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Robots Battle at Fallsburg Annual Robotics Scrimmage



is Fallsburg Robotics Team Coach Don Thomas pointing out some of the action in one of the Combat Fields to NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, who has a great interest in supporting the team;

To the sheer delight of their coaches, friends and families, thirty-one school Robotics Teams from as far away as Lake George competed fiercely on the floor of Fallsburg High School Gymnasium on February 1, 2020. The Annual Scrimmage hosted by the Robotics Team from the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School for the past four years has drawn more and more teams and more parents each successive year as the sport and interest in robots has thrived.

The key driver of the event is FHS Coach and Technology Teacher Don Thomas. To conduct such an endeavor from organizing, inviting teams, setting up the gym into five fields of combat, running and judging the competitions, setting up refreshments for guests and lunch for competitors, and presenting awards is a monumental task and an act of love for robotics and the learning it engenders. (Contd. Pg. 4)



The Fallsburg Stargazer Team that won the Design Award. Left to right are Neema Darboe, Ava Anderman and Gabby Pantel.

Thankful for the Holidays Community...partnership...collaboration...



The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association's purpose is partnering with our community to build success. This past holiday season was a beautiful example of partnerships.

Where do you begin thanking all of the people who made the holidays brighter in some way? How do you explain to the families how much pleasure the volunteers get out of shopping in order to help local families out?

It all starts with the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association's Care Committee. Food drives are organized so that all of the fixings of a meal are donated. There was a competition in the ES for which grade could donate the most side dishes. Then, an email is sent out to all of the staff of the district to see who is willing to be a shopper. It's amazing how many volunteers step right up--from individuals, to teams, to clubs. There are teachers, support staff members, administrators, and board members who want to shop for a student or two. Now, we can't forget our clubs! The F.B.L.A. members become little elves who wrap for any shopper who doesn't enjoy wrapping. The F.F.A. members use fruit from their annual fruit sale to make up fruit baskets to add some healthy, fresh fruit to the holiday meal.

Not only do staff members contribute to this drive, but so do local community groups. Catskill Hudson Bank asked to join in the fun this year. The Neversink Ladies Auxiliary is always one of the first groups to respond to say that they want to adopt a family. These ladies enjoy their shopping and wrapping for children! Not only did the Ladies Auxiliary become a part of this partnership, but so did the Neversink Ambulance Squad. The United Methodist Church allows us to use their meeting building so that we have a confidential location for parents to come and pick up their things.

Blurbs were posted on social media and in The Townsman asking for volunteers to be a part of the holiday drive. Community members responded by volunteering to use their shopping skills to go out and purchase clothing and toys for children of all ages. A community member and her mom spend hours upon hours making beautiful fleece blankets, with different colors and patterns for boys and girls, so that young children can snuggle up and keep warm. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Fallsburg is a Winner in Souper Bowl Every Year

In the Town of Fallsburg, there never are any doubts about who will win the Super Bowl every year. It is the children in the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Student Government Association (SGA) and all those that attend the Food Pantry at South Fallsburg's St. Andrews Episcopal Church. The SGA under the guidance of their faculty advisor Peter Dworetzky spend the week or



SGA members Adam Frunzi, John Ketcham, Kimberly Yautentzi-Reyes and Marilyn Santos standing behind a partial collection of the soup that will be donated.

two before the Super Bowl collects cans and packages of soup from families of students and the school staff. They transform Super into Souper for a couple hundred appreciative residents of the Town of Fallsburg.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
St. Matthew 10:24

OBITUARIES

Dorothy A. Osterhout, of Hurleyville, passed away on Monday, February 03, 2020 at the Care Center at Sunset Lake. She was 90. She was the daughter of the late Frank Weigand and Mary Miller, born on August 26, 1929 in Woodbourne, NY. Dorothy(Dotty) helped support her husband's business, Howard L. Osterhout Excavations. In her free time, she enjoyed playing bingo and took her chances at the slots on occasion. She often lent a helping hand at the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters as well as a Communicant at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. But above all else, she loved spending time with her family; her family was the most important thing in her life. She especially loved to spend time with her husband, they could often be found at the auctions, vegetable gardening or square dancing in Claryville. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister-in-law and friend. She will be deeply missed. She is survived by her children: Ellen Ward and her husband Mike, Glenn Osterhout, Earl Osterhout and his wife Sue Ellen and Marlene Dauch; her grandchildren Tim and Casey Ward, Samantha and Trevor Osterhout, Brittney Osterhout and Katie Dauch; great-grandchildren: Raelynn, Vada, Tanner and Tera Ward; and her sister in law, Betty. She is additionally survived by many nieces and nephews. She meets in Heaven her husband Howard L. Osterhout; daughter Pauline Osterhout; granddaughter Lilly Dauch; son-in-law Al Dauch; and her siblings Art Weigand, Richard and Rose Weigand, Walter and Clara Weigand, Harold and Marion Weigand, Frances and Doug Hill, and Mildred and Leonard Roosa. Memorial contributions in Dorothy's name can be made to Immaculate Conception Church or to the charity of ones choice. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 6 to 9pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service will be held at 11am on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Liberty, NY. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 8, 1950 - *The Townsman* has received a press bureau release from Ed Ten Broeck, Publicity Director at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., which states that Lee Denman is a member of the varsity wrestling team in the 136 lb. Division. This is an unusual honor for Mr. Denman in that he made the team in his sophomore. Lee is the son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haag of Staten Island spent the weekend at their home in Sundown.

Mr. Vernon Gridley has been doing the chores and farm work for Andrew George who is recovering from an illness.

The Rev. Lloyd Bryant is making plans for the Summer Camp at Sundown. He hopes to have a station wagon for the conveyance of the camp children.

During the winter two million trout eggs have been hatched at the State Trout Hatchery at DeBruce. These fish will find their way into streams in the eastern part of New York State. Clayton Seagers, Director of Conservation Education, New York State Dept. of Conservation, said recently that deer hunting has increased from 68,000 in 1932 to a total of 350,000 in 1948. And they wonder why so many fail to get a deer.

February 10, 1960 - Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Beverley Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burch to Mr. Frank Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Carlsen. The ceremony was

per- formed by the Rev. Howard West in the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

The birthday of Master Lloyd Botsford was celebrated on Sunday a week ago with a dinner at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill. Others at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford and two sisters of Grahamsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slater and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly and son of Grahamsville and Mr. and Mrs. George Knox of Liberty, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox on Sunday, when they celebrated Kathi Knox's first birthday.

There will be a meeting at the Tri Valley auditorium on February 15th at 7 p.m. At this meeting we plan to start up a Cub Scout Pack 87. All persons and families who are interested are invited to attend this important meeting. At least one parent should plan to come with their son to this meeting.

The New York City Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity will take over control and operation of the Pepacton reservoir system July 1 from the Board of Water Supply, which has had control of it since its idea was born in 1928. Control of the Rondout and Neversink reservoirs will be turned over March 1.

February 11, 1970 - Bruce Erath, a senior at Tri-Valley Central School, represented the Tri-Valley Chapter of FFA at the Orange, Sullivan, Lower Ulster Sub-District Public Speaking Contest held at Rondout Valley Central School on Monday evening, February 9th. He was the unanimous choice as winner and in March, will represent the Tri-County group in the District Six competition.

Noticed in our valley that Raymond VanWagner has been very busy splitting logs for firewood, no fooling, it's fueling. Just a play on words but I think Raymond means business.

Happy birthday to Don Terwilliger on February 14th Anniversary wishes to Mr and Mrs. Warren Graham, 5 yrs On Valentine's Day; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allison, 6 yrs. The 15th; Rev. and Mrs. Donald Walter, 24 yrs.

On the 16th. Students at Tri-Valley School were given and extensive experience in modern dance by the Julliard Dance Ensemble on Monday. This program, made possible by a Title III Elementary and Secondary Educational Act, featured professional dancers from the Julliard School of Music.

Debbie Wakefield, Sharon VanValkenburg and Julie Nitschke are a committee for the bowling outing the Methodist Church youth are holding on Sunday, February 15th. The cost for each person is 60 cents a line and 25 cents for shoes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe, Jr. on the birth of their daughter, Cathleen on February 15th.

February 7, 1980 - The Archie Ackerley's have a good reason to remember Feb. 2nd, Arch, Lois, Clinton and Yvonne proudly welcomed a new addition to the family. A boy, Archie James Jr. was born Saturday, Feb. 2 at Community General Hosp. in Harris, weighing in at 5 lbs. 12 oz.

On Friday afternoon, several folks got together and gave Mae TerBush a surprise Birthday-Remembrance party at the home of her daughter, Virginia Anderson. One of the highlights of the party was a beautiful birthday cake made and decorated by Marge DuBois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders and family of Poughkeepsie visited with Marge DuBois on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. In the afternoon, Bonnie, Pat and Jan Mentnech also came in to visit their relatives.

Congratulations to John Sheeley of Grahamsville on his nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

According to the N.Y. Crop Reporting Service, honey production in N.Y.S. In 1979 totaled 7 million pounds which placed 10th in the nation for honey production. Bees wax production during 1979 totaled 119,000 pounds. As Jackie Gleason used to say. "How sweet it is."

Because of the extreme cold we had on Ground Hog's Day, LOWSEY LOU, Low's Corners ground hog didn't show up!

TRI-VALLEY TIMES

The Jazz Festival held at the Liberty Central School on February 1st was very nice. Several Tri-Valley School students participated.

Several members of the Tri-Valley FFA attended a Leadership Conference in Albany on February 3rd and 4th..

This year the "All County" music performance will be held at Tri-Valley School. Selected students from Tri-Valley will perform on Saturday, March 7th at 3:00 pm. This is usually a sell-out performance, so get your tickets early by contacting the Tri-Valley music department.

Congratulations to Boy Scouts, Adam Furman and Brent Gorton who have attained the rank of "Eagle Scout". Both of these boys, members of Troop 97, worked long and hard for many years to earn this prestigious award.

While driving past the "eagle watch" on Route 55A in Eureka, I noticed that spectators are once again keeping an eye on the pine tree where the eagle's nest is located. She has been seen sitting near her nest and will probably be laying her eggs soon.

Try-outs and practices have begun for the Tri-Valley musical production of "Annie", which will be performed in the Bernstein Theatre at the end of March..

100th day of school celebrations are taking place around the county. Due to an unusually mild and snow-free winter (so far), Tri-Valley has already planned a schedule to "give-back" some of the days which were held for inclement weather.

Nifty, Nifty, Nifty - Look who's 50!



Thankful for the Holidays

Community...partnership...collaboration...

(From Pg. 1) All in all, the partnerships that have been formed in this community resulted in a holiday season full of food, gifts, and kindness for about twenty-five families, which was over seventy of our children.

It all goes back to community...partnership...collaboration... We are so fortunate to live in such a giving community!

Sullivan County Announces 2020 Community Development Programs

Funding available for recreation, demolition, zoning changes, and more

The Plans & Progress Program assists local municipalities, community groups and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County with projects related to placemaking, tourism, community and economic development, image enhancement, trails development, health improvement, agricultural and farmland protection, and

other County goals.

The Remove Unsafe Structures (RUSt) Program aims to clean up unsafe structures primarily in the County's urban centers and community gateways. Properties which show promise for redevelopment and reuse will be prioritized, and \$300,000 has been made available to reimburse tipping fees and disposal costs for municipalities who are demolishing vacant or abandoned buildings.

The Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting Program incentivizes changes to local zoning codes and development review procedures in order to increase the efficiency and lower the expense of obtaining permits for new economic development - i.e., activities that will remove barriers to small business development and expansion posed by cumbersome, unclear, and costly regulations and processes. Funding is available to support the costs of attorneys, planners and other professionals, permit-tracking technology, and related expenses.

"If you want to make your community a better place, we have the ways and means to help you accomplish that goal," says District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. "Become a part of the team that's transforming Sullivan County!"

These programs are administered by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development. More information, including the program guidelines and application forms, is available on the Division's page at SullivanNY.us, under "Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities."

Applications for the first round of funding must be received by 4 p.m. on March 6, 2020. Completed applications may be submitted electronically or delivered to the Division of Planning & Community Development, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division of Planning and Community Development prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist potential applicants with project development and applications. For more information, contact Shannon Cilento at Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us, or call (845) 807-0529.

Get Your Taxes Done for Free

Monticello, NY - Do you need help with your tax preparation and filing? Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers - trained as tax counselors through the IRS and AARP - will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns for FREE! Individuals of any age have two locations for free tax preparation:

- Monticello High School, 39 Breakey Avenue, Monticello: Call to make your appointment with a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer at 845-794-8840 x 10849. Volunteers are available by appointment from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on February 13, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 27; March 2, 5, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30; and April 2 & 13. PLEASE NOTE: To receive free service at this location, the filer's household income cannot exceed \$56,000 annually.

- Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty: Call 845-292-6180 x 100 to make an appointment with an AARP volunteer, available 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays starting February 10 and ending April 7. PLEASE NOTE: This location cannot process complex returns

The following items must be brought to the appointment: photo ID, Social Security card, W-2 or 1099 for 2019 income, tax-related documents such as child care or unemployment, bank account number and routing number (if expecting a refund) and previous year's tax return.

This service is being sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with assistance from RSVP/Sullivan County Office for the Aging & Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

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.

Catskill Mountain Wild Cats

We were heading back from Claryville last week and saw a huge cat cross the road just before we made the turn onto Sugarloaf Road. My guess is that it was a large Bobcat.

The bobcat (*Lynx rufus gigas*) a/k/a Wildcat, is a North American mammal of the cat family Felidae, appearing during the Irving-tonian stage - around 1.8 million years ago. Currently they still live in wooded areas of the Catskills.

Bobcats are about two to three times the size of a domestic cat. Their fur is dense, short, and soft and is generally shorter and more reddish in the summer and longer and more gray in the winter. Spotting occurs in some bobcats and is faded in others.



The face has notable long hairs along the cheeks and black tufts at the tops of each ear.

Males on the average are one-third larger than females. Both female and males can weigh more than 30 pounds. Body length for males is about 34 inches and 30 inches for females. They have short tails between five and six inch long - thus the name 'bobcat'.

Bobcats are not often sighted in the Catskills as they are stealthy creatures that are timid and typically avoid human contact, but do not let their relatively small size fool you. They are tremendously strong and can bring down a small deer. They can become ferocious when challenged. It is wise not to approach a bobcat.

While there is still snow on the ground, you may find their tracks. The average foot print is around 1.75 inches, but can be as large as 3 inches. The prints will have 4 roundish paw prints in front with a "M" shaped paw print in back of the 4 front paw prints. Most prints will not show claws. Like domestic cats, Bobcats need to use their muscles to extend their claws.



Bobcats are nocturnal and most active from sunset to near sunrise when they are hunting.

Bobcats are carnivores. Their diet consists mostly of rabbits, rats, mice and small wild game. Bobcats easily adapt to whatever prey is available. They will stalk their prey and swiftly move in once the prey is within 20 feet. Bobcats can leap up to 12 feet high.

Bobcats live near areas where there are rock ledges and small caves or near swampy areas. They are territorial. They choose an area of a few square miles that has enough prey to feed on, however, they can travel up to 50 miles a day.

It takes a bobcat about two years to mature to breeding age. They mate between February-and-March and have 2-4 kittens between April and May. On occasion they have a second brood in September. The kittens are born blind and won't see until they are around 10 days old. The female bobcat raises its kittens alone and nurses them for about two months before teaching them how to hunt. They remain with their mothers the first year. After that, they will live in the wild for the next 6 to 8 years. The oldest recorded bobcat in the wild lived to be 16 years old!

Bobcats were very abundant in the Catskills until the 1800's when they were hunted - almost to extinction. Today, we are seeing a moderate increase in the population of bobcats.

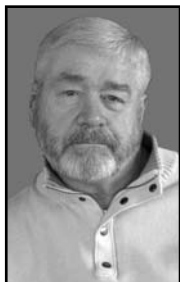
Bobcats are incredibly beautiful creatures that exist in varied colors from orange to gray with black markings similar to a domestic tabby cat.

Bobcats are often noted as the inspiration of the region's name - the Catskills!

Household Hints

Did you ever leave a leaky pen in your pocket?

Treat the stain by first wetting it with some white vinegar, then rub in a paste of 2 parts vinegar to 3 parts cornstarch. Let the paste thoroughly dry before washing the item.



Hudson's Kill

Mysterious Book Report No. 389

by John Dwaine McKenna

Although they're few and far between . . . "Rare as hen's teeth," as my old Irish mother used to say . . . some authors show early on in their careers that they are on the way to literary greatness, and destined to leave a wordsmith's mark on the world. Writer Paddy Hirsch is such a one. And now, less than twelve months after his electrifying debut, *The Devil's Half Mile*, (MBR No. 352, 01 Nov '18) comes his second historical thriller: *Hudson's Kill*, (Forge, \$25.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-9916-8).

Hudson's Kill begins in the year 1803, at the burgeoning, lawless and deadly southern tip of Manhattan Island, where the city of New York is developing its master plan for how the metropolis will be laid out and built. The city is teeming with speculators, schemers and scalawags of every type known to the human race, each of whom are trying to outdo the others in grabbing the most real estate riches. In addition, there's the usual allotment of corrupt officials, thugs, criminals, killers, con artists, gang leaders, rapists and thieves . . . as well as all of the rapacious stock, bond, and commodities traders who frequent the Tontine Coffee House, where they buy and sell all day long.

New York's a miasma of social, political and financial tensions, to which racial unrest must also be added, for slavery was legal at the time in New York, (it was not abolished until 1827,) and all of the factions are battling for control of the city.

Against that unstable and highly charged background of social unrest, a young woman of color is found stabbed to death in an alley. A mere girl, barely in her teens, her murder sets serial characters Kerry O'Toole, a schoolteacher, one-time pickpocket and courtesan . . . along with City Marshall Justy Flannagan, a former Fenian, Irish rebel and émigré to America . . . on divergent paths, but with the same goal: find the person who did it. Kerry goes undercover, while Justy uses all the powers of his office to bring the perpetrator to the gallows. It's a dark and dangerous undertaking that will lead them both to the same reclusive colony of criminal religionists who are hiding in plain sight in the area known as Hudson's Kill. "There, they uncover a craven political conspiracy bound up with a criminal enterprise stunning in its depravity," according to the liner notes, and the MBR could not have said it better.

Hudson's Kill establishes Paddy Hirsch in the forefront of current thriller writers with its compelling prose and kinetic plot, as well as its dynamic and skillful storytelling that will educate and entertain all whodunnit lovers . . . while leaving them thinking that the next installment of this outstanding series can't come soon enough!

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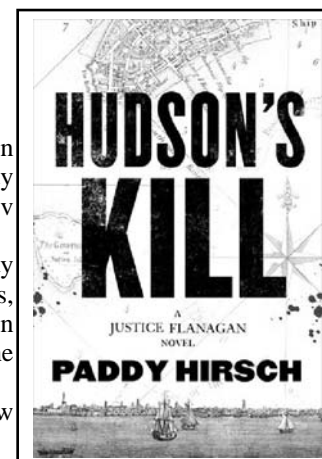
Go to: Johndwainemckenna.com or Mysteriousbookreport.com

*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*

We hope you enjoy this review of one of our *12 Best books of the Year*. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*.

Should be more news when we get it.

John



Robots Battle at Fallsburg Annual Robotics Scrimmage

(From Pg. 1) Acknowledgements go to volunteers Fallsburg VEX IQ Robotics Team Members Haris Basic, Saladin Basic and Joslyn Schreier O'Dell; student volunteers Haddy Gai, Janelly Lopez Santos, David Parsons, Kebba Dumbuya, Cody Harvey, Ernie Li and Victors Kessler; Event Staff Cynthia May and Lisa McAdoo. Great thanks go to FHS Robotics Team Graduates and loyal supporters Tyler DuBois and Adem Crnovrsanin. Volunteer judges were Jen Dietz, Jeff O'Neill and Eric Shewmaker (Monticello CSD).

A few of the many awards presented went to Fallsburg Team C from the Jr/Sr High School for Excellence; to Lake George Warriors Teams from the High School and Jr/Sr High School for Tournament Champions in each category; Stargazers from Fallsburg Jr/Sr HS for Design; and Kennedy Gaels from Kennedy Catholic HS in Somers, NY for the Judges Award.

Many of these teams will be competing at New York State Tournament and Internationals later this spring.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus Is a Low Risk to Public, But Public Health Services Encourages Vigilance

Liberty, NY - There are currently no confirmed cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in New York State, but Sullivan County Public Health Services has been monitoring the situation closely with State and Federal partners, as part of routine health emergency preparedness.

Although there is not a lot known about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus at this time, Public Health Services continues to perform communicable disease surveillance in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health.

"We gained a great deal of experience in responding effectively to last year's measles outbreak, and our staff is prepared for any situation, should it occur," stated Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director. "We have also reached out to area healthcare providers to provide information."

This is a new virus that has not been previously found in humans. It can lead to fever, cough and shortness of breath. Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern (particularly Wuhan, China), or who have been in contact with

somebody who has traveled to these areas, should call ahead to their healthcare provider before seeking treatment in person.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus shouldn't be confused with other coronaviruses that have been around for many years, which themselves cause upper respiratory symptoms, like the common cold.

While there is currently no vaccine to prevent this virus, these simple steps can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

It is currently flu season, and it's not too late to get vaccinated. Call Sullivan County Public Health Services for an appointment at 845-292-5910 x 0, or contact your healthcare provider or area pharmacy.

There is a general Information line for the public who have questions about Novel Coronavirus: 1-888-364-3065. Additional information and resources are available here:

- New York State Health Department: www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/
- Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/

Open House/Ribbon Cutting for A New Breath, a Yoga and Wellness Studio

Open House/Ribbon Cutting for A New Breath, a Yoga and Wellness Studio in the Village of Liberty, in Liberty NY on Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm sponsored by Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend an open house/ribbon cutting for their newest member, A New Breath, a Yoga and Wellness Studio on Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm located at 42 South Main Street, Liberty, New York 12754. Refreshments and a demonstration will fol-

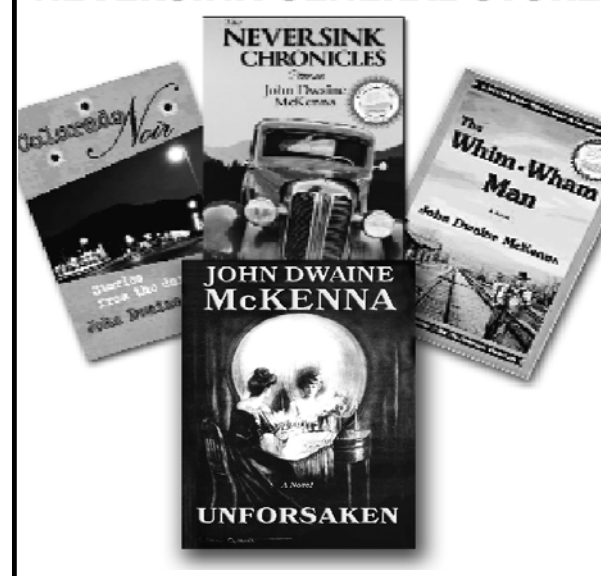
low. All are welcome to attend, so stop by and give A New Breath a warm welcome!

About A New Breath

Kyle E. Goldstein, a Sullivan County native is proud to announce the opening of A New Breath, a wellness studio offering Yoga, Meditation, Movement-based classes, and Nutrition counseling to all who live, work, and play in Sullivan County. Kyle completed his 200 hour YTT at the Ashtanga Mysore Yoga Shala in Mysore, India in 2018 and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Applied Clinical Nutrition from New York Chiropractic College.

The Mission of A New Breath is such: They believe that each and every one of you deserves a chance to better yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. This holistic approach acknowledges these four "bodies" allowing you to work towards creating a balance one day at a time. At A New Breath, this philosophy will be their driving force when providing you with the necessary tools and opportunities to be the best version of yourself. Whether you prefer a more relaxing class that is hyper-focused on your breathing or a physically demanding one that makes you sweat, there is something there for you. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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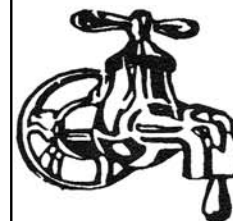


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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda Downsizing

Today we loaded two monitors, two keyboards, two computer towers, one defunct printer, a laptop, electronic calculator, a digital printer, dead cordless phones, and a box of cords and plugs discarded with no connection to anything we used in the last eight years. As we were driving to the Resource Recovery Unit in Ulster, I remarked, "Do you realize that all this metal and plastic and wire can be reduced to the technology of our iPhones in our pockets?"

What a tribute to obsolescence. Thousands upon thousands of dollars were spent on the latest up-to-date technology only to have it rendered useless by newer technology. We even found a brand-floppy disk attachment in its original packaging. Most of it still worked on DOS.

As we unloaded it all, I felt a feeling of relief knowing we were no longer warehousing a bunch of junk we did not use any longer. Also, the words "Resource Recovery" sounded much more soothing and reassuring than the dump or junkyard. It sounded as if we were heroes rescuing orphans of electronics.

I felt relieved, but a small, guilty voice kept haunting me about the production, storage, and transience of information. Now it is all in the cloud leaving us the next task of emptying three tall file cabinets of old insurance, telephone, electric, and credit card statements. Who needs to keep all that paper?

The internet is the new eternity, the keeper of the records, and the guardian of the data of our lives. It is certainly more neat and efficient than my secretarial skills, but I wonder about its transience or obsolescence. What will happen to THE CLOUD in the next technology storm? Are we planning for the next rainy day?

The Ulster Ballet Company Presents the 37th Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE

SAUGERTIES, NY, : On Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 4 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 37th Annual Festival of Dance, at the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1984, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night! Some of our exciting line up includes: Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co., Energy Dance Co., Fei Tian College, Neville Dance Theatre, Silver Screen Ballroom, Ballet Hartford, Justin Valentine, Ulster Ballet Co., and more...

Tickets for Ulster Ballet Company's Festival of Dance are \$25/adults; \$22/seniors and Bardavon/UPAC members; \$18/children 12 and under; and groups of 10 or more. In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$18 to employees of HealthQuest, Health Alliance, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center and United Health Care; as well as Marist, Bard, Vassar Colleges, Ulster County Community College, SUNY New Paltz, City of Kingston, County of Ulster and State of New York employees, and members of the YMCA. Present your employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPAC box office when purchasing tickets. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000. The UPAC box office is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For additional information, visit our website at ulsterballet.org, or contact ulsterballet@gmail.com.

"This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson".

DEC Releases Draft New York State Forest Action Plan Plan Available for Public Comment through April 3

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the release of the draft New York State Forest Action Plan for public review and comment. The State Forest Action Plan is a 10-year strategic plan for DEC and New York's forestry community

that provides long term, comprehensive, and coordinated strategies for addressing the challenges facing New York's forests today.

"Each decade, developing the state's Forest Action Plan provides an opportunity for DEC to assess our priorities for managing and protecting New York's forests for the future," said Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The future of our forests affects every one of us, and I encourage New Yorkers to review the plan and provide feedback to ensure all voices are heard in this process."

The draft Forest Action Plan leverages New York's forests in the fight against climate change. New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act sets the state on a path to achieve a carbon-free electricity system by 2040, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions 85 percent by 2050. Forests and forest products are a vital resource for mitigating total greenhouse gas emission levels through carbon sequestration and long-term storage. The draft plan identifies ways that New York's forests can realize this potential as part of the state's comprehensive climate change solution.

The federal Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act requires each state forestry agency to develop "Statewide Assessment and Strategies for Forest Resources," collectively referred to as the State Forest Action Plan. A final State Forest Action Plan, which will be an update to New York's 2010 Plan, is due in June 2020.

New York's State Forest Action Plan addresses the three national priorities identified by the U.S. Forest Service:

- o Conserve and manage working forest landscapes for multiple values and uses;
- o Protect forests from threats; and
- o Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

New York's plan builds on these priorities and identifies four primary goals for New York's forests:

- o Keep New York's forests as forests;
- o Keep New York's forests healthy;
- o Ensure forests benefit humans and all living creatures; and
- o Ensure support, protection, and appreciation of New York's forests.

The public is encouraged to comment on the 2020 draft State Forest Action Plan through April 3, 2020. DEC will review and address all comments received. The draft plan is posted on the DEC website. Comments can be directed to: Sara Hart, Natural Resources Planner, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4254, or ForestActionPlan@dec.ny.gov.

DEC will hold a public meeting on February 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., at 625 Broadway, Albany, NY, Public Assembly Room 129. All interested parties are invited to attend. Anyone unable to attend may access the meeting online or via phone. To join the online meeting, click here to



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Open House/Ribbon Cutting for A New Breath, a Yoga and Wellness Studio

(From Pg. 4) Their classes range from Yoga and Meditation to Movement-based classes (and anything in between). In addition, nutritional counseling and other wellness-related services will be available. Remember that regardless of your current physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual state, there is a place at A New Breath for you. No experience required. Just open minds & hearts.

About Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce

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 or our other upcoming Liberty Chamber events, as well as to join the chamber, or to volunteer please contact Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone 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.

CORRECTION:

SC Philatelic Society

A meeting of the Sullivan Philatelic Society was held on February 8th at 1:00 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701. They had a Stamp Quiz and Session on how to identify rare stamps.

They also had their regular trading session, door prizes and give-aways with refreshments donated by club members.

The Stamp Club is working jointly with the Sullivan County Senior Games for a special cancel in September 2020. It is to be held at SUNY Sullivan, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759. More on this as available.

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 If you have an educator tip you'd like to share, please submit to EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov.

- Looking for pre-tested lesson plans on environmental topics?
- o Audubon Adventures for Grades 3-6 www.audobonadventures.org
 - o Take a Project WET, WILD or Learning Tree workshop. Upcoming workshops listed below!

Upcoming Educator Workshops

PLT Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood (3-6)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 10 AM to 1 PM
 DEC Region 1 Office in Stony Brook, NY
 Register with Environmental Education Staff at education1@dec.ny.gov.

Project Learning Tree (PreK-8)

Monday, February 24, 2020 from 9 AM to 4 PM
 Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center in Hyde Park, NY
 Teaching the Hudson Valley Project Learning Tree Workshop.

Growing Up WILD and Getting Little Feet WET (Early Childhood Curriculum)

Monday, March 9, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM
 Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center in Hyde Park, NY
 Teaching the Hudson Valley Early Childhood Workshop.

Flying WILD

Wednesday, April 8, 2020 from 4 PM to 7 PM
 DEC Region 1 Office in Stony Brook, NY
 Register with Ron Gelardi at education1@dec.ny.gov.

Project WILD (K-12)

Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 10 AM to 3 PM
 Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar, NY
 Register with Drew Hopkins at 5rivers@dec.ny.gov.

Project WILD and Project WET (K-12) combined

Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
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Greetings, Teachers & Educators

Welcome to the first Teacher & Educator Newsletter of 2020! Each issue contains a main article on a relevant education or environmental topic, like today's article on Green Teacher magazine's upcoming webinars, a highlight of an online resource to help you in your teachings, educator tips or resources, research on environmental education, and a listing of upcoming workshops and professional development opportunities around the state.

Please feel free to reach out to us with questions, resources, tips, or comments at EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov, and we look forward to providing you with more environmental education information throughout the year!

Sincerely,
 DEC's Environmental Education Staff
 Greening Your Teaching Resources

Green Teacher magazine, an online, quarterly resource for educators, explores current topics in environmental education, outdoor activities, and educator resources. The articles and activities are written by teachers and focus on educating students 6-19 years of age. They offer a sample issue on their site that you can view.

In addition to their magazine, they offer free webinars, led by experts in the field, on a variety of topics. Visit Green Teacher's website (greenteacher.com) to view webinars. Upcoming topics include teaching about climate change, garden-based education, and connecting STEM to Indigenous Science. Each webinar is free to attend, but advance registration is required. All registered participants will have access to the webinar for 30 days after it is published on the site.

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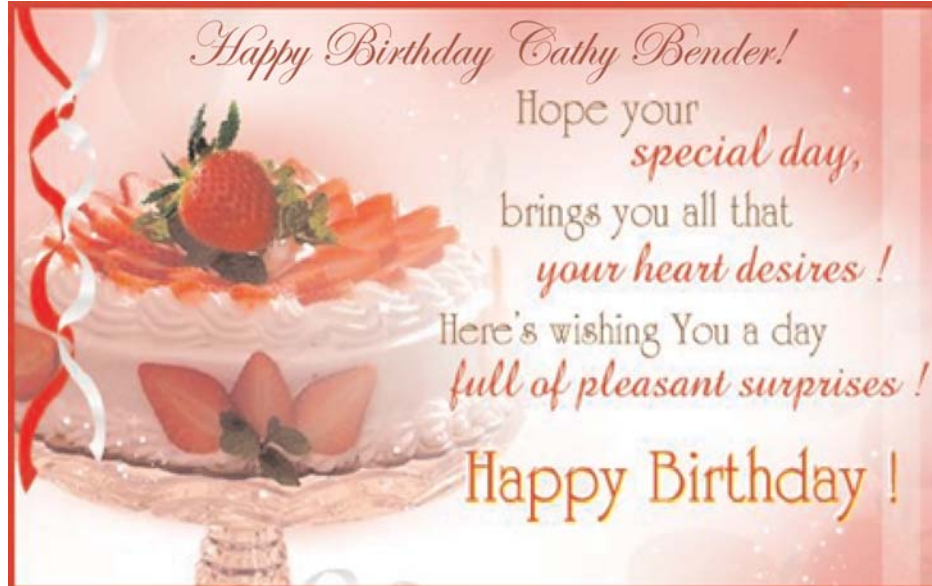
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Rabbi Medwin, who has presided over services in Temple Sholom in Monticello since 2005, graduated from Cornell University in 1976 with a B.S. and Honors in Human Nutrition. After obtaining a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, she practiced optometry for 13 years.

In 1993 Rabbi Medwin sold her optometry practice and took her family to Israel where she completed her first year of rabbinical school. She was ordained in 1997 at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. Finding that counseling was an integral part of her work, she returned to school and received a D.Min. degree in Interfaith Clinical and Pastoral Counseling from HUC-JIR in 2016.

Her popular courses reflect the ethical and psychological insights that would be expected given her eclectic background. Her class in Pirke Avot, the ancient Jewish text devoted to ethical advice and guidance, delves into the relevance of ancient wisdom to modern times. Her discussions of the Shtisel TV drama bring out the very human behaviors of ultra-religious Jews and their insular world.

The cost is \$36.00 per course per semester for Temple Sholom members and \$54.00 per course per semester for non-Temple members. Those who register by February 25 will receive a \$5.00 discount. Registration forms are available at Temple Sholom, 5 E. Dillon Rd. in Monticello or on the Temple Sholom website www.templesholomny.org. For further information call 845-794-8731.

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3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Tour Peregrine Hall Food Recovery Initiative, including Composting at SUNY/New Paltz – Kevin Dacey, General Manager, SUNY/NP Sodexo
Please meet at main (north) entrance to Peregrine Dining Hall at 3 p.m. sharp!

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Approaching Zero Waste Workshop, Lecture Center 102

- Ulster County Waste Prevention & Diversion Laws and Zero Waste Policy -- Ulster County Legislators Manna Jo Greene and Laura Petit
- Approaching Zero Waste in Ulster County – Katherine Beinkafner, Ph.D., Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board Member
- Zero Waste at Public Events, MJ Wilson, Zero Waste Coordinator at Clearwater Festival
- Repair Cafe -- John Wackman; organizer of Repair Cafes in Mid-Hudson region
- Q&A Panel: How Can You Help? Moderator, Angelina Peone, UCRRA Recycling Coordinator

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Planet or Plastics: Moving Beyond Plastics with Judith Enck, Senior Fellow and Visiting Faculty member at Bennington College; former EPA Administrator – Region 2, SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center 102

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open Student Forum on the Future of Single Use Plastics at SUNY New Paltz, Lecture Center 102

Campus Map: <https://www.newpaltz.edu/media/web-assets/printable-campus-map.pdf>

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-Pete Seeger

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Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 16th

Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 17th

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
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Frost Valley YMCA Announces Free Maple Sugaring Open Houses



Claryville – Have you ever wondered how maple syrup is made? Frost Valley YMCA announces Open Houses for individuals and families to tour its maple sugaring operation and learn all about how pure maple syrup is made. Maple Sugaring Open Houses will take place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on March 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th. Families are

encouraged to visit Frost Valley’s Maple Sugar House, which sits one mile east of the main entrance during one of the Open Houses. The main entrance, marked by prominent signage, is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville. Learn how to identify a sugar maple tree, how sap is collected, and how that sap is turned into maple syrup.

Frost Valley first began maple sugaring in 1978 using buckets to collect the sap from sugar maple trees. At that time, only a few hundred buckets were used. Today, Frost Valley uses tubing and a vacuum pump system to collect the sap and large tanks for storage.

Advance registration is not required unless individuals plan to stay for the weekend. For more information, contact the Natural Resource Department at 845-985-2291 ext. 217.

4th of July Committee

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Friday, February 14th from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Located at Ellenville Senior Housing Community Room

Building number 19

Free Event

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- Delicious Lunch
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Sandeep Joshi, MD, The Hudson Valley Heart Center, Board Certified in Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, Echocardiography and Internal Medicine

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You are Cordially Invited to an Election Extravaganza

Hosted by the Sullivan County Board of Elections



Do you ever wonder:

- ★How do I become an Election Inspector?
 - ★Am I registered to vote?
- ★How do I complete a ballot on Election Day?
 - ★What is Early Voting?
 - ★What does an Election Inspector do?
- ★How do I change my party enrollment?
- ★Can I check in faster on Election Day?
 - ★Where do I vote?

If so, or if you have any other election related questions, please stop by our Election Extravaganza!

When: Thursday, February 13th
(Snow Date is Tuesday, February 18th)

Where: Lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center
100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

Time: 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

What: Election Inspector Recruitment, Voter Registration Drive & Mock Election

Everyone is welcome! We'll have refreshments!



The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Can you smell the love in the air? Oops. No. Just more snow. Sigh. It doesn't matter though. The February 14th line up will melt it.

There seems to be something for everyone on the day designated as the day of love. THE SLAM ALLEN BAND will be doing a VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT at what seems to be becoming one of the hot spots in the western part of the county, WESTERN SUPPER CLUB AND INN, 22 Upper Main Street in Callicoon, 7-10pm. You'll need tickets which you can purchase online at slmallen.brownpapertickets.com.

CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville is hosting VALENTINE'S DAY with the wonderful FISHER and KEAN at 8pm. I love this duo. They always surprise me with their musical scope.

Or head out to the iconic HECTOR'S INN in Bethel and join SPREAD THE LOVE with THE JOHNNY JULES BAND, 7:30pm, for a little country, a little bluegrass and all Americana.



I spent a lot of time with THE JOHNNY JULES BAND in different configurations this last week.

Wednesday night I was with them at BUM AND KELS LAKESIDE TAVERN in Loch Sheldrake where JOHNNY and bassist DAVE D'ARCY were hosting the Open Mic. I had heard that that their first Open Mic, the previous week had attracted two women who were visiting from California. One sang, the other played guitar and sang and that they were especially good. Well, they showed up again BUT after everything had been packed up. Yes, Virginia. The sidewalks are all rolled up in this part of the world. It brought me back. When I lived in New York City and even in New Jersey, I wouldn't go out until 9 or 10 at night because nothing really started until then. What a different world this is!



But I digress. There were some really fun moments that night. Like the impromptu get together at the bar with BILL GRIESBECK on guitar, 'RED HILL' LIL and her fiddle, DAVE on his bass and JOHNNY with one of his harps (harmonicas).

THE JOHNNY JULES BAND was also at THE PICKLED OWL in Hurleyville Saturday night and being a good Hurleyvil-ian, I stopped in, to the duo of JOHNNY and BOBBY D on dobro. GLEN LAZARO, fresh from the POP UP GALLERY at THE DANCING CAT in Bethel where he had played, joined them as a second guitar. I'm going to find where this man is playing next. His whole sound is different, but it melded beautifully into the band. Then DAVE, who had been unavoidably detained, was



there on bass. One of this band's great strengths is, no matter what the configuration, they sound great.

And the little guy in the picture? Well he started dancing when Johnny did the theme to Sesame Street. And danced to every song after. When I went to his dad, told him what I do and asked permission to take the tike's picture for the column, he told me he was also a musician and had a background in the music industry.

But moreso, he was raving about the band!! He had not expected THIS in this tiny town, he said.

Made me smile.

Here's what's coming up this "week of love":

Wednesday: Open Mic at BUM AND KELS LAKESIDE TAVERN hosted by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND; 7pm

Thursday, Feb 13: Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville hosted by LITTLE SPARROW; 7pm

Friday, Feb 14, VALENTINE'S DAY: THE SLAM ALLEN BAND'S VALENTINES DAY CONCERT at the WESTERN SUPPER CLUB AND INN on upper Main Street in Callicoon; 7pm to 10. See above for obtaining tickets.

VALENTINE'S DAY with FISHER and KEAN at CABERNET FRANK'S in PARKSVILLE; 8pm

SPREAD THE LOVE with THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at HECTOR'S INN in Bethel; 7:30pm

Saturday, Feb 15, VALENTINE'S HANGOVER DAY:

THE ROARING 2020'S VALENTINES DAY PARTY at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by K&K Music Entertainment; 8pm

ALBI BELULI at THE PICKLED OWL in HURLEYVILLE; 6pm

SCDW Valentine Cabaret

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is happy to announce its Valentine Cabaret. Three performances, Feb. 14, 15 & 16 will keep you tapping your feet, clapping your hands, wiping away a tear and laughing out loud, as a very talented cast leads you down a magical, musical path of melodic tributes to love, love lost, searching for and finding love.

The House Band consists of Leon Hilfstein on keyboard, Brandon Sparkman on bass guitar, Hannah Veety on guitar and Alan Charney on drums. Peter Nastasi holds the event together as emcee. The multi-talented performers are Shawn Bailey, Mary Burkhart, Tania Navarro, Teri Paris, Lynne Porter, Keith Prince, Richard Quinn, David Rosenberg, Josh Rosengrant, Rebecca Salerno, Amber Schmidt, Teri Schwartz, Felice Schwed, Brandon Sparkman, Hannah Veety and Brianna Worden. Thanks to the expert direction of Jim Schmidt, the Valentine Cabaret is a not-to-miss show. This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Performances are live, on-stage at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. 8:00 PM on Friday, Feb. 14, and Saturday, Feb. 15. 2:00 PM on Sunday, Feb. 16. General admission is \$10 and includes coffee and desserts. For more information, call Jim at (845) 798-4971.

Free Interactive Lecture Exploring Childhood Forts At DVAA

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance kicks off the free winter Salon Series on Saturday, February 15 at 2 pm with an interactive lecture exploring childhood forts. Book artist Stacy Wakefield will present her collaboration on the artist book "Constructed Comfort" about the primary architecture of childhood fort building. The book presents two series of artworks by photographer Ellen Brooks with which Wakefield created a limited edition, riso-printed book. Wakefield will discuss the concept of artist books and show some favorite examples. She will also present the photographs and drawings of forts from the

Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth

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Things to Consider When Moving to a New Country

The type of travel I typically do is considered "slow travel." I simply gather my stuff, put it in a backpack (actually, two), then head off to my next destination and stay there for usually a few months. But, this is only after some serious deliberation. Sadly, I can't live in places like Paris, London, or Tokyo, as I would

spend all of my money within just a few days! When debating on a place to move to, I consider a few things and do research on them all:

1. Safety – Obviously! As a solo traveling woman, this is my #1 concern. Living in a place where I'll feel in danger while traveling alone is certainly not ideal!
2. Cost – Considering I'm not stinking rich, I can't afford to live in a place where the rent is \$2,000 per month, like in Hong Kong or London. I choose cities and countries where I can rent my own place for around \$400 per month, which is very possible in more places than you might think, such as in Southeast Asia, South America, and Central America.
3. Visas – Fortunately for me, the American passport is extremely strong and is welcomed nearly everywhere. On top of that, a lot of countries offer Americans 90 or even 180 days visa-free to be there. As a "slow traveler," this is perfect! I also look at other countries that offer cheap visas and/or visas that can be easily extended, like Indonesia and Vietnam.
4. The weather – I absolutely loathe the winter and snow. So, I will go to all lengths to dodge winters! When choosing a place to live, I typically go for places that are warm and sunny when I'm there. For example, Medellin, Colombia, where I'm currently located, is known as the "City of Eternal Spring." It's warm all year long and is constantly in a warm spring state!

Sadly, I can't just up and move some place without any thought, but these four points narrow my choices considerably- and could do the same for you!

book. Participants will be invited to remember their own childhood forts and contribute to the ongoing project.

DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and the event will take place at 2pm on the second floor in the intimate Krause Recital Hall. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Schedule is subject to change due to weather and circumstances beyond our control. Please call ahead to confirm each event. More information is available by calling 845-252-7576.

The Salon Series continues on Saturday, February 22 at 2pm with an afternoon concert featuring jazz pianist and music educator Billy Lester. Based in Yonkers, New York. More events will take place in February and March. Visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org for a full schedule.

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.

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DEP Announces Progress on Project to Upgrade and Rehabilitate Catskill Aqueduct

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced significant progress on a \$158 million project to clean, upgrade and rehabilitate the Catskill Aqueduct, which delivers approximately 40 percent of the city's drinking water each day. The aqueduct was shut down for 10 weeks in November, December and January to facilitate work inside the structure and at facilities connected to it. During that time, upwards of 200 workers were deployed at more than a dozen locations in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties to clean the inside of the aqueduct, repair cracks and other defects, and replace valves that are connected to the aqueduct. "This complex project to rehabilitate the Catskill Aqueduct has required more coordination and flexible planning than perhaps any in the history of our water supply," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "I want to thank the laborers who worked around the clock for 10 consecutive weeks, the communities north of the city who prepared and activated their backup water supplies while the aqueduct was out of service, and our DEP engineers and planners who coordinated activities during the shutdown. While we are pleased with the significant progress that was made this year, much work remains to complete the project and ensure this critical aqueduct can serve New Yorkers for generations to come."

The 92-mile-long Catskill Aqueduct stretches from Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster County to Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers. The rehabilitation project focuses on the 74 northernmost miles of the aqueduct, from Ashokan to Kensico Reservoir in Valhalla. To safely perform the work, DEP must periodically shut down the Catskill Aqueduct for weeks at a time. The first shutdown, which occurred in the fall and winter of 2018-2019, allowed experts to inspect the inside of the aqueduct, test methods for cleaning its concrete lining, and repair a few areas where leaks were known to exist.

The most recent shutdown for the project - known as the Catskill Aqueduct Repair and Rehabilitation Project - started on Nov. 10, 2019, and continued until Jan. 23. The following work was accomplished during that time:

- The Catskill Aqueduct was shut down for 74 days, 9 hours and 20 minutes without affecting the reliable supply of water to New York City or the 20 communities in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties that usually draw their drinking water from the aqueduct.
- A total of 32.5 miles, or 171,500 linear feet, of the aqueduct's concrete lining was cleaned from the inside. The cleaned area stretched from a facility near the Wallkill River in Ulster County to the Croton Reservoir in Westchester County. Workers removed a harmless, organic film from the inside the aqueduct by using stiff scrapers that are similar to squeegees. They scraped the walls of the aqueduct clean from a rolling, modular scaffold that was specially manufactured for the project. Cleaning the aqueduct will restore some of its historic transmission capacity. The organic film creates a rough surface within the Catskill Aqueduct. That rough surface creates friction, causing the water to move slower and thereby reducing the amount of water that can flow through the aqueduct each day. DEP estimates it will regain roughly 40 million gallons of transmission capacity in the Catskill Aqueduct by cleaning its concrete lining. A total of 800 tons of organic film was removed during the latest shutdown.
- Leaks and other defects, such as surface cracks, along the aqueduct were repaired at several locations. These were repaired by a variety of methods. A total of 14,036 linear feet of holes were drilled into the aqueduct to seal leaks by injecting them with a special grout that filled the cracks.
- Workers also removed and replaced the first two of 35 century-old valves along the aqueduct. These valves are located at chambers that allow the aqueduct to drain into local bodies of water. The remaining valves will be removed and replaced in future shutdowns.

DEP worked in close coordination with communities in the Hudson Valley where aspects of the con-

struction were happening. DEP also collaborated with 20 towns, cities, villages and water districts north of the City that draw all or some of their drinking water from the Catskill Aqueduct. DEP worked with all these communities to prepare and confirm the readiness of their backup water supplies before and during the shutdown.

Preparing for the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel

DEP's work on the Catskill Aqueduct is key to preparing for a shutdown of the Delaware Aqueduct in 2022. The 85-mile-long Delaware Aqueduct is the longest tunnel in the world. It begins at Rondout Reservoir in Ulster County and conveys about half of New York City's drinking water every day.

DEP is currently working on a \$1 billion project to repair two areas of leakage from the Delaware Aqueduct. The primary leak will be eliminated through the construction of a 2.5-mile bypass tunnel that is now being built 600 feet under the Hudson River from Newburgh to Wappinger. Excavation of the bypass tunnel was completed on Aug. 13, 2019, and workers are now lining the tunnel with steel and concrete. The bypass tunnel will be connected to structurally sound portions of the existing Delaware Aqueduct to convey water around the leak. The Delaware Aqueduct will stay in service while DEP works on the bypass tunnel parallel to it. Once the bypass tunnel is nearly complete, DEP will shut down the Delaware Aqueduct for 5-8 months to finish the connections on either side of the Hudson River. The leaking section of the existing aqueduct will be plugged and taken out of service forever.

Over the past decade, DEP has worked on several projects to ensure New York City will have a reliable supply of drinking water during the Delaware Aqueduct shutdown. The rehabilitation of the Catskill Aqueduct, including the additional transmission capacity that it will yield, is key to those efforts.


Background information on the Catskill Aqueduct

The Catskill Aqueduct is a 92-mile conduit that carries drinking water from Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster County to Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers. The aqueduct conveys about 40 percent of New York City's drinking water on an average day, and it can currently deliver up to 590 million gallons per day.

The Catskill Aqueduct was built from 1907-1915. It first delivered water to New York City on Dec. 27, 1915, starting with water to the Bronx only. Water from the Catskill Aqueduct first reached all five boroughs of the city in 1917. The majority of the aqueduct - about 55 miles of its total length - was built above ground using a "cut-and-cover" method that involved excavating a trench and building the aqueduct at the surface. The remainder of the aqueduct includes grade tunnels that cut through mountains and pressure tunnels that plunge below creeks and rivers before coming back to the surface. The portion of the Catskill Aqueduct that runs 1,114 feet beneath the Hudson River is the deepest part of New York City's entire water supply.

The aqueduct conveys water from Ashokan Reservoir, which was the first reservoir New York City built in the Catskills. Water that came from the Catskills, through the aqueduct, was key to allowing New York City to grow through the industrial and population booms that followed World War I.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more



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DEC Announces Examinations for Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Licenses

Exams Held April 3;

Registration Deadline March 13

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that examinations for individuals seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Friday, April 3.

The exams will run from 10 a.m. to noon at most DEC Regional Offices across the state. A list of DEC Regional Offices can be found on the DEC website. The deadline for registering to take any of these free exams is Friday, March 13. Exam registration forms are available on DEC's website.

Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 14 years of age;
- possess a valid New York State hunting license; and
- maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors.

Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. There is no cost for the license, which is good for five years.

To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- be at least 16 years of age; and
- be interviewed by DEC Regional wildlife staff.

Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. A leashed tracking dog study guide is available at no cost from DEC. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year license and a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and
- possess a valid New York State hunting license.

To apply for any of these exams, visit the NYSDEC Special Licenses Unit website and complete an exam registration form. Applicants can mail, fax, or email the completed form to: NYSDEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752; fax: 518-402-8925; email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov. For phone inquiries, contact 518-402-8985. <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

Snowshoe Fun Run/Walk Comes to Fallsburg

Local organizations team up to celebrate winter on the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail

Woodridge, NY - For some Sullivan County organizations, this February there's no business like snow business!

On Saturday, February 22 at 10:30 a.m., Catskill Mountainkeeper invites the community to snowshoe on the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail from Mountaintdale to Woodridge at the first annual SnO&W Snowshoe Fun Run and Walk.

"The Catskills are truly a four-season recreational wonderland," said Ramsay Adams, Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. "The SnO&W celebrates the best winter has to offer, with snowshoeing, hiking, food and drink on the newly developed and expanding scenic Sullivan O&W Rail Trail. This family-friendly event is the culmination of a wonderful partnership between Catskill Mountainkeeper, Trailkeeper, Sullivan 180, the Village of Woodridge, the Town of Fallsburg, Mountaintdale Action Committee, Morgan Outdoors, and the Sullivan County Division of Planning."

Sandi Rowland, Executive Director of Sullivan 180, added, "Sullivan 180 is pleased to participate in the SnO&W. Our mission is to build a healthier Sullivan County. Opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation, such as snowshoeing, are an excellent way to help us get healthier and stay fit over the winter months. It is also a great way to encourage a sense of social connection and community."

Local officials are thrilled at the chance to show off their segments of the trail.

"Our Rail Trail has been greatly improved over the past year, and we are looking forward to the SnO&W, which will be a fun event," said Woodridge Mayor Joan Collins.

The approximately 2-mile course will begin at the trailhead on Mall Road in Mountaintdale and finish at Krieger Park in Woodridge, with complimentary refreshments at Woodridge Village Hall following the event.

There will be a limited number of snowshoes available for rent. Transportation will be provided from the race end back to parking.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. To reserve a spot or for further information, visit <https://snowshoefunrunwalk-mountaintdale-towoodridge.eventbrite.com>. The event will occur snow or shine.

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 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor Seung Jin Hong
 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, at a regular meeting thereof, held February 4th, 2020 adopted the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law Section 6-g and the Town Law of the State of New York, that a sum not to exceed \$99,900.00 be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund of said Fire District for the purchase of one (1) new 4 wheel drive Fast Attack Fire Truck and associated equipment, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: February 04, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
CLARYVILLE, NY 12725
2/13

**TVCS Board of Education
will have a Board Meeting on
February 20, 2020**

Increased Funding for Summer Youth Employment Program is Included in FY 2021 Executive Budget

Program Funding Increases by \$1 Million to Support Summer Job Opportunities for Youth across New York State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the FY 2021 Executive Budget increases funding for the Summer Youth Employment program by \$1 million dollars - to \$45 million in total funding.

"The Summer Youth Employment program gives young people the chance to earn a paycheck while building valuable skills that will have a positive impact well into adulthood," Governor Cuomo said. "We are growing this program because it's a smart investment in the next generation of our workforce that will pay dividends for all New Yorkers."

The Summer Youth Employment program supports communities across the state in creating summer jobs for youth from low-income families. In 2019, 19,000 youths were employed through the program. These summer work opportunities allow young New Yorkers to gain new skills this summer, resulting in improved academic performance and increasing future job prospects.

To be eligible, young people must be ages 14 to 20 and have a family income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (or \$39,850 for a family of three). Employers can use the funds to subsidize wages, support education and training activities, as well as offer

counseling and employment-related services, such as transportation to and from work. Young people interested in participating can contact their local department of social services.

UC Kicks off Complete Count Committee to Raise Awareness

About the 2020 Census

The County is partnering with local municipalities and nonprofit organizations to ensure full community participation

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County kicked-off the County's Complete Count Committee today. Featuring a diverse group of community leaders, the committee will continue to build off of today's convening by working alongside civic organizations and municipalities to ensure that all residents of Ulster County are properly represented and understand the census process. The 2020 Census will influence community funding and congressional representation for the next decade. Funding for our schools, libraries, roads, veterans services, senior services, hospitals, and food pantries is based on the numbers from the census.

Today's meeting gathered community leaders to discuss how local organizations can get involved to promote community participation and apply for eligible funding. Jeff Behler, the Regional Director for the New York Regional Census Center, also presented information on the census.

"Ulster County is going to work to ensure that all of our residents are represented and accounted for in the 2020 Census," said Patrick Ryan, Ulster County Executive. "We are fully committed to educating the public on this immensely important process and engaging and working with our traditionally undercounted population areas."

"We are asking community leaders and organizations to help us ensure that every person is counted in the 2020 Census," said Jennifer J. Clark, Chair the Ulster County Complete Count Committee and Assistant Ulster County Attorney. "We know that getting full participation in the census will be a challenge, particularly given the recent efforts to depress responses from under-represented communities. It is our hope that with our community partners, we can combat those efforts. Participation is power; the more people who respond to the census, the louder our voice will be in Washington and in New York State. It is vitally important that the census provides a true picture of our community so that we get the representation and the funding that we deserve."

"As a Town Supervisor and former Census leader, I understand the importance of making sure every person is counted," said Mike Baden, Supervisor of the Town of Rochester. "More than just a population number, the Census data is used to determine funding assistance for important government programs like housing and infrastructure. The Ulster County Complete Count Committee is partnering with volunteer and private sector groups to stress to all residents the importance of being counted."

"The threat of the citizen question undoubtedly created more fear and distrust about the government and the Census," said Eve Walter, Ulster County Legislator. "People should know that not only is this question not currently a part of the Census but that all Census information is protected by law and individual information can not be given to any government entity."

Required by the United States Constitution, every ten years the federal government undertakes the census process. The census is used to fund \$675 billion in federal programs, including roads and bridges, public schools, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps), the National School Lunch Program, Section 8 Housing, Head Start, and the Community Development Block Grants. Census data also determines political repre-

sentation, both on the federal and local levels. This includes the electoral votes each state receives.

County Executive Ryan announced the formation of a Complete Count Committee late last year on November 29, 2019. The Complete Count Committee will work to promote the census through numerous local organizations and community events. They will look to enhance the number of participants in this process as well as educate the public.

Members of the committee include the following:

- o Maude Bruce, Ellenville NAACP
- o Jennifer J. Clark, Assistant Ulster County Attorney
- o Dennis Doyle, Director of Ulster County Planning Department
- o Daisy Paredes Tyler, League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Valley
- o Eve Walter, Ulster County Legislator
- o Michael Baden, Town of Rochester Supervisor

For additional information and to find out how to get involved, please email completecount@co.ulster.ny.us

DEC Releases New York State Hunting Safety Statistics for 2019 *Incident Rate Lowest Annual Total in History*

Past Seven Years are Safest on Record

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that the 2019 hunting seasons in New York were the safest on record. DEC documented seven tree stand incidents and one fatality in 2019.

"Nearly 550,000 New Yorkers and visitors enjoy the sport of hunting each year and the declining number of hunting incidents confirms that today's generation of hunters are the most safety conscious yet," Commissioner Seggos said. "Thanks to the efforts of DEC staff and volunteer hunter education program instructors that teach close to 40,000 students each year, hunting has continued to be a safe and enjoyable activity in New York State."

Of the 12 Hunting Related Shooting Incidents (HRSIs) that occurred last year, seven were two-party firearm incidents, five were self-inflicted, and one resulted in a fatality. All of these incidents could have been prevented if hunting safety rules had been followed. The one fatal incident was caused by a failure to positively identify the target.

Further examination of the seven two-party firearm incidents reveals that four of the victims involved were not wearing hunter orange, reinforcing the importance of identifying the target and beyond, and wearing hunter orange or pink when afield, two of the major principles of DEC's hunter safety courses. For more information on hunter safety basics, visit DEC's website.

New York State has recorded HRSI rates since the 1960s. In 1966, 166 incidents were recorded, 13 of which were fatal. In 2019, 12 incidents were recorded, one of which was fatal. While the number of hunters is declining overall, the hunting incident rate (incidents per 100,000 hunters) is falling even faster. Since the 1960s, the number of hunters in New York has declined about 20 percent, while the incident rate has declined almost 80 percent. The current five-year average is 1.8 incidents per 100,000 hunters, compared to 19 per 100,000 hunters in the 1960s.

DEC-trained and certified volunteer instructors teach safe, responsible, and ethical hunting and trapping practices and the important role of hunters and trappers in wildlife conservation. Through more than 60 years of dedicated efforts from Volunteer Hunter Education Program Instructors, an extremely safety-conscious generation of hunters and trappers has been developed. All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must successfully complete a hunter or trapper safety course and pass the final exam before being eligible to purchase a hunting or trapping license. All courses are offered free of charge. (Contd. Pg. 15)



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation
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 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Studio Art Group every Wednesday
 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Come & Go Play Group second Tuesday of
 each month 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Junior Book Club - 2nd Friday of each month
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday Readers Group - first Friday of
 every month 1:00 pm

Alchemy Poets - 3rd Thursday of each month
 1:00 pm

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 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
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 For information call 845-434-8044.

2020
 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule
 Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

March 12, 2020
 April 16, 2020

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5	4	2	6	7	3	9	1	8
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- 2/11/2020 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/12/2020 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/15/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
- 2/16/2020 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am to 12 noon
- 2/17/2020 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/18/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (App. Submission Date - 2/4/2020)
- 2/20/2020 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/3/2020 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/4/2020 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm (App. Submission Date - 2/19/2020)
- 3/7/2020 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

To All: Municipalities, Fire Depts., Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
 Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2020** so that we may
 continue to post your meetings, events and important dates throughout the coming year.
 You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;
 USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**Town of Denning
 Winter Hours for
 R & R Transfer Station**
 The R & R Transfer Station
 started winter hours
 Sunday, the 15th of December 2019,
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**Tri-Valley Elementary School
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**Local establishments to display student
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**DEC Releases New York State
 Hunting Safety Statistics for 2019**
**Incident Rate Lowest Annual Total in History,
 Past Seven Years are Safest on Record**

(From Pg. 14) In 2017, DEC Commissioner Seggos directed the agency's Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) to begin tracking and investigating tree stand injuries for the first time. Tree stand injuries are under-reported and DEC is not always notified when tree stand falls occur. In 2019, seven tree-stand incidents were reported and investigated, none were fatal. All seven incidents involved a hunter who was not wearing a body harness or the harness was not attached to the tree.

Tree stand safety has been integrated as a part of the hunter education course required of first-time hunters in New York. Tree stand incidents are becoming a major cause of hunting-related injuries.

The proper use of tree-stands and tree stand safety equipment will help to prevent these injuries and fatalities. Used correctly, a harness keeps the hunter connected from the time they leave the ground to the moment they get back down.

Many, if not all tree stand incidents could be prevented if hunters follow the "ABCs" of tree stand safety:

- o Always remove and inspect the tree stand before use;
 - o Buckle on the full body harness securely every time; and
 - o Connect to the tree before your feet leave the ground.
- While hunting is safer than ever, DEC encourages hunters to remember that every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable. Many, if not all of these incidents, could have been prevented if the people involved had followed the primary rules of hunter safety:
- o Treat every firearm as if it were loaded;
 - o Control the muzzle, keep it pointed in a safe direction;

- o Identify your target and what lies beyond;
 - o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire; and
 - o Wear hunter orange or pink.
- More information, including the 2019 Hunting Safety Statistics and the 2019 Tree Stand Safety Statistics, is available on DEC's website.

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2/13; 2/20 1720

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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department. Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

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4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 15 weeks away!**

If you are not planning on having a Yard Sale yourself, perhaps you might consider donating all those slightly used 'treasures' to the **Sundown Ladies for their Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale** the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall.

Enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!

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(Comedy, 1964) A mad United States General orders an air strike against Russia. **Dir: Stanley Kubrick Cast: Peter Sellers, George C Scott, Sterling Hayden, B/W - 95 m TV-PG Closed Captions**

Quiz 1. Who played Maj. T. J. "King" Kong?
2. Who played Lieut. Lothar Zogg?

One of the most accomplished comic actors of the late 20th century, **Peter Sellers** breathed life into the accident-prone **Inspector Clouseau** in "The Pink Panther" (1963) and its three sequels, as well as such classics as "Lolita" (1962), "Dr. Strangelove" (1964), "The Party" (1968) and "Being There" (1979). The son of English vaudevillians, his ability to completely transform himself into outrageous comic characters received its first showcase on the legendary radio series "The Goon Show" in the 1950s. Film roles in the 1950s and 1960s were devoted to his knack for mimicry of accents and character types, with **Stanley Kubrick's "Lolita"** and "Dr. Strangelove" underscoring his talent for drama as well. His best-known role of Inspector Clouseau surfaced in 1963, and he would return, sometimes reluctantly, to the franchise throughout his life before scoring a personal triumph as the simple-minded gardener who influences the Presidency in **Hal Ashby's "Being There"** (1980). Off camera, Sellers could be cold, cruel, even unstable, but when the cameras were rolling, he showed a dedication to performance and humor that made him one of the greatest inspirations to comedians and film fans for decades.

He began life as **Richard Henry Sellers** on Sept. 8, 1925 in the seaside resort town of Southsea, in Portsmouth, England. His family, who were performers on the British vaudeville circuit, bestowed a particularly morbid nickname upon their son: Peter was the name of a brother who did not survive birth. He took up his family's profession at an early age, dancing and singing alongside his mother in stage shows when he was just five years old. He became skilled at a variety of talents, including drums, banjo and ukulele, and for a while, he toured as a drummer with various jazz bands. Sellers was also an expert mimic, which he put to excellent use during his service as an airman with the Royal Air Force during World War II. He frequently impersonated his superior officers as a way to gain access into the Officers' Mess, and made them part of his performances with the Entertainments National Service Association, which put on plays and skits for British troops. His knack for mimicry also served him well in the years after his discharge in 1948. Sellers supported himself by performing stand-up comedy and celebrity impressions on the variety theater circuit, and at one point, secured a meeting with BBC producer Roy Speer by pretending to be radio star Kenneth Horne. The ruse clearly worked, as the 23-year-old Sellers was soon granted an audition, which led to a role on the popular radio comedy "Ray's a Laugh," starring comedian Ted Ray. Audiences had their first glimpse of Sellers' astonishing voice talent on the series, which allowed him to play everything from an obnoxious little boy to a bizarre older woman.

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

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

GRAHAMSVILLE

Feb 15 - **Grahamsville UMC Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - noon

CLARYVILLE

Sun., Feb. 16, **Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7:00 am to Noon



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