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Stay safe and stay well,  
The Townsman Staff

## District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen Named Orange County Planning Commissioner Will Remain SC Legislator

Monticello, NY - Rock Hill resident and Sullivan County District 9



Sullivan County District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen

Legislator Alan Sorensen has been appointed Orange County's newest Commissioner of Planning, succeeding longtime Commissioner David Church. Pending confirmation by the Orange County Legislature, Sorensen will assume his duties March 16.

"I am thrilled to bring my planning skills and experience back to a Countywide level, like I did as Sullivan County's Planning Commissioner from 1997-2003," Sorensen stated. "But I also want my constituents to know that I will continue to fully serve them for the rest of my term on the Sullivan County Legislature. This new job cannot and will not impact my obligations to voters."

As a private planner, Sorensen has developed comprehensive plans, new code regulations and innovative programs in dozens of communities across Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, Delaware, Greene and Columbia counties. This new position, however, will not require as many evening meetings in his schedule.

"I'm a regional planner, and I anticipate my role in Orange County will dovetail very well with my role in Sullivan County, to the benefit of the people of both," he remarked. "I am aware of my legal and ethical obligations to both counties, and I will represent all those I serve with honesty and integrity."

"Alan is currently the longest-serving legislator in Sullivan County, and I have been privileged to call him a friend for much of that time," Legislature Chairman Rob Doherty affirmed. "I am delighted that he will hold such an impactful position in Orange County, but I am also confident that he will continue to provide Sullivan County's citizens with the top-flight representation that has repeatedly returned him to District 9 office. Sullivan County remains fortunate to have him."

## BCES Junior Future Problem Solvers to go to State Championship!

FCSD qualified three teams for the NYS Championships of Future Problem Solvers on March 29th at Freeport High School in Freeport, NY.

The three teams are Junior Future Problem Solvers from Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, Middle School Future Problem Solvers from Fallsburg Junior High School, and Senior Future Problem Solvers from Fallsburg High School.



The Senior Team left to right are Cassandra Rose, Alyssa Mahler and Rain Shokralla. Najuwa Ladan was not available for the photo.



(Above) Front row left to right: Lee-Ann Peruchet Di Napoli, Kierstyn Surerus, and Madeline Pantel; in the back row left to right are Olivia DeGraw, Justin Nikolai Jr., Bintou Darboe, Thomas Vanidestine, Austin Olmstead, and Faculty Advisor Alissa Wachter.

(To the right) In the Junior High School (Middle School) Future Problem Solvers are Bella McDevitt and Angelina Levner.



## UC Pat Ryan and Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith held Telephone Town Hall on COVID-19

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan and Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith held a Telephone Town Hall on Sunday with over 10,000 participants to take questions directly from residents on COVID-19. Executive Ryan and Commissioner Dr. Smith answered questions ranging from how to get tests to assisting senior citizens who may need additional support.

"When people are informed, everyone is safer. From the moment we announced our first case, I have made it a priority to be transparent and share as much information as we can with our residents," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Thank you to the thousands of residents who joined and we will continue to keep sharing information as we get it."

Last week, County Executive Ryan declared a State of Emergency. He also directed the closure of all Ulster County schools and that the County will be suspending in-person County services for a two-week period to commence on Monday, March 16th. As of Sunday, the total number of cases in which an individual tested positive for COVID-19 in Ulster County remains at 5. In addition, the COVID-19 tests associated with individuals who have had direct daily contact within the City of Kingston School District have come back negative.



(Left to right) Ulster County Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan

To listen to the Telephone Town Hall visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rvmgphk>

For additional information about COVID-19 visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888  
NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.  
Deuteronomy 6:13

## OBITUARIES

**Margaret M. Towne**, of Neversink, passed away



on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 90. She was the daughter of the late Charles Miller and Martha (Dazey) Miller, born on June 24, 1929 in Staten Island, NY. Margaret worked as a secretary for the Tri-Valley School District for 28 years until her retirement. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Sullivan

Five Star #298. She was a very active member of the Christ Lutheran Church and served as Treasurer for many years. She also served as a Treasurer for the Ruth Scully Scholarship at Tri-Valley. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her daughter Judy T. Essex and her husband Paul; grandsons Kyle T. Essex and Ryan D. Essex and his wife Christine; great-grandchildren Jack C. and Corrine R. Essex; siblings Charlotte Pressel and Charles Miller; as well as several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her loving husband John F. Towne; and sister Dorothy Del Monte. Memorial contributions in Margaret's name can be made to the Neversink Fire Department, P.O. Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765 or to the Christ Lutheran Church, 105 Center Street, Ellenville, NY 12428 Visitation will be held from 12 to 2pm on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

An Order of the Eastern Star service was held at on Monday, March 9 at the funeral home, followed by a funeral service. Pastor Peter Rustico officiated. Interment will follow at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit:

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



**Roger G. "Buster"**

**TerBush**, 76, of Grahamsville, NY passed away at home on March 6, 2020. He was the son of the late Roger C. and Eleanore (Roberts) TerBush, born on July 6, 1943 in Ellenville, NY. Buster proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He raced his stock car #34 until he met the love of his

life Martha Lee Allison TerBush. They married November 10, 1973. The retired owner of Buster's Auto Repair was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Many went to him asking "Can you fix it?" He was a member of the Grahamsville Fire Department and Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Martha Lee of 46 years; daughter Allison Simpson; son Kevin TerBush; grandchildren Gavin and Carly Simpson; one sister, Randi (James) Miller; as well as several nieces and nephews. Donations in Buster's memory can be made to the ~~Grahamsville Fire Department, P.O. Box 331, Grahamsville, NY 12740~~ or the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association, P.O. Box 393, Grahamsville, NY 12740 A Firematic Service was held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A graveside service will be held at 11am on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery with full military honors.

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## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

**March 15, 1950 -**

Fire completely destroyed a brooder house with 100 month-old chicks at the Anthony Costa farm on South Hill Road on Friday night. A defective kerosene brooder stove is believed to have exploded.

The weatherman threw the book at the Town of Neversink in the past week, causing widespread damage to roads. According to Road Supt., Elmond Allison, this winter has been one of the worst in years on the roads because of alternate freezing and thawing. Snow is piled 10 to 12 feet high along the highways in places at Willowemoc, Aden and Mutton Hill.

The Lows Corners Outlet is now in 3420 feet. Last week they made 300 feet progress. This is regarded to be the top notch in tunnel digging. They hope to maintain this standard. A very large pile of iron pipe is seen on their property. The pipes are 30 feet long and 26 inches in diameter and are to provide air to the tunnel workers.

There was a mad scramble on Broadway, Monticello on Monday morning when a forty-mile an hour wind whisked \$1,450 in bills from a cigar box being carried to an automobile dealer's by a Monticello woman. Although one bill was carried 150 yards down Broadway, every one was recovered.

**March 16, 1960 -**

Cal Parrow, basketball coach for the Tri Valley Bears, has been selected "Best Coach" in the Western Sullivan League by the Middletown Daily Record newspaper. Sportswriters, coaches and officials of the Western Sullivan League who selected Cal Parrow as "Best Coach" only confirmed the feelings of the people of the Tri Valley area.

Effective April 1st, the plumbing, heating and electrical business of Percy and Warren Cole will be taken over by Warren. The business will be carried on as usual with the same service we have strived to render in the past.

The Grahamsville Home Demonstration Unit met on March 10 at the Fire Hall. Delicious Scandinavian cookery prepared under the direction of Mrs. Donald Buswell was enjoyed by all. Four new members were welcomed to the group.

The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Carlsen of Brewster, N.Y. came to the Lows Corners Parsonage this past Friday with a load of home furnishings. The ladies had the place in readiness and a get-acquainted luncheon prepared which a number of church officers and members shared with the new Pastor and his wife.

**March 18, 1970 -**

Mr. Owen Davis, coordinator of federally funded programs at Tri-Valley Central School, attended a meeting in Washington, D.C on Monday to discuss the forthcoming evaluation of federal programs. Tri-Valley School is one of eight hundred and twenty-six schools throughout the United States chosen for intensive review of the effect of federal funding on disadvantaged children.

Sam Anderson's snowmobile, known as a spaghetti bender, is under repair and spread all over his garage. (His wife says, "That's not all that's spread all over the garage.")

The W.S.C.S. of the Sundown Methodist Church will meet this Thursday, the 19th at the home of Mrs. Richard VanWagner. Plans will be made for Church and Church Hall interior decoration.

At a meeting of the Sullivan County S.P.C.A., held in Monticello on March 11th, George Ratner, President, presented plans formulated by the shelter committee for an expandable shelter. The members voted approval of the shelter plans and authorized construction to start this spring at Rock Hill on the site owned by the organization.

