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Celebrate the Diversity of Dancing and Enjoy the Saints of Swing

Whether you are a seasoned dancer wanting to step back in time, or you are just taking your first steps into the new world of swing dancing, join us on Saturday, March 23 for a unique experience.



Linda & Chester Freeman from *Got2Lindy Dance Studios* have a mission – to spread the joy of swing dancing and teach people the skills to do it!

Important to note that you don't need a partner or experience dancing.

Come take a basic lesson with us from 6 to 7 pm at the Grahamsville Fire Dept and then enjoy live music by the *Saints of Swing* from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Cost is just \$15 per person and can be paid at the Neversink Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3 pm and 6 pm.

Dancing is one of the oldest expressions of art. It is great exercise for the body and the brain and a great stress reliever!

Enjoy the dance and have a night out and some fun with friends!

SC Legislative Chairman Alvarez: "It's Amazing - We're not only going places, we are leading the way..."



Legislative Chairman, Luis Alvarez presented the 2019 Sullivan County State of the County Address last Thursday evening at the Sullivan County International Airport. "It's fitting to hold this address in the Airport, because Sullivan County has truly taken off."

Alvarez summarized accomplishments made in Sullivan County this past year including leading the entire State in job growth and creation. "We are now basically at full employment - in the dead of winter, when we historically have always seen a dip. When have we ever heard of that in Sullivan County?" (Contd. Pg. 3)

"Cooking with Cornell" a Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School After School Program



Left to right SueAnn Boyd, CCE Healthy Schools Program Coordinator, Aisha Darboe, Bintou Darboe, Rain Shokralla and Avena Watkis

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Since January 2017 Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (CCE) has been offering a "Cooking with Cornell" class as part of Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School After School Program. Meeting once a week, CCE Healthy Schools Program Coordinator SueAnn Boyd has been the main instructor. The program is part of a Fallsburg CSD grant with CCE as a partner.

Partnership is exactly the right word for the working relationship between the school and the agency. Ms. Boyd has been a very active member of FCSD Wellness Committee for the past several years. CCE has participated in every Wellness Day Event and Healthy Snacks Day in the District. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Abigail Melican Accepted to Colgate University



On January 23, 2019, Abigail Melican signed a letter of intent to run Division I cross country and track with Colgate University. Abigail was accepted, early decision to Colgate and will be majoring in environment science and policy.

Abigail is the daughter of John and Amy Melican and is the granddaughter of Pete and Carol Furman. Abigail resides in Manhattan and will graduate in June.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

OBITUARY

Joseph A. Troiano, of Forked River, NJ formerly of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on Sunday, January 20, 2019. He was 82.

He was the son of the late Joseph Troiano and Mary Citera, born on February 19, 1936 in Brooklyn, NY.

A graveside service will be held at 1pm on Friday, January 25, 2019 at St. Charles Cemetery, 2015 Wellwood Ave, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

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

Dorothy Burkhouse, age 100, of Napanoch, NY, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2019

Dorothy was born on December 29, 1918 in Punxsutawney, PA., the daughter of the late Frank DeLappa and Ella Marvin DeLappa.

She was predeceased by her husband of 75 years Thomas Burkhouse, her mother, two sisters and one brother.

She is survived by her children Rayna Burkhouse of Ellenville, NY, Linda Pittelli of Mesquite, NV and Thomas Burkhouse Jr. of Ballston Spa, NY; six grandchildren, and many great and great-great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy, along with her husband, was a charter member of the Ellenville First Aid & Rescue Squad. She also worked for the telephone company prior to dial phones after which she started a career in banking working her way to head teller thru Ellenville Savings Bank and M&T Bank from which she retired in 1985.

Dorothy along with her husband owned Burkhouse's store in Napanoch, NY. After retirement in 1985 she spent summers at Seneca lake.

A graveside service will be held at Fantinekill Cemetery in the spring.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Kacie Allison Named to American International College Dean's List

Kacie Allison, of Woodbourne, has been named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at American International College (AIC) in Springfield, MA. Dean's List students are full time students who have achieved a 3.3 to a 4.0 GPA. Allison is majoring in Exercise Science.

Days of Yore...

Today's History**January 26, 1949**

Several people from South Hill attended a milk meeting in Ulster Heights last Thursday. Speakers from local creameries were there to talk to producers.

The Hudson Gas & Electric Co. have extended the light line on the Sundown Road from the Kortright cabin to the Charles Rose farm known as the Mulford Place.

Buddy Crissey, who is now Private Walter A. Crissey, was a part of the Inauguration Ceremonies on Thursday. His regiment, the oldest infantry regiment in the history of the United States (dating from Colonial Days), was the Presidential Honor Guard. This regiment is often jokingly referred to as the "elite" guard. The inauguration was for President Harry S. Truman.

The Coast Guard cutter "Eastwind", disabled in a collision with an oil tanker off the coast of Jersey last week with a death toll of ten men will be remembered by Hudson Valley residents as the vessel which did yeoman's service as an icebreaker on the river last winter. The vessel succeeded in breaking thru 16 to 25 inches of ice last January and saved upstate residents from untold hardships when transportation difficulties threatened to leave that area without an adequate supply of fuel oil and kerosene. The vessel was built in 1944 at San Pedro and had an excellent record in World War II when it was engaged in a successful

attack on the German's secret weather outposts on Greenland.

January 28, 1959

David H. Clements, 79, of Liberty, who for many years was one of Sullivan County's leading agriculturists, died January 18 at the Liberty-Loomis Hospital. Mr. Clements, whose dairy and truck farm was near the Grossinger Hotel, was the fourth generation of his family on the farm, which his ancestors carved out of the wilderness in 1811.

Carpenters working for Mr. Harry Cole on the Frost Valley YMCA dining hall at Branch, have managed to out-wit old man winter and continue working although temperatures were bitter, dropping to 16 degrees below zero. Work as gone on inside a giant tent. Sheets of 16 x 16 polyethylene plastic, fastened to the roof of the completed structure have been stretched to the ground 10 or 12 feet away from the building, making it possible to work on the hall outside and inside. Heat has been provided inside the plastic envelop with a temporary hook-up.

Winter cold has run halfway
What is it Old Timers say?
Half your wood and half your hay
May be gone by
Ground Hog Day!
KUM TO KRUM'S

George Burch had a cow get down on the ice Saturday night. Maurice Furman started to help Mr. Burch to get the cow off the iced and he slipped and fell on the ice by his own barn and cracked some of his ribs. Van Furman came down with his tractor and a stone boat. The cow was loaded onto the boat and drawn to the barn. Walton Hamilton took Mr. Furman in his car to the doctor, who strapped him up the usual way. Mr. Hamilton and James Brooks are helping Mr. Furman with his chores.

Congratulation to Mr. Christian Holmes of Blue Hill. He received his permanent appointment at the Woodbourne Correctional Institution last week.

Mr. Charles Matz, vocalist and Mr. Angelo DeVita, instrumental instructor of the Tri-Valley School faculty, left Saturday morning, January 24th for Buffalo to attend the New York State Music Association Conference.

January 29, 1969

Richard Strangeway, Vo-Ag teacher at Tri-Valley Central School and an active participant in community affairs, has been chosen a director of the Neversink Agricultural Society, Inc., which sponsors the local "Little World's Fair". He replaces George B. Smith, a long-time officer who has moved from the community. Other officers remain the same. Emmett Walter continues as president; Frank Smith, Vice President; Robert T. Many, general superintendent; Philip Coombe, Jr., secretary; and Theron Hasbrouck, treasurer.

Randi Joy Zanetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti was among the Queen's Princesses at the Livingston Manor 15th annual Ice Carnival, Sunday, January 19th.

Belated birthday wishes to Steve Conklin who was 16 on January 13th. Belated anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley, Jr, who celebrated their 5th on Sunday, the 26th.

January 29, 1979

Scott Grey returned to Cobleskill College recently after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Grey.

January is Foundation Garment month, so pull yourselves together ladies.

Bea Gockel was very surprised to see a Robin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, feeding on the frozen apples on a tree in her yard on Sugar Loaf Road. Also feasting were Evening Grosbeaks, Blue Jays and a Cardinal making it look like a Christmas tree with live ornaments.

Happy Birthday to columnist, Loretta Ackerley, who gained another year on January 7th and to her husband, Don on January 5th.

In closing, let me repeat a line from playwright, Arthur Miller, "A good newspaper I suppose, is a nation talking to itself." - Tom Higgins

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Joseph Troiano of Forked River, and formerly of Grahamsville. Joseph passed away on January 20th at the age of 82.

WOW! January 20th and 21st finally provided enough snow for the kids to go sleigh riding, however, the temperatures were so cold one didn't dare venture outside...at least not for very long. The weather during the MLK weekend was harsh! Probably, if the storm came when school was in session, two "school closing days" would have been used. Last Monday, the temperature never rose above 4 degrees on my thermometer and the wind gusting across the hay fields seemed to be brutal. Since then there have been several school delayed openings and an early dismissal from school due to icy conditions. So much for global warming!!

