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## Fallsburg Student Receives STAR Award for Heroism



Left to right are Vice President of FCSD Board of Education Katherine Rappaport, STAR Award recipient Cyrus Navas and FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz

At the March 4, 2020 FCSD Board of Education Meeting, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz presented a FCSD STAR Award to thirteen-year-old Fallsburg student Cyrus Navas. The Rolling V Bus Company nominated Cyrus for his quick thinking and heroic action during a serious accident involving the school van he was on during the morning of February 19, 2019. The van was struck by another vehicle that caused it to spin out of control and onto its side.

Rolling V drivers and monitors are trained to evacuate a vehicle when there is potential for a second impact. The staff that was not injured started to work on the evacuation, but with the bus laying on its side, the monitor was having difficulties getting students out of the harnesses in the car seat and the safety vest. When Cyrus realized that the monitor was having difficulties, he calmly started helping the monitor to get the twisted straps undone. He did not show any fear or hesitation in assisting the other students on the bus.

For his act of true heroism in light of the challenging circumstances, Cyrus Navas was most deserving of the STAR Award. He certainly made a difference in the lives of his fellow students. At the ceremony, Rolling V Operations Manager Linda Kleingardner and her daughter Jamie Sklar, the Operations Manager, presented Cyrus a thank you card with a gift card on behalf of the grateful company.

## Read Across America Day is Another Huge Success at Tri-Valley



Families reading together

On Thursday, February 27, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA), Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA), and the Tri-Valley Administrative Association (TVAA) sponsored a Read Across America night at Tri-Valley Central School.

That evening, all parents and students in grades PK-6 were invited back to the school for "Dinner and Story." Teachers, support staff members, administrators, and Board of Education members served families a free spaghetti dinner. After the dinner, each family headed to the library to pick out a free book. Upon choosing their book, families then headed upstairs to the "reading room" to spend some quality time reading together. (Contd. Pg. 8)



Picking out free books!

## Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk

The Tri-Valley Lions will hold their annual Journey For Sight Walk on Saturday, May 2, 2020. Registration will be at 8:30am at The First Aid Squad Building in Grahamsville, with a variable length walk around the Fairgrounds starting promptly at 9:00am.



2016 Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk

Refreshments will be served, and this is a rain or shine event. We hold these annual walks to honor and in memory of our dearly departed and beloved Tri-Valley Lions who have left us all too soon. In fact in the photo is our much missed Tri-Valley Lion, Liza Salvemini, (2nd from left) who we lost way too early. The pledges we collect during this walk and accompanying Tag Day, helps The Tri-Valley Lions to support 5 local food pantries, donate to wonderful organizations like Guiding Eyes for the Blind, (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## TVTA Recognizes Claryville & Loch Sheldrake Fire Departments



This year our Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is continuing to reach out and recognize organizations within our community who are our "partners in education."

For our second recognition of this year, we chose to thank the Claryville Fire Department and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department for their continued commitment to the Tri-Valley community and its students.

Through their selfless attitudes and heroic volunteerism, the Claryville and Loch Sheldrake Fire Departments are one of a kind organizations. Our TVTA recognizes all that they do. We are grateful for all the support they give to us, our students, and our community.

Thank you, Claryville and Loch Sheldrake Fire Departments, for being our partners in education. Together, we make a difference!



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to naught.  
Job 8:22

## OBITUARIES

**Louis Boncek**, of Grahamsville, passed away on Saturday, February 29, 2020. He was 94.

He was the son of the late John Boncek and Marianna Mydlack, born on September 6, 1925 in Johnston City, NY.

Louis proudly served his country from 1942 to 1945 in the US Navy, where he earned a Purple Heart after being seriously wounded. He then went on to work as an Elementary Teacher for Tri-Valley School District. In his free time he enjoyed working with his hands, either wood working or outside in the yard. He was known to be very handy and took care of several houses in Sundown, NY. He was a member of the Woodbourne Chapter of VFW and was a past commander, and he was a founding member of the C&I Convention. When he wasn't busy out in the community he could be found, relaxing with a good book, he loved to read. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, he will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; children Louis Boncek Jr. and his wife Sharon, John Boncek, Mark Boncek and his wife Michele, Marianna Boncek and her partner, David Kime, and Holley Robert Boncek and his wife Donna; as well as eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law Mary Durham; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com)

## COLLEGE NEWS:

Christina Wells of Grahamsville, NY, made the Dean's List with Honors for the Fall 2019 semester. Christina is in her senior year at SUNY Empire State College and is majoring in Community & Human Services.

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

#### March 8, 1950 -

The Sullivan County 4H organization, of which Mr. Robert Many is a director, has completed negotiations to buy the Hasbrouck property near Claryville for use as a permanent camp. This property which adjoins the Ives Burton place, was the scene of logging operations by the Leonard Lumber Co., during the war.

The tunnel connecting the Neversink Dam with Lackawad was in 7762 feet on the Grahamsville end as of Saturday morning, according to a spokesman in the B.W.S. office. Frazier-Davis Construction Co., contractors for this project, are employing approximately 180 men and are working around the clock for a 5-day week.

Sap weather seems to be on the way after a cold spell of two weeks' duration. There is so much snow in the woods, however that it is almost impossible to get around. Local farmers are ready to tap as soon as conditions permit.

Slim Skellett and his Rocky Mountaineers will make another appearance at Memorial Hall on March 21st.

Ben J. Slutsky has made application in Supreme Court for an injunction to enjoin NYC from conducting proposed rainmaking experiments in this county, it was announced last week.

#### March 9, 1960 -

The new heating system is being installed in the Methodist Church. Eugene Fuller, Vincent Zanetti and John Donelli are giving their time on Saturdays to do the installing.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conklin of Peekamoose are the parents of a baby girl born on March 2nd at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital.

Birthday wishes go out this week to Mrs. Donald Hill, Robert VanKeuren, Charles Rose, Christine and Mike Dean on the 17th; Mrs. R.C. Countryman, the 18th and John Knight the 19th.

It is reported from people living in the vicinity that a herd of perhaps fifty deer graze at Lows Corners and that they are being molested and chased by a pack of five dogs. It would be well for owners who valued their dogs to take measures to restrain them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wessell Cross have sold their camp on Rocky Hill to Mr. Norman Barnes of New York City.

Phillip West, son of the Reverend and Mrs. H.P. West of Grahamsville, is on the Dean's List at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York. Phillip, a Tri Valley Central School graduate, ranked 4th in a class of 245 men.

"The trouble with life is that by the time you know your way around, you usually don't feel like going."

- Cy N. Peace

#### March 11, 1970 -

The Methodist Church will join with 30 other Protestant churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal. The theme for this appeal is "Half of the world lives in the shadow of need. Your help today - self help tomorrow."

It seems that young Floyd VanWagner has a pen pal in France who requested one of our newspapers, and it was nice to learn that the one chosen is to be "The Townsman."

Some members of the Tri Valley Squares drove to Binghamton, N.Y. for a night of square dancing with the Shufflin Shoes dance group on Saturday. Among those who made the trip were: June and Tom Smith, Wardell Graham, George and Bib Wagner, John and Louise Sawchuck, Shirley and John Barlow and Kitty and John McKenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ross of Swan Lake are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on March 5th. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Ross are the paternal grandparents.

The Sullivan County unit of the American Cancer Society is planning a fashion show on March 12, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in Grossingers. Helen Morrell of Masten Lake will supply the fashions. Many area women will be modeling in the show.

#### March 6, 1980 -

"George Washington Slept Here" is coming your way as the senior play on March 21st and 22nd at the Tri-Valley High School auditorium. The play is under the direction of Mrs. Kay Cloonan and features a cast of 17 members.

Floyd VanWagner is happy to have his wife, Gladys back home after she spent a week with Ray and Barbara Van Wagner in Warner Robbins, Ga. Their grandson, Jimmy saw his first snowfall when Georgia was hit with two inches of snow the first week in February.

Tommy VanWagner writes from Africa aboard the destroyer escort USS Capodanno, to say all is O.K.

The New York State Education Department today announced the names of those high school students who have won Regents Scholarships. Each scholarship entitles the recipient to an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study at an approved program in New York State. The winners are: Gary Carlsen, Elizabeth Condon, Amy Fuente, Elyse Hornbeck, Thomas Krum, Michael Rogoff, John Sheeley and Wendy Smith.

### SUNDOWN SNOWSNAKE MYSTERY FINALLY SOLVED!

Floyd Van Wagner claimed he saw a snowsnake or two years ago. Ever since it's been rumored that Sundown was the home of the reptilian world's most elusive member.

Evidence is just in that early explorers to Manitoba left some anecdotal evidence in the form of crude drawings on birch bark suggesting the existence of the great white snakes.

While some authors have denounced these images as mere doodles, or suggested instead that they represent wisps of smoke rising from camp fires, Cree legends tell of slithering white beings with forked tongues, and oddly, there are pictures of early European explorers that accompany such tales.

So now that we know that snowsnakes do exist, we can add them to the list along with the 'snow fairy' and gnomes that make this little hamlet their abode.

