSWCD is offering a limited selection of bare-root tree and shrub seedlings for conservation planting, including options suited for erosion control, habitat improvement, and reforestation.

Mail-in ordering is now closed, but remaining inventory is still available for purchase online only while supplies last. Pick-up will take place:

Friday, April 17 from 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Be sure to order soon to secure what's left!

Get Growing!

rondoutneversink.org (845) 985-2581
Rondout Neversink Stream Program ·
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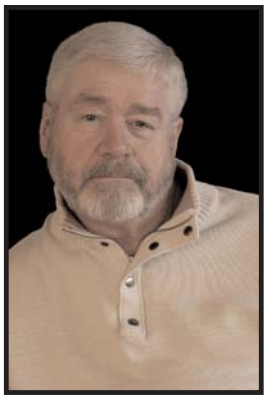

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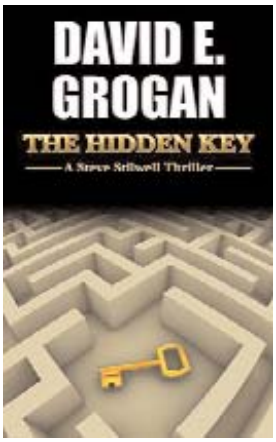

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by John Dwaine McKenna

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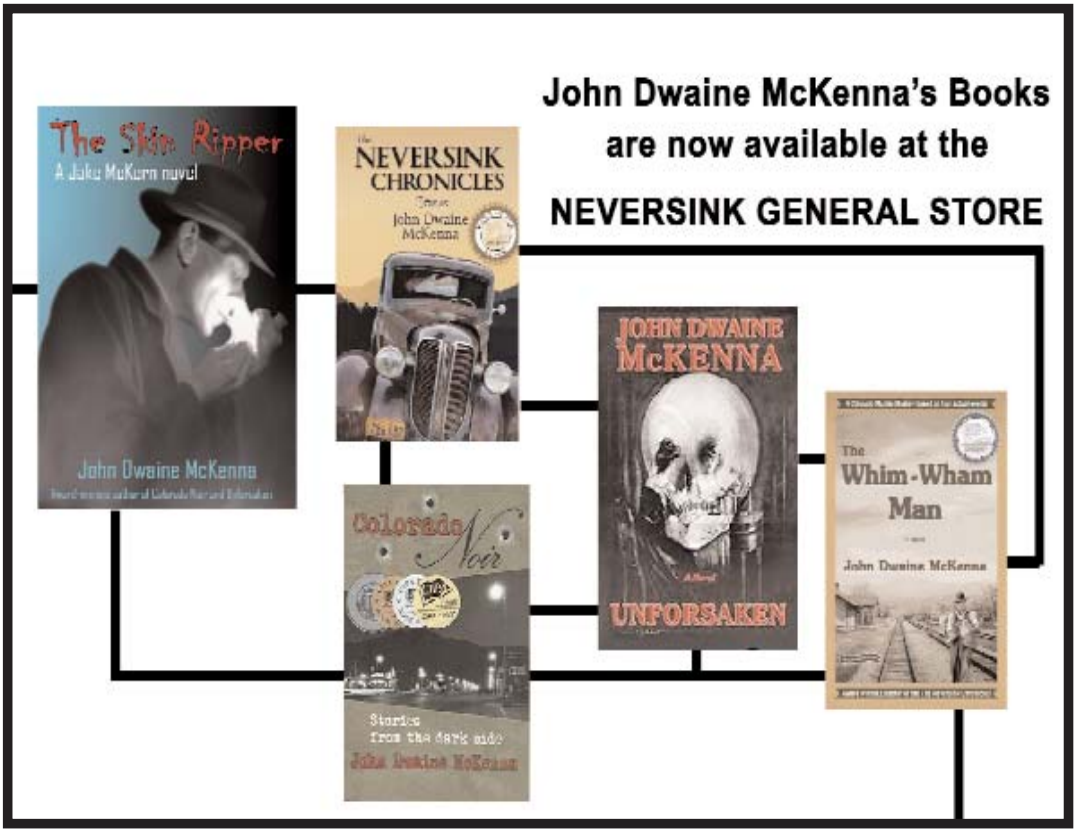
Now that we're all holed up at home, huddled around the coffee table without any basketball, baseball, hockey or automobile racing on television to keep us entertained while we wait out the Covid-19 virus pandemic, there is a bright side. It's a great time to read. Reading will expand your mind, ease your worries and soothe your soul, as you escape into literature and stop being hammered into a depression by all the talking heads on the news. And just in time to do all of that, comes an exciting new thriller that combines murder, international antiquities trafficking, intrigue, mayhem and good guy lawyer. How much better can it get?

Hidden Key, (Camel Press, PB, $15.95, 250 pages, ISBN 978-1603815802) by David Grogan is a propulsive, action driven thriller that starts on page one when an Iraq war veteran and US Navy Seabee answers his front door at 10:30 p.m. and is confronted by a pair of thugs intent on robbing him of a clay tablet he brought home as a war souvenir. It's the opening gambit in a hunt and chase for an ancient relic with a treasure map etched on it. Exactly one week later, retired U.S. Navy JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer and practicing Commonwealth of Virginia attorney Steve Stilwell is summoned to London to meet with an Indian billionaire at a skeezy restaurant to discuss terms of employment. They're barely seated, when two men with guns burst into the eatery and Stilwell's new client screams I've sold my soul to the Devil, and now I must pay. Moments later he is dead, leaving the confused American attorney in the hands of a pair of Scotland Yard detectives. Days later, back in Virginia, while trying to probate the late billionaire client's estate, Steve and his war wounded partner Casey, come into possession of the mysterious purloined clay tablet and set off a thrilling international chase where no one is safe from death or the allure of an ancient treasure . . . and that's only the first fifty pages of this electrifying novel . . .

The Hidden Key is a smoking-hot thrill ride from beginning to end and will leave all action adventure enthusiasts howling for their next Steve Stilwell yarn!



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The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

Remembering Easter

I remember my Easter Sundays growing up in Staten Island and Long Island. We always went to my Norwegian grandparents in Jersey because we could spend Greek Easter with my YiYia and Grampa at Greek Easter which usually falls within a week or so.

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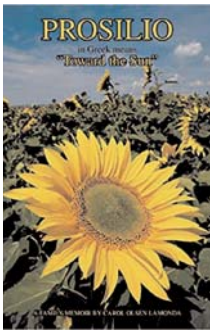
... in Greek means **"Toward the Sun,"** was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman.* This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for ***Nook*** or ***Kindle.*** Go to: *http://**amazon.com*** or ***http://barnesandnoble.com*** and type in ***Prosilio*** in the search to order your copy of ***Prosilio***



We always stopped for a potted plant, usually tulips or lily, because my Nana always said," Give me flowers while I can smell and see them."

Easter always meant a new spring outfit, head to toe. At first, it was black patent leather MaryJanes with white socks, and later, small white heels. A matching handbag (to carry a comb and hankie) was a necessity.

We always needed a hat to wear to the Bunker Hill Lutheran Church or the Griggstown Reformed Church. Since it was always still chilly, my Easter outfit was always accessorized with a fleece Topper, a waist long, short full jacket that had one button at the top. White gloves finished off the ensemble.

Church, ham dinner, and an egg hunt with cousins. Our Easter basket held green fake grass, colored eggs, jelly beans , and chocolate bunnies. Sometimes there was a special sugar viewing egg.

Fast forward almost seventy years and all that remains is the ham dinner and church if it doesn't coincide with the family gathering. Gone is the fancy new outfit. Comfort is the new dress code for both church and dinner.

More casual now, but the important thing is to remember is to share the hope of Easter with those we love.

Come Grow with Us:
DPL Launches New Gardening Club

By Lisa Carroll

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GRAHAMSVILLE-We're excited to announce the launching of a new DPL program this spring; the Daniel Pierce Library Gardening Club!

To start this year-round program, we're holding two introductory classes with Eve Minson, foodscape designer, educator and farmer with over 30 years of experience in gardening, ecological landscaping design and community-based food systems. We are thrilled to partner with Eve to bring our patrons these exciting courses designed to empower you with the knowledge and confidence to grow your own food, herbs and ecological landscapes.

The first two classes will be held on Tuesday, April 21 and Thursday, May 14, from 6:00-7:00PM. Pre-registration is preferred and available through our website, www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

Our goals, through these courses as well as monthly meetings and programs focused on building the skills needed to create productive, beautiful and sustainable gardens, are to increase local food knowledge, self-reliance and confidence to garden, support health and wellness through fresh, homegrown food, encourage ecological stewardship, native landscape design and pollinator support and to build community through shared learning and skill development.

Regardless of your experience level or growing space, you'll benefit by attending these interesting and educational classes and programs. Throughout the year, we will meet periodically to engage in conversation, programming, instructional events and hands-on activities to expand our knowledge

"Through a combination of practical instruction and accessible design principles, participants will learn how to create productive, beautiful, and sustainable gardens-regardless of experience level or available space," Daniel Pierce Library Community Programs Associate, Nicole Richardson, said. She further explained that course topics will include: an overview of gardens, their benefits and growing seasons, seed selection, sources and starting, planning, assessment, animal exclusion, the fundamentals of soil, its health, composting, tests and fertilizers, growing vegetables, fruits and berries, culinary and medicinal herb gardening…and so much more.

