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## Announcing the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm Expansion at the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum is embarking on an ambitious expansion of the historic 1930s Lost Catskill Farm to include additional historic farm buildings and much more at the Museum's location of 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville, NY.

In the 1930s and 40s, New York City came to the Catskills and took land they needed to build reservoirs for their expanding water supply system. Thousands of people's lives changed forever, as they were forced to move away from family and friends and the homes they loved. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DEP Welcomes New Class of Police Recruits to its Academy in Kingston



The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Monday welcomed 40 new trainees to its police academy in Kingston. The new class of recruits will train at the academy for seven months to become sworn officers in the DEP Police Division, which protects the watershed lands, reservoirs and infrastructure that comprise the largest municipal water supply in the United States. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## Nesin Cultural Arts State Grant



Educator Amy Phillips conducts the Nesin Cultural Arts Children's Choirs at an outreach concert at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello in May of 2019.

(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) has just received a two-year General Support Grant totaling \$16,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts. This vital funding will support NCA Arts Education Programs which include: Aspiring Young Musicians (offering individual music lessons and ensemble classes), Children's Choirs, Dance, Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, Stagecraft, Summer Music Academy and Visual Arts Institute, the professional Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra committed to education, providing quality side-by-side performances and facilitating integrated arts productions and the brand new Arts Haven which will provide a safe space for kids during after school hours, including a healthy snacks program. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. I Kings 8:61

## OBITUARIES

**Carl H. Denman** of Bradley, NY, a long time area resident died Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. He was 81.



The son of the late Hugh and Mildred Hadden Denman, he was born March 25, 1938 in Branch, NY.

Carl retired as an Operating Engineer for the Monticello Raceway; he was an owner and operator of C&J Trailer Works; and drove school bus for many years. He was a former member of the Woodbourne Fire Department; a 58 year member and a past chief for 11 years of the Neversink Fire Department; a past member of the Neversink First Aid Squad; a founder and chairman of the board for the Sullivan, Orange, Ulster Burn Center; a founding member of the Aden Night Riders; a founding member of the Neversink Roundout Antique Tractor Club; and a past Neversink Judge and sat on the Neversink Board of Appeals.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie "Marge" Dexter Denman, at home; three daughters, Carol VanDenberg and her husband Dale of Liberty, NY, Linda Muthig and her husband Dennis of Parksville, NY and Patricia Mullen of Bradley, NY; five grandchildren, Michael VanDenberg and his companion April Wright, Kevin VanDenberg, and Daniel VanDenberg, Devin Mullen and Ian Mullen; one great grandson, Dustin Karl VanDenberg; several nephews, several cousins and many friends.

He was predeceased by one grandson, Jonathan VanDenberg; and one son-in-law, Michael Mullen.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020 from 2-4 and 7-9 PM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. The Neversink Fire Department conducted firematic services on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the funeral home.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9AM in the funeral home. The Rev. Bridgette LeConey officiated.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Neversink Fire Department, PO Box 627, Neversink NY 12765.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. [www.Harris-FH.com](http://www.Harris-FH.com) 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200.

**George G. Whipple**, of Hurleyville, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2020. He was 49. He was the son of the late Glen John Whipple and Nancy Mae Fraley, born on May 16, 1970 in Liberty, NY. George worked as an Environmental Specialist for Center for Discovery. In his free time George enjoyed being outdoors, he loved fishing and camping. He would sometimes try his luck at the slots at the casino. He was known for his kind heart and great sense of humor; he would always lend a helping hand and would keep his nieces and nephews laughing for hours. He was a loving companion, father, brother, uncle and friend. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his sisters Kelly Lenox, Alison Whipple and Kristie Whipple; his son Freddie DuMond; loving companion Tina Helms; twelve nieces and nephews as well as several aunts and uncles.

Memorial contributions in George's name can be made to Wildlife Conservation Society, Attn: Donations, 2300 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10460. A memorial visitation and service was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. Pastor Carl Caskey officiated. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

**Joseph Inghrim** - Our sympathy to the family of Joseph Inghrim who passed away Sunday night. Services will be under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

We learned of Joe's passing Sunday night from his wife, Mary. No details were available. Please check with Colonial Memorial Funeral Home for date and

times of service. There will be a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne.

## DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

### February 15, 1950

About a dozen young people (grade 8 and over) gathered at the Methodist Church Hall last Sunday evening to make plans for a regular young people society. Next Sunday they are to assist in the Sunday Vespers service over WVOs at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burch entertained at dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. Chester Hornbeck's birthday. Besides the hosts and guest of honor, the following were present: Mr. Chester Hornbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck and family, Miss Vira Hornbeck, Mr. Ralph Slater, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford.

Robert Bullock, former Grahamsville resident, has been assigned an executiveship at Honolulu, Hawaii by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, according to word received here this week. Mr. Bullock, who was transferred from the Orange-Sullivan Boy Scout Council last year to a post at Norwich, expects to leave for his Pacific destination from L.A. on March 15. He will be accompanied by his wife, Emma and their two children, Betsy and Stephen.

The groundhog- or bear- did not see his shadow in Sullivan County on February 2. William George, Liberty weather observer, is authority for the statement that it has been the mildest winter in half a century. There never has been anything like it since I can remember,

### February 17, 1960

The new fire engine at the Grahamsville Fire House answered its first call last Tuesday night when the hen house on the Robert T. Many farm caught fire. The fire was discovered by Charles and Ruth Cross as they drove by the farm on their way home.

Miss Sara E. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown of Lackawack, has been named to the Director's List for scholastic excellence for the half term just ended at the State University at Cobleskill. She plans to be graduated in June 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks are the parents of a son, Alan Scott, born on February 11 at the Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

A Napanoch youth who was picked up for a violation of the Conservation Law on Nov. 16, was brought before Justice of the Peace, George Walter Erts of Denning on a warrant Jan. 19. He posted \$100 bail for a hearing on Feb. 9. At the hearing, he demanded an examination. Later he withdrew his demand and was allowed to settle under civil compromise for \$102.50. A companion, also picked up for deer-jacking, settled for the same amount at an earlier date.

Fill is being put in and preparations made for the building of the new Town Hall near the center of town. Fill is being put in and preparations made for the building of the new Town Hall near the center of town.

### February 18, 1970

Moe Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink, has achieved finalist position in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Moe has advanced from semi-finalist position and is now one of the 15,000 finalists in the entire nation. If he is successful in receiving the Merit Scholarship, he will be one of one thousand such students in the country.

Susan Dorothy Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill was baptized by Pastor Walter at Sunday morning worship at the Methodist Church. Rudolph and Clarice Herrmann were the godparents and Vincent Zanetti received Susan on behalf of the congregation.

Carol Ackerley of Grahamsville and Chester Hook of Neversink were united in marriage by Pastor Walter on Sunday evening, February 15. Glenola Curry and Earl Beach were the attendants. The couple will reside in Grahamsville.

Everyone who attended the Tri-Valley Squares Workshop and Club Dance on Sunday surely enjoyed the festive evening. The auditorium was tastefully decorated for Valentine's Day and our Angels decorated the Fire Hall for the Workshop.

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**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History** (From Pg. 2)**February 14, 1980**

Airman First Class Jeffrey D. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards of Grahamsville, has arrived for duty at Ramstein Air Base in Landstuhl, West Germany. Airman Richards, a medical administration specialist, was previously assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He is a 1975 graduate of Tri-Valley Central High School.

Percy Bunton, 84, of Claryville died Thursday, Feb. 7, 1980 at Community Hospital, Ellenville. Mr. Bunton, a former Town of Denning Justice of the Peace, was a retired Denning and Ulster County Highway Dept. employee. A lifelong area resident, he was born May 17, 1895 in Claryville.

Ann Higgins, talented artist from Sundown, is now a member of the Audubon Artist's Society and the Hudson Valley Contemporary Artists.

The Grahamsville Fire Dept. was called out on Friday afternoon to a brush fire on the Horace Sheeley property opposite the firehouse. They were assisted by the Neversink and Claryville Fire Depts. The fire was halted just before it reached a number of buildings after burning over three acres.

Applications are now available at the Tri-Valley Guidance Office for summer jobs with the Youth Conservation Corps. Enrollees will be selected from Sullivan County for various outdoor conservation projects. Enrollees will be paid \$3.10 per hour for 40 hours a week for six weeks beginning July 7

### Announcing the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm Expansion at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1) To honor those who lost their lands and to preserve and interpret our area's farming history, in 2018 the Museum opened the first phase of the 1930s Lost Catskill farm, with engaging displays in a farm house, milk house, electric plant and workshop with working waterwheel.

The Museum is now embarking on the second phase of the farm on additional donated land, which will include TEN more farm outbuildings, fencing, gardens and a pavilion to help tell the story of farming in 1930s Catskills more thoroughly. Buildings to be included in the second phase are a hen house, smoke house, root cellar, sap house, working saw mill and more. All of the historic buildings have been identified, and are scheduled to move to the farm this summer. Also planned is a large pavilion to provide a covered area for groups to gather for programs and to eat lunch. This pavilion is critical for tour groups and the many schools that visit the Museum for our 2 /12 hour field trip programs.

A kiosk will be installed next to the pavilion focusing on a description of the NYC watershed and the internationally acclaimed current partnership programs between watershed communities/farmers and the NYC DEP.

