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Entertainment Night is Just a Day Away!

Join us as we reach our 2025 "Color Our World" SRP half way point



Our 4th-6th graders had a fantastic time at Daniel Pierce Library's Frame-tastic program!

Our 4th-6th graders had a fantastic time at our Frametastic program! Their amazing frames really showed off their creativity and the laughter throughout the community room was definitely indicative of the good times they had.

Now, we're gearing up for our teen Bleach Art program and Entertainment Night! We're well into our 2025 "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program and it's going fabulously. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Sullivan County Museum Weekend! Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27th

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Sullivan County Museum Weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 26th and 27th. Nine museums across Sullivan County are joining together on this weekend to offer an open invitation (and free admission!) for everyone to go out and explore this county's long and rich history. There is something for everyone of all ages to explore, from Native American history, to early settlers, fly fishing, D&H Canal, Boy Scouts, NYC's water system, polar exploration and so much more. (Contd. Pg. 5)



Exhibits in the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum, Livingston Manor.

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On the Front Burner: For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?
Job 27:8

OBITUARIES

Paul Hans –It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Paul



Hans, who left us at the age of 79 after a life defined by courage, service, unwavering love, and deep devotion to his family.

Paul was born March 31, 1946 in Buffalo, NY to the late Francis and Melania Markowski Hans.

A proud and resilient man, Paul faced and overcame numerous life-threatening medical challenges over the years—each time with a strength and determination that inspired everyone around him. He was a fighter in every sense, always pushing forward, always present.

Survivors include his daughter, Kathleen Poppo and her husband Joseph of Grahamsville, NY; his son, Paul Hans and his wife Tracy of SC; two grandchildren, Joseph Paul Poppo and Kaylee Marie Poppo; two brothers, Peter Hans of Cortland, NY and Andrew Hans of Las Vegas, NV; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Donna Hans; one sister, Gail Hans; and one sister-in-law, Rosemary Hans.

A dedicated husband, Paul was preceded in death by the love of his life, Donna, whom he adored and missed dearly every day since her passing five years ago. Their bond was unbreakable, and their love was a guiding light in his life.

He was a devoted father to Kathy and Paulie, and a father-in-law to Joe and Tracy. His love for his grandchildren, Joey and Kaylee, was immeasurable. He attended every school event, cheered them on endlessly, and proudly shared their accomplishments with anyone who would listen. His presence in their lives was constant, strong, and full of joy. He was their biggest fan—and they were his greatest pride.

Paul served in the US Army Reserves for six years while becoming a New York State Trooper for 27 years. His career was one of honor, dedication, and bravery. Rising to the rank of BCI Investigator, he worked in undercover narcotics and mentored many troopers along the way. He served as a firearms instructor and played a key role in the anti-terrorist task force during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. He also bravely assisted during the Attica Prison riots—moments that marked his long and distinguished career. Even in retirement, his passion for law enforcement never waned. He went on to serve nearly 15 more years as an investigator with the District Attorney's Office, continuing his commitment to justice and community.

Outside of his work, Paul was an avid welder, hunter, and fisherman. He loved the outdoors, and he cherished time spent with his friends. He had a magnetic personality, a strong sense of humor, and a storyteller's heart. His warmth and loyalty made him unforgettable to everyone who knew him. He was our rock, our protector, our champion.

He will be missed deeply by his family, friends, former colleagues, and all who had the privilege to know him.

A celebration of his life will be on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 11 AM to 4 PM with a formal service at 12 Noon in the Neversink Fire House.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to a veterans' or law enforcement charity of your choice.

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

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 15, 1955

Miss Phyllis Ann Coombe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe of Ridgewood, N.J., and Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Benjamin Gillette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gillette of Ellenville. The ceremony took place at the West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna became the parents of their third son at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello on Friday evening. The baby, who weighed 8 lbs., has been named Thomas William.

Mary had a little lamb,
she loved lamb chops, you know
She learned that for the best in meat,
Krum's was the place to go.
KUM TO KRUM'S

June 2, 1965

Miss Barbara Ann Roswurm, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Richard Roswurm of Colorado Springs, Colorado, became the bride of Frederick Nash on May 22, 1965. The ceremony took place at the Air Force Base Chapel with Chaplain Charles J. Barnes officiating. The bride is a graduate of Central Union H.S. in El Centro, Calif. and has attended Southern Colo. State College at Pueblo. The groom, son Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nash of Neversink, is a Tri Valley School graduate and at present is in the Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

June 18, 1975

On June 5th, the Misses Marjorie and Virginia Erts, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erts of Staten Island, and the granddaughters of Mr. George W. Erts, formerly of Denning, were graduated from Kean College in New Jersey. Virginia graduated with a BA in Mathematics and Marjorie with a BA in Biology. Marjorie has since been awarded an Asst. Teachership at Rutgers University where she will teach Biology while studying for her Master's Degree in Marine Botany.

June 13, 1985

Florence M Dodge of Grahamsville and Long Beach, Calif., died May 20, 1985 in Long Beach, Calif. She was 74. She was born Jan. 23, 1911 in Nohonoy, Pa. She was the wife of the late Willard L. Dodge. Survivors are a son, Willard N. Dodge of Long Beach, a daughter-in-law, Joyce also of Long Beach; five grandchildren; a brother, Warren Bedoe of Edison, N.J. and two nephews and a niece.

On or about the first week in Aug., 1985, the U.S. Post Office will be undertaking quite a task as they number each address in the Town of Neversink. Each residence will be assigned a "house number" and this applies to all homes whether on-foundation structures or mobil. This will aid the First Aid Squad, Fire Depts. and hopefully improve mail delivery.

Household Hint:

Lift Pet Hair from Clothes and Furniture

Use a new or used dryer sheet to remove pet hair from clothes and furniture. Rub the sheet over the fabric to loosen the hair. Follow up with a lint roller or clothes brush.

The polyester-based non-woven dryer sheets are best for pet hair removal.

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 and Martha Ahrens

The Secret of a Bright Little Blossom

There is another little plant in our backyards that doesn't deserve to be overlooked – *Prunella vulgaris* – commonly known as Self Heal or Heal All. Most likely you have Self Heal growing in your lawn. It is that little unassuming purple flower that most of us cut down when mowing the lawns. But the fact is, that this little plant has a long history. Self-heal is an ancient medicine. Dating back 2,000 years ago it is mentioned in Chinese medicinal literature. They used it to treat the liver, kidneys and skin problems. In medieval Europe it was used to treat throat problems and skin conditions. Several Native American tribes used it to treat heart conditions, reduce fever, boils, cuts, bruises and skin problems.



Because the plants are known to concentrate lead compounds and other pollutants, it is no longer recommended as a medicinal herb, especially if gathered near roadsides or polluted areas.

Self Heal is often used as erosion control along roadsides, streambanks and pond edges as it has the potential of a perennial cover crop to provide a habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Self Heal is easily recognized by its erect, many-flowered spikes and associated, overlapping, hairy bracts.

Self Heal is a perennial that grows from short rhizomes or an enlarged solitary or clustered upright stem.

Typically this plant grows 4 to 10 inches in height although some native varieties may grow taller. It is a fibrous-rooted plant that grows from a root crown or short rhizome that thrives in loamy soil with high organic content. It especially prefers damp soils, yet can tolerate some drought conditions.

It is a member of the mint family. Like other members of the mint family (Lamiaceae), it has square stems and opposite leaves. The stems are generally un-branched, slightly hairy above, and may be solitary or clustered.

The flowers are arranged in a tight cluster 1 to 2 inches long by about 1 inch wide at the end of the stem. Within the cluster, the flowers are arranged in whorls of sixes, with each whorl above two spreading, pointed, leaf-like bracts. Flowers bloom progressively in the spike from the lower to upper end. Each tubular flower is about a half inch long and divided into two lips. The upper lip is light purple and functions as a hood, while the lower lip is whitish and fringed. The lower lip also has two lateral lobes that are smaller and light purple. The calyx is light green or reddish and quite hairy along the edges. The blossoms have no noticeable floral scent. Self Heal generally blooms from mid to late summer. Each flower produces four tiny seeds, which are located in the calyx.

Self Heal will form a dense mat with small leaves when repeatedly mowed or grazed.

Today Self Heal is still considered a valuable addition to a wild-flower meadow or butterfly garden. When planting Self Heal in your flower garden, you may want to consider the fact that it can become a bit 'weedy'.

But as far as weeds go, Self-Heal is one of the best, as it provides food for many different pollinators and favorable insect species.

LOOKING BACK

Beatrice Akerley

Published July 25, 1996

I can recall not so many years ago, when chickens were considered free spirits. A home was not complete in the country until you had a flock of clucking, pecking, scratching, crowing and sometimes singing chickens running around the yard. When a hen house was almost as necessary as an outhouse! Chickens roamed about the countryside before electricity, indoor plumbing or telephones were invented. Today's chicken is only seen through glass at Butcher Boys or some other general store.

In the good old days my dad owned a very large flock of chickens, all colors and sizes. The first time I decided to help my dad collect eggs I was about eight years of age. I followed him into one of the chicken coops with a little pail and those evil eyed hens just sat on their nests glaring at us, daring us to come closer. I didn't want my delicate hands being pecked by those evil eyed hens who diligently guarded their nests. Repeatedly, I tried to slide my hand under her only to retreat from her pointy beak. Finally, my dad lost his patience with my hide-and-seek antics and uprooted several hens from their nests. The coop seemed to explode with swirling feathers and squawking, angry chickens as daddy announced "Now Bea, you can pick up your eggs." I was thrilled and I soon filled my pail with white, tan and brown eggs which were very fresh indeed.

Out of my dad's large flock of chickens, one little white leghorn was my pride and joy. When I went outside, she always saw me and came running just like a puppy. She loved peanuts and that was one item that I could have as many as I wanted from our store.

Quite often I filled my apron pockets then went outside and sat on the steps. All too soon she would come running to share my peanuts. Just a plain little white hen, but very special to me.

Many times during the summer, hens would steal away to lay eggs in secret hiding places and then come walking out proudly with several cute little balls of fluffy chicks tagging along, so happy to be alive.

So where have the chickens gone? They have short lives as mass produced commodities of large commercial operations. Fortunately, "a mighty few" still demand respect at events such as the Grahamsville Fair every summer and to me they continue to roost in my childhood memories. Perhaps they will be seen as free spirits once again, sometime, some place roaming around for they deserve it.

Applications Now Open for the 2025-2026 Leadership Sullivan Program

Monticello NY, July 21 2025 –The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation is proud to announce that applications are now open for the 2025-2026 Leadership Sullivan program, which begins this September. Designed to develop informed, committed leaders from all sectors of the community, Leadership Sullivan brings together professionals, public servants, and community advocates to learn, connect, and lead. Participants will engage in monthly full day seminars across the county on topics such as economic development, health and human services, education, agribusiness, government, and more.

The program kicks off with a required overnight retreat in September, followed by sessions running through June. Each seminar is designed to expand leadership skills, increase knowledge of regional issues, and foster collaborative problem solving.

Tuition is \$975 per participant, which includes all seminar materials, transportation, meals, and the overnight retreat. Financial assistance is available on a limited basis. Tuition may be paid by individuals, employers, or sponsoring organizations. The deadline to apply is August 15th, 2025.

Why apply

Participants will:

- o Build meaningful relationships with leaders across sectors
- o Strengthen leadership, team building, and communication skills
- o Gain deeper insight into challenges and opportunities facing Sullivan County
- o Join a growing network of program alumni positioned for local impact

Employers benefit too by investing in talent that's better prepared to lead with purpose, represent your organization in civic roles, and support strategic community initiatives.

Applications are due by August 15th, 2025. Space is limited and competitive. Those not accepted are encouraged to reapply in future years.

To apply, email Foundation@catskills.com or visit catskills.com for more information.

For questions, please contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at

office@catskills.com or 845 791 4200 x1

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Sullivan County Museum Weekend! Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27th



Buildings of the D&H Canal Interpretive Center, Summitville

(From Pg. 1) **Museums are offering free admission (except for Fort Delaware), special events, shop discounts, tours, giveaways, prizes and lots more for everyone! "This collaboration provides a wonderful opportunity for visitors to engage with Sullivan County's diverse and fascinating history,"** said Donna Steffens, Director of the Time & the Valleys Museum. "All the Museums are excited to introduce their museums to all visitors and share their unique Sullivan County stories."

Participating Museums:

Catskill Art Space, Hurleyville catskillartspace.org

Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, Livingston Manor cffcm.org

D&H Canal Interpretive Center, Summitville sullivanny.us/departments/parksrecreation/delawarehudson

Frederick Cook Society, Hurleyville frederickcookociety.org

Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg (no free admission) thedelawarecompany.org/fort-delaware-museum

Liberty Museum and Arts Center libertymuseum.com

Sullivan County Historical Society, Hurleyville scnyhistory.org

Ten Mile River Scout Museum, Narrowsburg tmrmuseum.org

Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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July 27 - 28

Sullivan County Museum Weekend

July 26 - 27, 2025
*Free Admission
Special Hours



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CONTACT

(845) 985-7700

timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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Catskill Fly Fishing Museum*
D&H Canal Interpretive Center*
Fort Delaware Museum
Frederick Cook Society*
Liberty Museum & Art Center*
Sullivan County Historical Society*
Ten Mile River Scout Museum*
Time and the Valleys Museum*

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Sullivan County Historical Society*

265 Main Street, Hurleyville - scnyhistory.org
Hours: Tues. to Sat: 10am-4:30pm, Sun. 1pm-4:30pm



Built in 1912 and housed in the historic Hurleyville Elementary School, The Sullivan County Museum is home to the Historical Society, the Frederick A. Cook Society and the Judge Lawrence Cooke Room. The museum includes several displays, a library, archive and historical rooms.

Time and the Valleys Museum*

332 Main Street, Grahamsville
Hours: Sat. & Sun. 12pm to 4pm
timeandthevalleymuseum.org



Connecting water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum strives to be the Catskills' leading resource for exploring the history and future of access to clean water. Interactive exhibits for children and adults. Visitors can explore interactive exhibits for children and adults, a recreated depression-era Catskill family farm, shop and research center.

Ten Mile River Scout Museum*

1481 Crystal Lake Road, Narrowsburg
Hours: 9am-5pm - scnyhistory.org



The TMR Scout museum is dedicated to preserving the history and artifacts of the TMR Scout Camps and the local area. Exhibits include memorabilia from all the camps created by the five boroughs of NYC since 1927, the historic Tusten Settlement and exhibits on local geology, flora and fauna.

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*Free Admission July 27-28

DID YOU KNOW?

Sullivan County history includes:

Polar exploration controversy

America's birthplace of fly fishing

Historic canals

Early settlements dating back to the 1750's

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Sullivan County

Museum Weekend

July 26 - 27



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Sullivan County Museum Weekend! Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27th

(From Pg. 5) For more information on Sullivan County Museum Weekend and contact info for each Museum, please go to www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org, call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Please contact each Museum for their open hours and special offerings. **The Time and the Valleys Museum, at 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County is open both days, noon to 4 p.m., and will be offering free admission, a 20% off all new memberships and free gift from the Museum shop!**

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open weekends Memorial Day to the end of September, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission is FREE for Museum members, adults are \$10 and children \$5.