Additionally, our new seed library is doing amazing! Patrons are already using it; finding fabulous seeds to start their growing season. A huge shout-out to Burpee for donating seed packs! Their generous contribution added even more amazing flower, vegetable, and herb seed options for our patrons to try out. And as a reminder, please take the seeds you need and leave the rest for others. Also, if you have seeds to spare, please consider donating your surplus to our seed library.

In other news,

Our eight-week Spring Children's Program begins this week. We are very excited to see our youngest patrons again. Our popular Pocketbook Bingo game is back and will be on April 10; we can't wait for this fun night out! Then, on Thursday, April 30 from 6:00-7:30PM we're holding a Printmakers Program for teens and adults. If you're interested in designing and creating your own reusable stamp, register for this cool program!

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News From Time & the Valleys Museum # 9

To understand the Revolutionary War events that happened in Ulster and Orange Counties and in neighboring Pennsylvania, we at Time and the Valleys Museum have worked to know the characteristics of the opposing forces that clashed in the area. When the words Continentals, Minutemen, Rangers or militia are used in reference to the Patriots; or Regulars, Grenadiers, Regiment of Foot or Dragoons used when referencing British forces, a basic understanding of each is needed. The paid Germanic troops and the Loyalist military units along with their Native allies also must be factored into our basic knowledge.

The storied British Army had, in the earlier years of the 18th Century, defeated the French and their Native allies in a series of wars that ended with the Peace of Paris in 1763. Well trained, brave, proud and handsomely uniformed, they engendered fear in their enemies. At the outbreak of the Revolution, the "Redcoats" came to Boston to tame the unruly rebels.

The Regulars of the British Army were made up of regiments of foot soldiers, horse soldiers, artillery and marines that landed from ships. The regiments of foot, the backbone of the forces, grew in number as the war continued. The grenadiers were selected from these regiments because they were the strongest and tallest and originally given the job of throwing grenades into fortifications. They wore bear skinned hats that made them appear even more fearful. There was also the light company as part of the regiment made up of very physically fit soldiers who served as Rangers or Scouts ranging ahead of the main body of troops to observe enemy movements. Dragoons were the cavalry, often used to charge into the fight to turn the tide of battle.

British Grenadier bearskin hat

Fighting alongside the British were the German troops, American Loyalist units and Native allies.

Over 29 thousand Germanic soldiers were sent by numerous allied provinces that would later unite to form the nation of Germany. The most famous were those from the province of Hess-Cassel and thus all the troops became known in America as Hessians.

The American Loyalists were considered extremely important. They knew the land, could spy easily and formed close bonds with Native Americans. The British formed numerous Loyalist regiments with names such as Butler's Rangers, the King's Royal Regiment, the Royal Highland Emigrants, and the King's American Regiment, the group that Jacob Rose lost his life recruiting for (see article #7).

The Native forces in New York were mostly under the command of Thayendanegea also known as Joseph Brant, an educated Mohawk, whose family had been close to Sir William Johnson, the British Indian agent who had died just before the Revolution. Many Iroquois and other New York tribes such as the Esopus united under his leadership and impacted the war in New York in important ways.

The Americans had two major armies, the Continental Line or regulars under the command of General George Washington controlled by the Continental Congress, and militia groups in various states.

Washington's troops served set terms, at first one year, then three and finally for the duration of the war. They were paid by Congress, when it was able to do so, issued uniforms and served wherever the army moved in the 13 states.

The militia were state troops, often called up as needed in the event of a threat or impending attack. They were the home army meant to protect the local area only. Milita units had long been a part of life in the colonies. New York's militia laws had first been enacted in 1664. Colonial governors under various British monarchs made minor changes. The typical units were called up only when needed, had minimal training and could not be called out of state for more than three months. Service was required for all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 50 under penalty of fine or imprisonment. The soldiers needed to provide their own arms and ammunition and were usually attired in their own clothes, rather than issued uniforms. Each county fielded its own units. Militias could not have won the war alone, but contributed in many battles to American victories.

To tell our story in the lower Hudson and Catskill region, most attention needs to be given to the Loyalist Regiments and their Native allies in opposition to the Ulster and Orange County militia units. In future columns more will be told of the Ulster County militia who bravely responded so often to the Native and Loyalist attacks in the watershed area.

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Leaders to Strengthen the Regional Food Economy

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), in collaboration with the Sullivan County Visitors Association (SCVA), will host Fields to Forks: Building Local Food Partnerships on April 21 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at The Arnold House in Livingston Manor, New York.

This free, half day conference is designed to strengthen farm to table connections by bringing together farmers, chefs, restaurant owners, and food service professionals for hands on learning and meaningful networking. The in person event creates dedicated opportunities for hospitality professionals, chefs, and producers to meet face to face, exchange ideas, and begin building relationships that support local sourcing and long term collaboration.

The morning features two concurrent workshop tracks-one tailored for chefs, restaurant owners, and food service managers, and the other designed specifically for farmers and food producers interested in selling to restaurants, hotels, and institutions. Sessions focus on practical strategies that help both sides of the supply chain better understand one another and work together successfully.

Participants will learn directly from experts on:

- Sourcing and cooking with seasonal, local ingredients
- Menu planning and culinary creativity using regional products
- Understanding buyer expectations and building strong farm to restaurant relationships
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“Fields to Forks is about creating real connections across our local food system,” said Alan Caroll Ag & Food Systems Program Manager at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. “By giving chefs, hospitality professionals, and farmers time to learn together and connect directly, we're helping build partnerships that can continue well beyond this event.”

Who Should Attend:

Fields to Forks is open to farmers and food producers, chefs and culinary professionals, restaurant and hospitality owners and managers, food service professionals, and anyone interested in strengthening local food systems and farm to table partnerships. This free event offers valuable learning and networking opportunities for both new and established businesses and includes a locally sourced lunch, providing additional time to connect with peers and regional collaborators.

To register or learn more, visit www.sullivancce.org/events or contact Alan Carroll, Food Systems Program Manager, at 845 292 6180 ext. 108 or amc586@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

Ulster County Department of Health to Unveil 'Move-A-Mile' Route April 9 During National Public Health Week

KINGSTON, NY - The Ulster County Department of Health invites community members to celebrate National Public Health Week (April 6-12) with the unveiling of the new 'Move-A-Mile' route, led by Public Health Director Dr. Eve Walter and joined by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, followed by a guided one mile community walk.

The event will take place Thursday, April 9, from 3:30-4:45 PM (rain date: Friday, April 10) at the O&W Connector Trail, Washington Avenue trailhead in Kingston.

The Move-A-Mile route is a simple, accessible _-mile out-and-back (1 mile total) paved path featuring new signage designed to encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk, roll, stroll, or run. The route is part of the O&W Connector trail, which links the Kingston Greenline system to the 27-mile O&W Rail Trail.

As part of the Department of Health's “Movement is Medicine” initiative, the project promotes everyday physical activity as a powerful tool for reducing chronic disease and improving overall well being.

Moving a mile requires no special equipment and only a small amount of time, making it an easy entry point for building healthy habits. Even short bouts of daily movement can significantly benefit heart health. The new signage reinforces that every step - or roll - counts.

Event Schedule:

o 3:30-3:45 PM - Arrival and gathering

o 3:45-3:55 PM - Welcome by Stacy Kraft, UCDOH Public Health Education Coordinator

o 3:55-4:45 PM - Guided one-mile community walk/roll and wrap-up by Dr. Eve Walter

The event is open to all community members, including families, older adults, and youth. The route is designed to be inclusive and accessible for participants with varying mobility levels.

“Movement doesn't have to be complicated to be effective,” said Dr. Walter. “Whether you walk or use a mobility device, getting out for even a mile can support your physical and mental health while connecting you with your community.”

EVENT: 'Move-A-Mile' route unveiling and community stroll

WHEN: Thursday, April 9, 3:30-4:45 PM (rain date: Friday, April 10)

WHERE: O&W Connector Trail, 495 Washington Avenue - trailhead, Kingston

The event is free, and all community members are encouraged to attend.

For additional information or accommodation requests, please contact Stacy Kraft, UCDOH Public Health Education Coordinator, at (845) 334-5527 or stor@ulstercountyny.gov.

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Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for their up coming Plays in Development Series

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces auditions for their upcoming Plays in Development Series. SCDW is looking for actors ranging in age from teens through seniors to perform with scripts in hand, no memorizing necessary! Seven plays by local playwrights Jean Eifert (Rock Hill), Brian Petti (Warwick), Anna Puleo (Harris), Judith Maidenbaum (Kauneonga Lake), and Margie Semilof (New Paltz) will be performed at the Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg on May 8, 9 and 10th.

Actors are needed to perform a wide range of characters including a young man talking to the voice of ChatGPT, a couple getting ready for their 50th high school reunion and two spies meeting in a bar! Both comedic and dramatic roles are available. Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 12 noon to 2:00pm & April 12 from 6pm-8pm at the Youth & Senior Center, 12 Laurel Ave. South Fallsburg. If you have experience, or have always wanted to give acting a try, take advantage of this exciting opportunity. Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has been presenting award winning theater at the Rivoli in South Fallsburg for over 77 years. All are encouraged to join in this exciting adventure!

Questions: email jeaneifert334@gmail.com.

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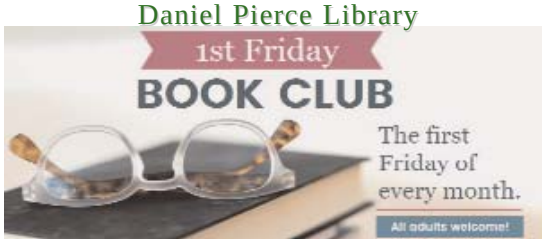

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Neversink Fire District
Notice of Special Meeting

There will be a Special Meeting for the Board of Commissioners held on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 at 4:30pm at 7486 Route 55 in Neversink, NY 12754 to complete a walkthrough of the facilities with discussion to follow.