The Museum is gratefully accepting monetary and in-kind donations for this ambitious project, which has an opening date of spring, 2021. Naming opportunities for buildings and many other donor recognition opportunities are available. For more information on the plans for this exciting farm expansion and the help needed, please call 845 985-7700, email: [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or go to <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/explore/lost-catskill-farm/>.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history

of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- NEW! Once Upon a Time: 8 Grades, 3 R's, One Room School Opening May, 2020.

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

### DEP Welcomes New Class of Police Recruits to its Academy in Kingston

(From Pg. 1) "I want to extend my welcome to the latest class of recruits, and wish them good luck as they train to become police officers," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "Our police recruits undergo some of the most rigorous training of any department in the country because of the diverse nature of their responsibility to protect the environment, uphold the law, and secure our vast water supply. The new class is fortunate to have excellent instructors at our academy, and I know they will work hard to learn the laws, skills and tactics necessary for their important work."

The new class of DEP police recruits will train at the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston. The class of 40 recruits includes 29 and 11 women, four of which are military veterans. The class includes members from New York City, the Hudson Valley, the Catskills, and six countries including Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Kosovo and Thailand. Twelve of the trainees speak more than one language. The recruits range in age from 21-40, with the average age being 27.

They were selected from about 5,465 candidates, which were ultimately whittled down through a physical fitness test, background checks, health screenings and in-person interviews.

DEP police recruits go through a rigorous program that comprises 1,275 hours of training over the span of seven months. New York State requires new police officers to undergo 750 hours of training. Recruits who train at the DEP Police Academy learn law enforcement fundamentals such as criminal procedure law, vehicle and traffic law, penal law and defensive tactics. They also focus on special topics that prepare them to protect the reservoirs, lands and infrastructure that provide high-quality drinking water to 9.6 million people every day - nearly half the population of the State of New York. These special topics include environmental enforcement, counterterrorism, and a detailed overview of the water supply's infrastructure and facilities. Upon graduation, new recruits and their colleagues in the DEP Police Division are charged with protecting 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, more than 185,000 acres of watershed land, nearly 400 miles of aqueducts, 29 water supply dams, 57 bridges, 7 wastewater treatment plants, and more than 280 shafts, chambers, laboratories and other facilities that help the water system function. These facilities and lands stretch across parts of eight counties and roughly 2,000 square miles of watershed. (Contd. Pg. 4)

**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.*

**The Return of the Robins!**

Just like this issue, looking back in old Townsman newspapers you will read reports of the first robin sightings. The person who saw the robin becomes a momentary celebrity heralding the message, "Spring is coming!"

Normally we don't start seeing flocks of robins until March. But I have heard three different reports of robin sightings around Grahamsville this past week. And we saw a whole flock of robins on Peekamoose Road not far from 3 Goldens!



Robins are a sign of Spring! Right? Most of us believe robins go south for the winter and return in the early spring. Unfortunately, that is not always true.

Once in a while a robin will winter in north.

Robins are a migratory species with a complicated migration pattern that varies as to where they spend their winter. Males are more likely to remain in the north than females.

It is the male's job to find and defend a territory comes spring. The female's main job is to create and lay the eggs thus she will need a lot of good nutrition and food energy. Female robins remain where they are sure to get a good food supply all winter.

Last fall when the nights grew cooler, robins began growing more down feathers close to their bodies insulating the birds, keeping the heat of their bodies inside. The robins make their body heat by shivering. As long as they have food to give them energy, they can survive extreme cold.

Robins are omnivorous (feed on both plant and animal). They may prefer earthworms pulled from your lawn during spring or whatever else is rich in protein. But when the meat is no longer available, they happily become vegetarians, although sometimes alcoholic vegetarians, since much of the fruit they consume ferments on the branches.

Some fruit such as mountain ash, rose hips, bitter-sweet, and crab apples remain available all winter giving a few robins enough food for winter. Robins that winter over are usually found near an open water source - a nearby spring, stream, river or large lake where there are fruit trees.

During late summer and continuing on up until the breeding season begins in spring, most robins do form nomadic flocks that roost together at night and feed together by day and migrate south and return in the Spring. When the ground opens up, large flocks will appear, moving across the soggy lawns and fields in search of food.

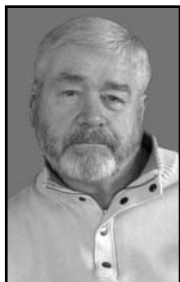
Putting this altogether, it gives the impression that the smaller flocks that have been seen are probably male robins who came back early to stake out their territory for 2020

And it is most probable that the 'boys' are back early this year. It is only mid -February and quite a few small flocks of robins were seen last week. Let's hope they aren't going to be upset should the Pineapple Express suddenly change to a Polar Vortex! If that happens, hopefully the few robins that wintered over will share their fermented fruit with the shivering good old boys who have just returned!

In the meantime, I still like the good old-fashioned power of positive thinking lore - Robins in the backyard are a sure sign of the advent of Spring!

**Household Hints****My Favorite Vinegar Cleanup Job**

Clean your microwave by boiling a solution of 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup of water in the microwave. This will loosen the splattered food 'gunk'. Then take a paper towel moistened with vinegar and wipe the 'gunk' away!



## Charlie 316

Mysterious Book Report No. 376

by John Dwaine McKenna

*Charlie 316*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$18.95, 398 pages, ISBN 978-1-948235-68-6) by Colin Conway & Frank Zafrino, is an electrifying and propulsive police procedural that takes place in Spokane, Washington . . . out near the Idaho state line. It combines elements of race, heroism, crime, treachery, violence and murder into a tale that you just can't stop reading because there's no end to the plot twists and turns. They keep on coming, one after another.

Written by two Spokane Police Department Officers, (Conway five years, Zafrino twenty years and retired as a captain,) The novel begins when SWAT officer Tyler Garrett stops a reckless driver. Garrett is a poster child and model officer for the SPD: good looking, college educated, politically connected, decorated for bravery . . . and black . . . on a mostly white police force.

But, only moments after making the routine traffic stop-something he's done a thousand times-Officer Garrett is ambushed by gunfire from a nearby house. As he dives for cover, the reckless driver turns and pulls a weapon as Garrett returns fire . . . killing the man and chasing the second shooter in the house away. Community support, and the legend, of Tyler Garrett grows. He's publicly hailed as a hero.

Serious problems start to arise when SPD Internal Affairs Investigators determine that the reckless driver was shot in the back, and his gun has disappeared. Overnight the Police Department, City Hall, local news and even the national news media are looking into just what happened that night as the whole country focuses on police brutality and with racial roles reversed, Tyler Garrett's case is at the center of attention.

With time running out, Garrett has to take matters into his own hands, as he tries to find the other shooter and clear his name, before the stunning and shattering conclusion that will leave you shaking your head and wishing for more!

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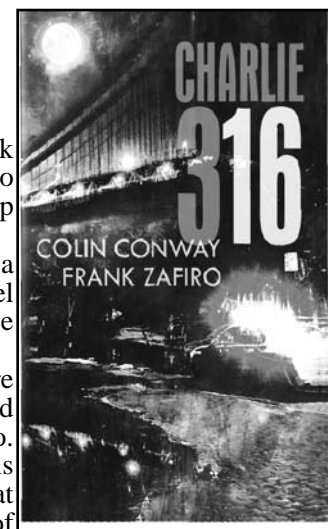
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We hope you enjoy this review of one of our **12 Best books of the Year**. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*. Should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

*John*



### DEP Welcomes New Class of Police Recruits to its Academy in Kingston

(From Pg. 3) Recruits trained at the DEP Police Academy will eventually be stationed at one of seven DEP Police precincts in Ashokan, Beerston, Downsville, Eastview, Gilboa, Grahamsville or Yonkers. The DEP Police Division, which was established more than 100 years ago, patrols the watershed by foot, bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, boat and helicopter. It also maintains specially trained units that include a detective bureau, emergency service unit, canine unit and aviation unit. 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 information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/nycwater](https://twitter.com/nycwater).

### Nesin Cultural Arts State Grant

(From Pg. 1) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2011 by Sullivan County educators who recognized the need to bring

arts education programs to the diverse, geographically isolated and underserved Sullivan County community. NCA believes arts provide opportunity to bring all community facets together and supports projects that provide comprehensive educational lifelong learning opportunities through integrated arts programming.

To learn more about NCA programs or to make a tax deductible donation, visit [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org). Follow @nesinculturalarts and @sccoplayers on social media to stay up to date on events. For information contact Marina Lombardi at (845) 798-9006 or [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org). NCA programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

### Foundations of Fly-Tying: Understanding Life

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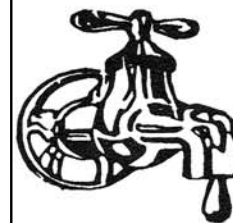


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## The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda

### A Valentine Message

As I write this column, sweethearts of all ages will exchange cards, flowers, candy, and more lavish gifts in the name of St. Valentine. However, the gory beginnings of Valentine's Day had little to do with love or romance.

The day has a pagan history as Lupercalia which originated as a masculine cult ritual involving the sacrifice of goats. It evolved into an urban carnival during which half-naked men ran, wearing thongs cut from the skins of newly killed goats, streaking through the streets of Rome. It was sort of a Mardi Gras celebration, sans beads, without the connection to Lent.

Later, it was resurrected into religious holiday marking the decapitation of a third-century Christian martyr, St. Valentine.

So, how did we get from a fertility festival and beheading to the Hallmark version of announcing our love on Valentine's Day?

Here is my theory....February is such a cold, dreary month, much too cold to go around streaking in bloody goat thongs. We probably needed an excuse to celebrate something warm and fuzzy, hence our modern Valentine's Day. Probably some man paid romantic attention to some woman and the word got out. Husbands and lovers succumbed to the peer pressure and rallied around the commercial idea that they had better not look bad to their own women folk.

February 14 became the day of romantic obligation to buy a card, flowers, and/or candy or else!

A mushy card, roses and chocolate are great, but real love doesn't superficially land on one day. It shows in words and actions every single day.

It sounds a lot like:

Did you have a good night's sleep?  
That color looks great on you.  
Did you do something different with your hair?  
Would you like another helping of mashed potatoes?  
I am so proud of you for doing that.  
Drive carefully.  
I'm sorry. I really didn't mean that.  
Have you lost weight?  
Don't worry; we've got this.

It looks like:

Taking the garbage out without being reminded.  
Holding hands and sharing the TV remote.

May your Valentine gifts last longer than a day. Mine have lasted almost fifty-four years. I still appreciate the card and flowers, but my joy is buying Valentine candy on February 15 at half price.



### Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan

"As County Executive, one of my most important responsibilities is to effectively manage our budget and be a good steward of taxpayer funds. I expect every leader and member of my administration to do the same.

Subsequent to a multi-year financial analysis of the Public Defender's Office while implementing my administration's first budget, we discovered that nearly \$2.5 million over six straight years in expected and budgeted operational revenue from the State had never been received. This amounts to nearly 3% of the County's entire property tax levy for this year. The Office repeatedly and inexplicably failed to submit routine and required paperwork to the State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYSILS) to receive that funding.

During this six year period, the county budgeted for and spent \$1.9 million of these routinely grant funded operations in the Public Defender's Office. By not claiming for services the County has already provided, Ulster County taxpayers were on the hook to cover the bill year after year. This is a fundamental failure of leadership within, and oversight of, the Public Defender's office. We are also working to understand how this disappointing failure in oversight was not identified and remedied sooner.

Today, I accepted the resignation of Andrew Kossover as Ulster County Public Defender and appointed First Deputy Public Defender Clifford Owens as Interim Public Defender. We are working with the State Office of Indigent Legal Services to process claims for past work and ensure that we follow all the guidelines to properly claim for these funds in a timely fashion in the future. We are confident that we will be able to recoup a significant portion of the previously unclaimed funds.

Additionally, I will be asking Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher to conduct a comprehensive review of the past six years of the Public Defender's finances. My administration has also taken steps to ensure that this type of mismanagement never occurs again by more closely scrutinizing funds we receive from State and Federal agencies and providing proper oversight for every department that receives grant funding.

As County Executive, I have pledged to provide a more responsive and responsible government and to ensure justice for all our County residents. Today, we have followed through on that pledge and we will continue to work hard every day to ensure we are protecting our taxpayers while providing superior services to those who need it most."

### Statement from UC Health Commissioner, Dr. Carol M. Smith Regarding the Coronavirus

KINGSTON, N.Y. - "Given the ongoing issues involving the global Novel Coronavirus outbreak, we continue to closely monitor activities to ensure the public's health and safety here at home in Ulster County. Currently, there are no known or suspected cases of the Novel Coronavirus in Ulster County and the County Health Department is working closely with State and federal health agencies to ensure every possible precaution is put in place.

Pursuant to New York State Department of Health ("DOH") and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and safety of all Ulster County and New York State residents, traveling individuals returning from certain specified areas where they may have been exposed to the Coronavirus are asked to voluntarily isolate themselves for a period of fourteen days. To date, four Ulster County individuals returning from recent trips to China have agreed to self-isolate as requested and have shown no symptoms of illness. This number of self-isolations is similar to what other counties outside of New York City are experiencing, and all counties are following the same State and federal guidance on self-isolation.

I can assure Ulster County residents that our Department of Health, working with the County Department of Emergency Management and the Office of the County Executive, will continue to monitor this situation closely. We have been in daily contact with the DOH and have taken all necessary precautions to avoid the spread of this disease into and within Ulster County."

For more information and links to State and federal resources regarding the Coronavirus, please visit:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/health/health-mental-health/news-and-current-issues>

### DEC Announces Second Round of Annual Trees for Tribes "Buffer in a Bag" Initiative

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that the statewide Trees for Tribes "Buffer in a Bag" application period opened

Friday, Feb. 14. The Buffer in a Bag initiative is designed to increase riparian buffers statewide by engaging landowners in small-scale plantings. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Streamside plantings are critically important for decreasing erosion, slowing flood waters, and protecting fish and wildlife. These plantings are a perfect way for New Yorkers to show their love for the environment this Valentine's Day. DEC and our partners have planted more than 150,000 trees along streams, supporting Governor Cuomo's nation-leading efforts to protect water quality and our communities from flooding."

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet that borders a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos and map coordinates of the planting location. (Contd. Pg. 7)



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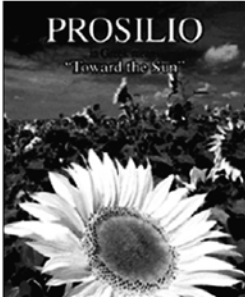


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**DEC Announces Second Round of Annual Trees for Tribs "Buffer in a Bag" Initiative**

(From Pg. 6) Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients will be chosen on a first-come, first-served basis. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build their riparian buffer. A total of 500 bags will be available statewide for this round of applications.

Trees for Tribs is a program of the Saratoga Tree Nursery and is supported by the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

Governor Cuomo's proposed 2020-21 Executive Budget includes record funding for the EPF at \$300 million - the highest sustained level of funding in the program's 25-year history. As part of the Governor's new \$33 billion five-year plan to combat climate change, which includes the EPF and the proposed \$3 billion

Restore Mother Nature Bond Act, these major investments continue New York's national environmental leadership, advance essential projects to protect the state's water, air and natural resources, prevent damages from flooding and help communities capitalize on the economic returns of environmental funding.

Visit DEC's website for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 10, 2020. General questions about Buffer in a Bag may be directed to [treestfortribs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:treestfortribs@dec.ny.gov). To learn more about the Trees for Tribs Program and its tree planting activities, visit DEC's website.

**Legislators, Town Officials Push NYSEG To Reduce Outages, Upgrade Infrastructure**

Monticello, NY - In response to residents' and businesses' deep concerns about ongoing power outages in the towns of Highland and Tusten, local officials met this past Tuesday, February 11, with top regional representatives of NYSEG to discuss solutions.

"Constituents in my district have told me how incredibly disruptive and dangerous these repeated outages have become. More than 100 power failures have occurred in 2019 alone," Sullivan County

Legislature Chairman and District 1 Legislator Rob Doherty stated. "NYSEG has to take action, and I initiated this meeting with them to ensure that happens. We can't let this continue any longer."

"It's a huge inconvenience to everyone, especially those working from home or dependent on electrically powered medical equipment," agreed District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, who represents a portion of the Town of Highland. "Considering the impacts on our health and economy, it's imperative NYSEG expedites a fix to this ongoing problem."

NYSEG representatives told the officials (including Highland Supervisor Jeff Haas and Tusten Supervisor Ben Johnson) that what's known as the Yulan Circuit is aging and prone to failures. They are planning to replace that infrastructure once a rate increase is approved by New York State. In the meantime, they are increasing the ranks of linemen and have already embarked on an aggressive forestry management program, cutting away branches and trees which threaten to take down powerlines.

"NYSEG does have a rate increase in front of the NYS Public Service Commission, for which they are in hearings currently. But it seems like our repair schedule will be altered if they do not receive the increase," related Highland Supervisor Jeff Haas of what he was told during the meeting. "This is a much-needed, 10-year project upgrade for the Yulan area, which currently has the worst circuitry in NYSEG's NYS district. Our infrastructure is 1930s-vintage - we deserve better."

**Legislators Agree First Responders' Info Should Be Protected from Discovery**

Monticello, NY - Legislators in the Public Safety Committee yesterday agreed to join other counties in calling upon New York State lawmakers to include first responders in the privacy protection afforded law enforcement in responding to crime scenes.

"Currently, only police officers' personally identifying information can be excluded from 'discovery' documentation requested by defendants and their attorneys during criminal case preparations," explained District 4 Legislator Nicholas Salomone, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. "EMS workers, firefighters and other first responders do not enjoy such protection, meaning they are at risk of retaliation, intimidation or other witness tampering - simply because they were doing their job."

Using language developed by Fulton County, Sullivan County legislators plan on sending a resolution to the State Legislature encouraging them to support the Emergency First Responders Privacy and Protection Act (S.7280/A.09107), which would close this loophole by keeping first responders' names and other identifying information confidential.



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### Catskill Art Society will present Uncontained a solo exhibition from Liza Phillips

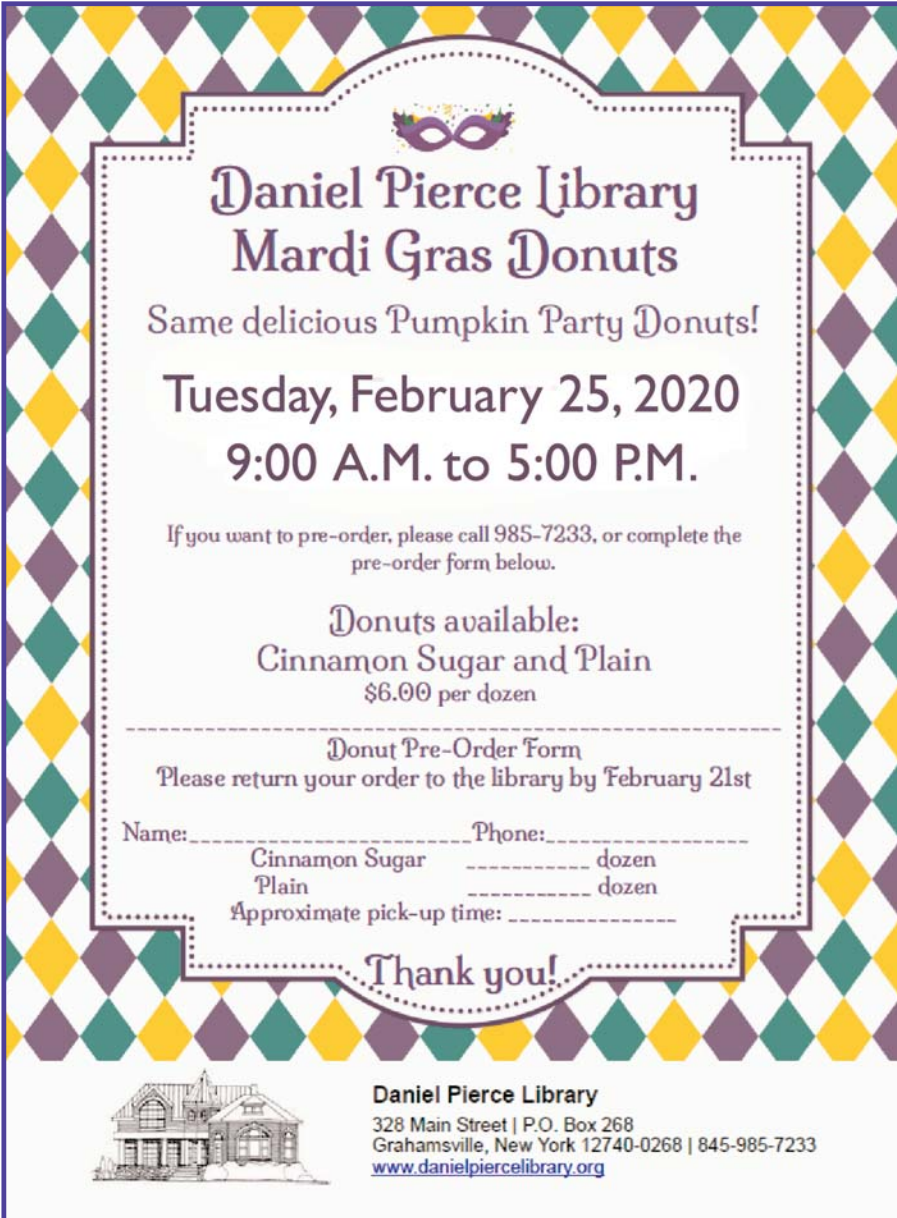
Catskill Art Society will present Uncontained a solo exhibition from Liza Phillips at the Laundry King at 65 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, March 21. The exhibitions will be on view Saturday, March 21 - Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Everyone has their own version of dystopia these days, Liza Phillips has to with the uncontainability of our object-filled lives, and the fragmentation of our focus. Both can lead to imbalance, spilled cargo, and lost points of reference. Maintaining lightness is key, so the artist looks for humor where she can find it and plumb the image bank regularly. Each work is a conversation about being in the world and about what painting is uniquely in a position to say.



In his Poetics of Space, Bachelard describes the emotional intensity of a desk drawer as potentially equal to that of a large house or a vast landscape, and it is with scale shifts that Phillips also find new possibilities. A cargo ship can seem the size of a toy, or a toaster the size of a building. Depth of field is unpredictable and visions may collide. These paintings span about four years during which she has discovered new ways to bring together her love of drawing with a loose and direct way of painting. For Phillips the challenge is always in finding a place where the two worlds interact. Phillips is interested in the space between narratives, where stories might begin in the rational mind and dissolve in pure paint. She dwells between fixed points of reference, seeking the structure of objects and spaces as an invitation for abstraction to interfere. At other times images simply emerge.

Liza Phillips has exhibited her paintings, sculpture, drawings and photographic prints extensively in the US and the UK since the early 1980s. She received her BA in art and philosophy from Vassar College and received her MA in painting from Chelsea College of Art in London. She attended Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine. In 2018 she had a solo drawing show at Smith College of Art in Northampton, MA. Her work has been shown at major museums and galleries such as the Whitechapel in London, the San Bernadino Museum in CA, The Sculpture Center, NY, Pierogi and Momenta Art in Brooklyn and most recently at the Hefei-Kurume Art Museum, Hefei, China.  
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CAS will host an Artists Talk at 3-4pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 4-5pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is free and open to the public. Laundry King hours are Fridays - Saturdays 11am - 5pm, and Sundays 11am - 3pm.

#### About CAS at the Laundry King

CAS Arts Center will be closed for much of 2020 as the organization embarks on a major renovation and expansion to the previously unoccupied second-floor. During this time, CAS will program out of the Laundry King (65 Main Street) its annex performance and exhibition space. The newly realized exhibition space will launch with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's light installation Aavaar, 1976 and site-specific wall drawing from Sol LeWitt. Contrasting with the established group and regional artist shows currently offered in CAS's lower level, second floor gallery programming will offer major single-artist presentations for extended periods of a year or more - attracting major press attention, encouraging repeated visits by residents, and encouraging weekend travelers to spend time at CAS and in town. These exhibitions will be fully integrated with CAS's ongoing operations, and will be used as a significant platform to develop parallel programming notably including talks or other presentations by invited guests, public tours, and other education-focused workshops. This program will also establish a new level of regional significance for CAS's arts programming.

#### Woodstock School of Art presents its Student Exhibition

Woodstock School of Art presents its Student Exhibition 1 of 2020, with a wide range of work from students studying with 22 (out of 44) different instructors. Running from March 7 - May 2, the opening reception is at 3 - 5 pm on Saturday, March 14th, in the Robert H. Angeloch Gallery at the School. All are welcome to attend.

The instructors behind the Student Exhibition 1 are artists whose work ranges from representational to abstract, in numerous mediums. The range of student work in the exhibition is equally vast. Viewers will see works including botanical drawing, figurative work, landscapes, and still life, in various mediums including printmaking (viscosity inking, monotypes, aquatint, photopolymer, lithography, Pronto Plate printing, Solarplate, and linoleum block).

"The high quality of the student's work reflects the deep

expertise of our instructors," says Nina Doyle, Woodstock School of Art's Executive Director. "The school serves over 800

students each year, using five studios, and 44 instructors, many of whom have international connections."

The instructors whose students are included in this show are: Eric Angeloch, Instructor, Painting & Drawing For Everyone; Kathy Caraccio, Instructor, Viscosity Inking;

Robert Carsten, Instructor, various workshops; Les Castellanos, Instructor, Drawing & Painting From The Figure; Tricia Cline, Instructor, Basics Of Clay Sculpting, Figurative Clay Sculpture; Jenne M. Currie, Instructor, Cut, Painted Paper, & Mixed Media; E S DeSanna, Instructor, Pastel Practice; Mary Anna Goetz, Instructor, various workshops; Tor Gudmundsen, Instructor, Basic Drawing & Painting; Keith Gunderson, Instructor, Drawing From Life, various workshops; Wendy Hollender, Instructor, Drawing Spring Flowers, Drawing The Fall Bounty; Emilie Houssart, Instructor, various workshops; Anthony Kirk, Instructor, various workshops; Kate McGloughlin, Instructor, Printmaking, various workshops; Ron Netsky, Instructor, Lithography; Susan Newbold, Instructor, various workshops; Karen O'Neil, Instructor, various workshops; Robert Ohnigian, Instructor, Collage; Meredith Rosier, Instructor, Contemporary Drawing In Abstraction; John A. Varriano, Instructor, Painting Flowers; Karen Whitman, Instructor, The Black & White Linocut

"These WSA openings are always well attended and fun, so we look forward to seeing you there!" adds Doyle.

For more information on the Student Exhibition 1, the Artist Teachers involved, or the Woodstock School of Art in general, please contact Nina Doyle [atnina.doyle@woodstockofart.org](mailto:atnina.doyle@woodstockofart.org).

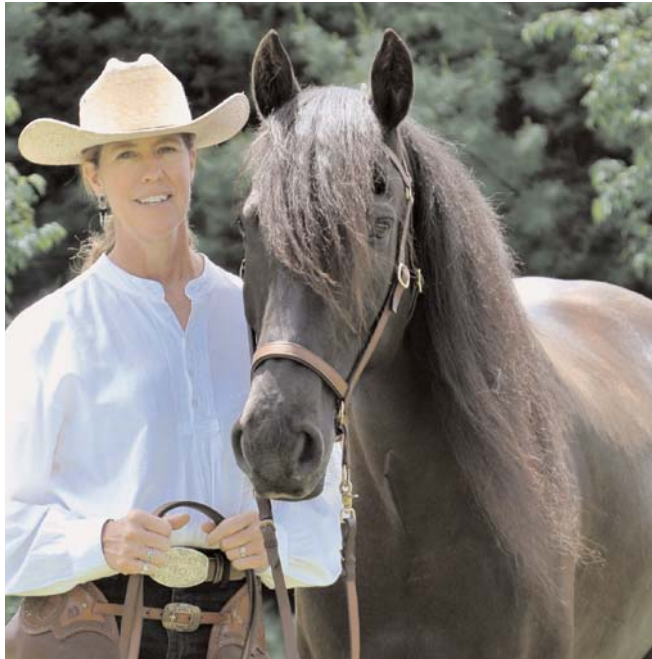
WSA Student Exhibition 1, Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, March 7 - May 2. Opening Reception: Saturday, March 14, 3-5 pm.



PAINTING IN KAREN O'NEIL'S WORKSHOP



## Frost Valley YMCA Announces Heidi Potter as Clinician for its Certified Horsemanship Association Standard Instructor Clinic at its East Valley Ranch on May 11-15



Internationally renowned horse trainer, clinician, and riding instructor Heidi Potter will serve as clinician for Frost Valley YMCA's Certified Horsemanship Association Standard Instructor Clinic on May 11-15, 2020.

CLARYVILLE -Frost Valley YMCA is excited to announce that renowned riding instructor Heidi Potter will be the Clinician for its Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) Standard Instructor Clinic this year. The CHA clinic, for those looking to become a certified riding instructor in English and/or Western disciplines, will take place May 11-15, 2020 at Frost Valley's private East Valley Ranch located at 21 Straus Lane in Claryville, NY.

The registration fee for this extensive five-day clinic is \$600 for the clinic only or \$900 for the clinic, lodging, and meals. The certification process will involve teaching at least four practice lessons, a riding evaluation, a written test and participation in workshops on risk management, teaching techniques, professionalism, and herd management.

Heidi Potter is an internationally known and respected trainer, clinician, instructor and author, sharing over 50 years of horse experience. She is a certified Centered Riding® Clinician who learned directly from Ms. Sally Swift, the founder of Centered Riding. Heidi is a dedicated CHA Master Instructor and Clinic Instructor who supports the important work CHA does of helping to ensure safe, educational, enjoyable equine programs across North America. She shares her knowledge of holistic horsemanship as an Accredited Horse Agility Trainer and Horse Speak® Senior Instructor.

Five levels of certifications can be achieved in the CHA Standard Instructor Clinic, ranging from assistant instructor to CHA clinician. Certification level is determined at the discretion of clinician Heidi Potter along with the rest of the clinic staff and no certification of any kind is guaranteed.

For more information or to register for the CHA Clinic, please call 845-985-2291 ext. 240 or email [horses@frostvalley.org](mailto:horses@frostvalley.org).

## Billy Lester - Jazz Piano Concert Salon Series 2020 Free Event

DVAA's Winter Salon Series continues on Saturday, February 22 at 2pm with an afternoon concert featuring jazz pianist and music educator Billy Lester. Based in Yonkers, NY, Lester belongs to the family tree of jazz pianists connected to Lennie Tristano, who planted the seeds for free-jazz improvisation. Studying with Tristano's protégé Sal Mosca for 16 years, Lester is a "musician's musician" who instinctively creates original compositions from variations on classic American songs' chord changes. Lester's playing is gentle and probing, yet solid enough to carry strong melodic lines. Subtly trans-



portive, you'll find yourself getting swept away without even realizing you're moving.

Come hear what the online magazine Slate chose as #7 on the list of "The Best Jazz of 2019" and observed "Lester ambles into uncharted alleys and wormholes while retaining an unassuming lyricism, and that's rare."

Jazz Times praised Lester's sound as "spirited, compelling, purposeful, and technically accomplished piano jazz."

DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and the events 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 or visiting DVAA's website, [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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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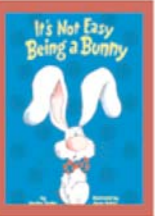
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Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. This year we will celebrate on Tuesday, March 3rd.

*'You're never too old, too wacky, too wild to pick up a book and READ to a child' - Dr. Seuss or to a bunny!*



Registration is open to the Tri-Valley community.  
Advanced online registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)



## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I hope everyone's Valentine's Day was spectacular. I hear SLAM ALLEN packed the WESTERN SUPPER CLUB and INN. I heard FISHER and KEAN at CABERNET FRANK'S and THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at HECTOR'S INN also had packed houses. Love was certainly in the air! Me? I spent the evening with my two best boys, Lefty and Terwilliger, one of whom has had some health problems. A big heartfelt thanks to the Catskill Veterinary Services in Rock Hill who got to the bottom of the problem and set him on the road to recovery.

Saturday was a Hurleyville day, beginning with my teaching a class to those who wished to learn how to knit at FIBER ON MAIN. This is always so rewarding. But then I rewarded myself further by going to see ALBI at THE PICKLED OWL.



It was nice to see so many of you there in support of Grahamsville's favorite son! See, you CAN get out of the house, travel a bit and have a great time! And it was good to see fellow musicians like Jessie Norman there as well.

As I sat down, the one thing that struck me (again) is ALBI can really sing! And he uses his microphone in a profoundly professional manner which enhances his natural abilities. He also varies his song list to fit his audience and there's one thing for sure. There's always something in his repertoire that makes you want to sing along. Yes, I found myself singing along to a few.

The other thing I find intriguing is his natural banter with his audience, especially this audience. It's sometimes very difficult to field comments from people you know or people who think they know you but he does this with



grace, a big smile and often a handshake.

Just as I'm thinking it's time to go, one of my dearest friends comes in, none other than JOANNA GASS, another incredible voice. Now there's a duet I'd like to hear, ALBI and JOANNA.

ALBI will be back at THE PICKLED OWL on March 21st, so save the date.

Here's what coming up this week:

Thursday Feb 20: Open Mic hosted by ROBERT TELLEFSEN at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville;

Friday, Feb 21:

SIDE F/X at CABERNET FRANK'S in PARKSVILLE; 8pm

ALBI will be at TONY & NICKS ITALIAN KITCHEN in Ellenville; 7:30pm

Saturday, Feb 22:

POISON LOVE DUO at THE PICKLED OWL in Hurleyville; 6pm (country, cajun and old time variety); 6pm

BJ & GREG at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 8pm

ALBI at the PLATTEKILL MOUNTAIN RESORT in Roxbury, NY

Until next time.....

### First Sunday Concert Series presents Jazz with The Van Manakas Trio

The Sullivan County Museum and Historical Society is pleased to present The Van Manakas Trio. The group will feature Van Manakas on guitar, Mike Bisio on Bass and Bob Meyer on drums. This performance will be a very special reunion of the band who toured on the west coast in the 1990s.

Jazz Guitarist Van Manakas has performed on 5 continents and in all 50 states. He has produced numerous CD's, his first solo album, "Physical", was



Mike Bisio on Bass

released in 1980. He produced three other albums, including Letters from the Equator (1992), Mountain (1995), and American Guitar (2000). As a sideman Van has worked with jazz greats Paul Bley, Miroslav Vitous and countless others. He is known locally (in Sullivan County) as an honoree member of the band Little Sparrow.

Mike Bisio, jazz double bassist/composer, has eighty-five recordings in his discography, ten of them document his extraordinary association with modern piano icon Matthew Shipp. Mike has been called a poet, a wonder and one of the most virtuosic and imaginative performers on the double bass. Nate Chinen in the New York Times writes: "The physicality of Mr. Bisio's bass playing puts him in touch with numerous predecessors in the avant-garde, but his expressive touch is distinctive;..."

Jazz drummer Bob Meyer has performed with jazz luminaries Joe Lovano, John Abercrombie, Ed Schiller and dozens of others. Bob is also currently leading his own band - The Bob Meyer project.

The concert will be held on Sunday, March 1st, at 2pm, and is part of the Sullivan County Historical Society's Music and History concert series. Little Sparrow will host the event.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. The event is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Call 845 434-8044 for more info, or visit the website at [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org).

### Celebrate Women

The Catskill Readers' Theatre and The Sullivan County Historical Society present "CELEBRATE WOMEN", Saturday, March 7, 2 pm at the Sullivan County Historical Society, Hurleyville, NY. Join us as we celebrate women in history and in the present with literature, history, music and a power point presentation. Female movers and shakers are welcome! Donations are gladly accepted. For more information, call Sally: 845-434-0209 or email: [gladsally@gmail.com](mailto:gladsally@gmail.com).

### Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth

[herquirkyjourney.com](http://herquirkyjourney.com)



### A Month in Medellin, Colombia

Although I've traveled to 33 countries so far in my life, none of the others can compare to the one I've found myself in for the past month: Colombia. Granted, I've only been here for a month and have only seen two places, specifically Medellin,

the second biggest city, and Guatapé, a small yet gorgeous town.

However, Medellin in particular has its own unique presence and existence.

Let's see if I can read your mind. Currently, you're thinking: Pablo Escobar, drugs, shoot-outs, murders, and violence. I'm here to tell you that that is not the case...any-more. Completely, anyway.

The citizens of Colombia, and specifically those in Medellin, view Escobar as their "Voldemort." They mostly loathe him and what he had done to their people, families, society, culture, and country. The world's view of their country is skewed and hone in on just him- and to them, "he who shall not be named" is not who they are. He does not define them.

