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No-Shave November Up-date



There's one week remaining of No-Shave November and the beards are definitely growing! So far, we're proud to say that we've raised \$1775 for this great cause! Are you interested in helping us reach our goal of \$2000? If so, you can donate here: <https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>

Thank you so much for all of the support. Stay tuned for the grand finale picture next week!

New Hope Community Staff and Residents Help Unload 5000 Pounds of Food for Thanksgiving

NHC has been supporting the Food Pantry at South Fallsburg's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the past ten years. The people in the photo were showing how strong they are and were very pleased to be providing so many citizens of South Fallsburg food for a Happy Thanksgiving!



The Pizza Party



The race for County Legislator in Denning, Hardenburgh, Olive and Shandaken was a close one, once again. Two years ago Kathy Nolan beat John Parete by a handful of votes. This time John beat Kathy Nolan by twenty-three votes after all the absentee ballots were counted. The electoral process in this rural legislative district holds a lesson in political enlightenment. Lesson one is that every vote counts, but the real lesson is that Political Party identification may work on an impersonal state and federal level, but town and county representatives are people we know, and people come first and party second.

John Parete was Ulster County Democratic Chair and Democratic Town Chair for many, many years. He also was the head of the Democratic Board of Elections. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Carsen Terwilliger and Brian Kelly New Eagle Scouts



On the left, Carsen Terwilliger and Brian Kelly, on the right, both became Eagle Scouts on Thursday November 21st. (Contd. Pg. 3)

TV FBLA Attends National Conference in Washington DC



From Thursday, October 31st through Sunday, November 3rd, 45 members of the Tri-Valley FBLA traveled to Washington D.C. with their advisors and chaperones to participate in the 2019 National Fall Leadership Conference. (Contd. Pg. 3)

October – A Busy Month for TVCS Junior FBLA

A Month Into Junior FBLA: October Report
By Samantha Mentnech, Junior FBLA Reporter



Junior FBLA members at the Pumpkin Party

October has been a very busy month for the Tri-Valley Junior FBLA. The club has been working hard, and they're only getting busier. The club so far has taken a trip to Bethel Woods for a youth leadership conference. (Contd. Pg. 8)

SC Community Chorus Presents "A Colonial Christmas" at Bethel Woods



After their debut at Carnegie Hall in the spring, the Sullivan County Community Chorus will present, "A Colonial Christmas!" on Sunday, December 15th, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The chorus will follow the directions of Virgil to "Majora Canamus (Sing of something higher)." Guests will step back in time, as this charming musical celebration will include Colonial American settings, as well as selections from George Frideric Handel's Messiah. The performance will feature full mixed chorus, the Chamber Singers, solo performers, and orchestra. The snow date is December 22. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He will be a joy to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth. Luke 1:14

OBITUARY

Anna J. Hnatiw, age 88, of Sundown, NY, passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Roscoe Regional Healthcare. Mrs. Hnatiw was born July 19, 1931 in New York City, NY. She was the daughter of the late Frank and the late Marie (Shipkowski) Fiumefreddo.

Anna married Walter Hnatiw on September 29, 1952 in New York City. He has since predeceased her.

She was a past commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary: Kelly-Ratner Chapter #198 in Kauneoga Lake, NY, was a member of the Sundown United Methodist Church and was part of the Women's Society of Christian Services.

Surviving are her son Paul Hnatiw of Sundown, NY and his partner Barbara Dymond as well as Anna's sister Marion Manookian.

Burial was held on Monday, November 25th at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, NY.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Anna's name to the Sullivan County SPCA, 104 Rockhill Dr., Rock Hill, NY 12775.

Joseph A. "Joe" Flynn, II, 83, formerly of Neversink, NY, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2019 in Liberty, NY.

Joseph was born in Hackensack, NJ to Mary and Joseph Flynn on June 18, 1936.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, as nothing made him happier than to be with family. In his younger years Joe enjoyed camping with his family as well as visiting family and friends. He also had a love for animals especially his dogs.

Joseph has joined the love of his life, Gail, in Heaven. He is survived by his son, Joseph "Joey" III (Leah) Flynn of Mobile, AL; daughter Keri Ann (Michael) Cooper of Mongaup Valley, NY; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name can be made to your local animal shelter.

A service will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

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

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

November 30, 1949

A 21 year old Jackson Heights deer hunter, Joseph Donahue, plunged 200 feet down the side of Peekamoos Mountain and then rolled for another 200 feet when he lost his footing on a ledge last Wednesday afternoon. He is in a serious condition in Kingston Hospital this week, having suffered a possible skull fracture, broken ribs, punctured lung, fractures of arm and wrist, and general internal injuries.

November 25, 1959

Mrs. Neva Stanton of Grahamsville was injured in a two-car accident Tuesday afternoon, November 17th in Hancock. She was removed to Roscoe Community Hospital suffering from shock.

Walter L. Sheeley of El Paso, Texas, formerly of Grahamsville, who is serving with the Armed Forces in Turkey, was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer early in October. He is the son of Mrs. Clarence Sheeley of Grahamsville.

A flock of evening grosbeaks were seen Saturday morning on the Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams property. There were 40 to 50 of them by count.

Bids were opened in Albany recently for a \$650,000 building project for the Woodbourne Correctional Institution. The project, the second major expansion program at the institution within two years, will provide accommodations for 120 inmates. The structure will be three stories with a recreation room in the basement. The other project now underway will provide a new school building to house vocation shops and classrooms.

Herbert George, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. George of Sundown, who is with the Armed Forces in Japan has been promoted to the rank of Specialist 4; this rank is equal to the rank of Corporal and commands the same pay. He has been with the Army since June 1958, and has been overseas in Korea and Japan since Nov.

Congratulations go to Mrs. Vernon (Inez) Gridley of South Hill. Her poem, "Brook Lullaby" was published in the New York Times, Oct. 24th. Her article "Tri-Valley's Community Hobby" which appeared in the American agriculturist of Oct. 17th has, perhaps been the most closely and eagerly read article by people of Tri-Valley of any article in that paper for many an issue and without doubt was thought inspiring to many others. It is recalled that Inez Gridley wrote "Along The South Hill Road" for the Agriculturist for many a year.

Miss Patsy Banta of Keuka College and Miss Margaret Finch, University of Buffalo, are at their homes for the Thanksgiving holiday, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Finch. Miss Brooke Anderson of the University of Buffalo is visiting relatives in N.Y.C. and will be here for Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson and family.

November 26, 1969

Charles Decker, who was killed in a hunting accident, was buried in the Claryville Cemetery on Saturday.

The old bridge on the Denning Road near Govin's is being replaced by a new bridge. Work is being done by the Ulster County Highway Department.

Mr. Robert Many is driving a new Chevrolet truck purchased recently.

Karen Ulrich and Moe Rubenszahl have been named semi-finalists in the National Honor Society Scholarship Awards. They will compete with other winners throughout the country for 175 awards valued at \$1,000 each.

Carl Allison was another lucky deer hunter

November 22, 1979

Joann Oliver and Steve Ernst proved to be two of the leading runners in Section 9, as well as New York State. Joann, a freshman, placed 20th in the State and was the first freshman to cross the finish line. Steve Ernst was 30th overall on the rain soaked Green Lakes Golf Course in Syracuse.

On November 16, 1979 Mrs. Joan Hall was inducted into the State University College at New Paltz Chapter of Phi-Delta Kappa. Phi-Delta Kappa is an international professional fraternity for men and women in education. Mrs. Hall teaches reading at Tri-Valley.

Paul Hnatiw writes from his home station on Kadina Air Force Base in Okinawa to his parents, Walter and Ann Hnatiw in Sundown to tell of his recent trip to the Phillipine Islands.

Birthday greetings to Rosemarie Marsh on Nov. 23rd and to Larissa Pond on Nov. 3rd

Congratulations to Joe and Larissa Pond on celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 24th.

There were 65 people at a 40th wedding anniversary party for Clarence and Pearl Roosa, held at the home of Mike and Joan Allison in Hasbrouck on Nov. 24th. A beautiful cake was baked by Bonnie Kelly.

Congratulations to Jimmy McCarthy who bagged an 10-point buck on opening day of hunting. Jim is home on leave after a tour of duty in Germany. He returns to North Carolina on Dec. 1st to await further orders.

Liberty Museum & Arts Center in cooperation with Sullivan Performing Arts presents The Gingerbread Experience

December 7, 2019: 12noon - 4pm & December 14, 2019: 12noon - 4pm at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center 46 Main Street, Liberty, New York 1275

Featuring:
Holiday Craft Show and Sale • Holiday Bake Sale •
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A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Some of you may remember that years ago the *Townsmen* was created to share the news of our local Tri-Valley School District communities. Since that time, this weekly publication has morphed into a paper sharing news items from all over Sullivan and Ulster counties. Years ago, Polly Hill did an excellent job writing her weekly column and she enjoyed sharing "local" news. In 2012, when Polly could no longer write the column, I volunteered to take over and tried to maintain a local flavor in my weekly writings. Some weeks my column, "A Round About Tri-Valley" was the only Town of Neversink news in the *Townsmen*. I have written close to 400 articles for the *Townsmen* between 2012 and 2019. There was never, not ever, a time when I wrote "no news this week"! When I knew I was going to be away for a week, I always sent two articles to the *Townsmen* staff so they would have one to print during my absence. Some of my articles were more interesting and enlightening than others, I'm sure. Each Monday morning I would begin typing my one-page article, which had to be in the *Townsmen* box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building by Thursday evening. Monday's writing was a work in progress and was added to, deleted from and rearranged several times before submission. If I didn't happen to have one full page of news, I searched for timely facts, stories or poems to fill the page. The *Townsmen* staff could always depend on receiving one type-written page from me each week.