Appropriate footwear is encouraged.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a Public Hearing on Saturday, April 25th, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

The purpose of Said Public Hearing is an application for a Variance for property located at 29 Saw Mill Road, Claryville, NY 12725, SBL 50.1-1-17.

At SAID Public Hearing any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against.

There will be no other business before the Board.

If you are unable to attend, please send written comments to the Town of Denning ZBA, POB 277, Claryville, NY 12725 or email townhall@denningny.gov - Attention ZBA Chair.

By Order of the Denning ZBA
Joy Monforte, ZBA Chair
April 6, 2026

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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.

Open Mic

Every Sunday:

DeFilippis Bakery in Monticello at 506 Broadway presents "Every Sunday - Open Mic 11AM-1PM. Dusty David Rosenberg and Lively Laura Garone have acted as Co-Masters of Ceremonies for the past nine (9) years.

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

DVAA Announces *Our Town* A community production to mark DVAA's 50th Anniversary

To kick off this project DVAA will welcome the community to a table reading of the script in its entirety, which will take place on Saturday, April 18th from 2-4pm in Krause Recital Hall, DVAA 2nd Floor, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY. Local actors and community members will get to hear the play ahead of the auditions scheduled for May. The table-read is open to the community, with some parts being pre-cast. A limited supply of scripts will be available, and community members are encouraged to bring their own (links to download the script can be found at dvaa50.org/our-town).

OUR TOWN AND THE FOUNDING OF DVAA

In 1975, a group of performers under the direction of Elaine Giguere and Tom DeGaetani helped our community celebrate the nation's Bicentennial with a full-length theatrical production of Our Town, Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize winning play about the preciousness of life told through the eyes of the residents of a small town. The resulting production which was performed in Narrowsburg and Callicoon laid the seeds for the founding of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) in 1976.

In celebration of our 50th Anniversary, DVAA is proud to remount a community production of Our Town at the historic Tusten Theatre, directed by Greg Triggs, opening October 2026.

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.

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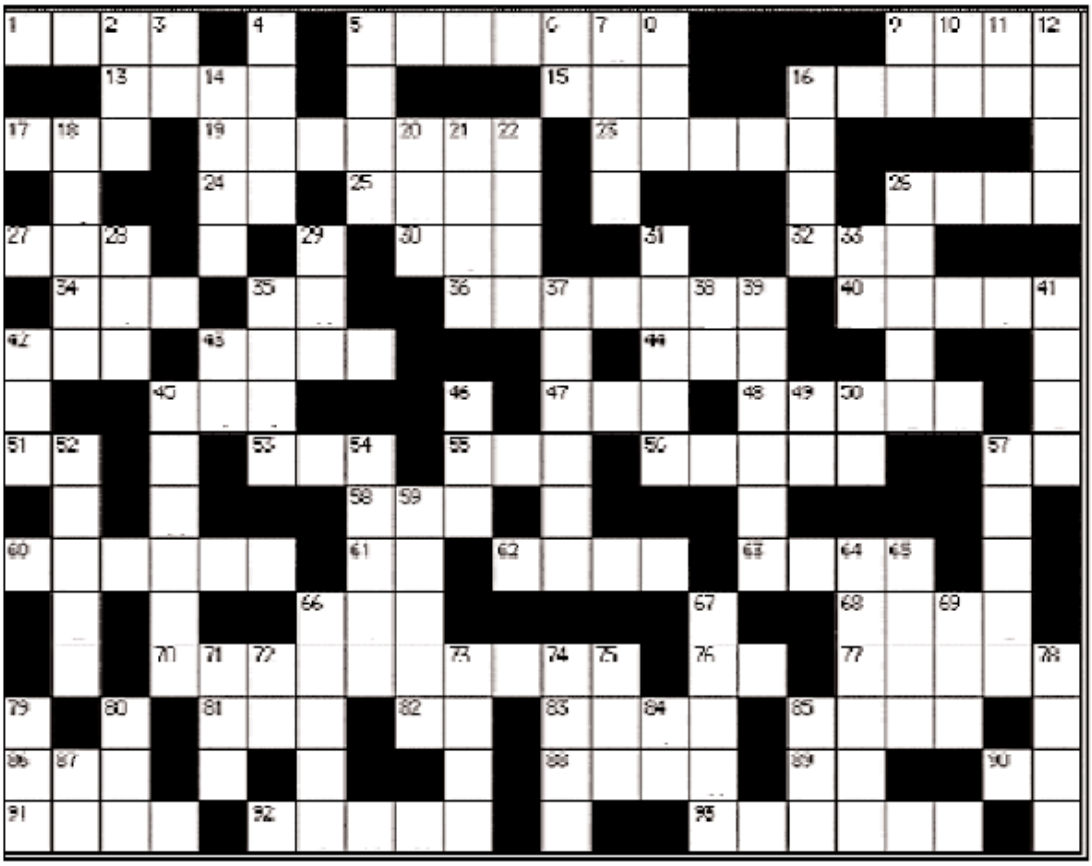
Fairies, Elves, Gnomes & Sprites Return to the Gardens - L. Comando



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69 Small peg used for golf
71 Large tree
72 Missouri (abbrev)
73 High temperature
74 Spring precipitation
75 Final part
78 Circle of light
79 Plead
80 Moist
84 Trade Union
85 Armed conflict
87 Virginia (abbrev)

Sunshine Carrot Cake

3 eggs
1 1/4 cups corn oil
1 1/3 cups packed brown sugar
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 8-oz. can crushed pineapple in natural syrup
1/3 cup shredded coconut
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
3 cups grated carrots
(about 4 carrots)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 13-by-9-by-2-inch pan. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, oil and brown sugar until well blended. In a separate bowl, sift the baking soda, cinnamon, salt and flour, then gradually add it to the egg mixture; do not over mix. Add the pineapple and syrup, coconut, walnuts and carrots, and beat well. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 to 15 minutes. Invert onto a cooling rack and cool completely. Serves 12 to 14.

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Kids' Fun Page

- L. Comando

Cryptogram

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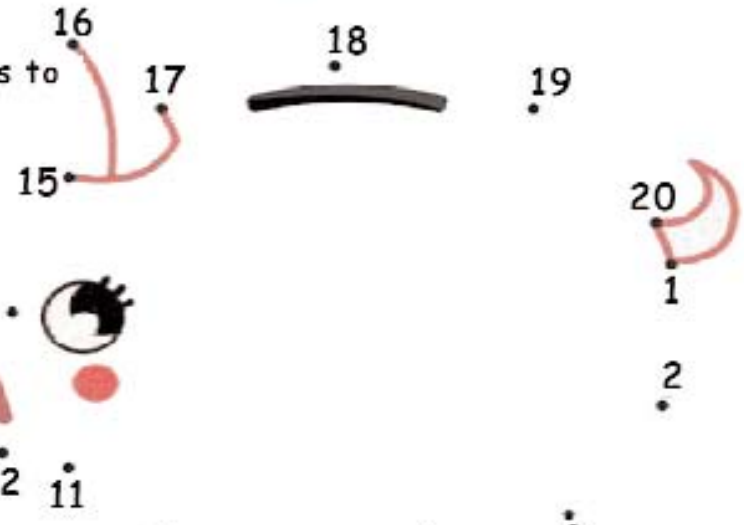

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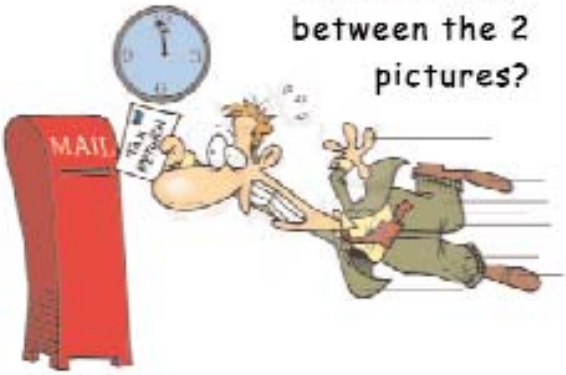

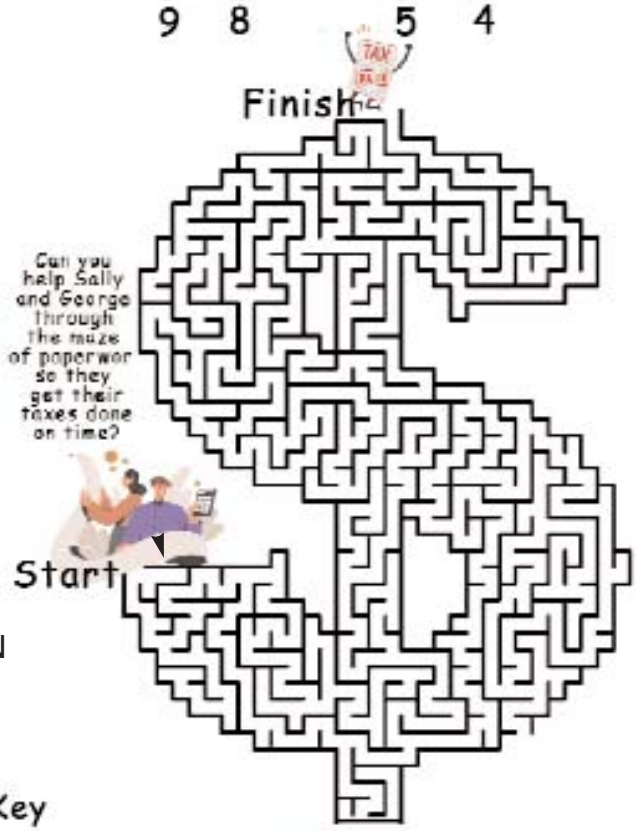

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Sundown United Methodist Church

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

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Mass Times
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Or by appoinment.
Call the rectory at (845) 434-7643.