All 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.

- **The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting** The Ever Evolving Art of Quilting a display of beautiful locally made quilts from the 1800s to today.

- **1930s Catskill Family Farm** is an outdoor, open air experience with many early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Buildings include a farm house, 1870s barn, saw mill, sap house, electric plant, pig pen, chicken coop, WORKING waterwheel building and many more!

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please email or call 845-985-7700.

Catskill Art Space*

48 Main Street, Hurleyville
catskillartspace.org

Hours: Fri. & Sat. 11am-5pm, Sun. 11am to 3pm



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

Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum*

11031 Old Route 17, Livingston Manor

cffcm.org - Hours: Fri. to Mon: 10am-4pm



CFFCM is dedicated to preserving the unique heritage of fly fishing through education and public programs, interactive exhibits and events. Located on a 53 acre campus, the center honors the people who made the Catskills the birthplace of fly fishing in America.

Frederick Cook Society*

265 Main Street, Hurleyville - frederickcookpolar.org

Hours: Sat. 10am-4:30pm & Sun. 1pm to 4:30pm



The Frederick Cook Society gallery includes exploration artefacts and photographs from Greenland, Alaska, the north and south poles. The Cook Society also assists writers and scholars researching the life of Sullivan County's native son, Dr. Frederick A. Cook (1865-1940)

D&H Canal Interpretive Center*

16 Bova Road, Summitville

Hours: Fri. & Sat. 10am-5pm & Sun. 12pm to 5pm



The D&H Canal Interpretive Center displays the historic remains of the former Delaware & Hudson Canal including a lock and waste weir. Explore life on the canal! Learn about the lock and enjoy the features of the site. Hike along the canal towpath from Summitville to Wurtsboro.

Fort Delaware Museum

6615 NY-97, Narrowsburg - Hours: 10am-5pm

thedelawarecompany.org/fort-delaware-museum



Fort Delaware Museum is a reconstruction of the Cushetunk settlement, which depicts the life of the Delaware Company Pioneers who settled the area in 1754. The museum features, exhibits, crafts, demonstrations, tours, and special events.

Liberty Museum & Arts Center*

46 South Main Street, Liberty

libertymuseum.com - Hours: Fri-Sun, 12pm-4pm



Liberty Museum & Arts Center presents creative arts as well as programs of local and regional history. Each year a members' art show is held from over forty area artists. The second and third galleries showcase additional one and two person shows on a rotating basis.

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The Good Killer

Mysterious Book Report No. 410
by John Dwaine McKenna

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The last item in the late CWA Grand Master Elmore Leonard's famed "Ten Rules of Writing," is this: *Try to leave out the part readers tend to skip.*

What he meant in his tongue and cheek way, is don't bore the reader with superficial, unneeded, and unwanted minutiae. Keep driving the story forward

with action and excitement.

Now, an emerging hard-boiled writing talent named Harry Dolan, is doing just that. He's a disciple of Leonard who took his lessons to heart and got them right . . . so right in fact, that we're looking at Mr. Dolan's fifth, and newest, to be his breakout novel. The one that vaults him into fame and national prominence. Yeah – it's that well done.

The Good Killer, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 339 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-4841-4) by Harry Dolan, begins in Houston, Texas. That's where a socially inept loser named Henry Alan Keen has just been dropped by a woman he's dated a few times. Despondent, Henry Keen tries to kill himself, but chickens out when it's time to pull the trigger. Then, he has a better idea. He'll go to the mall where his former flame works and make her watch as he shoots the place up. That'll impress her for certain. Sure it will.

But when Keen puts his plan into action, killing and wounding a number of people in front of his terrified former dating partner, he's killed by an Iraq War veteran – and the main protagonist of this kinetic novel – named Sean Tennant. He runs toward the gun-

fire when it starts, and calmly shoots Keen . . . once in the chest and once in the head . . . all of that activity happens in the first twenty-five pages of this finely tuned, intricately-crafted and serpentine-plotted novel. Twists, revelations and action sequences are revealed in every chapter, on almost every page. Here's a few . . .

After aiding some of the wounded, Sean Tennant disappears. He's a man with a past, a national hero and a fugitive, all at the same time . . . running from a past too painful to face, and too dangerous to deny. Sean and his girlfriend Molly have been living on a razors-edge for more than five years now, hoping for the best, but expecting the worst as they run for their lives.

The Good Killer will grab you on the first page and never let go until the last one, when you'll be gasping for breath, saying "Damn, I didn't see that coming!" and howling for more from Harry Dolan!

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is to like us and share it with others on Facebook.

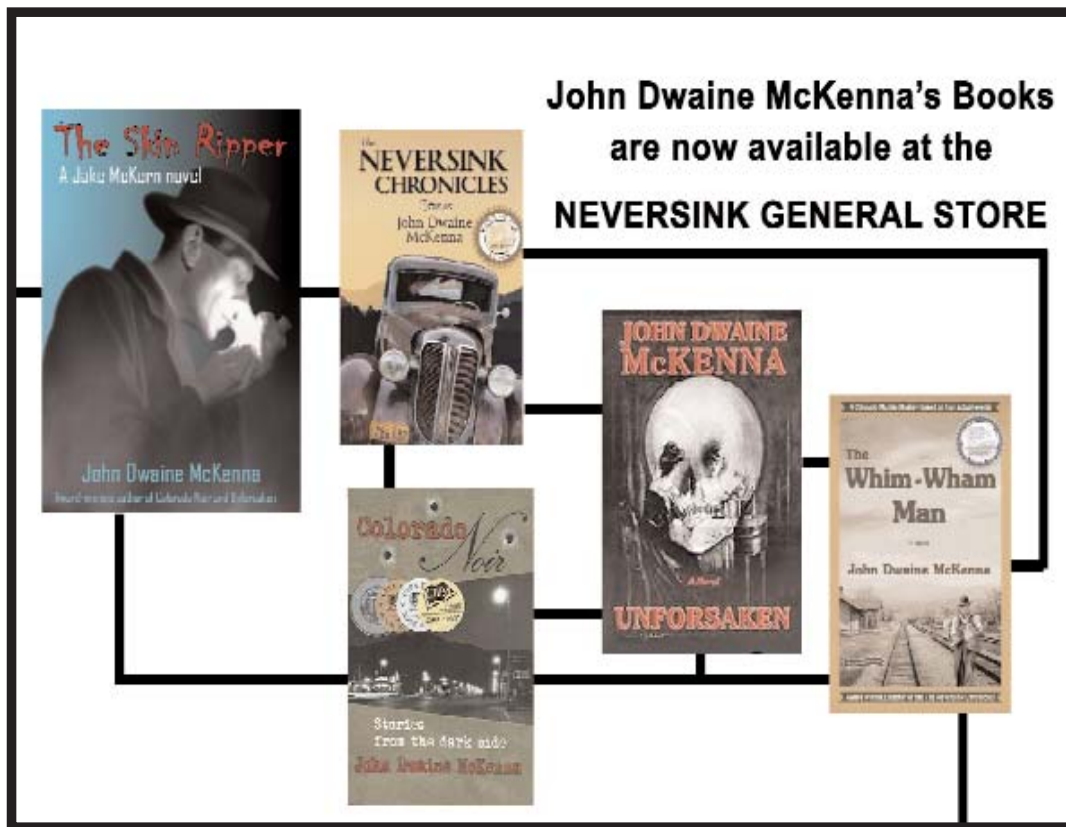
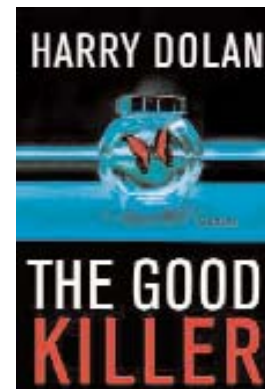
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are now available at the
NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE



The Olive Jar

by Carol Olsen LaMonda

“Splish, Splash”

For a tiny little town, we have an outstanding recreation program with a day camp that meets Monday through Thursday until the first week in August. Those lucky little campers get to use a pool, the Peter T. Tosi Memorial Pool, during their day.

When the campers go home, the pool is open to residents of the Town of Olive for reasonable cost. Residents can buy an individual membership for \$50 or a family membership for \$100. Seniors are \$40 and \$80. A day pass is \$3. for adult residents, and \$2. for children. Guests of residents pay \$5. The pool is open Monday through Thursday from 3:30-8 p.m. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the pool is available from 11-8 p.m.

I have been doing an hour a day in laps and treading water there, and as I look around, I feel fortunate to have such a fine facility surrounded by a lush park and scenic mountains. There is a nice bath house, friendly and attentive life guards, and a pool that boasts lap lanes and a kiddie pool.

I am just getting into the “swim” (pun intended) of this sum-



wmer thing, and I was shocked back into reality when today's paper (the other one) was chock full of circulars with notebooks, backpacks, pens and paper on sale with “Back to School” slogans heading each page.

The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means “**Toward the Sun**,” was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column “The Olive Jar” for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice.

Feel the warmth of “Prosilio” as you read Carol’s memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!

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mer thing, and I was shocked back into reality when today's paper (the other one) was chock full of circulars with notebooks, backpacks, pens and paper on sale with “Back to School” slogans heading each page.

Summer is too short, and we are heading toward August when the mind set moves from planting flowers to complaining about weeding, when summer clothes go on sale, when we start counting days until Labor Day. Even though I am retired, I feel that turning point when we realize the limited days of summer are numbered. I still look at those sale flyers and feel the urge to shop for that fifty-cent composition book.

Instead, on this nice sunny day, I am packing a bag with sun block, a towel, sunglasses and will be heading to the pool with Pat Tosi,

wife of the fine man who worked so hard as Councilman on the Town Board to convince the public to replace the tiny, cold, leaky pool we used to have. The pool did not come easily into being. Nothing new comes without the naysayers and the penny pinchers.

Pete died much too young but would be proud of this fine facility and the enjoyment the pool has brought to Olive.

During this heat wave, the pool is my afternoon oasis. As I wallow away, I become more refreshed and relaxed as I chat with the generations of neighbors and friends.

Entertainment Night is Just a Day Away! Join us as we reach our 2025 "Color Our World" SRP half way point

By Lisa Carroll

GRAHAMASVILLE-Wow, the days are flying by!

We are at our half way point for the 2025 "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program. With that, there are a few deadlines to remind all our participants of. First, the bookmark design contest closes on Thursday, July 24. So, if you are between the ages of 5 and 18, are a Tri Valley resident and would like to enter the contest, please have your submission to the children's circulation desk by Thursday! Also, hopefully everyone from babies to adults have been keeping track of their reading and have been filling in the reading logs. There are cool prizes and raffles as you turn in your logs and BINGO gameboards so don't delay.

Our very popular Entertainment Night is coming up, also on Thursday, July 24. If you haven't done so yet, please pre-register. It's going to be amazing! This year, we're featuring Skyhunters In Flight presented by Brian and Teddy, who are master falconers with over 30 years of experience. They will be showing off their incredible knowledge as well as some really awesome birds. This experience will be fantastic for all age groups. Keep in mind that it'll be at the Grahamsville fairgrounds and you should bring a chair or blanket for ultimate comfort while watching the show. Also, every child will leave with a brand-new book of their choosing-a win, win!

Additionally, while Pierce is growing longer by the day (he's our resident rock snake) we're all pretty sure he can get MUCH longer, so stop at the library and pick up a rock to paint or bring an already painted rock in and add it to Pierce. If you can clear coat spray it before leaving it here, that would be great. If you can't, we have extra and can spray it, just let us know.

Then, in August, we have some really cool programs coming up.

First, on Thursday, August 7 from 6-7PM is our honeybees program. Join us, along with master beekeeper, Bill Boyle, as we dive into the wonderful world of bees. Boyle will take us through the floral preferences of honeybees as well as their importance of these amazing pollinators. This event is open to



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adults and children 9 years and older. Please register online.

Then, on Thursday, August 28, local artist, Chris Parrow, will be hosting an adult Watercolor Painting event. Please join us as she explores the world of floral still life. You'll learn about brushwork, composition, color, color mixing and the particulars of watercolor painting. No experience is necessary but there is limited seating. So please register online as soon as possible. Also, there is a \$5 supply fee.

In addition to all the fabulous programs we're having this summer, we're also getting in a lot of new books. Stop by and you'll find the perfect one for that evening on the deck or while pool side as the kids take their swimming lessons. If you aren't going away this summer, reading an engaging story of faraway places is the next best thing! Even if you are going away, having a book in hand would make the traveling and down times that much easier. We have a collection of especially good "beachy" reads showcased on each floor and can offer recommendations if needed.



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**Ulster County Finance
Commissioner Roseann Daw
to Depart; Deputy
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to Serve as Acting
Commissioner**

KINGSTON, NY - Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger today announced that Commissioner of Finance Roseann Daw will be stepping down at the end of July to attend to family obligations, after more than two years of dedicated service to the County. Upon her departure, Deputy Commissioner Max Cordella will assume the role of Acting Commissioner of Finance.

Daw, appointed in 2023, brought more than 25 years of accounting and managerial experience to the County. Her tenure helped strengthen fiscal oversight, modernize internal processes, and promote transparent financial management.

"We thank Roseann for her service to Ulster County and wish her the very best in her next professional chapter," said County Executive Jen Metzger. "Her work over the past two years helped strengthen internal financial processes and ensure transparency, and we're grateful for her contributions. Deputy Commissioner Max Cordella will serve as Acting Finance Commissioner and is well-prepared to step into this position and maintain continuity in the Department of Finance."

Cordella was hired around the same time as Commissioner Daw and has been in charge of a broad portfolio of financial management responsibilities. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Columbia University and a Master of Science in Finance and Economics from the London School of Economics. He will take on the role of Acting Commissioner of Finance effective August 1.

**DON GIOVANNI by
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in English
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10th at 2pm
at Delaware Valley
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First performed in 1787, Don Giovanni is Mozart's exhilarating retelling of the Don Juan legend, filled with some of his most famous and much-loved music. Combining comedy and tragedy, the opera follows the notorious womaniser as he lusts his way towards his dramatic downfall.

Cast

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Robert Gardner, Don Giovanni
Jonathan Stinson, Leporello
Troy Freeman, Ottavio
Kelsey Watts, Zerlina
Andrew Jurden, Mazetto
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Sullivan County Seeks Farm Applicants for Farmland Protection Grant Program

LIBERTY, NY- The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB), in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) and the Orange County Land Trust (OCLT), is currently seeking farm owners interested in applying for the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYS-DAM) Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program.

This initiative offers a unique opportunity for farmers to permanently protect their land from future development through agricultural conservation easements, while continuing to actively farm. Participating farms must be actively farming the property and committed to placing a permanent land protection agreement on their property, ensuring it remains in agricultural use for generations to come.