As I wrote my articles I tried to be considerate, to use common sense and to not cause any one embarrassment. Some news, which I would hear around town, was not meant to be shared in my news column. I tried to steer clear of politics and I never wrote when anyone was leaving for a vacation as this was an advertisement that their home would be uninhabited. As I wrote my articles each week I had to keep in mind that the *Townsmen* was sent to many parts of our country. Local residents, who have relocated to various parts of the country, still subscribe to the *Townsmen* and enjoy reading the local news. It is with mixed emotions that I say that effective January, 2020, I will no longer be submitting my "A Round About Tri-Valley" articles to the *Townsmen*. After eight years and close to 400 articles, I feel the time has come for a younger person, who has several hours of extra time each week, to begin writing the weekly "local" news column. I am sure that the *Townsmen* staff would be pleased to have someone volunteer to fill my shoes. I have appreciated the privilege of writing for the paper and have welcomed the challenge each week. Thank you to the many people who have read my articles and commented on them. May God bless each of you, especially during this holiday season.

Words of Wisdom: Leaves are like ideas of the mind. They come when needed. They flourish and give life, light and wisdom. When ideas have served their purpose, they need to be swept away. We constantly sweep out the old to make way for the new. (Jan McKeithen)

Ed Notes: As I read Carol's column this week and learned of her decision, I truly had mixed emotions.

I do agree with every word she wrote. Carol did a wonderful job, and she is so right, she never once missed getting her column to me every week in a timely fashion. There was a lot more to writing the column every week than Carol mentioned - for example, the times when I misplaced her column and would call her in a state of frenzy hoping she still had the copy on her computer. She was always one step ahead of me, and always saved the copy for a few days. Carol never let me down and she never let her community down. I will miss her words of reassurance that let our readers know our local community still exists and how she expressed what they were doing. I will miss her *Words of Wisdom*.

Carol's job as a volunteer columnist for *The Townsmen* was much more than all she mentioned. Back when *The Townsmen* was young, as you can see from reading *Days of Yore*, there was no problem mentioning that someone was ill, and what they were recovering from, how many fires occurred, what was happening when they built the tunnels, etc.. In today's world, it is not that easy to wish someone in own community well, as we all know. Carol did not bend the 'new social rules' and was still able to make those who she knew were experiencing ill health, the loss of a family member or other hardship know that they were acknowledged. She also made sure that all of the positive activities in the area were equally expressed, in a very delightful and informative way.

Yes, *The Townsmen* has grown, and so has our community. You would think more people, more news! Not necessarily so. In today's busy world when so many nice lit-

tle things are passed by or forgotten, it took a lot of courage and understanding for Carol to pursue her job and get enough 'good news' each week for her column. Not an easy job.

Yes, we will miss you Carol and your sincere contribution to *The Townsmen* each week. I know there are many of our readers who share my feelings.

I am also quite certain that every one of our readers does wish you well and understands and considers your resolve. I know those many hours that you have always set aside for *The Townsmen* will quickly be filled with a lot of love and happiness with friends and family. You are definitely not a person that will retire from living and loving a full life.

The readers and *The Townsmen* staff join me in thanking you Carol for all those years and long hours of contributing to the news and happenings - *A Round About Tri-Valley* - that will remain forever, part of *The Townsmen* Legacy.

This year it will be our privilege for *The Townsmen* Staff to honor you at our Annual Christmas Dinner at Blue Hill Lodge. We do hope that Pete will escort you, and he will join us in honoring you.

Linda Comando and *The Townsmen* Staff

NEVERSINK NEWS: - Hulda Vernooy

Our sincere condolences to the family of Robert Faraci, Jr. who passed away. Robert grew up in Neversink and attended Tri-Valley School. He is the son of Robert and Karen Faraci of Neversink.

First Friday Book Discussion Group

The book club meets on the first Friday of the month in the Upper-Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

New members are welcome!

Refreshments are provided by the members.

This month's book discussion: "American Wife", a novel by Curtis Sittenfeld

Carsen Terwilliger and Brian Kelly New Eagle Scouts

(From Pg. 1) Brian Kelly's Eagle Project was the new bottle shed at the transfer station.

Carsen Terwilliger's Eagle Project was the new sign in front of the Grahamsville Reformed Church.

They are both from Troop 97 in Neversink.

Congratulations Brian and Carsen!

TV FBLA Attends National Conference in Washington DC

(From Pg. 1) The first stop was Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey exploring Fright Fest and the amusement park. Later that night, members continued their trip by bus to Washington D.C where they stayed at the Saint Gregory Hotel at DuPont Circle. Each morning the hotel served a fine breakfast of croissants, meats, cheeses, jams, bread, and yogurt.

The second day, students were joined by a member of the Guild of Professional Tour Guides of Washington, DC. for a bus/walking tour where they visited national monuments and historical sites including the Capitol Building, the White House, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery.

That evening members attended the opening session of the conference. Guest speaker, John Guydon, opened the session with a motivational speech about adapting to available resources and persevering to become successful. He first started a business selling candy in the 7th grade to pay for his lunch and football cleats and has established several businesses since including Duffled, a commercial text message platform, launched The Lassy Project, software that has the ability to notify entire communities about a missing child within seconds, and founded Startup Illustrated, which helps companies raise funding to grow and gain acceptance in their market.

The next day, members attended workshops that taught them about business, networking, and communication. The closing session ended the conference with another guest speaker, Anne Bonney, a business person who founded Different Shoe Enterprises and has held many leadership positions. She encouraged everyone to embrace change and communicate to become influential with others.

The members ended the conference with a walking night tour including the World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Lincoln Memorial where there were beautiful lights throughout. It was an incredible experience for everyone. The entire FBLA group had a great time and brought back many memories that will last a lifetime.

Respectfully Submitted By: Thomas Houghtaling,
Tri-Valley FBLA Reporter
November 24th, 2019

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsmen Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Bring Out the Holly

Its beginning to look a little like Christmas as neighbors begin decorating and getting into the holiday mood, perhaps adding a little holly to a wreath or garland.

Long, long before we went to the store to buy some silk holly for our annual Christmas décor, or planted ornamental holly in the garden holly was considered to be a sacred plant by some primitive cultures.

But even before that, holly had an interesting historical process responsible for the wide geographic distribution of genealogical lineages and cultural myths which is quite impressive. Ancestors of this group became isolated from the remaining *Ilex* (Holm Oak; family that includes holly) when the Earth mass broke away into the supermassive continents of Gondwana (present day South America, Africa, Arabia, Madagascar, India, Australia and Antarctica) and Laurasia (present day North America, Europe and Asia) about 82 million years ago, resulting in a physical separation of the groups and beginning a process of change of the Laurel Forests and *Ilex* to adapt to new conditions just waiting for humans to intercept and integrate the plants into their own cultures and traditions.

Eons later, early Europeans used holly as ornamentation during their winter solstice celebrations that occurred in late December. In the northern hemisphere, it was the longest night of the year signifying the gradual lengthening of days and coming spring - a cause for celebration. In Norse mythology, holly was associated with Thor, god of thunder, and holly plants grown by the home were thought to prevent lightning strikes. Ancient Romans used holly as decorations during Saturnalia, a festival dedicated to Saturn, god of agriculture and husbandry. Holly's symbolism of the new season made it an appropriate and a colorful ornament for winter festivities.

Over time, many customs from pagan celebrations were incorporated by Christians into religious holidays.

As holly was a common part of the winter landscape, it provided a free and easy way for even the poorest of families to decorate their homes for the Christmas holidays.

Over time, as survivor species of the holly genus adapted to different ecological niches, we eventually had our very own Holly (*Ilex Aquifolium*) found primarily in North America, Europe and Asia, with hundreds of species of the plant ranging from short shrubs to tall trees. The most common species grown in America is the American holly that is mostly associated with our current Christmas festivities. This type of holly grows up to a height of 15 to 30 feet. The foliage is deep green and the leaves are small and pointed. They bear bright scarlet berries. The leaves, characterized by a waxy texture and serrated edges, are dioecious - having male and female reproductive structures found on separate plants. Both male (staminate) and female (pistillate) hollies bloom in May or June, yielding white flowers. But only the females can produce berries. In order for this production to occur, a male plant must be near a female plant for the process of pollination to take place. Insects, like bees, help cross-pollinate female hollies, transferring pollen from the male to the female plants.

Holly berries are toxic to humans, resulting in nausea and severe stomachaches when ingested. Not so for some animals. Holly berries are a vital source of food for birds such as thrushes and blackbirds. Holly berries, which ripen in early winter, typically contain four seeds each. The birds that eat these seeds help scatter them for germination and the growth of new holly plants.

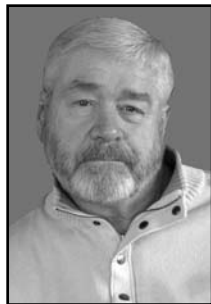
Today, holly is still used in our celebration of modern Christmas and winter holidays. While belief in their mystical powers may have dissipated, our American Christmas holly is just as beautiful as its ancestors, 82 million years ago. Now that is incredible! I wonder if Harry Potter knew all this when he chose holly for his wand?

Household Hints

Burnt Pots or Pans?

Pour 1 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup of water in the pot (pan). Heat the mixture until it boils and let it boil for a few minutes. Take the pot (pan) off the heat and place in your sink. Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda. Let it fizz until it stops. This will remove most of the burnt residue. Scour the rest, rinse and dry your clean pot (pan).