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

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
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Worship Services @ 10:15 am

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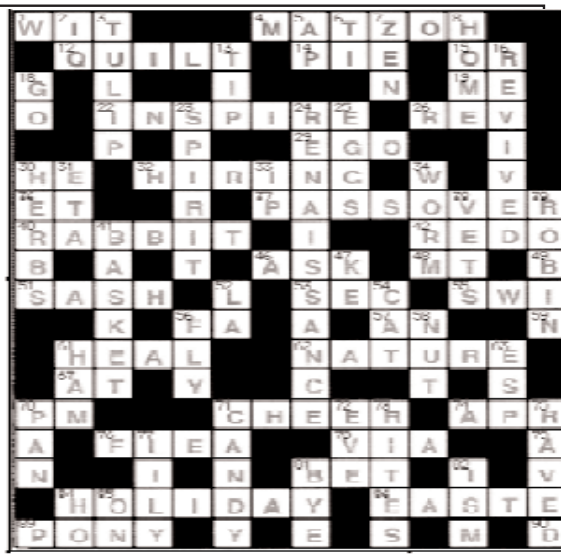
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

Ans to last week's Crossword



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

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

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

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

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Daniel Pierce Library Hours

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

$17.5 BILLION in Lost Money

Every day New York State returns $1.5 million to those who file claims here. Is any yours? To find out, go to:
https://osc.state.ny.us/ouf or https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf
Many have checked, and sure enough after following the directions and filing a claim, have received a check from the NYS Comptroller's Office. It only takes a few minutes to find

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

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/8/2026	Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
4/14/2026	Town of Denning Business Meeting 1:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/14/2026	Denning Town Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Rd, Claryville, NY
4/16/2026	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)

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS *ARE AS FOLLOWS:*
Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

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

Weekly Update for the Week of
April 6, 2026 - April 10, 2026

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

Monday, April 6
- **4:00 PM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Governance Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **5:00 PM** (or immediately following UCIDA Governance Committee) - **Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Governance Committee**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, April 7
- **4:30 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee,** in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream
- **5:30 PM** (or immediately following Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee) - **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee,** in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston & Via Legislature Livestream

Wednesday, April 8
- **5:00 PM - Recycling Oversight Committee,** in Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
- **7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board**, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

No Meetings Thursday, April 9

No Meetings Friday, April 10

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 sullivancountydmvscheduling

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)
Callicoon 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)
Bloomingburg Town Hall - 13 North Rd. Bloomingburg, NY (rotating schedule)

Customers *MUST* have all forms completed *PRIOR* to arriving for their appointment. You can access forms through the NYS DMV website - 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.

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: 845 794-3872

To Renew or Sign up for your weekly digitial copy to *Ye Ole Tri-Valley Townsman* (a/k/a *The Townsman*) follow these directions

Print out this form
Fill out it out
Mail it along with a check for the **Annual Rate –$40.00**
payable to **The Townsman**

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Grahamsville, NY.

NAME _____
EMAIL _____
PHONE _____

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: **$40.00 PER YEAR**

NEW _____ RENEWAL/DATE EXP. _____
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Thrift Sale Schedule 2026

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

April – 4th and 18th
May – 2nd and 16th
June – 6th and 20th
July – 4th and 18th
August – 1st and 15th
Sept – 5th and 19th
October – 3rd and 17th
Nov – 7th and 21st
Dec – 5th 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 or visit us on Facebook

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.

TRI-VALLEY LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT WALK & TAG DAY

Saturday, May 2, 2026

In memory of our beloved departed Lions

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

School, Firm, Organization, if non-Lion _____

Waiver

In consideration of your acceptance of this form, I hereby for myself, my administrators, my heirs, and assigns, waive and release all rights and claims for damages I have against the organizers of this event, their associates and representatives. I also agree to obey all traffic laws, exercise all safety precautions, avoid littering and respect the property of others. **PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18.**

Signed _____

Parent or Guardian _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COLLECT YOUR PLEDGES BEFORE OR PROMPTLY AFTER JOURNEY.

SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	PLEDGE AMT	SIGNATURE

Signed _____ Date _____

All donations are appreciated even if you do not walk. This will enable us to continue to support our missions, community, organizations, and local families. Please make donation checks out to The Tri-Valley Lions. Please join us for coffee and continental breakfast.

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

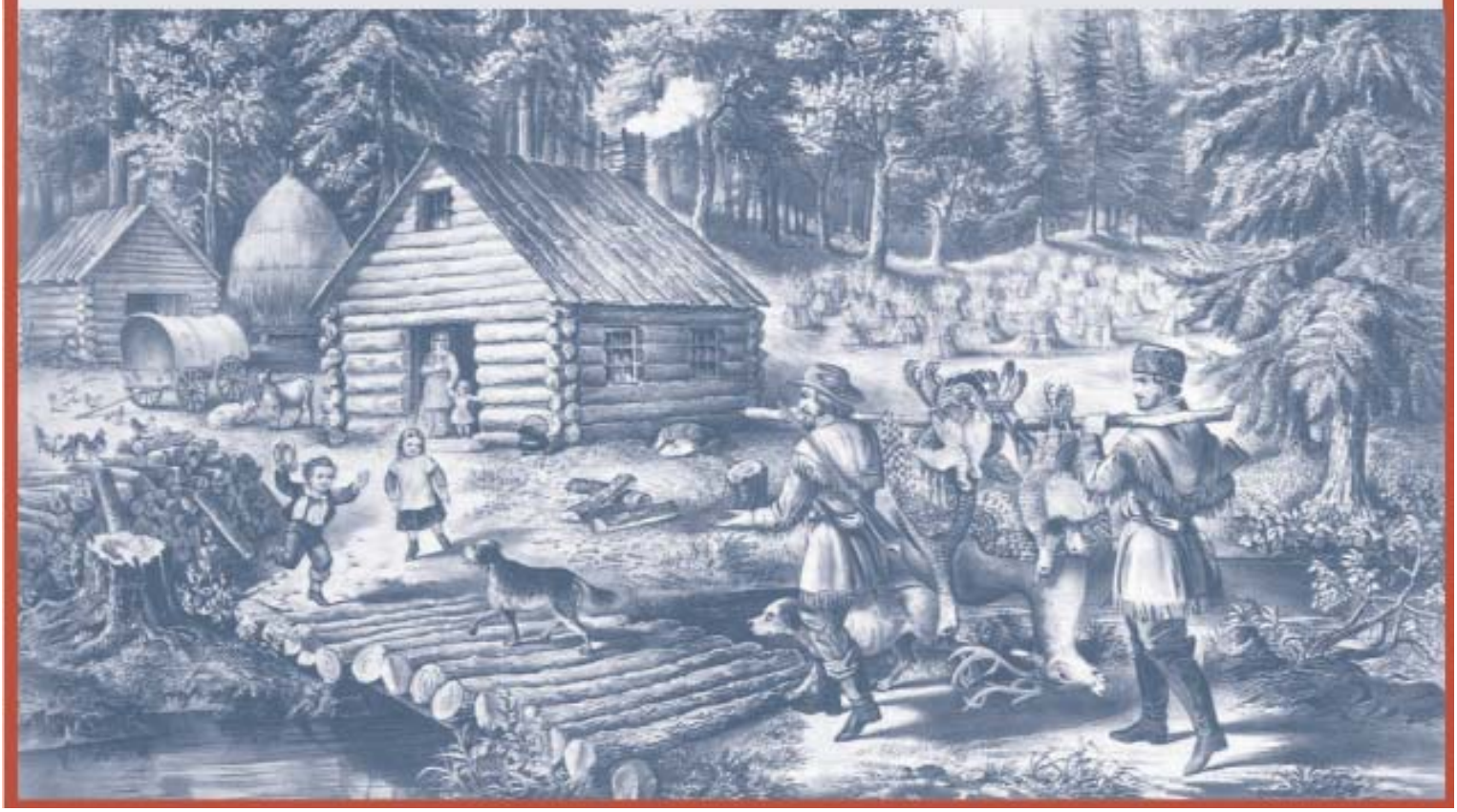
1700s Frontier Exhibit Opening in May & We Need Your Help!

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@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org 845 985-7700
All loans will be gratefully acknowledged in the exhibition
Thank you so much!



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

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

Ulster County "Raises the Flag for Life" to Promote Organ Donation Awareness

Kingston, NY - The Ulster County Clerk's Office, in partnership with Donate Life New York State, will host a "Raise the Flag for Life" ceremony on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 10:30 AM at the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston. During the event, a Donate Life flag will be raised to encourage enrollment in the New York State Donate Life Registry and to highlight the lifesaving impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

2025DonateLife-4.jpg" photograph from 2025 Flag Raising Ceremony by Jonathan Palmer featuring organ donation recipient Butch Dener, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck, Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher, and Ulster County District Attorney Emmanuel Nneji

"Our goal is to have Donate Life flags waving atop all county government buildings throughout our state," said Aisha Tator, Executive Director of Donate Life NYS. "Waving these flags helps create a culture of donation and brings hope to the thousands of New Yorkers awaiting a transplant."