## Tri-Valley Lions Annual Journey For Sight Walk on Saturday, May 2

(From Pg. 1) Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Rhulen R4 walk for leukemia, lymphoma, and many types of cancer, The Catskill Regional Heart-A-Thon, perform free eye screenings for local elementary school children, purchase glasses for those in need and without the funds to do so, and on and on and on.

If you would like to join us for this year's walk, please contact Lion Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 or Lion Carmen Salvemini at 845-436-5810 for pledge sheets or more details about The Journey For Sight Walk.

## Kate Landau Places 14th of 390 Qualifiers in the 2020 Women's Olympic Marathon Trials

On Saturday in Atlanta Georgia, Tri-Valley Graduate Kate Landau placed 14th of 390 qualifiers

in the 2020 Women's Olympic Marathon Trials, with a time of 2:34.07. The Top 3 will represent the USA at the Olympics in Tokyo. Congratulations!!

Also "Down the Road". Tri-Valley Graduate Van "Chip" Furman will be inducted into the Section 9 Hall of Fame Sunday May 3rd. He is the 6th TV representative to be inducted.

## NEVERSINK NEWS:

- Hulda Vernooy

Belated Happy Birthday to Russ Turner, Jr. on the 4th. Ed Bailey from Claryville will be celebrating his birthday on the 24th.

Happy Birthday and have a great year! Sincere condolences from the community to the family of Joe Inghrim.

## Saving History a Word at a Time – Volunteers from all over the Country Transcribing Old Documents for the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - So much of what we know of people in the past comes from official records such as cemetery and census records, and birth, marriage and death certificates. But there is so much more to know - how did people in the past feel? What did they think? What made them happy? What did they worry about? Official records don't tell us these things - but handwritten documents do.

The Time and the Valleys Museum, like many other local museums and historical societies, has received many donations of handwritten records from the mid-1800s through the 1950s that are carefully preserved, but not accessible because they are so fragile, or deciphering them takes too much time and effort. Handwritten diaries, ledgers, oral histories and stories are full of important information about people's lives, but most are hard to read because of poor handwriting, misspellings and lack of punctuation, and are written in ink long since faded, on brittle, yellowed paper.



Juliana Hanford George and her husband and children on their farm on South Hill in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, early 20th century.

Dedicated Museum volunteers from all over the U.S. and even Canada are helping changing this at the Time and the Valleys Museum. Together they are unlocking the information contained in handwritten ledgers, diaries, and oral histories to make them accessible and searchable to anyone interested, including researchers, genealogists, historians and family members.

It all started about two years ago, when Director Donna Steffens decided to list volunteer opportunities on the website [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org), hoping to attract more volunteers to help the Museum. While several local people did respond, there were many more interested in helping the Museum - but just lived too far away. They were responding from all over the country with offers to help! So she began sending these volunteers copies of the handwritten records via email, asking that they please type the records into a word document and send it back when finished.

The results have been wonderful - so far 16 diaries, 1 ledger, and 3 oral histories have been completely transcribed and are now easily readable and fully searchable. Currently, long distance Museum volunteers in New Jersey, Virginia, Oregon, Canada, Westchester NY, Upstate NY and several local volunteers are working on nine more transcribing projects. All have made significant contributions to saving local history and making it more accessible. The Museum is extremely grateful for all these volunteers working so hard to transcribe local history materials - an invaluable legacy to leave for future generations.

The completed transcribing projects are available to the public in the Museum's research center, and by the end of 2020, many will be available on the Museum's website: [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Museum transcribing handwritten documents at home, please contact the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

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

Current exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening May, 2020.

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



**To the Left:** Meghan Kerr, of Canada is one of the document transcribers who is working on one of the diaries from Juliana Hanford George, who lived on a family farm in Grahamsville during the early 20th century.

Meghan Kerr is a museum technician currently living in Kingston, Ontario, but is originally from Michigan. She is the wife of an active duty soldier, and a mother to two young children. She has her Masters in Museum Studies and hopes to one day become a collections manager, but is volunteering for now. She is really enjoying her volunteer work from afar with Time and the Valley's Museum!

## 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.

### Lucky Little Black Squirrel!

If you've spotted one of these little guys out and about, consider yourself lucky. To most, it is a pretty uncommon sight. However, in the Tri-Valley area every now and then you will see a black squirrel scampering about.

It was thought the first black squirrels sighted in the United States was during the early 1900's, when they were quite scarce. Today, especially in Canada, they are becoming an increasingly common sight.

Black squirrels are the result of a genetic mutation which stops their fur from turning to grey. Scientists are saying that this is due to a gene that could also make them more immune to diseases.



If you look closely at grey squirrel hairs, they are not actually grey at all but are a combination of white, black and orange stripes. The hairs of a black squirrel has no

stripes; they are just plain black.

In grey Squirrel, the pigment gene works by producing two hormones. Researchers claim that one hormone turns the switch on to make black fur, and a different hormone turns the switch off to make orange and white fur. In the grey squirrel, as the fur is growing, the switch turns on and off to make the stripes. In the black squirrel, because there is a piece of DNA missing, the first hormone that switches on continues to work and black fur is made, but the second hormone that should switch off, does not work, and the black fur continues to grow - the 'switching off and on' process never happens and their fur remains jet black.

The mutated black squirrels are not threatening to grey squirrels. The black squirrel is the same species as the grey squirrel. A black squirrel can mate with grey squirrels and their offspring will have a combination of faulty and fully working genes. If the mutated gene is inherited from both parents chances are greater that a piece DNA will be missing that involves producing pigment.

The call is still out on what has caused this mutation in an animal that has inhabited this country for eons and why, despite the fact black Squirrel have a better immune system and because of their black fur, can withstand cold weather better than grey squirrels, black squirrels are still outnumbered by grey squirrels.

According to some researchers, black squirrels were introduced to the United States in 1902 when they were gifted to the National Zoo in Washington DC from Ontario's Department of Crown Land. Some of the squirrels were released into the wild where they established a healthy community. By the 1980s the black variants slowly migrated and were routinely spotted. Adding to this theory is the fact that when the first settlers landed in America, there were probably a billion squirrels living in the dense hardwood forest that blanketed eastern America. As our wilderness began to be opened up by lumbering and burning and planting corn and grain fields in the woodland clearings, their woodland habitat began to shrink. Over the years, America squirrels have adapted to living at the edge of human civilization quite comfortably, and most likely mating with the gifted black squirrels.

An interesting phenomenon is that the concentrations of black squirrels is often reported to top out at around 25% of the total squirrel population. One reason that the black population reaches a limit has been speculated that while black squirrels are better adapted to the cold and they are more immune to diseases, their black coat makes them easier for predators to spot.

To some a black squirrel is as a lucky omen, but a Choctaw Legend claims solar eclipses were attributed to black squirrel. They believed a black squirrel ate up the sun, and had to be driven off if mankind were still to enjoy heat and light. Apparently, black squirrels are not such a new phenomena! They just have had times of bad luck and good luck! Either way, black Squirrels are fun to watch, as long as they are not in the bird feeder!

## Household Hints

### Clean Windshield Wiper Blades

When your windshield actually gets blurrier after you turn on your wipers it usually means that your wiper blades are dirty. To make them as good as new, dampen a cloth or rag with some full-strength white vinegar and run it down the full length of each blade once or twice.



## This Storm

### Mysterious Book Report No. 381

by John Dwaine McKenna

The writer James Ellroy is a genius, and a living legend who follows no rules but his own. He cuts, slashes and burns the English language however he sees fit, then reassembles it at will in his own inimical style to bring forth what can only be called masterpieces of American literature. He writes fiction; he writes about crime, criminals and criminality, but transcends genre and creates iconic works that are universally admired, unique, and wholly original. He is irascible, unpredictable, utterly unpretentious . . . and what every serious wordsmith wishes to be when they grow up. So when he produces a new work, the whole world pays attention. Here's his latest:

*This Storm*, (Knopf, \$29.95, 590 pages, ISBN 978-0-307-95700-9) by James Ellroy, is the follow-up to 2014's *Perfidia*, and picks up the narrative in January 1942. The city of Los Angeles, and the whole country, is reeling in shock from the unprovoked sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. In the City of Angels, local Japanese citizens are being rounded up and slammed in jail as widespread and violent anti-Japanese sentiment sweeps the nation, and the internments begin. That's when a massive thunderstorm hits the city, causing floods, mudslides, and a body in a burnt wooden box to wash up in Griffith Park. The cops tag and bag it as routine evidence, but they're wrong. It's an early warning sign of chaos, and an indicator of the tectonic social shifts that are about to grip the city.

Told with a robust cast of characters who never seem to run out of schemes, malice or bad intentions, the twists, turns and treachery, as well as the debauchery, depravity and savagery is unending in this hard-boiled look at a country at war with the world, and a city at odds with itself.

From the author's booknotes:

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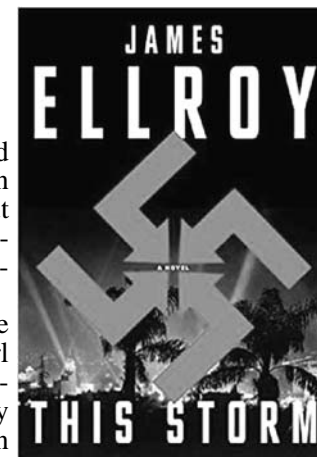
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We hope you enjoy this review of one of our *12 Best books of the Year*. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*.