Because of all of this, the people are genuinely friendly, welcoming, and generous to any foreigners exploring their city and country. I've encountered countless locals, itching to share their national pride, their national dishes (like "Bandeja Paisa," a variant dish usually comprised of pork belly, egg, beans, arepa, and a fried plantain), their language ("Que chévere!"), and their gorgeous landscape. In Medellin, however, I encounter this pride and boasting on a daily basis. I'm an intermediate-level Spanish speaker and came to Medellin specifically to improve my Spanish by taking intensive courses and immersing myself in the culture.

But why here? Because I'd heard they speak relatively slowly and clearly here. Although I occasionally question that when speaking to some cab drivers, this has proven to be true.

What I didn't know is how patient the locals would be here. I've yet to encounter a local who is outwardly annoyed by my pausing, bumbling, and stumbling when speaking in Spanish with them. They've been helpful, slowed down their speech when its necessary, and been more than happy to help explain any questions I may have about their language.

And this is a clear indicator of the temperament of "paisas." They're kind, patient, open-minded, welcoming, and proud. No matter where you're from, if you come to Medellin, you're a part of the family.



## Catskill Art Society will screen the film "Chuck: Lost Object Found"



LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society will screen the film "Chuck: Lost Object Found" (2018), to celebrate the life of Claire Coleman at CAS Arts Center, 48 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, February 29 at 7pm. The film was shot entirely on location in and around Livingston Manor, NY. An abandoned house, an abandoned past: a chance discovery leads three women in a tiny community in upstate New York on a quest to piece together the story of a mysterious man that had lived there in 1985. Using the vast amount of ephemera that was found strewn around the house they tell us of the poignant life of a remarkable person who struggled to find happiness in an unforgiving world.

The film blossomed from a multimedia art show at Livingston Manor's Plunk Shop in the summer of 2013. "Chuck" was an installation featuring the detritus of a family's life, found years after the fact. Many local artists participated in both the art show and the movie. Through the prism of found objects the film unravels the complex life of an artist and father to discover the depths he travels in the journey of his life. From Brooklyn to Livingston Manor, from speech pathologist to photographer, from son/brother/husband to lover, Chuck's story is touching and affective. This film was co-created by Claire Coleman, Catherine Skalda, and Joanna Hartell.

Claire Coleman received her BFA from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 1991, and co-founded the Cleveland-based artist group Art Without Walls with her husband, James Karpowicz. Claire and James relocated to New York City in 1993, and then to Livingston Manor, NY in 2005. After buying their second home in Livingston Manor, NY in 2013, she and her family and friends began the enormous task of cleaning out the overwhelming number of personal belongings left behind by the previous owners. Within the discarded items - old answering machine tapes, letters, photographs, greeting cards, and official documents - a story about a man named Charles Kurin evolved. The screening is joined by a retrospective of Claire's work on view at CAS Arts Center through March 1. Her most recent body of work is a series of large, hand-painted portraits which feature members of Kurin's family. Their faces have been reproduced by Claire using the photographs she found in the house, while the stylized backgrounds and garments on the figures are figments of her imagination.

All proceeds from the sale of artwork and handmade items will go to support the Coleman-Karpowicz family. Claire Coleman is survived by her husband, James Karpowicz, her two sons, Max and Jasper Karpowicz, her mother, Doris Coleman, and siblings John Coleman, Catherine Skalda, Tom Coleman, and James Brian

Coleman.

This film is not appropriate for children under 16. \$5 suggested donation to benefit the Karpowicz - Coleman family.

## SHADOWLAND STAGES Debuts Friday Evening Classic Film Series SHADOWLAND Cinema Ronald Colman in "Champagne For Caesar"; Conrad Veidt and Sabu in "The Thief of Bagdad" in Technicolor; Lon Chaney in the original "The Phantom of the Opera"; and William Powell and Irene Dunne in "Life With Father" plus selected short subjects all part of March, 2020, Shadowland Cinema classic film series

ELLENVILLE, NY, February 12, 2020 - SHADOWLAND STAGES - the premier professional Equity theater in the Hudson Valley - is debuting a series of classic motion pictures to be shown every Friday evening in March at The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES. Located in downtown Ellenville, NY, SHADOWLAND is inviting Lower Hudson Valley residents to leave their living rooms and enjoy four vintage feature films as well as assorted short subjects in the communal setting of the theater as they were originally meant to be seen (and as SHADOWLAND has shown them throughout its hundred years on Canal Street).

The series begins Friday, March 6th, at 7:00 pm with "Champagne For Caesar", starring Ronald Colman, Celeste Holm and Vincent Price. Colman plays a genius who winds up as a contestant on a quiz show and threatens to bankrupt the sponsor, a soap manufacturer played by Vincent Price. Beloved television host Art Linkletter makes a rare movie appearance as the quizmaster. Also shown will be Walt Disney's Goofy in "Motor Mania"; and an RKO public service short "You Can Survive the A-Bomb!"

The series will continue on Friday, March 13th, as Conrad Veidt and Sabu star in the fantasy masterpiece "The Thief of Bagdad". Shown in a rare dye-transfer Technicolor print, "The Thief of Bagdad" was the inspiration for Disney Studios' animated feature "Aladdin". Also shown on March 13th will be a Harman-Ising cartoon "The Little Mole" and The Three Stooges in "We Want Our Mummy".

On Friday, March 20th, Lon Chaney - the "Man of a Thousand Faces" - will star in the original silent version of Gaston Leroux' "The Phantom of the Opera". This remarkable film has been remade many times and has become a Broadway perennial. But Chaney's original performance as Erik the Phantom has never been approached, let alone equaled. Included in the print to be shown at SHADOWLAND will be the famous Bal Masque sequence, filmed in early Technicolor. Also shown will be a silent Walter Lantz cartoon, "Jungle Belles", and a classic Laurel and Hardy silent short, "We Faw Down".

The series concludes Friday evening March 27th as William Powell and Irene Dunne star in Michael Curtiz' Technicolor film version of the long-running Broadway comedy "Life With Father". Based on stories about his father by Clarence Day (Jr.), the film co-stars Elizabeth Taylor in one of her early screen appearances. It's a delightful family comedy of New York in the late 19th Century. The program will also include a Merrie Melodie, "Strife With Father"; and "So, You Want to Be in Pictures", one of the most famous entries in the long-running Joe McDoakes series of comedy shorts.

"The films in this Shadowland Cinema series are all prime examples," says series coordinator Ray Faiola, "of films that can best be appreciated by seeing them with an audience on the big screen. From the visual splendor of a Technicolor fantasy and a grand guignol horror classic to the contagious laughter sparked by timely satire and a raucous family comedy are reasons why seeing

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movies with our friends and neighbors on a big screen is so much more rewarding an experience than seeing them on our couch or on our phones."

The complete programs of all four Shadowland Cinema events are as follows:

**Friday March 6th CHAMPAGNE FOR CAESAR; MOTOR MANIA; YOU CAN SURVIVE THE A-BOMB!**

**Friday March 13th THE THIEF OF BAGDAD; THE LITTLE MOLE; WE WANT OUR MUMMY**

**Friday March 20th THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA; JUNGLE BELLES ; WE FAW DOWN**

**Friday, March 27th LIFE WITH FATHER; STRIFE WITH FATHER; SO, YOU WANT TO BE IN PICTURES**

The Shadowland Cinema Series is sponsored by local Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses A-Rod's Barber Shop, Aroma Thyme Bistro, Collier & Berger LLC, Coombe, Bender & Co., Country Club Grill, Craft Chiropractic Assoc., Ellenville Regional Hospital, The French Corner, Gaby's Café, Gillette Creamery, Il Paradiso Restaurant, Kalter, Kaplan, Zeiger & Forman, Dr. Arthur Lukoff, Robert M. Osgood, Carl & Nancy Rosenstock, Shawangunk Journal, Stedner Printing, Sons of the Desert, Top Shelf, and Trattoria Marbella.

Admission is only \$10 and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY, beginning one hour prior to screening or any time online at [www.shadowlandstages.org](http://www.shadowlandstages.org). For more information call 845-647-5511.

### About SHADOWLAND STAGES

SHADOWLAND STAGES is the leading professional non-profit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, SHADOWLAND has been producing live theater for 36 years. SHADOWLAND produces its subscription season in a beautifully restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 184-seat theatre, The MainStage at SHADOWLAND STAGES. For more information, visit [ShadowlandStages.org](http://ShadowlandStages.org).

### DEC Announces Nominations Now Being Accepted for Stewardship Appreciation Awards Program to Recognize Dedication and Volunteer Service of Partner Organizations, Individuals, Educational Institutions, and Municipalities- Nominations Accepted through April 30

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting nominations for the inaugural 2020 Stewardship Appreciation Awards, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

"Partnerships are invaluable to DEC's efforts to promote outdoor recreation and provide a positive visitor experience," said Commissioner Seggos. "This new awards program will recognize the efforts of volunteers and partners in improvement, outreach, and stewardship projects on state lands, waters, and at DEC facilities."

DEC manages 4.6 million acres of public lands, including three million acres in the Adirondack and Catskill Forest Preserves, more than 5,000 miles of formal trails, campgrounds, day use areas, and hundreds of trailheads, boat launches, and fishing piers. These lands provide countless outdoor recreational experiences for the public, while also protecting valuable natural resources. Volunteers and partner organizations are essential to the continued stewardship and promotion of these resources.

Not-for-profit organizations, individuals, educational institutions, and municipalities with formal agreements with DEC are eligible to apply. Nominees must be in good standing with DEC and New York State Environmental Conservation Law for the past three years. (Contd. Pg. 13)

**DEC Announces Nominations Now Being Accepted for Stewardship Appreciation Awards**  
(From Pg. 12) Nominees must have one of the following formal agreements with DEC:

- An active Volunteer Stewardship Agreement (VSA);
- A current Memorandum of Understanding;
- A current Use and Occupancy Agreement; or

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NOTE: We will not be accepting donations starting December 1, 2020 until March 1, 2021. The thrift building will be closed during this time.  
Thank you.

- Proof of organized volunteer activities on State lands.
- DEC encourages those who meet the eligibility requirements and are committed to improving lands, waters, and facilities including, but not limited to, forest preserves, state forests, conservation easements, wildlife management areas, and environmental education centers to submit a nomination.
- Examples of projects completed by volunteers and partners include:
  - Rehabilitation of trails;
  - Restoration of historic buildings, structures, or other interpretive structures related to the conservation of natural resources; and
  - Promoting environmental education efforts for the public, for example, Leave No Trace and outdoor safety principles, natural resource stewardship efforts, and outdoor recreational programming.

Completed nominations for the 2020 awards must be submitted by Thursday, April 30. Award winners will be announced

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in September. Additional information about the award program, including a 2020 nomination form, can be found on DEC's website. Nomination forms can also be requested via email to [adventureny@dec.ny.gov](mailto:adventureny@dec.ny.gov), or by writing to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Adventure NY, 625 Broadway, 14th Floor, Albany, New York 12233-1010.

To learn more about DEC's volunteers and partners, visit DEC's website.

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[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

**Claryville Reformed Church**  
Claryville Road  
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845-985-2041  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
**Regular Office Hours**  
Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm  
If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
845-985-2283 • e-mail: [Grahamsvilliumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilliumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
The Church with a friendly welcome  
Pastor Kenneth Ronk  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **March 1, 2020** is the final day for **ALL EXEMPTION FORMS** to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 319, Monday thru Friday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

2/20

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE: PARKS & REC VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2023. (The actual term length is 5 years.)

Please send a letter of interest to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by March 23, 2020. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

2/20

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking proposals vendors for bids to provide refuse and recycling pick-up services for 669 County Route 38, in Arkville, NY from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. A 9 yard dumpster for refuse and a 7 yard dumpster for recyclables must be provided and maintained weekly by the successful vendor. Bids must be received by CWC by 4pm on March 18, 2020. For bid documents, please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

2/16/20, 2/23/20 ; 3/01/20.

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking proposals from portable toilet vendors for bids to lease and maintain toilets at fifteen locations in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties adjacent to four reservoirs from May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. Bids must be received by CWC by 4pm on March 18, 2020. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

2/16/20, 2/23/20; 3/01/20

**"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT**

The Tri-Valley Central School District, a public school located in Sullivan County, NY, is currently accepting proposals for the selection of an energy services company (ESCO).

For Bid Specifications:

Contact Robert Whitaker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Human Resources, 845-985-2296 x 5201. (RFP Specs available February 21, 2020). Facility Tour March 10, 2020.

Each bidder must submit original and 5 copies plus one electronic copy (PDF) of their proposal to the address below by March 20, 2020 at 2 pm EST:

Tri-Valley CSD, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740

2/20

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
INSURANCE SERVICES**

The Tri-Valley Central School District is seeking quotations for Casualty-Property coverage for the 2021 - 21 School Year.

For Bid Specifications:

Contact Robert Whitaker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Human Resources, 845-985-2296 x 5201. (RFP Specs available February 21, 2020).

Each bidder must submit original and 3 copies of their proposal to the address below by March 20, 2020 at 2 pm EST:

Tri-Valley CSD, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740

2/20

**TVCS Board of Education  
will have a Board Meeting on**

Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2020.  
The Board Audit Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level Media Center.

Regular Board Meeting will follow beginning at 7:00 p.m.,  
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Anticipated Executive Session to follow the Regular Meeting, Secondary School Library Lower Level.

**Fallsburg Central School District  
Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration  
for the 2020-21 School Year**

Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2020

Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2020

\*Please note: all incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.

At the time of registration, the following documents must be presented:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records and Physical (from Doctor.)
- Proof of Residency: A current rent agreement, tax bill or utility bill that shows the actual location of your residence -a post office box is not acceptable
- Photo ID of the parent or legal guardian who is registering the student
- o Custody papers (if applicable)

\*For an appointment please call Jennifer Benzenberg at 845-434-6800 x 1222\*

Kindergarten Registration will be held March 23rd-April 3rd. • Pre-K Registration will be held April 20th-May 1st.

Registration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

Registration forms are available for printout at [www.fallsburgcsd.net/registration](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/registration).

Registration will be held at the High School in the office of Pupil Personnel Services. Please allow 1 hour for your appointment. Children do not need to attend.

All children who are registered for Kindergarten or Pre-K by May 31, 2019 will be invited to a screening in June.

**Governor Cuomo Launches Campaign to  
Pass \$3 Billion 'Restore Mother Nature'  
Bond Act in FY 2021 Budget**

Governor Cuomo: "Someone has to understand the magnitude of what we're dealing with and the urgency of what we're working with and step up and do something. Show that it can be done. Not just another incremental effort, another incremental effort - speak the truth to what this is. It is a crisis for the planet and nobody's in charge of the planet overall... We are responsible for this state and we are going to start the most ambitious climate change program that any state has ever undertaken."

Governor Cuomo: "So, we're going to organize to get this budget passed, organize to get the legislature to pass the bond issue, to put it on the ballot. Then, advocate to get the bond

issue passed by the people of the state in November. And then implement quickly, successfully the most effective climate change and environmental restoration program in the nation. Well, isn't that a bold aspiration? Yes, but we have no alternative because either you face the crisis of the time or the crisis defeats you... So, we will do it."

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo stood with environmental leaders today to announce a campaign to pass the \$3 Billion Restore Mother Nature Bond Act in the FY 2021 Budget. If ultimately approved by the voters in November, the Bond Act will fund critical environmental restoration projects in every corner of the state to ensure New York is able to withstand the threat of more intense and frequent storms fueled by climate change. The Bond Act is part of an unprecedented \$33 billion commitment to fight climate change over the next five years. Governor Cuomo is also campaigning to ban single-use Styrofoam food containers and packing materials in the budget. In addition, he is pushing to renew record funding for the Environmental Protection Fund and for clean water infrastructure, as well as

**UC Area Transit (UCAT) Holds Public  
Meeting to Discuss Improved Routes Within  
the City of Kingston**

*The new routes and proposed base fares will be for the Red, Yellow and Blue Routes and are scheduled to begin on April 1, 2020*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Today, Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) held a public meeting to provide additional information and provide for an opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed \$0.50 base fares for the Red, Yellow and Blue Routes scheduled to begin on April 1, 2020. UCAT personnel in collaboration with the Ulster County Planning Department and the Ulster County Executive's Office also presented revised routes that will maximize the number of residents and destinations served within the City of Kingston. UCAT extended its hours of bus service on the Red, Yellow and Blue lines in order to provide a public transit option for attendees.

"The public spoke and UCAT listened. Working with suggestions from the community and input from our City of Kingston drivers, we are proud of the proposed route changes that will better meet the needs of this community" said Michael Olivieri, UCAT Public Transit Dispatch and Operations Coordinator and Kingston resident.

The proposed new Red Route expands service to the Lucas/Washington Avenue corridor with service to Dietz Stadium and Forsyth Park, an area that was not part of the route. The proposed new Blue Route provides direct access to Kingston Hospital, a key concern of riders. For the Yellow Route, the Jansen Avenue transfer point will be eliminated and direct service between the Kingston Plaza and Port Ewen is proposed. The route adjustments were determined following analysis of ridership data, a series of meetings with bus operators, and an examination of comments received since the July 1, 2019 consolidation. The public can submit comments about the proposed new routes [toucat@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:toucat@co.ulster.ny.us), or by calling (845) 338-2096 or by mail to 1 Danny Circle, Kingston NY 12401.

**Ulster County Opioid Fatalities  
Plummet 37.5% In 2019**

Recently released opioid fatality numbers revealed that Ulster County's opioid related fatalities are down approximately 37.5% from 2018. Opioid related deaths dropped from 56 in 2018 to only 35 in 2019. This incredible accomplishment was spearheaded by Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, Vincent Martello, Director of Opioid Prevention Strategy for Ulster County, and the Ulster County Opioid Prevention Task Force (UCOPTF).

Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) has a leadership role in both the UCOPTF and in developing and executing innovative ways to fight the opioid crisis. ERH is having a substantial impact in the fight against opioid addiction in Ulster County. ERH is a recognized leader fighting the opioid epidemic having presented at over 20 conferences in New York and around the country.

Ellenville Regional Hospital created Project RESCUE, a treatment and recovery resource available 24/7/365 days a year, providing Medication Assisted Recovery (Buprenorphine) to those presenting to Emergency Department in active opiate withdrawal, post overdose, or seeking help. Individuals in need get a thorough evaluation by trained and compassionate Emergency Department providers, effective management of withdrawal symptoms and linkage to a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate which initiates a seamless transition into treatment and community-based resources. All ERH ED providers are waived for buprenorphine. (Contd. Pg 15)



**Daniel Pierce Library**

hours of operation  
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed  
 If you have any questions,  
 please call the library at 985-7233.

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.

**DPL Painters** - 2nd Thursday of every month  
 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  
**Sullivan County Museum,**  
 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY.  
 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

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR  
 CONFERENCE ROOM

PAYMENT BY:  
 CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY — NO CASH OR CREDIT

**All Aboard!**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
 FREE FUN  
 every FRIDAY 1-4 pm

in the upstairs meeting room  
 at the Neversink Town Hall

Also  
**WANTED**  
 People to  
 play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

8	6	7	4	2	1	5	9	3
1	5	4	9	3	6	8	2	7
3	9	2	7	8	5	4	1	6
2	3	9	5	7	8	1	6	4
6	4	8	1	9	3	7	5	2
5	7	1	2	6	4	9	3	8
4	2	6	8	5	9	3	7	1
7	1	5	3	4	2	6	8	9
9	8	3	6	1	7	2	4	5

- 2/20/2020 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/25/2020 **Daniel Pierce Library Mardi Gras Donut Day** - 9 am - 5 pm (See Page 8 for order blank)
- 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
- 3/10/2020 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/11/2020 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/14/2020 Claryville Fire Dept. **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**
- 3/17/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (App. Submission Date - 3/3/2020)
- 3/21/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
- 3/22/2020 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 12 noon**

**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](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com);  
 USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740  
 or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building  
**Thank you !**

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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,  
 closing at 4 pm.

**Tri-Valley Elementary School  
 WANTED:  
 Local establishments to display student  
 KINDNESS artwork**  
 Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office  
 at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).  
 All artwork and frames will be provided by the District  
 and refreshed bi-annually.

**Ulster County Opioid Fatalities  
 Plummet 37.5% In 2019**

(From Pg. 14) The hospital collaborates with great partners including: Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster; The Institute for Family Health; Step One; the Ulster County Sheriff's Department; the Ellenville Police Department and the Ellenville First Aid and Rescue Squad.

ERH also collaborates with the New York National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force, assisting them in mapping real time overdose trends/patterns in Ulster County with the use of their Hudson Valley Interlink Analytic System. Additionally, ERH staff utilize the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) created by HIDTA, to receive spike alerts and monitor overdose incidents.

In partnership with Hudson Valley Community Services, and support from NYS Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, the hospital has implemented harm reduction programs such as offering Narcan trainings, providing disposal packets for disposal of unused or expired medication, providing fentanyl test strips that tests substances such as heroin for lethal fentanyl, providing safe use kits and safe sex kits, linking patients and community members to syringe exchange or access programs, providing personal sharps containers, and offering pill lockers to secure medications via a digital code. All these programs and services are offered free to patients and community members.

ERH also offers free programming on site such as Heroin Anonymous and SMART Recovery support groups.

ERH prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives are made possible through funding from NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the BJA funded Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP).

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital's Opioid-related programming, or if you or someone you know needs help fighting an opioid addiction, please call 845 647-6400.

**Second Round of  
 Emergency HEAP  
 Starting First Round and Regular  
 HEAP Extended, As Well**

Liberty, NY - The State will initiate a second round of Emergency HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) benefits on Tuesday, February 18, and has also extended the first round of Emergency HEAP benefits, plus the regular HEAP benefits, to April 24, 2020.

The new benefits, which can only be accessed after regular HEAP and initial Emergency HEAP benefits have been exhausted, will mirror the first round of Emergency HEAP:

- Heating Type Second Emergency Benefit Amount
- Heat-Related Domestic \$140
- Natural Gas - Heat Only \$350
- Natural Gas - Heat Combined with Heat-Related Domestic \$490
- Electric Heat \$490
- Oil, Kerosene, Propane \$675
- Wood, Pellets, Coal, Corn, Other \$525

Eligibility criteria apply and can be found at [www.oda.ny.gov/programs/heap](http://www.oda.ny.gov/programs/heap).

Applications will only be taken at the Sullivan County Division of Family Services either over the phone (845-807-0142) or in person (16 Community Lane, Liberty).



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**HELP WANTED**

**Part-time Help** needed for **Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center.** Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

**Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted - Experienced Only**  
 Full time/Part time. • \$14.00 to start  
 Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.

Responsible young woman willing to provide in-home services including food preparation, transportation aid, and other. Kia Connor 985-5084  
 2/13-3/19dt

Looking for part-time work on the weekends? Love working with horses? Frost Valley YMCA is hiring equestrian assistants to provide great horse experiences to our weekend guests this spring! If you are comfortable around horses, can get guests and horses ready to ride, and walk alongside riders to ensure safety, this job could be great for you! Typically, hours would be all day on Saturdays. Pays up to \$13/hour. To apply, see details on our website: frostvalley.org/jobs. 2/13; 2/20 1720

Part-time work available with Frost Valley YMCA's after school program at Tri-Valley school. School days 2:45 to 5:45. Help kids have fun after school is over! Run activities, supervise children, help with set up and clean up each day. Pays up to \$14/hour. Information and application at frostvalley.org/jobs. 2/13; 2/20 1120

Full-time, part-time, days, evenings, weekdays, weekends- willing to work with your schedule! Great benefits (for full-time staff) including generous health insurance. Affordable, on-site daycare. Join Frost Valley's housekeeping department helping with general cleaning and upkeep of lodging and activity buildings. Pays up to \$13 2/13; 2/20 11

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**NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)**

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

**More about our warrior Nick....**

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

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!

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!  
 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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**YOGA CLASSES**

**GENTLE YOGA**

For **seniors** and/or **beginners** of all ages. Mon & Wed a.m., Thur p.m., Sat .a.m. Near Neversink Reservoir Call Joy 845 292 7870

**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 14weeks 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!**

Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville. **Hope to see you soon!**  
**Campers and Hunters are always welcome!**

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**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia**

.ON TCM STARTING AT 10:00 AM  
 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2020  
 WE HONOR, ACTRESS DONNA REED  
 "THEY WERE EXPENDABLE"

(War, 1945) One of the finest and most underrated of all WW2 films, based on the true story of America's (Torpedo, boats)PT boat squadron in the Philippines during the early days of the war. **Directed by John Ford. Starring, Robert Montgomery, John Wayne, Donna Reed, Jack Holt, Ward Bond, Louis Jean Heydt, Marshall Thompson, Leon Ames, Cameron Mitchell, Russell Simpson, Jack Pennick, Robert Barrat, Tom Tyler.** The film is indicative of the heroic effort of U. S. Navel personal in WWII, that such as JFK's heroic feat in PT 109 effecting the rescue of his crew achieving this not without great personal sacrifice. A moving and exquisitely detailed production (photographed by Joseph August) under Ford's distinctive hand, with **real-life Naval officer Montgomery**, a convincing lead. A Navy commander fights to prove the battle-worthiness of the PT boat at the start of World War II. Screenplay by one of the most patriotic of all, Frank "Spig" Wead. B/W - 135 m, TV-PG, Closed Captions, **Quiz 1.** Who played Lt. Sandy Davys?  
 2. Who played Lt., J.G., "Rusty" Ryan?

**DONNA REED** was born **Donna Belle Mullenger** in the small Iowa town of Dennison on Jan. 27, 1924. The first-born of five children, she grew up on her father's farm and was raised with her siblings in the Methodist faith. Reed attended Denison High School, graduating at the top of her class and winning the title of Beauty Queen. She had hoped to attend college with an aim toward becoming a teacher, but the family lacked sufficient funds to send her. On the advice of an aunt, Reed headed for Los Angeles, where secretarial courses at Los Angeles City College cost five dollars a semester. While a student at LACC, Reed participated in campus dramatics and was crowned Campus Queen. Scouts from the Hollywood studios began making offers of a contract but Reed insisted on finishing her secretarial studies, interested more in the promise of steady work as a stenographer and its median salary of \$15 per week. As the star of her own ABC sitcom in later years between 1958 and 1966, Donna Reed epitomized selfless American motherhood, but her crowning achievement had been winning an Academy Award for playing a prostitute. Reed specialized in girl-next-door types after signing with MGM in 1941. **Her role as a courageous Navy nurse in John Ford's "They Were Expendable" (1945)** brought her to the attention of **Frank Capra**, who paired her with **James Stewart** in **"It's a Wonderful Life" (1946)**. Long before it was canonized as a holiday classic, Capra's paean to small-town American life was written off as a failure, prompting the producers of the baseball biopic **"The Stratton Story" (1949)** to drop Reed from the cast when Stewart signed on. Reed rebounded with a role in Fred Zinnemann's **"From Here to Eternity" (1953)** and took home an Oscar for playing a hooker entangled in a tortured relationship with army private Montgomery Clift. Disappearing from public life after the cancellation of **"The Donna Reed Show,"** the actress returned in 1984 to replace **Barbara Bel Geddes** for a season on the prime time ABC soap opera **"Dallas" (1978-1991)**. Reed succumbed to pancreatic cancer early in 1986. The reevaluation of **"It's a Wonderful Life"** boosted Reed's posthumous Hollywood stock, drawing new fans to her signature roles and to an appreciation of her unique blend of beauty, intelligence and unflappable poise.

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**SUNDOWN**

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

February 25 - **Daniel Pierce Library Mardi Gras Donut Day** 9 am - 5 pm (See Page 8 for order blank and details)

March 21 - Grahamsville UMC Saturday **Thrift Sale** 9 am - noon

**CLARYVILLE**

March 22, Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7:00 am to Noon

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