**March 13, 1980 -**

Laura G. Smith, 79, of Meyers Road Neversink, died Friday, March 7, 1980. Mrs. Smith, a lifelong area resident, was born April 12, 1900 in Dairyland to William and Minnie Butle Grey. She was the widow of Chester M. Smith. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## TRI-VALLEY TIMES

March is the month we celebrate music in our schools. On Saturday, March 7th, The Sullivan County Educators' Association presented their 66th annual Music Festival at the Tri-Valley Central School. Selected students from Sullivan County Schools performed in jazz ensembles, band and string orchestras and in various chorus "groups." Guest conductors from various school districts in New York State were invited to work with the students. The weather cooperated and the program was outstanding.

On March 17th, it had been planned that the Tri-Valley music students were to perform at their annual spring concert. Unfortunately this event had been cancelled. We still want to thank Kevin Giroux, Kaitlyn Thietje, Mathew and Keira Weyant and Regina Hartman for all they do to provide a wonderful music education program at Tri-Valley.

Students at Tri-Valley have begun practicing for spring sports. Soon you will be hearing about performances in baseball, soft ball and track and field. Now that the weather is nicer, plan to come out to support these young athletes at their games and meets.

It won't be long now and the sapping season will end. I've heard it said that when you see moths flying around at night, sapping season is pretty much over. I have seen moths fluttering around by my porch lights during the evening.

During the frozen and raw months of winter I always look forward to spring. I guess by now, everyone has seen robins. They certainly are a welcome sight! The snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils are also starting to poke their heads out of the ground and blossom. There is not much frost in the ground now and soon it will be time to start planting peas. Planting seeds and pulling weeds, yes, even pulling weeds, helps my spirits soar at this time of year. Let's hope we don't get any late snows to ruin the coming of spring and the very welcome blooms and tree buds. I have heard it said however, "when March has April weather, April will have March weather". Let's hope not!

Two former Tri-Valley School employees passed away earlier this month. Lou Boncek, a former elementary/special education teacher and Margaret Towne, a former elementary school secretary. Both were in their 90's when they passed. Condolences to their family and friends.

It has been intended that the spring theatre production, "Annie", was to be performed in the Bernstein Theatre on March 27th and 28th. Please watch for updates on this, as it is uncertain whether this production will happen, or be postponed to another date.

Once the date is established, be sure to come out and support these budding thespians as they show off their talents.

Stay well, stay out of crowds and enjoy some sunny, warm weather!

## NEVERSINK NEWS:

- Hulda Vernooy

Condolences to the families of those who recently lost loved ones:

The family of Lou Boncek  
The family of Carl Denman  
The family of Buster Ter Bush  
The family of Dick Barkley  
The Essex family on the loss of Judy's mother Marge Towne.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Several robins have been seen in Neversink. Is this a sign of Spring?

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 2) The Grahamsville Fire Department was kept busy last week answering three calls. On Sunday morning, March 2nd at 4 a.m., they were called to assist Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake and Fallsburg at a fire at the Ziggy Hajek garage in Woodbourne. That night they were out again to Sundown to extinguish a stubborn chimney fire at the home of Charlie and Pixie Piera. On Thursday, March 6th, the Department was out to a brush fire on Rte. 55.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley students Patty Lawrence (grade 9) and Jame Schulte (grade 6) who had their advertisements selected for publication in the recent draw-and-contest of the *Middletown Times Herald-Record*. Patty's

drawing was for Kerhonkson Tire and James' creation was for 209 Surplus Tools.

Sunday, Alice Kelder was walking her dog in the big field across from Richar Krom's when she spotted some bright BALLOONS. In these balloons she found, by closer inspection, were plastic bags with Post Cards in them. The balloons had been sent out by the school children of Arlington Elementary School in Newton Falls, Ohio and were lofted March 7th at 2:30 p.m. It would seem this is faster than our mail!

## Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarships are Now Available for Graduating Tri-Valley Seniors

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A new \$500 scholarship is now available for graduating Tri-Valley Seniors from the Time and the Valleys Museum. To help raise interest in the history of our community and the importance of the connections between water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has created a new scholarship for Tri-Valley Central High School's graduating seniors.

Interested students should be in good academic standing, with an average of 80 or above and plan to pursue a post secondary course of study at a two or four year college or technical school. They need to submit or complete the following: application form, transcripts, 10 hours of volunteer work at the Time and the Valleys Museum and a one page essay. The essay and attachments must be submitted to the Tri-Valley CSD Guidance office by May 15th. For more information, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

## Handwritten Documents Needed for Transcribing Volunteers at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Many volunteers from all over the country and Canada are working on transcribing handwritten documents for the Time and the Valleys Museum, to make them more accessible, easier to read and searchable. Currently there are more volunteers than handwritten materials! If anyone in the community has handwritten materials such as diaries, documents, ledger books, stories or memories from the Tri-Valley area or surrounding Catskills, they are urged to please consider lending them to the Museum for a transcribing project.

Loaned materials can be copied or scanned while you wait, and do not need to be left at the Museum, if desired. Individuals who lend materials for this purpose will receive a transcribed copy and digital copy of their loaned materials upon completion. For more information, or to set up a day and time to visit the Museum with handwritten materials, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.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:

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

- o 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.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm

- o 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@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

## Nature Column - Linda Comando

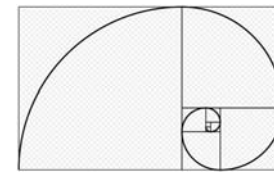
*A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.*

### Nature's Magic Number

With the nicer weather coming, if you have time, take a walk outdoors and take note, before the leaves appear on the trees, of the shape of the tree branches and the pattern in the way the tree branches grow.

Have you ever wondered why the branches seem to have this pattern that reaches up to the sky? Or when do tree limbs know when to stop growing longer?

There are writings from ancient India relating to the secret of the trees and nature and this pattern. In 1209 Leonardo of Pisano (a/k/a Fibonacci) took a scientific approach, using his skills discovered this mathematical formula in nature.



Fibonacci came up with a numerical sequence. Starting with zero (0) and one (1). Fibonacci added the last two numbers in the series together, and the sum became the next number in the sequence. The number sequence started to

look like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34... The number pattern had the formula  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  and became the Fibonacci sequence. But it seemed to have mystical powers!

When the numbers in the sequence were put in ratios, the value of the ratio was the same as another number, or "phi," which has a value of 1.618. The number "phi" is nicknamed the "divine number". Scientists and naturalists have discovered the Fibonacci sequence appearing in many forms in nature. This is called the "universal spiral" which you can see in spider webs, rams horns, the shape of nautilus shells, the seeds of sunflowers, falcon flight patterns and galaxies flying through space. The ratio between the forearm and the hand is the Golden Ratio! We have one thumb on each hand. 2 bones in each thumb. 3 bones in each of the other fingers and 5 fingers on each hand. The PHI constant is often used in art and design. It is even used for the ever-present plastic credit card -- all golden proportion rectangles!

Why do trees have this pattern? This spiral pattern allows growth in a mathematical ratio of 3.1416 or pi so that each whorl is related to the next in size. Artists call this expanding pattern "dynamic symmetry."

If you let your eye move up the apple tree from branch to branch, noting the angle where they leave the trunk, you'll see it's always the same and keeps the limbs growing parallel. This maintains the tree's overall shape, as pre-programmed.

We know trees need sunlight. And we know in today's world when collecting solar energy the photovoltaic ("PV") array is the way to do it. A photovoltaic array is a linked collection of multiple solar cells. Making electricity requires as much sunlight as possible.

Collecting sunlight is key to the survival of a tree. Leaves are like solar panels of trees that collect sunlight for photosynthesis. Trees in a forest compete with other trees and plants for sunlight. As trees evolve the Fibonacci pattern is in effect helping trees track the Sun moving in the sky collecting the most sunlight even in the thickest forest.

The Fibonacci Sequence allows a very efficient filling of space producing branches that alternate from side to side. The branches will all branch again at the same time. Before the leaves begin to appear, you can see the magical silhouetted pattern against the background sky.

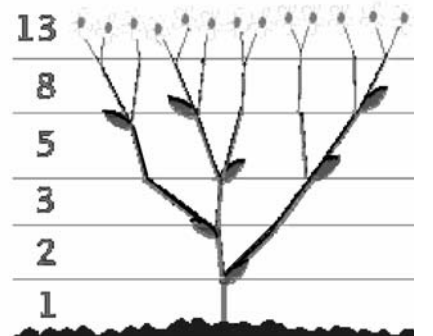
The ancients seemed to know the language of nature. Examples of the Golden Ratio are everywhere. Take a look at the trees in your back yard and see for yourself how they branch in very specific ways-- the Fibonacci sequence.

