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## Glaciers of the Catskills VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Glaciers of the Catskills, on Sunday, February 21th at 2 p.m..

Discover how glaciers have impacted Catskill landscapes and waterways and learn how to track the 'geologic trails' left behind by glaciers across our present-day landscape. In this live webinar, join Haley Springston, Watershed Planning Coordinator for the Rondout Neversink Stream program, who reviews the events and effects of the Ice Age in the Catskill region and gives a closer look at the local history of glaciers within the Rondout-Neversink watershed.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is FREE and virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the talk. Please call 845 985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information. (Contd. Pg. 4)



*Haley Springston of the Rondout Neversink Stream Management Program*

## WANTED: Older New Yorkers Who Make a Difference



*Dennis Wood of Wurtsboro*

Monticello, NY - May feels like a long time away, but the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is already planning for it, and you can play a part!

May is recognized nationally as Older Americans Month, acknowledging the incredible efforts and diverse contributions older adults make to communities across the nation. In collaboration with 59 agencies on aging across the State, New York seeks to honor exceptional individuals who, through their actions, demonstrate the spirit of civic engagement and selflessness.

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*Minnie Paramore of Monticello*

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind." Matthew 22:37

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reflecting for a while  
imagining your voice, your face  
your warm and loving smile.

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the happy times we had  
when you played such a special role  
as Husband and Dad,  
Papa and the Great Papa.

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we only wish you knew  
that we'd give all the world today  
for one more hour with you.

But we still have our memories  
and since we've been apart  
it comforts us so much to know  
that you're right here in our heart.

**Mary  
Ginny & Rich, Sue  
Jessica & Jacob, Joshua, Faith, Brittany  
Levi, Benjamin, Tessa, Cayden**

**COLLEGE NEWS:**

**Alexa Wakefield** has made the Dean's list every semester of her four years at college. Her family is very proud of her. We are sure her Grandpa Wakefield is especially proud. Alexa's major is Art Therapy.

(Due to last week's snowstorm we couldn't get Alexa's picture in.)



## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### January 24, 1951

Mr. and Mrs Franklin Dean are the parents of a son, born January 22nd at the Maimonides Hospital.

The Frost Valley Lumber Company is progressing rapidly on preparation for opening of the mill on February 1st.

The Neversink Fire Company responded to a call from the Walter Edwards' on Saturday (when they found their home on fire after returning from shopping) and were able to extinguish the blaze before much damage was done. Arthur Pomeroy was overcome with the fumes from and extinguisher but is now back to normal.

The mobilizing American economy continued to show symptoms of inflation last week. The developments included these: Food prices have reached an all-time record high - nearly 7% over the pre-Korean War level - and still climbing. Stock prices on the New York Exchange last Wednesday hit a twenty year height. Ten years ago - 11 months before Pearl Harbor - President Roosevelt sent Congress a budget totaling \$17.5 billion. Last year President Truman sent Congress a vastly larger budget totaling \$71.6 billion.

#### January 25, 1961

Mr. Peter Telfer, Guidance Director, announced that Mr. Ira Rubanzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, has been selected as one of the semi-finalists for a General Electric Scholarship at Union College for the summer of 1961.

Grace Knight died Thursday, January 19th at Liberty Loomis Hospital after a long illness. She was 78 years of age. She was born April 8, 1882 at Grahamsville, the daughter of James B. Slater and Sarah Housman. She was married November 18, 1903 at Grahamsville to John Knight.

Condolences go to the family of Mr. Fred Dollaway who passed away on January 19th. Mr. Dollaway was a brother to Mrs. Percy Cole of Claryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Parker are the proud parents of a son, born on Monday morning January 23rd in Norfolk, Virginia weighing 7 1/2 lbs. Mrs. Parker is the former Brooke Anderson. Mr. Sam Anderson is the maternal grandfather.

#### January 27, 1971

Michael Dean, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Dean of Neversink, has been accepted at Salem College in West Virginia. He Plans to major in physical education.

Congratulations and good luck to Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlop, the new owners and proprietors of the general store in Sundown. The store was recently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanAken, Jr. and before that for many years by Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Dean.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Edwards on the arrival of a baby daughter. They live in the former Carson Eighmey home.

#### January 22, 1981

Congratulations to Elyse Hornbeck who made the Dean's List at SUNY Brockport with a 4.0 average.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Condon are the proud grandparents of their FIRST granddaughter after 7 grandsons. The proud parents are Mary and Robert De Stefano of Glendale Heights, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Laeton wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diana Lynne Hall to Scott Keith Grey. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Grey of Grahamsville. A June 27, 1981 wedding is planned.

Sundown Mayor, Richard VanWagner, says the snow snakes are out in full force now and he's killed four of the little devils so far.

### Household Hints:

#### Clean the Inside of that Faithful Winter Friend - Your Tea Kettle

To remove lime coating on your tea kettle; add vinegar to the water and let stand overnight.

### Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman 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.

#### Where do Snakes Go When it Snows?

Remembering back to the days in Sundown when we were on the lookout for the invisible snow snakes, that only a few, like Richard or Floyd Van Wagner ever caught sight of.

Where do snakes go in the winter?

Hibernation in reptiles is different from mammals who are able to live off the stored fat in their bodies. Reptile, such as snakes do not have a fat reserve. Instead of hibernating, a snake, such as the garter snakes that live in our back yard, enter a period called brumation. Garter snakes become lethargic during the cold winter months as their metabolism slows down which prevents the snakes from using unnecessary energy, however, they are quite awake during winter.

They will find a winter home in places such as dens made by squirrels, rodents, other snakes. They will also burrow in tree stumps, caves, and deep caverns or even in a basement. Strategically, snakes will go into protected hiding spots that have little chance of being disrupted by wind or rain. It mainly needs to be a space that lies below the frost line so the snakes don't freeze to death.

Oftentimes, snakes will share dens to use the body heat from other snakes to better survive the winter. These dens can consist of males, females, babies, or even different species. As survival is the main goal during this time, they do not discriminate.

Snake brumation can begin anytime from September to December and last until March or April, depending on the weather pattern. In addition, snakes may come out of brumation if a warm front changes the weather, warming their blood and making them more active. Snakes will sense when the outside air is warmer or will likely notice the weather change once leaving their den to forage. Thus, it is very possible on a very rare occasion to see a snake slithering along the snow. An example of this can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqJrQXVLeek>

Coincidentally, the lore of the snow snake has survived, Not only is it a Native American winter sport of the same name, but just recently someone has posted on social media a report of snow snake sightings! You can see it for yourself on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhcQe8dGI94>

I am not particularly a snake lover - snow snakes, garter snakes, or otherwise. I get hackles up my back just thinking about the possibility a little garter snake could be wintering over in our basement!

No wonder I like *Indiana Jones* - we both suffer from Ophidiophobia! (fear of snakes)



## WANTED: Older New Yorkers Who Make a Difference

(From Pg. 1) The ceremony will take place during NYS Office for the Aging's Older New Yorkers' Day celebration on May 18 and will be held virtually on Facebook and YouTube. More details to follow.

Thus the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is seeking nominations of older adults from our community to be represented at this virtual event. These nominations can come from civic leaders, elected officials, and community organizations. The nominee should be a volunteer aged 55 or older that has made a difference in the community through civic engagement.

The deadline for submitting nominees is February 22, 2021. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0255, then submitting to the office c/o Lise-Anne Deoul, Director of Aging Services, via email at Lise-Anne.Deoul@co.sullivan.ny.us or by mail to 100 North St., Monticello, NY 12701.

## Glaciers of the Catskills VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1)



*Ice in the Catskills*

**About Hayley Springston:** Haley Springston is the Watershed Planning Coordinator for the Rondout Neversink Stream Program, where she manages educational programming, assists with stream-focused research, and designs and installs stream-side plantings for watershed residents. Haley graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelors of Science degree in

Geology. She is an outdoor enthusiast, frequently going backpacking across the Catskills and beyond.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

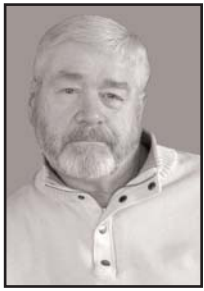


*A map of the Rondout and Neversink Watershed areas with the shaded areas showing glacier deposits.*

### Exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.
- o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.
- o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org). Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.



## The Unwilling

### Mysterious Book Report No. 435

by John Dwaine McKenna

John Hart is the absolute master of Southern Gothic or Appalachian Noir-whatever name it's given-and is the single best practitioner of the genre working in America today.

In his newest, and just released novel, *The Unwilling*, (St. Martin's Press, \$27.99, 384 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-16772-9), he takes an introspective and deeply personal look at the effect of the Viet Nam War on a patriotic Southern Family through the eyes of an eighteen year old named Gibby French. He's the youngest of three brothers, born to Bill and Gabriel French. Bill's a detective on the Charlotte, N.C. Police Force and Gabriel is a stay-at-home mom who's suffering from depression due to the loss of her oldest-and most favored-son Robert, who was drafted and died in Viet Nam. His twin Jason, and the most problematic of the three boys, volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps and served four tours in S.E. Asia . . . where he was responsible for many killings, some of which were done under questionable circumstances. He came home addicted to heroin and went to prison for drug-related crimes.

Now, as the novel begins, Jason's out of prison and back in his hometown of Charlotte, where-to his father's consternation and his overprotective mother's horror-Jason is working to reestablish his relationship with Gibby.