While more than 3,200 lifesaving organ transplants were performed in New York State last year, approximately 8,000 residents remain on the national transplant waitlist. In 2025 alone, roughly 300 New Yorkers died while waiting for a transplant. A single organ donor can save up to eight lives, while tissue and cornea donors can improve more than 75 lives.

Ulster County Clerk Taylor Bruck emphasized the importance of community participation: "Organ donation is something that touches so many families, often in moments of both profound loss and incredible hope. Many of us know someone who has waited for a transplant or whose life was saved because of one generous decision. Taking a minute to register is a simple act, but it has the power to give someone else more time, more memories, and more life. I encourage everyone in our community to consider enrolling and to have that conversation with their loved ones-because one decision can truly change everything."

In addition to the flag-raising ceremony, an informational table will be set up in the lobby of the Ulster County Office Building throughout the morning on April 17th, featuring educational materials, giveaways, and light refreshments for attendees.

More than 8.3 million New Yorkers are currently enrolled in the Donate Life Registry. Residents age 16 and older can enroll through the DMV, online at donatelifenys.org, when registering to vote, or through other state programs. To make an appointment at the Ulster County DMV, please visit https://bit.ly/UCDMVappt.

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Saturday
May 2, 2026
5:30 pm

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall
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NEW REPORT from Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress – Hudson Valley loses 10,000 people, $590 million in incomes in latest migration report

Pattern released its latest report on migration - the movement of people county-to-county and state-to-state throughout the country. This report highlights the effects on the Hudson Valley for the latest reporting period, including some trends analysis going back to 1996.

Between these trends and lower births, the Hudson Valley, for the first time in its history, is facing the prospect of significant population decline over the next decade. It's important that we see and understand these trends, think about their potential effects, and create evidence-based plans to deal with them.

The data represent a period of time in the Hudson Valley when migration was influenced by four major factors: skyrocketing housing prices, the growing prevalence of remote work, the end of the Covid-19 pandemic, and a growing retirement wave among the Baby Boomer generation.

During that period, federal data show the Hudson Valley experienced some of the worst population losses to migration in the past 30 years. The region lost a net of 10,174 people who moved to other counties and states in the latest reporting period. The combined population losses in 2021-2022 represent the biggest outmigration from the Hudson Valley since 2004-2005, when thousands moved from the Hudson Valley to New York City as part of a post-9/11 return to the metro area.

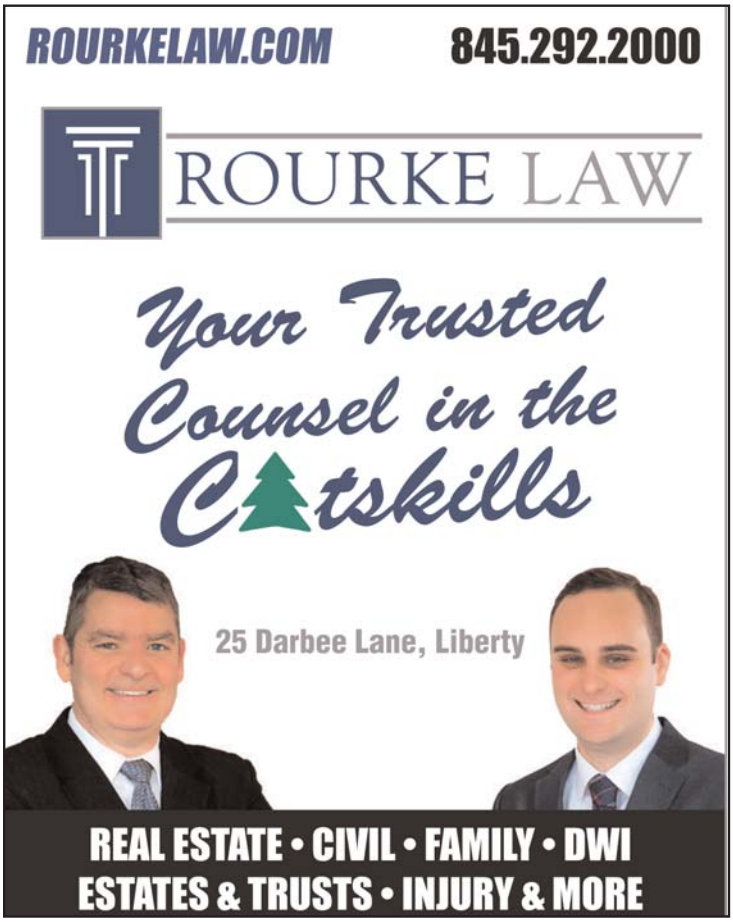
Here are some key facts from the new report:

· The Hudson Valley lost a 10,174 people to migration in 2021-2022.

· The region has lost a net of 156,937 to outmigration since 1996, which represent about 6.5% of our total population.

· The neighboring counties in neighboring states remain the biggest destination for people leaving the Hudson Valley, as 17,216 people moved just over the border in the latest reporting period.

· A net total of 16,050 people moved into the region from New York City.



· The Hudson Valley lost $592.4 million in adjusted gross incomes during this time.

· The losses were felt more broadly across the State of New York, which lost a net of 164,112 people to outmigration, including $10.6 billion in incomes.

· Ulster County was an outlier in the region. It was the only county to gain population from migration, a total of 279 people, and it gained $169.1 million in adjusted gross income, by far the highest of any county.

· The average incomes of those moving into and out of the region continued to show that gentrification was affecting some of our northernmost counties. For example, households moving into Columbia County brought an average income of $114,885, while those moving out earned $95,936; in Ulster County those moving in earned $113,328, while those leaving had an average income of $79,598.

· The migration trends underscored that remote work is a major force reshaping local labor patterns, housing demand, and incomes.

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DEC Announces $1.35 Million Available to Land Trusts to Conserve Private Forests In New York State Funding Will Protect Forestland from Future Development and Contribute to the State's 30x30 Goal

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton today announced that $1.35 million is now available through the fifth round of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts (FCELT) Grant Program. Eligible, accredited land trusts may apply for up to $350,000 to purchase conservation easements on privately owned forested land in New York State. DEC created the grant program to help conserve forest land to protect vital ecosystem services, including erosion and flood control, wildlife habitat, water and air filtration, and climate change mitigation.

"New York's forests are one of our greatest natural assets-providing a variety of ecological and economic benefits, as well as places for families to connect with the outdoors," said Commissioner Lefton. "The grant funding provided through this successful partnership with the Land Trust Alliance and New York's land trusts underscores New York's commitment to biodiversity, wildlife habitat protection, and strong community partnerships across the state helping our forests remain as forests."

The grants are administered by the Land Trust Alliance in coordination with DEC. To apply, a land trust must be accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. A 25% match is required. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on August 13, 2026. Projects selected for FCELT grants should further goals and/or strategies identified in the New York State Open Space Conservation Plan, the New York State Wildlife Action Plan, the New York State Forest Action Plan, and/or other local, regional, or statewide land protection plans. Complete details about this grant opportunity can be found on the FCELT webpage.

Manager of the Land Trust Alliance's New York Program Jamie Brown said, "The FCELT program is a vital tool in the State's efforts to protect New York's forests. These lands benefit everyone by providing clean air and water, jobs, habitat, and recreational opportunities. The Alliance is proud to partner with DEC, New York's land trusts, and forest landowners to use funds from the FCELT program to ensure that these important lands remain as forests for generations to come."

Funding for the grant program is provided by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). For the 2026-27 fiscal year, Governor Hochul's Executive Budget once again sustains the EPF at the historic funding level of $425 million. The EPF provides funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda._

About the Land Trust Alliance

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance is a national land conservation organization that works to save the places people need and love by strengthening land conservation across America. The Alliance represents more than 950-member land trusts and their 6.4 million supporters nationwide. The Alliance is based in Washington, D.C. and operates several regional offices. Visit the Land Trust Alliance website for more information.