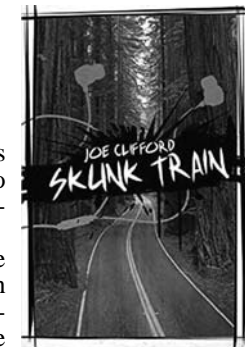




Skunk Train

Mysterious Book Report No. 397

by John Dwaine McKenna



The Skunk Train Inn is a sleazy, side-of-the-road motel up in northern California's sparsely populated Humboldt County. That's where the giant redwood trees grow, and it's the epicenter of the state's illicit pot-growing operations. So, it's not unusual for the inn to be used for pot transactions in author Joe Clifford's new novel, *Skunk Train*. (Down & Out Books, PB, \$15.95, 248 pages, ISBN 978-1-64396-055-5).

Kyle Gill, who's only a few days shy of his sixteenth birthday, lives in a run-down trailer with his older cousin Deke, up in the backwoods town of Dormundt . . . stuck so far in the redwoods that sunlight needs a roadmap to find its way in there. Kyle's in high school, but he's been cutting classes for the past three weeks. When he comes home early one afternoon, he finds Deke and his business partner Jimmy, are sitting on one hundred pounds of marijuana they found abandoned at another dealer's house. Fearful that the owners of such a huge quantity will soon come looking for it, and fearful of their response, Jimmy arranges for a quick sale at the aforementioned Skunk Train Inn. That's where it all goes to hell in a handbasket.

The buyers turn out to be renegade undercover cops. Then some outlaw bikers show up, trying to hijack the cash and the crop . . . while a car full Mexican Cartel enforcers are on their way to make sure they get paid.

In the gunbattle that follows, two bikers are killed. Deke is killed. Jimmy and the bent cops flee the scene, while Kyle jumps into Jimmy's truck and heads out for San Francisco with one hundred thousand dollars in cash, determined to find his absent film director father. Hot on his trail are two renegade cops and a bunch of Mexican enforcers . . . all of whom are bent on revenge and getting their stolen property back.

But once in San Francisco, Kyle meets Lizzie. That's when everything changes in this high-octane-thriller from a master of crime fiction by the name of Joe Clifford. While this isn't his first rodeo, it's surely one of his best performances.

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SC Community Chorus Presents "A Colonial Christmas" at Bethel Woods

(From Pg. 1) Suggested donation: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus is thriving as it celebrates its 43rd year with more than 50 members strong! 2019 has been a banner year for the Community Chorus! After debuting at Carnegie Hall with MidAmerica Productions in late May, their 42nd Annual Spring Concert on June 9th, was presented as a tribute to long-time president, Lou Setren. The tribute included Dan Forrest's new masterwork, *Jubilate Deo*, accompanied by the largest orchestra in the chorus' history. Soon thereafter, members of the chorus took to the road to perform a concert for the National Federation of Democratic Women at their annual convention in Latham, NY. A whirlwind rehearsal schedule led to our 3rd annual Summer Stock concert in July at the Center For Discovery's Michael Ritchie Big Barn Center in Hurleyville.

Information about the concert and the chorus may be found at www.scchorus.org, on Facebook, or by contacting Choir Secretary, Diane Foster at 845-439-4458 or Choir Director, Kevin Giroux, at 845-594-6786.

Local Teens Encouraged to Apply to Join Governor's NYS Youth Council

Monticello, NY - There's a great opportunity for a local young person to serve on the New York State Governor's Youth Council!

Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced the formation of a New York State Youth Council, to increase participatory democracy. One youth from each county will be chosen to advise the governor and State and local policymakers on key issues facing young people and on outreach and communication strategies. The State is now accepting applications from youth to serve on this council.

"This is an incredible opportunity for New York's youth to represent their county on a statewide level - to offer solutions and policy recommendations to key issues facing young people: education, youth violence/cyberbullying, the opioid crisis, juvenile justice, environmental justice, and civic engagement," Sullivan County Youth Bureau Director Lesia Snihura said. "The Council will also address issues of vital relevance to young women and girls, including sexual assault and harassment, female empowerment, economic opportunity, and wage parity."

The Youth Council will be run by youth ages 13 to 21, who will gain hands-on experience in the democratic process, serving two-year terms. Once selected, Youth Council members will convene in Albany for orientation and training and then form regional teams to focus on specific policy issues.

Interested youth need to submit their application through an online portal, completing an essay and a video demonstrating their interest in one of the council's focus areas. Candidates will be selected based on their character, leadership skills, academic achievement, civic engagement, and community service.

Youth may apply at <https://nysylc.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/home/1>; the deadline for submission is December 9.

If you have any questions, please contact Lesia or

Sherrie at the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at (845) 807-0394.

SC Provides Free Cardio Testing to Local Emergency Responders

White Lake, NY - One of the leading killers in the fire service is heart attacks/strokes, often without any previous symptoms or signs. With that in mind, the Sullivan County Division of Public Safety recently brought in a cardiovascular exam company to offer testing to all emergency service personnel and their families.

The mission of Advanced Cardiovascular Diagnostics is to "focus on the prevention of significant debilitating events, ultimately saving lives." They do so by identifying people who are most at risk via testing involving echocardiograms, stress echocardiograms, carotid doppler, abdominal aortic ultrasounds, femoral doppler, transcranial doppler and pulmonary function evaluation.

"These tests were given, at no cost, to about 55 emergency service personnel and family members over a two-day period," said Sullivan County Public Safety Commissioner Rick Sauer. "The staff was courteous, caring and experienced, and made sure our folks had pre-test and post-test sit-downs with a doctor."

A complete report of all of the testing, including any follow-up recommendations, is being sent directly to participants and their physicians.

"This was a great service to those who give so much to this County," noted Sauer, "and I hope to provide it again next year."

Kiwanis of Woodridge Donates to Food Pantries



L to R. Cynthia Holmes Johnson, Avery Wall-Carty, and Jill Weiner.

Jill Weiner, Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. member, and adviser to BCES K-Kids, was proud to represent our organization in donating to local food banks. First, she met with Cynthia Holmes Johnson of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church food pantry to deliver a check for \$250.00. Accompanying her was K-Kids member, Avery Wall-Carty, who donated children's coats on behalf of the Wall-Carty family. K-Kids is a service club for students in elementary school. It teaches the value of helping others by taking part in community service projects. K-Kids, under the guidance of Kiwanis of



L to R: Jill Weiner, Avery Wall-Carty, and Debbie Kessler.

Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc., is for BCES students grade 3 thru 6. If you would like more information on K-Kids at BCES, please contact Jill Weiner at 845-798-6058. Next, Jill and Avery met with Debbie Kessler and Harry Burger at the Hurleyville Methodist Church food pantry to present them with a check for \$250.00, along with two turkeys. Kiwanis of Woodridge is proud to be able to help families by donating twice a year to each of these two wonderful organizations. We applaud their efforts to help local families during the holidays and throughout the year.

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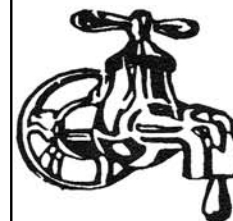
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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda

The Pizza Party

(From Pg. 1) When he was not given the Democratic nod to run for Legislature two years ago, he ran on three other lines. This year, he added the PIZZA PARTY to his political choices.

The PIZZA PARTY is very appropriate because JP, John, is the owner of the Boiceville Inn in Olive. He is also the man who throws the pizza toward the ceiling and adds homemade sauce and cheese to produce the basic pizza that can be personalized to your pizza preference.

It also represents the reason he may have gotten elected. In a blue tide of voters, voters chose someone who opens the doors of the Boiceville Inn to the community. Organizations, like the Olive Democrats and Trout Unlimited, use the space for meetings. Teams from the school throw their pizza parties to celebrate the end of the season. Softball leagues meet there after games. John hosts fundraisers and welcomes mourners after a local funeral. John sponsors Breakfast With Santa and treats seniors to turkey dinners. He greets you by name.

Most voters would not identify John as Democrat or Republican. They voted for the person they knew and appreciated as a neighbor and friend. They voted for someone from the PIZZA PARTY.

Black Friday

The Tryptophan from yesterday's Thanksgiving Feast has not left my system, not even after a walk on the Ashokan Rail Trail with hubby and Hudson, so after a short nap, I am ready for another dose of turkey in the form of a white meat slices on white bread with mayo and salt and pepper. Maybe some of Heather's homemade cranberry relish too. Then my thoughts turn to the holiday season ahead.

My good friends, Donna and Marie, are out there at the stores shopping while I am shopping on-line and simmering turkey soup on the stove. My outdoor tree has lights and is awaiting my granddaughter's hanging of the pinecone ornaments. My outdoor pots are filled with long needle pine and boxwood with red swamp/bird berry twigs from Melissa and Jim's yard. Tomorrow the wreath gets hung on the gate, and I am done.

Now the fun begins with all the local holiday events. I hope you can simplify the trappings of the season and enjoy the festivities without stress and bother. Here are just a few of the delights of living in a small town, USA:

John Parete and his family sponsor this event, and friends help out to cook and serve. Every child gets to meet Santa and his elf and take home a gift. Breakfast is a hearty one of pancakes, eggs and sausage.

The Town of Olive's Annual Tree Lighting will be Saturday, December 12 at the Town Hall on Bostock Road in Shokan. It starts at six with cookies and hot chocolate and fun activities for the kiddies. Santa will arrive at 6:30 by Fire Truck.