Should be more news when we get it.

*John*



## SC Launches Webpage Devoted to Coronavirus Information Public Needs Facts, Not Fear, Says Health Director

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services today debuted a webpage on the County:

[website, www.sullivan.ny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus](http://www.sullivan.ny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus)

exclusively about COVID-19, commonly known as 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

County staff, led by the County's Incident Command System (ICS) team, are actively monitoring and preparing for this strain of coronavirus. While highly contagious, the virus is lethal in less than 3% of cases, often resulting in mild to moderate flu-like symptoms, so Public Health Services is urging residents to become informed and prepared for the impacts of this illness, rather than simply worry about the ongoing headlines regarding coronavirus.

"COVID-19 has not yet been found in Sullivan County, but as of March 6, it's as close as Rockland County," Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw related. "Sullivan County leaders, including myself, are taking this very seriously and are daily engaged in planning for its imminent arrival."

"This new webpage is designed to show what we, the State and the Federal authorities are doing in response, and to arm viewers with facts instead of fear," she added. "We are ready to take immediate action with any coronavirus cases that manifest in Sullivan County. In the meantime, residents should stay calm and take everyday precautions such as washing your hands, staying home if sick, covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, and getting a flu shot (it's not too late to get one)."

### What to Look For

The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms like:

- cough
- fever
- trouble breathing and
- pneumonia

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

### What to Do

For those who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern within the last 14 days (particularly China, Italy, South Korea and Japan) or who have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas or to other countries that are experiencing an increase in the number of cases, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Call ahead before going, and tell them about your travel and symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others. Stay home, except to seek medical care.
- Avoid further travel until the illness resolves.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If that's unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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

There is a general Information line for the public who have questions about Novel Coronavirus: 1-888-364-3065.

Additional information and resources are available here:

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

## Meeting of Long Term Care Council

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, March 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, Sullivan NY Connects, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

## AARP Driver Safety Program

An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: Narrowsburg Firehouse Narrowsburg, New York Tuesday & Thursday, March 17 & 19, 2020 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM To Register - Call Keith at 845-252-3264.

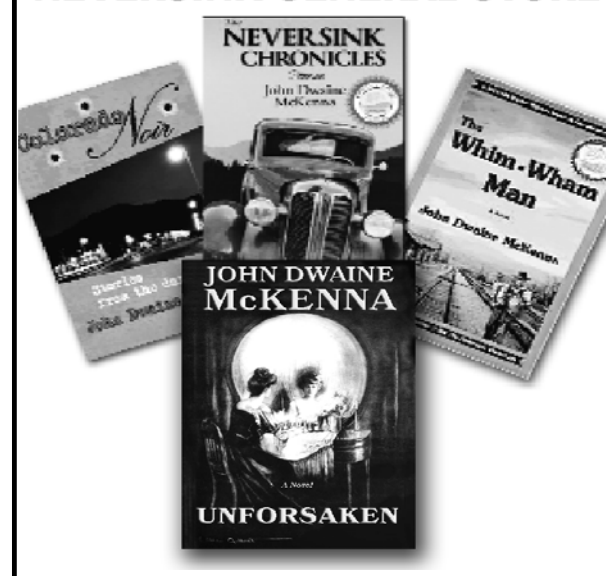
David "Scottie" Greenberger, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in two sessions, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations.

Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Keith at 845-252-3264.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP. Classes are limited to 30, so apply early. This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

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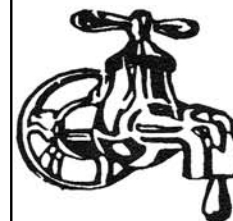
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### The Corona Virus

I have sixteen doorknobs that have successfully been disinfected after being neglected for twelve years. I have done my hoarder shopping as a result of marathon news flashes about quarantine at home. I now feel confident to have enough paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues in case I need to spend 2021 in self-quarantine. I have cornered the market on soaps and detergents. There are enough books I have yet to read and unfinished projects to do at home that, if I feel well enough, I might read and accomplish.

Seriously, I am trying to make slight adjustments to my lifestyle. My pantry is stocked and my freezer can feed a neighborhood for a decade. I attack germs on my shopping cart and steering wheel with sanitizers. My hands are rubbed raw as I do my Lady MacBeth hand washing and wringing impression. "Out damn spot!" It is my personality that needs adjustment.

I am a hugger. I am a toucher. I am a feeler. Or I should say, I was. Now I am a fist bumper or distance waver.

I also am aware of how much my hands touch my face and hair. The more I try to keep my disinfected hands away from my eyes, nose and mouth, the more I am aware of itches, twitches and adjustments to my hairdo. As a pastel artist who has more chalk on hands than on easel, I can imagine my face painted as a bizarre clown as the landscape of my hand to face contacts.

Avoiding crowds is a hard one. Being a reincarnated yenta, I like to be out and about with people. I have, however, modified the CDC's recommendations and made them my own. I do not have a mask but a fashionable (washable) scarf tucked in my sleeve. I have a washcloth, soaked in disinfectant, in a plastic container in my car to wipe down my steering wheel. I have disposable gloves to pump gas. I do wipe down the keyboards, phones and remotes that get shared.

It is suggested that one be well hydrated so I drink lots of water and follow that water with some antiseptic red wine. I will drink a toast to your good health.



### AARP Driver Safety Program

An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: Lumberland Senior Center, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey, New York on Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 8:30 - 3:00 PM. BRING LUNCH

To Register - Call Sheila Hocker at 845-856-1707. Pre-registration required.

David "Scottie" Greenberger, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations.

Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sheila Hocker at 845-856-1707.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members; Classes are limited to 30, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

### Community Driver Safety Program/Defensive Driving Class

A Community Driver Safety Program will be held at the Callicoon Town Hall 19 Legion Street, Jeffersonville, New York on Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 10:00AM-4:30PM (This allows for lunch)

To register and for information for the class contact Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., at 845-807-6005. Pre-registration required payment is requested in order to confirm your spot in the class. Web Page: communitydriversafetyprograms.com

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in a one day sessions, which will consist of lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program will help reduce your auto insurance by 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee is \$25 per person over 50 years of age and \$30 per person under 50 years of age.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and sponsored by Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., Callicoon Town Hall, Sullivan County RSVP and Office for the Aging.

### EPL&M to Screen RESILIENCE Film about Kids & Toxic Stress

Ellenville Public Library, ACES and Ulster County will present RESILIENCE on Friday, March 13th at 5:30pm followed by a four-member live panel discussion led by Ulster County Assistant Executive Director Anna Markowitz. This special screening is free and open to the public.

RESILIENCE looks at the birth of the CDC-Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and how it spawned a movement across the world. It premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2016; its first two screenings were sold out.

Researchers have recently discovered a dangerous biological syndrome caused by abuse and neglect during childhood. As RESILIENCE reveals, toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk for disease, home-

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lessness, prison time and early death. The 60-minute film delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), a new movement to treat and prevent toxic stress.

While the broader impacts of poverty worsen the risk, no segment of society is immune. Resilience, however, also chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back. Trailblazers in pediatrics, education and social welfare are using cutting-edge science and field-tested therapies to protect children from the insidious effects of toxic stress-and the dark legacy of a childhood that no child would choose.

According to Director James Redford, "The more resilient a child is, the more likely they are to deal with negative situations in a healthy way that won't have prolonged and unfavorable outcomes. Resilience is not an innate characteristic, but rather is a skill that can be taught, learned and practiced. Everybody has the ability to become resilient when surrounded by the right environments and people."

In addition to Anna Markowitz, panelists include: Janice Cyr, Institute for Family Health; Kezia Cooper, Ulster County Mental Health; and Kim Mapes, Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center.

The 60-minute film will be shown in the library's community room at 40 Center Street.

For more information, call 845-647-5530.

### Senator Metzger Congratulates Schools on State Funding for Classroom Safety and Modernization

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Nearly \$5 billion in funding for technology investments through the State's Smart Schools Bond Act is being awarded to school districts represented by Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) in Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Delaware counties. The goals of this state technology initiative are to enhance safety, modernize classrooms across New York State, and provide students with the skills they need to thrive in the global economy. Schools will use the funding to pay for wireless connectivity, updated computer servers and laptops, and improve video surveillance capabilities for school safety, among other technological investments.



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"These grants help address real needs in our schools, whether it's equipping our kids with computer-based educational opportunities or making sure they have a safe learning environment," said Senator Metzger. "I want to congratulate the six school districts I represent on receiving this important funding to help bring their classrooms and buildings into the 21st century and ensure that every child can succeed in today's world."


School receiving funding from the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act in Metzger's Senate District include:

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This fee will apply to residential real property. For information on property class codes, go to <https://www.tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/manuals/prclas.htm#residential>.

In Sullivan County, this fee will apply to residential deed documents executed on or after March 11, 2020 and received over the counter or through the mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS, etc.). For deed documents that are recorded electronically (e-Recording), the fee will apply to those documents submitted on or after March 11, 2020.