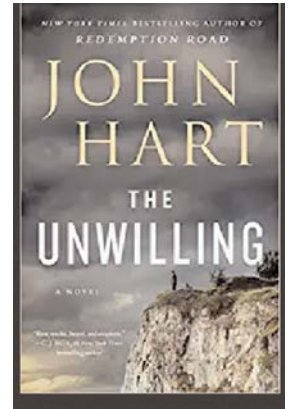
But just as the two are beginning to reconnect, a woman Jason was involved with is savagely murdered, and given his history and all the available clues, Jason appears to be the killer. Is he? Gibby doesn't think so, and sets out to prove it, even as his budding romance that's just beginning to flower is put at risk . . . or even loss of life . . . as the real killer (which the reader's been made aware of) continues with his warped plan.

This is after all a Southern Gothic novel, and John Hart is the master of it. Read *Unwilling* for yourself and make your own decision. See how he's able to bend the genre with an evil so great that the yarn-almost-but not quite-devolves into the paranormal. And all the while, the real horror, the Viet Nam War, lies in the background like the nasty surprise skeleton in the closet that it was then and is now. John Hart gets better with each book!

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## Interview With the Author: John Hart

by John Dwaine McKenna

Our interviewee today is NY Times bestselling author John Hart, who graciously took time from his busy schedule to share his thoughts and writing tips for all of us. With many thanks . . . here's our first question:

### When do you write?

I'm a morning guy for story momentum. Get up, get to work, trust whatever organ guides the story. In the afternoons, I edit. The goal is a thousand good words a day, but I'll settle for eight hundred. Twice that, and I break out the good scotch.

### Where do you write?

If it's still dark outside when I wake (and the family is still asleep) then I write in a barely lit corner of my favorite room - lots of books and leather and dark paint. In daylight, I go to an office I've built in an old tractor barn on the back corner of my farm. No one goes there but the dogs and me. Great views, a lot of quiet. I call it "Johnland."

### Why do you write?

I enjoy writing but, it's harder to do than most will ever realize. That's because it's stressful and lonesome, an act of sheer will and sustained faith, at times for many years. Write well, though, and a novelist's life is the ultimate expression of personal freedom. For me, that was always the brass ring.

### What's the most important element for writing success?

Whatever talent I have is God-given, so I take little credit for it. Perseverance is what made the difference for me. I wrote two failed novels before the third was finally published. I could have quit a thousand times.

### What makes a character compelling?

I believe the events of childhood shape us all, that for good or ill, we're largely formed by the time we mature. Allow those childhood issues to drive an adult character - perhaps in ways the character does not fully understand - and that character becomes imminently compelling, especially if wounded, hardened or left in some sort of powerful denial. It makes for good storytelling when the reader sees things the characters do not. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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**The Olive Jar - Zoom-**(From Pg. 6)

When we finally do all get on, we have about an hour to share our ZOOM version of a real-life, although virtual, soap operas. Lately, we talk about who got a vaccine appointment and where. Since most of us are “age-appropriate”, we, like many others, are signing up at multiple sites in hopes of securing the coveted appointment for one of the vaccines. Unfortunately, we are also sharing personal stories of friends and family who test positive.

Now that we have almost mastered logging on, we are practicing the nuances of ZOOM. We have learned that the background is important, so choose an uncluttered, staged area. Hold the camera above eye level to diminish multiple chins. Beware of photobombs; cats and husbands often wander by. Also, I have discovered an extension called “more” that has an “enhancement button.” I was hoping for a Jennifer Aniston look, but, unfortunately, it was still me just with rosier cheeks and better lighting.

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# Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans



Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will once again mount a "Valentines for Vets" exhibit in the lobby of the County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.



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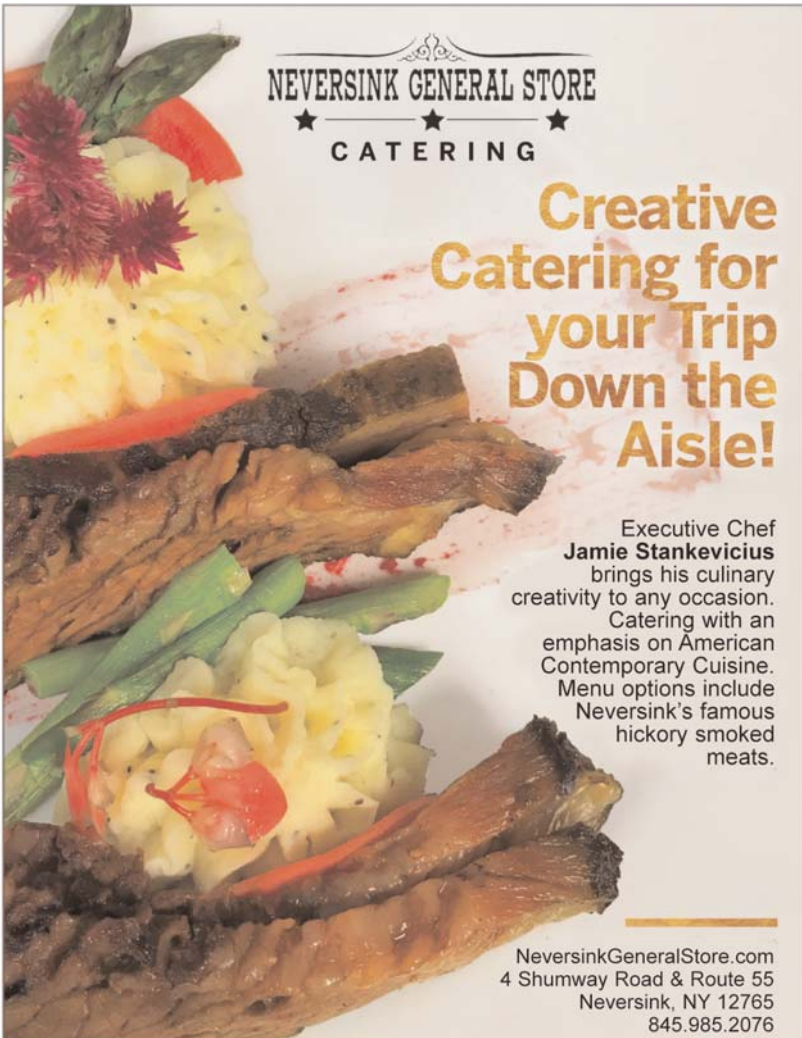
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The Valentine's Day cards will be on display from Wednesday, February 10 through Monday, February 15 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The program is part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

"Every year, local students create special Valentine cards to brighten the lives of our veterans," affirmed Veterans Director John Crotty. "Last year, thanks to the efforts of teachers and students, more than 2,000 Valentines were delivered to our hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Castle Point and Albany."

For further information, please contact the Veterans Office at 845-807-0233.



## SEARCHING FOR OUR ROOTS

--Carol Smythe, Neversink Historian

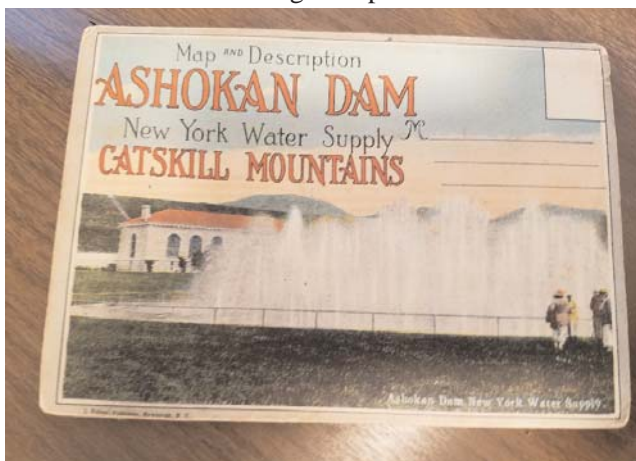
The taking of the lands along the Neversink River by eminent domain for the building of the Neversink Reservoir did more than change the landscape. It changed the trajectory of that area in so many ways. When I think of old Neversink, I think of Indian caves, I think of old movies that were made here, I think of the age of old bogs in the area and so much more. In the historian's archives, there is a clipping from 1936 about the first Neversink Field Day that was held in the Village of Neversink.

Close to 400 people attended. All the schools in Town of Neversink participated in this event. Neversink School won the event; Grahamsville took 2nd place and Mutton Hill was third. School children took part in 22 sports events. Among them were 100 yard dash, sack race, relay race, wheelbarrow race, potato race, 4 legged race and a tug of war where everyone joined in. Most other races, boys and girls participated separately. In the potato race, stones were substituted for potatoes. The "Republican Watchman", a Sullivan County newspaper reported that Florence Hamilton of Lows Corners won the girls' running high jump, presumably because she was wearing knickers. Wilma Asthalter of Neversink came in 2nd when her dress touched the bar. Norman Nitsche of Neversink was the only person to climb the 15 foot greased pole. He won \$1.25.

Harry Cole, teacher from Neversink, reportedly had the idea for the event. (Historian's note - In one place the article says it was in Village of Neversink. In another place the article says it was on the Fair Grounds. Is anyone out there able to clarify this for me?)

Perhaps we'll know more about this and many other school related items when the School Exhibit opens in May at the Time and the Valleys Museum.