This event is your time to do that last minute shopping. It is also a great time to wish your friends and neighbors a "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Hanukkah,"



Olive Free Library Annual Holiday Crafts Fair

On Saturday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Olive Free Library will hold its annual holiday crafts fair, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494. Over thirty vendors will sell locally-made goods including goat milk soap, holiday decorations, handmade bags, wood bowls, handmade American Girl Doll clothes, maple syrup, aprons, jewelry, pottery, quilts, and much more. The day will include free craft activities, live music, and a hot lunch.

West Shokan: Each year the Olive Free Library holds a festive holiday fair featuring gifts made in the Catskills such as maple syrup, soap, pottery, quilts, felted wool hats and bags, jewelry and many other attractive, handmade and affordable gifts. The day's entertainment includes piano music by musician Lisa Menard, as well as a ukulele singalong by the Catskill Ukulele Club.

Shoppers can enjoy a hot lunch and a bake sale of homemade tempting treats. All proceeds from the lunch and bake sale benefit the library. The library will also raffle handmade sterling silver earrings, a "basket of cheer", a local artists bag, a pamper yourself bag, and a bag full of brand new books. People of all ages will gather to make pomanders (oranges with cloves stuck in them), as well as a children's author craft and reading at 10:30 a.m. The fair is brimming with holiday spirit at this community gathering place. For more details for this fabulous event please visit our website: olivefreelibrary.org

For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 HAPPY HOLIDAY STORYTELLING! "Twas The Night Before Wassail 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Ellenville Public Library & Museum

Karen Pillsworth shares a Winter Night's Tales with special guest, Town Historian, Bucky Green, who will read "Twas the Night Before Christmas!" Bring a warm blanket to cuddle and snuggle. For kids of all ages (caregivers, parents and grandparents too!) For information: 845-647-5530

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 • BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9:00 am - 11:00am: Hunt Memorial Building 1 Held at Wawarsing Masonic Lodge, Canal Street, Ellenville 1 8.00, adults; \$5.00, children, under 2, free 845-647-6504 for more details

HAPPY HOLIDAY MARKET 12 noon - 8:00 pm: Hunt

Memorial Building – Searching for that special holiday gift or stocking stuffer? Find it here, shopping local. Featuring local women in business, crafters, direct sellers and more.

LET'S WASSAIL AT EPL&M 12 noon - 5:00 pm: Ellenville Public Library & Museum FREE professional family photo by Ellenville photographer Rebekka Salvadge in our historic Queen Anne home, Terwilliger House, by our decorated tree. Make a Holiday Kissing Ball with Robin Anderson from the Shawangunk Garden Club. Limit 25 participants. \$10.00 per participant. Space limited; must call 845-647-5530 to register. Make your own tie-dye holiday wrapping paper. Watch holiday movies all day long in our Community Room. Wassail punch and refreshments in the Gallery...and more! Call 845-647-5530 for details and registration

HOLIDAY CRAFT&COOKIE DECORATING with COHEN'S BAKERY 12 noon - 3:00 pm: The Studio @ SHADOWLAND STAGES STUDIO Hey, kids, join Ellenville's 100-year old famous hometown bakery by decorating holiday cookies. Nibbling and giggling allowed! 14 market Street, Corner of Center Street

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 HAPPY HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT "The Polar Express" 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Ellenville Public Library & Museum It's pajama-party night at the movies! Get comfy, enjoy this classic holiday movie with "inspired" snacks, fun and merriment. All aboard!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 HAPPY HOLIDAY STORYTELLING! The Story of Chanukah 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Ellenville Public Library & Museum Listen to our holiday storyteller. Refreshments. Bring a warm blanket to cuddle and snuggle. Learn how to play with dreidels. For kids of all ages (parents and grandparents too!) For information: 845-647-5530

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 GIANT MENORAH LIGHTING 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Liberty Square Come, enjoy hot homemade latkes and cool juices Chanukah songs too!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 HAPPY HOLIDAY STORYTELLING! The Story of Kwanzaa 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Ellenville Public Library & Museum Listen to our holiday storyteller. Refreshments. Bring a warm blanket to cuddle and snuggle. For kids of all ages (parents and grandparents too!) For information: 845-647-5530

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FCSD Gets Valuable Classes on Nutrition before Thanksgiving

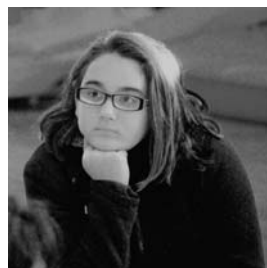


As part of the FCSD Wellness Committee and just prior to Thanksgiving, Bee Moser, M.S., Nutritionist for the SNAP-Ed New York, Hudson Valley Region at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE), spent time at the District on healthy eating, drinking and exercise at both



Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School. On November 15, Ms. Moser worked with sixth-graders in a program called "My Plate." In the BCES Alternative gymnasium, students learned how to increase consumption of nutrient dense fruits and

vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and low-fat dairy products. Ms. Moser used a colorful plate with these food group names when she asked the students what they knew about each type of food. The discussion was lively and thoughtful. In the second half of the class, the Nutritionist became Physical Fitness Trainer. She took simple pieces of filmy material and demonstrated some fast-moving exercises with one of the sixth-grade teachers. She then had the children work in pairs with classmates while she shouted out steps to take in the exchange of the material in each pair. The kids were totally involved, passing the object overhead and between the legs to each other and getting quite giddy. At the end of the class, the students had learned valuable lessons about healthy eating and physical exertion. A great combination for well-being. During two full days the following week, Bee Moser assisted by CCE's Beth Clancy-DiBartolo met all junior and senior high school physical education classes to demonstrate how much sugar is in many of the soft drinks they consume regularly and how dangerous and unhealthy they can be. A few students had soft drinks with them, and she amassed a collection of the bottles for her demonstration table. The discussions were quite animated. Students learned of alternatives to



sugary drinks. At the end of each class, the CCE staff gave out a one-sheet do's and don'ts on healthy and non-healthy beverages as well as a plastic SNAP-Ed infused water bottle. They can place cut up fruits or vegetables, put them in an infuser in the middle of the bottle and pour in cold or hot water for a refreshing drink. Hopefully, they brought them to Thanksgiving Dinner.

Oh, Deer

On Nov. 20, ECOs Craig Tompkins and Charles Eyler III responded to Sunset Hill Road and Lakeview Drive in the town of Putnam Valley for a deer with a Halloween pumpkin bucket stuck over its nose and the handle caught in its antlers. Concerned citizens and the local SPCA reported that the yearling buck had been seen with the bucket on its head for several days. When ECOs Tompkins and Eyler arrived on scene at around 2:30 p.m., they corralled the deer down a narrow path between a house and a large wood pile.



Eventually the deer ran into a fence and behind the wood pile where it was able to hit enough brush and sticks to knock the pumpkin bucket free. The deer reunited with a larger doe nearby and headed into the woods.



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October – A Busy Month for TVCS Junior FBLA (From Pg. 1)



Junior FBLA members at the Bethel Woods leadership conference.

They helped out at the Pumpkin Party and hosted a successful Halloween dance. All events have been successful and we can't wait to see what our Tri-Valley Junior FBLA has planned next!

The Bethel Woods Youth Leadership Conference was on Wednesday, October 2 and approximately fifteen of our members attended. The trip gave the chance for young leaders to learn about problems around the world. The trip wasn't all about learning either, as we were also able to socialize with others from different schools. In the morning, we watched presentations by young enthusiasts. We learned about their life stories, problems, and what caused them to do what they do now. The presentations were extremely insightful and inspiring. In the afternoon, everyone on the trip was split into three groups. There were three activities planned for us to do. We learned how to talk about opinions respectfully and got a chance to talk about controversial topics that we were interested in. Everyone there was respectful and listened to everything you had to say. The whole experience was amazing and I would happily go again. I would say the trip was successful.

The Pumpkin Party took place on Friday, October 5. The Junior FBLA ran a tent that sold pumpkins. The money collected from the tent went to the Daniel Pierce Library. Kids from the Junior FBLA volunteered to work shifts for the tent. We let people pick out pumpkins, big and small. We helped carry them to their cars, and put their names on the pumpkins. We think the pumpkin tent did very well and we appreciate the work everyone put into it.

The last event the Junior FBLA set up was the 7th and 8th grade Halloween dance, which took place on Friday, October 25. The dance was extremely fun and one of the most successful dances yet. We put so much time and effort into this dance and you could tell. You could tell the amount of fun it was from the facial expressions to the dancing. (Cont. Pg. 11)

8th Grade Movie Night a Success

On the night of November 14, 2019, over forty Tri-Valley 8th grade students came back to school to watch the movie version of S.E. Hinton's timeless classic *The Outsiders*. Students had recently finished reading the novel in their 8th grade ELA class and were very interested in comparing the movie to the book. Several parents also attended the movie.



Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. It was a fun night for all!

Refreshments were served during an intermission and they were certainly a big hit—none were left at the end of the night!

The movie was put on by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes and 8th grade special education teacher Deb Swett.



Fallsburg Lions Club Makes Generous Donation



Mr. Pantel is presenting a check to Mrs. Cynthia Johnston at the St. Andrew's Food Pantry just prior to a very busy night distributing food on the Friday night before Thanksgiving.

Fallsburg 7th Graders Enjoy Trip to Albany



At the Capitol Steps are over 100 Fallsburg students with State Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther towards the front of the group.

On November 7, 2019 nearly 100 7th grade students and their teachers had the opportunity to travel to the NYS Capitol in Albany. Students visited the NYS Museum before meeting with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and NYS Senator Jen Metzger and touring the Capitol building including the floors of both the Assembly and the Senate.