## Household Hints

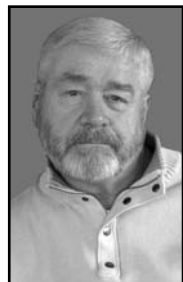
### Clear the air in your kitchen

If the smell of Tuesday's cooked cabbage is hanging around your kitchen longer than you'd like, mix a pot of 1/2 cup white vinegar in 1 cup water. Let it boil until the liquid is almost gone.

You'll be breathing easier in no time



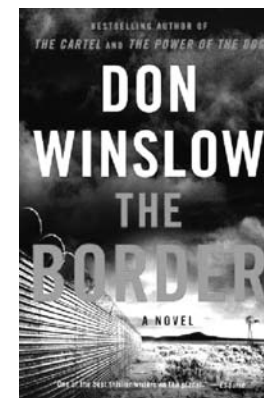




## The Border

### Mysterious Book Report No. 368

by John Dwaine McKenna



No matter what side of the political and social rift you're on, we can all agree that our southern border – the invisible line – which designates the United States of America from the United Mexican States, is one of the most contentious places on planet earth. As such, it abounds with tales of human tragedy, hope, criminality, heroism, death, life, dreams and disasters. It is a place of legend, with stories too numerous to count, as well as a place of endless fascination. And now, in the culmination of a twenty-year effort from one of America's best crime fiction and thriller writers, it's the last volume of a trilogy about the drug wars . . . as seen through the eyes of a tough, pragmatic DEA agent named Art Keller . . . that began in 2005 with the publication of *The Power of the Dog*, followed in 2015 by *The Cartel*.

Now, in what can only be called his *magnum opus*, crime fiction master Don Winslow brings it to a crescendo in *The Border*, (William Morrow/Harper Collins, \$28.99, 720 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-26648-8.)

Art Keller has spent his entire adult life fighting the drug cartels and trying to capture or kill the head of the Sinaloa Cartel: Adán Barrera, the godfather of all the Narcos. It's been a long and bloody fight that's cost Keller his family, friends, a partner who was like a brother, and a piece of his soul . . . but it cost Barrera his life. In a cruel twist of fate however, Keller, now the politically appointed head of the DEA, finds that killing one monster has created thirty new ones, and a new drug war has broken out in Mexico, with fresh young Narcos vying to take over. From his position atop the agency, Keller sees that the fifty year War on Drugs is a failure, and realizes that the enemy isn't just in Mexico, it's his own government, the addicts, users and dope slingers who sell the poison that's killing 70,000 people a year from overdoses. Heroin is Adán's Barrera's legacy, and every time a junkie uses, someone makes money. Keller thinks it's fueling the US economy, but still puts together a far-ranging clandestine program called "Operation Agitator," targeting the politicians, financiers and bosses of the cartels. It's ambitious, far-reaching and possibly fatal . . . because one of the Narco targets has proof of Keller's involvement in a crime in Central America and is threatening him with exposure . . . while at the same time, Keller has evidence implicating the newly-elected US President's son-in-law of being involved in a real estate deal that uses drug cartel money to complete the financing.

From the slums of Guatemala City, to the financial canyons and corporate board rooms of Wall Street, to the halls of Congress and even the Oval Office of the White House, *The Border*, is epic in scope and far-reaching in content. It is a work of immense scale and deep impact that should be read by each and every voting adult in America. It's a thought-provoking blockbuster, and one for the ages!

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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

## Sullivan County Manager Declares State of Emergency

Monticello, NY - While Sullivan County currently continues to have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus), County Manager Joshua Potosek announced today that County government operations will be altered significantly for the time being.

"Considering the State's ongoing efforts to contain coronavirus - which has now been confirmed in all the counties which surround Sullivan - it's timely and prudent for Sullivan County government to protect both its employees and the public, without inconveniencing either more than necessary," Potosek stated. "Thus I am declaring a State of Emergency in Sullivan County and initiating a series of measures to preserve service delivery and health & welfare."

### Minimal Staffing at Many Offices

Effective Monday, March 16, County government offices will be staffed as lightly as possible, some with only one employee, so as to minimize the chances of coronavirus exposure and transmission. Certain facilities, like the Care Center and DMV, will continue to be fully staffed in order to provide necessary services to the public. But even in those locations, restrictions will be in place (see below).

"I encourage citizens to call our offices to seek services whenever possible - and to only do so when absolutely necessary, considering the few staff who will be available to answer phones," Potosek urged. "If it can wait a week or two, let it wait."

The majority of County employees will continue to work during normal hours, however, as provisions have been made to give them access to their digital workspaces from home.

### Care Center Closed to Visitors

Except for families of loved ones receiving end-of-life care, visitation to the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty is suspended indefinitely. This is to protect the County's most vulnerable residents from coronavirus, which can be lethal for older adults.

"My own wife is a resident of the Care Center, so this news was devastating to me," District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez remarked. "But I understand why it is being done, and like many other families, I am enduring this very painful sacrifice for the welfare of those we care for at the Center."

### DMV Serving Only Sullivan County Residents

Starting Monday, March 16, all MV-44 transactions at the Sullivan County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office will be conducted for Sullivan County residents only, so as to limit the potential spread of coronavirus. This includes applications for and renewals of all driver's licenses (Standard, Enhanced and Real ID), learner's permits, non-driver's license ID cards, conditional or restricted licenses, and reciprocity. (DMV's previous camera breakdown has been repaired, so full services have been restored.)

In addition, the Sullivan County Clerk's Office will process passports only for Sullivan County residents. The Clerk's Office also strongly encourages e-recording of documents.

### Congregant Meal Sites Closed

All County-served senior nutrition sites have been closed indefinitely in order to limit potential exposures to senior citizens, who are most at risk from coronavirus. Meals on Wheels deliveries will continue, however, and officials are working on further efforts to meet the nutritional needs of residents.

### County Events Cancelled

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office's Victim Impact Panel scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 in the Government Center's Hearing Room has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The Sullivan County Career Center's March Hiring Event on March 25 and the Monticello Library Hiring Event on April 4 have both been cancelled.

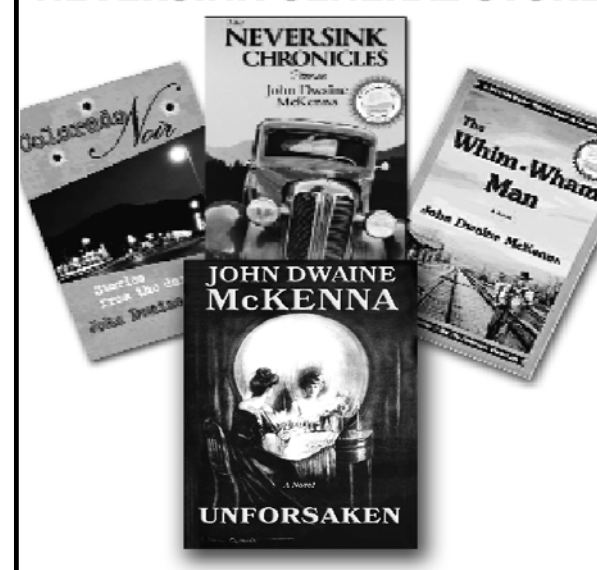
### Emergency Operations Center Opened

At Potosek's direction, the Sullivan County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been opened in White Lake, and provisions are being made to fully staff it as the need arises.

"We have been and will continue to be working closely with our local towns and villages, their police departments and State health authorities to address any impacts of coronavirus as they come our way," Potosek explained. "While I can't assure that we won't have any cases of the virus in our County, I CAN assure that we are taking the steps necessary to fulfill our obligation to protect and promote the health and welfare of all our citizens."

Updates and further details, including how to protect yourself against coronavirus, can be found at [www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus](http://www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus).

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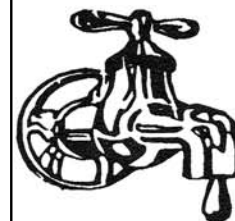
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## The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Our bucket list had a trip to Portugal, a Broadway play, a stay at the Sagamore in Lake George, and a number of smaller adventures. Now my BUCKET is filled with cleaning supplies: Clorox, hand sanitizer (alcohol and aloe vera), soap, wipes and sprays. We, like many of you, are hunkered in. I prefer the word "hunker" to social distancing or isolation.

Thank goodness for television and social media. Since I am a self-proclaimed "Yenta" and operate on peer pressure, I can, left to my own devices, just fritter away a day accomplishing little. I work best under deadlines and in groups. So, with yoga, church, nursing homes, library activities, and schools cancelled, I have weeks of days with nothing on the horizon. It is time to reorganize my BUCKET LIST.