Archie Dean was a great person to talk with if you wanted to know about Neversink History. He also talked about the time when his family took boarders. Hard to imagine but sometimes people were met at the train station and conveyed to Neversink by horse and wagon. Local kids could expect to lose their bedrooms for the summer as they gave them up so another room was available for the summer crowd. Good home cooking, good air to breath and cool enough that one could be comfortable. Quite a difference from a New York City apartment with no air conditioning. Guess that horse and wagon looked pretty good to the city dweller. One welcome amusement for the summer boarders was a horse and wagon trip to the Ashokan Reservoir



for the day. I suppose they put hay in the wagon for cushioning for the ride over. Riding through Peekamoose must have been quite an adventure. The day trippers would have taken lunches.

Their destination was the aeration pond at Ashokan. That presented quite a picture in its heyday. (I can remember as a young child being mesmerized by the aeration of the waters as we drove over the Ashokan Dam.)

Time and the Valleys Museum has worked hard to present the farm and farmhouse of the 1930s to museum visitors. Imagine my delight to discover "Macy's Cook Book" published 1932. There is an entire section called *The Kitchen*. Much of what the farmhouse kitchen has on display is so similar to what the book is telling women they should have. This book is a must read for anyone interested in old kitchens. Have just finished reading my grandmother's journals and she refers to washing on Monday, as does this book. In those days, it meant hanging those

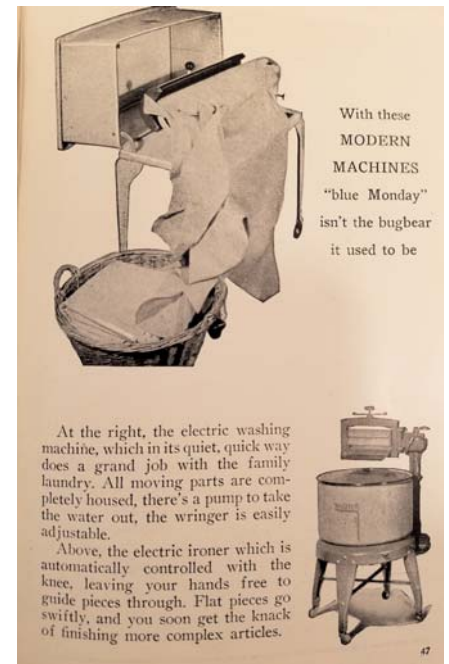
clothes outside even if they froze solid (no dryers). When Mom and Dad first bought their farm on South Hill she would do the wash in tubs, which meant she was wringing clothes out with her hands. What a job that must have been.

For those of you who have driven from Woodbourne to Grahamsville on Rt 42. In 1929, as NYS prepared to pave the road, it was called the Woodbourne-Grahamsville Highway. Interestingly, in 1939, Juliana George referred to it as the "swamp road". Am looking for info about why it might have been called the "swamp road"? My other quest is learning more about the "Sherman house". It is an early Grahamsville home that has fallen by the wayside and is scheduled for demolition in the spring. The Town of Neversink has acquired the property and plans to use the space for additional parking. Al and Evelyn Sherman acquired the property in 1956. It is believed the house was built in 1889. First transfer of the property shows it being conveyed by Addie Furman and Miles Furman to Otto Donaldson in 1910.

Let me end by sharing two new books on my bookshelf.



"Reservoir Year" by Nina Shengold is A Walker's Book of Days. For one year, the author kept a journal as she walked daily at the Ashokan Reservoir. Since the Ashokan is a favorite of mine since childhood, I am delighted to read this book and follow along with her daily jaunts. The second book is "Mysterious Stone Sites". Linda Zimmerman, the author, just did a virtual program for Time and the Valleys Museum. As pragmatic as I am, I have visited some stone sites in the area that seem to go beyond the literal interpretation of how they are designated. Anyway, am grateful to have the opportunity to think about it.



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## Lady Days: the Best of Billie & Me

Minnesota Jazz icon Thomasina Petrus will perform via Zoom on February 16, 2021 from 7 - 8 p.m. for the patrons of several regional libraries. This special piece of historical musical cabaret celebrates the life and influence of Billie Holiday. Thomasina will take listeners on a scintillating audible history that eventually ends with the discovery of her own incredibly unique and powerful voice.

Head of Adult Reference Dennis Sullivan of Pearl River Public Library is collaborating with the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, the Josephine-Louise Public Library, the Field Library, Goshen Public Library and the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library (EBCPL) for this virtual Black History Month concert.

Ms. Petrus' story of discovering Billie when she was young is a fascinating and highly entertaining piece of cabaret. Full of humor and emotional realness, audiences of any age come to understand the impact history, music and culture have on every generation and how we are all continually linked to our past.

Through a musical timeline of artists impacted by Billie Holiday including Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Etta James and more, Thomasina celebrates each of these beautiful black women and men who inspired and influenced Jazz and its origins, exploring the impact and influence they had in every part of American history.

Registration for this program is required and can be made via the libraries' websites go to: <https://ebcpl.libcal.com/event/7527973> for our Calendar of Events.. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants on the day of the program. Ms. Petrus will be available after the concert to answer questions from participants. Questions? Give us a call at EBCPL: (845)794-4660 x7 or x9.

## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Once again I'm writing this on Sunday, waiting for the snow to hit. Even though it won't be another "snowmeggedon" like last week, my power stayed on during and after. But I've lived up here long enough to know that I can't count on the power staying on in the 3 to 5 inches expected today.

Superbowl Sunday. As I've said many times, I don't care who makes the home runs in football and yes that is my total understanding of sports. That's not to say I haven't attended pro football, basketball and baseball games or that I've never attended a Superbowl Party when such things were possible. I've even hosted a few. But understanding what's going on? Nope. I do, however, get caught up in the excitement of the people who do. That's what I enjoy. Luckily for me, the home state team (the Packers) are not in this football pinnacle so I and the cats will be enjoying something on Netflix later if I have power and cable.

I expect a spike in the virus infections. The scuttlebutt has turned from "It's a hoax" to "People don't die from Covid." What amuses me in this latest round is that they all site two instances as absolute evidence, the same two instances that I first heard in March of last year. When questioned further, the places where these supposed same instances occurred seems to, well, pick any city or a small town anywhere in the States and THAT'S where it happened. They read it on FaceBook. They saw a YouTube video. And they believe. So I've been asking that they forward their 'proof' to me. Golly gosh, the FaceBook tripe seems not to be found again. But I have received a few YouTube videos. One was a young man who claimed to be a doctor associated with a prestigious New York City hospital. Hey, do the forwarders forget I have a press pass? Turns out there IS a doctor by that name, associated with that hospital, but this doctor is sixty five years old and there is not another doctor by that name even working there in any capacity! Debunked. The next one I'm going to view was sent to me by a yoga instructor. This one is supposedly several "doctors". Hey, do they forget I have a press pass? I'll let you know.

Enough of that!!

Here's my Annie socks, finished. and yes, the snow has started. It struck me, as I put them on for the first time complete, how much the color scheme reminded me of my feet in a running stream with the variegated stripes reminding me of the sun glinting off ripples. These were a deviation for me, the first time I've ever made socks with a thicker yarn. AND



I relearned something. It's a way of finishing off the cuff that makes them stretchy! I'm going back to my finished socks, taking out the last row and incorporating this technique.

But here's my super proud, Great Aunt (and of course I am!) moment. These

adorable little creatures were made by Emma, my niece's daughter. (I think that makes her my Great Niece. But of course she is!) Having taught beginners to crochet, I know the dedication and concentration it takes to learn how to take that single string of yarn and that hook and make something that resembles something. These are her very first projects. And to see what she has done here on her own, well, I'm just so proud! And if that's not awe inspiring enough, she did so with her 10-year old son in the house!! Kudos Emma!!!

Thanks for being with me for another week.  
Stay well, stay strong, stay masked.  
Until next time^^

## Love in the Time of Covid-19

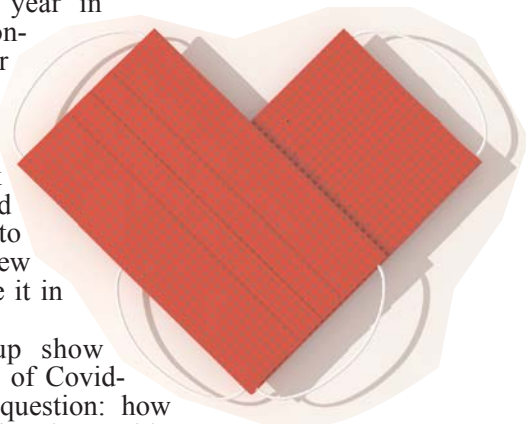
"Love in the Time of Covid-19," a group exhibit, and "Threadbare," textiles and prints by Sariah Park open at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, February 13. The shows will be on view through March 27 and are free and open to the public. The first two weeks of the show, please visit the DVAA website to register for a time slot prior to visiting DVAA.

### "LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19" IN ALLIANCE GALLERY

2020 was the year in which how we connect to one another entered into strange and uncharted territory. Intimacy took on new context and we were forced to adapt and find new ways to experience it in our lives.

The curated group show "Love in the Time of Covid-19" explores the question: how does love exist during the Covid-19 pandemic? Featuring over two dozen artists working in mediums including photography, painting, video, and poetry, the show includes both new works created in 2020, as well as works that predate the pandemic but that took on new meaning during this time.