This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about our governmental process and recognize that there are real people in Albany who want to hear from students. Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Principal Dawne Adams hopes to bring more students for a visit when the legislature is in session.

Just in time for Thanksgiving, Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Board of Directors member Tim Pantel brought generous donation checks to Hurleyville Food Bank, Federation for the Homeless and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in South Fallsburg.



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Frost Valley YMCA Announces Holiday Community Dinner on December 13th

Claryville -Frost Valley YMCA will be hosting a free Holiday Community Dinner on December 13, 2019 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. for local families and friends. Guests will enjoy a delicious buffet-style dinner accompanied by festive activities and crafts for the whole family. While this event is free, reservations are required since space is limited.



Local busing will be available from the Neversink Bus Garage, Neversink Town Hall, Claryville Church, and Big Indian Park. Visit frostvalley.org/community-days for more information. Call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 to make a reservation.

"The Community Dinner has become a time-honored tradition at Frost Valley," says Jessie Emmons, Director of Youth Development and Innovation for Frost Valley. "It's a great way to spend time with friends and family, enjoy a holiday feast with all the trimmings, and experience the wonder of the season!"

Frost Valley is also pleased to offer its Winter Break Day Camp for children between the ages of 4-16 on December 27th, 30th, and 31st from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Weather permitting, children will enjoy activities like snow tubing, cross-country skiing, and broomball. They will also take part in arts and crafts, games, and more. Lunch and snacks are included and local busing is available for an additional fee.

A limited number of spots are available for Winter Break Day Camp so interested parents are urged to register their child right away to ensure their spot. Please call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 for more information or to register your child.

BCES 5th Graders "Food on the Table"

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School fifth graders Gabriella Gladding, Chloe McCones, Conner McManus, Guiseppe King, Allison Frunzi and Jayden Johnson. SGA Faculty Advisor is in the back row. The food on the table is just a small part of what the fourth, fifth and sixth grade Student Government Association (SGA) collected throughout BCES over the past two weeks. Mr. Dworetzky will deliver the food to Fallsburg High School for adding to the food collected at that building for distribution to the local food banks in Hurleyville and South Fallsburg. He told that kids that sixty families will benefit from the food they collected and have a special Thanksgiving. The students were all smiling that they were making other children and families happy for the Holiday.



FJSHS Students Collect Food for Local Food Banks



FJSHS eighth graders Jordan Batista, Genesis Rivera, Georgia-Zane O'Brien, and Isaiah Gee holding some of the dozens of packages and cans of non-perishable food plus frozen turkeys that they and their Student Government Association schoolmates collected over the past few weeks.

Faculty advisors Ms. Elisa Baum and Ms. Isabel Mejia have arranged for distribution of all the food to the two local food banks in Hurleyville and South Fallsburg in time for Thanksgiving.

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Every year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to family friends and neighbors. Our *Holiday* issue will be published on December 19th. Please make sure we have your greeting by Friday, December 13, 2019. Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!

Please use our "Holiday Greeting" order blank when ordering your greeting. Each published greeting will be approximately 2" x 3 1/2". Please circle the greeting you choose.

Send this form along with your check for \$10.00 for each holiday greeting to:
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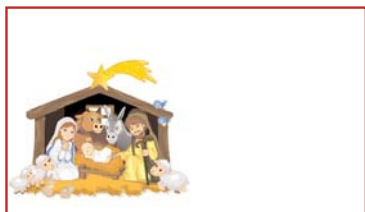
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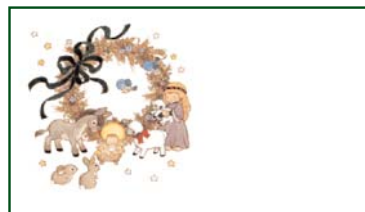
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Each greeting that will appear in the December 19th issue will be 2" x 3 1/2"

Message you wish to be included in your greeting: _____

The Scene Too

Jane Harrison

Literally, like many – *under the weather* this week and hope to be back on the *road* next week.

CWC News:

Education Grants Now Available!

Guidelines and application forms for schools and non-profit organizations seeking grants for projects and programs focused on fresh water and the NYC Water System and Watershed are now available. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for student-teacher audiences. Projects addressing adult or mixed public audiences may be eligible for up to \$5,000. This is the 23rd round of Watershed Education Grants awarded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. Ideas for field trips, classroom programs, streamside and digital learning opportunities and more are available at Watershededucators.org.

For information about CWC's education grant opportunity, contact Samantha Costa; 845-586-1400 ext. 320.

Community Wastewater Management Program Status'

Community Wastewater Management projects are going on around the Watershed. The intent of this program is to provide reliable wastewater treatment in specified population centers and the decommissioning of individual, on-site septic systems whose failure could pose a threat to water quality. The program, coordinated by CWC with our consultant, Lamont Engineers of Cobleskill, evaluates, designs and constructs wastewater treatment systems tailored to each community according to the number and location of buildings, terrain, soil composition, cost-benefit ratio and other considerations.

The Hamlet of Claryville stretches across the border of the Towns of Neversink and Denning. It was identified in the 1997 Watershed Agreement as an eligible hamlet. Construction in the Town of Denning began in June of this year and was substantially completed as of November 11th. Town of Neversink approved construction bids, and construction started on one residential property which requires a pump system began on November 11th.

The Town of Shandaken awarded bid for construction of replacement septic systems in the hamlet of Shandaken. The contractor has already started mobilization of equipment and materials. Work is expected to begin in the Town of Shandaken the week of November 25th.

How to Apply For a Catskill Fund for the Future Program Loan

If you have an entrepreneurial spirit and own a business, or would like to open a business in the Catskills, check our new online questionnaire to see if you are eligible for a loan from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC). CWC through our Catskill Fund for the Future Program offers low interest commercial loans to those who qualify.

Since 1997 the CWC has helped over 300 Catskills businesses, issuing over \$80 million in loans. We work with you to help you succeed.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protec-

tion, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

CWC Board approves Septic systems and a business loan

On November 5th, The CWC Board of Directors awarded funding for replacement septic systems to fifteen homeowners in ten towns in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Ulster Counties.

Argos Animal Health PLLC located at 4155 Route 28 Boiceville in Ulster County, was approved for a loan in the amount of \$329,209 to purchase a new state-of-the-art digital x-ray machine, to erect an outside storage facility, to complete electrical work including electrifying the storage building and lighting a roadside sign.

Watershed Forestry Bus Tour Program - Applications due Friday, January 3, 5pm

Apply now for field trip funding to the NYC Watershed for Spring and Fall 2020. Discover the world-famous NYC Watershed and forest-filtered water supply system first-hand! Check out the 4 Watershed Forestry Bus Tour options that explore the source of NYC's water and how forests protect water quality. You can plant trees, release trout, and learn at environmental ed. centers. All trips include a guided tour of a drinking water reservoir. Go to the website to download an application today.

October – A Busy Month for TVCS Junior FBLA



Dancing the night away!

(From Pg. 8) Besides the fun aspect of dance, we were also able to donate \$150 to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and \$150 to Colby Costa's Wounded Warriors project. Overall, the dance was exceedingly victorious and well put together!

This year's Junior FBLA officers include President Aidan Thomson, Vice President Noah Edwards, Treasurer Brooke Mulholland, Historian Anyah Cato Lawrence, Secretary Grace Gozza, Advisor Mr. Matthew Haynes, and last but certainly not least, your Reporter, Samantha Mentnech. Not only have we put effort into the club, but so has Tri-Valley and our community. The Officers and the rest of the FBLA would like to thank everyone who helped us out and allowed us to plan our events. You'll be hearing a lot more news from our club in the near future!

One of the most anticipated events of the year is coming to town!

Santa Express is coming to Liberty

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce invites everyone of all ages to join Santa and his friends from the North Pole for an evening of music, dancing and Christmas magic along Main Street in Liberty NY on December 7th, 2019 at 5 pm!

"The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, Town of Liberty and Village of Liberty will host the Santa Express on Saturday, December 7. The Santa Express is a 50 foot long musical scene that sparkles with twinkling lights and brings with it Santa and Mrs. Claus, their elves and all their friends along with all the magic of the season to the streets of Liberty. North Main Street will be closed to traffic at 4pm for festivities beginning at 4:15 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to meet Santa Claus and his friends from the North Pole, sing, dance, and enjoy hot cocoa, coffee and cookies.

Prior to Santa's arrival, singer Joanna Gass will entertain the crowd with Christmas carols on the front deck of Charlie's Pizzeria. Santa Express is a free event is a result of many hands, including the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce, ShopRite in Liberty, the Liberty Police Department, and Liberty Fitness Center. "We are very excited to be a part of this event," said Liberty Fitness Center owner Cindy Fracasse. "There is nothing more important than our families and children, and the Santa Express is bringing back the true meaning of Christmas."

The mission of the Santa Express is to spread the magic of the season with a message of love, hope and peace for all. Created in Eldred in 2005, the Santa Express has grown into a wonderful Christmas tradition throughout Sullivan and Orange Counties.

About Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is a 100% Volunteer Organization and is funded entirely through its own fundraising efforts. Please call for more information on this project or our upcoming Liberty Chamber events, as well as to join, or to volunteer. Contact the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone at 845-292-9797 or email info@LibertyNYChamber.com. Information can also be found on the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or online at www.LibertyNYChamber.com.