This fee will not apply to commercial transactions.

**Wilderness Rescue in the Town of Shandaken**

On Feb. 28 at 3 p.m., a 39-year-old man from Brooklyn left Woodland Valley Campground and headed to Giant Ledge when he decided to stay the night because it was getting dark. At 6 a.m. the next morning, a hiker exited his tent to watch the sunrise when he noticed the man, who was extremely cold and had no feeling in his hands or feet. The hiker and his hiking partner put the man in their tent and covered him with their down sleeping bag before calling 911. Ulster County 911 dispatched the Big Indian Fire Department and Shandaken paramedics to the scene. The Fire Department requested Forest Ranger assistance and Ranger Erik Stratton arrived on scene at approximately 9 a.m., hiking in with six firefighters. Forest Ranger Stratton continued to warm the man while Forest Ranger Richard Franke, Jr. made his way with an additional firefighter and a UTV from the Claryville Fire Department. At approximately 11 a.m., the man warmed up enough to walk to the awaiting UTV, which transported him to an ambulance. EMS evaluated the man at the scene, but he refused further medical treatment and was released.



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Catherine Shick t with 237 pounds of food collected by DEC employees during an office food drive along with 400 reusable #BYOBagNY bags at FeedMore WNY's #Buffalo warehouse

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 9 staff delivered reusable bags and donated food on Wednesday, March 4, to FeedMore WNY, the agency that recently joined together the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for WNY. "DEC is pleased to deliver 400 reusable bags along with more than 230 pounds of food to support FeedMore WNY's critical mission that combats hunger across Buffalo and Western New York," said Abby Snyder, DEC Region 9 Director. "I'm proud of the generosity exhibited by our regional DEC staff who collaborated with an office food drive that led to today's donation. The reusable bags will also directly assist the area's

population in carrying their food to their homes."

The reusable BYOBagNY (Bring Your Own Bag New York) delivery supports DEC's ongoing campaign to encourage New Yorkers to use reusable bags wherever and whenever they shop. DEC is currently distributing hundreds of thousands of reusable bags across the state, with a focus on low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with the help of partner state agencies, Feeding New York State, regional food bank organizations, and other stakeholders.

"FeedMore WNY is thrilled to have this generous donation of food and reusable bags from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. We will distribute this nutritious food to our partner food pantries that serve our hungry community members," Catherine Shick, communications director for FeedMore WNY, said. "The reusable bags will be a great help to those who rely on our agencies and Mobile Food Pantry program for food assistance. They will provide our neighbors in need with a convenient and environmentally-friendly way to carry their groceries home."

The food was collected as part of DEC's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Statewide Food Drive. Region 9 collected 237 pounds of food to benefit FeedMore WNY as part of the multi-month effort. FeedMore WNY assists 129,000 individuals through 300 agencies and programs that include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, group homes, snack programs, camps and child and adult day cares throughout Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties.

DEC will continue to focus its outreach and education efforts to ensure a smooth transition for consumers and affected retailers. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation to ban the sale of single-use plastic bags in New York State on Earth Day, April 22, 2019. About FeedMore WNY

FeedMore WNY offers dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to its Western New York neighbors in need. Through its Food Bank Distribution Center and partner hunger-relief agencies, as well as its Meals on Wheels and other targeted feeding programs, FeedMore WNY alleviates hunger and assists community members of all ages throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties. More information can be found at FeedMore WNY's website.

## Weather Forecast

SUNRISE: 7:16 AM  
SUNSET: 6:56 PM

AVERAGE HIGH: 46°F AVERAGE LOW: 26°

### THURSDAY



HIGH: 51°F LOW: 35°F

### FRIDAY



HIGH: 52°F LOW: 35°F

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 50°F LOW: 32°F

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 45°F LOW: 30°F

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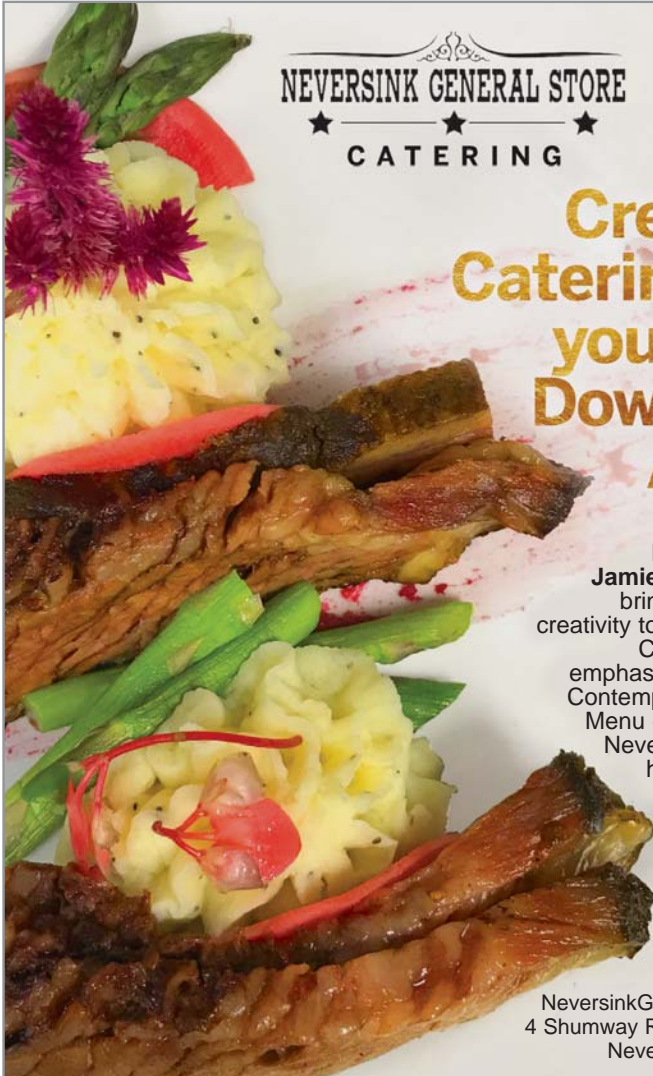


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## Read Across America Day is Another Huge Success at Tri-Valley



Families eating their spaghetti dinners

(From Pg. 1) Overall, the event was a huge success. Hundreds of books were given away and approximately 200 dinners were served. The TVTA, TESSA, and TVAA unions would like to thank everyone for all of their support. They would also like to thank the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and the First Book organization, both who were instrumental in helping the TVTA obtain the books.

## Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall



Students from Tri-Valley and Columbia Secondary School together

Thursday, February 27 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town Hall collaboration with 8th graders from Columbia Secondary School out of New York City. The Mock Town Hall went back to the year 1900 to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area. (Contd. Pg. 9)



## Frost Valley's Annual Women's Wellness Weekend Features Wine Tasting and Wellness Classes

CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA invites women to its Women's Wellness Weekend from March 27-29, 2020 to rejuvenate their spirit, mind, and body. Women will gather from near and far to connect with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a host of classes designed just for women to be mentally, physically, and spiritually rewarding. New classes and activities, including a wine tasting and education course presented by Bet The Farm Winery, will infuse excitement and energy into this time-honored weekend in addition to its popular wellness classes taught by beloved returning presenters.



Guests can pay a day rate of \$235 per person or reserve lodging (price varies with accommodation choice) and spend a week-end enjoying Frost Valley's scenic grounds. Women can relax their minds and bodies with massage and yoga. Classes like pottery, watercolor painting, creative writing, and glass etching will ignite the artist within, allowing guests to express themselves in new ways. They will also participate in invigorating dance classes, take nature hikes to scenic vistas, or soar down the zipline.

“It is a gift to see the scenery that surrounds this beautiful setting. But what makes Frost Valley YMCA truly unique is the people who invite you into their lives by giving you a sense of family and a genuine interest in making your stay enjoyable. The greetings from the staff are always accompanied by a smile; their (how can I help you) questions are always from the heart; and the workshops at the Women's Wellness Weekend are always filled with learning and a refreshing perspective,” said Gracanne Ryan, a former Women's Wellness Weekend participant.

During this women's retreat, delicious and nutritious wellness cuisine is prepared and will accommodate a wide range of nutritional needs and restrictions. A variety of lodging is available from hotel-style lakefront accommodations to rustic cabins, to lodges perfect for large groups. Lodging options are subject to availability.

Anyone interested in attending Women's Wellness Weekend is encouraged to contact Frost Valley as soon as possible since spaces fill up quickly. For more information go to [frost-valley.org/womenswellness](http://frost-valley.org/womenswellness) or call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 to make reservations

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(From Pg. 8) In preparation for the event, students from both schools learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English, social studies, and science classes. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of four different stakeholder groups: Catskill residents, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group.



Students look on during the Town Hall

On Thursday morning, Columbia Secondary School came to Tri-Valley. Eighth grade students were mixed in their groups (half from one school, half from the other) and had the first part of the morning to meet in their groups and plan out their arguments. This also gave students time to get to know each other.