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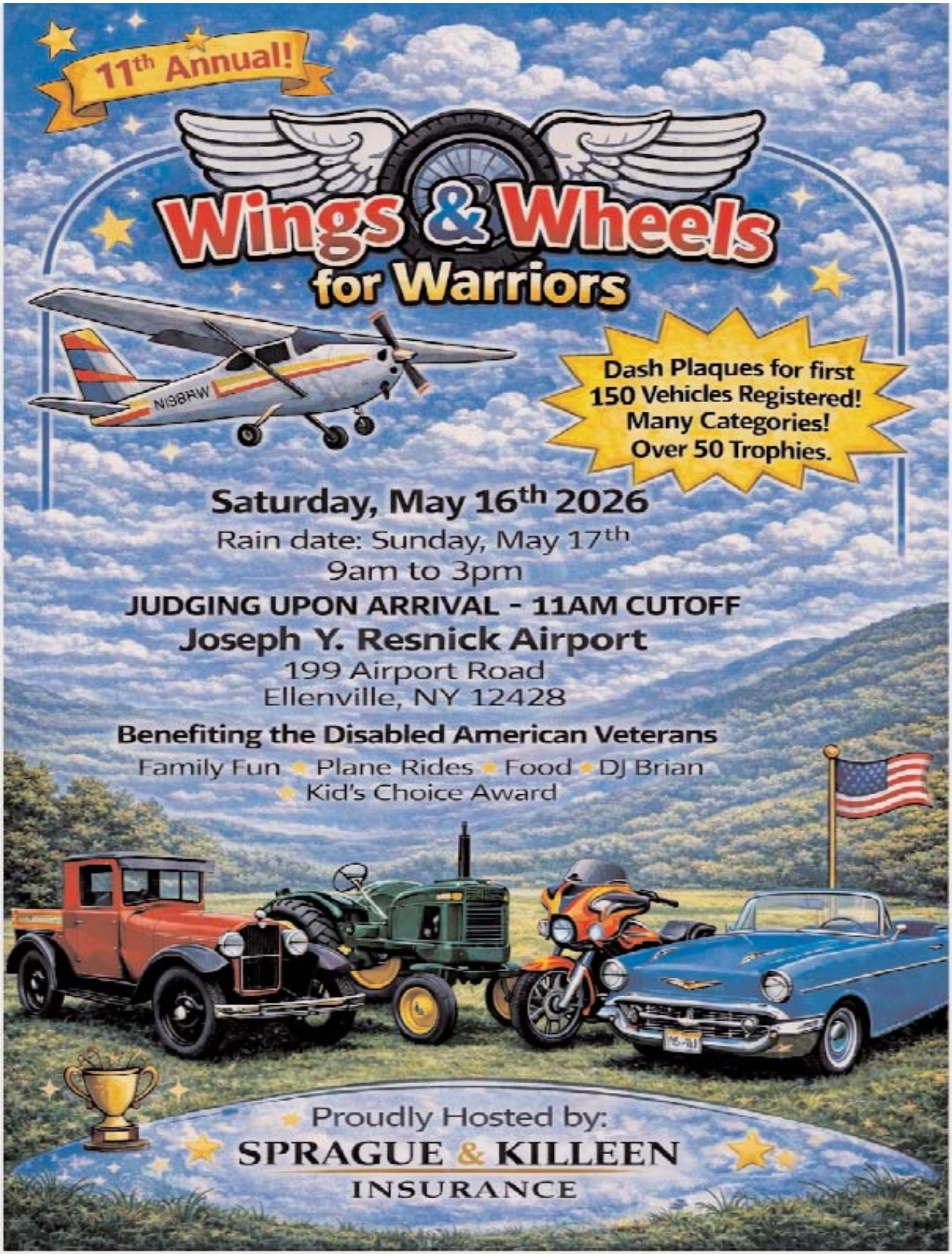
2026 and beyond is sure to be exciting ~ be part of the excitement by becoming a member today!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As we celebrate our **11th anniversary**, our goal is ambitious but heartfelt: to raise **$50,000 in 2026 in support of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to our country. There is no group more deserving of our support than our nation's veterans.**

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

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

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- Food offerings
- A vibrant atmosphere celebrating community and patriotism

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

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

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Beginning Thursday, April 9th

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Beginning Friday, April 10th

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Revolutions & One For All Two group exhibitions to celebrate DVAA's 50th Anniversary

WHAT: Two opportunities to show work in DVAA's 50th Anniversary Exhibitions
WHERE: DVAA, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg
WHEN: On View June 13th - July 26th, 2026
NOTES:
Revolutions: Submissions open
Deadline: Sunday, May 8th, 2026.
One For All: Artwork submissions (one per artist), should be dropped off at DVAA from Thursday, May 28th - Saturday, June 7th, 2026, during gallery hours (Thursday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm)

(Narrowsburg, NY-April 3, 2026) 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA). Since its inception, DVAA's mission has been to build community in and through the arts. With programs spanning bold gallery exhibitions to dynamic live performances, immersive festivals to impactful regrant programs, DVAA has helped shape and lead the region's cultural community for half a century.

As part of the anniversary festivities, DVAA will be mounting a series of exhibitions through the summer that seek to celebrate the vibrant artistic community at the heart of the organization. The first two exhibitions, Revolutions and One For All, will be on view June 13th - July 26th, 2026, and both have open calls for submissions.

About Revolutions

In recognition of not only DVAA's milestone but the 250th Anniversary of the launch of the American Revolutionary War, and the revolutionary power that revolutions in art and society can hold, Revolutions brings together artists responding to moments of upheaval and renewal. Spanning media and perspectives, the exhibition asks how change takes root-and how creative work can strengthen the ties that hold a community together.

Artists working in all mediums are invited to respond to the different interpretations of Revolution:

Revolutionary - groundbreaking, defies expectations, shifts the paradigm of understanding

Revolution - a cycle, an orbiting body

Revolt/Revolution - rising up, resisting, taking down the status quo, a social upheaval

Submissions are open now via Submittable: Link. The deadline for entries is Sunday, May 8th, 2026.

About One For All

DVAA invites artists to submit one work (no larger than 50cm x 50cm (20 inches x 20 inches). Together we will transform the DVAA's 1st floor gallery into a visual toast to our first 50 years. Installed salon style from floor to ceiling, the gallery will be an explosive celebration of our vibrant and diverse artistic community.

Additionally, if you are in possession of a work by an artist who is no longer living but part of DVAA's exhibition history, we welcome the opportunity to include a piece of theirs.

Submitted works should be:

o Dropped off beginning Thursday, May 28th through Saturday, June 7th, during gallery hours (Thursday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm) or by appointment.

o Framed/ready hang artworks

o Made no earlier than 1976.

o Not larger than 20” x 20” x 20” (50cm x 50cm x 50cm)

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.

"DEC Does What?!" Podcast Episode 32 Now Available: Moose on the Loose

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released the latest episode of “DEC Does What?!”, the bi-weekly podcast that features conversations with DEC experts about the agency's wide-ranging efforts to protect New Yorkers and the environment. Episode 32- “Moose on the Loose”- spotlights the work of DEC's wildlife staff who oversee and manage the moose population in New York.

In this episode, hosts DEC Chief of Staff and Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice Adriana Espinoza and Region 4 Director Sean Mahar talk with Dave Kramer, a Research Scientist in DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife. They discuss the many ways DEC and partners monitor and assess the moose population in New York using aerial surveys, GPS tracking, and public sighting reports. You'll also hear about what to do if you encounter a moose in the wild and a little bit about moose butts.

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Welcome to Kirsten's New York Minute! Here's what she's been up to this week:

1. Fighting for good government

In America, we do not bow to kings. Our president should be focused on lowering costs for American families, not using their position to boost their own personal brand.

This week, in solidarity with over 8 million Americans who took to the streets at "No Kings" rallies across the country, Kirsten announced a new bill to bar the use of a sitting U.S. president's name, image, likeness, or signature on federal property, assets, or currency. This is a commonsense bill designed to make sure the president prioritizes serving the American people.

Read more.
https://cnycentral.com/news/local/third-no-kings-rally-held-in-dewitt

2. Working to prevent insider trading on prediction markets

Federal employees should not be able to use nonpublic information to cash in on prediction markets.

This week, Kirsten raised concerns about insider trading on prediction markets with the Trump administration. Having been a champion for transparency and good government throughout her time in office, Kirsten is dedicated to increasing oversight of federal employees using nonpublic information to trade on prediction markets for personal gain.

Read more.
https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/democrats-push-trump-admin-prediction-market-insider-trading-rcna265503

3. Fighting for equality

This week, Kirsten joined the Human Rights Campaign to celebrate their vital role in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights.

Amid political extremism and the Trump administration's efforts to roll back protections for LGBTQ+ individuals, Kirsten is committed to continuing the fight for equality.

4. Making New York transit safer

Every New Yorker deserves to feel safe the moment they step onto a subway platform or board a bus.

Kirsten secured over $7 million for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) as part of a new federal program she wrote that cuts red tape, allowing MTA and other large urban transit authorities nationwide to use federal funding for security personnel and crisis intervention for the first time. This program will help ensure safer, more reliable commutes for New Yorkers, and Kirsten is proud to have gotten it done.

Read more.
https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-secures-7-4-million-to-increase-mta-safety-and-security/

5. Helping New Yorkers get their work permits

An attorney at a Westchester organization dedicated to ending domestic violence and human trafficking contacted Kirsten's office on behalf of labor trafficking survivors who had been waiting months for their work permits to be processed.

After Kirsten's office contacted U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on their behalf, the agency approved their work permits within one day.

Individual casework is Kirsten's top priority. If you need help with any federal agency, contact her here . https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help/help-for-new-yorkers/

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Governor Hochul Delivers Artificial Intelligence Training Tool to the New York State Workforce

• Follows Success of 1200-Person Pilot Across Eight State Agencies and Promotes the Continued Responsible Use of AI

• Makes NY the Largest State in the Nation To Expand Such a Program, Offering to Over 100,000 State Employees

• Ensures State Employees Grow their Skills and Knowledge To Harness Emerging Technologies for the Public Good

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) education and training to the entire New York State workforce, fulfilling a bold and forward-looking 2025 State of the State pledge that ensures over 100,000 hardworking state employees can use AI responsibly to better serve New Yorkers. This expansion makes New York the largest state in the nation to securely provide this emerging technology to its entire state workforce.

"We are putting New York at the forefront of the AI revolution, ensuring that the journey forward is safe and responsible," Governor Hochul said. "I'm excited to fulfill our vision of embracing innovation, upskilling our employees and better serving New Yorkers."

This action builds upon the success of the recently completed AI training pilot program managed by the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS), which extended AI training and AI Pro, a secure generative AI assistant tool, to more than 1,200 users across eight state agencies.

Pilot results revealed:

o 75 percent of pilot participants saved time using AI Pro

o 90 percent felt their understanding of AI improved following the pilot program

o Participants generated over 170,000 prompts during the pilot period

o 86 percent of users want to continue using AI Pro after the pilot

AI training is offered to state employees in partnership with InnovateUS, an online platform governed by a coalition of public sector learning and innovation leaders. InnovateUS has trained over 200,000 public sector learners across 50 states and cities and in 80 countries. The two-part training is specifically designed to teach NYS employees about responsible AI use as a public sector employee.