JOIN US! Holiday Concerts

Noontime at the Government Center, 100 North Main St., Monticello

Tuesday, December 10 <i>Liberty Middle School Jazz Band</i>	Monday, December 16 <i>Roscoe Central School Ensemble</i>
Wednesday, December 11 <i>Monticello High School Chamber Ensemble</i>	Tuesday, December 17 <i>Fallsburg Elementary School Chorus</i>
Thursday, December 12 <i>Liberty High School Honors Band</i>	Wednesday, December 18 <i>Liberty High School Honors Chorus</i>
Friday, December 13 NOON: <i>Center for Discovery Ensemble</i> 4 PM: <i>Nesin Cultural Arts Performers</i>	Thursday, December 19 <i>Livingston Manor Concert Band and High School Chorus</i>
	Friday, December 20 <i>Liberty High School Orchestra</i>

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Kiwanis of Woodridge Honors Community Spirit



L to R: Dr. Sean Wall-Carty, Kiwanis of Woodridge Foundation President; Leah Exner, Denise Frangipane, Barbi Neumann-Marti, and Kiwanis of Woodridge Vice President Trevonne Gilliard.

The Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. hosted its annual Honors Gala on November 2, 2019 at BHR in Rock Hill, New York to honor three women who have devoted their lives to making the Sullivan County community a better place to live and work: Leah Exner, Denise Frangipane, and Barbi Neumann-Marti. It was a fantastic evening and the room was packed with friends, relatives, and local dignitaries who came to honor and support these wonderful women.

Leah Exner has been teaching at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School for the last 30 years. She enjoys incorporating music, movement, and creativity into the learning process. In addition, she has written multiple songs for children to entertain them as well as to connect academic content through music. She has created a variety of imagination simulation learning stations including operating an ice cream café, information on which was published in the March, 1997 edition of "Creative Classroom" magazine. She earned a BA in Music from SUNY Buffalo and continued on to complete various coursework in education and children's literature at SUNY New Paltz and other higher learning facilities. She gained her Masters of Science in Elementary Education from Mount Saint Mary and holds a NYS Permanent Certification in N-6 Elementary Education. She has written and won many grants attached to community partnerships within the last fifteen years. She is a member of the NYSO Society of Women Educators, Tri-Valley Lions, Ulster Heights United Methodist Church PPR, and many other organizations include being a Food Pantry volunteer. She has been instrumental in the Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Initiatives Grant-Trail Wellness Project, helping to create a walking history trail around the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School property. When she's not teaching, working on the BCES trail, or volunteering elsewhere, Leah enjoys spending time with her husband of 26 years, Paul, their recently married daughter, Ashley, and son-in-law Michael Herbert, as well as their son, Andrew. Together they love camping, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, walking and motorcycling. Kiwanis of Woodridge salutes and honors Leah for her accomplishments and community spirit.

Denise Frangipane is a lover of trees, red wine and simple living. She has a volunteer background in environmental conservation, and a professional background in program development, community organizing and corporate event planning. Denise is the Executive Director of Sullivan Renaissance where she oversees the organization and operational activities; leads a team of nine and represents Sullivan Renaissance through its many community partnerships. Denise joined the Gerry Foundation in 2000 as part of the research and development team for Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and the Museum at Bethel Woods. She helped to establish and grow the Harvest Festival at Bethel Woods and worked closely with Sandra Gerry on the development of Sullivan Renaissance. She also worked with Sandra and the Gerry Foundation to create Sullivan 180, a non-profit dedicated to improving the health and wellness of Sullivan County. Denise has her undergraduate degree in English and Communications from SUNY Binghamton and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College. She has been an elected Councilperson and volunteers in the areas of community organizing, environmental conservation and agriculture related initiatives. Denise currently serves as President of the Board of the Catskills Food Hub; is a member of the Board of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County; a Trustee on the Board for the Museum at Bethel Woods and a Co-Chair of the Bethel Health Community Task Force. Denise lives in Bethel

with her husband, Dr. William Pammer, their son Ian William Hawn Pammer and a black lab named Lincoln. Together they spend time outdoors as much as possible, hiking, skiing, growing garlic and keeping bees. Denise also enjoys taking detours, photography, kayaking and working in her gardens. Kiwanis of Woodridge salutes and honors Denise for her accomplishments and community spirit.

Barbi Neumann-Marti was born in Liberty, NY and at a young age developed a love for children which blossomed her senior year when she had the opportunity to volunteer in the elementary school in her district. She graduated from Mount Saint Mary College with a Bachelor's Degree and is now the Senior Unit Director for the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club serving Northern Orange and Sullivan County. She is a driving force for youth development in our county. She takes pride in preparing youth to meet the challenges of adolescence and young adulthood to achieve their full potential by developing programs and experiences that help youth develop socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Everyone knows she is a fierce advocate for the children of Sullivan County. She has been a proud member of the Liberty Rotary Club for over 9 years. She lives her life following the Rotary motto of Service Above Self and practices the 4 Way Test as a standard by which one should live. Barbi also participates with the Eagle Scout Board of Review; Friend in Need; Federation for the Homeless; Country Cares for St Jude Kids Radiothon; Catskill Animal Rescue fundraising committee; and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Barbi also loves spending her free time with her family, which often extends to having extra kids around. Her children, daughters Dianna & Sofia, say she is the fun bus and the mom that everyone can count on. Weekends are often spent cleaning stalls at Twin Brook Farms and working with horses. Kiwanis of Woodridge salutes and honors Barbi for her accomplishments and community spirit.

Kiwanis of Woodridge is dedicating the proceeds from this event to help with the cost of cancer treatments for children within the Fallsburg Central School District. We are grateful that other local civic organizations are helping with this cause.

Shining a Light on Dark Skies County Planning Hosts Roundtable to Discuss Light Pollution

Monticello, NY - Municipal officials from all corners of Sullivan County gathered on October 22 at the Government Center to discuss the impacts of light pollution and share ways to promote "dark skies" principles in local municipal planning.

Light pollution is defined by the International Dark Sky Association as "the inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light...[which] can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate." Light pollution comes from a variety of sources, and roundtable participants shared concerns and examples from their own communities. Many spoke about lighting in large residential developments, hazardous glare to drivers, and light spillover from the County's urban areas.

Thought of traditionally as an urban issue, rural light pollution has grown with new development and the increased use of low-cost, powerful LED lighting. Though highly efficient, most white LED lighting has significant levels of potentially hazardous blue light. Participants in the dark skies roundtable reviewed material from the International Dark Sky Association that reported blue-rich white light sources increase glare and compromise human vision, especially in the aging eye. In natural settings, blue light at night has been shown to adversely affect wildlife migration and reproduction.

Outdoor lighting with strong blue content has a significantly larger geographic reach than lighting with a lower rating on the Kelvin Temperature scale - i.e. less than 4,000K. The World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness estimates that outdoor lighting retrofits using 4,000K lamps could increase light pollution by a factor of 2.5. Because of this, they are likely to worsen skyglow, making it more difficult to see stars and other features of the night sky.

John Kocijanski, President of the Catskills

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Astronomy Club, attended the roundtable and spoke of the small but growing trend of astrotourism, in which people travel to observe meteor showers, photograph stars, and view other sky-related activities. Kocijanski has been contacted many times over the years by hopeful stargazers making the trek to the Sullivan Catskills.



"Limiting light pollution to maintain our view of dark night skies should be included in the quest to preserve our natural environment for the current and future generations," he stated. "A sense of awe and wonder that we get by peering into the heavens ought to be available to everyone."

Kocijanski currently directs people to the Catskill Mountains, Delaware River corridor, and Shawangunk Ridge, which all provide excellent viewsheds for astrotourists.

Several methods to mitigate light pollution were discussed amongst the group, which included local planning and zoning board members as well as consultant engineers providing municipal planning services. Strategies included site plan reviews to ensure projects utilized downward-facing lighting fixtures that prevent spillover onto neighboring properties and varieties of local dark skies ordinances. Because of the technical nature of lighting and lighting plans, the group agreed that more education on the subject was needed.

The Division of Planning provides technical assistance on a regular basis to municipalities on planning issues, such as light pollution. If you would like to organize a board-specific training in your community, contact Shannon Cilento at the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Community Development by calling (845) 807-0529 or emailing Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us.

Take a Quick Survey About the Local Job Market

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County's Center for Workforce Development (CWD) wants your feedback!

In order to better understand and serve the local workforce and the companies which employ them, the CWD has created a quick and easy-to-answer survey, which can be completed anonymously.

The survey, available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3GGYRKJ, asks why people look for a new job, don't seek a new job, or find new job searches to be full of obstacles.

A separate survey will be distributed directly to employers and asks business owners to identify needs, challenges and ways they believe CWD can assist.

"The goal of both surveys is to develop strategies and services that will effectively respond to employees' and employers' concerns and difficulties," says CWD Director Laura Quigley. "Sullivan County tops the State in job growth, but we still face challenges in fulfilling our primary mission here at CWD: connecting local folks with local jobs."

"We truly appreciate any help the entire community can give us in making sure everyone who is willing and able to work gets that opportunity," she adds.

**Community Events Kingston/Woodstock/
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and Senior Chanukah Celebrations •
Chanukah Express Train**

Chanukah -The Festival of Lights- for many of us brings back fond memories of childhood years and serves to renew our sense of identity. The Chanukah lights provide us with warmth, joy, strength and inspiration. Such is the purpose of community-wide celebrations to be held in Ulster County this Chanukah.

Chabad of Ulster County invites the entire community to celebrate the Festival of Lights at our public Menorah lighting ceremonies. Join us with the lighting of the menorah followed by music and delicious, hot latkes, apple cider and jelly doughnuts. People of all ages will enjoy singing traditional Chanukah songs like "The Dreidel Song," and enjoying traditional foods.