Visual artists included in the show include: Sunny Chapman, Glenn Lieberman, Candy Spilner, Norma Bernstock, Julia Justo, Michael Thompson, Allan Rubin, Mario Loprete, Dani Case, Dasha Zibrova, Stephen Morse, Peter Kopher, Kristen Gronbeck, Brian Madonna, Susan Miiller, Claudine Luchsinger, Ann Finneran, Karolyn Fraine, Opossum Nicholson, and Alice Zinnes. Audio/visual artists include Elizabeth Ennis and Nicole Lattuca. And writers include: Lauren Dennis, Dany Gagnon, Mary O Keefe Brady, Katherine Shahadeh.



### SARIAH PARK "THREADBARE"

Can printmaking and weaving be used as tools to "unmake" waste? This is the central question in Sariah Park's most recent body of work "Threadbare." "The concept of waste is man made," says Park. "Even the most damaged materials can be repurposed or reused to bring about something new." (Contd. Pg.

## Love in the Time of Covid-19

(From Pg. 11) Park made the works in this series by upcycling and repurposing dead stock and damaged printed textiles, and by printing with waste to create large-scale works on paper.

Raised in a family of artists and makers, Park learned drawing, painting, and weaving at an early age. It was her appreciation of art that led her to study textiles and fashion and Parsons School of Design in New York and Parsons Paris. While in Paris, Park apprenticed for Mahlia Kent, the weaving company famous for crating Chanel's wovens. Park's BFA thesis collection was bought by Barneys New York directly out of school.

Park's work has been featured and sold around the world with select retailers like Neiman Marcus, Louis Boston, Creatures of Comfort, and has been featured in Hyperallergic, the Wall Street Journal, Women's Wear Daily, Vogue, Elle, and Harper's Bazaar. She is the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Fellowship in 2019.

Today, Park is based in New York's Hudson Valley, and her current research is focused on the development of sustainable printing methods for textiles and fine art practices. She has been teaching art and design at Parsons for the last 10 years.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. DVAA asks that all visitors to our galleries and the Shop, to please register for a time slot via our website prior to visiting DVAA. Time slots of 20 minutes will be made available and capacity will be limited to 15 guests per period. Walk-ins are welcome but will be required to register and admitted capacity permitting. Gallery hours are Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 4pm and by appointment.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

or more information, visit <http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org> or call 845-252-7576.

## Sign Up to Volunteer for Vaccine Efforts

Liberty, NY - Liberty, NY - Interested in aiding the effort to get all of Sullivan County vaccinated against COVID-19?

"As a relatively small county health department, and given the size and scope of getting vaccine out to everyone who wants it, we need help," affirms Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "We're looking to greatly increase the scope of our vaccination clinics, with a plan to scale up to a 600 to a 1,000 doses a day rather than the 200/day we've been able to achieve due to staffing and the limited supply of vaccine."

Sullivan County is currently applying to the Federal government to host its own Medical Reserve Corps, but in the meantime, the County can sign up and activate volunteers to assist with vaccine delivery before, during and after clinics. Examples of non-medical volunteers include greeters, line monitors, registration, inventory, data entry and logistics.

To learn more and to register, go to:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/ServNY> and select "Sullivan County, NY."

"Registration in ServNY is open to any health care or mental health professional, as well as laypersons who are willing to serve in administrative or support roles during public health emergencies," explains McGraw. "I encourage anyone who's over 18 and interested in helping out to put themselves on the list. The more people we have to help, the faster we can distribute vaccine when it becomes more widely available."

**NOTE:** Please do NOT register for this list if you are not willing and able to volunteer. If you are simply seeking notification of upcoming clinics, Public Health offers a separate signup form at [www.sullivan-ny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines](http://www.sullivan-ny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines).




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## Interview With the Author: John Hart

(From Pg. 6)

### Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Oh, I grope and hope. Quite shamelessly, in fact.

### How did your first book get published?

I call it my fifteen-year, overnight success story: two failed novels before the third showed a whisker of promise. Even then, it took four years for that novel to find an agent, an editor, a sliver of daylight. It did, however, hit the NY Times list right out of the gate, and I've never looked back. I offer that story in the hope it will encourage those who aspire and are frustrated. Many successful novelists have failed manuscripts buried in a dark drawer. It's a good thing to remember.

Mr. Hart: Thank-you again, on behalf of all our readers, for one of the most insightful and inspiring interviews we've ever

had the pleasure of being a part of. Your honesty and thoughtful answers are encouragement for everyone, no matter what their occupation, but especially for all the wordsmiths who toil away in anonymity.

### AUTHOR BIO

John Hart is the author of six *New York Times* bestsellers, *THE KING OF LIES*, *DOWN RIVER*, *THE LAST CHILD*, *IRON HOUSE*, *REDEMPTION ROAD*, and *THE HUSH*. The only author in history to win the best novel Edgar Award for consecutive novels, John has also won the Barry Award, the Southern Independent Bookseller's Award for Fiction, the Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award, the Southern Book Prize and the North Carolina Award for Literature. His novels have been translated into thirty languages and can be found in over seventy countries. A former defense attorney and stockbroker, John lives on a farm in Virginia, where he writes full-time.

## Nesin Cultural Arts Spring Semester



*Nesin Cultural Arts Dance Director Taylor Lamerand (left) leads a dance workshop for students in January 2021.*

(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) registration for Spring Programs is now open. Classes will be a hybrid of virtual and in person at the NCA Arts Haven in Monticello. Health and safety protocols are in place for all in-person programs. NCA's programs include: Music, Dance, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

NCA Choirs are directed by Amy Phillips. They include Young Children's Chorus (ages 4 to 9) and Treble Makers Chorus (ages 9 to 16) which meet on Saturdays. Students 10th grade and older can volunteer for community service. Honors Chorus (ages 9 to 18 by audition) is designed for more advanced singers. To schedule an audition call: 917-693-5186.

NCA Dance Classes are directed by Taylor Lamerand. They include Introduction to Classical Ballet/Modern Dance (ages 4 to 9) and Creative Dance Style Workshop (ages 10 to 18) which meet on Saturdays. Dance Company (ages 10 to 18 by audition) is for the serious dancer who is focused and committed to learning various styles including: Ballet, Modern/Lyrical, Tap and Jazz. To schedule an audition call: 845-707-3044. NCA Play Production Practicum (ages 9 to 18) is directed on Saturdays by Alexis Costa. This Theatre class will result in a student-produced theatrical production.

NCA Visual Art classes with Laurie Kilgore (ages 10 to 18 on Wednesdays) and Lynn Ames (ages 4 to 9 on Saturdays) includes painting,

drawing, sculpture and mixed media.

The Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM) Program includes private lessons and ensembles. Contact: akikohosoi@gmail.com. For program time schedules and registration please visit: nesinculturalarts.org. Or, email: fiona@nesinculturalarts.org. Phone: 845-798-9006. Funding for NCA programs is provided by: The New York State Council on the Arts, Episcopal Charities, New York Life, Sullivan County Youth Bureau, Stewart's Shops, M&T Bank and Associated Chamber Music Players.

## CFFCM \_ February is Member Appreciation Month

We've missed you! During our Winter closure we are working hard to get your member renewal forms out to you, restock our shelves (in-person and online), and plan our programming & events for 2021. Remember to check back to our website for updates regarding reopening, education programs and virtual lectures.

News & Updates

Free virtual program February 10 at 6pm

"New Enemies and Old Challenges: Approaching Threats and Common Species You Need to Know in the Catskills"

John Thompson, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership Coordinators (CRISP) will be giving a virtual presentation about what you need to know about invasive species in the Catskills. With northern snakeheads in the Delaware and spotted lanternfly creeping closer to our region, what do you need to know and how can you help? John will also identify some backyard invasives and share some resources for you to tackle those. Plus 15 min of Q&A!

It's never too late to join the CFFCM! To renew your membership or find out more about becoming a 2021 member, or to check the status of your membership call the office at 845-439-4810.