"Preserving farmland is essential to safeguarding our local food supply, supporting family farms, and maintaining the rural character of Sullivan County," said Melinda Meddaugh, Agriculture & Food Systems Sr. Issue Leader at CCESC. "This program provides critical resources to help landowners protect their legacy."

To qualify, interested farms must submit a Pre-Application Inquiry Form by Friday, August 22, 2025. The Sullivan County AFPB will review and rank submissions before forwarding selected applications to the Orange County Land Trust for inclusion in the state grant process. After submitting the pre-application form, a representative from the Orange County Land Trust will follow up directly with applicants to discuss the program in more detail and review eligibility requirements. When offered in the past, the grant has been highly competitive, with requests for State assistance often exceeding available funds.

How to Apply: Visit the Farmland Preservation Project website to download the inquiry form.

Submit completed forms via email to Melinda Meddaugh at mm2592@cornell.edu or Michael Sweeton at michael@octl.org.

Alternatively, mail forms to:

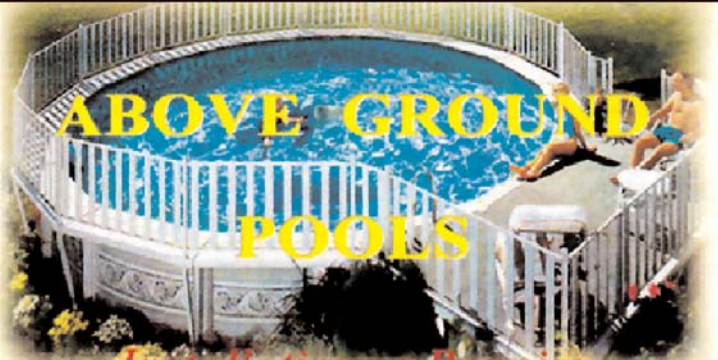
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For more information about the NYSDAM FPIG Program, visit the official program page. For more information about the Sullivan County Farmland Preservation project, visit the CCE Sullivan program page.

This effort is part of a broader initiative to preserve open space, protect historic sites, and strengthen the rural economy through strategic land conservation and community engagement. The program is proudly supported by the Sullivan County Legislature, which recognizes the vital role that farmland plays in the county's heritage, economy, and future sustainability. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. The public can contact the office to request accommodations.

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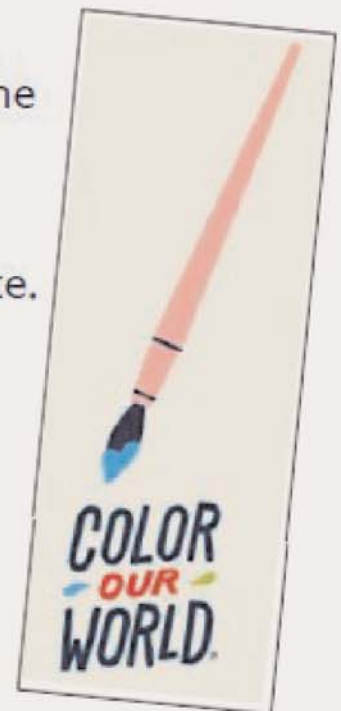
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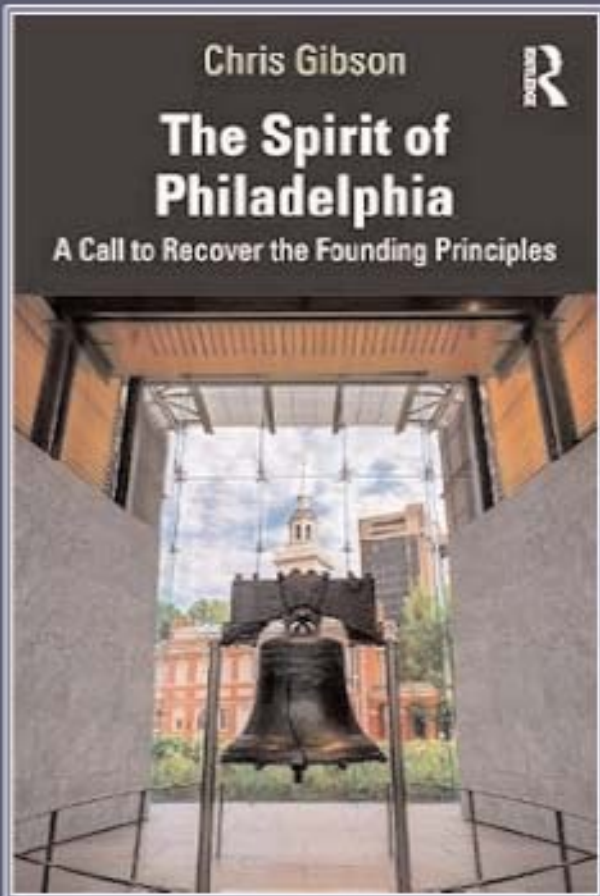
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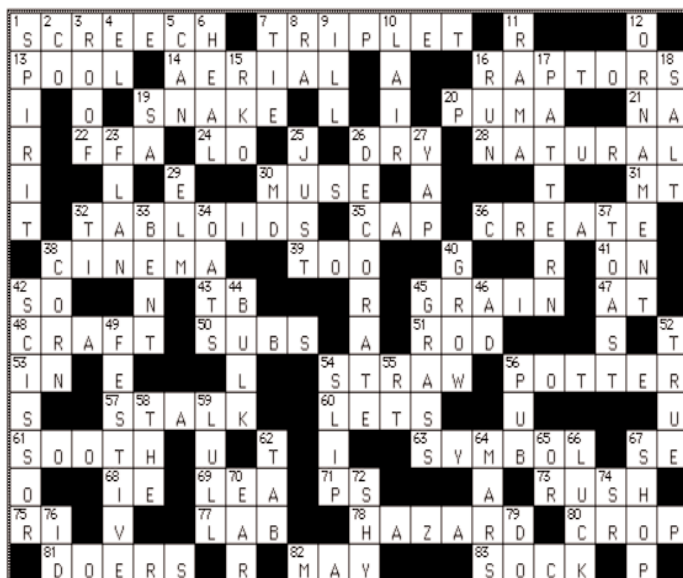
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LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7/26/25 **Sundown UMC Ladies Weekend Indoor Yard Sale - ~~CANCELLED THIS WEEK - NO SALE~~**
7/29/25 Comptroller's Town Hall 6 pm at the Claryville Fire House
8/2/25 Sundown UMC Ladies Saturday Indoor Yard Sale 9 am - 1 pm Sundown UMC Hall
 8/2/25 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon**
 8/2/25 **Sundown UMC Covered Dish Supper 5:30 Church**
 8/5/25 Claryville Fire District Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
 8/12/25 Denning Town Board & Business Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 8/13/25 Town of Neversink - Board Meeting
 8/20/25 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association** Grahamsville Firehouse 7 pm
 8/21/25 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town of Town Hall
 8/21/25 Neversink Fire District Commissioner Meeting 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE!**145th Annual Little World's Fair - Aug 15th thru Aug 17, 2025****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.

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Weekly Update

For The Week of

July 21 - July 25, 2025

Monday, July 21

- o **CANCELLED** - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting
- o **6:00 PM** - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

Tuesday, July 22

- o **6:00 PM** - Ulster County Transit Riders & Intermodal Advisory Committee, Via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 5272 1551

Wednesday, July 23

- o **12:00 PM** - Resolution Deadline
- o **3:00 PM** - Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board, in the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, 12419
- o **7:00 PM** - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, 5 Park Lane, Highland, 12528

Thursday, July 24

- o No Meetings

Friday, July 25

- o No Meetings

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Hit Musical **WAITRESS** Set to Open at **SHADOWLAND STAGES** July 25th

Ellenville, NY - June 2025 - SHADOWLAND STAGES, a cultural cornerstone of the Hudson Valley now in its 40th Anniversary Season, proudly presents the hit musical **WAITRESS**, with music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles and a book by Jessie Nelson. Running from **July 25 through August 24**, this celebrated Broadway musical will cook up some musical magic at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre during the height of the summer season in Ellenville, NY.

Based on the motion picture written by Adrienne Shelly, **WAITRESS** tells the story of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. When faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Jenna fears her dream of opening her own pie shop may be out of reach –until a baking contest in a nearby county and the arrival of the town's charming new doctor offer a tempting recipe for happiness.

Hailed by *The Hollywood Reporter* as “Thoroughly charming! A deep dish of feel-good feminist comfort food,” this beloved musical has captured hearts across the country.

The powerhouse cast features **Madeline Fansler** –fresh from performing internationally in productions of *Six* and *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* –as Jenna. Returning SHADOWLAND favorites from last season's *Beehive*, **Brandi Knox** and **Lizzie Cenicola**, will star as Becky and Dawn, respectively. The cast also includes **Austin Mirsoltani**, **Nathaniel Anchetta**, **Bree Ogaldez**, **Lindsay O'Neil**, **Mark Mazzarella**, **Ray Faiola**, and **Aaron Mitchum**.

SHADOWLAND's Managing Director **Brittany Proia** will direct, with **Andrew Geller Karl** as choreographer, **Nathan Perry** as music director, and **Nicole Caroselli** as stage manager.

Performance Schedule & Tickets

Performances take place at SHADOWLAND's MainStage Theatre, located at 157 Canal Street in downtown Ellenville, NY.

Regular performances run **Thursday-Saturday at 8 PM, and Saturday & Sunday at 2 PM.**

“Pay What You Can” preview performances are offered on the **first Friday at 8 PM and Saturday at 2 PM** of each production.

Unplug and Play: Governor Hochul Announces Groundbreaking for Swimming Facility and Additional New Developments at Sojourner Truth State Park

• *Bond Act-Funded Project Supports Governor's NY SWIMS Initiative with Over 400-Person Swimming Facility in City of Kingston, First New Swimming Facility in the State Parks System in 20 Years*
New York State's Newest State Park Honors 19th Century African American Hudson Valley Native, Abolitionist and Suffragist

Governor Hochul announced the groundbreaking for the buildout of major elements of Sojourner Truth State Park in Ulster County, including a new swimming facility and bathhouse pavilion. Funded in part by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act, other highlights slated to be completed by summer of 2026 include a new park entrance, entry road, trails and restrooms for visitors, and staff maintenance and administrative buildings. Named in honor of the life and legacy of 19th-century African American abolitionist and suffragist, Sojourner Truth, the new park reclaims more than 500 acres of Hudson River shoreline land shared by the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster and advances New York State's commitment to Bond Act investments in disadvantaged communities.

"A lack of access to safe and convenient swimming opportunities has denied far too many New Yorkers the chance to get off line and get outside by engaging with the water and learning foundational water safety skills," Governor Hochul said. "The buildout at Sojourner Truth State Park is a step in the right direction to effect real change for Hudson Valley communities. This time next year, Ulster County residents and visitors will be welcomed to Lake Sophia to beat the heat and enjoy all that Sojourner Truth State Park has to offer, with more exciting park amenities continuing to be unveiled through 2027."

On the western side of the park, spring-fed quarry lake waters will become a public swimming facility named in honor of Sojourner Truth's daughter, Sophia - the first new swimming facility in the State Parks system in 20 years (previous was Sandy Island Beach in 2005). Aligning with Governor Hochul's Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative that invests in expanding swimming access across the State, Lake Sophia will offer hundreds of swimmers the option to enjoy a more structured swimming experience within a 12,000-square-foot floating swim crib or in a more adventurous deep-swim area. The swim crib will provide a safe environment for those learning to swim or who would benefit from the comprehensive accessible design. An adjacent pavilion will include public restrooms and showers, a first aid station and lifeguard facilities.

Other park improvements that will be completed by summer 2026 include a new convenient park entrance directly off of Route 32 in Kingston that will lead visitors to upgraded roadways, parking lots, and sitewide trails in the park. Restoration of existing historic structures that illustrate the manufacturing history of the park grounds will also be completed within this timeframe. (Contd. Pg. 27)

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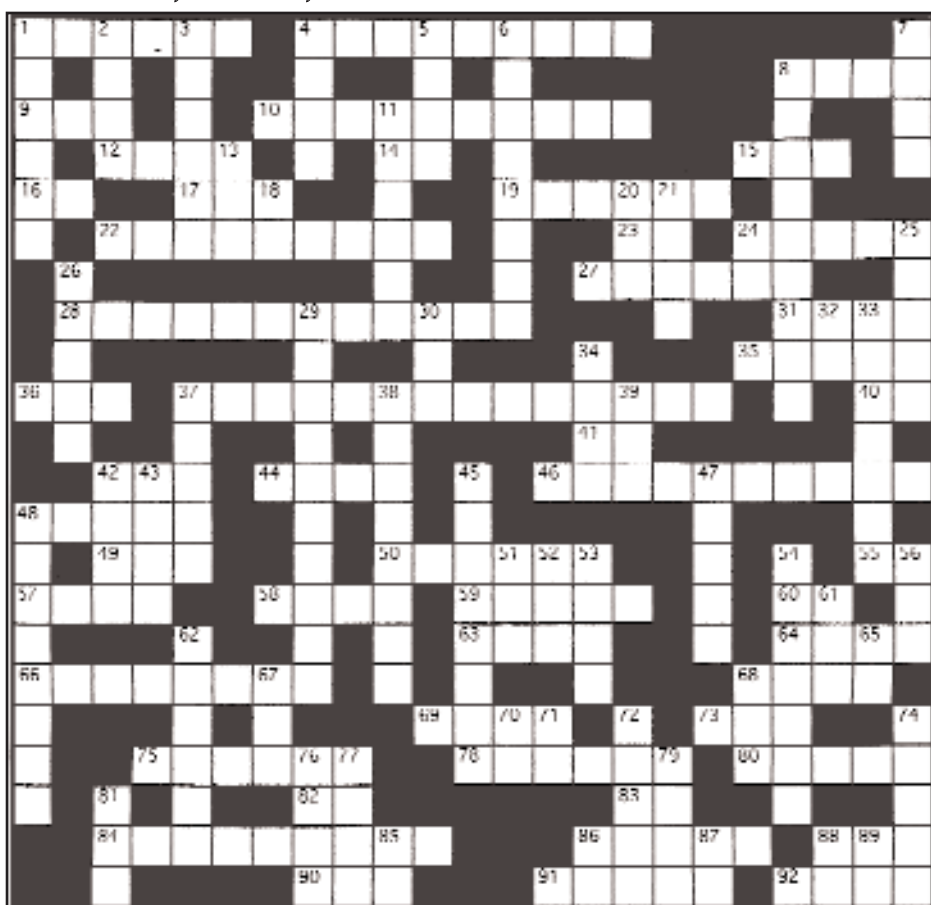
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Register for Watercolor Painting

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 16 Printer's measure
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 19 Story handed down for generations
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 23 To move along
 24 Forests
 27 Made of wood
 28 Main character in Mr. Knickerbocker's tale that took place in the Catskills
 31 Small flute-like instrument
 35 One-celled plants containing pigments
 36 Decade
 37 Process of making food in plants
 40 Card used for identification
 41 Second tone of the diatonic scale
 42 Small seed of a certain legume plant
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 46 Free from infectious agents
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 49 To no degree
 50 Little people who are believed by some to dwell in the Earth and guard her treasures
 55 South America
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 59 To make weak
 60 Secret Service
 63 A tone of definite pitch
 64 Edible inner part of a nut
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 84 Tri-Valley's mountains
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 29 Steep fall of water
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 37 Living organism that is not ani-

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 52 Eastern Standard Time
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IMPOSSIBLE QUEADILLA PIE

- 2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles, drained
 4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 2 cups milk
 1 cup Bisquick
 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease a 10-inch pie plate. Sprinkle chiles and cheese into plate.

Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate. Bake until knife inserted between center and edge comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and guacamole if desired.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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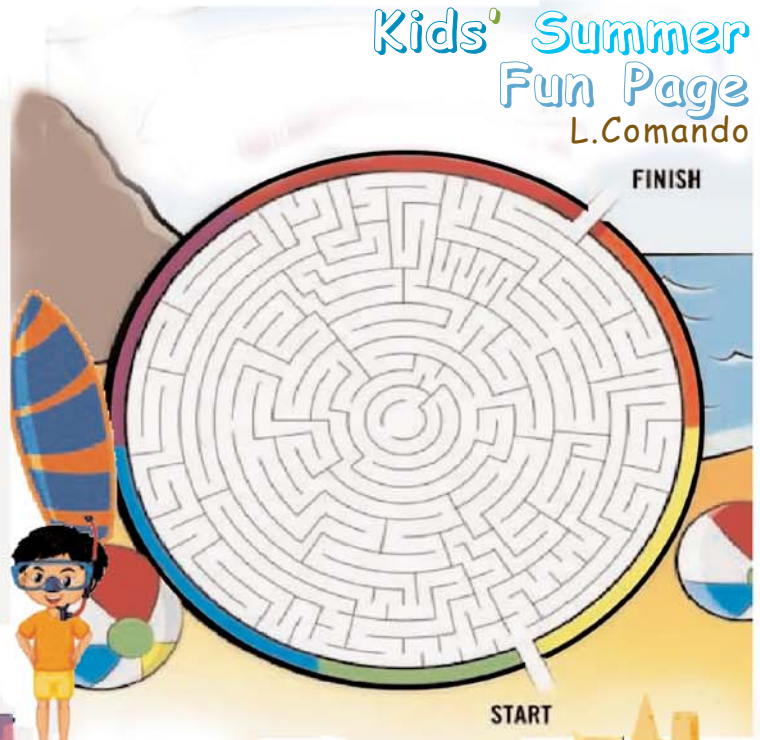
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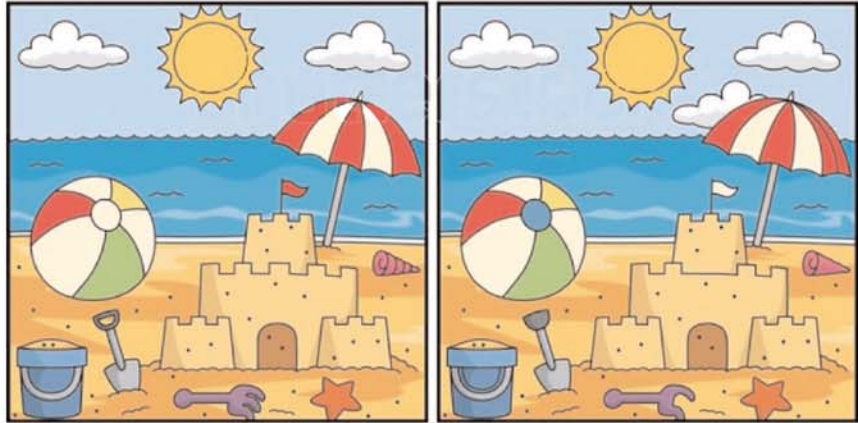
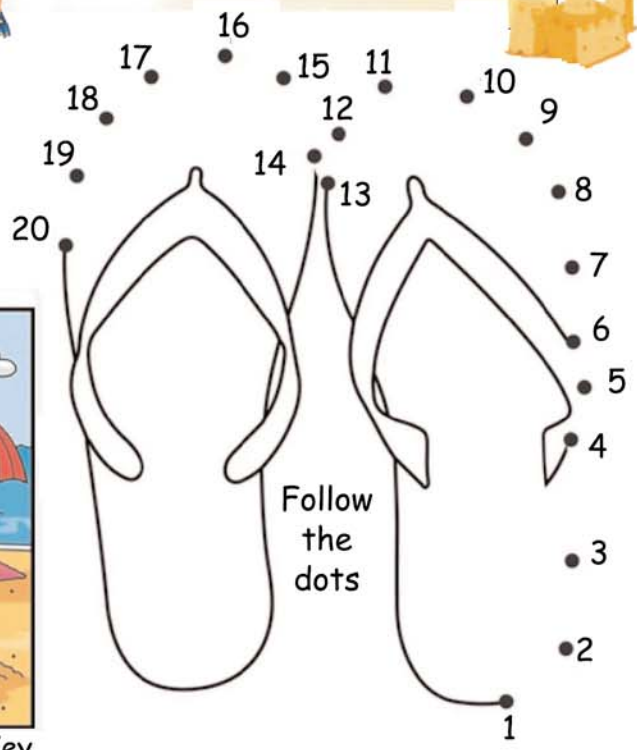
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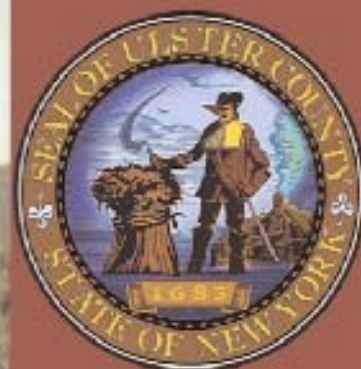
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6PM, JULY 29 AT THE CLARYVILLE FIREHOUSE

You are invited to participate in a discussion with Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher. This is an in-person meeting.***

- Learn about the Ulster County Federal Funds Impact report and how funding may affect you
- Hear about proposed local internet projects
- Questions & Answers
- Find out if you have Unclaimed Funds waiting for you
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5:30 pm

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Saturday, August 2nd

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July 26, 2025

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Distraction-free Schools: Governor Hochul, NYSUT and Capital Region School Districts Highlight Plans to Implement Bell-to-Bell Smartphone Restrictions This Fall

- *Follows State's Distraction-Free Schools Law for Bell-to-Bell Smartphone Restrictions in K-12 Schools Statewide*
- *Governor Hosts Roundtable with Capital Region Teachers, School Administrators and Other Stakeholders to Discuss Implementation*
- *All Public School Districts Statewide Must Publish Their Distraction-Free Policy by August 1*
- *Nearly 150 School Districts Across New York Have Already Finalized and Submitted Their Policy In Advance of August 1 Deadline*

Governor Kathy Hochul today held a roundtable with New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) President Melinda Person, Capital Region school district administrators, teachers and other stakeholders to highlight their plans for implementing bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions when school resumes this fall. Capital Region school districts participating in today's discussion included the Albany City School District, Schenectady City School District, Utica City School District and East Greenbush Central School District - all of whom have now finalized their distraction-free policy in advance of the State's August 1 deadline.

"As Governor, my priority is ensuring every New York student receives a high-quality education, free from constant clicking and scrolling - that's why I've directed my team to commit every available resource for school districts to develop their distraction-free learning policies by the August 1 deadline," Governor Hochul said. "I'm encouraged by my discussion with Capital Region school districts that have already implemented their distraction-free policy, and I am confident that New York will be ready to implement bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions on the first day of school."

The Distraction-Free Schools law signed by Governor Hochul requires bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions in K-12 school districts statewide, starting this fall for the 2025-2026

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school year. As part of that law, public school districts statewide must finalize and publish their distraction-free policy by August 1. The Governor also recently launched a website with a policy FAQ, toolkit and other key information about the State law as a resource for districts as they finalize their policy. The Governor also recently highlighted that nearly 150 school districts across New York have already submitted their distraction-free policy.

Governor Hochul's bell-to-bell policy creates a statewide standard for distraction-free schools in New York including:

- Prohibits unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day (from "bell to bell"), including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods
- Allows schools to develop their own plans for storing smartphones during the day - giving administrators and teachers the flexibility to do what works best for their buildings and students
- Secures \$13.5 million in funding to be made available for schools that need assistance in purchasing storage solutions to help them go distraction-free
- Requires schools to give parents a way to contact their kids during the day when necessary
- Requires teachers, parents and students to be consulted in developing the local policy
- Prevents inequitable discipline

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Distraction-free Schools: Governor Hochul, NYSUT and Capital Region School Districts Highlight Plans to Implement Bell-to-Bell Smartphone Restrictions this Fall

(From Pg. 37) Governor Hochul's policy allows authorized access to simple cellphones without internet capability, as well as internet-enabled devices officially provided by their school for classroom instruction, such as laptops or tablets used as part of lesson plans.

New York State United Teachers President Melinda Person said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for championing this effort, and for trusting educators and communities to lead it. We're not banning connection; we're restoring it. Human connection. Academic connection. The kind that only happens when students can look up from their phones and engage with the world - and the people - around them."

Additionally, the Governor's policy includes several exemptions to smartphone restrictions, including for students who require access to an internet-enabled device to manage a medical condition, where required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), for academic purposes or for other legitimate purposes, such as translation, family caregiving and emergencies.

Governor Hochul pursued this initiative after engaging in a statewide listening tour with teachers, parents, and students. Her report "More Learning, Less Scrolling: Creating Distraction-Free Schools" underscores the following:

- o Smartphones distract students and inhibit learning and creativity
- o Phone-free environments do not compromise student safety
- o Phone-free environments support the mental health of students and teachers
- o Open communication and direct guidance for all stakeholders is key for successful implementation
- o Schools must address any parent concerns about staying in contact with their children during the day
- o An effective distraction-free policy must focus on the entire school day, rather than solely on time in the classroom
- o Schools can strengthen their distraction-free environment by connecting more students with in-person engagement like clubs, sports, arts and other programming

State Senator Patricia Fahy said, "If kids are distracted in the classroom, they aren't learning, it's that simple. Right now, students spend more than 90 minutes each school day on their phones. With New York's new cellphone ban, students will be able to focus on what matters most--learning, building social relationships, and preparing themselves to enter a career or college. I want to thank Governor Hochul, my colleagues, and our teachers for getting this done this year and for investing in our students' success."

Assemblymember John T. McDonald III, RPh said, "The Governor's initiative to create a distraction free learning environment for our children was a critical initiative in this year's budget and for good reason. Our students and teachers and staff are entitled to a distraction free environment for learning, and I commend the Governor for bringing this initiative to the Legislature after several months of meetings throughout the state of New York to make sure the right policy was considered

and approved - and it was. Those in the education community and society at large will benefit for generations to come as this policy is fully implemented starting this fall."

Assemblymember Gabriella A. Romero said, "Governor Hochul's initiative to create distraction-free schools is critically important, as it has the potential to improve student mental health and promote in-person connection. Today's roundtable offered administrators, teachers, and stakeholders a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas and explore how this policy can be implemented successfully in each individual school for the upcoming year."

Assemblymember Phil Steck said, "Every time I talk with educators, I hear the same thing. Students are more distracted than ever, and their ability to connect face-to-face has taken a real hit. We can't ignore the impact constant phone use is having on learning and social development. Creating distraction-free schools is just common sense if we want kids focused in class and better prepared for life outside of it."

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy said, "Students need to be focused in order to learn and distractions, like the use of smartphones during the school day, impede this. I applaud Governor Hochul for championing the importance of the Distraction-Free Schools law. Bell-to-bell smartphone restrictions will also promote increased face-to-face interaction and that will promote socialization. Parents should be communicating with their school districts to let them know their concerns and how they can stay connected with their kids as needed during the school day."



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DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review *Recent Statewide Forest Ranger Actions*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate, and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2024, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 362 search and rescue missions, extinguished 122 wildfires covering nearly 6,500 acres, participated in 60 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,155 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in more than 1,200 tickets and arrests.

“DEC's Forest Rangers bravely protect State-owned and managed lands, as well as the people who use them. Whether conducting a search and rescue call or responding to a wildfire burning out of control, Rangers are always ready when emergencies strike,” DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton said. “Every day and in all conditions, Forest Rangers demonstrate their expertise and leadership in protecting the public and State lands, serving as role models for the next generation of environmental stewards. DEC encourages interested New Yorkers to visit DEC's website to learn how to become the next New York State Forest Ranger.”

Village of Middleburgh, Schoharie County

Water Recovery: On July 14 at 11:32 a.m., Forest Ranger France responded to a call for a missing person along the Schoharie Creek. The subject had been missing since the previous afternoon. Ranger France, the New York State Police (NYSP) Dive Team, New York State Office of Fire Prevention, Schoharie County Sheriff's Office, Schoharie County Search and Rescue, DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers, and the Middleburgh and Schoharie Fire Departments joined in the search efforts. At 5:15 p.m., a Schoharie County Sheriff's Office drone detected activity downstream approximately 500 yards from the NYSP Dive Team. At 5:35 p.m., the NYSP Dive Team located the 39-year-old subject deceased. The Sheriff's Department is leading the investigation.

Town of Hunter, Greene County

Dog Rescue: On July 16 at 11:38 a.m., Greene County request-

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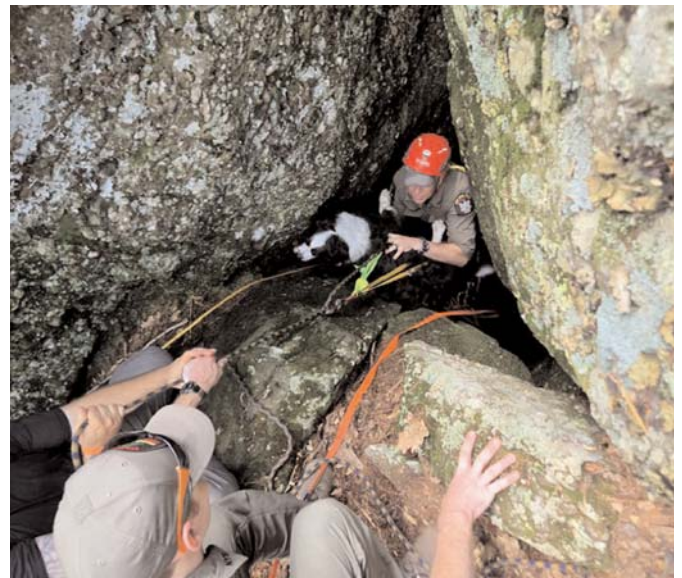
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ed Forest Ranger assistance with a dog that had fallen into a crevice on the Escarpment Trail. Rangers Welch and Dawson set up a rope and pulley system. Ranger Dawson rappelled into the crevice.



