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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Team on our Community Ice Rink



County Clerk Russell Reeves, Walter Zeitschel (not a surprise as he's there all the time!), Sheriff Mike Schiff, Cher Woehl and Senator Mike Martucci. The cameraman was Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

Valentine's Day this year brought some exciting surprises to our Community Ice Rink and its patrons. First, the NY Islanders hockey team surprised us with T-Shirts! The Islander organization heard about our ice rink and all the support it is getting from the community. (Contd. Pg. 8)

UC Senior Hub Vaccinates 400 Seniors

UC Office for the Aging assisted 400 seniors, including those with limited internet access to sign-up, receive COVID-19 vaccine



UC Executive Ryan visits the Ulster County Senior Hub

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today visited the Ulster County Senior Hub where 400 vaccines were administered to senior residents. Through County Executive Ryan's continued effort to ensure an equitable distribution of vaccines, residents over the age of 75 with underlying health conditions were administered their first dose. Additionally, seniors without access to the internet were prioritized and assisted through the Ulster County Office for the Aging to ensure all senior residents have access to the vaccine.

"Ulster County will continue to do everything within our power to ensure that the distribution of available vaccines is done in an equitable way and is reaching our senior residents," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "We will continue to partner with the Ulster County Office for the Aging to ensure that we can bring the vaccine to our senior community in a quick and fair manner." (Cont. Pg 7)

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More than ever, thank you for your support during these difficult times. Wishing everyone well.

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God; defend me from them that rise up against me.

Psalm 59:1

OBITUARY

Arthur H. Soule of Grahamsville, NY a retired correction officer for New York State Department of Corrections at Woodbourne Correctional Facility died on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at his home; he was 74. The son of the late Melvin and Edna Korth Soule he was born December 20, 1946 in Callicoon, NY.

Art proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Cider Ridge Hunt Club, The Ulster Heights Pistol Club, The National Rifle Association, and the Jeffersonville Fire Department.

Art is survived by his wife, Cindy Soule at home; his daughters: Jody Schanil and her husband, Michael of Obernburg, NY, Kacie Nygard and her husband, Doug of Fair Lawn, NJ, and Christy Bachota and her husband, Kevin of Jeffersonville, NY, his son: Kyle Terbush of Garner, NC; his brother: Robert Soule of Satche, TX; his beloved grandchildren: Katie, Shawn, Kayla, Derek, Emery, Kalin and Chloe, and his great-grandsons: Wyatt and Rhett; nieces: Donna and Kathy and by his nephew, Bobby.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The NRA, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Ride 2 Survive Sullivan County or Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home Jeffersonville, NY 845-482-4280. To send condolences please visit stewartmurphyfh.com

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

February 28, 1951

At a recent special meeting of the Town Board of Neversink at Grahamsville, Raymond Erath was appointed Justice of the Peace by unanimous vote to fill the vacancy created when Charles Huntsberger resigned. The Board now has three justices and one councilman. Mr. Erath is proprietor of the bakery in Grahamsville and a former member of

the Town Board.

Fourteen ladies gathered at the Fire House in Grahamsville on Wednesday evening at a meeting called by Fernald DuBois, President of the Fire Department to discuss and organize a Ladies Auxiliary. The third Wednesday of each month was set as a meeting night and anyone interested in making this new organization a success in cordially invited.

I.E. Wilcox of Roscoe, N.Y., has the contract for clearing the right of way for the first section of the new Central Hudson high tension line from the Grahamsville hydro-electric plant to Dairyland. This section runs from the Reynolds estate at Grahamsville to the Brodhead Road.

March 1, 1961

Louis Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink, joined the law firm of Hyman Levine of Jeffersonville as of Feb. 15th. Louis is the first graduate of Tri Valley High School to enter the legal profession.

Miss Joan Roosa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roosa of Hasbrouck, was notified Monday that she had successfully passed the State Board examination for the licensing and registration of professional nurses. The Salutatorian of the Class of '57 at Tri Valley Central School, Miss Roosa entered the nursing school at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie upon graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cole of Claryville welcomed a baby son on Feb. 21st at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mother and baby came home on Sunday.

The marriage of Patricia Terwilliger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack Hill and Robert Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Irwin of Ellenville, took place at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Church in Ellenville on Sunday, Feb. 12th. After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Ellenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster of Ellenville are parents of a daughter, Karen June, born at Ellenville Hospital on Feb. 15th. Paul is the son of Mrs. Edna Foster formerly of Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 2)

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

(From Pg. 2)

February 24, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to John Sprague Elliott. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott of Liberty. An April wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Agosta of Sacramento, Calif. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Sgt. Gregory Parrow. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Parrow of Sundown. The couple is planning a May 1st wedding.

Miss Kathy Fuller who is practice-teaching in Schenectady, spent most of the week at home with her parents, the Eugene Fullers. She was in Plattsburg two days during the week for interviews for teaching positions for the coming year.

February 26, 1981

Gary and Sharon Kortright are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 22, 1981. Paternal grandparents are Sherman and Vi Kortright and maternal grandparents are Leo and Alice Bertholf.

The Sherm Kortrights are home from their trip to Germany and Belgium where they visited with their son, Donald and wife and two granddaughters. Donald is stationed there in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose have four 8-month old Muscovy ducks and would like to know how to tell the males from the females. Any information would be greatly appreciated. If a duck answers, hang up!

Redemption Date for Tax-Foreclosed Properties Extended to May 3, 2021, Says SC County Treasurer

Monticello, NY - Properties in Sullivan County subject to this year's tax foreclosure proceeding can be redeemed through May 3, 2021.

"The current redemption date is February 26, 2021," explained County Treasurer Nancy Buck. "The State's COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020, however, created a stay of the foreclosure proceeding based on the hardships on property owners created by the coronavirus pandemic. In consultation with my staff, I chose May 3, 2021 as the new redemption date." (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hint:

Get Ready for the Hummingbirds

It won't be long before the hummingbirds return. Hummingbirds are innately discriminating creatures, so don't expect to see them flocking around a dirty, sticky, or crusted-over sugar-water feeder. Regularly clean your feeders by thoroughly washing them in equal parts apple cider vinegar and hot water. Rinse well with cold water after washing, and air-dry them outdoors in full sunlight before refilling them with food.

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.

A Portent of Spring - the Robins

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

For the past several years we usually have reports of the first sightings of Robins as early as January. This year, we have had not reports.



The first sign of the Robins returning to Sundown was about a week ago. I heard them, but didn't see them. Then last Thursday, just after the snowstorm, Frank was using the BBQ in the back yard and he saw a Robin perched on a garden ornament, not 10 feet from where he was. The robin did not take his eyes off of Frank as he cooked the burgers. He got the message - 'go in and get some more bird seed'.

After that, we not only hear the robins in the distance, but now they are coming back daily for their dose of bird seed.

Robins are a sign of Spring! Right? Most of us believe robins go south for the winter and return in the early spring. That is not always true. Once in a while a robin will winter in north.

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

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

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

Not having reports of early sightings of Robins this year, may have something to do with our change of lifestyle due to COVID, but I am more prone to believe the robins were smart enough to know that winter in the Catskills would peak during February and either went south with the rest of the birds, or remained safe in obscurity in a nearby apple orchard where it could get fermented fruit this time of the year before their other food sources become available - mainly earthworms! !

This just might be the year we can rely on some good old-fashioned folk lore - Robins in the backyard are a sure sign of the advent of Spring!

Think Spring and don't forget to turn your clocks ahead this weekend.

Redemption Date for Tax-Foreclosed Properties Extended to May 3, 2021, Says SC County Treasurer

(From Pg. 3) County Court Judge James R. Farrell agreed with the extension and issued a Court Order confirming it.

State law permits owners of properties facing foreclosure to "redeem" those properties - removing them from the foreclosure list - by paying the outstanding taxes and associated penalties before a foreclosure sale is conducted.

"While I could restrict this extension just to those who can prove a COVID-19-related hardship, I don't believe my office should be picking and choosing," Buck added. "We want everyone to remain in their homes and keep their properties for as long as they are able. The very last resort is foreclosure - which we undertake reluctantly and carefully, according to State law."

"If this extra amount of time is the key to someone retaining their home and land, I'm glad that we can offer it to the taxpayers," she affirmed.

For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

Local Rotary International *MILLION MASK CHALLENGE* Makes Generous Donation of Masks in Sullivan County

-Jaime Schmeiser

Thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary International *MILLION MASK CHALLENGE*: Liberty, Livingston Manor and Monticello Rotary Clubs and Rotary District 7210, and a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has a limited supply of masks to distribute to our small business community free of charge. If you or your business are in need of this resource, please contact the Chamber asap to make an appointment to pick-up masks. Masks will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Call 845-791-4200 x 3 to make an appointment.

Thompson Democrats Endorse Candidates

(Monticello) The Town of Thompson Democratic Committee has unanimously endorsed a slate of candidates for the November election. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. The polls will be open from 6 AM to 9 PM.

For Town Supervisor, the Committee endorses incumbent Bill Rieber, Supervisor for the last 8 years. Rieber has 41 years of experience serving on the town board. He is seeking a fifth 2 year term as Supervisor. Tax rates in Thompson have gone down for the 6th year in a row. Rieber previously served as Deputy Supervisor under former Supervisors Tony Cellini and David Kaufman.

Incumbent Town Clerk Marilee Calhoun is endorsed for re-election to a fourth 4 year term. Calhoun has been the



Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber is seeking a fifth 2 year term.

Clerk for 12 years and served as Deputy Town Clerk for 10 years. Calhoun is also endorsed by the Town of Thompson Republican Committee.

For Town Justice, the Committee endorses incumbent Town Justice and attorney Martin Miller. Judge Miller is a hardworking and dedicated Town Justice. With 24 years of experience on the bench, the Committee urges the re-election of Judge Martin Miller, our Justice since 1996.

For Town Council, the Committee has endorsed incumbents John Pavese and Melinda Ketcham-Meddaugh. Pavese has served on the town board for 8 years and is a former member of the Monticello School Board. Ketcham-Meddaugh has served on the town board for 4 years and is a former member of the Town Planning Board.

For Town Highway Superintendent, the Committee endorses incumbent Rich Benjamin, who is also endorsed by the Town of Thompson Republican Committee. Benjamin is seeking a sixth 4 year term. He is currently the First Vice President of the New York State Superintendents Association. If re-elected, Benjamin will serve as President of the Association.

Thompson Democratic Chair Bill James said, "The candidates will be gathering signatures on their political petitions from March 2nd to March 22nd. Due to the pandemic, the number of required signatures across the state has been reduced to thirty percent of the usual number." The Thompson Democratic Committee has 20 members, two from each of the ten election districts located in the Town of Thompson and Village of Monticello.