During the Town Hall, students debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government talked about the desperate need for clean water. The Catskill residents focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their livelihood and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event-Director of Public Affairs for New York City Environment Protection and Bureau of Water Supply, Adam Bosch, as well as a panel of esteemed guests: Dick Coombe, local resident, former Assemblyman, and President of the Time and the Valleys Museum; Samantha Costa, Catskill Watershed Corporation Communication/Education Coordinator; Diane Galusha, published author and former Communications Director/Education Coordinator at Catskill Watershed Corporation; Ari Mir-Pontier, Constituent Services Manager for Senator Jen Metzger; Tom Pavlesich, Watershed Agricultural Council; Dave Pulley, Tri-Valley Secondary School Principal; Nick Sadler, DEP's Bureau of Water Supply, Capital Projects Manager; and Mike Williams, Tri-Valley Superintendent. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.

After the event, all students, teachers, and panel members had time to sit down and eat lunch together. The lunch was catered by the Sullivan County BOCES culinary program students under the direction of instructor and local resident Kathy Poppo. The lunch was also a huge success, as it gave everyone more time to get to know each other.

This Mock Town Hall was organized through the collaboration of Laura Schultz, teacher at Columbia Secondary School; Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher at Tri-Valley; and Deb Swett, special education teacher at Tri-Valley. This is the fifth consecutive year the two schools have collaborated to participate in the Mock Town Hall.

This hugely successful event allowed students to learn about our local history, meet other students from a different area and school, and practice their public speaking and debate skills. As is the case with many events in our community, it could not have happened without the hard work of everyone involved: students, teachers, staff, administrators, community members, and parents.



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## Reading on Dr. Seuss' Birthday at BCES



The adult readers in Ms. Leah Exner's first grade class left to right Ms. Danielle Jose-Decker, Ms. Meagan Galligan and Mr. Steve Vegliante along one of the happy first graders

On every March 2 in the mid-morning, students in all grades at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School take a ten-minute period of reading or being read to from a Dr. Seuss book of their choosing. This is in celebration of the birthday of the well-known and well-read children's book author.

This year, the year of her retirement, first grade teacher Ms. Leah Exner enjoyed the bounty of having three local attorneys visit her classroom to read three of the children's favorite stories: “Green Eggs and Ham”; “One Fish, Two Fish, Red

Fish, Blue Fish”; and “It's Not Easy Being a Bunny”. Candidate for Sullivan County Court Judge Danielle Jose-Decker, Acting County District Attorney Meagan Galligan and Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Steve Vegliante.

Ms. Exner, with the help of BCES SGA students and teacher aides, were busy making tall white hats with broad red stripes for each child to wear while the adult visitors read the books to them.

Think “Cat in the Hat” and you can picture the hats!

By the time the readers left the classroom, it was obvious from the smiles on their faces and the laughter from the children that Dr. Seuss would have been pleased with the results done in his honor.



Children enjoying the reading while wearing their special Dr. Seuss hats

## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

The open mic at DUTCH'S in Rock Hill is, I believe, the longest running open mic in Sullivan County. I'll say it again, I LOVE open mics. These are where I can see new performers that are noteworthy along with enjoying musicians I already know all in one place. Last Monday night was a real treat with most of THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA, STEVE SCHWARTZ on guitar, ERIC NIES on keyboard, KENNY WINDHEIM on bass, and former drummer BILL PASCAL as the base for many of the performers.



And what a cast THAT was. CARMINE PACE broke out of The Great American Song Book and rocked out. DEBBIE FISHER was on hand to add additional vocals and guitar with ANTHONY COLELA who I know from RAFTERS in Callicoon. BARBARA VILELA who is trying her hand at singing, did a rendition of Sting's 'Fields of Gold'. I've known her for a while and who knew she could sing? A little halting, a bit wavering but the voice is there and as she becomes more confident, who knows what she's capable of. DAVID ROSENBERG also broke out of his usual folk into something far more 'bluesy'. And speaking of Blues, my favorite Blues man KEN BOWLES out of Orange County brought along the monster drummer from his new blues trio called BLUE BONE. When he launches this, I'll be there! Even BARRY ADELMAN, co founder of MUSIC FOR HUMANITY got up on stage. MUSIC FOR HUMANITY is an organization that provides scholarships for young musicians. Master harpist (harmonica) JAMES DIPRIMA, GREG HATTON and so many more!! Have I mentioned I LOVE open mics?

A few weeks ago, I mentioned a musician by the name of CASWYN MOON that I had heard quite a bit of buzz about from other musicians. By a strange twist of fate, the Saturday night before last I found myself at CABERNET FRANK'S and got to see for myself. On stage was a tall, lanky man with a most pleasing baritone voice, arms full of original music and an acoustic guitar on which the lower note strings were made good use of in augmenting that voice. It's a performance that sticks with you long after you leave and that to me has always signaled an opening

for greater things for this man with the unique name. If you're lucky enough to catch him while he's in the area, you'll see what I mean.



I would be remiss not to mention the health threat that is far past looming. This will be very bad for those who work in the public. Waitresses, waiters, bartenders...and yes, musicians. And this has less to do with them catching this virus but more to do with the money they rely on to pay their rent and feed their families may dry up as their customers stop going out. I can't advise you on this, but I can tell you that when I do go out, I will be tipping these persons more than usual.

Here's what's coming up this week:

Wednesday March 11: Open Mic at BUM AND KELS LAKESIDE, Loch Sheldrake hosted by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND

Thursday, March 12: Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by LITTLE SPARROW

Friday, March 13: THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville: 8pm

Saturday, March 14:  
ROBERT TELLEFSEN at the PICKLED OWL, Hurleyville; 6pm  
ELECTRIC MAGIC at CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville; 8pm

Until next time...

## Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth

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## Conquering Homesickness



When traveling, anyone and everyone can get infected with the common illness called "homesickness." Even when going on vacation for a few days, travelers can feel overwhelmed and simply want to return home to their cozy lives.

But, what about those who travel full-time and aren't home for months at a time? When I leave home, I usually stay out of the country for around a year.

I once stayed away for a year and a half! So, naturally, homesickness strikes me quite often, but I don't have the luxury of going home every time it does. Flights aren't cheap, you know!

What do you do when you've been away from home for months and won't be back for a long, long time?

### 1. Call family and/or friends

The internet is an incredible place. Whenever I'm feeling homesick, I video call my father or my best friends. I email my family members. I send messages to anyone on social networking apps. Their comforting words surround me in warmth and comfort.

### 2. Eat some Western food items

Honestly, I can be a dictionary definition of an American here: I love hamburgers. So, sometimes, when I'm feeling really homesick, I'll get a burger somewhere. And, it's worth it every time. Sometimes, just the "taste of home" is all I need.

### 3. Go explore!

If I'm really feeling like I miss home, I'll go on a little trip, whether it's a day trip or a weekend trip. All I need once in a while is a reminder of how lucky I am to be where I am.

### 4. Hang out with other Americans

Almost anywhere I travel to and hanker down for a couple of months, there are almost always fellow Americans there doing the same! When I feel homesick, I'll give them a buzz and we'll go out for drinks, burgers, whatever!

Homesickness can hit you at any time while away from your family, friends, and cloud-like bed, but it can easily be cured with the right treatment and self-care!

## Frederick Douglass's Voice is Alive in Oliver King



Oliver King is a resident of Sullivan County, an actor, and a substitute teacher in the Fallsburg Central School District. For the past few years when Black History Month arrives in February, Oliver has offered his acting and teaching talents to FCSD and other local schools and organizations. This year he dressed up as Frederick Douglass, the famous abolitionist,

social reformer, orator and writer after escaping from slavery in Maryland, and he delivered a famous address that Douglass gave on July 4, 1852 in Rochester, NY.

In her introduction of Mr. King to an auditorium filled with attentive eighth and eleventh graders, FCSD Family and Community Engagement Coordinator and Program organizer Dr. Aleta Lymon said: "In honor of Black History Month, we invite you to journey with us, back in history to a time when slavery, like cancer, was a sickness to our nation. Many people saw the wrong in this system and struggled to fight against it. One such man became the leading voice in this struggle. Please welcome Doctor Frederick Augustus Douglass."

For the next thirty minutes, Dr. Douglass transported the students back to 1852 to Corinthian Hall in Rochester where he addressed the Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. King as Douglass was brilliant, asking the audience to think about the Fourth of July and imagine what the terms liberty, freedom and equality meant to black people throughout America and abroad.

"It is hypocritical to celebrate the Fourth of July as a day of freedom and independence," thundered Douglass, "while slaves are not independent nor do they have freedom. The Fourth of July is yours, not mine; you may rejoice, I must mourn."

Frederick Douglass was a great man. On this day February 14, the day he chose to celebrate his birthday because no records were kept of births or deaths of slaves, he would have been honored at his portrayal by Mr. Oliver King.

## Olive Free Library's Exhibition "Cragsmoor Artists in Olive"

The Talk and Opening Reception events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Olive Free Library's Community Room, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan.