Ranger Welch and an off-duty Greene County Sheriff's Deputy helped pull the one-and-a-half-year-old Australian shepherd to safety. Learn more from the dog's owner on DEC's YouTube page.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/QdNrNHtZvIA>
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DEC Forest Rangers - Week in Review

(From Pg. 40) **Village of Middleburgh, Schoharie County**

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Town of Inlet, Hamilton County

Wilderness Search: On July 16 at 2 p.m., Herkimer County transferred a call to Ray Brook Dispatch from three hikers off trail on Black Bear Mountain. The 44-year-old and two teenagers from Pennsylvania followed blue paint on trees down the summit. Forest Rangers Miller and Nahor responded to the coordinates from the call, found the three subjects in good spirits, and assisted them back to their vehicle. Resources were clear at 4:30 p.m.

It is illegal to add paint to a trail. Responsible parties may face misdemeanor-level charges if caught.



Town of Brighton, Franklin County

Wilderness Rescue: On July 17 at 1:25 p.m., Ray Brook Dispatch received a call about an elderly hiker who had fallen down an embankment. The 92-year-old from Saranac Lake was unable to walk on their own. Forest Rangers Adams, and H. Prackajlo, Paul Smiths Gabriels, and Saranac Lake Fire Departments reached the subject and assisted them down to the Black Pond trailhead. Saranac Lake Rescue transported the hiker to the hospital. Resources were clear at 2:10 p.m.

Town of Newcomb, Essex County

Wilderness Rescue: On July 17 at 5:40 p.m., Forest Rangers Ordway, Quinones, and Sabo responded to a call for an unprepared, lost hiker near Bradley Pond. Rangers removed blown-down trees to reach the 73-year-old. At 10:39 p.m., Rangers reached the hiker, rewarmed them, and provided food and drink. Once the hiker was feeling better, Rangers assisted them back to the trailhead. Resources were clear at 5:25 a.m.

DEC encourages hikers to bring plenty of food and water for their hike in case the hike lasts longer than expected. Proper preparation for a hike can reduce the risk of dehydration.

Town of Middlesex, Yates County

Wilderness Rescue: On July 18 at 8:30 a.m., Yates County 911 contacted Forest Ranger Dormer about an injured hiker at Clark's Gully. The patient called 911 but dispatchers had difficulty understanding the caller, likely due to a head injury sustained overnight. At 9:50 a.m., Ranger Dormer reached the patient and worked with the Ontario County and Yates County ropes teams on a low-angle rope rescue. At 11:56 a.m., rescuers made it out of the gully with the hiker, who was then transported to Canandaigua Emergency Ambulance to a waiting Mercy flight. Middlesex and Naples Fire Departments, Canandaigua Advanced Life Support, and the Yates County Sheriff all assisted in the rescue.

Clark Gully rescue

Town of Middletown, Delaware County

Wilderness Rescue: On July 18 at 4:32 p.m., Forest Rangers Commerford and Seeley responded to a call for an injured hiker on the Huckleberry Loop approximately two miles from the Hill Road trailhead in the Dry Brook Ridge Wild Forest. The 69-year-old from White Plains had slipped on a wet rock and suffered an upper leg injury. With the assistance of trekking poles, the hiker continued to walk down the loop. At 6:24 p.m., Ranger Seeley reached the subject and conducted a medical assessment. At 6:35 p.m., Ranger Commerford, Margaretville Fire, and Margaretville EMS reached Ranger Seeley and the subject. Rescuers used a wheeled litter to carry the subject to a Margaretville Fire UTV. At 8:40 p.m. for eventual transport to an area hospital.

Pine Bush, Ulster County

Wilderness Search: On July 20 at 2:50 p.m., Ulster County Dispatch contacted Forest Ranger Rusher about two parents and their six children dehydrated and potentially lost in the Shawangunk Ridge State Forest. Ranger Rusher joined New York State Police, Ulster County Fire Coordinator, and Burlingham, Cragmoor, Ellenville, and Walker Valley Fire Departments in the search. A 14-year-old member of the party made it to the Cox Road parking lot with three siblings. Then the mother and another child made it out. The father and the sixth child were lost on the other side of the mountain. At 4:10 p.m., Rangers Rusher and Schweider reached the final two hikers. An Ellenville medic determined the father should be brought to the hospital due to lethargy and low blood sugar and brought them to the hospital. Resources were clear at 5 p.m.



Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information, and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

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Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

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Protecting Wild Beauty, Enriching the Future

Marking a landmark win for conservation and outdoor recreation in New York State, Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced the permanent protection of 900 acres in the Catskill Forest Preserve—the largest expansion to the preserve in 14 years. The state also celebrated major progress on crucial infrastructure upgrades at Peekamoose Blue Hole in Sundown Wild Forest, enhancing visitor safety and accessibility at one of the region's most popular summertime destinations.

The newly protected parcel in Olive, New York, will expand the public's access to nature, safeguard drinking water and wildlife habitats, and ensure undisturbed views of the Catskill peaks from the Ashokan Reservoir Promenade all the way to the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge.

Both achievements underscore what's possible when the outdoor community comes together to protect wild spaces and connect more people with nature.

New York Expands the Catskill Preserve with 900-Acre Addition, Improves Visitor Safety at Peekamoose Blue Hole

Enhancing the Blue Hole for a More Sustainable Future

Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor, the state held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 9 to celebrate the construction of a new 60-car parking lot at Peekamoose Blue Hole and the completion of the first phase of a 3,270-foot accessible connector trail designed to improve visitor experience and promote sustainable trail use. The second and final phase, currently underway, will include a footbridge and retaining wall, further enhancing visitor safety and accessibility at one of the Catskills' most visited destinations.

DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton (left) and Executive



Director of the Catskill Center Jeff Senterman (right) speak at the July 9 ribbon-cutting ceremony at Peekamoose Blue Hole

A reminder that visitor permits are required for the entire Peekamoose Valley Riparian Corridor, including the Blue Hole, between May 15 and September 15, and can be obtained through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's website.

<https://dec.ny.gov/places/peekamoose-blue-hole>

A Team Effort, Many Years in the Making

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation worked closely with the Open Space Institute to secure the 900-acre expansion of the Catskill Forest Preserve in Olive, New York, after OSI acquired the land from private owners the Golden family.

In 2017, when visitation at Peekamoose Blue Hole surged, the Trail Conference stepped up to play a key role in protecting the unique aquatic feature. Working closely with DEC and other part-

ners, we first deployed our stewards to educate visitors and manage the influx of traffic. Later, we led cleanup efforts and helped convene roundtable discussions with local and state constituents to develop a long-term plan.

These efforts, which spanned years, laid the groundwork for a multi-tiered strategy rooted in trail sustainability and Leave No Trace principles—ensuring the Blue Hole remains protected for future generations.

Permits for Peekamoose Blue Hole are required 7 days per week, from May 15 through September 15 of each year. Permits are valid for one vehicle and up to 5 people.

Permits are available as late as the same day, but no more than 7 days in advance. There is a limit of 50 permits issued per day.

There is an approximate 0.6-mile walk from the parking area to the Blue Hole. The Blue Hole is a day-use area and is part of the Rondout Creek, which flows through the Peekamoose Valley to the Rondout Reservoir. The reservoir provides almost half of the drinking water for more than 9 million people in the New York City metropolitan area.

Special Regulations

DEC has issued special regulations for the Blue Hole and Peekamoose Valley because of the huge increase in visitors. The purpose of these regulations is to increase public safety and reduce impacts to the environmental resources.

o The following are prohibited at the Blue Hole (limited use will be allowed at the nearby designated camping area only):

- o Camping
- o All fires (including charcoal fires, wood fires, gas grills, propane stoves or other portable stoves)
- o Coolers larger than 12" in any direction
- o Use of portable generators
- o Glass containers
- o Alcoholic beverages
- o Radios and other audio devices
- o Parking is limited to designated parking areas only. Parking along the shoulder of the road is prohibited by the Town and is a Tow Away Zone.

o Except for the nearby designated camping area, the Blue Hole is only open to the public from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Those camping in the Lower Field with a valid camping permit will be allowed to access to the Blue Hole, without the need for a separate Day Pass for the duration of their stay. However, a separate Day Pass to the Blue Hole is required if you plan to visit the Blue Hole the day of your departure from the campsite.

o Users are required to use portable restroom facilities for human waste disposal and the dumpster for all other waste.


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High Bear Activity: There is a high level of bear activity in the Peekamoose Valley. To learn more about avoiding human-bear conflicts during your visit, go to <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/black-bear/management/bearwise>, or search "NYSDEC Reducing Human-Bear Conflicts" for more information.

Attention: : DEC Campgrounds: Same-day reservations will be allowed until 5pm on day of arrival at all DEC campgrounds. Reservations can be made online or through the Reserve America Call Center: 1-800-456-2267. Walk-ins will not be permitted.

To get a permit go to:


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Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism Condemns Antisemitic Graffiti at Local Mall

The Sullivan County Coalition Against Antisemitism expressed its outrage and distress at seeing the grossly antisemitic graffiti found at the entrance to the Thompson Square Mall with the false charge that “Jews did 9/11.”

The Coalition of ten local synagogues and Jewish congregations was formed recently to combat antisemitism and help educate the community to counter hate and bigotry.

“We call on our local officials and leaders of all faiths to speak out and condemn such blatant acts of antisemitism and hate,” said Lynn Skolnick speaking on behalf of the Coalition.

For further information contact: coalitionvsantisemitism@gmail.com

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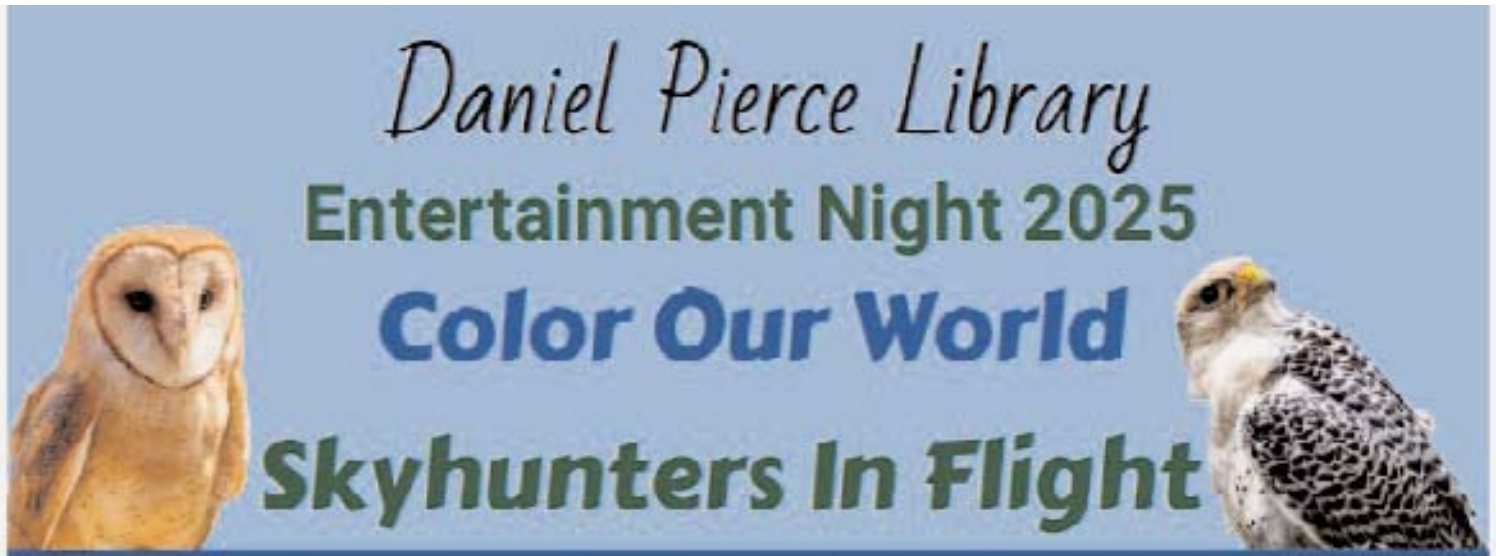
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Extra! Extra! Disney's Newsies Delivers High-Flying Entertainment AT FORESTBURGH PLAYHOUSE JULY 29 - AUGUST 10

Forestburgh, NY - Stop the presses! Disney's Newsies, the high-energy, crowd-pleasing musical that took Broadway by storm, opens at the Forestburgh Playhouse on July 29 and runs through August 10. Performances are Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8PM, Wednesdays at 2PM, and Sundays at 3PM.

Based on the true story of the 1899 Newsboys Strike in New York City, Newsies follows a fearless group of young dreamers who band together to fight for what's right-armed with nothing but their willpower, wit, and a whole lot of newspaper. Featuring a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, and jaw-dropping choreography that will have audiences cheering in the aisles, Newsies is a musical sensation for the whole family.

The Forestburgh Playhouse production is proudly sponsored by Jeff Bank, whose continued support helps bring bold and inspiring stories to life on stage. The entire 2025 Season is made possible by generous sponsorship from the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association, The River Reporter and Silent Maid. And thanks to Van Etten Energy Systems, the Playhouse stays powered up and shining bright all season long!

Directed and Choreographed by [Lauren Haughton Gillis] and with musical direction by Alex Arlotta, this production promises to deliver all the heart, grit, and soaring energy that has made Newsies a modern classic. "Newsies is more than just a musical-it's a call to action, a celebration of youth, and a powerful reminder that one voice can make a difference," said Producer, Franklin Trapp. "Our cast brings unstoppable energy and passion to the stage. This is a show that will leave audiences on their feet."

Tickets are on sale now and going fast! Don't miss your chance to 'Seize the Day' at the Forestburgh Playhouse.

For tickets and more information, visit www.fbplayhouse.org or call 845-794-1194.

Contact:
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About the Forestburgh Playhouse

Founded in 1947, the Forestburgh Playhouse has served as a beacon of the arts in the Sullivan Catskills for over 75 years. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Franklin Trapp, the Playhouse continues to deliver high-quality theatre productions and foster the development of new works. With a mission that encompasses professional theatre, arts education, and youth programming, the Playhouse attracts over 30,000 patrons each summer and is a proud pioneer in the resurgence of live performances.

The Forestburgh Playhouse is a non-for-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of the arts in Sullivan County, NY. (Federal ID #46-4432375, NYS Charities #44-50-97, NYS Tax Exempt #259887)

**Join us for SongClub
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Saturday, July 26 from
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SongClub is a drop-in singing experience that builds community through singing original arrangements of familiar songs in a safe and welcoming environment.

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Originally from Cape Town, South Africa and now living in upstate NY, Debbie Lan is a musician, choral director, vocal arranger, singer, lyricist, and award winning songwriter who has enjoyed many facets of making music.

Debbie has entertained audiences as a solo artist, with various bands and Playback Theater companies, written two musicals which premiered at The Rosendale Theater in Rosendale New York, and has taught music and singing to children 18 months through 8th grade.

Now in its 17th year, Debbie founded, directs and arranges songs for Bloom, a 50 voice ensemble, as well as The B2's, Perennial and The Resisterhood Community Choir. The ensembles have performed at many local venues singing original arrangements of an eclectic mix of uplifting and joyful songs.

Debbie also founded Songclub, a drop-in singing experience aimed at bringing communities together through singing original arrangements of familiar songs in a safe and welcoming environment. All voices and levels are welcome

The audience is the choir!

Debbie is passionate about building community through facilitating joyful and fulfilling group singing experiences for all voices.

For any updates and information about song choices please visit SongClub with Debbie Lan on Facebook.

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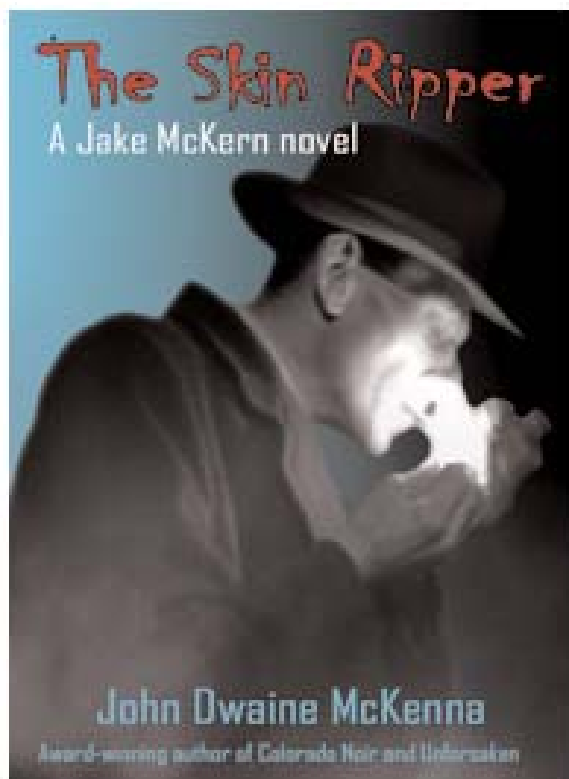
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Election Integrity Update

Free and fair elections are the bedrock of our Constitutional Republic. Americans deserve confidence that their votes won't be diluted by radical actors or non-citizens casting ballots illegally. As Chairwoman of the House Election Integrity Caucus, I'm leading the charge to restore trust in our electoral system.

This week, I introduced a package of legislation to secure our elections and put American citizens first. The Safeguarding Trust in our Politics Act bans partisan organizations from funding election-related activities that undermine public confidence in our electoral process. The Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act stops federal agencies from partnering with partisan, activist groups to conduct voter registration or mobilization efforts using your tax dollars. This package also includes a constitutional amendment to permanently prohibit non-citizens from voting in federal, state, and local elections. These are commonsense steps to defend the integrity of our elections and protect the sacred right to vote.

READ MORE: 3 Bills To Secure Elections Would End Noncitizen Voting, Ban Outside Meddling

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2025/07/16/exclusive-3-bills-secure-elections-would-end-noncitizen-voting-ban-outside-meddling/>

Introducing the Better Straws Act

Soggy paper straws that disintegrate mid-sip aren't just annoying, they're a perfect example of how far the Left will go to force its radical climate agenda on everyday Americans. Paper straws often cost more, perform worse, and can even leave behind a larger carbon footprint than plastic ones. The Better Straws Act codifies President Trump's executive order to ban federally mandated paper straws. This bill is about restoring common sense, defending consumer choice, and stopping the federal government from forcing a woke agenda on Americans. **READ MORE:** Trump-Ally Introduces Bill Aimed At Codifying EO On Paper Straws

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/exclusive-trump-ally-introduces-bill-aimed-at-codifying-eo-on-paper-straws/ar-AAIIEstY>

Securing our Northern Border

Recently, five Iranian nationals and two individuals from Uzbekistan were apprehended attempting to illegally cross our Northern Border near NY-24. These individuals were not just illegal border crossers; they came from countries of concern with known ties to terrorism. Under the Biden Administration's weak and reckless border policies, they likely would have been released into the U.S. and vanished into our communities. Thanks to President Trump's restored border enforcement and

common sense immigration policies, they are being held in custody and will be deported.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoJBHf6r3pQ>

Anniversary of President Trump's Assassination Attempt

One year ago this week, President Donald J. Trump survived an assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, when a bullet grazed his ear. I was honored to join my colleagues at a press conference marking this solemn anniversary and honoring President Trump's extraordinary courage and unwavering commitment to our country. Despite constant attacks, he's never backed down from fighting for the American people.

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

H. Res. 583, Denouncing the attack on a U.S. Border Patrol facility in McAllen, Texas: This resolution expresses that the House of Representatives condemns the violent attack on the U.S. Border Patrol facility in Texas, offers sympathies to the personnel injured in the attack, and reaffirms its strong support for the U.S. Border Patrol and their mission to protect the American people. On July 7, 2025, a man attacked a U.S. Border Patrol building in McAllen, Texas, resulting in injuries to three federal and local law enforcement personnel. This type of violence will never be tolerated, and this resolution emphasizes our commitment to the courageous officers who keep our communities safe.

H.R. 2398, the Rural Veterinary Workforce Act: This bill would amend the tax code to strengthen the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program to help increase the number of available veterinarians in federally designated shortage areas. Livestock and veterinarians are vital for enhancing the nation's animal health infrastructure and agricultural economy. By making important updates to this program, we can ensure rural areas across the country have access to the veterinary care they need.

H.R. 1046, the Marc Fischer Memorial Act: This bill would require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to develop and implement a strategy to interdict fentanyl and other synthetic drugs in the mail at Federal correctional facilities. Inmate mail is a primary entry point for smuggling drugs into federal prisons. The introduction of synthetic drugs presents a deadly threat to corrections officers and inmates, and intercepting these drugs will help protect corrections officers and provide a safer environment at federal prisons. This bill is named in memory of Supervisory Correctional Systems Specialist Marc Fischer, who died in 2024 following exposure to mail laced with illicit drugs.

Transparency in Congress and a well-informed electorate are vital to preserving our self-governing Constitutional Republic. My constituents deserve to know how their members of Congress vote, which is why I have explained every vote I have cast in Congress since I was first elected.

To read more about my votes and see the full list with explanations of all the legislation considered this week by the House, please click here. <https://tenney.house.gov/about/my-votes-explained> (Contd. Pg. 56)

This Week with Claudia (From Pg. 55)

July 14th, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1770, the Consumer Safety Technology Act. This bill would require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by the CPSC to support the agency's consumer product safety mission. Additionally, this would require the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to submit a report to Congress, describing the actions taken by the FTC against unfair or deceptive acts or practices in transactions involving digital tokens, as well as legislative recommendations to enhance the FTC's ability to protect consumers from such misconduct. In the new digital age of blockchain technology, federal agencies must be well-informed about digital currency and the use of AI to better safeguard consumers from deceptive practices. This bill passed by a vote of 336-36.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1709, the Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act. With advanced mobile networks and high daily traffic, it's essential for cybersecurity agencies to understand the landscape of these technologies and their vulnerabilities. This bill would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to produce a report to Congress on the status of US-based mobile network cybersecurity, the associated vulnerabilities, and available countermeasures or best practices. Analyzing the threats to mobile service providers helps identify the best resources to ultimately safeguard consumers' data and privacy from cyberattacks. This bill passed by a vote of 360-10.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1596, the Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge Act. Jocelyn Nungaray's life was tragically cut short on June 17, 2024, when she was brutally murdered in Houston, Texas by two Venezuelan illegal aliens who were allegedly Tren de Aragua gang members. This bill renames the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge near Houston, Texas, as the Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge and codifies President Trump's Executive Order 14229 to honor and remember Jocelyn's life. This bill passed by a vote of 372-0.

July 15th, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1717, the Communications Security Act. This bill would provide statutory authority for a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) council to make recommendations concerning the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks. The legislation clarifies that instead of creating a new council to handle these roles, the FCC can assign existing councils to take on these responsibilities. With increasingly brazen cyberattacks on mobile service providers, we must ensure that consumers and American businesses remain protected against attacks on our communications systems and protect consumers from these threats. This bill passed by a vote of 380-33.

July 17, 2025

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 3633 the Digital Asset Market Clarity (CLARITY) Act of 2025. This important legislation provides long-overdue rules of the road for digital asset markets and puts the United States on a path to lead the world in financial technology innovation. For years, digital asset developers and entrepreneurs have faced conflicting and ambiguous regulations. The lack of clear guidance has driven investment and talent overseas, putting American leadership and consumers at risk. The CLARITY Act ends this uncertainty by establishing a functional framework that classifies digital assets based on their characteristics

and provides regulatory certainty for how these assets are offered, traded, and safeguarded. The bill strengthens consumer protections while fostering innovation. It closes the gap in oversight of digital commodity spot markets by giving the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) clear authority to supervise trading platforms, brokers, and dealers. It also ensures that entities operating in both traditional and digital markets can serve New Yorkers without facing conflicting rules, by permitting dual registration with both the CFTC and the SEC. The bill passed the House by a vote of 294-134.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 1919, the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act to ensure no unelected bureaucrat has the power to turn the federal government into a surveillance tool for tracking how law-abiding Americans spend their money. A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), unlike decentralized digital assets, would be fully controlled by the government and could give federal agencies unprecedented access to personal financial data and set the stage for politically motivated censorship or restrictions on lawful purchases. This bill ensures that any move toward a CBDC must go through Congress, not be imposed by executive fiat. It bars the Federal Reserve from issuing a CBDC, blocks its use in implementing monetary policy, and codifies protections for financial privacy and individual liberty. Americans should never have to choose between technological progress and freedom. This bill is a strong stand for constitutional principles, free markets, and the right to privacy in a digital age. The bill passed the House by a vote of 219-210.

I voted "Yes" on S. 1582, the Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins (GENIUS) Act. This bill establishes a clear, forward-looking framework for payment stablecoins that protects consumers and strengthens our global financial leadership. With over \$220 billion in U.S. dollar stablecoins already in circulation, it's long past time to bring these digital payment tools under a well-defined set of rules that ensure they are backed by real assets like cash and Treasury securities. The GENIUS Act puts strong guardrails in place to ensure that stablecoin issuers operate transparently, maintain robust reserves, and cannot jeopardize financial stability. It also supports the strength of the dollar by increasing demand for U.S. debt, and gives American businesses and consumers a faster, cheaper, and more efficient way to send and receive payments. This bill protects the rights of stablecoin holders, ensures innovation stays in the United States, and reins in the potential for future political abuse of financial tools. The GENIUS Act is a commonsense, bipartisan step toward modernizing our financial system while keeping American values and economic strength at the center. The bill passed the House by a vote of 308-122.

I voted "Yes" on H.R. 4016, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026. H.R. 4016 fully funds our Department of Defense and ensures that our brave servicemembers and their families receive the support and equipment they need. This bill also prevents taxpayer dollars from being wasted on DEI, CRT, and drag queen story hours. Importantly, this bill includes huge wins for Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and Fort Drum and will support all our NY-24 servicemembers. Four of my amendments were included in this legislation which will bring over \$20M back to New York's 24th District to support our robust defense ecosystem. Furthermore, the bill addresses the threat posed by China by providing robust funding for INDOPACOM, the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, and support to our allies in the region. While House Democrats continue to play politics with our servicemembers, House Republicans are committed to standing with those who fight for our freedoms every day. This bill passed the House by a vote of 221-209.



Congressman Ryan Delivers on Vital Hudson Valley Priorities in Bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act

Ryan delivered on critical Hudson Valley priorities in this year's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); his actions accelerate cleanup and address health effects of PFAS at military sites (including at Stewart Air National Guard Base), advance critical counter-drone capabilities and expand the defense innovation ecosystem in New York

In addition to these local wins, Congressman Ryan also secured a 3.8% pay raise for our troops and \$1.5 billion in new construction of barracks, dormitories, housing, and child development centers

WASHINGTON, DC - This week, Congressman Pat Ryan helped pass the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) out of the House Armed Services Committee, delivering key wins for the Hudson Valley, among them actions to accelerate cleanup and address health effects of PFAS at military sites including Stewart Air National Guard Base, advance critical counter-drone capabilities, and expand the defense innovation ecosystem across New York.

In addition to these major local wins, Congressman Ryan also secured a 3.8% pay raise for our troops, \$1.5 billion of funding for new construction of barracks, dormitories, housing, and child development centers, as well as an additional \$460 million for environmental cleanup at military sites.

"I fought tooth and nail to deliver for Hudson Valley families and for our country," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "This year's NDAA includes a pivotal military pay raise, providing our servicemembers and their families the pay and peace of mind they deserve, as well as record-breaking investments in quality of life and barracks improvements for cadets and servicemembers. Equally important, I secured landmark expansions of our counter-drone capabilities, following concerning drone activity at Stewart Air National Guard Base last year- because our community deserves to feel safe. We're also bolstering our critical effort to cleanup PFAS at military sites in our district, including at Stewart. This bill is a major win for Hudson Valley families and the country as a whole."

Congressman Ryan spearheaded the following components of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act:

Actions to counter the DHA's proposed downsizing of Military Treatment Facilities and keep hospitals open.

A provision to raise the cap from three to five on the number of cadets/midshipmen who are eligible to fulfill their active duty requirements in the reserves if they are drafted to be a professional athlete.

Actions to allow the Defense Innovation Unit to expand its presence and establish hubs across the East Coast, including New York.

Provisions supporting the expansion of counter-drone research and development and bolstering counter-drone authorities for base

defense commanders in the US.

Provisions to accelerate PFAS remediation and require DoD healthcare providers receive PFAS effects training.

Provisions to drive software interoperability and integration at DoD.

Provisions to expand access to DoD secure facilities for academia and startups.

Provisions to encourage DoD's safe adoption and use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

Updates to cybersecurity and resiliency of DoD weapons systems platforms.

Efforts to modernize approaches to missile production through the use of digital engineering and additive manufacturing.

Efforts to mitigate risks to the defense industrial base and address critical chokepoints.



I Demanded NYSEG Hold Public Hearings to Justify Its Latest Rate Hike

I've said from the very beginning that the deck is stacked against working families and this situation is no different. NYSEG and their multinational parent corporation have an army of lobbyists, lawyers, and corporate PACs to help them get rate increases that hard working families will be forced to pay for.

It's BS.

Upstate New Yorkers shouldn't have to choose between keeping the lights on and putting food on the table. I'm demanding full transparency, real public engagement, and proof that every dollar NYSEG collects actually helps our communities-not corporate profits overseas.

Learn more <https://x.com/RepRileyNY/status/1943685151797448956>

LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

I PUSHED THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RELEASE \$7 BILLION IN APPROVED FUNDS

Our kids can't wait, our teachers can't wait, and Upstate communities sure as hell shouldn't have to wait for \$7B Congress already approved.

I joined my colleagues in calling on the Department of Education to release these funds-because every day they delay sets our students even further behind.

Read More

<https://www.dailyfreeman.com/2025/07/12/riley-ryan-join-in-letter-decrying-nearly-7-billion-in-school-funding-cuts/>

MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS NEW YORK FFA

I met with New York FFA students and left feeling encouraged.