I might finish and frame some of my paintings. I just might move on from Chapter Eight of "Buster", a book I started and have neglected for two years now. I may paint the one little wall in the hallway that got scratched years ago. I just might tackle the old photograph collection that resides in yellowing albums, boxes, and bins. I will call or email one person a day just to chat. I will definitely attack the junk drawer in the kitchen. I am reading voraciously. I am continuing to daily sanitize all door knobs, light switches, remotes, technology screens and keyboards, and telephones, I change pillow cases each day and air pillows and linens out in the fresh air and sunlight.

I have already begun to cook more interesting meals, since dinner together tends to be the highlight of the day for us. We brought my new Mantis three-wheel bike back from upstate and I plan to bike on the rail trail. I do my yoga breathing and salutations to the sun on the deck without fear of public ridicule. The birds, chipmunks, and squirrels don't even stare. Hudson is getting walked more often; we have discovered soggy, half-frozen, stuffed animals that he has dropped on his wanderings.

I am fortunate to be "hunkered" in with my husband and dear Hudson with family near by. May you all be safe and use this opportunity to slow down a bit and re-evaluate your "bucket list." Many of us were so busy that we didn't realize how important health and safety are to all of us. The only upside to the viral pandemic is that we are fighting a common enemy, not each other, and we are realizing our humanity.



### UC Executive Pat Ryan and Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith Announce new Developments Related to COVID-19

#### County Executive Ryan Directs Schools in Ulster County to Close for 14-Days

"In consultation with the Health Department and the Ulster County Health and Safety Advisory Task Force, and out of an abundance of caution, I am directing the closure of all schools in Ulster County for 14 days, starting on Monday. As a parent, I know this will impact families in our community, and understand the sacrifice this will entail, but I am confident we are making the right decision. We are working closely with school officials and community leaders to develop plans at the school district-level to help alleviate the stresses and hardships this will place on our County's families. Based on what we currently know about the spread of COVID-19, we believe that acting decisively now will significantly reduce the impact on our community and help protect our most vulnerable neighbors" - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan.

School superintendents and officials will implement this order as appropriate in each district, and provide additional guidance to their school communities in the coming hours and days. Schools will be closed for instruction, after-school and extracurricular events, and public events, but superintendents may direct essential staff to report as needed.

"These are challenging times. All of the Ulster County school superintendents support this action by County Executive Ryan. We all have the same goal which is to protect the health and safety of the over 22,000 students and the thousands of teachers, administrators and support staff who work in our schools everyday" - Chuck Khoury, District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer, Ulster BOCES.

"This is an important action that will protect the health and safety of the residents of Ulster County. This decision was not made lightly and we know that it will have real world impacts to many, but it is the decision that needs to be made to stop the continued spread of COVID-19. I applaud the County Executive for taking direct and swift action. I want to again stress that residents should continue to exercise caution, but that this is not a cause for panic. For physicians, school districts, and those who feel they may be exposed or are experiencing symptoms, call our new COVID-19 hotline at 845-443-8888 or visit our website [ulstercountyny.gov/Coronavirus](http://ulstercountyny.gov/Coronavirus) for more information" - Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith.

In addition to working closely with school superintendents and officials, Ulster County is in close coordination with neighboring Dutchess County and Orange County leadership.

### Message from Olive Free Library Director

During uncertain times it is our instinct to gather to discuss and comfort each other, which has made the decision to cancel programs and reduce our hours of service especially hard. This decision was not made lightly. I am hopeful we will be able to resume normal hours at the end of March, but I've learned that this is a rapidly evolving situation and nothing can be predicted.

We will continue to check email and phone messages, please feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Chrissy Lawlor

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### Ulster County & Sullivan County Postponements • Cancellations Change of Venue

- **Time and the Valleys Museum, Grahamsville, NY** - Meet the **Artists Reception WOW: Water on Water Catalogue on Sunday, March 29** at the Time and the Valleys Museum **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**
- **CANCELLED** - SC Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast for April 3
- **POSTPONED** - Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Annual Celebration of Charity and Caritas Awards Dinner has been postponed until Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center As a Community Center, we are first and foremost committed to the health and well-being of our community and all communities. After careful consideration and being informed by the CDC and World Health Organization current guidelines, we have made the right decision to suspend Center programming through to March 31st and postpone the 2020 Gala until we are confident it is safe for all to attend. We do so out of an abundance of caution for the entire community.

Please check our website for updates or call the Center (Monday-Friday 9:30am-5pm) at 845-331-5300.

Wishing you the best of health,

The Staff and Board of The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

ASK (Art Society of Kingston) - • We had a number of wonderful events planned for this weekend. Due to recommendations from Ulster County and in consultation with the artists, we are cancelling all events this weekend. We are working with the artists to reschedule and will let you know when we are able to present these fine performances

• **CANCELLED**-The Catskill Mountain Gamelan The Catskill Mountain Gamelan presents a concert of Indonesian music, with guest artists Ageng Yustisiani



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Putri, a Sundanese classical dancer, and her husband Edward Garcia (drummer), who is recently returned from a music fellowship studying in West Java. Together with the Catskill Mountain Gamelan, they will be performing Indonesian classical dance, including tari topeng (masked dance) and song, featuring female singers and dancers. A gamelan is a West Javanese percussion ensemble, decoratively designed and made of bronze hanging and potted gongs and metallophones. Led by Dr. Dorcinda Knauth, an ethnomusicologist specializing in Indonesian music, the group consists of talented musicians, composers and dancers from the Hudson Valley.

• **CANCELLED**- Bard Music Festival and The Orchestra Now present: French Impressions Nadia Boulanger and Her World Bard Music Festival and The Orchestra Now present: French Impressions Nadia Boulanger and Her World has been cancelled. A new date for this event will be announced at a later time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

• **CANCELLED**-Sketch Laughs! w/Crime Alley Sketch Laughs! with Crime Alley this Saturday night has been cancelled. A new date for this event will be announced at a later time. We apologize for any inconvenience.




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**Message from Jerry Huncosky CEO Frost Valley**

**To everyone in our Frost Valley family,**  
 We are thinking of you in these uncertain times. I wanted to reach out and let you know we're here for you. We are grateful to stay connected through technology. In the Fall, we mailed our camper families a catalog titled: "Rise and Thrive This Summer." We had no way of knowing then just how relevant those words would be. **We remain optimistic that our Frost Valley family will rise and thrive.** After weeks of speaking with our governing agencies, heeding the ever-evolving advice from the CDC, and adhering to an abundance of caution, I have cancelled Frost Valley's scheduled programs until at least the beginning of April. Normally this time of year, our fields and forests are filled with middle schoolers on environmental education field trips that they will never forget. But it's quiet at camp, and camp just isn't camp without kids. Instead, many of them are home, and with good reason. As a youth development organization, everything we do is because we believe in the power and potential of children.

Right now, children all over the world are staying home. They're giving up what every child deserves - time each day to learn, grow, and be with their friends. Staying home from school, sports, and their much-awaited Frost Valley school trip is a hard sacrifice for a kid to make for the greater good.

**This summer, children will need camp more than ever.** I know many of us may be facing hardships of our own, and we're so humbled by our donors who support us during times like this despite such challenges. Thank you. Together we can ensure that all children, regardless of financial circumstances, are able to go to camp and rise and thrive this summer. Sincerely, Jerry Huncosky CEO

**Sullivan County Confirms One Case of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus)**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw announced today that a case of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) has been confirmed at the County-owned and operated Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty. "A healthcare worker at our nursing home tested positive today for the virus," said McGraw. "They have been self-isolating since going home from work last Thursday. As a matter of routine, the Center's direct-care staff all wear personal protective equipment as they work, and to date, none of our Care Center residents or staff are exhibiting elevated temperatures or respiratory symptoms." "Sullivan County Public Health Services continues to be in direct contact with the NYS Department of Health for guidance and in investigating this case and limiting further transmission," County Manager Joshua Potosek stated. "Visitation to the Care Center was halted on Friday, and until we know more about this situation, we are also halting all new admissions and non-urgent medical appointments at the facility." For more information on the virus and local updates, visit [www.sullivancounty.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus](http://www.sullivancounty.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus).

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### Fallsburg Seventh Graders Receive DARE Graduation Certificates

An important part of the anti-drug and positive decision making effort at Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School is providing the DARE Real Refusal Strategy Program to all seventh graders, one of the most vulnerable ages in our society.



Graduates behind kneeling police officers celebrating with the students.

On March 5, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Resource Office Phil Brooks (SRO) awarded the entire class certificates of completion of this valuable program. The



SRO Philip Brooks with one of the graduates, Darrell Lloyd Valree

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essential parts of the ten week training are contained in the acronym REAL. REFUSE is saying no, I don't want to do something. EXPLAIN is saying why I don't want to do something. AVOID is keeping away from a situation I don't want to be involved in. LEAVE is taking me out of a situation I don't want to be in. Officer Brooks acknowledged the students for their loyalty in attending and attention during the semester long program.