Ulster County Democrats and Friends

Last Thursday, February 18, members of the Ulster County Democratic Committee (UCDC) were part of a 300-participant Zoom meeting to endorse candidates for New York State Supreme Court Justice, Ulster County Comptroller, Ulster County Clerk, Ulster County Legislators, and New York State Judicial Delegates. Ulster Democrats proudly endorse the following candidates for election in 2021:

Kevin R. Bryant for New York Supreme Court Justice, 3rd Judicial District

David Gandin for New York Supreme Court Justice, 3rd Judicial District

March Gallagher for Ulster County Comptroller

Nina Postupack for Ulster County Clerk

Aaron Levine for Ulster County Legislator District 1 (Parts of Town of Saugerties)

John Schoonmaker for Ulster County Legislator District 2 (Parts of Town of Saugerties and Village of Saugerties)

Arick Manocha for Ulster County Legislator District 3 (Parts of Town of Saugerties and Town of Ulster)

Brian Cahill for Ulster County Legislator District 4 (Town of Kingston and Parts of Town of Ulster)

Abe Uchitelle for Ulster County Legislator District 5 (Parts of City of Kingston)

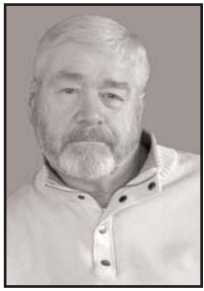
David Donaldson for Ulster County Legislator District 6 (Parts of City of Kingston)

Peter Criswell for Ulster County Legislator District 7 (Parts of City of Kingston)

Laura Petit for Ulster County Legislator District 8 (Parts of Town of Esopus)

Gary Pregno for Ulster County Legislator District 10 (Parts of Town of Lloyd and Parts of Town of Marlborough)

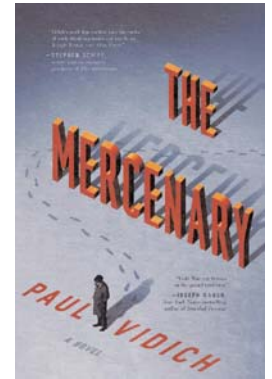
Marisa McClinton for Ulster County Legislator District 12 (Town of Plattekill) (Contd. Pg. 10)



The Mercenary

Mysterious Book Report No. 439

by John Dwaine McKenna



Moscow, during the late winter-early spring of 1985-in the waning times of the Soviet Empire and end of nearly fifty years of the Cold War-is the setting for a master work of espionage thriller entitled: *The Mercenary*, (Pegasus Crime, \$25.95, 288 pages, ISBN 978-1-64313-620-2), by Paul Vidich, in which a high-ranking KGB Officer is attempting to defect to the United States with a treasure-trove of priceless Soviet military secrets.

After approaching the CIA Moscow Station Chief in an open and dangerously clumsy way, the potential turncoat's information is vetted, then he's given the code name GAMBIT, and knowledge of him is restricted to the fewest number of persons-less than a handful-because the Americans have never been able to successfully exfiltrate anyone from Moscow Station.

GAMBIT demands that an ex-CIA officer, a man named Alek Garin, be his handler. Garin's an ex-KGB officer who defected to the U.S. and joined the CIA. He failed in a prior attempt to bring out a KGB general, who was killed in the process. The CIA chiefs don't trust Garin, but decide to go ahead with the mission anyway, because GAMBIT's huge amount of top-secret military information could be key to ending the Cold War.

Garin gains GAMBIT's trust, but not the CIA's. Is he just a mercenary-a hired gun-acting only out of self-interest? Will he sellout to another, higher bidder? Will he be recognized by his old spymasters at the KGB . . . or is GAMBIT himself merely an elaborate ruse to lure Garin back so that he can be captured, tried and then executed?

You'll find yourself reading faster and faster and ignoring routine chores as you race to the electrifying conclusion of this astonishingly tense and well-plotted spy yarn that's as real as it gets without actually being there and running in fear for your life!

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Interview With The Author: Paul Vidich

by

John Dwaine McKenna

It's our good fortune to be speaking today with author Paul Vidich, who's written some of the most compelling, realistic and entertaining spy yarns since George Smiley himself came in from the cold. Thanks so much for sharing your time and ideas with our audience Mr. Vidich . . . here's our first question:

What's the most important element for writing success?

Talent is important, but determination, drive, and ambition are more important. I always think of Malcolm Gladwell's first rule of success (in anything). You have to do something for ten thousand hours before you master the challenge.

If you wrote for three hours a day, by Gladwell's rule, a writer would have to apply herself for nine years before success emerged. In my case, I didn't get my first book published until I was 65, but had been writing on and off since my mid-twenties. Ambition, perseverance, discipline, and hard work. Without those qualities, talent is squandered. Craft and technique, critical to becoming a successful writer, emerge in the course of applying yourself.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Before I begin to write a novel, I do six months of research. I create dossiers for each character, establishing her interests, fears, ambitions, and all the little details that make the character believable - how she dresses, what she eats, what religion she practices. In the course of my research, a story emerges. I outline each chapter of the novel and understand how subplots work with the plot. The novel's outline is usually 30-40 pages. Before I start writing, I know what the ending is. Having said that, the outline becomes a guide, not a prescription, and my characters exercise free will throughout the story, often surprising me with what they say, or do. The ending of the novel is a North Star as I write the book. (Contd. Pg. 11)



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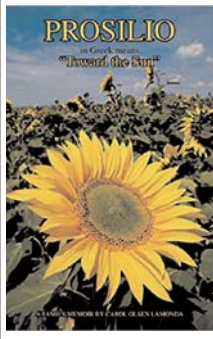



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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

That Dull Moment

"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."-. Abraham Lincoln.

Most of us have complained that life never afforded us that "dull moment." "Never a dull moment" applied to our busy work and social lives. How we longed for the time to pursue our interests and hobbies and just have some time off from those responsibilities to relax and just enjoy life. Be careful what you wish for, for Covid gave many of us, especially retired folk, that time to just BE at home with time to do all those things we longed to do.


Considering that a year has past, enough time to conceive and birth a baby, it is time to reflect on just what did you do this year. Notice I did not say ACCOMPLISH because this year has taught me that I am no longer in a race or competition. There was no scorecard, merit pay, award, medal, or certificate for any of my goals. Covid also did away with deadlines since the pandemic has no ending date in sight.

"IF YOU'RE ALWAYS RACING TO THE NEXT MOMENT, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ONE YOU'RE IN?"

I may have had high hopes of painting the hallway, but I don't feel pressure to do so and even find comfort that I might enjoy painting it some time in the spring when I can open the windows and when my husband isn't dragging in the wood cart from the garage. My Nana always said, "Leave a little something for tomorrow." Besides, who sees it besides the three of us?

My friends Donna and Marie are turning out lovely quilts by the dozens. Lois and Mira are on fire with their watercolors. Sue is starting seeds for her garden. MaryAnn is sewing bags. Elise is cooking and delivering meals to family. Dianna is hiking mountains. Jamie is snowshoeing. Jerry is playing the ukulele on ZOOM. Kathy is knitting. Pat, Kate, and Barbara are driving to Arkville to swim for an hour. I can admire them and not play one-upmanship. I have found delight in reading, writing, teaching my granddaughter to sew, and keeping her company as she remotely attends school. I actually look forward to planning and cooking dinner to eat by candlelight with my husband. I like walking in the woods with Hudson, the lab.

I have found contentment in my own home. I no longer "go home" after my busy schedule, "I am home."



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(From Pg. 1) County Executive Ryan has directed the Office for the Aging to assist seniors who are unable to sign up for vaccine information due to a lack of access to the internet by calling (845) 340-3456. Additionally, he has directed UCAT to provide free rides to those with transportation and vaccination appointments. Transportation appointments must be made 24-hours in advance, by calling (845) 334-8120 between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.




Last month, County Executive Pat Ryan announced that in partnership with a local pharmacy, over 200 vaccines were administered to qualifying individuals at local churches, synagogues, and senior facilities in the Kingston and Saugerties areas.

In December, County Executive Ryan established the Ulster County Vaccine Distribution Coalition. Led by Dr. Marc Tack, an infectious disease specialist with more than 20 years of medical experience, the coalition is made up of community leaders with the goal of educating the public in order to build trust and confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine and its distribution process. The committee looks to emphasize focus on underserved populations to ensure a seamless process once the vaccine is readily available to the general public.

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News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Team on our Community Ice Rink

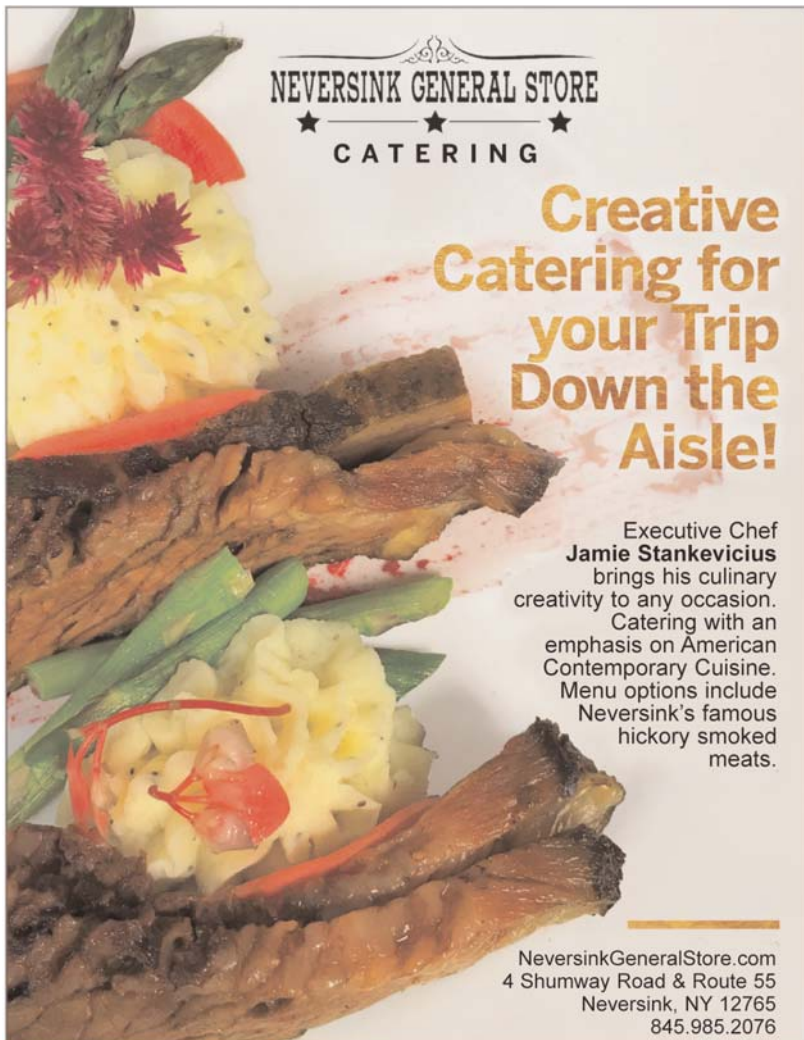
(From Pg. 1) They heard that it was fully

maintained by volunteers, and that many of our young skaters are the ones helping to keep the ice and rink in good condition. As community is important to the Islander organization, they wanted to show their appreciation for our community volunteers and skaters. They donated to us 140 Islander T-Shirts to be distributed at the ice rink.