Today, there is a strong population of dedicated Cragsmoor Colony artists carrying on the heritage they embraced. The participating artists are:

**Cynthia Altoriso:** Cynthia Altoriso is a stylist and producer working in the photography industry. She spends her time working in NYC and living on a mountain in the Hudson Valley. **Tom Bolger:** Tom Bolger is a self-taught painter living in Cragsmoor, NY. He believes that his discipline is accomplished by 10% technique and 90% desire to record a subject on a surface. The 10% technique comes from self-experimenting together with workshops and classes at the Art Students League of New York, the National Academy of Arts, the New School, Parsons School of Design, Salmagundi Club, and the Walkkill River School. Tom is working a new teaching study of painting called "3 x 3." He works with the three primary colors; the three surface painting sections (foreground, middle ground, and background); and then perspective, gradation, and basic shading. Art is an adventure that takes him on the constant task of direct observation which he believes is the main tool needed to be a painter.

**Charles Broderson:** Charles Broderson is a large format painter. He was born in Brooklyn NY and was accepted into The H.S. of Art & Design, after which he attended the School of Visual Arts to study Fine Art. Shortly thereafter by happenstance, he created an industry-wide renaissance of the 'old world' craft of 'the hand painted backdrop' reintroduced into current media design and productions. Since 1977, Chas has designed and painted many commissioned works designed for clients such as Bloomingdales, PBS Sesame Street, PBS American Masters, NBC, ABC, ESPN, Sundance, HBO, Google, YouTube, Guillermo del Toro, Nordstroms, Yves St. Laurent, Calvin Klein, Barneys, J.Crew, Neiman Marcus, Macy's, Anthropologie, Burlington, Shop Bop, Victorias Secret, Kenneth Cole, Pfizer, H&M, Life Mag, TV Guide, Vogue, Vanity Fair, The New Yorker, Ralph Lauren, Hermes, etc. **Melissa Chaney:** Melissa Chaney has been creating paintings using stories from Greek myth and drama evocative of loss, alienation, and the personal consequences of war. Her intention is not to illustrate the stories, but to create metaphysical counterparts to them. The paintings are composed with the world as a stage. The baroque spatial devices invite the viewer into an illusionistic reality; the scruffy, dissolving representational quality draws attention to the painting as an artificial construct. The act of painting becomes metaphor for the collision of reality and the imagination, combining the sensate effect of materials with the act of the mind.

**DUTCH PINK (Persia Tatar):** Raised by wolves in a desert of coal, DUTCH PINK conjures an oasis of radiant calm through bas-relief sculpture made from reclaimed wood and found objects. **Letizia Gentile:** Letizia Gentile approaches each portrait with reverence. She is motivated by the silent dialogue and through thoughtful observation, she searches for glimpses of their presence. Letizia is a classically trained artist, lucky enough to have studied with masters, through workshops and classes both in New York and Italy. She completed the CFA program at the New York Academy of Art in 2014, where she currently is a Teacher Assistant in Robert Armetta's Figure Atelier class.

**Kevin Goodspeed:** Kevin Goodspeed is a craftsman/contractor living in Cragsmoor NY with a background in engineering, pyrotechnics, and set design. His furniture and sculpture have been exhibited locally and at venues such as New Hope Arts, New Hope PA; The Adirondack Museum, Blue Mt Lake NY; and the Waterman Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI.

(From Pg. 11) **Elinore Hollinshead:** Elinore Hollinshead's painting springs from the desire to capture and hold the sense, both specific and intangible, of the natural external and the subjective inner worlds. She derives inspiration in large part from nature - the changing varieties of light and season that signify the passing of time. The paintings likewise are built up over time - a layered sentiment of various art media and organic materials, reflecting the process of growth, decay, death, and rebirth in the natural world and in an individual's passage through life. Ellie also explores the integration of cross-cultural symbolism, art history, and narrative with environmental preservation and sustainability concerns and autobiographical reference. Hollinshead is a Professor at the Rhode Island School of Design, has studied at Oxford and Yale Universities, and holds a BFA cum laude with Distinction in the Major (Art) and an MFA in Painting from Indiana University.

**Patricia Peters:** Patricia Peters grew up in Ellenville and moved to the hamlet of Cragsmoor in 1966 when she married Dick Peters, whose family's Cragsmoor history dates back to

multiple generations. Living on the mountain, she is surrounded by the beauty of the valley and the Shawangunk Ridge, nature preserves, vistas of the Catskill Mountains, and unique historical architecture. As a photographer, Pat expresses what so many of us see and experience...or would like to. As with all her nature photographs, it is about being in the right place and having the patience to wait for the right time to capture that perfect moment that will never be seen again. Peters is a self-taught photographer, using a Canon since the 1970's. Her photographs evolved from personal use, to fundraiser donations, to selling them in a greeting card format and canvas gallery wraps.

**Mary Socolof:** When working with metal and creating jewelry, Mary Socolof starts by finding stones or objects that inspire her and laying them out together to get a feel for their affinity with each other. She will then start to sketch a design. Once she starts to work with the metal and stones, things have a way of working out the way they were meant to be. Mary started out in architecture school but quickly decided that she liked working on a much smaller scale. About 25 years ago Mary started

making jewelry. She is a FIT design graduate and also studied jewelry design and metalsmithing at the College of Southern Nevada. When Mary moved back to New York State, she studied enamel techniques under Rebekah Laskin.

**Natalie Stopka:** Natalie Stopka is interested in artistic processes rooted in the materials and forces of the natural world. She uses diverse techniques drawn from historical surface patterning traditions, refreshing methods such as botanical dyeing, pigment extraction, and mordant patterning. These meticulous, layered processes rely on materials grown in her studio garden, creating a seasonally evolving vocabulary of texture and color. Natalie's recent practice of the Japanese craft of marbling, suminagashi, requires relinquishing direct responsibility for the development of the image. By prompting natural forces and chemical interactions to create the designs, she becomes the facilitator of nature-made artwork. These abstract monotypes are fixed in a particular space and time created by the atmospheric conditions and imbalanced fluid flow at the moment of printing, and enlivened by creative accident.

The Olive Free Library has created a platform to show and sell the art of regional artists, both established and emerging. This provides art enthusiasts a way to view, appreciate, and purchase local and regional artworks. The rural town of Olive does not have a cultural center, so the library converted its spacious, light community room into a gallery space. The response from both artists and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. <http://olivefreelibrary.org>

Exhibition Dates: March 28 - May 16, 2020; Talk by Dr. Ron Berg: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 1:30 - 3 pm; Opening Reception: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 3 - 5 pm

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### Looking to Buy Your First Home? We May Be Able to Help!

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has been awarded \$442,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) to assist low- to moderate-income households in purchasing their first homes.

Assistance will be provided in the form of grants to eligible prospective buyers for downpayments, closing costs or home improvements. Grants will be up to \$25,000, depending on the buyer's needs.

The Sullivan County Division of Planning will be working with RUPCO Inc. to administer the program. RUPCO has extensive experience in implementing first-time homebuyer programs.

The County is hosting an informational session on Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Government Center's Hearing Room, 100 North Street, Monticello to provide details on eligibility and qualifying for the program. Households interested in purchasing a home in Sullivan and Homebuyer Professionals such as lenders and Realtors are encouraged to attend.

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For those interested in attending, please call RUPCO at 845-331-9860 to register. Those already in the process of purchasing a home, and who meet the household income limits, should also contact RUPCO at the number listed above.

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## Big Package of Agriculture Legislation Passes State Senate Unanimously, Including Five Bills by Metzger

Albany, NY... Under the leadership of State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42), who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, a package of nine bills to support New York farms went to the floor for a vote in the State Senate today, all passing unanimously, including five bills introduced by Senator Metzger.

"Hard-working New York farmers deserve our full support, and today the Senate is passing a package of legislation that will help reduce their costs, expand markets for their products, make access to technical support easier, and help nurture the next generation of farmers," said Senator Metzger. "As Chair of the Agriculture Committee and representative of a district with two thousand small and mid-sized family farms, I recognize the vital importance of agriculture to our economy, our rural communities, and our long-term food security, and this package of legislation will help address the very real challenges facing New York's farms."

A key bill in this package championed by Senator Metzger (S6773) would increase the existing Farm Workforce Retention Credit from \$600 to \$1,200 to farmers for employees who work 500 or more hours each year. Under the current tax law, New York farmers received \$500 per eligible employee in 2019, and would receive \$400 in 2020 and \$600 in 2021, at which point the existing law would sunset. Metzger's legislation would extend the tax credit indefinitely, increasing the credit to \$800 in 2021 and then to \$1,200 per year thereafter. Metzger's bill is one of the Farm Bureau's top legislative priorities.

With farm labor costs in New York that are nearly twice the national average, the tax credit can help keep New York farms out of the red, and make sure that they can hire the workers they need.

"I want to thank Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins and my Senate colleagues for their support of this legislative package today, including the bill to increase the Farm Workforce Retention Credit, which will provide needed relief to New York farms struggling to compete with higher costs," said Senator Metzger.

"This legislation is significant and demonstrates that Senator Metzger understands what farmers need," said Chris Kelder of Kelder's Farm and District 10 Director of the New York Farm Bureau. "Those of us who work the land know that the margins are thin, and having this kind of support will go a long way to sustain our operations. Furthermore, it offers us additional incentives to hire and keep the farmworkers we need."