Many churches in the area canceled Sunday services on the 20th due to weather conditions, basketball games were rescheduled and even the FFA trip to Camp Oswegatchie for "winter weekend" had to be canceled due to treacherous driving conditions.

Of course when I don't go to church on Sunday and the weather keeps me housebound for several days, I don't have much local news to share. Not too many folks ever phone me with news items. I do know that local college students are now back at college for their spring semester following a winter break. I also know that many of our "snowbirds", who took off for Florida or warmer climates before the bad weather, are breathing a sigh of relief.

Did you get a chance to view the lunar eclipse on the 20th? The earth's shadow completely covered the moon. During totality the moon looked red and that's why some called it the "blood" moon. Others called the large full moon the "wolf moon" or the "great spirit moon". The next total eclipse of the moon will be in May of 2021.

Like many of you, I do my food shopping at Shop Rite or at Aldi's in Monticello. Where ever I shop, when I get to the pet food aisle, I always see folks very carefully selecting canned cat food. It's almost as though they were going to eat it themselves. (I do the same thing!) I came upon a little poem when I was reading one of my old Alchemist poetry booklets the other day. (I really enjoy reading and re-reading the poems written by local ladies, many of who are no longer with us.) One poem, which I enjoyed is called "Catering", was written by Frances R. Hasbrouck and reminded me of the folks I meet in the pet food aisle.

Catering

There's a corner in the the market
where the housewives congregate,
To scan the shelves with deep concern
in mutual debate.

"Oh, mine just wouldn't touch it" -
"Mine's tired of thisand that"

Are they catering to their husbands?
No, to the family cat!

Words of Wisdom: The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food and the diet books tell you how to not eat any of it. (Andy Rooney) I finally found a diet plan that works - - It's called "The Cost of Food".

**SC Legislative
Chairman Alvarez:
"It's Amazing - We're
not only going places, we
are leading the way..."**

(From Pg. 1) Alvarez recognized Resorts World Catskills Casino and YO1 Wellness Center. He added, "This year we will welcome the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark and its 500 jobs, followed by the Eldred Preserve, including the relocated Bradstan and the reborn Old Homestead Restaurant. In 2020, the

Chatwal Lodge in Bethel will join this impressive list with the most luxurious accommodations yet seen in Sullivan County. We are working on attracting more such destination resorts, and coupled with Legoland's opening in Orange County in 2020, our region will certainly remain the fastest-growing tourism spot in the Northeast. As a result of all this activity, we've got at least 3 name-brand mid-range hotels and 3 large housing projects (over 1,000 living units) beginning construction this year"

Alvarez explained, "Sullivan County is now globally recognized. Reaching publications like Lonely Planet and the New York Times, Sullivan County has been featured in articles that have been viewed more than 200 MILLION times - just in 2018!" Alvarez made reference to television broadcasts from Spain that his wife watches. "They spoke about the Woodstock Festival and Grossinger's Jackie Horner, who choreographed "Dirty Dancing. It's amazing to see that Europe is recognizing Sullivan County."

Alvarez outlined the economic growth across the board including record-low unemployment, \$200 million of investment, rising housing sales, an increase in sales tax revenue and 4 million visiting tourists.

Moving forward - the county will hold the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock festival, a new public bus route, a 9,000 square-foot hangar at Sullivan County International Airport, the expansion of wireless broadband internet, raise the minimum wage for county workers to \$15, host the Center for Discovery's Children's Hospital in Rock Hill, expand the offices of the DA and Board of Elections, expand the light-industrial park real estate, invest millions into foster care and continue improving energy-smart solutions as well as infrastructure projects. Alvarez further remarked, "Sullivan County now has an electric car!"

Alvarez's speech resonated a positive outlook that is also shared by local business owners.

After recognizing all the departments and their effort to move forward, Alvarez ended the 2019 State of the County Address with fortification. "We have an entire year to look forward to, and a bright future beyond that. I am privileged to be your Legislative Chairman during such an incredible time. All I ask of you is, Let's Walk Together."

First Friday Book Discussion Group

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

Refreshments are provided by the members. New members welcome!

This month's book discussion: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet", a novel by Jamie Ford.

14th Annual Fly Fest

Join us on February 2, 2019 for the 14th Annual FLY FEST 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Wulff Gallery at the center in Livingston Manor

With over 50 tyers from near and far representing the best in fly tying, this is the Superbowl of Catskill Fly Tying and a great opportunity for individuals who want to learn how to tie and see some masters at work.

Fly Fest marks the middle of winter and is the first CFFCM event of the new year. It is a great opportunity to come out of the cold, tie flies with new and old friends, show off your skills, or learn a few new tricks. The day is not formal, but offers a chance to tie, socialize and have a look at the exhibits.

Participants are asked to pay a \$5.00 fee to CFFCM. All are welcome to join in.

Children are Free.

Tyers should bring a lunch or make arrangements to go out to get it. If the weather looks too unsafe for travel, and Fly Fest has been cancelled, CFFCM will post a notice to their Facebook and Instagram page.

For Fly Fest information, contact coordinator Rick Fischer at rfishington@hotmail.com; and John Kovach at jkovach@cffcm.com or Rob Ceccarini at rceccarini@cffcm.com

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.

Does the Hedgehog Live in the Shadow of the Groundhog?

The name hedgehog came into use around the year 1450, derived from the Middle English heyghoge, from heyg, hegge ("hedge"), and hoge, hogge ("hog"), from its piglike snout. Other names include urchin, hedgepig and furze-pig.



German settlers brought the tradition of using a hedgehog to predict spring's arrival to Pennsylvania. Since there weren't any hedgehogs in the New World, they settled for the next best thing: the groundhog. February 2, 1887 marks the day that groundhogs officially

replaced hedgehogs in the United States.

Hedgehogs have since had a reemergence. Not from a hole in the ground, like Punxsutawney Phil but rather from the release of *Sonic The Hedgehog 3 in the USA*, in 1994. These cute little balls of prickly joy that have taken social media by storm. Beatrix Potter added to their popularity when she created Mrs. Tiggywinkle, a well-known hedgehog who happens to be extremely good at laundry!

A hedgehog is any of the spiny mammals of the sub-family Erinaceinae. There are seventeen species of hedgehog throughout parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. There are no hedgehogs native to the Americas. Hedgehogs have changed little over the last 15 million years. Like many of the first mammals, they have adapted to a nocturnal way of life.

Hedgehogs are easily recognized by their spines, which are hollow hairs made stiff with keratin. Their spines are not poisonous or barbed like a porcupine and they cannot shoot their quills out in defense. A defense that all species of hedgehogs possess is the ability to roll into a tight ball, causing all of the spines to point outwards protecting the tucked face, feet, and belly, which are not quilled.

Hedgehogs are primarily nocturnal and sleep for a large portion of the day under bushes, grasses, rocks, or most commonly in dens dug in the ground, with varying habits among the species. All wild hedgehogs can hibernate, though not all do, depending on temperature, species, and abundance of food. During hibernation, the body temperature of a hedgehog can decrease to about 36 °F. When the animal awakes from hibernation, the body temperature rises from 36-41 °F back to its normal 86-95 °F body temperature

Hedgehogs are fairly vocal and communicate through a combination of grunts, snuffles and/or squeals, depending on species.

They occasionally perform a ritual called anointing. When a hedgehog encounters a new scent, it will lick and bite the source, Then form a scented froth in its mouth and paste it on its spines with its tongue. The purpose of this habit is unknown, but some experts believe anointing camouflages the hedgehog with the new scent of the area and provides a possible poison or source of infection to predators poked by their spines.

Like opossums, mice, and moles, hedgehogs have some natural immunity against some snake venom through the protein erinacin in the animal's muscular system.

Hedgehogs are omnivorous. They feed on insects, snails, frogs and toads, snakes, bird eggs, carrion, mushrooms, grass roots, berries, melons and watermelons

Depending on the species, the gestation period is 35-58 days. The average litter is 3-4 newborns for larger species and 5-6 for smaller ones. As with many animals, it is not unusual for an adult male hedgehog to kill newborn males. Hedgehogs are born blind with a protective membrane covering their quills, which dries and shrinks over the next several hours. The quills emerge through the skin after they have been cleaned.

Hedgehogs have a relatively long lifespan for their size. Larger species of hedgehogs live 4-7 years in the wild and smaller species live 2-4 years.

The up and coming, National Hedgehog Day tends to still live in the "shadow" of Groundhog Day, despite the fact that Hedgehogs were the original prognosticators who would foretell when spring would arrive.

We can thank hedgehogs for Groundhog Day. Hopefully, neither Punxsutawney Phil or Sonic the Hedgehog will see their shadows on Saturday!

Household Hints

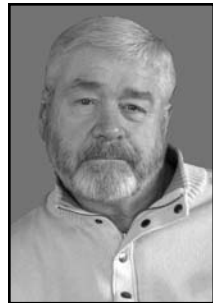
Get the jump on athlete's foot

A bad case of athlete's? Try rinsing your feet three or four times a day for a few days with undiluted apple cider vinegar. As an added precaution, soak your socks or stockings in a mixture of 1 part vinegar and 4 parts water for 30 minutes before laundering them.