Sheriff Schiff & County Clerk Reeves at the rink

We chose Valentine's Day for our special day to hand out the shirts. And what a special day it was. We had lots of skaters and family members. We had cookies to celebrate Val-entine's Day. And we had some very unexpected but greatly appreciated visitors. Joining in our celebration was Senator Mike Martucci, Sheriff Mike Schiff, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty and County Clerk Russell Reeves along with his wife. (Contd. Pg. 9)



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Dana, Sage, Raegan & Miles McCarthy checking in to skate and get their shirts

News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Team on our Community Ice Rink



(From Pg. 8)

They spent well over an hour visiting with our skaters and their families, checking out the ice rink and its construction, and just having a good time with everyone.

It was a great day for everyone. So thank you to the Islanders organization for recognizing our little community ice rink and bringing smiles to so many of our kids (and parents!) as they proudly got their shirts. And a big thank you to Senator Martucci and our County Executives for taking time out of their busy schedules to come visit us on our very special day!

For the month of March the ice rink will be CLOSED on Thursday nights in support of our Holiday Mountain discount day.

DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Highlights Recent Forest Ranger Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 492 search and rescue missions, extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres, participated in eight prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 203 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 3,131 tickets or arrests.

"During New York's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are enjoying the outdoors than ever before and our Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help people get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Rangers' knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques are critical to the success of their missions, which for more than a century have taken them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountain peaks, to white water rivers, and throughout our vast forests statewide."

Wilderness Rescue: On Feb. 16 at 5:37 p.m., DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch was notified of three overdue snowshoers who left from the Garden parking area to hike Johns Brook Valley and had not returned. The hikers from Albany, NY, and Topeka, KS, did not have lights, overnight gear, or appropriate clothing for anticipated zero-degree temperatures. Forest Ranger Lewis responded to the location and confirmed the subjects' vehicle was

still at the trailhead. When interviewing family members, Ranger Lewis learned that one of the individuals has asthma and did not have her inhaler. Ranger Lewis retrieved the subject's inhaler before responding to Johns Brook Lodge. Forest Rangers O'Connor and Martin also responded to the location with snowmobiles to extricate the unprepared snowshoers. On Feb. 17 at 1:20 a.m., Rangers and the three hikers were out of the woods and back at the trailhead.

Wilderness Rescue: On Feb. 20 at 9:15 p.m., Forest Ranger Oldroyd was contacted by Chenango County 911 about a truck that went off the Civilian Conservation Corps truck trail in the Pharsalia Woods State Forest. The truck trail is part of a snowmobile trail system in the forest. The vehicle's occupants attempted to rescue themselves by using a winch cable to get the truck back on the road but in doing so created an unsafe trail condition. Once the subjects realized this, they requested assistance. Forest Rangers Oldroyd and Oldroyd responded to their location with snowmobiles and brought the occupants out of the woods. Rangers treated the occupants from Marathon and Cincinnatus, NY, for mild hypothermia, placing them in a Sheriff's vehicle. Once warmed up, the subjects were released and all units were cleared of the scene by 12:05 a.m.

New York State DEC staff continue to serve in leadership roles at COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites across the state. For information about efforts to vaccinate New Yorkers and to check eligibility for vaccinations, go to New York State Department of Health's COVID-19 Vaccination website.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY, Adirondack Backcountry Information and Catskill Backcountry Information webpages for more information.

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Ulster County Democrats and Friends

- (From Pg. 4) Andrew Domenech for Ulster County Legislator District 13 (Parts of Town of Shawangunk)
- John Gavaris for Ulster County Legislator District 15 (Parts of Town of Wawarsing and Village of Ellenville)
- Tracey Bartels for Ulster County Legislator District 16 (Town of Gardiner and Parts of Town of Shawangunk)
- Theresa Paras for Ulster County Legislator District 17 (Parts of Town of New Paltz and Parts of Town of Esopus)
- Eric Stewart for Ulster County Legislator District 18 (Parts of Town of Hurley and Parts of Town of Marbletown)
- Manna Jo Greene for Ulster County Legislator District 19 (Parts of Town of Marbletown and Town of Rosendale)
- Eve Walter for Ulster County Legislator District 20 (Parts of Town of New Paltz and Village of New Paltz)
- Chris Hewitt for Ulster County Legislator District 21 (Town of Rochester and Parts of Town of Wawarsing)
- Kathy Nolan for Ulster County Legislator District 22 (Towns of Denning, Hardenburgh, Olive and Shandaken)
- Jonathan Heppner for Ulster County Legislator District 23

(Town of Woodstock and Parts of Town of Hurley)
We'd like to express gratitude to current Ulster County Legislators Lynn Archer and James Delaune for their years of service for Districts 17 and 21. We look forward to the contributions they will continue to make as they serve out the remainder of their terms for the people of New Paltz, Esopus, Wawarsing, and Rochester. Both decided some time ago that they would not run for re-election in 2021 and have set the bar high for the standard of our local lawmakers!

36 delegates were also endorsed who will attend the Democratic Party's 3rd Judicial District nominating convention in August. The 3rd Judicial District spans seven counties: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

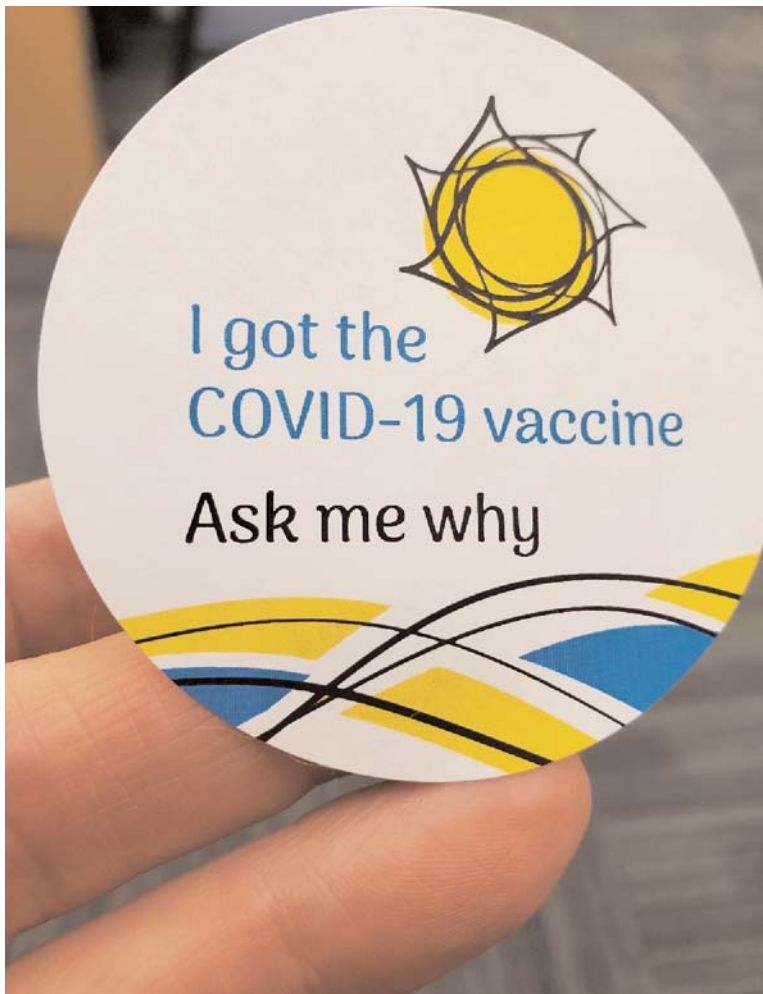
Ulster Democrats are excited to endorse a terrific slate of candidates this year-these are members of our community who are truly dedicated to improving the lives of the people of Ulster County, and beyond. Last year's historic voter turnout brought new levels of civic engagement in the county. We'll be building on that momentum with a vibrant campaign, reaching out to voters to hear their priorities, and developing solutions that bring positive change

The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

For your information, I'm writing this before my usual date as I have a scheduled appointment for the first dose of the vaccine on Saturday at 1:15. After being on the fence for a very long time, I decided to do this. December 23, 2019 is still as real to me as when I experienced it...the day I walked into an urgent care with a host of bizarre symptoms along with serious breathing problems and crushing exhaustion. The symptoms? I had pretty much stopped eating since everything tasted like paper. I had morning nausea that rivaled anything I experienced as morning sickness. But it was the exhaustion that troubled me the most. Sound familiar? I'm used to upper respiratory infections, even pneumonia. But this was something very different. And a course of heavy antibiotics didn't seem to be working at all. Until the last day of them. To the point I went back to that urgent care doctor and begged him, literally, for just three more days of them to make sure this, whatever it was, was truly gone.

We now know this to be CoVid 19. 500,000 of our fellow Americans dead. And it's not lost on me that I was a hair's breath from being one of those uncounted because there was no name given to this back on December 23, 2019. So I spent a lot of time thinking and researching once there was a vaccine rollout.



I expect a reaction. Best case scenario, it's a sore arm. Worst case, I'm down in bed with flu like symptoms. There's chicken soup in the fridge along with beef stroganoff, both made from scratch with lots of veggies, garlic and onion for the antiseptic properties. Even the worst case scenario is ok, since I will be looking at a 94.6% chance of NOT dying.

Enough dwelling. Let's look at the future.

I'm very much looking forward to the spring-like weather predicted and the rejuvenation it will bring.

Even the music scene seems to be itching to make a comeback with "incidental music" popping up from High Falls to Parksville. Incidental music refers generally solo artists and sometimes duos that pop into eating establishment and play a few tunes. The few I've been privileged to run into, diners are socially distanced and generally sparse and fully masked when leaving their tables. CoVid is still a very real concern and everyone is playing by the rules. And those who don't have been shown the door. I'm very impressed.