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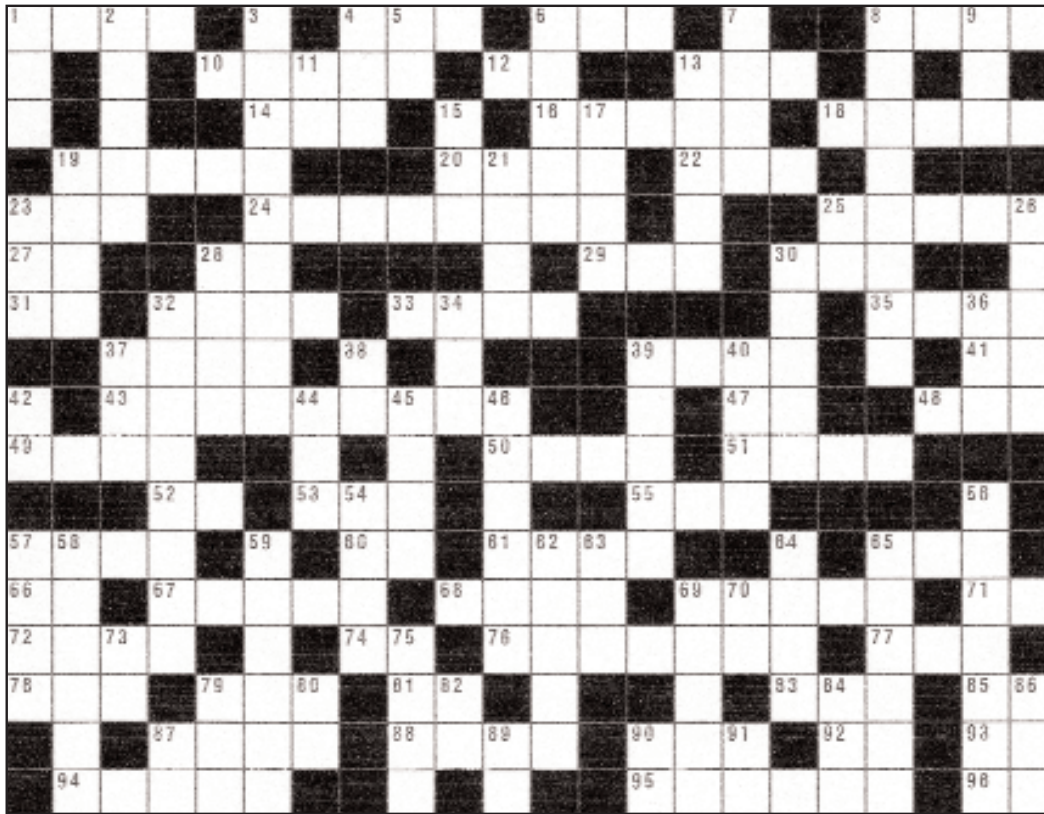
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Remain alive
- 4 A part of
- 6 Can
- 8 Ran away
- 10 Sweet treat
- 12 Ancient Sumerian city
- 13 Mountain peak
- 14 Was in charge of
- 16 My mother's brother
- 18 Concerning
- 19 One deciding the results in a competition
- 20 In addition
- 22 Strange
- 23 Old time actress "\_\_\_\_ West"
- 24 One of the first American card companies
- 25 God of Love
- 27 Advertisement
- 28 Old Testament
- 29 To a small extent
- 30 Hot brewed beverage
- 31 Archaic plural form of thou

- 32 Grasp tightly
- 33 Not confined
- 35 Commotion
- 37 Previously Persia
- 39 Tatted trim
- 41 Personal Computer
- 43 Memorialize
- 47 Before noon
- 48 Used to express contempt
- 49 Woody perennial plant
- 50 Make musical sounds with the voice
- 51 Ability to look at and comprehend
- 52 Expressing motion in the direct of
- 53 Bundle
- 55 Kept out of sight
- 57 Scandinavian god of light
- 60 Language Engineering
- 61 Abrupt stop
- 65 Attribute of color
- 66 Chemical element Iridium
- 67 Necessary items

- 68 16th century small square defensive tower
- 69 Piece of publicity
- 71 To a great extent
- 72 Boast
- 74 A preposition
- 76 Prescribed ceremonial actions
- 77 Short sleep
- 78 Long period of time
- 79 Chimpanzee
- 81 Near
- 83 First woman
- 85 Half an em
- 87 Scottish man's pleated skirt
- 88 Yield
- 90 Writing instrument
- 92 In the manner of
- 93 Colorado
- 94 Supermarket
- 95 A performer (abbrev)

- note
- 4 Append
- 5 New York
- 6 Buttress
- 7 Source
- 8 Second month
- 9 Large flightless Australian bird
- 11 Northeast
- 13 Vital fluid
- 15 For each
- 17 Shelter
- 19 A green stone
- 21 Intense feeling of affection
- 23 Lusty month of spring
- 25 Common Era
- 26 Relating to the Netherlands
- 28 By word of mouth
- 30 Pervading idea
- 32 Expression of good will
- 34 Scoundrel
- 36 German grandfather
- 37 Frozen water
- 38 Man's title before surname
- 39 Source of illumination
- 40 Paper greet-

- ing
- 42 Thing previously mentioned
- 44 Tied knot with two loops
- 45 Assistant
- 46 Queen of Persia who helped save the Israelites
- 54 Too
- 56 Deep admiration for someone
- 57 Person's emotional state

- 58 Shot from a bow
- 59 Human beings
- 62 Living
- 63 Allow
- 64 A favorite Valentine flower
- 65 Sincere
- 69 Material made from fibrous pulp
- 70 Rugby League (Abbrev)
- 73 Indefinite article
- 75 Truth
- 79 Give expression
- 80 Extraterrestrial
- 82 Chem symbol Tellurium
- 84 Vessel or duct
- 86 Prefix denoting not
- 87 Knock Out
- 89 District Attorney
- 90 Father
- 91 New Testament

**Vintage Valentine Linzer Heart Cookie**

- 1-1/4 cups butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 cups ground almonds
- Raspberry jam • Confectioners' sugar

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine the flour, cocoa, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves; gradually add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in almonds. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until easy to handle.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a 3-in. heart-shaped cookie cutter. From the center of half the cookies, cut out a 1-1/2-in. heart or round shape.

Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Spread 1/2 teaspoon jam over the bottom of the solid cookies. Sprinkle cutout cookies with confectioners' sugar; carefully place over jam.

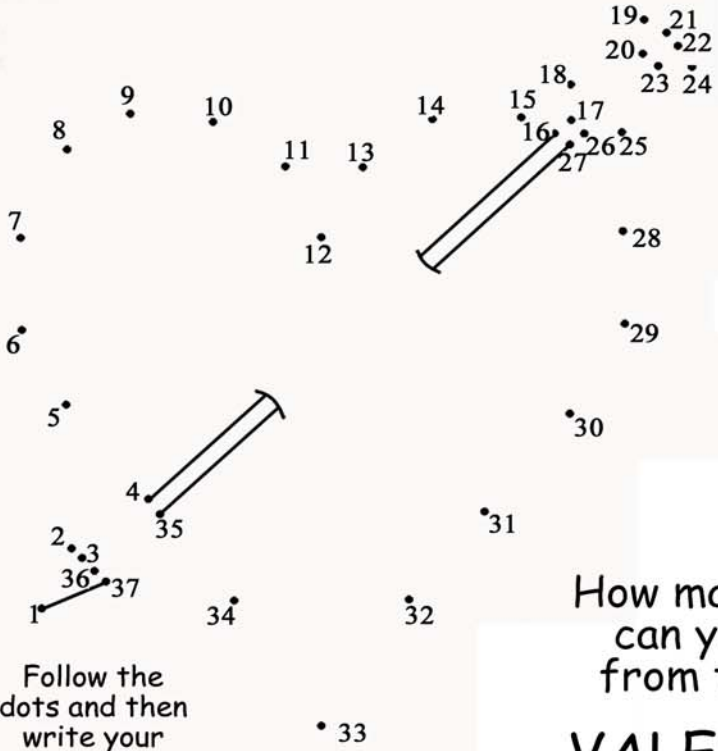
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Follow the dots and then write your own Valentine's greeting in the heart.

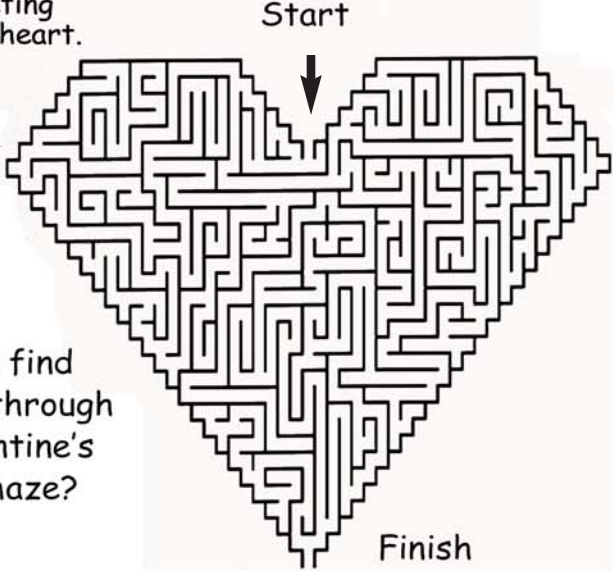


Kids' Valentine's Fun Page  
L. Comando

The Peek-a-Moose Cupids have been seen around the Sundown area. What are 5 differences between the two Cupids?



How many words can you make from the word VALENTINE?



Can you find your way through the Valentine's Heart maze?

VALENTINE'S WORDSEARCH

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U	F	H	L	P	M	C	Z	F	H	F	F

- CUPID
- CARD
- POEM
- LOVE
- KISS
- SECRET
- FRIEND
- HEART
- CANDY
- FLOWERS

CRYPTOGRAM KEY

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# Daniel Pierce Library

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Career & Tech offers high school students the opportunity to learn job skills through instruction, hands-on experience, and internships. Our programs align with 21st-century industry and learning standards, which foster college and career readiness.

Each of our programs includes articulation agreements with two and four-year colleges or trade schools. Affording students the opportunity to earn college credit toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

The Career & Tech Center at Sullivan BOCES strives to work with students to help them develop into responsible, qualified professionals preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center, visit our website at [www.scboces.org/CTE](http://www.scboces.org/CTE) or call (845) 295-4152. For program updates, like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**Thursday, February 18, 2021**  
Anticipated proposed Executive  
Session 6:00 p.m.

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We are open EVERY Sunday 11am-2pm during the winter months and remain outdoors at the Callicoon Creek Park. Thank you for supporting the Callicoon Farmers Market! Stay safe and see you at the market (masks required | no dogs allowed).