The Man Who Came Uptown

Mysterious Book Report No. 359

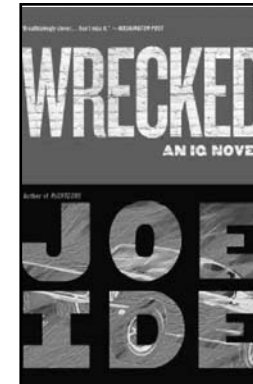
by John Dwaine McKenna



One of the most original, interesting and compelling characters in contemporary crime fiction is an unlicensed private eye named Isaiah Quintabe . . . "IQ" to his friends, clients and legions of readers. He's the creation of award-winning California novelist Joe Ide, who's just come out with his third-and best, in our opinion-installment of IQ's adventures in his East Long Beach neighborhood, where "People knew if you were getting food stamps and that your husband was messing around with a half-wit barmaid . . ."

Wrecked, (Mulholland Books, \$27.00, 340 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-50951-0), finds IQ riding a crest of popularity amidst a number of successfully solved cases. He's now so well known and recognized in the 'hood that he's greeted by well-wishers and people with potential cases . . . as well as those who bear grudges against him . . . everywhere he goes, but he still feels isolated and alone. Dodson, his childhood friend and gangsta wannabe, wiggles himself into a partnership with the beleaguered PI, vowing to put their newly-formed agency on a paying basis, with a website, business cards and fees. No more knitted sweaters or carpet cleaning services in exchange for IQ's sleuthing talents. From now on, according to Dodson, it's cash on the barrelhead . . . or no services rendered.

But when a young painter named Grace enlists Isaiah to find her mother, who's been missing for ten years, he accepts one of her paintings as payment . . . and puts all of them in the crosshairs of a multi-national paramilitary outfit with ties to the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, 17,000 employees worldwide and "Enough assets to take over France," in IQ's words. And, as if that's not enough to deal with, there's Zeb, the Zimbabwean gangster who's responsible for the death of Isaiah's brother, the thug called Junior, and the murderous brutha named Stokley, who all want to see IQ's head on a platter. It may turn out to be too much for even a genius to deal with! But hey! Don't just take our word for it, get a copy of *Wrecked* for yourself, and see why Joe Ide is already becoming such a well-respected talent in the crime fiction field. You'll have a ton of fun, laugh your butt off and become an instant fan of a guy the MBR predicts will be a monster, who brings hit novel after hit, after hit. You heard it here first!



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Interview With The Author: Joe Ide

by John Dwaine McKenna



Hello, to all of you out there in the MBR Nation, and welcome to our author interview with Joe Ide, one of the hottest new authors on the literary scene today, whose newest work is reviewed in MBR number 360. And thanks Joe for taking time to speak to our audience today and sharing your thoughts with us. I've really looking forward to hearing your insights so let's go right to it. Here's our first question . . .

Why do you write?

I have to, I have no choice. It's an obsession. That, and I have no other marketable skills.

Where do you write?

My Study. Windows closed, door shut, semi dark. It's pretty sound proof but I wear ear plugs anyway. I need to be isolated from earthly distractions.

When do you write?

Mornings from 730 to 1 and then back again around 5 and I put in another couple of hours.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I write the first page and that informs page 2 and that informs page 3 and so on. When I have about fifty pages I'm starting to see what's possible in terms of plot, characters, twists and turns, etc. A lot of times, I have to go back and change things so they're consistent. It's not especially an efficient way to write. I end up throwing as many pages as I keep. I'm not recommending it to anyone.

What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

The one on the blank page.

What method do you use to keep track of plot details?

In my head.

Are you more comfortable writing in the first, or third person POV?

Third person limited. It feels more intimate to me and

I like looking at a scene from different characters' points of view. One of the many things I stole from Elmore Leonard.

Do you use humor in your work?

Yes, as much as I can. Funny is universal. Laughing is universal. Tickling a funny bone is always good.

Do you use long, detailed and in-depth descriptions of your characters and their environs?

I develop characters as I go. It's a question of what I need to make the story work and I don't know what I need until I get there.

Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from?

I don't know. One day I'll be doing something random like walking my dog and an idea pops into my head. I have no idea what the process is.

Does luck play into success?

The point is, be ready for luck. Have the best possible book you can write. Your magnum opus, no matter how long it takes. You will get one chance to put your book in front of a decision maker. I mean that. One, maybe two if you live long enough.

And be aware, publishers aren't looking for anything in particular; not the next Harry Bosch or the next Harry Potter. How would that work? They eliminate everything that isn't the new Bosche or the new Potter? Publishers don't know what the marketplace wants. Their best chance for success is a book with a unique voice and great writing.

How did your book first get published?

Luck. I gave the manuscript to my cousin, Francis Fukuyama, a world renowned political scientist. He consults with governments, is on the board at Rand, has written eight books and has a resume a mile long. He liked the manuscript and passed it on to his agent, who just happened to be Esther Newberg at ICM, one of the three top literary agents in New York. How's that for luck?

How long did it take?

Three years.

How can we, as writers, promote and encourage more people to read?

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Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

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Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Writing is like music . . . you have to get the rhythm right if you want the reader to dance with you.

-Lee Child

ECO Actions for Early to Mid-January

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) enforce the 71 Chapters of NY Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York.

In 2017, the 301 ECOs across the state responded to 26,400 calls and issued 22,150 tickets for crimes ranging from deer poaching to corporate toxic dumping and illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

If you witness an environmental crime or believe a violation of environmental law occurred, please call the DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267).

"From Montauk Point to Mount Marcy, from Brooklyn to Buffalo, the ECOs patrolling our state are the first line of defense in protecting New York's environment and our natural resources, ensuring that they exist for future generations of New Yorkers," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "They work long and arduous hours, both deep in our remote wildernesses and in the tight confines of our urban landscapes. Although they don't receive much public fanfare, the work of our ECOs is critical to achieving DEC's mission to protect and enhance our environment."

Recent missions carried out by ECOs include:

Polluter Caught on Town Property - Orange County

On Jan. 11, ECO Jon Walraven received a call from the Town of Goshen Highway Department about piles of trash found dumped on town property. ECO Walraven found several trash bags, along with tires and some furniture. Several packages among the trash contained the name and address of a potential responsible party. ECO Walraven went to the address on the package and met with the property owner, who claimed responsibility for the trash and stated that her son was supposed to take the trash to the dump. ECO Walraven interviewed the property owner's son, who admitted to dumping the trash at the location because the transfer station was closed. ECO Walraven issued the son a ticket for unlawful disposal of solid waste, which carries a possible fine of \$15,000 per day, and instructed him to clean up the mess. The ticket is returnable to the Town of Goshen Court in February.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Insidious Alphabet Letters

Sequestered to my home by a series of snow, ice, rain, flash freeze storms, I have cooked and baked, cleaned and done laundry, painted and sewed, and resorted to my computer and phone for the companionship of FaceBook, Words With Friends, Candy Crush and Amazon Prime. I have also had the television as background noise, and I noted how many programs talked about Artificial Intelligence.

Surely AI, Artificial Intelligence or Machine Intelligence, and Algorithms abound in our world in some insidious ways. As I placed an order on Amazon Prime, emails came from other shopping entities telling me, I might be interested in this carpet or that sewing machine foot. Facebook suggests friends to follow, and on-line games suggest partners of like interests and ability. Kindle knows what books I read and what I should read next,

Machine software and websites are profiling us and trolling us as potential clients. I am getting paranoid as surveys appear out of nowhere and silly games ask vital information to decide what our "Clown Name" might be. I am suspicious when a post asks: "Have you always lived in the town/city you were born in?" or "what was your occupation in a past life?" or "Tell me in one word how we met?" or "leave a comment that starts with your first initial."

In 1984, by George Orwell, society feared the government's surveillance of the people. Now, in 2019, the people, we, surveil each other, willingly; we post selfies, photograph our pets and family (for face recognition) and share pictures of our breakfast menus along with personal information like birthdays and political leanings. All of our modern interactions involve sharing of private information.

AI, artificial intelligence, is based on a Pavlovian, Skinner type stimulus and response, but humans are the programmers of machines. I remember one behavioral science professor adding that between S and R, stimulus and response, is C which stands for human Choice. That choice, C, depends upon a whole lot of words that begin with the letter "P": PREJUDICE, PREFERENCE, PAST EXPERIENCE, PROFIT, PERSONALITY, and PERSONAL BELIEFS. I am not sure that those human qualities can be ignored in the programming of the process of decision making of Artificial Intelligence. I prefer to think that Artificial Intelligence might better be called Superior Human Intelligence, enhanced by Technology. However, those initials would not be a suitable acronym.

Mountainkeeper and our allies at the Catskill Park Coalition Planning Meeting in Albany

The Catskills are our home, a true New York treasure. But each and every day they're threatened by various projects that could change the face of our Park and Region forever. That's why it's so important for you to join us in Albany on February 5th to advocate for the place we love so much.

On February 5th Mountainkeeper and our allies at the Catskill Park Coalition will be meeting with New York's legislative leaders, senators and assembly members, and key regulatory staff to make our case for funding. With all of the special interests in Albany trying to get money for their pet projects, we need to stand out. To do that we'll need YOU with us, telling your story, and making the case for the Catskills.