They're smart, motivated, and already leading. The future of New York agriculture is in good hands.

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Josh Riley (From Pg. 57)**KLAW INDUSTRIES**

At KLaw Industries, recycled glass gets turned into an additive that makes concrete more durable AND eco-friendly.

That means less landfill waste and stronger infrastructure across Upstate NY.

I had a blast touring their facility last week, and will continue to support the small businesses revolutionizing Upstate New York's green economy.

KERHONKSON UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

I attended the Kerhonkson Ukrainian Festival and had the opportunity to meet Andrii Melnyk, Ukraine's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

The fight for freedom and democracy reaches far beyond borders, and it hasn't been forgotten in Upstate New York.

ENDICOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Always good to catch up with Chief Garey and the Endicott PD.

This is home-and I'll always back the folks working day in and day out to keep it safe.

GRAMPS GIOFFRE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Gramps Gioffre represents the best of Upstate New York-he served his country, punched a clock, raised a family, and never asked for credit, but he deserves a lot of it.

A WWII vet and lifelong Triple Cities resident, it was an honor to celebrate his 100th in Endicott.

For more go to:

<https://x.com/RepRileyNY/status/1944447325163733330>

WURTSBORO D&H CANAL

was great to be back in Wurtsboro last week!

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Congressman Josh Riley and NYSEG CEO break down proposed rate hikes impact

Riley, Ryan join in letter decrying nearly \$7 billion in school funding cuts

U.S. Rep. Josh Riley ready to support Trump Administration plan to ban U.S. farm purchases by China

U.S. Rep. Josh Riley helps push farming conservation bill

NYSEG rate hike sparks political backlash in NY

And as always, to stay up to date with the work I'm doing, follow along on my official social media pages at @RepRileyNY on X, Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky! If there's anything my team or I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to reach out.



As New York Police Departments Face Staffing Shortages, Gillibrand Announce Legislation to Keep New Yorkers and Law Enforcement Families Safe

Bill would establish a pilot program to provide child care services for police officers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to call for the passage of the Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act. This bipartisan bill would provide \$24 million in federal funding for each of the next 5 fiscal years to establish a pilot program to provide child care for law enforcement families. Providing child care options for officers could help enhance recruitment, allow families to plan around abnormal work hours, and increase public safety by reducing barriers to a career in law enforcement. Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) cosponsors this bill in the Senate and Representative Scott Peters (D-CA-50) leads companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

"Police officers play a vital role in keeping communities safe, and officers should not have to choose between taking care of their children and staying in the police force," said Senator Gillibrand. "This bill would help give aspiring police officers safe, viable child care options while also providing stability to current officers struggling to find care for their kids that works with their nontraditional work schedules. Expanding child care is a win-win for officers and communities, and I'm committed to working across the aisle to get this bill passed."

The Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act would authorize \$24 million in funding for each of the next 5 fiscal years and allows for grants of up to \$3 million to individual law enforcement agencies or consortia to establish child care programs for their police personnel. In addition, to ensure parents employed by smaller police departments receive support, 20% of the total grant funding will be set aside for law enforcement agencies employing fewer than 200 officers.

Police officers often work extended hours on a non-traditional schedule. In a recent survey, more than 70% of law enforcement agencies reported that recruitment is more difficult now than five years ago, and at one major metropolitan police department, more than half of officers reported having to leave or miss work due to child care issues. (Contd. Pg. 59)

As New York Police Departments Face Staffing Shortages, Gillibrand Announce Legislation to Keep New Yorkers and Law Enforcement Families Safe

(From Pg. 58) This issue disproportionately impacts women, who make up less than 14% of sworn officers and 4% of police chiefs. Senator Gillibrand's bill would help increase public safety by reducing barriers to a career in law enforcement and by ensuring the best talent is recruited into our police departments.

This legislation is supported by the following organizations: 30_30, Federal Law Enforcement Officers

Association (FLEOA), International Union of Police Associations (IUPA), National Asian Peace Officers Association (NAPOA), National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association (SBA), International Association of Chiefs of Police, Central New York Association of Chiefs of Police, New York State Association of Chief of Police, AFSCME, and Third Way.

The full text of the bill can be found here.

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35th Annual Riverfest: DVAA's Street Festival Celebrating Art, Music, & Ecology

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Free to attend*



On Sunday, July 27th, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) will once again take over Main Street in Narrowsburg for their 35th annual Riverfest. All of the beloved Riverfest activities will take place: River Dogs on Parade, the Poster Auction, the Makers Market, plus the all new Avian Amble - a wacky community parade that aims to celebrate the many bird species our area calls home.

Musical performances from local songstress and (WJFF Radio DJ) Calla Sun and Hudson Valley's Ame The Band, plus YASlingers, a youth storytelling performance, will keep the main stage jumping.

It's a day to celebrate art, music, and ecology surrounded by breathtaking scenery in the picturesque river town of Narrowsburg, NY.

Mark your calendars, this year's Riverfest takes place on Sunday, July 27th, from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free, and the event takes place rain or shine.

Schedule & Activities:

RIVER DOGS ON PARADE - 10 AM (9 AM for registration)

The festival kicks off at 10 AM with the much-anticipated River Dogs on Parade, where proud pet owners can showcase their furry friends to a panel of distinguished (and hilarious) judges and an enthusiastic crowd. Costumes are encouraged (for both pets and parents!) Participants can register on the day of at 9 AM in front of Narrowsburg Feed & Grain.

Special thanks to our Dog Parade Sponsors: Narrowsburg Veterinary, Narrowsburg Feed and Grain, Dog Mountain Lodge, Delaware Valley Farm and Garden, and Beach Lake Bakery.



KIDS' ACTIVITIES - 11 AM - 3 PM

Free arts and crafts activities for young artists will take place at the Kids Craft Corner from 11am - 3pm with local educator Adrienne Hloderwski. This year's activities include, costume and prop making for the Avian Amble, a community natural dye project, make your own Riverfest keychain, and movable fish!



LIVE MUSIC - 11 AM: Calla Sun

Local songstress Calla Sun will regale the Main Stage with folk-inspired songs about love, self-discovery and finding solace in nature.

YASLINGERS ON THE MAIN STAGE - 12.15 PM

Young storytellers will entertain Main Street with their river tales, with help from Greg Triggs, in this collaboration between Tusten Social and the Yarnslingers.

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35th Annual Riverfest: DVAA's Street Festival Celebrating Art, Music, & Ecology (From Pg. 61

AVIAN AMBLE COMMUNITY PARADE - 12.45 PM

Assemble at Narrowsburg Feed and Grain to join us for our first annual community parade celebrating our bird neighbors! Dress up as your favorite local bird, make up your own bird, or come as you are! All are welcome in the Avian Amble!

POSTER AUCTION - 1 PM

One of the highlights of Riverfest is the annual Riverfest Poster Auction. Original art posters are created by local artists to raise funds for DVAA programming. Previews are live online and in the DVAA gallery windows until 5pm on July 26.

LIVE MUSIC - 2 PM:

Ame The Band

Close out your perfect Riverfest afternoon by dancing to this high-energy, genre-blending band from the Hudson Valley!

MAKERS' MARKET - ALL DAY

Featuring over 40 Artisan Market Booths, this year's Riverfest will showcase a diverse range of handcrafted treasures including locally made paintings, photography, prints, hand-made crafts, jewelry, clothing, home décor,

body care products, and more!

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Additionally, Riverfest offers visitors an opportunity to engage with our local environmental and service organizations through informational booths hosted by numerous non-profit organizations. Sign-up, volunteer, and get involved!

FOOD TRUCKS - ALL DAY

Festival foods favorites like Luigi's Italian fare, Johnny Taco, and Nikki C's Sea Food, as well as B-Line Ice Cream. Additionally, all of Narrowsburg delicious restaurants will be open with views of the festival and the river.

SPONSORS

We are thrilled to welcome back JEFF Bank as Riverfest's 2025 Sponsor and WJFF Radio Catskill as our Media Sponsor. Additional support comes from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency with support from the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, DVAA's members, our 2025 Business Supporters, and individuals.

So, mark your calendars and join us at Riverfest 2025 on Sunday, July 27th, from 10 AM to 4 PM on Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY. Admission is free, and the event will take place rain or shine. Don't miss the fun, food, and art activities that make Riverfest a super-fun day out for the whole family!



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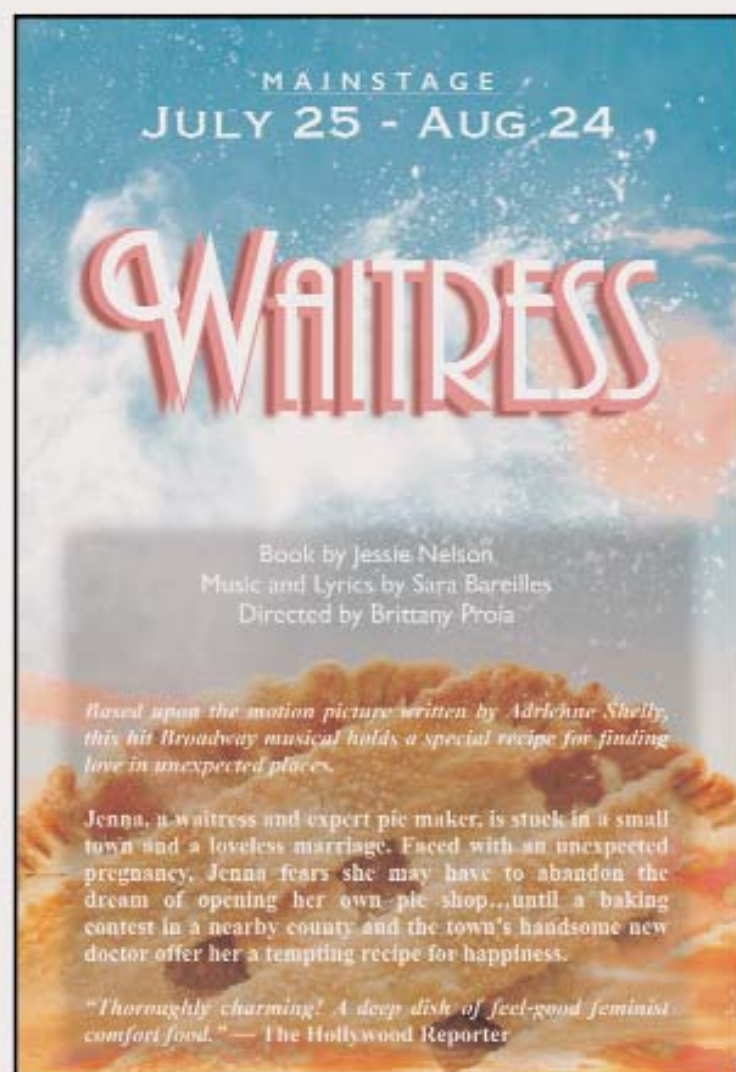


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Local first responders, music and dance artists and bagpipers will join us in front of the Sullivan County Courthouse, which will be illuminated in purple to symbolize overdose awareness.

**Tuesday • August 26, 2025
6 PM at the Sullivan County
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For more information, contact
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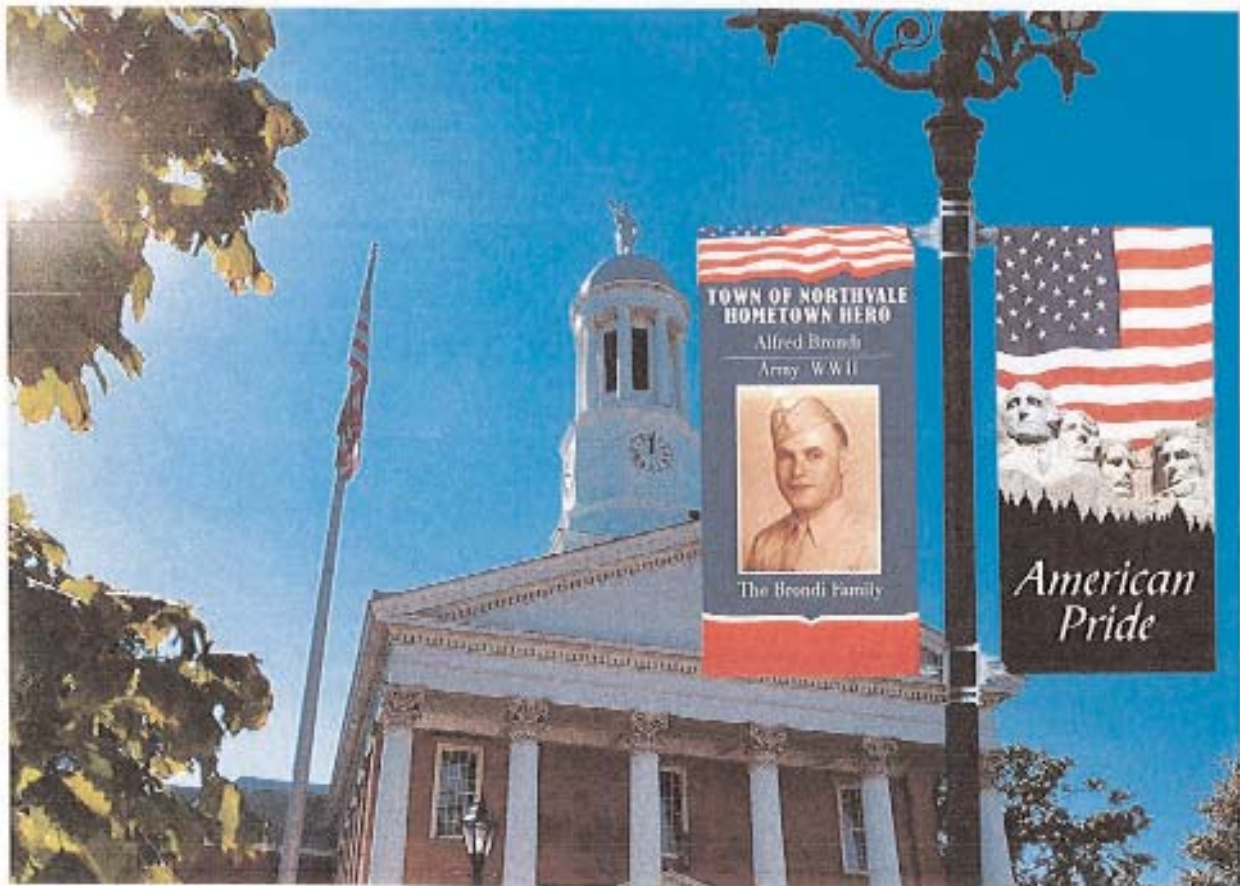
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
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Unplug and Play: Governor Hochul Announces Groundbreaking for Swimming Facility and Additional New Development at Sojourner Truth State Park

- **Bond Act-Funded Project Supports Governor's NY SWIMS Initiative with Over 400-Person Swimming Facility in City of Kingston, First New Swimming Facility in the State Parks System in 20 Years**
- **New York State's Newest State Park Honors 19th Century African American Hudson Valley Native, Abolitionist and Suffragist**
- **Renderings for This Next Phase of Development are Available Here**

Governor Hochul announced the groundbreaking for the buildout of major elements of Sojourner Truth State Park in Ulster County, including a new swimming facility and bathhouse pavilion. Funded in part by the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act, other high-lights slated to be completed by summer of 2026 include a new park entrance, entry road, trails and restrooms for visitors, and staff maintenance and administrative buildings. Named in honor of the life and legacy of 19th-century African American abolitionist and suffragist, Sojourner Truth, the new park reclaims more than 500 acres of Hudson River shoreline land shared by the City of Kingston and the Town of Ulster and advances New York State's commitment to Bond Act investments in disadvantaged communities.

"A lack of access to safe and convenient swimming opportunities has denied far too many New Yorkers the chance to get off line and get outside by engaging with the water and learning foundational water safety skills," Governor Hochul said. "The buildout at Sojourner Truth State Park is a step in the right direction to effect real change for Hudson Valley communities. This time next year, Ulster County residents and visitors will be welcomed to Lake Sophia to beat the heat and enjoy all that Sojourner Truth State Park has to offer, with more exciting park amenities continuing to be unveiled through 2027."

On the western side of the park, spring-fed quarry lake waters will become a public swimming facility named in honor of Sojourner Truth's daughter, Sophia - the first new swimming facility in the State Parks system in 20 years (previous was Sandy Island Beach in 2005). Aligning with Governor Hochul's Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative that invests in expanding swimming access across the State, Lake Sophia will offer hundreds of swimmers the option to enjoy a more structured swimming experience within a 12,000-square-foot floating swim crib or in a more adven-

turous deep-swim area. The swim crib will provide a safe environment for those learning to swim or who would benefit from the comprehensive accessible design. An adjacent pavilion will include public restrooms and showers, a first aid station and lifeguard facilities.

Other park improvements that will be completed by summer 2026 include a new convenient park entrance directly off of Route 32 in Kingston that will lead visitors to upgraded roadways, parking lots, and sitewide trails in the park. Restoration of existing historic structures that illustrate the manufacturing history of the park grounds will also be completed within this timeframe.

Additional buildout throughout Sojourner Truth State Park completed by 2027 will include additional trails including a scenic overlook destination; a repurposed industrial site with public restrooms, designed to host outdoor community events; and installations to interpret the area's Indigenous Lenape heritage, industrial history, geology and natural environment. The entire project was designed to minimize the footprint of the improvements, maximize accessibility, foster the re-establishment of native ecosystems in the post-industrial landscape, and improve recreational opportunities in disadvantaged communities.

The \$75.6 million dollar project is largely supported by \$68.1 million in funding from the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act at a location ideal for conservation, revitalization, and recreational public use. An additional \$7.5 million in funding is supported by New York Works funding.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton said, "With Governor Hochul's leadership, the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act continues to advance projects in disadvantaged communities that build healthier and more resilient communities and improve access to affordable outdoor recreation for all. The new swimming facility and upgrades to Sojourner Truth State Park will help Hudson Valley residents, particularly those in the city of Kingston, keep cool during extreme heat and connect to nature in this historically significant location. DEC is thrilled to join Governor Hochul in celebrating this major investment and getting more New Yorkers offline and outside."

State Senator Michelle Hinchey said, "Every community deserves access to the outdoors, and having a free local spot to swim is an important public resource for staying healthy, cooling off in the summer, and enjoying a good quality of life. It's incredibly special that the first new swimming facility in New York's State Parks system in 20 years is being built right here in Ulster County, at Sojourner Truth State Park-a space that represents equity and access for everyone in our community. I'm thrilled to support this project and thank Governor Hochul, State Parks, and all involved for investing in Ulster County."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger said, "These visionary recreational improvements to Sojourner Truth State Park, including the creation of a new natural swim area, will expand opportunities to connect with nature and beat the heat of a changing climate, especially for underserved communities in the City of Kingston and Town of Ulster. (Contd. Pg. 71)

Unplug and Play:

(From Pg. 70)

To be able to cool off and play safely in a stunning freshwater quarry lake is truly a gift to our communities, and I thank Governor Hochul and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation for transformative investments that will benefit public health and community quality of life for generations to come.”

Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, “We are so fortunate to have the Sojourner Truth State Park right here in Kingston, which provides spectacular outdoor opportunities in our unique environment, and whose name honors one of our cherished local heroes. With these new amenities, we will truly have a world-class facility that will be a regional destination. I thank Governor Hochul for recognizing Kingston's special natural resources and for championing this park, which will be enjoyed for generations to come.”

The project builds on Governor Hochul's efforts to encourage affordable outdoor recreation. The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget includes \$200 million for State Parks to invest in and aid the ongoing transformation of New York's flagship parks and support critical infrastructure projects throughout the park system. The Governor's new Unplug and Play initiative also earmarks \$100 million for construction and renovation of community centers through the Build Recreational Infrastructure for Communities, Kids and Seniors (NY BRICKS), \$67.5 million for the Places for Learning, Activity and Youth Socialization (NY PLAYS) initiative helping New York communities construct new playgrounds and renovate existing playgrounds; and an additional \$90 million for the continuation of the NY SWIMS initiative.

NY SWIMS focuses on underserved communities and areas prone to extreme heat and reverses decades of disinvestment to ensure public parks offer new, state-of-the-art swimming facilities which can serve thousands of daily visitors. This project also advances the Bond Act's goal of investing at least 35 percent of funding on disadvantaged communities (DACs) that shoulder a disproportionate burden of negative environmental outcomes such as pollution exposure and lack of access to open space.

Nearly 50,000 people in racially and ethnically diverse communities live within five miles of Sojourner Truth State Park. About half the site is in a Low to Moderate Income area as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and 17.9 percent of the people in the location's zip code are below the census-defined poverty level. It's the second park named after a trailblazing Black woman.

Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Baumfree (Bomefree), enslaved among Dutch people in Ulster County. A dynamic abolitionist, suffragist, and human rights advocate, she “walked away by day-light,” freeing herself from slavery one year before legal enslavement ended in New York. Her accomplishments and vital contributions to American history are recognized

with the Ulster County park's naming and the installation of a bronze statue at Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, created by the sculptor Vinnie Bagwell. The elevation of her story is a key example of State Parks' Our Whole History (OWH) initiative which seeks to reveal and share historically untold stories of ordinary and extraordinary people across New York State.

After Governor Hochul announced the park name at a groundbreaking in 2022, Scenic Hudson, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission partnered to build a waterfront trail and 2,000-square-foot shaded community pavilion at Sojourner Truth State Park that was unveiled in 2023. Newly planted native trees, shrubs and grasses enhance the site's ongoing recovery from its historic past as a hub for brick and cement manufacturing and provide new habitat for wildlife. The waterfront area contains bilingual interpretive signs about the river and the site's history, bike racks, and seasonal toilet facilities.

A paved, ADA-compliant River Pavilion Trail leads from the Hudson River Brickyard Trail/Empire State Trail to the waterfront, near the park's northern entry. The trail features a small overlook area where visitors can rest while enjoying expansive views, including the Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge to the north. Another connector trail, longer and unpaved, leads to the Steep Rocks overlook and is currently being used by locals and visitors alike.

The park's new amenities were designed by Field Operations, LLC. The Construction Manager is Hudson Meridian Construction Group, LLC and General Contractors for the buildout include Buildings: Andron Construction Corporation, Site & Civil: A. Colarusso & Son, Inc., J&J Sass Electric, Inc., S&O Construction Services, Inc., all of whom were selected through a competitive bidding process.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which saw a record 88 million visits in 2024. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer app or call 518.474.0456. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, the OPRHP Blog or via the OPRHP Newsroom.

Formed in 1900, PIPC is the nation's first bi-state partnership established to protect and conserve natural lands. PIPC operates Palisades Interstate Park in New Jersey and the Palisades Region of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation. PIPC's early work helped inspire the emerging fields of environmental stewardship and education, pioneered the goal of exposing children to nature through its group campgrounds, and served as a model for the early growth of the national park system. The Commission's maple and oak leaf logo represents the official state trees of New York and New Jersey.



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Money in Your Pockets: Governor Hochul Highlights Next Phase of Star Tax Relief Going to Millions of New Yorkers this Summer and Fall

- **Nearly 3 Million New Yorkers To Receive \$2.2 Billion In Total Tax Relief**
- **Phase 1 of STAR Program Delivered STAR Benefits to Eligible Homeowners and Seniors With School Tax Due Dates In June and July**
- **Phase 2 Delivers STAR Benefits to Homeowners With School Tax Due Dates in August, September and October**
- **Deliveries to Continue Into Fall Based On Local School Tax Due Dates**
- **Some Recipients Have Already Received Their Benefits as a Tax Exemption**
- **Visit ny.gov/STAR To Track Check Delivery or Enroll in Direct Deposit**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the start of phase two of the School Tax Relief (STAR) program benefit season. Eligible homeowners in communities with school tax due dates in August or September will start receiving their STAR benefit in the coming weeks. Most homeowners eligible for a STAR credit will receive a check between \$350 and \$600. Most seniors eligible for an Enhanced STAR credit will receive a check between \$700 and \$1,500. STAR recipients can visit ny.gov/STAR to track their check delivery or enroll in direct deposit.

“The STAR program provides needed school tax relief to millions of New York homeowners - and the program is now in full swing,” Governor Hochul said. “During a time of financial uncertainty due to funding cuts by Republicans in Washington, my administration is putting money back in the pockets of families with check and credit deliveries continuing to go out to hundreds of thousands of homeowners statewide.”

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller said, “Visit our STAR resource page to sign up for STAR if you are a new homeowner and, if you're an existing homeowner, to check on when your STAR credit or direct deposit will arrive.”

Phase one saw STAR credits and checks delivered to parts of the state with school tax due dates in June and July - including New York City, Yonkers, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. STAR deliveries to these regions were completed last week.

The STAR program provides property tax relief to

eligible New York State homeowners. During STAR benefit season, which runs from June to November, nearly three million homeowners will receive more than \$2.2 billion in property tax relief through the program.

Homeowners who are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program receive their benefit each year in one of two ways: as an exemption that reduces their school tax bill, or as a credit issued as a check or direct deposit.

Those who receive the STAR credit as a check or direct deposit can visit the STAR Credit Delivery Schedule to learn when credits will be issued in their area. Property owners who are looking for details about STAR credits that have already been issued should visit the Property Tax Credit Lookup.

Enroll in STAR Direct Deposit

Homeowners can enroll in the STAR Credit Direct Deposit program through the Homeowner Benefit Portal within the Tax Department's secure Online Services system. Homeowners can also use the Homeowner Benefit Portal to manage their STAR benefits easily and efficiently.

The direct deposit option enables eligible STAR credit recipients to get their STAR credits without having to wait for and cash a check. To ensure they receive their STAR credit by direct deposit this year, homeowners should enroll as soon as possible. Homeowners who enroll fewer than 15 days before their STAR credit is issued will receive a check this year and direct deposit will begin next year. To find out when STAR credits will be issued in your area, use the STAR Credit Delivery Schedule lookup.

REGION	STAR TAX RELIEF	RECIPIENTS
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Mid-Hudson	\$488.5 million	404,000
Mohawk Valley	\$66.3 million	101,000
New York City	\$158.6 million	483,000
North Country	\$47.2 million	88,000
Southern Tier	\$109.6 million	156,000
Western New York	\$178.5 million	320,000
TOTAL	\$2.2 BILLION	2.83 MILLION



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Disaster Mental Health Responder Training

TRAINING:	Part 1 – Psychological First Aid (PFA)
DATE:	October 2, 2025 8:30am – 3:00pm
TRAINING:	Part 2 – Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP)
DATE:	November 18, 2025 8:30am – 4:00pm
LOCATION:	Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North St., 2 nd Fl., Monticello, NY 12754
INSTRUCTOR(S):	Caroline Contillo

The Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR) is offering the Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Responder Curriculum to those interested in becoming a Disaster Mental Health Responder. The curriculum consists of 2 (two) parts: Part 1-Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Part 2- Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP). Supervisor approval is required to attend both parts and deploy on a disaster response.

Part 1: Psychological First Aid (PFA)

PFA enables participants to identify the early and expected stress reactions that may result from experiencing disasters, including those that may become more serious if unaddressed. PFA can be used with everyone – children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly; families and individuals; disaster survivors and professional responders.

Prerequisites: Professional mental health background.

Program Objectives

- Identify the range of typical reactions that we expect to see in survivors following a disaster.
- Explain why early support in the form of Psychological First Aid is helpful.
- List the elements of Psychological First Aid.
- Demonstrate competence through practice of Psychological First Aid elements.
- Manage their own stress while practicing Psychological First Aid.

Part 2: Fundamentals of Disaster Mental Health Practice (FDMHP)

FDMHP enables participants to support people experiencing the mental health impacts of disaster, and to assist in preventing more serious emotional issues such as depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. This training equips participants to provide the supportive recovery environment that is so crucial to the healing of those whose lives have been touched by disaster.

Prerequisites: Complete PFA in-person; Master's Degree; New York State Licensure; Mental Health and/or Disaster Mental Health background experience.

Program Objectives

- Identify key phases of disaster response and roles assumed by mental health professionals.
- Identify the range of psychological and psychosocial reactions that individuals experience in the aftermath of disasters and the range of early phase mental health interventions suitable to address these reactions.
- Learn and practice the skills of early intervention following disaster.
- Understand the key mechanisms of assignment preparation, mobilization, deployment, and transition home.

TO APPLY

Complete the [Application Form](#). **Deadline for Applications: September 26, 2025.**

Any questions, please email Disaster Mental Health Team Lead, **Latifa Williams;**

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To achieve the most effective outcomes for communities and individuals affected by disasters and traumatic events, the disaster mental health program is committed to delivering its services and support in a culturally responsive, humble, sensitive, and ethical manner through a diverse workforce *reflecting the wide variety of cultures comprising New York State's population. The program therefore seeks team members with broad cultural, language, skill, and relational capacities, and who are equally committed to supporting people in a culturally appropriate and reflective way.*

State of New York Office of Mental Health is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board as an approved provider of continuing education for Licensed Psychologists and Licensed Social Workers. Those who attend PFA will receive 5 CEUs toward renewal of their license. Those who attend FDMHP will receive 6 CEUs toward renewal of their license.

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SUMMER THEATRE INTENSIVE FOR PERFORMERS AGE 6-18

TUESDAY, JULY 29 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1
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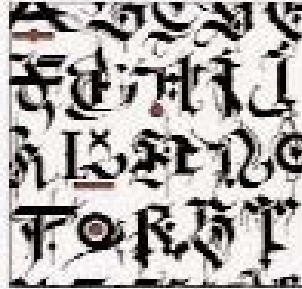
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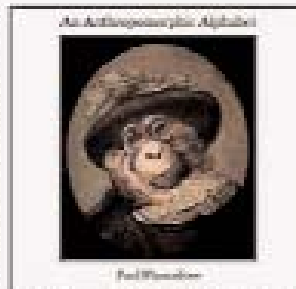
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