Because he wanted to show the solidarity and commitment with this program to the students and the community, Officer Brooks had many of his fellow Fallsburg Police Officers on hand to help distribute the awards, special pins and DARE Tee Shirts. Included in the group was Police Chief Simmie Williams, who years ago served as the first SRO in Fallsburg School District.

Officer Brooks also had a fellow officer from Kingston, who had trained in the DARE Program alongside Brooks, Christopher Spyllos. Acknowledging the graduates were Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Matt Evans, Principal Dawne Adams and Interim Assistant Principal Lou Trombetta.

## Weather Forecast

SUNRISE: 7:05 AM  
SUNSET: 7:04 PM

AVERAGE HIGH: 47°F AVERAGE LOW: 28°F

THURSDAY



HIGH: 50°F LOW: 44°F

FRIDAY



HIGH: 69°F LOW: 33°F

SATURDAY



HIGH: 42°F LOW: 22°F

SUNDAY



HIGH: 41°F LOW: 30°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 52°F LOW: 33°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 54°F LOW: 36°F

## Rivoli Vaudeville Live

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is celebrating its 70th Anniversary by opening its season with a recreation of the Vaudeville days of the Rivoli Theatre! Director, Jim Schmidt, is calling you to highlight your talents in the "Rivoli Vaudeville Live" Show to be presented May 8 - 17 at the Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg. Audition dates are April 18 & 19 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm at the Rivoli.



If you tell jokes, play spoons, have a trained pet, do impressions, juggle, or tap dance, come out to audition. We are looking for fire eaters, contortionists, bungee jumpers, burlesque dancers, mind readers, unicyclists - come out to audition. If you "clown" around, draw caricatures, mime, stilt walk or belly dance, there's a place for you in Vaudeville.

Vaudeville was a theatrical genre of entertainment popular chiefly in the United States in

the early 20th Century. It could include all kinds of short skits, singers, comedians, magicians and the like. Our Rivoli Theatre was built in 1923, renovated in the late 30's, and presented vaudeville show. The Rivoli was a major source of live entertainment during the peak years of the county's summer resorts. To recreate this kind of variety show, we need lots of "hams", fun-loving types and YOU. For more information, please contact Director Jim at (845) 798-2859 or SLJ2859@aol.com.

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## Frost Valley YMCA Offers Hunter and Bowhunter Education Courses

Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA is hosting a Hunter Education Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 18th and a Bowhunter Education Course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 19th for community members who are interested in completing the safety courses required to receive a New York hunting license.



Frost Valley has trained instructors certified by the Department of Environmental Conservation to teach safe and responsible outdoor practices and the important role of hunters in conservation. All first-time hunters are required to complete a Hunter Education Course before they can get a license in New York State. First-

time bowhunters are required to complete a Bowhunter Education Course in addition to the Hunter Education Course.

All courses are free of charge, but space is limited so early registration is strongly advised. Lunch is available for a small fee. Register online through the New York Department of Environmental Conservation at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html>. For more information, contact Frost Valley's Natural Resources Department by calling 845-985-2291 ext. 217 or by emailing [naturalresources@frostvalley.org](mailto:naturalresources@frostvalley.org)

Frost Valley's Natural Resources Department also offers local community members the opportunity to participate in the Outdoor Sporting Program. With enrollment, nature enthusiasts will have access to Frost Valley's 5,500 acres of pristine forest, fields, lakes, riverbeds, and trails in which to explore the beautiful Catskill Mountains. Participants can hike, fish, play disc golf, and take part in Frost Valley's 3D Archery Shoots, which are held twice per year.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Outdoor Sporting program, should contact Frost Valley's Department of Natural Resources. For more information or to receive an application packet, email [naturalresources@frostvalley.org](mailto:naturalresources@frostvalley.org) or call 845-985-2291 ext. 217.

While we are hopeful this program will run as scheduled, Frost Valley may need to cancel in the best interest of public health. For more information, visit [www.frostvalley.org/covid-19-faqs](http://www.frostvalley.org/covid-19-faqs).



**Keeping our Community Safe**

Ellenville Regional Hospital takes the health and safety of our patients, staff and community seriously. As such, we have instituted protocols to protect you. Our clinical team has actively coordinating with the Ulster County and NYS Departments of Health. Here are some of our current protocols:

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  - Specialty Services entrance for Specialty Services patients
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## Who Needs Snow to Enjoy a Winter Carnival?



Physical Education teacher Ryan Koval preparing kids on the bobsled and showing how he created the bobsled

During the middle of winter, Fallsburg Central School District held a delightful Carnival for the students at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. The Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Program (PBIS) organized the day. They relied heavily on the physical education teachers, who displayed great ingenuity to create wintry events without snow. The day-long festival on January 31 allowed all grades from Kindergarten through sixth grade to participate and still have plenty of time for their regular curriculum studies.

Each grade had an age-appropriate story time, read by a guest reader, while being served hot chocolate. All grades had a session making winter crafts. "Snowmen and snowwomen" were constructed in competitive relays in part of the school gym. Students raced in groups using hoops for sections of the main body and all sorts of plastics pieces for eyes, noses, buttons and arms. The other half of the gym had bobsled races in three person teams. The sleds were made of two rolling dollies with four wheels each topped by a plastic seat that fit across the dollies. (This event had the most excitement as measured by the screaming two sitting children and the two who were pushing them.)

Without ice on the ground, a makeshift "rink" was created in the front alcove of the school. Students with plastic sticks and pucks were racing along pushing pucks into nets at either end of the alcove. Finally, the students enjoyed a biathlon racing across the Alternative P.E. Gym on plastic discs, like skates, stopping to toss bean bags at bowling pins to knock them off a pedestal, and then skating back to let their buddies take a shot.

The PBIS Coordinators are Brittany Davis and Nicole Cortes. Ms. Gallo, Ms. Lindridge and Lionel White read the stories and made and served the hot chocolate. Mr. Jonas and Ms. Marsilio ran the snowman building. Mr. Koval coordinated the bobsled event. Mr. Tingley handled the biathlon. All classroom teachers were involved with their classes for the hockey event and winter crafts.

With all this wonderful physical activity, the children got plenty of healthy exercise and had great fun while doing it, much to the pleasure of The FCSD Wellness Committee.



Above: Kids building snowmen.

Below: If you look closely, you will see kids shuffling on plastic discs, carrying bean bags to knock down bowling pins in the biathlon.





## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

These are scary times we are living in.

You know it's bad when two people who are on opposite sides of the political environment from yourself and that you haven't spoken to because of this divide call you and are genuinely concerned about your welfare because you are one of those at high risk. I am that person. And because so, I am in "self curfew", not to be confused with self quarantine. I am not ill and exhibit no signs of this virus running rampant and ruining life as we used to know it. But I have asthma and am very prone to upper respiratory infections having just had one in December. Self curfew, for me, is limiting my time out in the world to only essentials like food.

I miss going out. I miss my musician friends and the wonderful owners of the venues. And it's only been a week. I have cancelled my teaching gigs and anything else that can't be done from home. I will keep up the column, but I will have to come up with a creative way to do so. Right now, the shock of having to remain close to home has not worn off.

On the flip side, it's thoroughly confusing the cats!

The following is what's coming up this week:

Open mic at BUM & KELS LAKESIDE, Loch Sheldrake on Wednesday, hosted by **The Johnny Jules Band**; 7pm

Open mic at CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville on Thursday, hosted by **ROBERT TELLEFSEN**; 7pm

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Saturday, March 21

**ALBI** will be at **THE PICKLED OWL**; 6pm

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Until next time....stay well my friends.....

### "Life in the Past Lane"

#### One man show by Jonathan Charles Fox

Join us Saturday, March 28 at 2pm for DVAA's winter Salon Series performance of "Life in the Past Lane." Jonathan Charles Fox and his sidekick Dharma the Wonder Dog will be making a pit stop at the Krause Recital Hall on March 28 at 2 PM to regale audiences with a selection of stories culled from his colorful life on planet Earth. While some of his tales might seem out of this world, each is guaranteed to be new, true, unscripted and unrehearsed.



"It's just how I roll," Fox said regarding his "triumphant return" to the Salon Series. "I never really know what I'm going to say until the audience shows up, since they are an integral part of the experience. I may be in the driver's seat, steering my way through my memoir - titled 'Life in the Past Lane' but there will surely be bumps in the road, twists and turns, and it's possible some hazards will show up in the rear view mirror."

Award-winning columnist, author, photographer and self-proclaimed "Bon Vivant," Jonathan Charles Fox will pull into Narrowsburg, NY with his unique blend of humor, pathos, and more of the "self-serving ingratiating joie de vivre" that he's famous for in some corner of the galaxy. "Yep- I'm a legend in my own mind. You choose the topic, I'll tell a story," he promises. "At some point, it will all screech to a halt, or simply crash and burn. Either way, you'll get to go home unscathed. I hope."

DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and the events will take place at 2pm on the second floor in the intimate Krause Recital Hall.

Admission is free, and donations are appreciated. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Schedule is subject to change due to weather and circumstances beyond our control. Please call ahead to confirm each event. More information is available by calling 845-252-7576 or visiting DVAA's website, [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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

## SC Manager Orders Schools Closed Through April 3

Monticello, NY - With cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) in every county surrounding Sullivan, County Manager Joshua Potosek, in consultation with BOCES District Superintendent Robert Dufour, is instructing all eight public school districts and private schools in the County to close for the next three weeks, through April 3.

This order applies to the following districts: Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West and Tri-Valley. (The four other districts which serve portions of Sullivan County - Ellenville, Pine Bush, Port Jervis and Minisink Valley - have already been closed by their respective county and school leaders.)

"This was a difficult decision to make, considering how disruptive this closure may be to children's education, including my own," Potosek remarked. "But given the circumstances - including the fact that virtually every school district surrounding Sullivan County has already closed for at least two weeks - this is the most prudent choice. We cannot allow coronavirus to rapidly spread through the classrooms and hallways of our schools. That promises to be far more disruptive than a controlled closure."

"I have been in daily contact with the seven superintendents of our eight component school districts, and we are in agreement this is the right decision at the right time," Dr. Dufour commented. "In fact, we have been preparing for this probability, including the possibility of distance learning alternatives. I ask all students, parents and district supporters to be patient with us and to work with us as we continue to respond proactively to the coronavirus threat."

"This is a crucial step, and the County Manager's order to close schools will allow districts to avoid any penalties from not meeting the State's minimum 180-school-days rule," explained Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. "The

### Tri-Valley Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 will be available for public viewing on **FaceBook Live** on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

districts themselves will be in touch with families about steps moving forward, including who to contact with questions."

Note that while Potosek's order is statutorily limited to five days, he intends to renew it for three weeks, ensuring local schools remain closed through April 3.

### The Ulster Ballet Company to postpone the 37th Annual Festival of Dance due to COVID-19

SAUGERTIES, NY, MARCH 16, 2020: Due to the escalation of COVID-19, the closing of the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC), and in an effort to keep performers and patrons safe, the Ulster Ballet Company will postpone its 37th Annual Festival of Dance.

We are actively pursuing a new performance date that is to be determined and will be announced as soon as possible.

For further information and updates, visit [www.ulsterballet.org](http://www.ulsterballet.org) or call 845-246-4316. The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977.

### Archdiocese Cancels Mass

Archdiocese cancels Mass until further notice at all churches— Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island in New York City and the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester.

### Governor Andrew M. Cuomo Signed an Executive Order Temporarily Modifying Election Procedures

In an effort to keep New Yorkers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed an executive order temporarily modifying election procedures to help reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The executive order suspends the candidate petitioning process - effective 5PM on Tuesday - for the June primaries for Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and Judicial races.

The executive order also modifies the signature requirements for ballot access; candidates will only need to collect 30 percent of the statutory threshold. For Congress, candidates would need 375 signatures rather than 1,250. For State Senate, candidates would need 300 signatures rather than 1,000. For Assembly, candidates would only need 150 signatures rather than 500.

The executive order also modifies deadlines and procedures to better allow New Yorkers to vote absentee for the Queens Borough President special election on March 24. It extends the current deadline to register to vote absentee to March 23, the day before the special election. Absentee votes must be postmarked or delivered in person up until the day of the election on March 24.

"Public health experts have been clear that one of the most common ways to communicate COVID-19 is through direct person to person contact, and we are doing everything in our immediate power to reduce unnecessary interactions," Governor Cuomo said. "This executive order modifies the election process in a way that both protects public health and ensures the democratic process remains healthy and strong regardless of the ongoing pandemic."



## Senators Metzger, Kavanagh, and Persaud Convene Roundtable Discussion on Housing Insecurity and Homelessness in the Hudson Valley

Sullivan County, NY... Senators Jen Metzger (SD-42), Brian Kavanagh (SD-26, and Chair of the Housing Committee), and Roxanne Persaud (SD-19, Chair of the Social Services Committee) convened a roundtable discussion on housing insecurity and homelessness in the Hudson Valley this week, together with 16 representatives of county agencies and community-based organizations working locally to help housing insecure and homeless individuals and families.

"Homelessness is a real and growing problem in our region, and we are seeing a worrisome increase in homelessness among whole families," said Senator Metzger. "If we are to address these issues effectively, we have to understand the underlying causes and the barriers to ending homelessness and housing insecurity in our rural communities and small cities. At the roundtable, we had a very productive discussion on a wide range of issues, including affordable housing shortages and local housing policies, lack of public transportation, overly burdensome restrictions on access to state housing funds, and the need to address concurrent issues that homeless individuals may face, such as substance abuse and mental health disorders. Importantly, we absolutely have to break the stigma associated with homelessness and housing insecurity, and recognize that in today's economy, there are many working people that do not make a livable wage and are unable to afford market-rate housing. Investments in more affordable housing in our rural communities is absolutely critical."

"More immediately, we are very concerned about the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, and need to make sure that we have an adequate safety net in place to prevent an increase in housing and food insecurity," said Senator Metzger.

"Thursday we had the opportunity to hear from those directly involved in preventing homelessness," said Senator Brian Kavanagh (SD-26 and Chair of the Senate Housing Committee). "As our conversation demonstrated, far too many New Yorkers experience homelessness, and the consequences of housing instability for individuals, families, and society as a whole are far reaching. Fortunately, we also heard about workable solutions and resources the state could make available that would promptly begin to improve the situation, including support for rental subsidies to get people into stable, permanent housing as well as service-rich transitional programs. I thank the organizations and individuals who shared their expertise and insights, and Senators Metzger and Persaud for their great leadership in this area. I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that no New Yorker is denied access to safe, permanent housing."

"Senator Metzger, Senator Kavanagh, and I received invaluable perspectives on New York's state-wide homelessness and housing affordability crisis, particularly through the lens of rural communities," said Senator Roxanne J. Persaud (SD-19, Chair of the Social Services Committee). "In speaking with several local social service commissioners, legal service providers, non-profit and faith-based shelter service providers, we heard a resounding compassionate message: the needs in rural communities are just like anywhere else and there is a strong unified network of service providers. Geographic barriers create a greater challenge for homeless New Yorkers and service providers alike. I look forward to continued work with my colleagues on a stronger statewide policy to address homelessness."

Organizations and agencies that participated in the roundtable discussion included representatives from Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Monticello Community Hub, New Beginnings House of Worship, Orange County Department of Social Services, Rural Development Advisory Corp (RDAC), RUPCO, Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, Sullivan 180, Sullivan BOCES, Sullivan County Community Services, Sullivan County's Department of Family Services, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, Sullivan County Human Rights Commission, Ulster County

Community Action, Ulster Habitat for Humanity, and WestCOP Housing and Veterans Resources were present to participate in the conversation.

## Actions Support State Mandate to Obtain 70 Percent of Electricity from Renewable Sources by 2030 and Nation-Leading Goals of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

### Governor's Proposed \$3 Billion Restore Mother Nature Bond Act and \$33 Billion, Five-Year Commitment to Fight Climate Change Can Help Communities Address Climate Challenges

### Certified Communities Are Models for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Building Local Climate Resilience

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the latest round of certified Climate Smart Communities across New York State that are taking bold steps to mitigate and adapt to climate change. With more than 600 action submissions received from 23 communities, 14 local governments successfully met criteria to be recognized as climate leaders. Thirteen communities achieved bronze level certification and Suffolk County attained the silver level, demonstrating the increasing local interest in following New York State's nation-leading efforts to address the impacts of climate change through existing initiatives like the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and Climate Smart Communities Program, as well as through new proposals like Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's \$3 billion Restore Mother Nature Environmental Bond Act.


DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "Despite endless attempts by the federal government to ignore the climate crisis, Governor Cuomo remains steadfast in his commitment to ensure that New York is prepared for unprecedented weather events that threaten our communities. These Climate Smart Communities understand the urgency to reverse climate change and build a more resilient New York for generations to come. As we continue to seek innovative ways to integrate climate change into daily decision making, it's thrilling to see these communities demonstrate how their bold actions lead to success."

At Governor Cuomo's direction, DEC and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) recently held the first-ever meeting of the Climate Action Council, created after Governor Cuomo signed the nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) into law 2019. The CLCPA establishes aggressive and necessary greenhouse gas reduction requirements that will put New York on a path to carbon neutrality by mid-century. In addition, the CLCPA includes commitments to disadvantaged communities to ensure the State's transition to cleaner energy resources benefits all New Yorkers. New York's newest certified Climate Smart Communities in the Hudson Valley are:

- City of Beacon (bronze)
- Village of Hastings on the Hudson (bronze)
- Town of Marbletown (bronze)
- Town of New Paltz (bronze)
- Village of New Paltz (bronze)
- Village of Rhinebeck (bronze)
- Town of Saugerties (bronze)

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Smart Community took to achieve certification are available at the Climate Smart Communities website.

In order to be certified, every community must show that it has an active climate action task force that includes municipal and citizen representatives. Many certified communities get points for installing electric vehicle charging stations and putting solar on municipal buildings. Suffolk County, for example, has nine solar energy installations totaling more than 270 kilowatts of capacity. Most certified communities also complete greenhouse gas inventories that calculate emissions at the local level and help them identify how best to help New York State meet the aggressive greenhouse gas limits laid out in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Started in 2009, the Climate Smart Communities program provides guidance and technical support to local governments to take locally driven climate action. The first step communities take is to register by passing a pledge to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. Currently there are 294 local governments that have passed the Climate Smart Communities pledge, representing more than 8.7 million New Yorkers. The certification program was launched in 2014 to document and celebrate the accomplishments of leading communities. Since 2014, New York State has designed 50 certified Climate Smart Communities.

The Climate Smart Communities program is jointly sponsored by the following seven state agencies: DEC, NYSERDA, New York Power Authority, Department of State, Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and Department of Public Service. For more information, visit the Climate Smart Community website.

In January, Governor Cuomo announced the new \$33 billion five-year plan to combat climate change (leaves DEC's website), which includes the proposed \$3 billion Restore Mother Nature Bond Act. Projects supported by the Bond Act would help address impacts communities across the state will experience as climate change advances by improving water quality, reducing the potential for harmful algal blooms, protecting drinking water across the state, and enhancing habitat which acts as carbon storage powerhouses. These major investments continue New York's national environmental leadership, advance essential projects to protect the state's water, air and natural resources, prevent damages from flooding, and help communities capitalize on the economic returns of environmental funding.

Governor Cuomo is advancing the nation's most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, putting the state on a path to being entirely carbon-neutral across all sectors of the economy and establishing a goal to achieve a zero-carbon emissions electricity sector by 2040, faster than any other state. It builds on New York's unprecedented ramp-up of clean energy including a \$2.9 billion investment in 46 large-scale renewable projects across the state, the creation of more than 150,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector, a commitment to develop nearly 1,700 megawatts of offshore wind by 2024, and 1,700 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2012.

The CLCPA mandates nation-leading clean energy targets: nine gigawatts of offshore wind by 2035, six gigawatts of distributed solar by 2025, and three gigawatts of energy storage by 2030, while calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy. The CLCPA also directs New York State agencies and authorities to collaborate with stakeholders to develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050 and aim to invest 40 percent of clean energy and energy efficiency program resources to benefit disadvantaged communities, achieving 70 percent renewable energy by 2030.





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 Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
 Friday 3 pm to 6 pm  
 If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
 845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

**Claryville Reformed Church**  
 Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041  
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am



Church Hall available for rent  
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**  
**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.  
**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
 Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
 (845) 434-7643

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
 April 4, 2020  
 5:30 pm

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

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**  
 April 25, 2020  
 9:00 am to 12 noon

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

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard**  
**"Celebrating Life, One Family at a Time"**  
 79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*  
**Pastor Kenneth Ronk**  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Worship Service 9:30 am  
 P O Box 238 - Route 55  
 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
 845-985-7480

**NOTE FROM GRAHAMSVILLE UMC and SUNDOWN UMC**  
 Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Church will not be holding church for the next two Sundays.  
 The Thrift Sale has been postponed.  
 The Church will have the Food Pantry on March 27th and will prepare the food like an emergency bag to be handed out to the people -drive thru style - to the people who need it.  
 If someone who is not able to go to a grocery store to buy food, our members of the church are willing to help and deliver the food.  
 They may call 985-2283 or email: *Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com*  
 Please be well and love your neighbor as yourself.

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
 (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)  
 There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).  
 Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).  
 Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you

**COLONIAL FAMILY of FUNERAL HOMES**

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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


3/12; 3/19

State of New York  
Office of the State Comptroller  
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2019 HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THAT THE REPORT OF EXAMINATION PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER HAS BEEN FILED IN MY OFFICE WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS. PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-FIVE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PREPARE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND FILE ANY SUCH RESPONSE IN MY OFFICE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS NOT LATER THAN JUNE 6, 2020.

NORMA PENA, DISTRICT CLERK  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 16, 2020

3/19/2020



**REQUEST FOR BID**  
Forest Management  
Project # 5180  
"Aden Hill"

**NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY**

**Project Information/Description:** Bid Solicitation for the Sale of Timber and Firewood in the Town of Neversink, NY. The City of New York will sell approximately 355,225 board feet (International 1/4" Rule) of sawtimber, 478 cords of hardwood cordwood, and 4.7 cords of hemlock pulpwood through Forest Management Project ID #5180. The products included in this sale are on NYCDEP land located on Aden Hill Road in Neversink, NY.

**Availability of Bid Information:** Bid solicitation information is available by calling Jamie Overton, DEP Forester, at 845-334-7883, or requesting via e-mail at [joverton@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:joverton@dep.nyc.gov).

**Show Dates:** Prospective bidders must attend one of the mandatory public showings in order to receive a bid package necessary to submit a valid bid. The showings will be held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM and Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM**. Participants should park and gather on the east side of Aden Hill Road, 0.7 miles north of the Aden Road intersection or 0.6 miles south of Hanofee Road.

All prospective bidders must notify the DEP Forester of the representatives they will be sending to the showing at least 24 hours in advance.

**Required Contractor Qualification:**

1. The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.
2. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.
3. The Contractor must have demonstrated experience, ability and equipment to assure removal of timber under terms of the agreement.

**Bid Due Date:** All bid proposals must be received by Jamie Overton, P.O. Box 358, Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845-334-7883), **NO LATER THAN Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 4:00 PM, local time.**

**Opening of Bids:** Sealed bids will be publicly opened at the DEP Office, 16 Little Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY, on **Friday, April 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM, local time**. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or around **Friday, May 1, 2020**.

**NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2020 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. For further information on either please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 305.

3/19/2020

## Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2020

Spring Cleanup will be held on April 25 & 29 AND May 2 & 6, 2020. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with BLUE 2020 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

## Monticello - All Poll Workers, Village Residents, and Voters

The Village of Monticello Voting Poll Locations have changed for the Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 Election. Voters in Districts 7 & 8 will now cast your vote at the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center located at 10 Jefferson Street along with Districts 6, 9 & 10. The polls will be open from 12:00noon until 9:00pm.

Janine Gandy-McKinney  
Village Clerk

3/19/2020

## Amidst Growing Global Health Crisis Caused by COVID-19 Gillibrand and Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan, Bicameral Legislation to Address Unique Public Health Challenges on the Border *The Border Health Security Act of 2020 Would Strengthen Infectious Disease Detection and Investigation Capabilities; Reinforce Public Health Infrastructure at American Borders*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As global health risks from coronavirus continue to grow, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and her colleagues introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Border Health Security Act of 2020. The new legislation would strengthen multi-national cooperation to screen and monitor for infectious diseases like COVID-19. The bill would also reinforce the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission and the Canada-United States Pan Border Health Preparedness Council - two critical agencies addressing major bi-national health issues - with resources to improve public health infrastructure, emergency preparedness, and health outcomes for border communities.

"The coronavirus pandemic presents unique challenges for New York's border communities. These important hubs for economic activity - like international trade and travel - require security and resiliency against global disease outbreaks and other public health threats," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am proud to co-lead the Border Health

Security Act which would empower border communities to plan for and invest in the health workforce and services they need to combat the coronavirus outbreak, and to prepare for future public health challenges."

For decades, the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission and the Canada-United States Pan Border Public Health Preparedness Council have worked to address international public health issues at American borders, including infectious disease outbreaks. This bill provides important resources for these agencies to work with community-based organizations and local governments along our borders to strengthen public health infrastructure. New funding under the bill will also invest in improvements for defense against bioterrorism, to warn of communicable disease outbreaks, and to address the many health disparities experienced in the rural border communities.

The Border Health Security Act of 2020 will strengthen public health and national security by:

- Authorizing \$10.5 million per year for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Commission and Council to issue grants for States, Tribes and Tribal organizations, local governments, hospitals and nonprofit health organizations and others
- Addressing the unique public health challenges along international borders and strengthening infectious disease preparedness along the nation's northern and southern borders, including:

- Updating and strengthening the roles of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission and Canada-United States Pan Border Health Council in recommending and implementing initiatives to solve border health issues.
- Designating a border health grant program to prioritize recommendations outlined by the Commission and Council to improve the health of residents along the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada borders. Grant funding would be used to address issues including infectious disease testing, monitoring, and surveillance; public health and public health infrastructure; health conditions with high prevalence; medical and health services research; health care infrastructure; health disparities; environmental health; epidemiology and health research; and workforce training and development.