We're asking for:

- o State investment in the Park and stewardship activities to ensure that our trails are clear and clean, and our facilities are inviting to the millions of people who visit each year;
- o Smart growth grants for our communities, to help our towns and cities grow sustainably;
- o Department of Environmental Conservation and Forest Ranger staff to keep our park safe and our forests healthy;
- o Resources to fight the hemlock woolly adelgid--the little bug threatening to decimate the Catskills' keystone species, the majestic hemlock tree;
- o Green infrastructure funding to ensure that as we make critical infrastructure updates, we're choosing renewables and water conservation;
- o Support for the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, upgrades to Belleayre (not related to resort expansion), new funding for the Scenic Byways, and a mountain biking plan at Shandaken.

Join us in Albany on February 5th.

Where: Legislative Office Building, Third Floor Terrace overlooking The Well

When: 9a - 4pm February 5th

Questions or to sign up? Email beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org

DEC Announces More Than \$1.1 Million Awarded to Six Projects to Improve Water Quality and Bolster Flood Resiliency in Hudson River Estuary Watershed Grants Will Help Hudson River Communities Remove Dams to Mitigate Flooding and Restore Habitats for American Eel and River Herring

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced more than \$1.1 million was awarded to six projects to help reduce local flooding and restore aquatic habitats in tributary streams of the Hudson River Estuary. These funds will support projects to restore free-flowing

waters to benefit water quality, restore aquatic habitat connectivity for Species of Greatest Conservation Need, including the American eel and river herring, and help communities with existing and projected impacts of local flooding.

Commissioner Seggos said, "Governor Cuomo continues to make record investments to protect New York's waters and to help create new and expanded access opportunities, all while building community resiliency. These grants support the strong partnerships with communities, environmental groups, and civic organizations that help New York significantly improve the ecological health and resiliency of the Hudson River Estuary."

Funding for these projects is provided by the Natural Resource Damages Fund, the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for Ocean and Great Lakes Projects, and DEC's Hudson River Estuary Grants Program.

Funded projects are:

Dutchess County

Bard College: The \$312,057 award for the Lower Saw Kill Dam Removal project will remove Bard's lowest dam on the Saw Kill, a first barrier for fish movement upstream from the Hudson River. The dam no longer generates hydropower and remains an unnatural stream barrier to American eel migration. The grant will support final project permitting, dam removal, restoration of the former stream shoreline, and a post-dam-removal eel count for comparative research with current data. Removing the dam will reconnect nearly one mile of critical stream habitat.

Orange County

Riverkeeper: The \$218,870 grant award for the Removing Strooks Felt Dam on Quassaick Creek project will remove the Strooks Felt Dam on the Quassaick Creek, a first barrier for fish movement upstream from the Hudson River. The dam is in decay, no longer serves any functional purpose, and poses ecological issues to the health of Quassaick Creek. Removing the 5.5-foot dam will restore over one mile of habitat for river herring and eel, improve fish passage and connectivity, and restore river resiliency and natural functions. The project also supports ongoing restoration efforts in the watershed.

Hudson Valley Regional Council: The \$31,500 for Browns Pond Dam Removal Planning project will investigate stakeholder issues related to the proposed removal of Browns Pond dam on the Otter Kill Creek in the town of Hamptonburgh. The dam was initially constructed for mill power and the pond was used for ice harvesting. The dam is now in a deteriorated condition and has been identified as a potential structural and flood hazard. If removed, downstream flood hazards would be mitigated, and at least 14.5 miles of stream habitat would be improved for American eel and other aquatic species. This grant will support public meetings with affected upstream and downstream stakeholders to explore the implications of potential dam removal as well as monitoring of fish habitat in the stream with a focus on American eel.

Ulster County

Scenic Hudson: \$181,000 award for the Black Creek Preserve Culvert Mitigation project will remove an undersized culvert and install a new open bottom culvert under

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Winding Brook Road at Scenic Hudson's Black Creek Preserve. Right-sizing the culvert will enhance fish passage for American eel and reduce flooding problems that now affect the road. The existing culvert is a first barrier for fish movement upstream from the Hudson River on a tributary of Black Creek. The new culvert will be designed to be fully passable for aquatic organisms and will accommodate 500-year storm flood conditions. Nearly one mile of stream habitat will be enhanced and 2.4 acres of riparian wetlands restored.

New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said "Investing in local projects that reduce flooding and restore aquatic habitats, while also cleaning our water is a win-win for the environment and a smart investment for our future. I commend Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Seggos for their vision to fund projects that do just that."

Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Chair of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "I am pleased to see funding for these restoration projects be allocated to counties along the Hudson River. These projects are important to habitat and species restoration and overall water quality improvement. These highlight the continued importance of funding programs such as the Environmental Protection Fund and I applaud the Governor for his continued support."

Now in its 18th year, DEC's Estuary Grants Program implements priorities outlined in the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda: clean water; resilient communities; a vital estuary ecosystem; estuary fish, wildlife and habitats; natural scenery; and education, river access, recreation, and inspiration. To view the Action Agenda and for complete details about the new grant funding, visit DEC's website.

In the Governor's 2019-20 Executive Budget Proposal, Governor Cuomo sustained the record-high EPF at \$300 million for the fourth year in a row, providing funding for open space conservation, parkland stewardship, and other environmental protection projects

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we first need to take the problem of climate change seriously and seek bold, innovative, and inclusive solutions.

The threats from climate change are an imminent crisis facing the American people and our economy. Over the past three months, new reports have been published by the United States Government and the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that continue to confirm the overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is occurring due to human activities and time is running out for us to avoid the most serious and irreversible impacts.

In November, the U.S. Global Change Research Program, a federal interagency program established by Congress and President George H.W. Bush in 1990, released the Fourth National Climate Assessment. This report, which was written by scientists working across the federal government, describes the impacts of climate change we are already experiencing as well as what we can expect in the future. That report states the following:

- o "Global average temperature has increased by about 1.8°F from 1901 to 2016, and observational evidence does not support any credible natural explanations for this amount of warming; instead, the evidence consistently points to human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse or head-trapping gases, as the dominant cause."
- o "With significant reductions in emissions, global temperature increase could be limited to 3.6°F (2°C) or less compared to preindustrial temperatures. Without significant reductions, annual average global temperatures could increase by 9°F (5°C) or more by the end of this century compared to preindustrial temperatures."

In October, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is the international body for assessing climate science, released a special report, Global Warming of 1.5°C. That report finds that limiting global warming to 1.5°C above preindustrial temperatures will result in less damaging climate-related impacts to our communities. In order to prevent a global temperature increase above 1.5°C, global net carbon emissions must reach net-zero by around 2050. The report recommends "rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems. These systems transitions are unprecedented in terms of scale, but not necessarily in terms of speed, and imply deep emissions reductions in all sectors, a wide portfolio of mitigation options and a significant upscaling of investments in those options".

Given the stakes, we do not have time to waste. We must seize the opportunity to work on an ambitious legislative agenda to move our country and our economy toward a more sustainable future. Our committee should be holding hearings and considering legislation designed de-carbonize our economy and get us to net-zero emissions by as close to 2050 as possible. This should include a mix of innovative solutions in transportation policy, climate-smart infrastructure and high-performance energy efficiency. This also means considering legislation that builds up resiliency across a range of infrastructure in low-income and frontline communities that will bear the worst of climate impacts. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Gillibrand's Support for a Green New Deal Comes as Scientific Reports Repeatedly Warn that Climate Change Crisis is Real and Getting Worse – Latest Reports from US Government and UN Warn that Inaction Could Lead to a Dramatically Worse Crisis, but Taking Large-Scale Action Now Can Stop This Dangerous Trend

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Gillibrand: "Climate change is real and the evidence is now overwhelming that if we don't act immediately to stop it, then our land, our water, our air, and our lives will all be upended in potentially catastrophic ways. It's time for Congress to get serious about this severe threat."

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, today wrote a letter to Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) urging him to make climate change, green jobs, and a sustainable economy a central part of the Committee's agenda this Congress. Gillibrand's call to action comes amid overwhelming evidence that the climate change crisis is growing

worse and can only be stopped with large-scale effort that mobilizes the entire economy.

"Climate change is real and the evidence is now overwhelming that if we don't act immediately to stop it, then our land, our water, our air, and our lives will all be upended in potentially catastrophic ways. There will be no going back. So I want to make this clear: It's time for Congress to get serious about this severe threat and support a Green New Deal," said Senator Gillibrand. "Setting policies to eliminate carbon emissions and related pollutants can be a win-win for our environment and our economy if done right. We can foster innovation and investment in clean energy and energy efficiency, and transportation that will create good-paying, family-supporting jobs here in the United States. In order to do so, we first need to take the problem of climate change seriously and seek bold, innovative, and inclusive solutions."

Dear Chairman Barrasso,

As the Senate committee responsible for federal environmental policy, the Environment and Public Works Committee has a responsibility to tackle the difficult environmental problems we face. We also have a moral obligation as stewards over the environment and welfare of the American people. As we begin a new Congress, it is my sincere hope that our committee will make climate change, green jobs, and a sustainable economy a central part of our agenda.