Accompanying the training is the AI Pro generative AI assistant, developed by ITS and powered by Google Gemini, which will provide State employees with a secure environment to hone their AI skills, and unlock ideas about how AI could help agencies problem-solve and deliver even more for New York.

These new AI training resources, including the AI Pro tool, will be provided to the 50+ state agencies and entities ITS supports, while the AI training will be offered to all state workers. Responsible AI training will be required for agencies that elect to use AI Pro.

New York State Chief Information Officer and Director of ITS Dru Rai said, "Governor Hochul has been a national leader without peer when it comes to leveraging technology to enhance productivity in government, improve service delivery and create efficiencies so state agencies can better serve the public. We are thankful to have incredible support for this groundbreaking initiative and know that responsible AI will bring us limitless possibilities to enact positive change, while giving our employees an opportunity to grow their own skills for the future."

InnovateUS Founder Beth Noveck said, "By equipping its workforce with practical AI and digital skills through InnovateUS, New York will be positioned to deliver better, more efficient and responsive services for its residents. At InnovateUS, we look forward to continuing to support Governor Hochul and our New York partners to harness the potential of AI to serve the public."

Google Public Sector Customer Engineering Managing Director Elizabeth Moon said, "Equipping New York State employees with both the skills and tools to use AI responsibly is critical to unlocking this technology's potential to drive efficiency and innovation, enabling the public sector workforce to better serve New Yorkers. ITS's AI Pro, powered by Gemini, underscores Google Public Sector's commitment to supporting New York State's digital transformation. We applaud Governor Hochul's focus on setting an example for how government can embrace technology to build a better future."

Assemblymember Steve Otis said, "Governor Hochul's announcement today marks a vitally important next step to advancing responsible and knowledgeable use of AI tools by state agencies. Artificial intelligence tools bring great benefits and risks. Providing training programs will help support state employees and provide a framework for quality control protections essential to responsible AI use. Governor Hochul, the Legislature, and our team at the Office of Technology Services continue to make keeping up with the evolution of AI a priority."

Praise for the AI Training Pilot Program

Last Fall at the Governor's direction, ITS initiated an expansive AI training pilot program with more than 1,200 participants across eight state agencies, including the Department of Labor (DOL), the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), the Department of Health (DOH), NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), the Office of General Services (OGS), the Division of Human Rights (DHR) and the Division of the Budget (DOB).

Participants represented a range of roles and professional experience levels, including workers from administrative, communications, policy, legal, service delivery, operations and technical functions. 41 percent of pilot users entered the pilot program with no prior experience using generative AI tools, and 87 percent of users had received no prior training in generative AI. Overall confidence using generative AI rose by 36 percent following the pilot program. (Contd. Pg. 57)

Governor Hochul Delivers Artificial Intelligence Training Tool to the New York State Workforce

(From PG. 56)

Pilot participants outlined numerous cases where AI Pro streamlined their work and facilitated decision-making, including crafting executive summaries and policy briefs, translating complex topics into easily digestible language, summarizing large reports and consolidating duplicative documents, and facilitating the creation of data dashboards, among other uses. Throughout the pilot and with all uses of AI Pro, careful human oversight was emphasized.

Users found that using AI Pro often allowed them to spend more time focusing on high-level, complex, and high value tasks.

Governor Hochul's Innovation Agenda

Governor Hochul's commitment to advancing New York's leadership in AI builds on her broader agenda to expand cutting-edge technology development in the Empire State. Governor Hochul launched the historic Empire AI initiative, a $500 million partnership of New York's leading public and private universities who have come together to establish a state-of-the-art AI computing center at SUNY's University at Buffalo. Empire AI is already facilitating statewide innovation, research, and development of AI technologies.

The recently completed AI Training pilot was part of a series of initiatives announced as part of the Governor's 2025 State of the State to ensure equitable growth of the AI industry in New York, including training students for AI-enabled jobs, funding NY AI start-ups, supporting small businesses with AI adoption and tracking the potential impact of new technologies on the workforce. These programs followed recommendations released by the Governor's Emerging Technology Advisory Board, co-chaired by IBM CEO Arvind Krishna and Girls Who Code CEO Dr. Tarika Barrett.

At the Governor's direction, ITS wrote and issued the first-ever statewide policy, Acceptable Use of AI Technologies, which now serves as a roadmap for state agencies to adopt AI thoughtfully, safely and responsibly, while optimizing efficiencies and delivering quicker and better results for their constituents.

Most recently, Governor Hochul launched the FutureWorks Commission to advise on policy and private sector interventions which protect the economic security of workers while harnessing the economic benefits of AI. The Commission will work to identify real-time data strategies for monitoring AI's impact, and identify policy and private sector interventions to ensure New York's workers, families and small businesses, not just large corporations, stand to gain from the potential benefits of AI.

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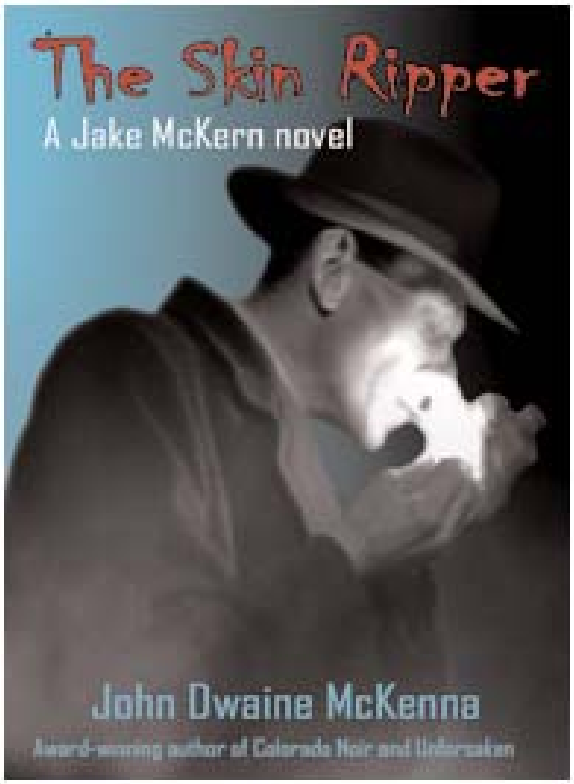

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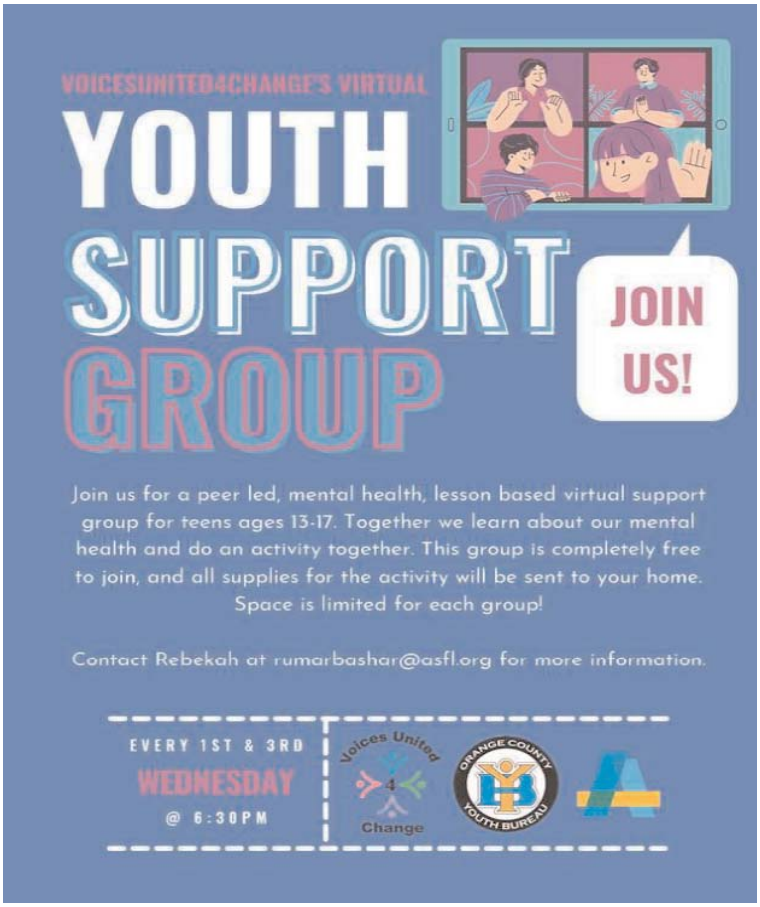
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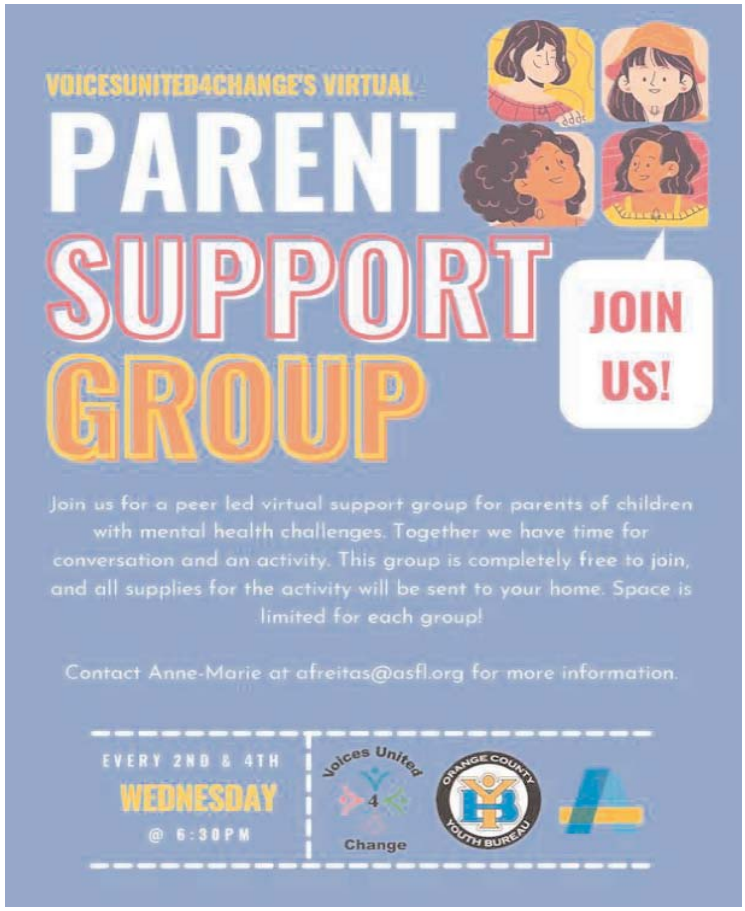
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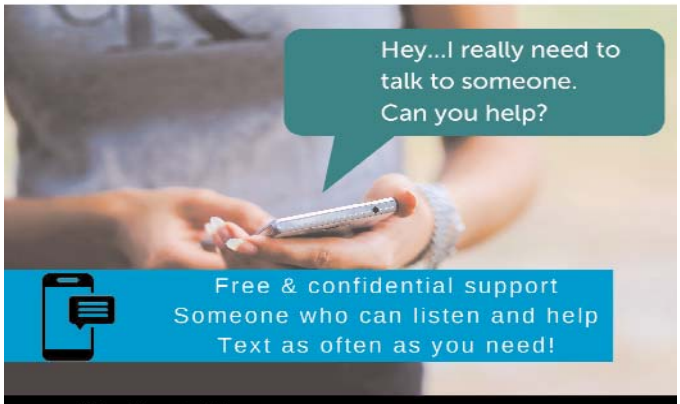