- Allowing grants to be used for Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) and Border Infectious Disease Surveillance (BIDS) projects to develop and implement infectious disease surveillance plans, public health emergency plans, readiness assessments and preparedness plans, and alert networks; improve infrastructure and laboratories; support workforce training; and improve health information technology.

The Border Health Security Act of 2020 was introduced by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and cosponsored by Senators Martha McSally (R-AZ), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), John Cornyn (R-TX), and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ). Companion legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House by Representative Xochitl Torres Small (D-NM). It is endorsed by the New Mexico Department of Health, the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), the Southern Border Communities Coalition (SBCC), New York Immigration Coalition, OneAmerica, CAFE NM, and the American Public Health Association (APHA).

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## Metzger Co-Sponsors Legislation Thwarting Price Gouging Amid Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) joins lawmakers in thwarting bad-faith businesses looking to make a profit off the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis by supporting new legislation (S7932) that would crack down on price gouging of consumer medical supplies that New Yorkers need to stay safe.

"At a time when the most vulnerable in our communities are at risk, it is absolutely shameful to hike up prices for goods that can help prevent illness and save lives," said Senator Metzger. "This legislation is intended to prevent unscrupulous businesses from profiting at the expense of public health." Online retailers often do not closely monitor individual sellers' price points on their platforms, and there is concern that gouging already taking place on sites like eBay and Amazon is also occurring in small stores throughout the state.

The new legislation would curb price gouging during public health emergencies by strengthening New York's existing price gouging statute to create a presumption that any price increase of greater than 10 percent during a public health emergency began is illicit price gouging. The New York Attorney General would be able to penalize retailers, manufacturers, and distributors who raise prices on consumer medical supplies, and enforce a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 for anyone proven to have participated in price gouging.





**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

- 3/19/2020 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 - **CANCELLED**
- 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 - CANCELLED**
- 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
- 4/21/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (*App. Submission Date - 4/7/2020*)

**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 9:00 am

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**  
 SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI  
 NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE  
 BLUE HILL LODGE  
 ZANETTI'S SERVICE STATION  
 3 GOLDEN'S CONVENIENCE STORE

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

**ELLENVILLE/NAPANOCH**  
 JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY  
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY  
 EWCOG  
 ELLENVILLE CITGO  
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL  
 SHOPRITE

**LOCH SHELDRAKE** • VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY LOBBY  
**FALLSBURG** • FALLSBURG TOWN HALL  
**WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE  
**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)  
 CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD • MUNSON DINER

**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  
 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule  
 Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

April 16, 2020

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR  
 CONFERENCE ROOM  
 PAYMENT BY:  
 CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY — NO CASH OR CREDIT

**Time and the Valleys  
 One Room School  
 Project**

**Question??**

Does anyone in the community have info about a possible Beaver Dam or Curry school? If so would you please share with our researchers? 845-985-7012

The Staff is also looking forward to hearing from community families whose ancestors might have experienced schooling at one room schools. We are specifically looking for the following pre 1920 items: lunch pails or boxes; children's clothing and toys; two 48 star flags; ice skates; bikes; pictures or other memorabilia of former schools.

Sunday March 29th  
**Neversink & Grahamsville  
 Annual Spring Pancake  
 Breakfast**  
 7am - Noon

**Tri-Valley Elementary School**

**WANTED:**

**Local establishments to display student  
 KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office  
 at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).  
 All artwork and frames will be provided by the District  
 and refreshed bi-annually.

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



**Due to the corona virus we are  
 force to CANCEL our Pancake  
 Breakfast for this Sunday,  
 March 22. We will keep every-  
 one posted for next month's  
 pancake breakfast event.**

**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 north-east 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.

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

in the upstairs meeting room  
 at the Neversink Town Hall

Also  
**WANTED**  
 People to  
 play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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**Claryville Volunteer Fire  
 Department Seeking  
 Help to Celebrate 65th  
 Anniversary**

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.

**To all our Readers, Friends and Family**

These certainly are trying times for us all. We are all trying our best to do what is right for our whole community.

We will continue to bring you *The Townsman* each week for as long as we are able. We do have an alternate plan and that is to do what so many are doing through this crisis - the internet! Starting this week the current issue of *The Townsman* will be up online on our website: [thetownsman.com](http://thetownsman.com). As you know in the past we have kept "The Legacy" going and posted the previous week's issues on line. Throughout the next several weeks, or for as long as it takes, the current issues will be available, including The Fun Page!

We have also created another page where we will do our best to post all up-to-date cancellations, postponements and current notices with regard to COVID-19.

For now, we are planning on continuing to go to print as usual, however, should this become impossible, we want all subscribers to note that we will extend whatever weeks we have lost, to their subscriptions.

Most important, stay safe and stay well.

Linda Comando, Editor

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**



**GRAHAMSVILLE REALTY**  
 New York State Licensed Real Estate Broker  
 135 Peekamoose Road  
 Sundown, NY 12740  
 grahamsvillerealty@yahoo.com  
 http://www.grahamsvillerealty.com  
 845-985-0501 • 845-798-9853

**RENTALS**

**3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, Big Kitchen, Big Living Room. Located in Grahamsville.**  
 Call 845-985-0107

**For Rent - 2 bedroom; Living room; Kitchen & bath.** 845-985-0107

**HELP WANTED**

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

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

Responsible young woman willing to provide **in-home services** including food preparation, transportation aid, and other. Kia Connor 985-5084

2/13-3/19dt

**Help Wanted:** Light Maintenance. Part time. Teen or adult. Call 985-2900

**FOR SALE**

**Snowplow for sale** - \$1500.00. 6' 8" Meyer Home Plow. Fully Hydraulic. Requires 2" Ft. Trailerhitch. Bill Griesbeck 845-985-2950. tfn

**YOGA CLASSES**

**GENTLE YOGA**

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

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

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

**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 10 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 performed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not with 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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**Message from The Daniel Pierce Library**

The health and safety of our patrons are of the utmost important to us. With that in mind, we have made the decision to close the library during this time. We will remain closed through April 4th and will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, April 7th. We are using this time to take extra measures to disinfect the library and our materials.

Staff will be checking voicemails and emails (Monday through Friday) while we are closed to the public. We will do our best to return your call in a timely manner.

Please check our website ([www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)) and our Facebook page for updates.

While we are not open to the public there are a lot of online resources available to our patrons. If you need assistance with any of our online resources, please give us a call and a staff member will get back to you and will walk you through the necessary steps to access these resources.

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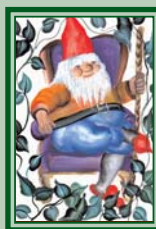
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 6:00 AM **THE HONEYMOON MACHINE** (Comedy, 1961), Two sailors discover a way to beat the roulette tables in a Venice casino. **Dir: Richard Thorpe, Cast: Steve McQueen, Brigid Bazlen, Jim Hutton.** 7:45 AM **SOLDIER IN THE RAIN** (Comedy, 1963), Story of friendship between a worldly-wise Army Master Sergeant and his naive worshiper. **Dir: Ralph Nelson Cast: Jackie Gleason, Steve McQueen, Tuesday Weld.** 9:45 AM **THE GREAT ESCAPE**, (War, 1963), Thrown together by the Germans, a group of captive Allied troublemakers plot a daring escape. **Dir: John Sturges Cast: More famous actors the you can shake a stick at.** 12:45 PM **THE CINCINNATI KID** (Drama, 1965), Card sharps try to deal with personal problems during a big game in New Orleans, starring **Steve McQueen, Edward G. Robinson, Ann-Margret.** **Steve McQueen** brings his cool fire to the role of the **Cincinnati Kid**, a small-timer eager to take his chances in high-stakes poker. He gets his chance – his adversary, ruthless Lancey Howard. C - 103 m TV-14 Closed Captions. 2:45 PM **THE SAND PEBBLES** A naval engineer stationed in 1926 China defies local authorities to rescue a group of missionaries. **Dir: Robert Wise. Cast: Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough, Richard Crenna.** (War, 1966). 6:00 PM **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE** (Drama, 1978) A scientist stands against an entire town when he discovers their medicinal spa is polluted. **Dir: George Schaefer Cast: Steve McQueen, Charles Durning, Bibi Andersson.**

**Quiz (In THE CINCINNATI KID)**  
 1. Who played Lancey Howard?  
 2. Who played Christian?

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

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

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