Setting policies to eliminate carbon emissions and related pollutants can be a win-win for our environment and our economy if done right. We can foster innovation and investment in clean energy and energy efficiency, and transportation that will create good-paying, family-supporting jobs here in the United States. In order to do so,



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"Cooking with Cornell" a Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School After School Program

(From Pg. 1) As FCSD Director of the After School Grant Program and Chair of the Wellness Committee Suzanne Lenzian is grateful for SueAnn and her staff from CCE, Bee Moser and Bridget Kackos.



Left to right: Alyanna Saunders, Juliannah Bias, Miya Ennist, Hallie Houghtaling and SueAnn Boye. Back row: Edwar Garcia and Bridget Kackos, CCE Program Assistant

Just before Christmas in 2018, SueAnn and Bridget met with nine eager 7th and 8th graders in the Home and Careers Kitchen at FHS to bake some special sugar cookies and peanut butter blossom cookies to bring home to their families. When asked about cooking with SueAnn and her staff, the students were delighted. They emphasized the different foods that they never heard of, much less tasted, before this class experience. They enjoyed pasta made from spaghetti squash! Some has not ever eaten eggplant, and now they enjoy it. They cannot wait to share the food and help with shopping and cooking at home. This is an important part of CCE's mission.

Fallsburg High School Enjoys Healthy Snacks at Lunch

Last October 10, 2018 was the inaugural Wellness Day for Fallsburg Junior High School. Created by the FCSD Wellness Committee, the activities included healthy snacks offered at the eighth and seventh grade lunch periods. Providing healthy snacks at lunch time for 9-12 graders occurred on January 16, 2019. Food Service Director and member of the Wellness Committee Ms. Dara Smith had specially roasted vegan butternut squash pieces cooked lightly in olive oil and cinnamon prepared by the High School Food Services team. The squash was obtained from local Hudson Valley farms. The students and staff, with very few exceptions, thought it was fantastic.



Noel Garcia enjoying the roasted butternut squash.

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HIGH: 42°F LOW: 34°F

Athletic Director and Chair of the Wellness Committee Ms. Suzanne Lenzian was very pleased with everyone's efforts to support the well-being of the School District. Special thanks go out to Wellness Committee members Colleen Emery of Sullivan Renaissance, Ilene Wizwer and Leah Exner for serving the snacks.

Interested in owning a "Peace of History"?

In the name of Peace & Love ... and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival, the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is presenting 36 doves to our communities throughout the Sullivan Catskills. Each dove will be painted by local artists showcasing the character and history of each community.

If you are a Member of the SCVA & would like more information on owning a Dove at your business, please contact Lori at ljls@scva.net.

DOVE PLACEMENT: • Accessible and free to the public 7 days a week.

- 1-2 yards high to deter climbing and vandalism.
- Free from obstruction of windows, entranceways or normal pedestrian walkways.
- Maintained by town, village, business, or local group. o An opportunity to provide a local sense of place, where dove sculpture adds to the character of the community.

DOVE INSTALLATION:

- For outdoor stability and security, it is recommended that concrete bases be made. o Reinforce concrete with #3 rebar @ 12" E. W. on 1" plastic chairs (supporters) should prevent cracking.
- Bases should be constructed to accommodate a fork lift, so they can be moved and put in place for installation of the form.
- Dimensions of the base will be determined by each project, in consultation with the concrete fabricator they will be working with. The resulting base should be a minimum of 250 lbs. and up to 450 lbs. in high wind areas. (Contd. Pg. 11)




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Claryville - Spring break from school can be a fun time for children to relax and play, but it can also be a difficult time for working parents who need to find childcare while school is closed. Frost Valley YMCA announces the dates for Spring Break Day Camp as April 15-19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for children between the ages of four and sixteen.



Spring Break Day Camp will be held at Frost Valley, which is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville. Children will enjoy candle making, Incredible Edibles (classes in our Teaching Kitchen) and climbing. Campers may take an offsite trip to a local pool, weather permitting. Spring Break Day Campers can also take a tour of the Maple Sugar House to taste maple syrup and learn how it's made, plus visit the Frost Valley Farm to meet and pet baby animals!

"Spring Break is the perfect time for children to explore the great outdoors, get some fresh air and exercise, and make new friends," says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. "Spring Break Day Camp not only fills children's days with healthy activities, it also gives working parents peace of mind, knowing their children are well cared for by professional camp staff."

The rate for four days is \$160 per child and the rate for five days is \$185 per child. Both rates include transportation from select locations and lunch at no additional cost. Local busing is available from the Monticello Government Building, Ideal Food Basket in Liberty, the Tri-Valley School, the Neversink Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church.

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

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Saturday, March 23

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Sullivan County's, Catskill Artist Friends are in The North East Watercolor Society opening of the 43rd Member Exhibition



Elise Hornbeck, Kate Hyden, Ann Higgins and Valerie Taggart

Sullivan County's, Catskill Artist Friends are in The North East Watercolor Society opening of the 43rd Member Exhibition on Monday, February 4th. Over 120 paintings will grace the Orange Gallery Hall at SUNY Orange Community College (24 Grandview Avenue in Middletown, NY 10940) until March 18th.



Study of Lady of Aix by Elise Hornbeck



On Watch by Kate Hyden

Ann Higgins, Elise Hornbeck, Valerie Taggart and Kate Hyden will display their watercolors with 60 other outstanding artists.



The Corner Store by Valerie Taggart

And a special event happens on Sunday, March 3rd when a reception for the Member Exhibit is held from 1-4:15 pm with music, refreshments and includes a special watercolor demonstration by Lynn D. Pratt entitled "Bringing the Third Dimension To Life" (at 2:30 pm.)

For more information about Lynn or the North East Watercolor Society go to www.northeastws.com. SUNY Orange Gallery Hours are: Monday thru Friday 9am-6pm. Please check www.cultural@sunyorange.edu for more info and any additional hours or call (845) 341-4891.

The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

I don't mind telling you that all this ice and snow has put a damper on the night life in Sullivan County. Dutch's Open mic on Monday in Rock Hill. Cancelled. Joanna Gass and the Greater Sullivan Search and Rescue Orchestra on Tuesday at Brew in Rock Hill. Cancelled. The open studio for fiber artists at Fiber on Main on Wednesday in Hurleyville. Cancelled. And after digging out and/or fighting to get to work and get home in one piece in all that mess, well it just kind of took all the fun out of going out again looking for fun.

So I stayed in with a book by my friend Jesse Pollack titled "The Acid King". This is his second book, the first being 'Death on Devil's Teeth' co written with Mark Moran co founder of *Weird New Jersey*. Jesse started out writing for *Weird New Jersey*, a publication that for decades now has chronicled strange happenings and sights in the Garden State and it's Jersey, so there are many. I lived almost 20 years in Jersey and I can attest to that. 'Death on Devil's Teeth' explored the strange case of a young woman, Jeanette DePalma, found dead, of no apparent cause, atop one of the rock outcroppings known as Devil's Teeth in Springfield Township. This was in 1972 when the public was freaking out, thinking Satanic worshippers were around every corner. This death was finally classified as a murder and that's where everything seemed to stop. It remains unsolved to this day, the files supposedly lost/destroyed in a flood/still an ongoing investigation and can't be released (depending on who you spoke to). Truth is, which Jesse so masterfully conveyed to the reader, is that this case was barely worked at all. A good read and I believe you can still find it on Amazon along with his newest one.

Jesse and I have been friends for several years now, long before he started writing his first book. He's a big kid at heart and his choice of this genre for his writing is in direct contradiction to his nature. It's the research he enjoys, putting the puzzle pieces together into a coherent telling of the story.

Coming up this week in the outside world:

Monday night: Dutch's Open Mic is back on in Rock Hill; 7-9

Tuesday night: Everything is cancelled due to yet another snow storm predicted.

Wednesday night: MAYBE the Open Studio at Fiber on Main in Hurleyville

Friday night: Catch our own Frank Comando doing his thing at the Double Top in the Resorts World Casino

Interested in owning a "Peace of History"?

(From Pg. 8) • Anchor the form to the base with concrete bolts with security heads. All the anchors (flanges) are hand-set in the forms, so templates for pre-drilling the holes can only be done on an individual basis (one base/one form). For information on security bolts, visit www.hudsonfasteners.com.

• Installation must be completed no later than May 23, 2019.

For more information contact Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO-Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association rbl@scva.net o 845-747-4449 o P.O. Box 248, Ferndale, NY 12734

Met Opera: Live in HED Presents "Samson et Dalila" at SUNY Sullivan

(Loch Sheldrake, NY) The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Samson et Dalila at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre on Saturday, October 20. Start time is 12:55 pm. Mezzo-soprano El_na Garan_a and tenor Roberto Alagna join forces for the title roles. Darko Tresnjak, who won a Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical in 2014 for A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder, makes his Met debut directing a vivid, seductive staging, featuring a monumental setting for the last-act Temple of Dagon, where the hero crushes his Philistine enemies. Sir Mark Elder conducts the first new Met production of the work in 20 years.