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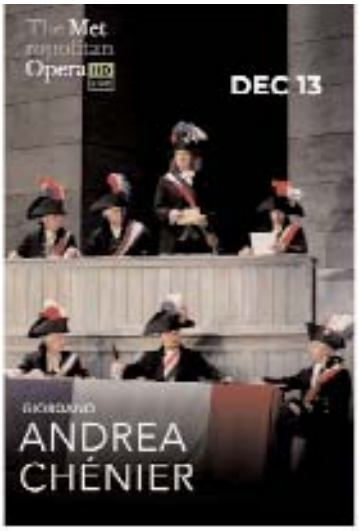

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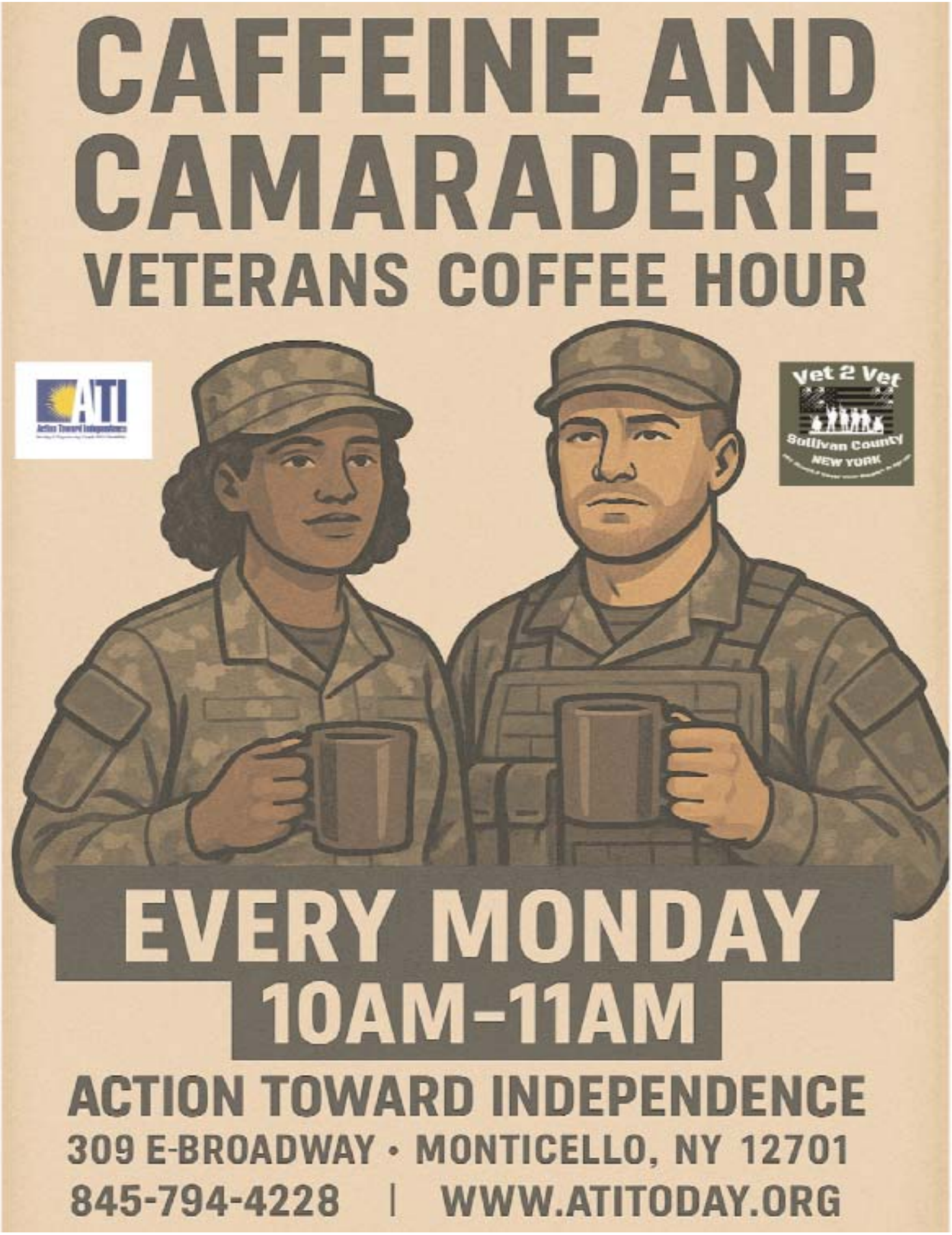
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Olive Free Library
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The Friends of the Olive Free Library Present
Square Dance Hootenanny
SATURDAY APRIL 11
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM, DANCING AT 6:00 PM
Featuring the live, toe-tapping sounds of
Slide Mountain String Band! Light refreshments will be served.
All ages welcome — no square dancing experience required!
TICKETS $20 PER PERSON
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The Women

(B?W • 1939 • 2h 13 m)
Comedy, Romance, Drama • TV-PG

The Women, with its all women cast, present one of the funniest and true to life confrontations of love and divorce. A group of gossipy high-society women spend their days at the beauty salon and haunting fashion shows. The sweet, happily wedded Mary Haines finds her marriage in trouble when shop girl Crystal Allen gets her hooks into Mary's husband. The fun begins when Mary heads to Reno for a divorce. Along the way, divorce Mary meets the Countess and Miriam (in an affair with Fowler's husband). While they are at Lucy's dude ranch, Fowler arrives for her own divorce and the Countess meets fifth husband-to-be Buck. Back in New York, Mary's ex is now unhappily married to Crystal, who is already in an affair with Buck. When Sylvia lets this story slip at an exclusive nightclub, Crystal brags of her plans for a still wealthier marriage, only to find the Countess is the source of all Buck's money. Crystal must return to the perfume counter and Mary runs back to her husband.

The story changes when Mary takes some wise advice from

The Women directed by George Cukor and written by Clare Boothe Luce, Anita Loos and Jane Murfin Has a cast of 130 actors -all women and superb actresses including **Norma Shearer** as Mary Haines, **Joan Crawford,** in I think her best role, as the *Super Bitch*, Crystal Allen; **Rosalind Russel**l as Sylvia Fowler; **Mary Boland** as The Countess De Lave –Flora; **Paulette Goddard** as Miriam Aarons; **Joan Fontaine** as Peggy Day; **Lucile Watson** as Mrs. Morehead; **Phyllis Povah** as Edith Potter; **Virginia Weidler** as Little Mary; **Marjorie Main** as Lucy; **Virginia Grey** as Pat; **Ruth Hussey** as Miss Watts; **Muriel Hutchison** as Jane; **Hedda Hopper** as Dolly DuPuyster; **Florence Nash** as Nancy Blake, **Cora Witherspoon** as Ann Adams; **Ann Morriss** as the Exercise Instructor; **Dennie Moore** as Olga; **Mary Cecil** as Maggie; **Mary Beth Hughes** as Miss Trimmerback... and more!

No doubles were used in the fight sequence where Rosalind Russell bites Paulette Goddard. Despite the permanent scar resulting from the bite, the actresses remained friends.

Stay Safe & Stay Well,
Knarf Odnamoc
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Answer to last week's Knarf's Trivia Question:
63 years old!

This weeks' Trivia question: In the film **"The Women"** which character made her phone calls from her tub?