## UC Executive Ryan Announces the Final Report from the UC Justice and Reform Commission is Complete and Ready for Adoption

*The Justice and Reform Plan includes sections on ending mass incarceration, strengthening oversight and accountability, addressing systemic racial bias, and healing the relationship between the public and the police*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced the final report from the Ulster County Justice and Reform Commission is completed and ready for review and adoption by the Ulster County Legislature. The Commission, convened by County Executive Ryan back in June, has held three public Town Halls and has collected hundreds of comments from the community on how to create reforms to reshape and reimagine our criminal justice system in Ulster County. In Governor Cuomo's recent State of the State address, he noted the lengths that Ulster County has gone to engage the public in this process, using it as a model for other communities to follow.

"At every level of government we must commit to meaningful, systemic reform and ensure that we provide equal justice for all of our residents," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank our Justice and Reform Commission for their hard work, dedication, and for providing a voice for so many in our community who have marched, written letters, and demanded reforms."

The Justice and Reform Plan includes sections on ending mass incarceration, strengthening oversight and accountability, addressing systemic racial bias, and healing the relationship between the public and the police. Suggestions range from reducing the staff and population at the Ulster County Jail to the establishment of Regional Community Advisory Boards on policing.

"Transforming the criminal justice system will ensure that all persons regardless of race, gender or economic status are treated fairly and humanely," Ulster County Sheriff Juan Figueroa said. "I thank my fellow commission members for the difficult discussions and the hard work we have in front of us. I look forward to engaging with our community to sustain this process."

"As the District Attorney in Ulster County, I have been working to reform our criminal justice system and implement Restorative Justice through my office," Ulster County District Attorney Dave Clegg said. "It was a pleasure to have so many community members engage with this process so that we can make sure that our future reforms and policies are aligned with our community's vision. I commend the County Executive and the Sheriff for their leadership in this process and look forward to continuing to partner with them and the community to continue this great work."



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"Criminal justice reform is an ongoing process, and this plan marks an important step," Ulster County Legislator Eve Walter said. "As there is certainly much more to do and I look forward to continued partnership between the legislature and the executive office toward realizing a system where all are treated equitably."

"Citizen Action applauds the commission for including our voices and that of the community in the writing of the Justice and Reform Plan for Ulster County," Citizen Action Community Representative Maggie Veve said. "While we still have more work to do on police accountability and transforming the system, it is encouraging to see us take steps towards implementing restorative justice practices, social workers responding to mental health crises, and using data to increase transparency. These are all issues that Citizen Action promotes across the state and we are glad to see them incorporated in Ulster County. We look forward to continuing to engage with the County Executive, Sheriff and the community as we reimagine what safety looks like for Ulster County."

The commission was created in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 203 which declared that every municipality with a police agency must perform a comprehensive review of current police force practices. To comply with this Executive order Ulster County must pass a resolution to adopt the Justice and Reform Plan by April 1st and submit it to the state budget office. This plan will be presented at the Ulster County Legislature's Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee on February 3rd and is anticipated to be on the March legislative meeting agenda.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: [stpeters/bulletin](http://stpeters/bulletin)

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

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*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

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 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



## Congregation Agudas Achim The Purim story, The Story of Esther

In the outside world, there is snow and cold, traffic snarls, and exhausting shoveling. Yet as Congregation Agudas Achim continues to worship together online via Zoom, we look forward to being warm and safe in our own homes, gratefully welcoming the lengthening days and watching the skies for the return of our local species of birds.

This Friday, February 12, 2021, we will be doing a model reading of the Purim story, The Story of Esther (in Hebrew, the Megillah), and rehearsing the music of Purim. Purim is the Jewish holiday that celebrates the rescue of the Jewish people from archvillains named King Ahasuerus and his henchman, Haman, who were planning to destroy the Jewish people. Their plan was foiled by the courageous actions of Queen Esther, the Queen of Persia, and Mordecai, her cousin and adopted father (she had been orphaned). The holiday is typically celebrated with recounting the events that saved the Jewish people of that era and by praying, feasting and drinking wine, exchanging gifts, and donating to charities. The holiday begins at sunset on Thursday, February 25, 2021 and ends at sunset on Friday, February 26, 2021.

We are gathering via Zoom on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for casual social time and then proceed on to Purim/Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Fred Pomerantz will generously guide us into our early celebration of Purim and Shabbat and be accompanied by Ira and Julia Levin's uplifting songs and music. Please contact our president, Judy Siegel at 845-798-0783 or email to virtualshabbat@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom links. (Also: look for information about services on March 12, 2021 at social time 7:00 p.m./services 7:30)

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## Time in the Valleys Museum presents:

### Glaciers of the Catskills

February 21 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Sunday February 21 2 p.m.

Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

Join Haley Springston Watershed Coordinator of the Rondout-Neversink Stream Management Program for an illuminating program on Catskill Glaciers. To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

### Tannery Hides and the Beaverkill Bridge

February 28 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Sunday, February 28, 2 p.m.

Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

Town of Rockland Historian Joyce Conroy will tell the story of how 100 year old tanned hides were found in the Beaverkill Bridge. To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

### Spring into Seeding

March 7 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.

Virtual Program • Cost: FREE

John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. In Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions each step will be demonstrated and explained so you will be able to easily do it for yourself and have a successful garden this spring. Question and Answer session will follow.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

## Governor Cuomo Announces 2020 NYS Historic Preservation Awards

Eleven Awards Designated for Honoring the Preservation of African-American History, Dutch Architecture, Carnegie Libraries, and Statewide Historic Preservation Advocacy Groups

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that eleven projects preserving state history, ranging from an eighteenth-century Dutch barn rehabilitation to an artist installation memorializing black lives at John Brown Farm State Historic Site, have received 2020 State Historic Preservation Awards. Created in 1980, the State Historic Preservation Awards are awarded by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation each year to honor excellence in the protection and revitalization of historic and cultural resources. The Governor also signed legislation in 2013 to bolster state use of rehabilitation tax credits, which have spurred billions of dollars in completed investments of historic commercial properties and tens of millions in owner-occupied historic homes.

"The 2020 New York State Historic Preservation Awards help bolster efforts to keep New York's storied history protected and accessible to all," Governor Cuomo said. "These historic projects demonstrate the diversity of lived New York experiences since our state's founding. New York is thankful to the dedicated stewards of each site, who provide invaluable support by devoting countless hours to the protection of historic sites for all to learn from and enjoy."

State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "The diversity of the projects being recognized demonstrates that preservation begins with passionate local individuals expanding their advocacy into productive partnerships. We are proud to be one of those partners and congratulate all of the individuals and groups for their extraordinary efforts to preserve these historic places."

This year's 2020 State Historic Preservation Awards recipients are:

### **Binghamton Carnegie Library, Broome County Excellence in Historic Building Rehabilitation**

The former Carnegie Library in downtown Binghamton was transformed into SUNY Broome's Culinary and Events Center serving the school's hospitality programs. The \$21.5 million dollar rehabilitation project successfully made use to commercial tax credits to revitalize the historic building into a state-of-the art education and event facility.

### **Cropsey Barn, New City, Rockland County Excellence in Historic Building Rehabilitation & Conservation**

The Cropsey family has made an extraordinary commitment in the rehabilitation and long-term use of a New York State and National Register listed property. In fear of losing an agricultural site to sprawl, the family transferred ownership of their eighteenth-century barn and land to the county with a restrictive covenant ensuring its agricultural future. Working with a group of traditional trades craftspeople and building conservators, the barn had been fully restored and is now used by the local County Sponsored Agriculture (CSA) association for planting and harvesting organically grown products.

### **Holley Gardens, Village of Holley, Orleans County Excellence in Historic Building Rehabilitation**

Constructed between 1930 and 1931, the former Holley High had been vacant since 1975. In 2020, Home Leasing and Edgemere Development completed a dramatic rehabilitation of the building that has created 41 affordable housing units for seniors and new office and meeting space for the village government. The developers utilized both the state Historic Tax Credit and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs to assist with the adaptive reuse.

### **Dr. Ferguson's House, Glens Falls, Warren County Excellence in Historic Building Rehabilitation**

When Dr. Ferguson's House became threatened with demolition, local preservationists Darren & Lisa Tracy stepped in to rescue it. With careful planning and cooperation, the Tracys rehabilitated the 1870 National Register-listed building using Federal & State Historic Tax Credits for use as an apartment building, thereby saving an important community treasure.

### **Onderdonck-Tallman-Budke House, Clarkstown, Rockland County Excellence in Historic Building Rehabilitation**

Constructed between the 1790s and 1870s, and last occupied in the 1930s, the Onderdonck-Tallman-Budke House had fallen into disrepair. With the help of town funds, the historic sandstone Dutch house was painstakingly restored and serves as an educational resource in Clarkstown's Germonds Park.



### **Fire Watchtower at Marcus Garvey Park, Harlem, New York City Excellence in Historic Structure Rehabilitation**

Known to many as the Harlem Fire Watchtower, the 1856 cast iron structure at Marcus Garvey Park is a community landmark owned by the City of New York. Spurred by citizen advocacy, a public-private partnership was established to restore Watchtower, which resulted in sizable contributions from the New York City Council, Mayor, and Borough President's offices. The resulting rehabilitation preserves an enduring symbol of Harlem's identity and historic legacy. (Contd. Pg. 23)

## Governor Cuomo Announces 2020 NYS Historic Preservation Awards

(From Pg. 22)

### Carnegie Libraries of New York City Excellence in Historic Documentation

What began in 2009 as a project by the Historic Districts Council to survey Carnegie Libraries in New York City, culminated in the creation of a Multiple Property Documentation Form that was approved by the National Park Service in September 2020. Establishing the significance of these resources facilitates future listings for these beloved community buildings.