Ticket pricing: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). Patrons can purchase tickets at Seelig Theater the day of the perform-

ance. For more information, contact 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

SCHEDULE OF MET OPERA:

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CARMEN (Bizet Saturday, February 2, 2019) Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 3 hours 21 minutes/1 intermission

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DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner) Saturday, March 30, 2019 Start:12 noon ~ Run time: 4 hours 55 minutes/2 intermissions

DIALOGUES DES CARMÉLITES (Poulenc) Saturday, May 11, 201 Start: 12 noon ~ Run time: 3 hours 9 m utes/1 intermission.

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Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop 2019 One Act Play Festival Submissions

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Audition Dates: February 23 & 24, 2019

Producer: Jim Schmidt

Requirements: Must be a One Act (under 1 hour). Must have a director. Shows submitted without directors will not be considered. Please submit your script with a completed submission form.

Please send full scripts to scdwemail@aol.com or

PO Box 353, Monticello, NY 12701.

Submission Deadline: February 4, 2019

Any plays submitted after the deadlne will not be considered for 2019, but will go into our database for future seasons.

Executive Director of Human Rights Commission Taking New Job with State Senator Jen Metzger

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Human Rights Commission Executive Director Ari Mir-Pontier has resigned to assume a new role as NYS Senator Jen Metzger's Constituent Services Manager.



"We so much appreciate all that Ari has accomplished in her 16 months with us, and we warmly wish her nothing but success, knowing she will still be fighting for the rights of everyone," noted Commission Chair Judy Balaban.

"I am sad to see her go, as I enjoyed working with Ari on a range of human rights issues," said Legislature Chair Luis Alvarez. "She brought a lot to that office and has raised the visibility of the Commission."

Mir-Pontier is a dedicated professional with a breadth of

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community relations and outreach experience. As the Commission's Executive Director, she helped create an anti-bullying initiative in local schools and, via a press conference and community outreach, brought public recognition to the Holodomor, the forced starvation of millions of Ukrainians in the 20th century.

Many remember her as the multicultural program manager for the Sullivan Renaissance beautification and community development program. She will remain in the human rights arena via the MBK Program's Family and Community Engagement Council, among other endeavors.

"I've learned a great deal and met some incredible people. I am grateful to both the Commission and the Legislature for placing their faith in me, and I encourage them to find a successor as soon as possible. This is an important role in the community," Mir-Pontier remarked. "In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to do what I love: helping the people of Sullivan County."

Once Metzger's team opens an office in Liberty, Mir-Pontier will be primarily located in Sullivan County, helping constituents across the district with their needs, listening to their concerns and ideas (she is fluent in both English and Spanish), and representing the Senator in the community.

The Sullivan County Commission on Human Rights is dedicated to fostering mutual respect and understanding for the rights of all persons in Sullivan County. Meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Legislative Meeting Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. For more information, call 845-807-0189 or visit www.facebook.com/SCNYHRC.

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Gillibrand's Support for a Green New Deal Comes as Scientific Reports Repeatedly Warn that Climate Change Crisis is Real and Getting Worse

(From Pg. 7) This bold action is an opportunity to save our planet and transform our economy. The nation requires an ambitious agenda that offers quality jobs for hardworking Americans in every corner of our country. This means investing in the industries that support a green economy, including creating new manufacturing jobs producing renewable energy and new construction jobs upgrading public transit and energy efficiency in households and communities across the country. It means more workers restoring brownfields, forests, and wetlands, as well as replacing our aging water infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water for all. This also means prioritizing investments in workers and communities impacted by the decline of fossil fuel industries to honor their important role in powering our country and to harness their talent and commitment to building a new clean energy economy.

I hope we can work together in a bipartisan way to more aggressively and proactively reduce carbon emissions and foster the growth of the green economy. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to continuing to work with you as a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee in the 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator

Governor Cuomo Announces Proposal in FY 2020 Executive Budget to Bolster School Bus Safety Authorizes Stop Arm Cameras on School Buses and Increases Fines for Passing a School Bus Requires Students to Wear Seatbelts on School Buses

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced new proposals in his fiscal year 2020 Executive Budget to bolster student safety on school buses. The Governor's comprehensive proposal would authorize school districts to install stop-arm cameras on school buses, increase the fine for passing a stopped school bus and require students to wear seatbelts on school buses. These proposals build on the Governor's leadership in ensuring student safety and modernizing school safety laws.

"The safety of New York's schoolchildren is our top priority and reckless drivers who put our kids in danger must be held accountable," Governor Cuomo said. "Motorists have a responsibility to pay attention and abide by the law, especially when driving in the vicinity of school buses, and these measures will ensure students make it to and from school safely and help prevent needless tragedies."

In New York, approximately 1.5 million students ride school buses to and from school every year. Although it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus, on Operation Safe Stop in April 2018 - a day in which law enforcement target citations for passing a stopped school bus - over 850 people ignored the law and were ticketed. Extrapolated for 180 days of school, someone passes a stopped school bus 150,000 times a year, endangering the safety of school children.

To ensure students are safe on their way to and from school, the Governor is proposing authorizing school districts to install stop-arm cameras, which would document and record illegal passing of the school bus, and issue a resulting ticket in order to stop this behavior for good. As an added deterrent, the proposal would increase the fine for passing a stopped school bus to further increase student safety. In addition, the Governor has put forth a proposal that would require students to wear seatbelts on school buses.

Building on student safety reforms proposed in the FY 2020 Executive Budget, Governor Cuomo recently announced a proposal to formally reinstate the speed camera program in New York City and more than double the number of zones in which the cameras would be installed from 140 to 290. Speed cameras are a proven method to not only reduce car crashes, but improve the survivability rates in school zones. After the Republican-led Senate blocked passage of legislation that would have allowed the program to continue in 2018, Governor

Cuomo declared a State of Emergency as a temporary means of reinstating the program.

In 2016, Governor Cuomo modernized the school safety laws to increase student safety. The updated laws required school districts to designate a point of contact in case of emergency, increase training requirements for faculty and staff and update safety drills to include a lock down event.

REP. DELGADO'S WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Rep. Antonio Delgado Joins Bipartisan Task Force to Address PFAS/PFOA, Cosponsors Legislation to Declare Chemicals Hazardous & Clean Up Contaminated Sites

At press conference, Rep. Delgado highlights water crisis in Hoosick Falls & Petersburg

WASHINGTON, DC - Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) joined Democratic Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), Republican Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), and additional Members of Congress to announce the formation of the bipartisan Congressional PFAS Task Force. Delgado also joined as a cosponsor to a bipartisan bill that designates all PFAS chemicals as hazardous substances and allows the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clean up contaminated sites in New York and across the country.

"From what I've witnessed firsthand in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, and from hearing directly from the families that are impacted by PFAS/PFOA contamination, it's clear that this is an alarming situation. We must shed light on this issue in Upstate New York and across the country, and put more urgency behind it," Delgado said. "I'm glad to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to launch this important task force, as well as cosponsor a bipartisan bill that will require the EPA to treat PFAS/PFOA as the dangerous chemicals that they are."

The PFAS Task Force will work to more urgently address the public health threat of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances to better protect communities from the harmful effects of these dangerous chemicals. In the new Congress, the Task Force will work to:

- o Hold informational events to educate Members of Congress and their staff to increase awareness about PFAS chemicals.
- o Craft legislation to address PFAS contamination.
- o Meet with congressional leadership, committee chairs and ranking members to ensure PFAS is adequately and more urgently addressed.
- o Fight for more robust funding through federal appropriations to clean up PFAS contamination.

The EPA currently does not list any per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Superfund program which allows the EPA and federal agencies to clean up contaminated sites. The bipartisan PFAS Action Act that Delgado is backing would designate all PFAS chemicals under the Superfund program because they pose serious risks to human health and the environment, and there is a growing urgency and need to act. By making this listing, the EPA will be able to direct federal resources to clean up contaminated sites and limit the spread of these dangerous substances.

Rep. Antonio Delgado Takes on Third Committee, Will Serve on Small Business Committee

WASHINGTON, DC - Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced today that he will serve as a member of the Small Business Committee. The 19th Congressional District is home to over 27,000 small businesses.

"I look forward to advocating on behalf of the small businesses in our district as a member of this Committee," Delgado said. "From simplifying bureaucracy for business owners to ensuring that they have access to federal loans and resources, serving as a member of this committee will allow me to help the small businesses that are vital to our local economy in Upstate New York."

The Small Business Committee is the House of Representative's primary venue for small business policy matters. As a member of the committee, Delgado will review legislation and participate in hearings that involve ways to help small businesses as well as their work on federal government contracts.

Attorney General James and 45 Attorneys General Nationwide Reach \$120 Million Settlement with Johnson & Johnson and Medical Device Business Inc. (fka DePuy Inc., DePuy Orthopedics., and DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc.) Over Misleading Information about Hip Replacement Devices DePuy Mised Patients About Longevity, Efficacy of Hip Replacement Devices

NEW YORK-- Attorney General Letitia James announced today that she and 45 other Attorneys General across the country reached a \$120 million Consent Judgment with Johnson & Johnson and DePuy Inc. to resolve allegations that the company unlawfully promoted its metal-on-metal hip implant devices, the ASR XL and the Pinnacle Ultamet.