Hope rides high with the tentative scheduling of an outdoor concert at the ARROWHEAD RANCH in Parksville in August. This is a unique concert to honor a regular guy named Lon who garnered an association with the Vermont band TWIDDLE. Lon died suddenly recently of natural causes in his fifties. How Lon became so venerated not only by the band, but hundreds of fans of the band is unclear. Friends who have known him for 40 years, attended Jam Cruise and countless other music venues with him, are just as baffled. But there it is in the form of LONCON FEST, an apparent mash-up of his first and last names. I sincerely hope this happens because I would love to know more.



In the meantime, enjoy my collection of pandemic socks. I'm very hopeful that life will begin to look normal again by the fall.

Stay strong, stay masked and stay well

Until next time.....

Interview With The Author: Paul Vidich (From Pg. 5) Does your style make heavy use of adjectives and adverbs?

I use adjectives and adverbs sparingly, but there are times when they provide needed accents. As a general rule, however, I avoid the use of qualifiers. I like clean prose where the reader isn't aware of the writer's presence. In my opinion, good writing should be concise and it should avoid unnecessary or flowery descriptions. I follow Strunk and White (in *The Elements of Style*) who warn against a breezy style that piles on wordy descriptions thinking more is better.

Graham Greene said, "Adjectives are to be avoided unless they are strictly necessary; adverbs too, which is even more important. When I open a book and find that so and so has 'answered sharply,' or 'spoken tenderly,' I shut it again: it's the dialogue itself which should express the sharpness or tenderness without any need to use adverbs to underline them." I am with Greene on this.

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

Setting is important in my novels, but it's not an illustrator's eye for detail, although it can include that, but it is all the things about a place that draw characters to it and establishes atmosphere. Fears, ambitions, and the protagonist's motives. Similarly, I believe it is best to reveal character through dialogue. Good dialogue instantly makes a character recognizable. Writers sometimes use Somerset Maugham's technique of sumptuously describing a person's aquiline nose, grey eyes, knitted brow, and so on, and by the time you've finished with the paragraph the reader still doesn't have the faintest idea what the person is like. But if the character opens her mouth and says something, you reveal her in two or three lines.

Do you use humor in your work?

Humor is critical in my work. My stories involve conflict and tension and suspense, but to be successful, the reader needs relief, and humor provides it. The humor always comes from my characters, in the form of a joke, or a sly observation. Shakespeare was the master of humor in his tragedies, using the gravedigger in *Hamlet*, and the Fool in *King Lear* to poke fun. Humor lightens a story and as a consequence, deepens it.

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

First person novels can be very compelling because the story unfolds through one character's eyes - a particularly strong voice can carry the reader along. I write in the third person because it affords a larger pallet. Writing in the first person is like living in one room of a house, while writing in the third person allows you to occupy the entire house. The writer's goal with first person narration is to be intimate with the character's voice. My goal with third person narration is to step back and observe a world through the eyes of several characters. Both are effective.

What's your next project?

My next book is set in Berlin in 1989 as the Berlin Wall falls. It is titled *The Matchmaker*.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

My website is paulvidich.com.

Bio:

Paul Vidich was a senior executive in the entertainment industry for over twenty years. He turned to writing full time after leaving his business career. His fourth novel, *The Mercenary*, was published in 2021. His third novel, *The Coldest Warrior*, was shortlisted for the Staunch Book Prize. His fiction and nonfiction have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *LitHub*, *CrimeReads*, *Fugue*, *The Nation*, and elsewhere.

Wow! Many, many thanks on behalf of all of us out here in the electronic haze, for such a heartfelt and personal look into the inner workings of a successful writer at the top of his game. It's been an honor sir, and a pleasure as well. Please keep us in the loop as your next project comes to fruition . . . I am personally looking forward to it.

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Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for an on-line virtual program: Spring into Seeding! on Sunday, March 7th at 2 p.m..

Think Spring! John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. in Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions, each step will be demonstrated and explained. Participants will be able to easily replicate the steps to have a successful garden this spring. An introduction begins the program and a question and answer session will follow.



Admission to the Museum's virtual events is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the program. Programs are provided FREE for Museum members. To become a member (only \$25 for a full year!) go to: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/membership/> or just send a check to Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740.

While the program is free, a donation of \$5 or \$10 from non-members to help the Museum cover the cost of providing educational programs for non-members is appreciated. Go to: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/donate/> to make a donation via paypal. For more information on this or other upcoming programs, please call 845 985-7700 or go to info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

Catskill Visitors Association: Things to Do

There's plenty of snow on the ground as February draws to a close. And while the thermometer still dips below freezing at night, the daytime temperatures are inching slowly higher. Know what that means? It's time to tap the trees and make maple syrup!

New York State is one of the leading producers of maple syrup in the country. Right here in our Sullivan Catskills our two sugarhouses produce maple syrup, maple cream, and maple sugar. But for COVID restrictions, our sugarhouses would be offering tours, but worry not! You can take some home with you if you visit our new Visitors Center at 15 Sullivan Avenue in Liberty.

Know what else is sweet in the Sullivan Catskills? Well for starters our cafés and bakeries. From lemon bars and fresh roasted coffee beans, to cinnamon buns, carrot cake and weekend donuts we love to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Here's a sweet, romantic idea. How about a moonlight hike? February's Full Snow Moon takes center stage Saturday night. Why not snap on some snowshoes or cross-country skis and soak up the spectacular sight of the moon's reflection on the pure white snow as you glide across the country-side.

Follow that up with a Catskill-icious meal. Go casual, go fancy... but go! There are so many delightful places to choose from for dine in or take out. Our chefs aim to please and fill your belly with fresh from the farm goodness. Just be sure to make a reservation or place a to-go order. And please be mindful to mask up. Many of our restaurants serve libations straight from the brewers, vintners, and distillers of hand-crafted beverages. Check out the entire craft beverage trail, [here](#).

If you'd rather just stay in and hang out, our hoteliers are offering up some sweet winter specials and of course they have plenty of toasty warm blankets for you to snuggle down in. Pick a quiet, little inn, B&B or a full-service resort. Any which way you choose, we promise to pamper you the whole time you're here. We're all following our Catskills Confidence protocols, because nothing's more important than your health, safety and peace of mind. While you're here be sure to check out what's happening. From ice-fishing, eagle-watching, art galleries and museums, or just hanging out and chilling out, there really is something for everyone.

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DVAA's Salon Series | On Location

First Episode: Fiber Artist Christi Johnson At Work

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The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series will debut a series of short-form documentaries spotlighting three local female artists as they create new works of art. Narrowsburg-based filmmaker Oriel Danielson will direct the series. Part documentary, part artist talk and demonstration, the series will be viewable online on DVAA's website, beginning on March 6.

The first video in the series features a visit to the Swan Lake, NY studio of textile artist Christi Johnson. Johnson was raised in tropical Florida and studied Fashion Design at Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. After an artist residency at Textile Arts Center in NYC, she moved to the Catskills and founded Mixed Color a textile studio that produces original garments and creates embroidered pieces on vintage garments.

"I work mostly with textiles - embroidery, natural dyes, and patchwork, but have been known to get down with some twigs, wood, and other natural materials," says Johnson, who offers workshops, books, and kits in natural dyeing and embroidery.

Her new book *Mystical Stitches* will be released on May 25.

View the debut episode of "Salon Series On Location" starting at 2 pm on Saturday, March 6 at delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

Up Next: Woodworker Alexandra Climent of Narrowsburg, NY is featured in the second "Salon Series | On Location" episode, debuting March 13.

About the filmmaker: Oriel Danielson's filmmaking journey started in Israel and continued in Stockholm and NYC. He's directed and edited dozens of short documentaries about art, culture and

nature. Today, Danielson lives in Narrowsburg, makes films, reads theater, and writes poetry. Regarding his participation in the series, he notes "I am interested in the tactile relationship between artists and their work. My goal is to capture the process of creating an art piece in an authentic and intimate way."

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. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

For more information contact: Tina Spangler, Communications Director 845-252-7576 or tina@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org

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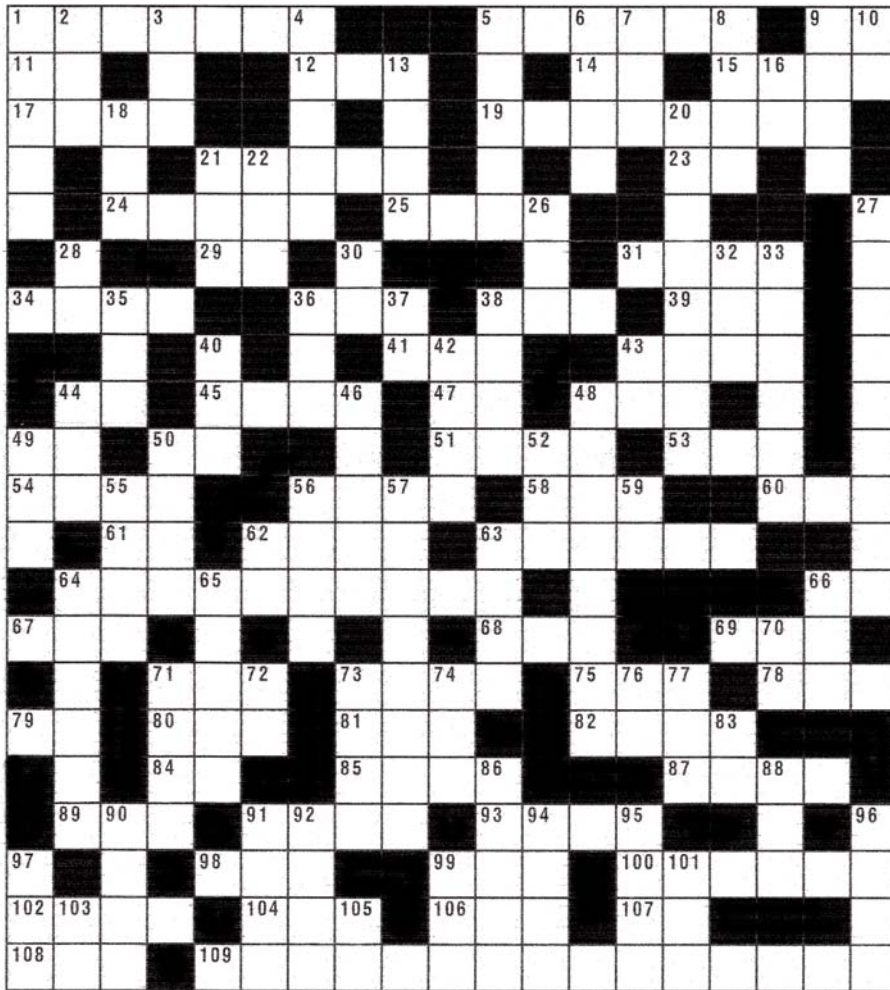
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All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

'Once Upon a Time Was Not So Long Ago' -L. Comando



- 16 Delaware
- 18 Label
- 20 She let down her long hair
- 21 Ocean
- 22 Female chicken
- 26 Part of a circle
- 27 Courier
- 28 Mother
- 30 An English bathroom
- 32 Meadow
- 33 Edible part of a seed
- 35 Central Intelligence Agency
- 36 To & __; back and forth
- 37 North America
- 38 Electrically charged atoms
- 40 What the first letter of the Old English runic letters was named from
- 42 Zodiacal sign of Capricorn
- 43 Cirrus (abbrev)
- 44 Edible legume
- 46 Complete
- 48 Daughter of the king
- 49 Intelligence agent
- 50 Scandinavian god of myth who Wednesday is named after
- 52 Irish Republican Army

- 65 Fantasy
- 66 Lamebrain
- 70 A preposition
- 71 Unable to hear
- 72 Mister
- 73 Fastened with stitches
- 74 Single unit
- 76 Used to express surprise
- 77 Lad
- 83 Each
- 86 Places where lines intersect
- 88 Title of a married woman
- 90 Bough
- 91 Clerk
- 92 Aluminum and potassium compound
- 94 Crooked
- 95 More than the average height
- 96 Spun wool
- 97 Evergreen
- 99 Nocturnal bird
- 103 Rhode Island
- 105 Mounted Police

Meatless Garbanzo Bean Burgers

- 1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Dash crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 whole wheat hamburger buns, split and toasted

Optional toppings: Dill pickle slices, cheese, mayonnaise, ketchup, sliced red onion, lettuce and sliced tomato
Place the beans, water and lemon juice in a food processor; cover and process until blended. Transfer to a large bowl. Add the bread crumbs, egg and seasonings and mix well. Shape into six patties.

In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, cook patties in oil in batches until lightly browned, 3-4 minutes on each side. Serve on toasted buns.. If desired, top with pickle slices, cheese, mayonnaise, onions, lettuce, tomato and ketchup.

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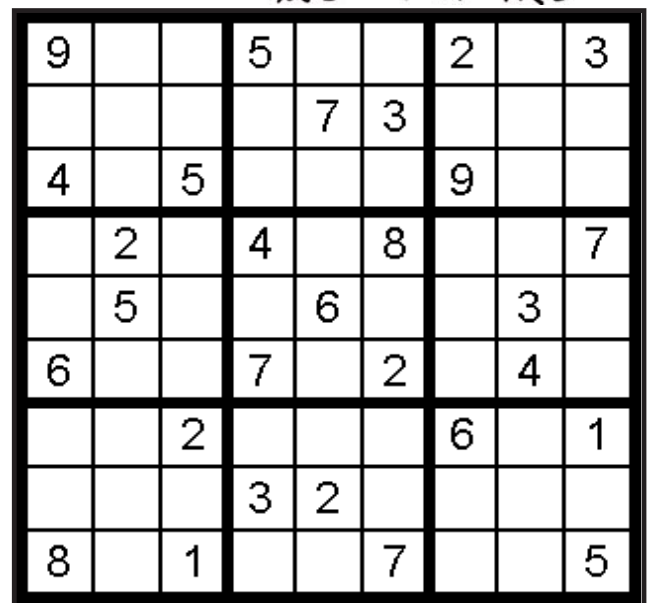
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 - 11 Informal hello
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 - 14 Negative response
 - 15 First man
 - 17 Archaic term for to
 - 19 Author of "The Snow Queen"
 - 21 Discards
 - 23 Expressing location
 - 24 Tourist town in the White Mts. of Arizona
 - 25 Hindu goddess an wife of Rama
 - 29 Indefinite article
 - 31 Incredible superhero of recent years
 - 34 Young lad popular in fairytales

- and nursery rhymes
- 36 Amusement
- 38 Frozen water
- 39 Originally called
- 41 Earlier
- 43 Russian ruler
- 44 Father
- 45 _____ White and the 7 Dwarfs
- 47 Supported by
- 48 Four and twenty blackbirds were baked in one
- 49 Southeast
- 50 Exclamation of surprise
- 51 Mountain range in Saudi Arabia
- 53 Fabrication
- 54 Remunerated
- 56 Room over a stable
- 58 Outer edge
- 60 Fall behind
- 61 Combining form of two
- 62 *Star War's* Hans _____
- 63 Gretel's brother
- 64 Her foot fit in the glass slipper
- 66 Either

- 67 Cushion
- 68 Mass of fish eggs
- 69 Large constrictor snake
- 71 Democrat
- 73 Fruit of the blackthorn bush
- 75 Noisy cry
- 78 Future Farmers of America
- 79 Advertisement
- 80 Hearing organ
- 81 Exaggerated long period of time
- 82 Cinderella lost this
- 84 Exist
- 85 What Little Jenny was
- 87 Sweet potatoes
- 89 Small woodland supernatural creatures
- 91 Plague
- 93 Informal 'obituary'
- 98 Friend
- 99 Lyric poem
- 100 49th U.S. state
- 102 American humorist/columnist noted for her portrayal of suburban life

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- 104 Lazy man
 - 106 Small injury
 - 107 Los Angeles
 - 108 Combination of knitted stitches
 - 109 A dwarf character in a fairy tale of the same name
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 - 2 Victorious
 - 3 Combining form of new
 - 4 Upper region of air beyond the clouds
 - 5 Titan
 - 6 No longer exists
 - 7 Foot digit
 - 8 Final
 - 9 First name of Danish author of 'The Match Girl'
 - 10 A mystic sound
 - 13 Living green carpet where fairies

- 55 In the same place
- 56 Mythos
- 57 Legend
- 59 Title before a woman's surname
- 62 Southeast
- 63 Rabbit
- 64 What Jack jumped over



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2020 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Monforte, RMC, T.C.
Feb. 24th, 2021

**Fallsburg School District
2021-2022 Pre-K and Kindergarten
Registration /
2021-2022 Registración de
Prekinder y Kinder**

- Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2021.
 - Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2021.
 - Kindergarten Registration will take place from March 1st through March 19th.
 - Pre-K Registration will take place from April 6th-April 23rd.
- Registration will take place online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form
*Please note: ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.

- Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener 5 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
- Los estudiantes de Prekinder deben tener 4 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
- La registración de Kinder se llevará a cabo desde el 1 de marzo hasta el 19 de marzo.
- La registración de Pre-K se llevará a cabo del 6 al 23 de abril.
- La registración se realizará en línea. Por favor visite: <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea

* Tenga en cuenta: todos los estudiantes nuevos de Kinder DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Prekinder el año pasado.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Anticipated Executive Session, 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting #18.

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Anticipated Executive Session, 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting #19.

If meetings are still being conducted virtually, they will be broadcast on YouTube Live:

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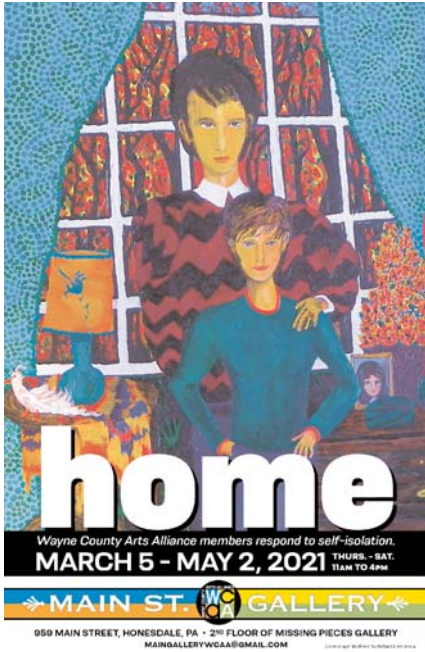


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WCAA announces First Exhibition of 2021



The Wayne County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce "HOME; An artist's response to self-isolation" for the first exhibition of 2021. The exhibit opens on March 5th at their Main Street Gallery located at 959 Main Street (upstairs from Missing Pieces) in Honesdale, PA. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Masks and social distancing are required. Artists of all ages have significantly contributed to historic moments of change in the past. Living and surviving in this historic time of a pandemic, WCAA has encouraged the arts community to respond

through the visual arts. To become a member of WCAA please contact us at waynecountyartsalliance@gmail.com.

CFFCM- Stay Connected To Us!

With Spring right around the corner, we are excited to start planning for our season opener. Even though our doors are still closed, there is lots of action happening here to prepare for an April reopening. The events calendar on our website is continually updated with new programs & events as the months progress, so check it out to learn more about the upcoming programs!





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News & Updates

March Castabout Release!

We are almost finished with the first issue of our 2021 Castabout newsletter and can't wait to mail them out. Join or renew your membership to get yours! Contact the office about business sponsorships & how to place an ad in our quarterly newsletter.

Introduction to Foraging: Why, How & Where to Discover Wild Edibles with Laura Chávez Silverman, founding naturalist of The Outside Institute

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Time: 6pm est

45-minute presentation & 15-minute Q&A

\$5 Members

\$8 Non Members

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It's never too late to join the CFFCM! To renew or join our 2021 membership, or to check the status of your membership call the office at 845-439-4810.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper

5:30 pm

To be Announced

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Thrift Sale
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Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
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Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
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Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
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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.
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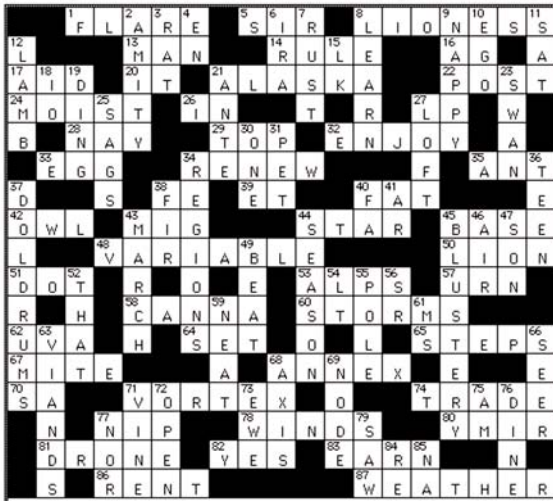
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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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.

Ans to last week's Crossword



Time in the Valleys Museum presents:

Spring into Seeding

March 7 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m. Virtual Program
 • Cost: FREE

John W. Story of Story's Neversink Plant Co. In Neversink, NY will demonstrate how to start vegetable seeds and how to make cuttings of common flowering garden plants. Using step by step instructions each step will be demonstrated and explained so you will be able to easily do it for yourself and have a successful garden this spring. Question and Answer session will follow.

To attend this virtual event, email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to Zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845-985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 12, 2021.

SCDW is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre May 7 through May 16, 2021. In the event that theatres are not allowed to open due to New York State covid restrictions, SCDW will present these plays in a virtual format. All plays chosen must meet the following requirements:

- o Running time must be no longer than 10 minutes from curtain to curtain (strictly enforced)
- o Plays must be presented in a black box format with minimal set and prop needs (the Executive Director reserves the right to determine if the chosen plays meet this requirement)
- o Vulgar language and topics will not be accepted for submission

Play submissions must be in an electronic format and submitted to the Executive Director no later than April 1. Plays submitted after that date may not be given consideration. Scripts must be double spaced and use Calibri 12 or Times New Roman 12 fonts. Authors will be notified of their play being selected for performance no later than April 8.

SCDW reserves the right to present the selected plays without payment of a royalty to the author. 12 to 16 plays will be selected at the discretion of the Executive Director and Reading Committee. Each selected play will be performed three times either the weekend of May 7 or the weekend of May 14 at the discretion of the Executive Director.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Harold Tighe at haroldtighe50@gmail.com.

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Ulster County Legislature to Governor: Ulster County is Equipped For State Vaccination Distribution Site Kingston

Members of the UC Legislature sent a letter to Governor Cuomo today confirming that Ulster County stands ready to partner with the state to serve as a Vaccine Distribution Center at the Kate Walton Field House at the Kingston High School. The Ulster County site has been up and running for several weeks with the capability of safely and effectively administering up to 50,000 vaccines per month when an adequate supply of vaccine becomes available.

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced vaccination distribution sites would be opened in March in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany and Yonkers with each estimated to deliver 1,000 vaccines a day. Legislators pointed out that Ulster County is already set up to administer twice that many at the current facility, and stated that delays and expenses associated with setting up a new site elsewhere in the state could be avoided by using this already successfully established site.

Just Tuesday morning, Cuomo announced the opening of sites at York College in Queens and Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn. In their letter the Legislature reasoned that Kingston is centrally located in the Hudson Valley, midway between Albany and New York City, and with a facility accessible by public transportation located 2 short miles from Thruway Exit 19. The nearest sites are Albany (+/- 60 miles) and Westchester (+/- 95 miles) with neither site serving zip codes from this area.

Legislators credited the extensive planning, preparation and expertise of the Ulster County Health, Emergency Management, and Information Services Departments under the leadership of County Executive Ryan in setting up this site and advised the Governor that the facility stands ready to serve Hudson Valley residents on day one. They further noted that in particular, Seniors and underserved rural populations in the region are finding it difficult to schedule a vaccination appointment, and virtually impossible to find one within an hour's drive.

Garnet, Public Health Collaborate to Get Vaccines to More

Harris, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services and Garnet Health Medical Center-Catskills continue to partner to mount clinics to get COVID-19 vaccine out to residents.

As of Friday, February 26, Public Health has administered 2,155 vaccines (which includes 1,617 first doses and 538 second doses of the Moderna vaccine) in just over a month. The majority of these individuals have been essential workers as defined in category 1B by the State, and those age 65 and over.

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills has administered 3,600 doses, which includes 1,811 first doses and 1,789 second doses.

Both groups have partnered since December, even sharing staff and resources through a memorandum agreement. Weekly planning calls are also held to touch base with additional partners, including the Center for Discovery and Sun River Healthcare, and to redistribute vaccine as it becomes available.

"Garnet and Public Health have long been close allies in the constant quest for better health in Sullivan County, and the coronavirus pandemic has brought us even closer," affirmed Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "Using our notification list of residents who are eager to be vaccinated, our collaboration will result in several hundred more people receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine this coming week."

Public Health expects to receive additional doses early next week from the regional distribution hub in addition to the weekly allocation of 300-400 doses that it has been ordering. Knowing that Public Health has a list of over 10,000 people interested in being vaccinated, Garnet leaders are willing to commit to working in col-

laboration with the County, utilizing its notification list. Individuals can sign up at www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/covidvaccines, or those without access to the Internet can call 845-807-0925, which will be answered by a live person during business hours Monday through Friday.

"We are gearing up to have a much larger clinic at SUNY Sullivan shortly, and we will use the notification list to make that announcement simply because there are so many people on it who have been waiting," noted McGraw.

Garnet Health Medical Center - Catskills will also be able to benefit from the County's growing notification list to reach the public to notify them about upcoming clinics in Harris at their campus.

"Every dose we give to someone in Sullivan County is a welcome step forward in keeping everyone safe and in returning to normal life," McGraw said. "I thank Garnet, our Emergency Community Assistance Center, the State and all our partners for 'thinking outside the box' and helping us reach high-risk people who might otherwise face significant challenges in registering for a clinic."



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CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 3/2/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.
 3/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 2/17/21)
 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)
 3/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular
 3/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
 3/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
 4/6/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.

Save the Date!

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021
 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

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.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update
for the week of March 1 - March 5, 2021

Monday, March 1

- o 5:00 PM - Public Health & Social Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 984 4208 5043, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:15 PM (or immediately following the Public Health & Social Services Committee) - Energy & Environment Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 940 2415 6032, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Tuesday, March 2

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board Meeting Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 851 6054 4353, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:15 PM - Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 971 0691 8534, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee) Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 993 4269 5079, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, March 3

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and People with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittees Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 998 5700 6225, Passcode: 293797, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:15 PM - Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 937 2073 9771, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 6:30 PM (or immediately following the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee) - Public Works & Capital Projects Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 955 2264 1830, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Dial (646) 558-8656, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223

Thursday, March 4

- o 5:00 PM - Special Meeting of the Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 913 7402 0410, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656
- o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875, By Phone Dial: (929) 205-6099

Friday, March 5

- o No Meetings

Regards,
 Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
 Ulster County Legislature

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UC Executive Ryan Announces the Retirement of Director of Emergency Service Steve Peterson

Steve Peterson served as the Director of Emergency Services for 7-years and has worked for Ulster County for 35-years



Steve Peterson and County Executive Ryan.

Kingston, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announces that after a distinguished career in public service, Director of Emergency Services Steve Peterson has announced his intention to retire. Peterson has served the people of Ulster County for more than 35-years.

"I want to thank Steve for his 35-years of service and his dedication to Ulster County," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "During his tenure, Steve spearheaded numerous improvements to our public safety, most notably he oversaw the completion of the Public Safety Training Center which will positively impact future generations of first responders. His work on behalf of the county will be surely missed and I wish him all the best as he enters the next phase of his life."

"It has been an honor to serve the residents and visitors of Ulster County in the Department of Emergency Services throughout my entire career," Steve Peterson said. "I've had the privilege of working with true Public Safety Professionals that go above and beyond every single day as they carry out the mission with compassion and empathy. With the support of County Executive Ryan and his staff we have made several improvements in Public Safety, specifically with the completion of the Public Safety Training Center. In addition, we recently received a 6-million-dollar grant from NYS that will improve Radio Communications throughout the County in support of First Responders. I want to thank everyone for their dedication and support over the years."

Under Peterson's leadership, he oversaw the creation and the completion of the Public Safety Training Center on Ulster Landing Road in the Town of Ulster. The new facility is over 5,200 square feet, featuring 13 burn rooms and five forced entry doors. The Public Safety Training Center, completed in May of 2020, provides additional hands-on training equipment that had previously been unavailable within Ulster County.

Peterson started with Ulster County as a part-time Emergency Services Dispatcher in April of 1985 and became a full-time employee three years later. He was promoted to a Senior Emergency Services Dispatcher in July of 1992 and promoted to the position of Deputy Director of Emergency

Communications/Emergency Management in January of 2011 before becoming Director in July of 2014. In 2003, Peterson was awarded the NYS EMS Communication Specialist of the Year Award in recognition of his life saving actions.

Martucci, Skoufis, Neuhaus, CSEA & PEF Unite to Save Local Jobs *Hundreds of Good-paying Union Jobs at Risk from Governor's Hasty Closure of Goshen Secure*

Senators Mike Martucci and James Skoufis joined with Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus and members of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) and the Public Employees Federation (PEF) to call for the preservation of hundreds of local jobs at the Goshen Secure Center. The facility, operated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, houses 29 boys who committed violent offenses while under the age of sixteen. It is slated for closure as a part of Governor Andrew Cuomo's 2021-2022 Executive Budget despite past promises to provide a one-year notice to communities.

"This decision will not only put local people out of work in the midst of a pandemic, but it will also move the boys receiving rehabilitation services at this facility farther away from their families," said Senator Mike Martucci (R-C-I, New Hampton). "Budgets are about priorities and the number one priority on my list is protecting and creating good-paying jobs. The Hollywood tax credit is being extended in this budget to the tune of \$425 million. There is no justification for more corporate welfare for Hollywood while the working men and women of CSEA and PEF at Goshen Secure are being put out of a job. I'm asking my colleagues in the Legislature to join us in rejecting its closure."

Senator James Skoufis (D, Cornwall) said, "I stand with the hardworking union members of CSEA and PEF, as well as my colleagues in government, in fighting like hell to prevent the Goshen Secure Center from being closed. There is no doubt that the state needs to reduce needless expenses, but to go after a vulnerable population and take away good-paying union jobs is flat-out wrong. If closed, the young men dependent on the mental health and rehabilitation services that the Goshen Secure Facility provides will be forced to go elsewhere. This type of change is not only a job-killer and a disruption to the residents but would also force patients to move further away from their families. I'm calling on the Legislature to vehemently reject this proposal."

Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus said, "The Goshen Secure Center provides important public safety services for New Yorkers. The employees are professionals who care about and are an important part of our community. I encourage the State Legislature to reject the proposed closure of Goshen Secure."

CSEA Southern Region President Anthony Adamo said, "Goshen Secure Center's close proximity to New York City has made it possible for youths to receive regular family visitation, a crucial component in the rehabilitation process. Closing the facility will make it more difficult for families living downstate to visit and may even create economic hardship for these already struggling families, due to increased travel costs. This rush to close Goshen Secure Center is not only shortsighted because of its impact on families, but it's also unfair and disrespectful for workers who've taken on challenging careers in order to help these youths turn their lives around."

Vincent Carioscia, PEF Division 193 Leader, said, "We urge the Legislature to reject the closure of the Goshen Secure Facility. Now more than ever at-risk youth need a place where they can obtain the specialized services they need.

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Martucci, Skoufis, Neuhaus, CSEA & PEF Unite to Save Local Jobs

Hundreds of Good-paying Union Jobs at Risk from Governor's Hasty Closure of Goshen Secure

(From Pg. 25) The governor says one of the reasons for the closure is because crime is down, when in fact law enforcement officials around the country are sounding the alarm about a rise in juvenile offenses stemming mainly from the pandemic shut-downs and remote learning. If we don't help these kids now, they will cost the state more down the line. It's Goshen's mission to help young men stay out of trouble and teach them how to lead productive lives."

S1765, bipartisan legislation supported by Senators Martucci and Skoufis, moved out of the Disabilities Committee recently. That bill would require one-year notice and legislative approval for any closure of an OCFS or State operated mental health facility. The final 2021-2022 state budget is due April 1st and will determine the fate of Goshen Secure and three similar facilities around the state.

Governor Cuomo announces State to Expand Vaccination Network to Include Sites Designed to Serve 65-plus Population

State Will Partner with Local Health Departments to Include Vaccination Sites Specifically for the 65+ Population
Sites Will Offer Transportation and Assistance Services

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the State will partner with local health departments to include vaccination sites for the 65+ population across New York State. These sites will be in partnership with local health departments and, where needed, will provide assistance to New Yorkers with transportation to and from the vaccination facilities and special support for paperwork regarding their vaccination. As New York State's vaccine allocations increase, these 65+ priority facilities and appointments will be enabled from additional supply from the federal government. Counties across New York State will be getting an increased supply of Moderna vaccine for this purpose starting next week.

"New York is getting more and more needles in arms every single day, with a focus on vaccinating our most vulnerable residents," Governor Cuomo said. "We know that our senior New Yorkers are more at-risk with COVID, and it's critical that we provide them with access to the vaccine right in their own communities, as well as the assistance they need to schedule and get to and from their appointments. By working together with our local health departments to establish these new sites, we will help ensure the process of receiving a vaccine is as simple as possible for our 65+ population and get closer to reaching our goal of social equity and fairness through vaccine distribution."

Details on sites, including locations, opening dates and hours of operations will be forthcoming from the site host or sponsor. As a reminder, eligible New Yorkers are able to schedule appointments at State mass vaccination sites by utilizing New York's 'Am I Eligible' website or by calling the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829). New York has worked to implement a number of enhancements to the hotline to further improve the appointment-making process and experience for seniors, a line specifically for those New Yorkers who are 75+ providing them direct access to staff who can help with scheduling or answer questions.

In late 2020, the Governor announced the launch of New York's Vaccine Equity Task Force chaired by Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, National Urban League President & CEO Marc Morial, and Healthfirst President & CEO Pat Wang. Since its establishment, the Task Force has continued work to ensure vulnerable and underserved communities are not left behind by breaking down the barriers to vaccination and ensuring there is equitable distribution of the vaccine across the state.

Additionally, New York has established more than 104 temporary community-based 'pop up' vaccination sites at churches, community centers and public housing complexes directly within communities across the state which have been underserved by traditional health care systems. Since January 15, these sites have enabled approximately 45,000 New Yorkers to receive their first COVID-19 vaccine dose at these community-based pop-up sites. After the administration of first doses, sites are then re-established three weeks later to administer second doses.

New York will continue to establish these pop-up sites until they have been placed at all 33 NYCHA Senior Housing Developments, which house more than 7,600 seniors. Pop-up locations will also continue to be established at other public housing complexes statewide, as well as at more than 300 churches and cultural centers which have volunteered to house these sites through Governor Cuomo's Vaccine Equity Task Force.

Governor Cuomo announces \$59.9 Million for School Technology Upgrades through the Smart Schools Bond Act

• 78 Investment Plans Approved Today by Smart Schools Review Board

• \$2 Billion Smart Schools Bond Act Supports Classroom Technology, High-Tech Security, and School Connectivity

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the approval of 78 Smart Schools Investment Plans aimed at improving school security and reimagining teaching and learning for the 21st century. The approved plans, totaling \$59.9 million, are part of the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act—a sweeping education technology initiative first proposed by the Governor and overwhelmingly approved by voters.

"Our schools are continuing to evolve as they meet the new demands brought on by the pandemic, and the Smart Schools Bond Act is providing students with the latest technology so they can stay connected no matter where their classroom is," Governor Cuomo said. "Even as rising vaccinations and a nation-leading testing program are paving the way for all students to return to the classroom, districts continue to navigate a new reality and with this funding, we are helping them while preparing students to succeed in the 21st century economy."

The Smart Schools Review Board met today for the sixteenth time to consider investment plans submitted by school districts and special education schools. The Board is composed of the Director of the Budget, the Chancellor of the State University of New York, and the Commissioner of the State Education Department.

The plans approved today were submitted by 72 school districts and 2 special education schools. Projects include \$21.2 million for high-tech security, \$16.7 million for school connectivity, \$14.6 million for classroom technology, \$5.3 million for pre-kindergarten classrooms, \$1.1 million for the replacement of transportable classroom units and \$1.1 million for nonpublic schools' classroom technology and school connectivity. A summary of the plans is available here. (Contd. Pg. 27)

Governor Cuomo announces \$59.9 Million for School Technology Upgrades through the Smart Schools Bond Act

(From Pg. 26) New York State Budget Director Robert F. Mujica said, "The Governor proposed the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act to bridge the digital divide. Over the past two years, this funding has been critical to providing schools with the technology that made remote learning possible when the pandemic struck. Thanks to these funds, schools across New York State have the tools they need to connect students with the classroom anywhere they are, and ongoing investments continue to support schools in their efforts to keep them connected and get students ready to work in the modern economy."

Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. said, "The pandemic has magnified the fact that New York's children and families don't have equal access to devices and broadband. This unprecedented situation has reaffirmed our dedication to ensuring that education is equitable to all students, especially during challenging times. Districts can use Smart Schools Bond Act funds to help bridge this digital divide."

State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said, "Internet access is the electricity of the 1930s and '40s; it is that crucial to everyday life and learning and so, it is imperative that we do everything possible to ensure that New York's children have equal opportunities to connect and receive a meaningful education, even when they can't be in the classroom. I applaud the work our districts are doing with these much-needed SSBA funds to improve infrastructure for in-person and remote learning, as well as fortifying high-tech security measures and ensure that students and teachers have what they need to be successful."

SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras said, "The pandemic has been a sobering reminder about the inequities that continue to persist across the education system—disparities that the Smart Schools Bond Act is specifically designed to address. Today's approval of nearly \$60 million for technology upgrades will

provide students across more than 70 school districts with everything from tablets and computers to high-speed broadband and wireless connectivity. Today, these are the essential tools that all students need to learn, thrive, and eventually advance to college—whether they're remote learning from an apartment in New York City or resuming in-person instruction at a small school in rural Upstate New York. I want to thank Governor Cuomo for his steadfast commitment to breaking down educational barriers for all students."

With the Smart Schools Bond Act, school districts are investing in technology such as computer servers, interactive whiteboards, tablets, desktop and laptop computers, and high-speed broadband and wireless connectivity. This technology helps students to learn at their own pace, expands access to advanced courses and interactive curriculum, and enhances communication between parents and teachers. Of the \$14.6 million in classroom technology expenditures approved at today's meeting, districts have allocated \$8.8 million for the purchase of laptops and tablets, helping to provide students with the technology required to succeed as schools continue to respond to the ongoing pandemic and operate under remote and hybrid learning models.

Investments in high-tech school security support the purchase of new equipment, such as emergency notification systems and other safety technology. Additional investments in the construction of pre-kindergarten classrooms will help ensure that students learn in modern, updated spaces.

In 2014, Governor Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in its schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act—an initiative that would finance educational technology and infrastructure, providing students access to the latest technology and connectivity needed to succeed and compete in the 21st century economy. New Yorkers agreed, as the voters authorized the Smart Schools Bond Act that November.

Following the proposal of the Bond Act, Governor Cuomo established the Smart Schools Commission to gather information on strategies for how schools can most effectively invest the bond funds. This advisory commission produced a final report recommending a focus on expanding robust broadband and wireless connectivity and utilizing transformative technologies. The plans approved today by the Smart Schools Review Board reflect many of the best practices identified by the Commission.



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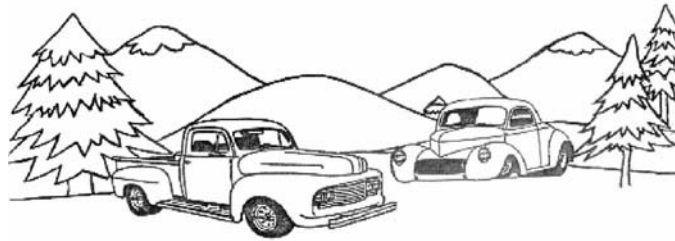


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Ulster County – NOW TRENDING... TOP EVENTS FOR MARCH 2021

March 1-31: Women's History Month Kingston

March 5-17: Shamrock Run (virtual event) Kingston

March 14: 34th Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade, Kingston (**postponed to 2022**)

March 20: SIRENS & SUPERSTARS-Live Online Event Celebrating Women's History Month, Kingston

March 21: Kingston Model Train and Railroad Hobby Show, Kingston (CANCELLED)**March 21: 38th Annual Festival of Dance, Ulster Ballet Company, Kingston (CANCELLED)**

March 26: Shamrock Scramble 5K, Wallkill (postponed to 9/19/2021)

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - ONLINE EVENTS - Spring 2021

Concert Series: The Department of Music at SUNY New Paltz presents "Listen Forward," a series of virtual concerts designed to showcase diverse forms of music making taking place on campus and in the broader New Paltz community. Free. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-2700; newpaltz.edu/music; <https://www.newpaltz.edu/fpa/music/concert-series/>

March 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, 31 - Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art - Spring Exhibitions: "Collective Consciousness, New York by SUNY New Paltz Art Faculty" (through April 11); Through July 11: "Lewis Hine, Child Labor Investigator;" "Kathy Goodell: Intra Loop, Selections 1994-2020" and "DIRT: Inside Landscapes." Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

March 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27- Hudson River Maritime Museum - Timed Museum Admission: Hudson River Maritime Museum is open for small group, timed admission on Fridays and Saturdays, noon-4pm. Admission must be purchased in advance and by 3pm the day prior to the visit. Each timed admission will be limited to 4 people. Rates: All visitors \$12. This special admission rate helps the museum cover costs while maintaining small group size. Read more and register at www.hrmm.org. Woodworking classes: <https://www.hrmm.org/woodworking.html> Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

March 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 - Maple Fest Weekend Activities: Seed Song Farm: Good weather weekends only. Rekindle your relationship to the land this winter-- join us for the *Atharhacton Maple Project. Tap a maple tree collect sap. Educational and cultural experience for all ages. Pancakes will be served, and songs will be sung. Gather, socially-distant, around the steamy sap boiler. Visit our sheep and other farm animals. Engage in tree-centered activities. Live music from the Seed Song Family Band. Admission structure: Sliding Scale Admission. Registration required. *Atharhacton is the Lenape name for the Kingston area. This project honors our native "first people" and one of their greatest gifts to all future immigrants: the wisdom, method, and gratitude for making Maple Sugar. Reservations required. 845-383-1528; seedsonfarm.org

March 6, 13, 20, 27 - Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons at Sam's Point Preserve: This program is designed for people who are beginners, interested in trying snowshoeing as a new winter activity. Each session will be run by a Sam's Point employee who will provide instruction on how to properly wear and adjust the snowshoes, as well as work with you until you are ready to head out on your favorite trail with confidence. The lesson may last up to one hour. Saturdays at 11 a.m. through March, weather permitting. Snowshoes are available to rent for this program at a discounted rate of \$5 per person at the Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks/193

March 13 - Drive-Thru Maple Sapping: From the safety of your vehicle, experience the traditional process of maple sapping — from collecting the sap to boiling it down — and taste the final product. 1-5 p.m. Free. Register for a time slot. Maple Ridge Community, 10 Hellbrook Lane, Ulster Park. Facebook: Drive-Thru Maple Sapping

March 13, 27 - Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Every other Saturday through April, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 10-10:30 a.m. reserved for 65+ and immunocompromised. New winter location: Senate Garage, 4 N. Front St. between Clinton and Fair streets, Kingston. kingstonfarmersmarket.org

March 19-21- Winter Family Weekend: A relaxing weekend with your family in the Catskill Mountains. Breathe in the fresh mountain air on a self-guided hike and discover the restorative power of nature, recharge with a good book by a toasty fire, or challenge your family to a rousing board or card game in your lodge. Freshly prepared meals will be available in our dining hall with social distancing in place or you have the option to pick up your meals at the dining hall and eat them in your lodges or at a picnic table if the weather permits. Meal locations are subject to change based on state regulations. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291, ext. 450; frostvalley.org

March 20 - Women's History Month Event. Sirens and Superstars is a "herstory" showcase that celebrates 70 years of women's contributions to the American Music landscape. The journey begins in the 1930s with the "Queen of Swing," Mildred Bailey, and the Boswell Sisters. It ends in the 1990s with songs by the powerhouse, genre-crossing hitmakers Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. Join Rhonda Denét, a vocalist, songwriter and bandleader as she presents her unique interpretations of these classic songs. While music fans around the world are often aware of the work of these extremely talented women, this program will place their art in the larger context of the American music landscape and highlight the impact they have had on America's musical evolution. FREE. Sponsored by the Kingston Library; 845- 331-0507; whmk.org

March 20-21, 27-28 - New York State Maple Weekend: Official celebrations cancelled due to COVID. Check listings on the Ulster County Tourism website to find out where to purchase maple products and schedule visits throughout March. <https://ulster-countyalive.com/landing/farms>

March 21- ONLINE EVENT - Dr. Herman Ash Tribute: German-born Rolf Schulte, whom The New Yorker has called "one of the most distinguished violinists of our day," performed in the early years of Saugerties Pro Musica with Dr. Herman Ash, one of our founders. To celebrate our 25th Season, we invited Rolf back to our stage to share his reminiscences of Herman Ash the musician as well as his inimitable talent. He will take the stage with pianist, James Winn. 3 p.m. Free. Visit saugertieslighthouse.com and click on LIVE STREAM. 845-679-5733; saugertiespromusica.org

March 25 - ONLINE EVENT - "Beyond Susan B. Anthony," a virtual lecture by Dr. Susan Ingalls Lewis: This talk will move beyond the well-known Seneca Falls Declaration of 1848 to introduce a new set of strategies and cast of characters. It will also reveal why the New York victory was so pivotal to the suffrage movement, and how the national victory was finally won in 1920. 7-8 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; huguenotstreet.org

March 30 - Mohonk Preserve - Lenni Lenape Lifeways: Children ages 7-10 with a parent can join Education Coordinator Kim Tischler on a hike to our recreated Lenape encampment and visit our replica longhouse at Spring Farm. This program is not appropriate for younger children. Children must always be accompanied by an adult. Free program. 100% outdoors. Registration is required and limited to 10, including adults. Dress for the weather with warm boots. Masks required. Mohonk Preserve, 3197 Route 44/55, Gardiner. 845-255-0919; mohonkpreserve.org



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The Abyss

PG-13 • 1989 • 2hr 20min • Sci-Fi/Mystery



The Abyss is a 1989 American science fiction film written and directed by James Cameron and starring Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, and Michael Biehn. When an American submarine sinks in the Caribbean, a US search and recovery team works with an oil platform crew, racing against Soviet vessels to recover the boat. Deep in the ocean, they encounter something unexpected.



The film was released on August 9, 1989, receiving generally positive reviews and grossed \$89.8 million. It won the Academy Award for Best Visual Effects and was nominated for three more Academy Awards.
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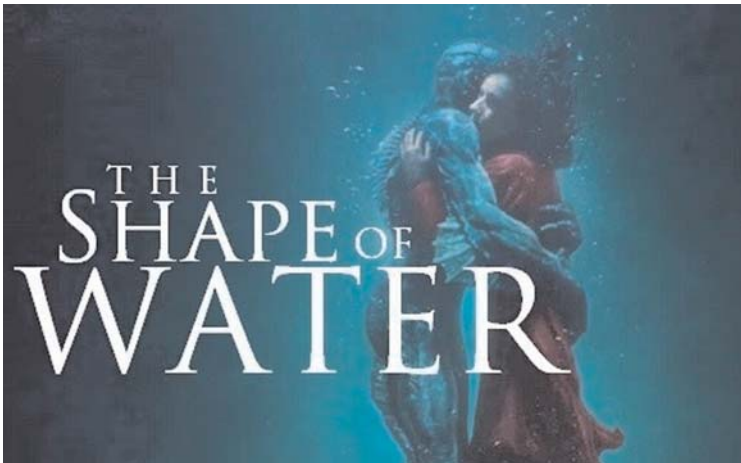
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The Shape of Water

(R · 2017 · 2hr 3min · Fantasy/Sci-Fi)

The Shape of Water was praised for the acting, screenplay, direction, visuals, production design, and musical score, with many calling it Del Toro's best work since *Pan's Labyrinth*. The American Film Institute selected it as one of the top 10 films of the year. The film received a number of awards and nominations, including thirteen nominations at the 90th Academy Awards, where it won for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Production Design, and Best Original Score. It was nominated for seven awards at the 75th Golden Globe Awards, winning for Best Director and Best Original Score; twelve at the 71st British Academy Film Awards, winning three awards including Best Director; and fourteen at the 23rd Critics' Choice Awards, winning four awards. A novelization by del Toro and Daniel Kraus was published on March 6, 2018.



The Shape of Water is a 2017 American romantic fantasy drama film directed by Guillermo del Toro and written by del Toro and Vanessa Taylor. The film stars Sally Hawkins, Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins, Doug Jones, Michael Stuhlbarg, and Octavia Spencer.

Set in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1962, the story follows a mute cleaner at a high-security government laboratory who falls in love with a captured humanoid amphibian creature. Filming took place on location in Ontario, Canada, between August and November 2016.

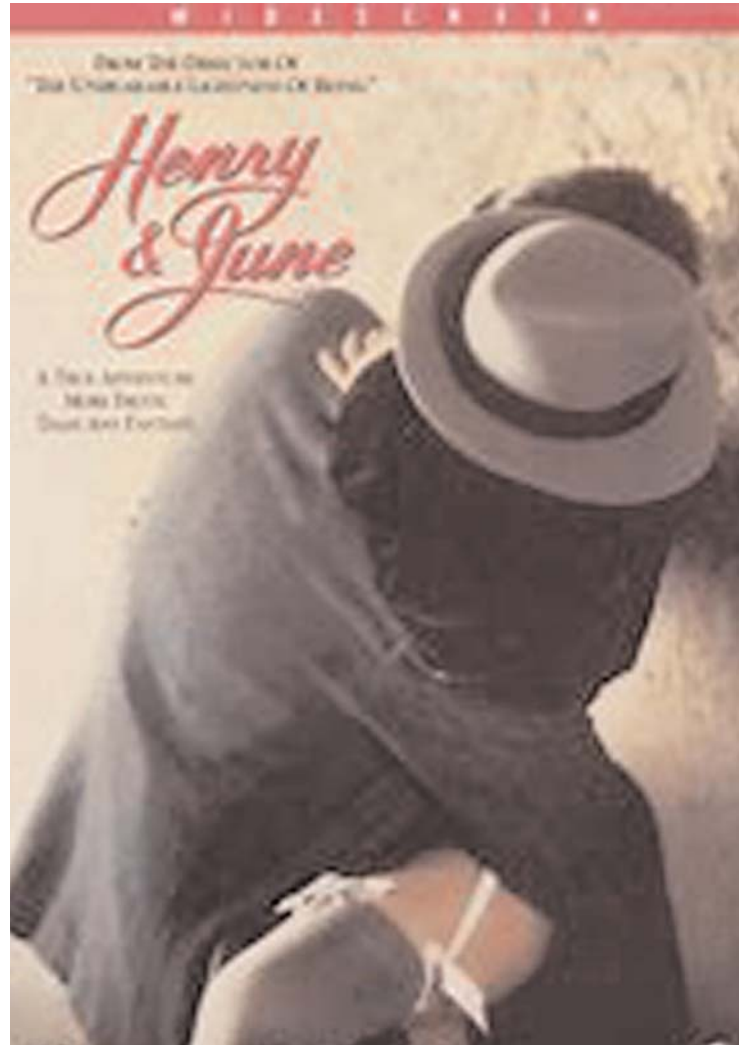
The Shape of Water was screened as part of the main competition in the 74th Venice International Film Festival, where it premiered on August 31, 2017, and was awarded the Golden Lion for best film. It was also screened at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival. It began a limited release in two theaters in New York City on December 1, 2017, before expanding wide on December 23, 2017, and grossed \$195 million worldwide.

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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE
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(release date, Sep 28, 1990 NC-17)

This is the story of the writing of one of the books that **civilized society banned** for its sexual content the "**Tropic of Cancer.**" This story mainly from the writing of Anais Nin, published after her husband Hugo died.



In 1931 Paris, Anais Nin meets Henry Miller and his wife June. Intrigued by them both, she begins expanding her sexual horizons with her husband Hugo as well as with Henry and others. June shuttles between Paris and New York trying to find acting jobs while Henry works on his first major work, "**Tropic of Cancer,**" a pseudo-biography of June.

Directed by Philip Kaufman, and starring, Fred Ward as Henry Miller, Uma Thurman as June Miller, Maria de Medeiros as Anais Nin, Richard E. Grant as Hugo, Kevin Spacey as Osborn.

An old saying, "*Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.*"

Have a great week,

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