### Mary E. Bell House, Center Moriches, Long Island Excellence in Organizational Achievement

The restoration and historic registers listing of the Mary E. Bell House preserves a history of black landownership on Long Island during the nineteenth century and documents the central role of women within the Moriches African American community. Constructed in 1872, the home was occupied by the Smith and Bell families for more than 100 years. Owner Mary Bell rose to prominence in the community for her association with the Moriches AME Zion Church. By 2011, the house had fallen into disrepair. The town of Brookhaven acquired the property and a formal agreement with the Ketcham Inn Foundation was entered to restore the building, which now operates as historic site.

### Village of Heuvelton, St. Lawrence County Excellence in Archeology Stewardship

The Village of Heuvelton unexpectedly discovered several historic burials of the former village "old cemetery" during a water tank and sewer rehabilitation project. Through careful research and coordination with agencies involved, the village successfully and sensitively navigated the challenges of excavating the human remains for further study and reinterment.

### Memorial Field for Black Lives, John Brown Farm State Historic Site, Essex County

Working with the not-for-profit group John Brown Lives!, Artist Karen Davidson Seward created the Memorial Field for Black Lives as a space to acknowledge the struggle for equality in America in response to the brutal murders of unarmed Black Americans and widespread protests this summer. The exhibit debuted at John Brown Farm State Historic Site, the home and final resting place of an abolitionist who gave his life to end slavery.

### Statewide Historic Preservation Advocacy Organizations Excellence in Historic Preservation Organizational Achievement

2020 was unprecedented in its impacts to communities across New York State. The state's preservation organizations rose to the challenge of programming during a global pandemic and tumultuous political year. Their ingenuity, resilience, and creativity proved that preservation is imperative to quality of life and will be essential in navigating the path to economic recovery.

New York's Division for Historic Preservation helps communities identify, evaluate, preserve and revitalize their historic, archeological, and cultural resources. The Division works with governments, the public, and educational and not-for-profit organizations to raise historic preservation awareness, to instill in New Yorkers a sense of pride in the state's unique history and to encourage heritage tourism and community revitalization.

More Photos available at  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nysparks/albums/72157717385148376>

## Statement from UC Executive Ryan on Positive Test for UK Strain of COVID-19

"We were notified by the New York State Health Department that an Ulster County resident has tested positive for the UK strain of COVID-19. This is a critical reminder that while we have made great strides in fighting this virus, we are far from out of the woods yet. I ask that all residents remain vigilant and proactive to blunt any further spread of the virus. We must continue to social distance, wear masks, avoid gatherings, and take all precautions necessary. As County Executive, I will continue to do everything within my power to advocate for additional vaccines and ensure that the distribution of available doses is done safely, quickly, and equitably."



## Why wear a mask?

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Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 2/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 2/15/21 **Town of Neversink Holiday - President's Day**  
 2/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm  
 2/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 3/2/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.  
 3/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 2/17/21)  
 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 3/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular

**Save the Date!**

**Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

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

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

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

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## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update for the Week of February 8 - February 12, 2021

**Monday, February 8**

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode: 948888, By Phone (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 995 2964 7493, Passcode: 763694, By Phone (646) 558-8656

**Tuesday, February 9**

- o 3:30 PM - Workforce Development Board Via Teleconference. To register contact lsny@co.ulster.ny.us, or call (845) 340-3170
- o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 927 0029 8620, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Democrats Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 941 0229 0150, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Wednesday, February 10**

- o 4:00 PM - Commission on Reapportionment Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 956 1062 6098, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 922 7546 1107, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, February 11**

- o 6:30 PM - Caucus: Republicans Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 987 2673 5031, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Friday, February 12**

- o No Meetings

Regards,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
 Ulster County Legislature

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## **Governor Cuomo Announces Over 2.1 Million Vaccine Doses Administered**

*As of 11AM Sunday morning, New York's Health Care Distribution Sites Have Administered 87% of the Total First Doses Received from Federal Government*

*Vaccine Dashboard Will Update Daily to Provide Updates on the State's Vaccine Program; Go to [ny.gov/vaccinetracker](https://ny.gov/vaccinetracker); Dashboard Now Includes Demographic Data*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the state has administered over 2,136,209 vaccine doses through the state's vaccination program. The total week 8 federal allocation of vaccine delivery to providers will be complete today. As of 11AM today, New York's health care distribution sites have received 1,874,975 first doses and already administered 87 percent 1,627,191 first dose vaccinations and 76 percent of first and second doses. Delivery of the week 9 allocation from the federal government begins mid-week.

"Our singular focus right now is getting vaccines into arms and the daily numbers continue to demonstrate we are doing that job quickly and effectively, as we have administered over 2.1 million doses so far," Governor Cuomo said. "We have the operational capacity to do much more and the only limiting factor is lack of supply. But I am hopeful because we now have a partner in the White House who is working to increase supply to states, and we will continue to work hand in glove with them to get every single New Yorker vaccinated as fast as possible."

Approximately 7 million New Yorkers are currently eligible to receive the vaccine. The federal government has increased the weekly supply by more than 20 percent over the next three weeks, but New York's vast distribution network and large population of eligible individuals still far exceed the supply coming from the federal government. Due to limited supply, New Yorkers are encouraged to remain patient and are advised not to show up at vaccination sites without an appointment.

## **Governor Cuomo Announces \$1.5 Million to Improve Services for Victims of Domestic Violence Through Access to Technology**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced more than \$1.5 million in federal funding will be directed to state-licensed domestic violence service providers for mobile devices and improved Wi-Fi access. The improved technology will allow programs and shelters to better serve victims and survivors of domestic violence who are facing increased isolation and difficulty accessing services due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The state's COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force recommended that the state prioritize access to mobile advocacy, which is even more critical as the state and nation face a surge of the virus.

Additionally, New York has addressed another Task Force recommendation by issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to create a housing navigator system in each of the state's 10 regions. Navigators will work with survivors to help them access available resources and housing support beyond shelters and work with advocates to help them better understand the process and assist with their clients' housing needs. The deadline to respond to the RFP, which makes \$2.5 million in federal and state funding available for the initiative, is Friday, February 26, 2021. Led by Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa and featuring state and national experts, the Task Force issued a report with detailed recommendations that were accepted in full by Governor Cuomo last year.

"COVID revealed low tide in America and uncovered the ugliness just beneath the surface," Governor Cuomo said. "One of the indirect consequences has been a spike in domestic violence incidents across the state. Mobile outreach will help us connect individuals and families quickly and offer resources and assistance to get out of dangerous situations. In an increasingly remote world, these technological improvements will be a critical tool for helping particularly hard to reach New Yorkers in rural or isolated areas through COVID and beyond and increase public safety in all our communities."

## **Gillibrand And DeLauro: Permanent, National Paid Leave Program Would Put Money Back Into The Pocket Of Working Families And The Economy**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On the 28th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) introduced the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, their signature legislation to create a permanent, national paid family and medical leave program.

The FAMILY Act would ensure that every worker, no matter the size of their employer or if they are self-employed or part-time, has access to paid leave for every serious medical event, every time it's needed. The emergency paid leave provision that partially expired at the end of last year helped to prevent covered workers from having to choose between their paycheck or their health when they needed to stay home, and helped slow the spread of COVID-19 by roughly 15,000 cases per day. However, not only is this provision too narrow, the need for a national paid leave program extends far beyond the pandemic - it is a critical tool for long term economic recovery. Gillibrand and DeLauro's FAMILY Act is modeled on successful state programs and would create a permanent paid family and medical leave program for all workers that provides up to 66% of wage replacement for 12 weeks, anytime they need it.

## **Gillibrand Announces Assignment to U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence**

Washington, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced she will be joining the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. This new important national security assignment will complement Senator Gillibrand's long tenure on the Senate Armed Services Committee, where she will continue to prioritize keeping Americans safe from threats domestic and abroad.

"I am honored to have the chance to serve on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the nexus of 21st century security and international relations. I look forward to using my position on the Intelligence Committee to best represent the interests of New York, which has been the top terror target in the United States since before 9/11, and to working closely with the NYPD and NY Department of Homeland Security to keep our state safe. In addition, I plan to use this new assignment to focus on making New York and the nation better prepared for the barrage of cyber-attacks that have targeted local institutions and private businesses alike. Keeping New York safe will require a dedicated focus on hardening both public and private sector cyber defenses and our state should lead the way."

In addition to serving on the Intelligence and Armed Services committees, Senator Gillibrand will also remain on the Agriculture Committee, as Congress heads into a Farm Bill and Child Nutrition reauthorization. Senator Gillibrand will continue serving on the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, as well.

## Governor Cuomo Announces First Free Fishing Weekend of 2021

- *New Yorkers Can Fish Without a License Across New York State on February 13-14*
- *DEC Urges New Yorkers to Practice Ice Safety While Outdoors*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today encouraged New Yorkers to take advantage of the upcoming first Free Fishing Weekend of 2021, on February 13 and 14, when anglers are permitted to fish for free without a license.

"New York is home to some of the best lakes, ponds, rivers and streams in the world, all offering exceptional fishing opportunities all year round," Governor Cuomo said. "As the nation continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, families are seeking outdoor activities that don't break the bank or require extensive travel, and this Free Fishing weekend is a perfect option for anglers of all experience levels to enjoy the very best that the Empire State has to offer."

"During these tremendously challenging times, free fishing days give New Yorkers a chance to enjoy the peace and solace of the outdoors year-round," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "No matter the season, we are committed to promoting all of the great things to do outdoors in New York and enhance quality of life for all New Yorkers across the state."

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Every year, more and more New Yorkers discover there are just as many fantastic fishing opportunities during the winter months as during the summer. Ice fishing is a great activity for families to do together, and the annual February Free Fishing weekend is the perfect time for first timers to give it a try on waters with ice thick enough to access safely."

Those new to ice fishing are encouraged to download the Ice Fishing Chapter of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing for information on how to get started. Additional information, including a list of waters where ice fishing is permitted, can found on the DEC ice fishing webpage.

Recent cold weather has improved ice conditions across the state and DEC reminds those venturing onto the ice that four inches or more of solid ice is considered safe for accessing bodies of water on foot. Ice anglers should note that ice thickness can vary on different bodies of water and even on the same body of water. Anglers should be particularly wary of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice buildup. The presence of snowmobile tracks or footprints on the ice should not be considered evidence of safe ice conditions. Individuals are strongly encouraged to check ice conditions and avoid situations that appear to present

even a remote risk. It's easy to test ice thickness with an auger or ice spud at various spots.

New York's Free Fishing Days program began in 1991 to give people who might not fish a chance to try the rewarding sport at no cost, to introduce people to a new hobby, and to encourage people to support the management of the State's freshwater fisheries by purchasing a New York State fishing license. February's free fishing days are the first of several planned for 2021. Additional days include June 26 and 27, September 25 (National Hunting and Fishing Day) and November 11 (Veterans Day). During free fishing days, residents and visitors can fish for free on any of the state's 7,500 lakes and ponds or 70,000 miles of rivers and streams.

Ice fishing is a great way to enjoy the outdoors during the winter months while practicing social distancing. Unlike some other styles of fishing, ice fishing is unique because groups can spread out and fish safely. DEC is reminding anglers to be SMART when fishing this year:

- \_Socially distance at least six feet apart;
- \_Mask - Wear one when you cannot maintain social distancing, especially in parking lots and along footpaths;
- \_Avoid sharing gear when possible;
- \_Respect your fellow anglers and the resource by providing space and practicing ethical angling; and
- \_Take out what you bring in or place trash in receptacles.

The free fishing days program is part of the Governor's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative. Fishing and hunting in New York build a sense of stewardship of fish and wildlife resources and habitats, provide an opportunity for experienced hunters and anglers to share their knowledge with others, and promote participation in hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting through the mentoring of young hunters and anglers. New York's hunters and anglers contribute an estimated \$4.9 billion to the economy in spending, which supports more than 56,000 jobs and \$623 million in state and local taxes.

Governor Cuomo's 2021-22 State of the State address included several measures to safely enhance recreational and cultural programs in a manner that improves these experiences for all New Yorkers, including hunting and fishing. It includes the proposal for DEC to create a new interactive trout stream fishing map and app to provide anglers one-stop-shopping for trout stream fishing opportunities, including easy access to information about access points, applicable regulations, and stocking schedules, making it easy to choose a fishing experience based on interest and experience.

### **Get Outside Safely, Responsibly, and Locally**

New York State's PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL campaign encourages residents to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and DEC recommendations for getting outside safely incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health for reducing the spread of infectious diseases. PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL encourages New Yorkers to recreate locally, practice physical distancing, show respect for all outdoor adventurers, and use common sense to protect themselves and others. Wear a mask, even when visiting the outdoors. For more information about how to PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL, visit DEC's website.

## Cuomo Announces List of Comorbidities and Underlying Conditions Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine Starting February 15

*Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, Pulmonary Disease, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Heart Conditions, Immunocompromised State, Severe Obesity, Pregnancy, Sickle Cell Disease or Thalassemia, Type 1 or 2 Diabetes Mellitus, Cerebrovascular Disease, Neurologic Conditions and Liver Disease Will Be Eligible*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today released the list of comorbidities and underlying conditions that New York State will use to determine eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine. New Yorkers who have one of the comorbidities on the list will be eligible for the vaccine beginning February 15.

"New Yorkers with comorbidities and underlying conditions exist throughout the state's population—they're our teachers, lawyers and carpenters, in addition to the doctors who keep us safe every day, and they are a highly affected population," Governor Cuomo said. "We're committed to vaccinating vulnerable populations that have suffered the most as we distribute a strictly limited supply of vaccines, and people with comorbidities are 94 percent of the state's COVID deaths. That's why we'll open eligibility to people with comorbidities starting February 15 and give hospitals the ability to use extra doses they have to address that population. Local governments have a week to prepare for the new change—they need to get ready now."

The full list of comorbidities and underlying conditions is available below. The list is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as New York State obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data.

**Adults of any age with the following conditions due to increased risk of moderate or severe illness or death from the virus that causes COVID-19:**

Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)

Chronic kidney disease

Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome

Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)

Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes

Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher but < 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Pregnancy

Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia

Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus

Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)

Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia

Liver disease



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# Call for Entry for The Great Wall of Honesdale



Announcing an open call for artists to appear on the 2021 edition of The Great Wall of Honesdale, the Wayne County landmark of billboard-size art. Now entering its sixth season, this year's theme is "Saturated (as in color)" and artists in all mediums are encouraged to submit their work. A generous grant from the John & Helen Villaume Foundation means that artist participation in 2021 will be free of charge.

The twelve 11' x17' vinyl panels installed at the end of Main Street in downtown Honesdale will premiere in June and remain on display for a year, being seen by over 100,000 vehicles a week. All artists are permanently featured on the Great Wall website and are invited to participate in "Off the Wall," a show of their original art at the WCAA's Main Street Gallery in Honesdale, PA.

The deadline for submissions is March 15th. For further information and complete details about how to make submissions, visit "The Great Wall" at [WayneCountyArtsAlliance.org](http://WayneCountyArtsAlliance.org)



## Attention Artists! Call for Entry

Entering it's 6th year, The Great Wall of Honesdale is a Wayne County landmark viewed by over 100,000 cars a week. The 2021 edition will premiere in June. Each artist is permanently featured on the Wall's website [TheGreatWallOfHonesdale.com](http://TheGreatWallOfHonesdale.com)

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### 2021 Theme: "SATURATED (as in color)"

There are many definitions of saturated. We are interested in the one that refers to "chromatic purity." Our aim in 2021 is to create the brightest, most colorful Wall to date. All techniques, all subject matter, and all interpretations of this theme are acceptable. Selections will be made based on artistic merit, diversity, graphic strength, interpretation of the theme, and how all the images work together as a group. The Wall is most often viewed from a distance, so strong graphic qualities work best.

**Elegibility:** If your work was featured on the Wall in 2018, '19 or '20, you are not eligible for 2021. If you appeared in the years '16 or '17, you may submit work again. Though preferable, you do not have to be a WCAA member.

1. Submit no more than **three** low resolution images: 72 dpi and 650 pixels on longest side (or thereabouts). All images should be horizontal and able to accommodate some cropping. The 12 panels vary in size but are approximately 11' x 17'. Winning artists will be required to submit a high resolution file for the printing of their panel (300dpi and at least 5000 pixels on longest side). If you're unable to provide such an image, please do not enter.
2. Title each image with a number and your last name and provide the following text in the body of your email: **Number, Title, Your Name, Medium, Size.** Provide the addresses of any **websites** or **social media** accounts where more of your work can be seen. Include your **mailing address** and best **phone number**. You may add any additional info you feel is pertinent.
3. Submit by **EMAIL ONLY** to [greatwallentry@gmail.com](mailto:greatwallentry@gmail.com)
4. Deviations from the these rules may cause your entry to be disqualified.

**Deadline: Midnight, March 15th, 2021.**  
Selections will be announced on or before April 1st.

We look forward to seeing your work.

Paul Plumadore, Jim Tindell  
Curators, The Great Wall of Honesdale



## Monticello Kiwanis Thank Public Health Staff

On Feb. 3rd, the Monticello Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with Miss Monticello Diner, delivered 25 hot lunches consisting of



grilled cheese sandwiches and French fries to Sullivan County Public Health Nursing Services in Liberty to thank the clinic's professional staff and volunteers for their ongoing dedication and services to the community. That day 218 Phase 1B essential workers were vaccinated, which included first responders, firefighters, law enforcement workers, teachers and school personnel. Public Health Director Nancy McGraw stated that the meals were truly appreciated by all.

For information about the Monticello Kiwanis Club, contact President Marvin Rappaport at 845-701-1655.

*Kiwanian Sheila Lashinsky, Sue Flynn, RN, Kiwanian Robert Green and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw*



*Kiwanis members Sheila Lashinsky and Robert Green and Miss Monticello Diner Co-Owner Dimitra Nikolados*



  
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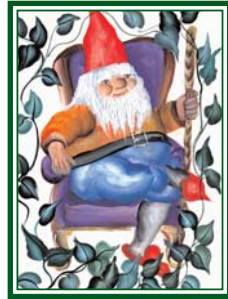
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Directed by James Bobin. Produced by Kristin Burr. Screenplay by  
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