The Attorneys General allege that DePuy engaged in unfair and deceptive practices in its promotion of the ASR XL and Pinnacle Ultamet hip implant devices by making misleading claims as to the longevity, also known as survivorship, of metal-on-metal hip implants. DePuy advertised that the ASR XL hip implant had a survivorship of 99.2 percent at three years when the National Joint Registry of England and Wales reported a 7 percent revision rate at three years. Similarly, DePuy promoted the Pinnacle Ultamet as having a survivorship of 99.8 percent and 99.9 percent survivorship at five years when the National Joint Registry of England and Wales reported a 2.2 percent 3-year-revision rate in 2009 increasing to a 4.28 percent 5-year-revision rate in 2012.

"Doctors and their patients need to have accurate and up to date information to ensure that patients are receiving appropriate healthcare," said Attorney General Letitia James. "Companies should never be allowed to freely mislead the public, especially when there are health concerns involved. This settlement serves as an important message that deceptive and false medical practices will never be tolerated."

Some patients who required hip implant revision surgery to replace a failed ASR XL or Pinnacle Ultamet implant experienced persistent groin pain, allergic reactions, tissue necrosis, as well as a build-up of metal ions in the blood. The ASR XL was recalled from the market in 2010. DePuy discontinued its sale of the Pinnacle Ultamet in 2013.

As part of the Consent Judgment, DePuy has agreed to reform how it markets and promotes its hip implants. Under the Consent Judgment, DePuy is required to:

- o "Base claims of survivorship, stability or dislocations on scientific information and the most recent dataset available from a registry for any DePuy hip implant device.
- o "Maintain a post market surveillance program and complaint handling program.
- o "Update and maintain internal product complaint handling operating procedures including training of complaint reviewers.
- o "Update and maintain processes and procedures to track and analyze product complaints that do not meet the definition of Medical Device Reportable Events.
- o "Maintain a quality assurance program that includes an audit procedure for tracking complaints regarding DePuy Products that do not rise to the level of a Medical Device Reportable Event but that may indicate a device-related serious injury or malfunction.
- o "Perform quarterly reviews of complaints and if a subgroup of patients is identified that has a higher incidence of adverse events than the full patient population, determine the cause and alter promotional practices as appropriate.

Under the settlement New York State will receive \$4,663,161.92.

The investigation was led by Texas and South Carolina. In addition to New York, also participating in the settlement are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

On behalf of New York, the case was handled by Special Counsel Mary Alestra of the Consumer Frauds Bureau, under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura J. Levine and Bureau Chief Jane Azia.

WSUL Heart-A-Thon Friday, February 22nd 6AM - 6PM

Garden Café, Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC), Harris, NY

Heart-A-Thon Co-Chairs: Perry & Corey Gips & Jay Quaintanc

As you may be aware, we continue to support the WSUL Heart-A-Thon which directly benefits the Catskill Regional Medical Center. 2019 marks the 41th Anniversary of the Heart-A-Thon!

Last year, through your generosity, we surpassed our goal and would like to surpass our goal again for 2019. We need your help! Proceeds from this event again benefit the CRMC Cardio-Pulmonary Department and will be used to purchase much needed cardiac rehab telemetry software as well as educational programs as part of the initiative to improve the awareness and overall health of Sullivan County - 100% of the funds raised stay right here in Sullivan County.

We can only hope never to need the emergency heart services provided by CRMC. However, should the need unexpectedly arise; we certainly would be grateful to have the continued best care possible. You can help insure that by making your donation today. We are all stake holders in ensuring that the Heart Unit in our local hospital is the best that it can be.

Donations may be made in your own name or in memory of a loved one. Kindly make your donation through the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association and your business and generosity will be acknowledged on air at the event on Friday, February 22nd .

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Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com.

St. Augustine's Chapel

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Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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Pastor Kenneth Ronk

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 9:30 am

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong

845-985-2283

e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283

e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017 Capital Improvement Project – Phase 2

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Separate sealed proposals for General Construction Contract, Plumbing Contract, HVAC Contract, and Electrical Contract for the Tri-Valley Central School District, 2017 Capital Improvement Project – Phase 2, will be received by the Tri-Valley Central School District at the District Office, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville, New York 12740, until 11:00 AM local time on March 6, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Bidding Documents including, Instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal, General Conditions and Supplements, Drawings, and Specifications will be available after 10:00 AM on February 6, 2019.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Architect (SWBR, 5th Floor, 387 East Main Street, Rochester, New York 14604), and at the office of the Construction Manager (Lechase Construction, 31 Lewis Street, Suite 303, Binghamton, NY 13901).

Bidding Documents containing submittal requirements and forms may be obtained at Dataflow, Inc., 19 South Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13909 upon receipt of a bid deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each set of documents requested. Checks shall be made payable to Tri-Valley Central School District. Electronic document sets may also be purchased for \$25.00 made payable to Dataflow. Bid Documents, if requested, will be mailed to Bidders upon receipt of deposit and reimbursement for the cost of mailing. Mailing fee for one set is \$35.00 for UPS delivery. Check for mailing shall be payable to Dataflow, Inc. Phone number (607) 772-2001.

For viewing purposes only, contractors may go to www.goDataflow.com and click on SWBR Architects – (TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017 CIP).

The Tri-Valley Central School District hereby reserves the right to waive any informalities and reject any or all Bids or to accept the one that in its judgment will be for the best interest of the District. The awarding of the Contract will be subject to the approval of the New York State Education Department.

A Bid Bond or Certified Check made payable to the Owner in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid, subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders, must be deposited by each Bidder with his Bid as a guarantee that in the case the contract is awarded to him, he will within ten (10) days thereafter, execute such contract and furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond, and that Bidder shall not withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five (45) days after the above date of Bid opening, and to guarantee the performance of all other obligations of the Bidders as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Attention of the Bidders is called to the requirements as to the conditions of employment and minimum wage rates to be paid under this Contract, as well as to other provisions set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. Work shall be commenced and continuously and diligently prosecuted immediately after contracts have been signed.

Contract award shall be subject to the condition that the applicable plans and specifications for the work to be done shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

In order to familiarize Bidders with the project and conditions affecting the work, there will be a Pre-bid Meeting at 3:00 PM on February 19, 2019. Bidders shall meet at the Tri-Valley Secondary School, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville, New York, at the Main Entrance. At that time, bidders will be lead to the Auditorium for a question and answer period and tour of the site. All bidders are encouraged to attend. Attendance will be taken.

Dated: January 22, 2019

1/31/19

2019 TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE:

- **TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON THE ZONING**
- **ANTICIPATED POSITION AVAILABLE ON THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

The Town of Neversink announces two (2) positions available on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Both positions will be to finish out unexpired terms. One is for a regular member and one is for an alternate member.

There is also an anticipated opening on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board that will begin in June to finish out an unexpired term.

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 February 8th for the ZBA and March 8th for Parks & Recreation. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

1/31/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Michael and Joanne Dean for the purpose of a 2 lot Subdivision on Aden Rd. Parksville, (SBL# 34.-1-4).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

PLEASE NOTE: In case of inclement weather please call the Planning Board Clerk by 12:00 PM for cancellation information at (845) 985-2262 ext. 319.

BY ORDER OF PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

1/31/19

Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing at Holiday Mountain Discount Pass

There are still six weekends left to purchase your \$3 pass from Neversink Parks & Recreation Department for discounted rates on Skiing, Snowboarding and Snow tubing Sunday's at Holiday Mountain in Monticello.



TOWN OF NEVERSINK PARKS AND RECREATION
SKIING/SNOWBOARDING/TUBING DISCOUNT PASS

2019



\$3

Name: _____

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Holiday Mountain Ski & Fun Park
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Monticello, NY 12701

Valid Sundays Only - January 6th thru March 10th 2019

Hours: 10 am to 5 pm

Lift Tickets:

\$ 13.00 Per Person Lift Tickets

Rentals:

\$ 13.00 Per Person Ski Rental

\$ 13.00 Per Person Snow boots only

\$ 21.00 Per Person Snowboard Rental

Lessons:

Group Lessons 8 years & older \$ 15.00 per person

Group Lessons 6 & 7 years \$ 26.00 per person

Group Lessons 5 & under \$ 70.00 per person

Snow Tubing:

\$ 17 Per Person - 2 Hour Session

The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department will issue this ID card to each person paying \$3 wanting to ski, snowboard or tube at this discounted rate during the above dates. The Town is not responsible for lost or stolen discount passes.

**Anticipated Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

Director of Pupil Personnel Services

The Tri-Valley CSD is seeking a Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Candidates should possess specific leadership, programming, personnel and fiscal oversight success. This position will work collaboratively with the district administrative team to provide direction and oversight for leadership and coordination of all aspects of pupil personnel services: medical and health services, psychological and social work services, speech/hearing/assistive technology and special education.

NYS SDA or SDL certification with teaching exp. and a min. of (3) years administrative exp.