Chabad centers all around the world are dedicated to spreading light and goodness in their respective communities. Chabad's answer to the darkness and destruction is an increase in light and warmth. Each year Chabad of Ulster County hosts a community-wide Chanukah celebration where the message of religious freedom is brought to the street.

Public dignitaries and community leaders will attend the ceremony and will assist in kindling the "Menorah". Following the kindling, the programs will feature music, hot latkes, chocolate gelt, hot apple cider and smiles!

Chanukah, a celebration for all time is highlighted by the kindling of the Menorah each night of the holiday. "It is a holiday that enriches our lives with the light of tradition" said Rabbi Yitzchak Hecht, director of Chabad of Ulster County. "In ancient times our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem with the Menorah. Today, we rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place."

Chanukah also propagates the universal message that ultimately good will prevail over evil, freedom over oppression and light over darkness.

In its Chanukah outreach campaign, Chabad of Ulster County joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that are staging similar public displays of the Menorah and its symbolic lights. From Australia to Africa, Columbia to Hong Kong, New York City's ground zero to the White House lawn, hundreds of thousands will experience the joy of Chanukah with Chabad.

Join the community at a public display of unity at this exciting Menorah Lighting Ceremony. Bring the kids and make this your special Chanukah celebration. For more information, contact Chabad of Ulster County at (845)331-1176 or or at www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org

List of Public Menorah Lightings and Senior Chanukah Celebrations
Menorahs & Mocktails: Sunday, December 15 @ 12:30-2:30 pm Join the Jewish Women's Circle as we celebrate a Pre-Chanukah event with a twist! Design and create your own exquisite granite menorah while enjoying Mocktails and Chanukah treats! For more information call Dena @ 845-246-0177 or email JWC@chabadulstercounty.org. Sponsorship available for \$180. Suggested donation is \$8.

Chanukah Candle Workshop Wednesday, December 18 @ 4:15-5:45 pm Children's CKids Event: Experiment with awesome custom-made-molds to make Chanukah themed candles in different shades, themes and colors. Make your Chanukah Gelt soar, build your very own Gelt launcher enjoy, Chanukah treats! To RSVP contact Rebbetzin Binie at 845-331-1176 or Binie@chabadulstercounty.org.

1st Night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 22nd @ 3:30 pm: Woodstock Public Menorah & Grand Gelt Drop Lighting at the Village Green. Lighting of the Menorah, Grand Chanukah chocolate coin drop by the Woodstock Fire Department, Singing Holiday songs, apple cider, latkes, music, and gifts for every child! Come meet the new directors of Chabad of Woodstock Rabbi Mendy and Shandy Karczag

1st Day of Chanukah, Monday December 23rd @ 10 am & 1 pm & 4 pm :Share the Joys of Chanukah with our seniors at Golden Hill Health Care Center at 10:00 am & Mountain Valley Manor Adult care facility at 1:00pm & Ten Broeck Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing at 4:00pm Join with us as we give out Chanukah gifts, Sing Chanukah songs, Play dreidel Light the Menorah, share some yummy latkes & doughnuts and distribute gifts to the residents. If you would like to join us please contact Rabbi AB at 845-331-1176 rabbiab@chabadulstercounty.org.

3rd Night of Chanukah, Tuesday Night, December 24th @ 5:00 pm: Enjoy Kosher Chinese Cuisine & a Movie at Chabad of Ulster County, 254 Lucas Ave., \$25 per person, Sponsorship \$250. Please RSVP by December 16th to Leah@ILoveGanIsrael.com or call 845-331-1176. (Contd. Pg. 14)

Prayer to the Lord of Miracles Jesus

O Dear Lord, how wonderful to be able to come to You like this and share my every thought. Whenever I feel uncertain I know you are there to listen to my doubts and point out the way. I am thankful for this blessing, and I pray You will always remain close at hand ready to touch me with Your wisdom and understanding! Your goodness is strong as I speak with you now in prayer and ask for help! (Lord of Miracles I place this cause in Your hands). Thank you, Dear Lord!

This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.
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The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for an Assistant Building Inspector-PT (\$22/hr. not to exceed 17.5 hours per week). This position involves responsibility for assisting in the operation of the municipal building department in the enforcement of laws, ordinances, and regulations monitoring housing construction and safe occupancy of buildings. Duties include, but are not limited to, performing fire safety and property maintenance inspections on existing buildings and structures.

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(A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelors Degree in Engineering, Architecture or a related field; or

(B) Four (4) years of experience in building inspection, code enforcement, building construction, building architecture, or a related field; or

(C) An equivalent combination of training or experience as described in (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: This class requires a valid appropriate class driver's license or reasonable access to transportation to meet field work requirements in a timely manner during the ordinary course of business.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Within a period of one year, an appointee must acquire a certificate indicating successful completion of basic or advanced code enforcement training as set forth in 19 NYCRR Part 434.

Applications can be downloaded at www.townofneversink.org, under Contact tab, then Quick Links, then Document Center; or may be obtained at the Town Hall and received by December 30, 2019. Applications can either be mailed to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, emailed to: supervisor@townofneversink.org or hand-delivered to the Town Hall. 12/5

**TVCS Board of Education
will have a Board Meeting on
Thursday, December 12, 2019**

6:00 p.m. - Anticipated Executive Session -
Secondary School Library Upper Level.
7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting #10 - Secondary
School Library Lower Level.

Public Menorah Lightings

Senior Chanukah Celebrations

(From Pg. 13) **5th Day of Chanukah**, Friday, December 27th @ 12:30 pm: Public Menorah Lighting in Uptown Kingston - on the corner of Wall St & N. Front St. Join for the Lighting of the Menorah, Singing Chanukah songs, Apple cider, Latkes, & music.
7th Night of Chanukah, Saturday, December 28th @ 6:30 pm: Public Menorah Lighting At The Peter Schwalbe Center for Jewish Life - Agudas Achim, 254 Lucas Ave., Chocolate Chanukah gelt, music, smiles & much more! Hot dairy buffet will be served. For more info and reservations 845-331-1176 or Binie@chabadulstercounty.org. Sponsorship available \$180.

8th Night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 29th @ 3:30 pm: Woodstock Public Menorah Lighting at the Village Green. Lighting of the Menorah, Singing Holiday songs, Apple cider, Latkes, doughnuts, music, gifts for every child!

8th Night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 29th @ 7:00 pm: **The Chanukah Express** - Celebrate Chanukah like never before!! All Aboard! Join with us for a festive train ride with a Menorah Lighting, Latkes, Music and fun for the entire family!! Open to all ages! Chanukah Express departs from Catskill Mountain Railroad in the Kingston Plaza at 7pm.

Get your tickets @ www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org/ChanukahExpress. For more information call 845-331-1176.

General Chanukah Information

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory - more than 2,100 years ago - of a militarily weak, but spiritually strong, Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory of religious freedom was compounded by a second great miracle that took place when only one jug of sacred oil was found still pure and sealed. The Maccabees poured

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the one-day supply of oil into the great Menorah and rekindled the Menorah that had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy. The small amount of oil did not burn out at the end of the first day, but continued to burn continuously for eight days, until the special process for preparing new oil could be completed.

Lighting the Chanukah Menorah reminds us of these events and also serves as a symbol and a message of triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

Today, Jews all over the world light their Menorah, in thanks to G-d who has saved them "To enjoy these days at this season." Each night an additional light is kindled until, on the eighth day, the Menorah is ablaze with eight beautiful lights.

Because of the great significance of oil in the story of Chanukah, it is traditional to serve foods cooked in oil. Among the most popular are delicious Potato Latkes.

The Syrians decreed that the teaching or studying of Torah was a crime punishable by death or imprisonment. But the children defiantly studied in secret; and when Syrian patrols were spotted, they would pretend to be playing an innocent game of Dreidel.

The Dreidel is a four-sided spinning top also called a Svivon, in Hebrew. On each side is a Hebrew letter: "Nun", "Gimmel", "Hay", and "Shin". The letters stand for the phrase "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham - a great miracle happened there". It is traditionally used to play a lively Chanukah game. On Chanukah, it is traditional to give all children Chanukah Gelt (money). This beautiful custom adds to the children's happiness and festive spirit. In addition, it affords us an opportunity to give them positive reinforcement for exemplary behavior, such as diligence in their studies, and acts of charity.

SC and Partners Relaunch Trailkeeper.org

Monticello, NY - A joint effort of Sullivan County's Division of Planning & Community Development, Catskill Mountainkeeper, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) and Morgan Outdoors, Trailkeeper.org now contains more trails, more photos and more resources than ever before.

"Our beautifully redesigned website includes a choice of more than 80 trails, ranging from easy walks to moderate hikes to intense climbs, in every corner of the southern Catskills and Upper Delaware River Valley," says Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg, whose team co-manages the site. "And each listing comes with the details people need: interactive maps, difficulty levels, trail characteristics, natural resources, local communities, lodging and camping spots, even GPS coordinates."

"The relaunched Trailkeeper.org keeps both experienced and occasional hikers in mind, offering tips and info for all ages and skill levels - and the opportunity to suggest a new trail be added to the list," explains Ramsay Adams, founder and Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. "The site also pairs with Trailkeeper's Facebook page so that anyone can discover the latest updates and group events."

"The Sullivan Catskills possess many a treasure that can only be seen on foot or bicycle - which actually is also a great way to visit our vibrant downtowns," remarks Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association President & CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood. "And why wait? I encourage everyone to work off some of that Thanksgiving pumpkin pie this weekend on one of these incredible trails!"

The relaunch was made possible through funding from a Sullivan County Plans and Progress Grant, plus contributions from Trailkeeper partners. The site, which is hosted and monitored by the SCVA's web manager service, was redesigned by Bethany Martin, owner and designer at B. Martin Studio (www.bmartinstudio.com).

The Final Stretch of the Ashokan Rail Trail Opens to the Public

The historic Ashokan Rail Trail opening marks the first public access in over 100 years to the North Shore of the Ashokan Reservoir. Two additional parking lots will be added.

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan is pleased to announce the public opening of the final section of the Ashokan Rail Trail (ART), which has been closed previously due to construction activities. This western segment of the ART, which includes a new 360-foot long bridge over the Esopus Creek, is being opened along with two additional public trailhead areas with parking and sanitary facilities. The newly opened trailheads are located at 3045 Route 28 in Shokan (Ashokan Station Trailhead) and 5080 Route 28A in Boiceville (Boiceville Bridge Trailhead); these new parking areas will add more than 100 additional spaces for the ART adding to those previously available at the Woodstock Dike Trailhead in West Hurley. The trailhead in West Hurley and nine miles of trail were officially opened on October 18th with another two miles of trail opened several weeks later, and in the first four weeks since the opening, more than 11,000 visitors have come to the ART.

The final stretch of the trail will be open on Thanksgiving, in time for families to visit over Thanksgiving weekend.

"I am thrilled to open the final stretch of this trail and new parking facilities and make this treasure fully accessible to the public for the first time in over 100 years," County Executive Ryan said. "This strategic investment positions us to bolster our reputation as one of the most trail-friendly counties in New York State and accelerate economic growth linked to our expanding tourism industry."

"Opening an additional two trail heads in Shokan and Boiceville for the Ashokan Rail Trail gives easier access to the amazing features on the middle and western portions of the trail," Legislator Kathy Nolan said. "These features include the new multi-purpose Boiceville Trestle, spanning the Esopus Creek and leading to stunningly beautiful wetlands areas, woods, and causeways. Within walking distance of Onteora High School, the new Boiceville trail head will not only serve residents of Olive and surrounding communities but also encourage tourists to travel further into the Catskill Park to begin their adventures. With businesses along the trail already reporting increased activity since the opening of the Woodstock Dike Trailhead less than a month ago, we can expect to see further beneficial economic impact in and around Shokan and Boiceville and perhaps into the western portions of Ulster County."

"The final access points to the Ashokan Rail Trail will provide visitors with easy access to the westernmost parts of the trail, where they will find amazing views of Ashokan Reservoir, the Catskills, and the Esopus Creek," DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush said. "DEP has heard great feedback from many of our watershed neighbors and tourists who have enjoyed the eastern sections of the trail during the past month, and we know they will be equally thrilled by the experience and vistas near Shokan and Boiceville. I want to thank Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan for his partnership, which has provided the momentum and enthusiasm to get the entire trail open by Thanksgiving."

"The public will greatly enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Boiceville section of the Ashokan Rail Trail, with its expansive, iconic view of the Catskill Mountain High Peaks," Maxanne Resnick, Executive Director, Woodstock Land Conservancy said. "At this time of thanks, we are so grateful to the County - its Executive and Legislature - for making this beautiful trail and treasured resource available to our communities to enjoy for generations to come." (Contd. Pg. 15)



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2019 Upcoming Events

Dec 7 - Transportation to NYC

Dec. 13 5 pm Judging for House Decorating Contest (Submit form to Parks & Rec by Dec 10 to participate)
Dec. 15 - **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** 2-3 pm at the Neversink Town Hall; Elf Workshop 3:30 at Daniel Pierce Library & **Tree Lighting and announcing winners of House Decorating Contest at 5 PM at Bi-centennial Park**

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- 12/7/19 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm - Church Hall
- 12/7/19 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Craft Fair
- 12/8/19 **Santa Claus arrives at the Grahamsville Fire house** for a visit from 11 am - 1 pm.
- 12/10/19 Claryville Fire District Elections 4pm to 8pm
- 12/10/19 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 6 pm
- 12/11/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 12/12/19 Claryville Fire Dist. Meeting 6:30
- 12/13/19 **Judging for House Decorating Contest 5 pm** (Submit form to Parks & Rec by Dec 10 to participate)
- 12/15/19 **Holiday Tea** at the Daniel Pierce Library - 1:00 to 3:00 pm (Admission is Free. Please register on-line)
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- 12/19/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/24/19 Town of Neversink 1/2- Day Holiday - **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- 12/25/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **CHRISTMAS**
- 12/31/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day - **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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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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The Final Stretch of the Ashokan Rail Trail Opens to the Public
(From Pg. 14) The opening of the new Boiceville Bridge, which is located just 1000 feet from the Boiceville Bridge Trailhead, makes accessible some of the most scenic vistas along the entire ART. Within less than one-half mile of the new Boiceville Bridge, the ART runs closely along the Reservoir and views open to the Catskill Mountain peaks on the southwest of the Reservoir.
The Ashokan Rail trail opening was made possible thanks to the following contractors and engineers: Barton and Loguidice D.P.C., Taylor-Montgomery, LLC, A.Servidone, Inc./ B.Anthony Construction Corp. JV., and Harrison & Burrowes Bridge Constructors, Inc.
The ART is open from sunrise to sunset throughout the year. For more information, please visit ashokanrailtrail.com

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The public is invited to Congregation Agudas Achim, 587 Old Route 17 - Rock Avenue, Livingston Manor, NY 12758.
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No membership required to attend. Congregation Agudas Achim is an LGBTQ friendly synagogue. Come and meet some new friends and reconnect with old ones!
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**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON ON
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 WE HONOR ACTOR CARY GRANT IN
ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

CARY GRANT, was a veteran of ninety-two films – too many to list here. A simple solution when you see the name Cary Grant watch it. They are all superb performances. More versatile than he was often given credit for, Grant convincingly played a man of action in films like the rousing adventure "Gunga Din" (1939) for director George Stevens, and Howard Hawk's revered aerial drama, "Only Angels Have Wings" (1939). He further perfected the screwball comedy opposite Rosalind Russell in "His Girl Friday" (1940) and "My Favorite Wife" (1940), which re-teamed him with McCarey and frequent leading lady Irene Dunne. That same year, the smash hit, "The Philadelphia Story" (1940) not only broke box office records, it single-handedly revived Katharine Hepburn's flagging career, and won two Oscars, and additionally solidified Grant's impeccable screen persona into a verifiable archetype. So effortlessly effective was the actor, that Grant even managed to elevate sub-par material such as the melodrama "Penny Serenade" (1941), which earned him his first Oscar nomination. In one of his most fortuitous and beneficial professional collaborations, Grant worked with the great Alfred Hitchcock for the first time on the romantic psychological-thriller "Suspicion" (1941) opposite Joan Fontaine. In a surprisingly effective break from his usual role type, Grant portrayed a handsome scoundrel suspected of murder. Famously unimpressed with the thespians, director Hitchcock would later refer to Grant as "the only actor I ever loved in my whole life". Although still a major box office draw, the harsh new realities brought on by World War II tempered audience's taste for frivolous romantic-comedies, and for the first time Grant's career faltered. **WATCH FOR PART TWO CARY GRANT, COMING SOON. NOW THIS WEEK, STARRING CARY GRANT IN ARSENIC AND OLD LACE** (Comedy, 1944) A young man about to be married discovers the two aunts who raised him have been poisoning lonely old men. **Director: Frank Capra, and starring Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre, Jack Carson, Josephine Hull, Jean Adair, James Gleason, Grant Mitchell, John Alexander, Edward Everett Horton.** Hilarious adaptation of Joseph Kesselring's hit play (scripted by the Epstein Brothers) about two seemingly harmless old ladies who poison lonely gentleman callers. Frantic cast is excellent, especially Lorre and Massey as unsuspecting murderers holed up in Brooklyn household. Made in 1941. Hull, Adair, and Alexander repeat their Broadway roles. Also shown in computer-colored version. B/W - 118 m TV-G

Quiz:
 1. Who played Jonathan Brewster?
 2. Who played Dr. Einstein?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

Dec 7 - **Covered Dish Supper** at the Sundown Methodist Church this month.

GRAHAMSVILLE

Dec. 7 Grahamsville UMC **Holiday Craft Sale**
 Dec. 8 - **Santa Claus** arrives at the **Grahamsville Fire house** for a visit from 11 am - 1 pm.
 Dec 15 - **Holiday Tea** at the Daniel Pierce Library 1-3
 Dec 15 - **Elf Workshop** at the Daniel Pierce Library 3:30 pm
 (See ad on Page 16 for all Parks & Rec Holiday Events)

Knarf Odnamoc

Russian Mule

Tasting Room
 Calendar of Events

Friday, December 6- **Live Music:** Albi 6-9 pm
 Saturday, December 7-**Live Music:**
The Acquaintances 6-9 pm
 Saturday, December 14-**Live Music:** Bryan Gordon 6-9 pm
 Saturday, December 21-**Live Music:** BJ & Greg 6-9 pm
 Saturday, December 28-**New Year Holiday Party**
 with performance by **Patrick Collins**

Gotsch
Christmas Tree Farm
 Blue and White Spruce
 Cut-Your-Own Tree: \$30 any tree
 Fresh Pre-Cut Tree: \$35 any tree
Open: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Weekends Listed Below)
 November 29, 30, & Dec 1
 December 7 & 8
 December 14 & 15
 December 21 & 22
 Closed Christmas Eve
 Weekdays by Appointment Only
 86 Knight Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740
 Phone: 845-985-7902

Enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!
 Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville.
Hope to see you soon!
 Campers and Hunters are always welcome!



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