"The bill introduced by Senator Metzger to increase and extend the Farm Workforce Retention Credit is a positive measure to address the problem faced by all NYS farmers of how to remain profitable in an increasingly competitive employment environment," said Peter Ferrante of Walkkill View Farm in New Paltz. "Senator Metzger's action in support of NY agriculture is very much appreciated. Having had the opportunity to spend time visiting with the Senator on our farm last year, I was able to witness firsthand her enthusiastic appreciation of NY agriculture and her strong desire to work in the Senate to keep New York State a great place to farm. The passage of this bill further exemplifies Senator Metzger's commitment to that goal."

"The agricultural industry is crucial to the state economy and we must provide farmers with the support they need," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. "The bills advanced by the Senate Majority will help struggling farms, encourage more New Yorkers to pursue agricultural jobs, and help increase access to locally grown food. I commend Senator Jen Metzger, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, and the bill sponsors for their close attention to addressing the challenges faced by New York farmers and the state's agriculture industry." (Contd. Pg 14)

**Claryville Fire Dept.**  
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY



**Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper**

Saturday, March 14

Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Adults \$13.00  
Beverage included  
Children under 12, \$8.00  
under 5 yrs. Free

\$50 from the dinner is donated  
to Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

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is hosting  
it's 13th Sportsman's Banquet Dinner  
at the Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall  
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Saturday March 21st 2020. 4-8 pm.  
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\$12 Donation  
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Sunday March 29th  
**Neversink & Grahamsville  
Annual Spring Pancake  
Breakfast**  
7am - Noon

**Claryville Fire Dept.**  
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY  
**All You Can Eat  
Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, March 22  
Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon  
Adults: \$9  
Children Ages 5-11: \$5  
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the  
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

**Grahamsville  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

Saturday  
Thrift Sale  
March 21, 2020  
9:00 am  
to 12 noon

April 7, 2020  
Thrift Sale  
9am-12 noon  
Luncheon  
11 am - 12:30 pm

**Covered Dish  
Supper**

April 4, 2020  
5:30 pm

**Easter  
Breakfast**  
Apr 12 • 9:30 am

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Holy Days 5:30 pm

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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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

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Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES****PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2020-2021 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2020.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, New York 12740

By Order of the Board of Education.

Norma Peña  
District Clerk  
March 4, 2020

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on or before April 1, of each year with the Town Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

Town of Neversink  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: March 6, 2020

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### **Big Package of Agriculture Legislation Passes State Senate Unanimously, Including Five Bills by Metzger**

(From Pg. 12) The five bills introduced by Metzger include:

- Farm Workforce Retention Credit Increase: This bill S6773 Sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger will allow the Farm Workforce Retention Credit to be increased from \$600 to \$1200.
  - Farm Product Holiday Promotions: This bill S2069 sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Markets to promote and provide vendor information on New York State farm products for holiday celebrations.
  - Increased Farmers Markets in Parks: This bill S5822A sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger will permit more farmers markets in state and local parks. Increasing the number of available locations for farmers' markets and improving New Yorkers' access to locally grown foods.
  - Farming Hotline: This bill S4655 sponsored by senator Jen Metzger will create a "one stop" hotline to connect farmers with information resources to grow their businesses, such as tax credit programs, beginning farmer loans, and sustainable practices.
  - Agricultural Custom Operator Protections: This bill S5437 sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger defines agricultural custom operator and provides them with district protections.
- Other bills passed by the Senate today with Senator Metzger's co-sponsorship include:
- Regional Farmers Market Expansion: This bill S251 sponsored by Senator Tim Kennedy will allow the Department of Agriculture and Markets to establish or expand existing regional farmers' markets. Particularly in areas of the state that have poor consumer access to high quality and reasonably priced fresh food and farm products.
  - Young Farmer Apprentice Program: This bill S3873 sponsored by Senator Rachel May will establish an agriculture program for students. This program will be developed through BOCES to encourage and educate young farmers.
  - New York Farm School and School Garden Fund: This bill S3804A sponsored by senator Rachel May will create a fund which will provide schools the resources to build school gardens, purchase gardening equipment and educational materials. The funding of these programs will give students hands on experience in agriculture and promote their use of local products.
  - New York Craft Beverage Permit: This bill S6653 sponsored by senator James Skoufis will establish a temporary craft beverage permit. Which will allow licensed New York state farm distilleries and producers of special spirits to apply for temporary 24-hour permits.

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

Tri-Valley CSD  
Board of Education meeting  
will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:00 p.m.,  
Regular Board Meeting #16,  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

At the March 4, 2020 Board Meeting, the Board elected to change the date of an upcoming meeting. The previously-scheduled Thursday, April 2, 2020 Board Meeting will now be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting #17, Secondary School Library Lower Level.

### **Senator Metzger Introduces Bill to Deny DEC Permits for Corrupt Corporate Behavior as Department Weighs CPV Permit Application**

Albany, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) today announced the introduction of a bill (S7895) seeking to deny environmental permits to companies if corruption was involved in the permitting process, even if related to an earlier permit. The Wawayanda-based power plant owned by Competitive Power Ventures, Inc. (CPV) is currently between air quality permits and awaiting a decision by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on a Title 5 air quality permit.

The legislation authorizes the DEC to suspend or deny a permit if a company's directors or officers have been convicted of a criminal offense relating to the permitting process that involved fraud, bribery, perjury, an offense against public administration, or conspiracy to commit any such offense.

In 2018, a high-level company official, Peter Galbraith Kelly, Jr., who served as Vice President for External Affairs, was convicted for giving a low-show job to the wife of a state official, Joseph Percoco, during the permitting process for the power plant. Kelly was given a 14-month prison sentence for his role in the corruption case. Percoco received a six-year sentence.

That same year, the DEC denied renewal of CPV's state air quality permit, requiring instead that the company apply for the more stringent federal Title 5 permit. At the July 2019 public hearing on the permit application in Middletown, Senator Metzger called on the Department to deny the new permit on the basis of the corruption that tainted the original permitting process, as well as on the impacts of the power plant's operation to public health and the environment. The DEC is currently reviewing public comments on CPV's application and has yet to make a decision on the permit.

"CPV engaged in corrupt behavior to win favorable treatment from the government, and must be held accountable for its actions," said Senator Metzger. "A company whose executives violate the public trust cannot be counted on to provide accurate information or adhere to the letter and spirit of regulations. I urge my colleagues in the State Legislature to support this legislation and make it crystal clear that New York does not reward corrupt behavior by companies seeking to do business here."

In February and March 2019, Senator Metzger's office undertook a health impacts survey of residents living near the power plant, and based on findings, requested an independent monitoring regime by DEC. The Department has, to date, not agreed to meet this request.

### **Sullivan County's Financial Reporting Lauded as Exemplary**

Monticello, NY - For the 29th consecutive time, the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office has been accorded the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA.

The award was given after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it.

"While Sullivan County has earned this prestigious award for at least the past two decades, it's never a guarantee that we'll win it again. There is a significant amount of daily work that County staff are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement," said County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "So it's a testament to the diligence of my staff, to whom I am deeply grateful. They make it a pleasure to come to this office - not just for myself but for the public."

The GFOA is a nonprofit association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC

### **Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan on Presumptive Positive COVID-19 Test Result**

Sunday, March 8 - "This morning, we were notified by the New York State Health Department that an Ulster County resident has received a 'presumptive positive' result for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This individual recently traveled internationally to France and notified our Health Department that he had symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Upon guidance from our Health Department he drove himself to a hospital where test samples were taken and he was immediately placed into quarantine.



We have been preparing for this contingency for the last several weeks and I am confident in our ability to respond quickly and comprehensively to ensure public health and safety. As a first step, we are activating the Ulster County Emergency Operation Center as well as deploying Health Department staff to focus solely on community mitigation efforts. Public Health officials have already begun interviewing this individual to assess who he may have come into contact with and will notify those individuals. We will continue to update the public to ensure full transparency as the situation develops.

I would like to reiterate that any resident experiencing a fever, with cough or shortness of breath should contact the Ulster County Health Department at 845-340-3150 or, if symptoms are severe, call 911. For general questions about coronavirus please call the New York State Department of Health at 1-888-364-3065."

Residents should continue to take the following steps to help minimize and contain potential exposures. These include preventative measures, such as:

- o Washing hands with soap and water frequently, for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating
- o Avoiding touching surfaces in public spaces, whenever possible
- o Avoiding touching eyes and mouth
- o Always covering a cough or sneeze with a tissue or a sleeve, rather than your hands and dispose of the tissue in the trash
- o Staying home if sick, except to seek medical attention, to avoid infecting others
- o Getting the flu shot if you have not done so already - it's no too late
- o Helping to keep your immune system strong by getting enough sleep and reducing stress

Coronavirus symptoms can include fever, cough, fatigue, trouble breathing and pneumonia. These symptoms can also be seen in season flu and other coronavirus infections. CDC believes that at this time symptoms of coronavirus infection may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days after exposure. If you suspect that you or anyone in your family may have been exposed to coronavirus through travel to affected areas or are experiencing symptoms, please contact your medical provider immediately. New York State's state-of-the-art Wadsworth Laboratory, in Albany, is now authorized to conduct testing for coronavirus and can provide your doctor with a definite determination if coronavirus infection is present.

For more information, please visit the New York State Department of Health Coronavirus site at: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/> or the CDC's Coronavirus site at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

The New York State Department of Health has also set up a special COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.



**Daniel Pierce Library**

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions,  
 please call the library at 985-7233.

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

**DPL Painters** 2nd Thursday of every month  
 7:00 - 9:00 pm

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

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

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

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

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

**Homeschooling Group** 4th Tuesday of each month  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- 3/14/2020 Claryville Fire Dept. **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**
- 3/17/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (App. Submission Date - 3/3/2020)
- 3/19/2020 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/19/2020 Neversink Fire District: Commissioner's Meeting 7:30 pmm
- 3/21/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
- 3/21/2020 Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake **13th Sportsman's Banquet Dinner** Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall 4-8 pm
- 3/22/2020 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 12 noon**
- 4/1/2020 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm (App. Submission Date - 3/18/2020)
- 4/4/2020 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/7/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon & **Luncheon** 11 am - 12:30 pm
- 4/7/2020 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 6 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/8/2020 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/10/2020 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/12/2020 **Easter Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall 9:30 am
- 4/14/2020 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/18/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4:0 -7:00 pm Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

**Save the Date!**

May 9th 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm **Boy Scout Troop Fish Fry** - Neversink Fire House. Please purchase your tickets in advance from Neil Terwilliger (845) 798-3328 or Bernie Lange (845) 532-7607  
 Saturday, May 2, 2020 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** • Registration 8:30 am • Walk 9:30 am

**TRI-VALLEY AREA** *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

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 SHOPRITE

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**FALLSBURG** • FALLSBURG TOWN HALL

**WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE  
**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)  
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**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.

**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.

2020  
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 Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

March 12, 2020  
 April 16, 220

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 One Room School  
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**SCAudubon Society  
 First Spring Meeting**

The Sullivan County Audubon Society First Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19 at SUNY Sullivan County Community College (Rm B113) at 6pm (112 College Rd, Loch Sheldrake, NY) A light supper of pizza and salad will precede the program. We will present a 30 minute video from Nat Geo on Birding Tactics. After which we will have a roundtable discussion with our SCAS experts on birding questions and concerns. Always open to the Public and free to all!

Check out our website:  
[www.sullivanaudubon.org](http://www.sullivanaudubon.org)

**10th Annual Rock Hill  
 St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Join the Rock Hill Business and Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 10th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14th at 2PM. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the Walker Valley Marching Band, Firefighter McPadden Pipes and Drums of the Goshen Emerald Society, local ambulance, fire and police departments, community marchers, antique cars, horses, veterans and more!

**Tri-Valley Elementary School  
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**Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking  
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Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.  
 Please contact Jean Keesler at [jkeesler1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkeesler1@yahoo.com) or 845-985-7879.

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**33rd Annual St. Patrick's  
 Day Parade and  
 32nd Annual Shamrock Run  
 in Kingston**

March 15th, the 32nd Annual Shamrock Run: Two-mile flat, fast and first-class run will take place. Preceding the St. Patrick's Day Parade, this year's run is to benefit Raising Your Awareness about Narcotics and to honor Team Ireland — coordinators of the run for the first 25 years. Register online \$20. Check-in 10 a.m. Run starts 12:50 p.m. sharp. Academy Green, 1 Albany Ave., Kingston. 845-514-

4654; [shamrockrunners.org](http://shamrockrunners.org)  
 The 33rd Annual Kingston's St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off from Kingston Plaza and proceed down Broadway to the Rondout Creek waterfront district in Kingston. Numerous bands, floats and community organizations celebrate the "wearing of the green" at this annual fun-filled Irish celebration. Annual Shamrock Run 12:50 p.m. Parade at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians. 845-338-6622;

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**ROAD CLOSURE**

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road), in the Town of Tusten, to replace County Bridge 471.** County Bridge 471 is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the intersection of County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road) and County Road 23 (Lumberland Mt. Hope). This section of County Road 26 is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8:00AM April 1st, 2020, and will remain closed for approximately 4 weeks.

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Call Joy 845 292 7870

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

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

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 11 weeks away!**

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

**SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!**



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

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

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

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

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

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March / April

at the Daniel Pierce Library

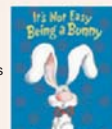
**Come & Go Play Group**

2nd Tuesday of every month  
11:00 - 1 pm  
Want to get out of the house? Give your kids the chance to play and read. Open to all ages



**Read Across America**

March 3rd  
6:00-7:00 pm  
Don't miss the fun-filled evening and a chance to get kids motivated about READING! Special Guests - local celebrity, bunnies, Gus, Jinx and Jorgel!



**Let's Lego**

Grades K-1  
March 18th & 20th - 3:00-4:30 pm  
Grades 2-3  
April 3rd & 17th - 3:00-4:30 pm  
Grades 4-6  
April 24th - 3:00-4:30 pm



**Gnocchi Night**

March 24th  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Join us for a hands on class with Cathy Russo, and learn to make this Italian dumpling pasta



**Children's Programs**

Mother Goose Time (12-23m)  
Beginning April 15th  
Toddler Time (24-35m)  
Beginning April 16th  
Story Hour (3-5 year olds)  
Beginning April 17th



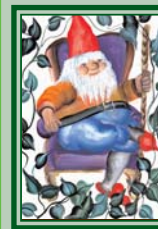
**Spelling Bee**

April 30th  
6:30 pm  
Spelling bee for Tri-Valley students in grades 2-6!



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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**  
2. Victor McLaglen  
1. Barry Fitzgerald  
Answers:



**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia**

ON TCM STARTING AT 6:45 AM  
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020  
ALL IRISH FILMS  
SAYING HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
AND AT 8:00 PM WE HONOR,  
ACTOR JOHN WAYNE IN  
"The Quiet Man"

Beginning at 6:45 AM **The Fighting 69th**, (war, 1940); 8:30 AM **Peg O' My Heart** (musical, 1933); 10:00 AM **Flight of the Doves** (drama, 1971); 12:30 PM **Girl with Green Eyes** (drama, 1964); 2:15 PM **Odd Man Out** (suspense, 1947); 4:30 PM **The Rising of the Moon**, (comedy, 1957); 6:00 PM **Young Cassidy** (romance, 1965); 8:00 PM **The Quiet Man**, (comedy, 1952); 10:30 PM **Finian's Rainbow** (musical, 1968); 1:15 AM **Ryan's Daughter** (drama, 1970); 4:45 AM **The Irish in Us** (comedy, 1935)

**The Quiet Man** (1952) An Irish ex-boxer retires to Ireland and searches for the proper wife. **Directed by John Ford. Starring John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, Victor McLaglen, Mildred Natwick, Arthur Shields, Ward Bond, Ken Curtis, Mae Marsh, Jack MacGowran, Sean McClory, Francis Ford.** American boxer Wayne returns to his native Ireland and falls in love with a spirited lass (O'Hara) - but has to deal with local customs (including the payment of a dowry) and the young woman's bullheaded brother (McLaglen). Boisterous blarney, with beautiful Technicolor scenery, and equally beautiful music by Victor Young. This film was clearly a labor of love for Ford and his Irish-American stars. Maurice Walsh's story was scripted by Frank Nugent. Oscar winner for Best Director and Cinematography (Winton C. Hoch and Archie Stout). C - 129 m TV-PG CC,

**Quiz**  
1. Who played Michaeleen Flynn?  
2. Who played "Red" Will Danaher?

**John Wayne**, one of the cinema's greatest stars, is also one of the cinema's greatest problems. His image as an icon of American individualism and the frontier spirit has overshadowed his career to such an extent that it is almost impossible for viewers and writers to separate Wayne the legend from Wayne the actor and Wayne the man. As Marion Michael Morrison, he played football for USC and held several behind-the-scenes jobs at Fox before moving in front of the cameras in the late 1920s in a series of bit roles. Director John Ford, who had befriended "Duke" Wayne, recommended him for the lead in Raoul Walsh's 1930 western epic, "The Big Trail." But stardom did not materialize and Wayne spent the rest of the decade slogging through a series of low-budget oaters whose meager budgets and rapid shooting schedules did little to sharpen his acting skills. Still, even in the unsophisticated world of the Poverty Row studios, his easygoing authority and physical presence could command attention. John Ford gave Wayne another career break in 1939 by casting him as the Ringo Kid in "Stagecoach," thus rescuing the actor from a life in serials and cheap action pictures. The role propelled Wayne into the top ranks of box-office stars and during the 1940s his legend began to take shape. look for part II in future additions.

**What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™**

**SUNDOWN**

April 4 - **Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall  
April 12 - **Easter Breakfast** at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall 9:30 am

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

**Let's Lego at Daniel Pierce Library**  
March 13 & 20 3-4:30 pm **The Land of Kings and Queens** Grades K-1  
April 3 & 17 3- 4:00 pm **The Land of Make Believe** Grades 2-3  
April 24 3- 4:30 pm **Mythical Escape Room** Grades 4 - 6

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

**CLARYVILLE**

March 14, Claryville Fire Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper 4-7 pm  
March 22, Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am to Noon

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