Forward letters of interest by **Feb. 15th**
To: recruitment@scbores.org or mail it to:
Sullivan County BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

1/17: 24: 31



**Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation**
273 Main Street PO BOX 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Call for info: (845) 985-2262
extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

2019 Upcoming Events

Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn

Jan. 25 - Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn
Jan. 26 - CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall
Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time
Mar. 22 Free Family Game Night & Pizza @ Daniel Pierce Library
March 29 - Free Urban Air Adventure Park

Check out flyers on table outside Parks & Rec office



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.

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.

**2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 10th	May 16th	September 12th
February 14th	June 13th	October 10th
March 14th	July 11th	November 14th
April 11th	August 15th	December 12th

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

- 2/2/19 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/5/19 Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 6 pm
- 2/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 2/13/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/17/19 Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 - 12 Noon
- 2/18/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T. 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 2/18/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/20/19 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/21/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/26/19 Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting 6 pm

To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2019** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.
You may email them to: 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

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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.

**Ellenville Regional Hospital
Auxiliary Fundraiser -
The Book of Mormon**

Tickets are now available for the Broadway show "Book of Mormon" Saturday, June 6, 2019 at 2 pm. Ticket price of \$160 includes show and bus. Pickups will be at the Ellenville Regional Hospital, Wurtsboro and Middletown.

Don't miss this opportunity. Call Helene Morris at 845-434-2665 for further information or any questions you may have.

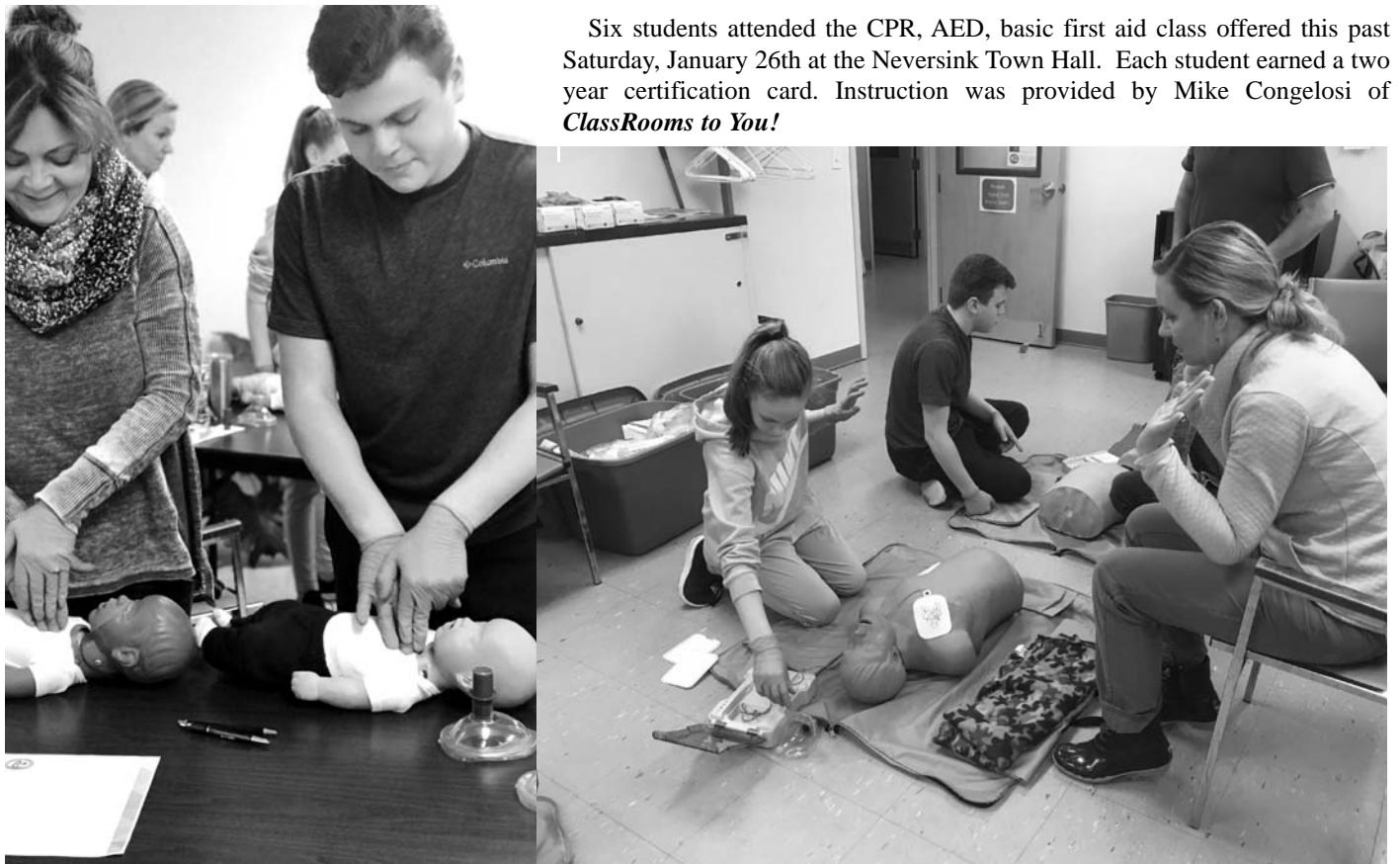
**Tri-Valley Elementary School
WANTED:
Local establishments to display student
KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

Students Earn First Aid Certification Card

Six students attended the CPR, AED, basic first aid class offered this past Saturday, January 26th at the Neversink Town Hall. Each student earned a two year certification card. Instruction was provided by Mike Congelosi of *ClassRooms to You!*





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 A Community Project**

If you haven't seen it yet, stop by the Neversink General Store to view "Locals", a new community project that promotes getting to know each other better. The project, developed and produced by world renown local artist and photographer, Les Stone is the talk of the town.



Les has been busy, donating his time, taking portrait photos of people from our local community and documenting them at the Neversink General Store where the collection is on exhibit. Stop by and see how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition.

"Locals" - it is free and it is fun! Have your picture added to the growing collection for posterity of family and community.

Stop by the Neversink General Store and set up a portrait sitting with Les for yourself, family or group of friends and become part of the presentation of this unique montage of human spirit that makes up our community.

3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!
 Before you put all that **Christmas** stuff back up in the attic, maybe you want to sort out what you no longer want and keep it handy. Think ahead! **The 3rd Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale is just 16 weeks away!** Whether you have your own yard sale, or donate items to the **Sundown Methodist Church Ladies for their sale** - it beats putting back what you no longer want. Mark your calendar now so you won't forget - **May 25-27 3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:
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 131 Peekamoose Road
 Sundown, NY 12740
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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2019
STARTING AT 8:30 AM
"RASHOMON" (Drama, 1950) Rashomon was made in Japan and was the first film to come into the U.S. after WWII. B/W - 89 min.. The story is set in medieval Japan. Four people offer conflicting accounts of a rape and murder. **Directed by Akira Kurosawa and starring Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, and Takashi Shimura.** Kurosawa's first huge international success is a superlative study of truth and human nature; four people tell varying accounts of what happened. The film's very title has become part of our language. Oscar winner as Best Foreign Film. Remade as THE OUTRAGE; 4:15 PM **"THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY"** (Drama, 1961); A recently released mental patient becomes obsessed with her younger brother. **Dir: Ingmar Bergman.** **Cast: Harriet Andersson, Gunnar Björnstrand, Max von Sydow;** 8:00 PM **"VIVA ZAPATA"** (Western, 1952) B/W - 113 min. Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata leads the peasants against a corrupt president. **Dir: Elia Kazan. Marlon Brando, Jean Peters, Anthony Quinn, Joseph Wiseman, Margo, Mildred Dunnock.** Vibrant film about Mexican peasant's rise to power and eventual Presidency. Brando is perfect in title role. Quinn equally fine in Oscar-winning performance as his brother. Script by John Steinbeck; 10:15 PM **"LUST FOR LIFE"** (Drama, 1956) C - 122 min. TV-PG Passionate biography of painter Vincent van Gogh. **Directed by Vincente Minnelli. Starring Kirk Douglas, Anthony Quinn, James Donald, Pamela Brown, Everett Sloane.** Kirk Douglas vividly portraying van Gogh's anguished life. Quinn won well-deserved Oscar for performance as painter-friend Gauguin, in this exquisite color production. Script by Norman Corwin. Produced by John Houseman;

Quiz:
 In the film "RASHOMON"
 1. Who played Tajomaru--The Bandit?
 2. Who played Masago--Takehiro's Wife?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood™
SUNDOWN
 Feb. 2, 2019 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
CLARYVILLE
 February 17, 2019 - Claryville Fire Dept. All you Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 - 12 Noon

GRAHAMSVILLE
 Saturday, March 23 **SWING DANCE LESSON & SAINTS OF SWING BAND.** Basic lesson with Linda & Chester from Got2Lindy Dance Studios at 6 to 7 pm and live music from 7 to 9 pm by Saints of Swing. No partner or experience needed to attend. \$15 per participant must be paid by Tuesday, March 12. Grahamsville Fire Dept., 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
 1. Toshiro Mifune
 2. Machiko Kyo
Answers: