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Neversink Starts the Season Right!

On Saturday a bus filled with local residents headed to NYC on the Neversink Parks & Rec NYC bus trip. To many it was an annual holiday trek to see a show or do some shopping. There were a few new little faces aboard who were on their first journey to the well-lit Big Apple to celebrate all the holiday offerings and the best season of all!



On Sunday Jamie Brooks, Coordinator of Neversink Parks and Recreation was still going full steam with more Christmas and holiday activities – the Elf Workshop, the Gingerbread House Contest and the announcement of the winner of the Holiday Decoration Contest! We will post the results when they are available.

The evening began with the Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park and a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs Claus and helpers who arrived in style on their 'magical Christmas sleigh!'.

There were Christmas Carols, and goodies, too!

The holiday season has begun. The Spirit of Christmas is already warming hearts and bringing smiles to many faces.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes the Neversink General Store



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

For our second recognition, we chose to thank The Neversink General Store for its continued commitment to the Tri-Valley community and its students.

Through its willingness to help out with catering for multiple events and overall desire to make our community a better place, the Neversink General Store truly is a wonderful business. Our TVTA recognizes all that the Neversink General Store does. We are grateful for all the support they give to us and our students.

Thank you, Neversink General Store, for being our partner in education. Together, we make a difference!

Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



(Left to right): top row- Scott Cole, Emily Rusin, Maria Hinkley, Ethan Raykoff; middle row- Aidan Thomson, Logan Congelosi, Riley Kelly; bottom row- Caleb Kendrick, Amelia Mickelson

(Left to right): top row- Jesse Estrada, Anna Streimer, Brianne Mulholland, Armaan Butler; middle row- Aaron Altman, Gavin Clarke, Thomas Houghtaling; bottom row- Austin Hartman, Ethen Smith, Gabrielle O'Donnell

On Tuesday, November 20, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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She was the daughter of the late Terrie and Michele Maschio Morganbesser, born on December 30, 1980 in Brooklyn, NY.

Robyn proudly served her country in the United States Army. She will always be remembered for her generosity, humor and love for music. Her laugh was contagious and her smile would brighten up a room. Above all Robyn was a fighter who fought a good fight.

She is survived by her two beautiful daughters Gianna Matthews & Rosalie Jackson, her loving sister Amie Morganbesser, second mother Barbara Maschio, grandmother Thelma Misko, Godmother Sallyanne Villegas, cousins Cierra & Easton Pugh, Christian Villegas, (godson) and Chris, Wendy & Alex Ashurst, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins from the Botsford, Morganbesser, Maschio and Villegas families; as well as all of her family at the WVP.

She was predeceased by her second father Guy Maschio, grandparents, Mike & Lucille Maschio, Seymour and Joan Morganbesser and John Misko.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 30, 2018 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788 from 5-8:00pm. A Celebration of Life will begin at the funeral home at 7:30pm.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project PO Box 96860 Washington, DC 20077-7677 or Ronald McDonald House Charities 110 North Carpenter Street Chicago, IL 60607?

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-63 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com**Days of Yore...****Today's History****December 8, 1948**

Several men worked in the valley Saturday and Sunday cutting, skidding and drawing logs to the mill. The lumber will be used for construction of a fire house.

Mrs. Leslie Krum has been teaching in Grahamsville the past week.

People in the vicinity (Neversink) seem to be enjoying the books from the lending library at the Post Office. New books are sent in from the Daniel Piece Library every two weeks.

The following cheerleaders were selected at Tri-Valley School: Valerie Zanetti, Marilyn Mickelson, Helen Capela, Doris Sheeley, Sally Botsford and Bonnie Schwaake.

December 3, 1958

Medwin S. Ackerley, 24, of Roscoe, a tunnel worker who shot the 50 year old lover of his 17 year old wife last May 23, was given 1 to 5 years in Clinton State Prison yesterday by County Judge Lawrence H. Cooke. The Judge suspended execution of the sentence and placed Ackerley on probation for three years.

Mickey's Tri-Valley Diner opened approximately two months ago and operated by Mrs. Vincent Guntlow changed hands on Monday of this week. It is now under the management of Mr. Roger Becker of Grahamsville. Mickey, who is on vacation this week, will return to work next Monday on a part time basis.

The northern half of the tunnel which will link Cannonsville reservoir with the existing portion of the New York City water complex is nearing completion. Drake-Graft-Winston-Tecon-Condit, holders of contracts 451 and 452, expect soon to complete grouting and miscellaneous cleaning up at Shaft II which will wind up work between Cannonsville and Harvard. A force of 832 men are working for D.G.W.T.C. and West Delaware Contractors. The latter holders of contracts 454 and 455 for building the southern half of the tunnel. B.W.S. engineers estimate that it costs one and one half million dollars to drive a mile of tunnel. MacLean-Grove-Brewster is holder of contract 453 for a shaft and tunnel running in two directions from Rockland.

Workmen have started dismantling the headframe will go to Shaft V near Lew Beach, which is getting

nicely under way. West Delaware Tunnel Constructors are building Shave V, VI, VII and the outlet and tunnel connecting these.

1968 - No news this week.**Dec. 14, 1978**

The Neversink Fire Department First Aid Squad proudly announces the arrival on Friday, December 8th a spanking new 1979 For Van Ambulance. It was paid for by the Neversink Fire District. The old ambulance which was traded in will be driven away soon. It had over 50,000 miles of service.

CCE Annual Meeting Celebrates Farms, Food, & Family

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY-Celebrate Farms, Food, and Family at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 104th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. The event will take place at New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake (GPS address: 870 State Route 52, Hurleyville) from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Snow date is December 19. Guests will receive themed giveaways.

Locally sourced dairy and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 pm and guests can bid in a silent auction of art and experiences until 6:10 pm. A Hudson Valley Catskills Taste NY Basket will be raffled off to benefit FarmHearts, a partnership to raise funds that support local family farms through mini-grant opportunities. Attendees can vote for candidates to fill open board of directors seats. The Annual Meeting begins at 6 pm, followed by a presentation by keynote speaker Philip Gottswals, managing director of Agricultural and Community Development Services Inc.

Phil will share his knowledge and experiences working on challenges and opportunities related to the big and small dairy industries, and their impacts on local communities, farms, and consumers.

The annual Friends of Extension and Farms, Food, & Family themed recognition will feature the following awardees:

- Urban Agriculture Award: Evergreen Community and Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development for the Evergreen Community Garden
- Partners in Agriculture Award: SUNY Sullivan and New Hope Community's New Hope Farm
- Family Nutrition Award: Sullivan County Public Health Services WIC Program
- Farmers' Market Promotion Award: Sullivan County Office for the Aging
- Farm to School Award: Liberty Central School District and Food Service Director, Dara Smith
- Non-Profit Partner of the Year: Action Toward Independence
- Business Partner of the Year: Sullivan County Democrat
- Volunteers of the Year: Richard & Jen Sheldon
- Extension Professional of the Year: TBA

Ten "Unique & Antique" one-of-a-kind prize winners will be drawn at the close of the evening (tickets available online or in office; need not be present to win).

The CCESC 104th Annual Meeting is FREE to the public. Space is limited and registration is requested in advance to plan for refreshments by visiting www.sullivanvanccce.org/events, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling 845-292-6180. Contact the office if you have any special needs.

Phil is the founder and principal of an economic development services firm focused on food and resource-based industries. Phil's areas of specialization include strategic and rural economic development planning, incubator feasibility assessment, impact and regional economic studies, agricultural and industry-specific marketing, tourism, entrepreneurship and small business training, farm business and farm enterprise planning, feasibility analysis for shared-use food processing center, agricultural marketing, facilities and business support programs, and food distribution systems analysis.

Phil teaches Partnership for Action Learning in Sustainability (PALS) classes at the University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources that provide innovative and low-cost assistance to local governments and food entrepreneurs, while providing real-world, hands-on problem-solving experiences for university students, gently guided by faculty. (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Robyn Morganbesser. Robyn, a Woodbourne resident, passed away on November 26th at the age of 37. Robyn had attended Tri-Valley School and had also proudly served her country in the United States Army.

Greg Botsford has been named "2018 Football Coach of the Year" by the Sullivan County Democrat*. According to the *Democrat*, Greg is "humble, savvy, a great motivator and possesses outstanding leadership as well as being an inspiring mentor". Congratulations, Coach!

A group of Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School children, Pastor Ken, Loretta Ackerley and Jamie Brooks met at Memorial Hall after school on Thursday, November 29th to make ornaments for the church Christmas tree. Everyone also enjoyed pizza and ice cream.

Did you know that there is a brand new Tractor Supply Store in Napanoch? It is located right across from the White Wolf Restaurant. I visited the store and found the folks there to be very friendly and helpful. Their propane tank refilling service is not up and running yet, but will be in the near future.

Catskill Creamery, in partnership with START-UP NY will soon be coming to SUNY Sullivan's Campus. Catskill Creamery will be a modern dairy processing facility for the pasteurization and homogenization of raw milk. Hopefully this will help Sullivan County dairy farmers with regard to their milk sales.

The Tri-Valley Lions held their holiday dinner at Frankie and Johnnies on Monday, December 3d. A nice crowd turned out to honor Phyllis and Dave Moore for their numerous years of service to the Tri-Valley community.

Frost Valley's Holiday Community Dinner will be held on Friday, December 7th, From 5:30 -

8:00 pm. Families and friends can enjoy a delicious buffet style dinner and participate in family craft and fun activities. Reservations are a must. Local busing will be available. Call Frost Valley at 985-2291 ext. 450 to make a reservation.

Also, the Neversink Rondout Tractor Club will be holding their annual holiday dinner at 6:30 pm on December 7th at the Neversink Fire Hall. Give Ruth Curley a call if you plan to attend.

The Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea is planned for December 8th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Plan to attend and start the holiday season off by singing some Christmas carols.

Santa Claus will be coming to the Grahamsville Fire House on Sunday, December 9th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm/rain or shine. Bring your camera as Santa will be inside. Yes, the holiday season has begun. The Rockefeller Center tree has been lit and our own

Bicentennial Square is beautifully decorated for the holidays. I find that December's customs, ceremonies and celebrations come to us wrapped up, not in tissue and ribbons, but in cherished memories. At this time every year I begin to write my Christmas cards. Usually I get them all signed, sealed and mailed and, it's almost always true, the very next day I get a card from someone I didn't send to! Has that ever happened to you?

Words of Wisdom: Counting each day's blessings helps to overcome each week's troubles. Before you say you cannot, give it a try!

First Friday Book Discussion Group

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

New members welcome!

Refreshments are provided by the members.

This month's book discussion: "Hillbilly Elegy", A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, by J.D. Vance.

Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!

(From Pg. 1) Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Austin Hartman and Anna Streimer won awards for Academic Excellence, Thomas Houghtaling and Brianna Mulholland won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Armaan Butler and Gabrielle O'Donnell won awards for Leadership, Aaron Altman and Ethen Smith won awards for Most Improved, and Gavin Clarke and Jesse Estrada won awards for Outstanding Participation.

In the 7th grade, Scott Cole and Emily Rusin won awards for Academic Excellence, Amelia Mickelson and Ethan Raykoff won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Logan Congelosi and Maria Hinkley won awards for

Leadership, Taylor Doty and Caleb Kendrick won awards for Most Improved, and Riley Kelly and Aidan Thomson won awards for Excellent Participation.

Additionally, Mrs. Donna Schick was in attendance to congratulate the winners of the Tri-Valley Lions Club Lions International Peace Poster Contest! Mrs. Hayes's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade art students participated in this contest, creating beautiful and thoughtful works of art. Eighth grade student Gavin Clarke earned the first place award. Seventh grade students Olivia Blume and Maggie Travis earned the second and third place awards, respectively. Well done Gavin, Olivia, and Maggie!

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!

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He is also the co-author of an entrepreneurial curriculum focused on food and agriculture called "Tilling the Soil of Opportunity."

The Unique & Antique drawing includes the following prizes:

- 1983 Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 Liter (\$2,800 Value) MUST BE 21 to ACCEPT
- Full Size, Handmade, Fleece Back "Cornell Colors" Quilt by Sally Abrams (\$1,200 Value)
- Commemorative 1930 Cornell University 6 Plate Set Donated by Joanne Clements (\$510 Value)
- Private Firearm Safety Course for 10 by Richard Sheldon (\$500 Value)
- Two Night Stay at Cayuga Lake Cabins in the Fingerlakes (\$420 Value)
- SC Visitors Association Gift Basket (\$400 Value)
- 2019 Weekend Yankee Box Seat Tickets for 2 with Food & Parking, Donated by James Smith of Advance Testing (\$400 Value)
- Large Handmade "Autumn Barn Colors" Quilt by the Monaghan Family (\$300 Value)
- Swan Lake Golf & Country Club Green Fees for 4 & Men's Cap (\$224 Value)
- Makeover Session with Ishot Studios & a T&C Salon Tanning Session (\$114 Value)

Catskill Creamery to Join Start-up Program

Creamery to be built in Loch Sheldrake on campus, investing \$9.4 million and creating 56 new jobs

(Loch Sheldrake, NY): SUNY Sullivan (Sullivan County Community College) announced today that Catskill Creamery, Inc., a new modern dairy processing facility is its first approved business applicant to participate in the START-UP NY program. The creamery, in partnership with SUNY Sullivan through the START-UP NY program, projects an investment of more than \$9 million and the creation of at least 56 jobs in five years.

"The Catskill Creamery manufacturing operation will provide numerous benefits to our students, in a variety of programs," said SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance. "Additionally, the creamery will have a positive impact on the workforce of Sullivan County, and has the potential to help alleviate the struggles that our local dairy farmers have endured over the past few years with regard to the sale of their milk."

Catskill Creamery will create a modern dairy processing facility designed to be a USDA Grade A Craft Creamery whose primary manufacturing activity will be the pasteurization, separation and homogenization of raw milk. The creamery will produce cheeses, yogurts and assorted traditional and innovative dairy and dairy-related products. Customers will be distributors and manufacturers who wish small batch custom formula.

"Catskill Creamery felt that SUNY Sullivan was the perfect location for a processing facility, especially with regard to its close distribution proximity to New York City," said Chris Cernik, attorney for Catskill Creamery. "The creamery is thrilled that its first choice to locate - Sullivan County - was accepted into the START-UP NY program. In addition to working with the college, the creamery has worked with the Town of Fallsburg and the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute to develop a wastewater management system that will not burden the Town of Fallsburg sewer district."

As a START-UP NY participant sponsored by SUNY Sullivan, Catskill Creamery will align with the college's administration, staff, faculty and students, and will serve as a living laboratory to complement academic development and provide student internships. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Poinsettia

The Official Flower of Christmas

That lovely plant, the poinsettia that you place in your home every December was once used as a fever cure!

The Poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is a shrub or small tree, typically reaching a height of 2-13 feet. The plant bears dark green dentate leaves that measure 2.8-6.3 in in length. The colored bracts - which are most often flaming red but can be orange, pale green, cream, pink, white, or marbled - are often mistaken for flower petals because of their groupings and colors, but are actually leaves. The colors of the bracts are created through photoperiodism, meaning that they require darkness 12 hours at a time for at least five days in a row to change color. At the same time, the plants require abundant light during the day for the brightest color.

The flowers of the poinsettia are unassuming and do not attract pollinators. They are grouped within small yellow structures found in the center of each leaf bunch, and are called cyathia.

The poinsettia is native to Central America, and flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon where the Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes and they also put the plant for practical uses. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fever.

The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico. According to legend, a little girl, commonly called Pepita or Maria, was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly. As she walked a little further, she was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel. As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes."

She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the *Flores de Noche Buena*, or *Flowers of the Holy Night*, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season and thus, the legend of the poinsettia was born. From the 17th century on the Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations.

These striking blooms caught the attention of Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, America's first ambassador to Mexico between 1825 and 1829. Dr. Poinsett brought a plant back to America and raised it in his greenhouses in Charleston, South Carolina.

The plant was initially known in the United States as "painted leaf" or "Mexican fire plant" until eventually it was named poinsettia pulcherrima, or "poinsettia," in honor of its "discoverer" Dr. Poinsett. You may know Dr. Poinsett as the founder of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science and the Useful Arts, the predecessor of the Smithsonian Institution

For more than 150 years, December 12th was recognized as Poinsettia Day. In 2013 Congress passed a bill officially recognizing and honoring Joel Poinsett by declaring December 12th as National Poinsettia Day which commemorates the date of his death in 1851. The day was meant to honor Poinsett and encourage people to enjoy the beauty of the popular holiday plant.

And, just as Poinsett would have it; the Poinsettia, whether white, red or pink, remains one of the most frequently sold and delivered Christmas decorations in America during the holiday season.

Household Hints

Refresh your ice trays for the Holidays

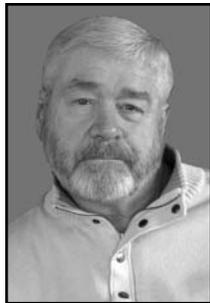
If your plastic ice trays are covered with hard-water stains - or if it's been a while since you've cleaned them - a few cups of white vinegar can help you in either case. To remove the spots or disinfect your trays, let them soak in undiluted vinegar for four to five hours, then rinse well under cold water and let dry.



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Mysterious Book Report No. 355

by John Dwaine McKenna

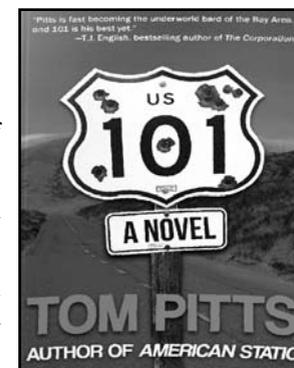


US Highway 101 runs north from the San Francisco Bay, up to Humboldt County . . . the remote, pot growing area of California known as the emerald triangle because of all the grow operations up there. It's an area that's rugged, fertile and brimming with fierce and independent cultivators of the magic green plant that, when smoked, makes all of your "worries be gone," to quote the legendary Guy Clark. Humboldt County is where a doofus named Jerry Bertram runs to when he gets in the bad graces and gunsights of some outlaw bikers in Tom Pitts new novel entitled, *101*, (Down & Out Books, PB \$18.95, 256 pages, ISBN 978-1-948235-38-9)

When Jerry Bertram and his girlfriend break into a medical marijuana store in the Bay area and take the contents of the safe, they're not just stealing from the dispensary, they're also ripping off the one percent bikers who own the store through a front. But, in addition they're also robbing a group of Russian gangsters and their boss, a man known as "Vlad the Inhaler." They finance the motorcycle club, and all of them want a piece of Jerry's hide, and the return of the money before they kill him. Trying to save his life, Jerry's mother sends him north, to hide with a dour and enigmatic pot farmer named Vic, the "bravest and truest and toughest man I know," according to her. But her son's a selfish doofus, who doesn't seem to realize the mortal danger he's in – or that he presents to others by his very presence – even when the bullets start flying, the killing begins and the bodies begin to pile up. At the same time, Vic starts showing a skill set for violence, fighting and surviving that makes this an unstoppable read that will leave you breathless and needing a towel to dry off with. Oh yeah, *101* is just that hot!

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Interview With The Author: Tom Pitts

by John Dwaine McKenna

This week's interview is one we've been looking forward to since last year, when MBR No. 300 reviewed *American Static*, calling it "One of the finest noir yarns we've read in years." Now, author Tom Pitts is back, with a new piece of hard-boiled fiction, and we can't wait to hear what this rising star in the noir world has to share with us today. He's a master of bad-assery with a PhD from the school of hard knocks and the mean streets of San Francisco who knows just how to bring the bad. Welcome Tom . . . here's our first question for you:



Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Funny you should ask, my answer to this question used to be so quick and definite. Wing it! I've never known what was going to happen next in my books and that was part of the magic of writing them. BUT, my work in progress takes place over three decades. It's my hope to dive in and out of these time periods without the use of flashbacks. So plotting is becoming necessary. I'm trying to leave it as loose as I can, but I have to have a grip on what happens in one era so I don't show spoilers in another. It's tricky.

And, in other words, it depends on the situation.

Do you read your reviews?

I do. I know I shouldn't but I do. They're pretty positive for the most part, but sometimes there's a stinger in there. Sometimes there's constructive criticism, something you can learn from, but the ones that bitch about foul language or violence are frustrating. I mean, did they read the description? Or worse, someone who's upset because their book came damaged, the postman left it in the rain. Frustrating, yes, but it's a bit like leaving a bad review for a hotel because the weather sucked.

How do you deal with a negative review?

I let 'em eat at me, like a road rage incident you're still going over in your head miles after the fact. Fact is, they bug you for a minute, then you let it go. There's always something complimentary about them. My first rejection for my novel, *Hustle*, said the characters were "too unsavory." Awesome. I should have used it as a blurb.

Personally, I don't think a noir character could ever be too unsavory-it's the essence of the genre. Whoever said that is an idiot. And it's a helluva good blurb in my opinion . . .

Does luck play into success?

Everything factors into success. Luck, timing, talent, pedigree. The trick is, you have to use the hand you're dealt. I don't have any formal education, no MFAs, no

degrees. I have to use what tools are available to me to create what I can. I think the real question is, how do you measure success? Is it finishing the damn thing, selling the damn thing, or having it plucked off the shelves. You have to take the victories along the way too.

What makes a character compelling

A character needs to have plausible reasoning. It must make sense that they do what they do, otherwise, you can't take the ride with them. They don't have to react the way the reader wants, but it has to make sense for that character. If a reader can see their reasoning, no matter how diabolical, then they'll want to continue on the journey.

Do you use humor in your work?

I hope so. Some things I find funny, other people don't. And people find humor in spots I didn't see either. Either way, humor is part of the human condition. Whether the characters are trying to be funny or the situation is absurd, I think humor gives balance to the story. It's natural to whistle by the graveyard, so to speak.

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

I email myself, I scramble and make cryptic notes, often terrible voice command texts I have to decipher later. I have to work whatever note into the piece pretty quick before it gets buried. Once it's in there, it stays. I'll work around it. I also keep kind of a chapter diary too, sort of a recap of each chapter. Comes in handy when I'm juggling plot threads.

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

When it comes to people who don't read much, I think it's about providing more accessible, digestible, entertaining stories, so when they do pick up that novel you've been trying to get 'em to read, it keeps them awake for the whole flight, or eases their commute, or wherever they give in and let themselves get lost in fiction.

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

I often get asked for writing tips, and I have only one really: One scene at a time. Try to complete the scene, digest it, then start thinking about what's going to happen next. Just like a movie, one scene at a time. It's better than a daily word-count quota.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

You can find me at my website <http://www.tom-pittsauthor.com/> or on social media.

BIO: Tom Pitts received his education on the streets of San Francisco. He remains there, working, writing, and trying to survive. He is the author of *AMERICAN STATIC*, *HUSTLE*, and the novellas *PIGGYBACK* and *KNUCKLEBALL*. His new novel, *101*, is out now on Down & Out Books.

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project-we can't wait to read it!

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(From Pg. 3)

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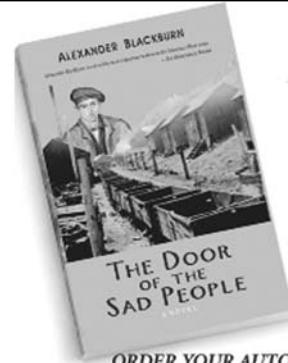
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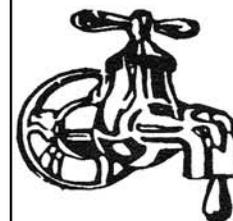
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All proceeds from the show will benefit the library's Elevator Upgrade Fund. - \$15 general admission; \$12 seniors & students
Performances are: Friday, December 14, 8 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 8 p.m., and Sunday, December 16, 2 p.m.

Radio Play: A Christmas Carol

My friend Linda Burkhardt has been doing this for years and years. Sometimes she directs, sometimes she does costumes, and sometimes she will act, sing and dance. Sometimes the play is part of the Shandaken Theatrical Society and sometimes for the Olive Free Library. What she ALWAYS does is gather her friends together to become part of an up-front and personal theatrical experience.

A decade ago she recruited me, my husband, Henry Rank, John Parete, Bert Leifeld and a bunch of no-talent actors to be part of the graveyard scene in OUR TOWN. All we had to do was sit there and say our one or two lines, We were dead for goodness sake. It should have been easy.

John, playing Undertaker Joe Stoddard either ad-libbed or forgot his line about the Dead Farmer McCarty who was played by our hard-of-hearing Town Supervisor. Here is what the written lines were:

SAM CRAIG: (Reading stones) "Old Farmer McCarty, I used to do chores for him after school. He had the lumbago."

JOE STODDARD: "Yes, we brought Farmer McCarty here a number of years ago now."

Instead here is what John, JOE STODDARD, said: "Yes, deafer than a doorknob. We buried the old goat a number of years ago."

That was when, Bert Leifeld (who was hard-of-hearing) said in a very loud voice of a supposedly dead farmer, "WHAT DID HE SAY ABOUT ME?"

By this time, most of the graveyard inhabitants were snorting and giggling and trying to suppress out and out raucous guffaws.

Luckily our Shakespearean comic relief was resurrected by the professional actor playing the Stage Manager. None of us have been actors and actresses again. Instead we sit in the audience and enjoy a good play.

Olive Free Library Annual Holiday Craft Fair

On Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Olive Free Library will hold its annual holiday crafts fair, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494. Over twenty-five vendors will sell locally-made goods including natural organic body products, holiday decorations, homemade jams, pickles & snacks, handmade American Girl Doll clothes, maple syrup, goats milk soap, photography, fresh holiday wreaths, aprons, jewelry, pottery, quilts, and much more. The day will include free craft activities, live music, and a hot lunch.

West Shokan: Each year the Olive Free Library holds a festive holiday fair featuring gifts made in the Catskills such as maple syrup, soap, pottery, quilts, felted wool hats and bags, jewelry and many other attractive, handmade and affordable gifts. The day's entertainment includes piano music by musician Lisa Menard, as well as a ukulele singalong by the Catskill Ukulele Club.

Shoppers can enjoy a hot lunch and a bake sale of homemade tempting treats. All proceeds from the lunch and bake sale benefit the library. The library will also raffle a sterling silver necklace handmade by Jean Duffy, a "basket of cheer", and a kids bag of goodies. People of all ages will gather to make pomanders (oranges with cloves stuck in them), as well as handmade cards and paper stockings. The fair is brimming with holiday spirit at this community gathering.

For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org

Public Menorah Lightings Kingston/Woodstock/Ellenville and Senior Chanukah Celebrations Chanukah Express Train

Chanukah -The Festival of Lights- for many of us brings back fond memories of childhood years and serves to renew our sense of identity. The Chanukah lights provide us with warmth, joy, strength and inspiration. Such is the purpose of community-wide celebrations to be held in Ulster County this Chanukah.

Chabad of Ulster County invites the entire community to celebrate the Festival of Lights at our public Menorah lighting ceremonies. Join us with the lighting of the menorah followed by music and delicious, hot latkes, apple cider and jelly doughnuts. People of all ages will enjoy singing traditional Chanukah songs like "The Dreidel Song," and enjoying traditional foods. Chabad centers all around the world are dedicated to spreading light and goodness in their respective communities. Chabad's answer to the darkness and destruction is an increase in light and

warmth. Each year Chabad of Ulster County hosts a community-wide Chanukah celebration where the message of religious freedom is brought to the street.

Public dignitaries and community leaders will attend the ceremony and will assist in kindling the "Menorah".

Following the kindling, the programs will feature music, hot latkes, chocolate gelt, hot apple cider and smiles!

Chanukah, a celebration for all time is highlighted by the kindling of the Menorah each night of the holiday. "It is a holiday that enriches our lives with the light of tradition" said Rabbi Yitzchak Hecht, director of Chabad of Ulster County. "In ancient times our ancestors rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem with the Menorah. Today, we rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place."

Chanukah also propagates the universal message that ultimately good will prevail over evil, freedom over oppression and light over darkness.

In its Chanukah outreach campaign, Chabad of Ulster County joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that are staging similar public displays of the Menorah and its symbolic lights. From Australia to Africa, Columbia to Hong Kong, New York City's ground zero to the White House lawn, hundreds of thousands will experience the joy of Chanukah with Chabad.

Join the community at a public display of unity at this exciting Menorah Lighting Ceremony. Bring the kids and make this your special Chanukah celebration.

For more information, contact Chabad of Ulster County at (845)331-1176 or
or at www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org

List of Public Menorah lightings and Senior Chanukah Celebrations

5th Day of Chanukah, Friday, December 7th @ 12:30 pm: Public Menorah Lighting in Uptown Kingston - on the corner of Wall St & N. Front St. Join for the Lighting of the Menorah, Singing Chanukah songs, Apple cider, Latkes, & music.

7th Night of Chanukah, Saturday, December 8th @ 6:30 pm. Public Menorah Lighting At The Peter Schwalbe center for Jewish Life - Agudas Achim, 254 Lucas Ave., Chocolate Chanukah gelt, gifts for all children, arts 'n' crafts, music, smiles & much more! Hot dairy buffet will be served. For more info and reservations 845-331-1176.

8th Night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 9th @ 3:30 pm: Woodstock Public Menorah Lighting at the Village Green. Lighting of the Menorah, Singing Holiday songs, Apple cider, Latkes, doughnuts, music, gifts for every child!

8th Night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 9th @ 8:00 pm: The Chanukah Express - Celebrate Chanukah like never Before!! All Aboard! Join with us for a festive train ride with a Menorah Lighting, Latkes, Music and fun for the entire Mishpacha!! Open to all ages! Chanukah Express departs from Catskill Mountain Railroad in the Kingston Plaza at 8pm. Get your tickets @ www.ChabadUlsterCounty.org/ChanukahExpress. For more information call 845-331-1176.

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General Chanukah information

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the victory - more than 2,100 years ago - of a militarily weak, but spiritually strong, Jewish people over the mighty forces of a ruthless enemy that had overrun the Holy Land and threatened to engulf the land and its people in darkness.

The miraculous victory of religious freedom was compounded by a second great miracle that took place when only one jug of sacred oil was found still pure and sealed. The Maccabees poured the one-day supply of oil into the great Menorah and rekindled the Menorah that had been desecrated and extinguished by the enemy. The small amount of oil did not burn out at the end of the first day, but continued to burn continuously for eight days, until the special process for preparing new oil could be completed.

Lighting the Chanukah Menorah reminds us of these events and also serves as a symbol and a message of triumph of freedom over oppression, of spirit over matter, of light over darkness.

Today, Jews all over the world light their Menorot, in thanks to G-d who has saved them "To enjoy these days at this season." Each night an additional light is kindled until, on the eight day, the Menorah is ablaze with eight beautiful lights.

Because of the great significance of oil in the story of Chanukah, it is traditional to serve foods cooked in oil. Among the most popular are delicious Potato Latkes.

The Syrians decreed that the teaching or studying of Torah was a crime punishable by death or imprisonment. But the children defiantly studied in secret; and when Syrian patrols were spotted, they would pretend to be playing an innocent game of Dreidel.

The Dreidel is a four-sided spinning top also called a Svivon, in Hebrew. On each side is a Hebrew letter: "Nun", "Gimmel", "Hay", and "Shin". The letters stand for the phrase "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham - a great miracle happened there". It is traditionally used to play a lively Chanukah game.

On Chanukah, it is traditional to give all children Chanukah Gelt (money). This beautiful custom adds to the children's happiness and festive spirit. In addition, it affords us an opportunity to give them positive reinforcement for exemplary behavior, such as diligence in their studies, and acts of charity.

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 Chrissy

Celebration of 60th Anniversary of Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and Opening of Renovated Gymnasium

Superintendent of FCSD Schools Dr. Ivan Katz has announced on behalf of the Board of Education the grand opening of the newly renovated gymnasium and celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School on Monday December 3, 2018.

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Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill Statement on Health Alliance Hospitals

The announcement yesterday by Westchester Medical Center (WMC) regarding development plans for the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance Hospital in Kingston is welcome, though overdue, news. The decision by WMC to scale back overall plans for the facility from a 200 bed hospital with a new four story wing to a 175 bed hospital with a two story building is, however, in a word, disappointing. Equally concerning is the failure of WMC to immediately move forward with plans for the so-called "Medical Village" on the Broadway campus.

The key to a robust, sustainable health care facility is the steady flow of patients receiving quality care. Constructing a new emergency department is important to finally consolidating campuses. However, rebuilding the patient base that has shrunk by over 50% in the last few years can only come from referrals by health care professionals who would populate a state-of-the-art medical enclave, such as that proposed for the Broadway campus.

While other health care entities such as HealthQuest and CareMount continue to expand into Ulster County, it behooves WMC and HealthAlliance to double down on their relationship with our community. A good start would be assuring that more area leaders serve on both the HealthAlliance and WMC boards. This is particularly

important with the announced retirement of HealthAlliance CEO and President David Scarpino. I welcome the appointment of Westchester-based Robert Ross to oversee the hospital, but the loss of specifically dedicated community-based leadership points to an even greater need for local input at the highest policy level.

Over the last 15 years, my office and I have been deeply involved in keeping our hospitals afloat and in assuring quality, affordable healthcare for all in our region. We were successful in securing almost \$50 million to help combine two stressed hospitals and other facilities into the single entity that is HealthAlliance today. We also participated in the subsequent application for funds, over \$100 million, to combine the two Kingston hospitals into a single campus. Our sole stake in this effort is to assure quality, affordable and accessible health care for all in the communities my office serves. We will continue to make that, and that alone, our focus.

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Message from Olive Free Library Director

The Library will be closed Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25, Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1.

There are so many exciting things happening at the library this month, we hope you can join us for: a classical music concert performed by Highpoint Ensemble; holiday shopping and merriment at our Annual Holiday Craft Fair; and a radio play adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. There's something for every at the Olive Free Library!

Please note the following program changes: We need to set up for the holiday fair a few days in advance so there's no movie on Thursday, December 6 or yoga classes on Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8. Also, in preparation of the radio play there's no Tai Chi on Tuesday, December 11 and no movie on Thursday, December 13.

There is a new group meeting at the library: Reservoir Homeschoolers. Reservoir Homeschoolers are a support network for families currently homeschooling or planning to homeschool in the Catskill Mountain region. Their mission is to provide a place where families can meet to play, learn and support each other. The group is geared towards kids ages 4-7 but all ages are welcome. Email the group with any questions:
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WomenHuntFishNY Photo Contest

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the beginning of a statewide photo contest, "WomenHuntFishNY," to celebrate women hunters in New York State.

Women are the fastest growing segment of adult hunters and DEC is excited to provide a forum to share their experiences with others interested in hunting and outdoor recreation in New York State," said Commissioner Seggos. "Hunting is a proud tradition in New York and we hope this new contest will inspire the next generation of hunters and conservationists to take up the sport and grow the hunting economy in the state." (Contd. Pg. 11)



Melanie Hornbeck of Grahamsville is among the many women who successfully enjoys the sport. Congratulations Melanie!

Robotics Teams Scrimmage at SUNY Sullivan

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Robotics Team co-hosted a scrimmage with SUNY Sullivan at the college Student Union on November 10, 2018. Six teams from other neighboring school districts joined six teams from Fallsburg, including three from junior high, two from the high school, and one team called Girl Powered from the high school.



Fallsburg Girl Powered Team: front row left to right Dawn Ruhren, Ava Anderman, Natalie Pazona; back row left to right Jasmine Johnson, Neema Darboe, and Gabby Pantel.

The competition was well attended by parents, siblings and friends of the combatants. The Harvey School from Katonah had three solid teams; Wallkill had a team; and Esopus fielded a newly organized group from The Mount Academy. Since everything about the event was brand new to the coach and students from The Mount Academy, Don Thomas, Fallsburg's Coach and organizer of the scrimmage along with SUNY Sullivan's Interim Director of S.T.E.M. and Nursing Dr. Cynthia Marcello, explained the details and introduced other veteran coaches to assist the new team.

Everyone came away from the event with newly honed skills and the thrill of competing. Many of the teams will be back to the college Field House for the Third Annual Catskill New Bot Battle on Saturday, December 15. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring this exciting competition, please contact Mr. Don Thomas at 845-434-6800 or by email dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net.

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Acknowledges Honor Roll Students at Breakfast

In past years Superintendent and Regular Honor Roll Students received certificates during each Quarter of the School Year at a ceremony in the FHS Auditorium. This year the School Administration and the Student Government Association (SGA) honored the students with a special breakfast at the opening of the school day in the cafeteria. Seventh and eighth graders received their awards on Friday, November 16, and ninth through twelfth graders received theirs on Monday, November 19.

Eighty-eight students earned Superintendent's Honor Roll Awards, and one-hundred thirty received Honor Roll Certificates. Interim Principal Ms. Dalila Serrano acknowledged the students on both days. With great enthusiasm, she expressed her pride in them and shared what was important in her own educational experience with the following message: "You are your best representative. Learn to be your own cheerleader! I've got this (holding high an Honor Roll Certificate)! I am a winner! Get a good education. Be kind and be gentle with yourself! If you ever are in doubt about anything, in school, or in life-ask!"



Eighth Grade Class Superintendent Honor Roll recipients

Following these inspiring words, the Jr/Sr High School Positive Behavior and Intervention Services (PBIS) Program staff, Daniel Redmond and Evan Mullen, praised the students for their hard work and achievement. Next the PBIS and Co-Faculty Advisors of SGA, Ms. Elisa Baum and Ms. Isabel Mejia, held a raffle for nine lucky students to win pop pockets and smart wallets with Fallsburg logos for their smart phones. Thanks go out to the cafeteria staff for preparing the special breakfast of granola, yogurt and fruit, and to the custodians for arranging the tables and supporting the presentation. Everybody agreed that this was a very effective and delicious way to honor the students' academic achievements.

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"The Community Dinner is a time-honored tradition at Frost Valley," says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. "It's a great opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family during the holiday season!"

Frost Valley YMCA is also excited to announce that registration is open for Winter Break Day Camp, which takes place December 26-28 and December 31st from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Children between the ages of 4-16 will enjoy activities like snow tubing, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, broomball, arts and crafts, games, and more. Daily transportation, lunch, and snacks are included in the tuition.

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

Sullivan County Kicks Off Organics Management Initiative

Attending the inaugural November 29 Organics Management Initiative meeting were, from the left, Sullivan County Sustainability Coordinator Heather Brown, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jaime Schmeiser, Sullivan Renaissance Project Coordinator Colleen Emery, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County Executive Director Colleen Monaghan, Sullivan County Recycling Coordinator Bill Cutler, Sullivan County Solid Waste & Recycling Director Donna Egan, Sullivan County BOCES District Superintendent Robert Dufour, Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Executive Director Kathy Kreiter, New Hope Community Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Tariq Iqbal, District 9 Sullivan County

Legislator Alan Sorensen, District 7 Sullivan County Legislator Joe Perrello and SCS Engineers Vice President Gregory McCarron. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

With the impending winter seeping in with its damp cold, a chance to run off to Orlando for a few days was more of a temptation than I could resist, even though the cold followed me there. Besides, Sir Elton John had a scheduled concert at the Amway Center there. Hey, it was worth a shot to wave my press pass at them! But as luck would have it, the concert was cancelled last minute. Sir Elton had come down with an ear infection.

So the next best thing was the Kennedy Space Center. For a full day until they closed the doors, I became a little kid, crawling in and out of the replicas of manned capsules and marveling at the relative small amount of space they occupied in relation to the rest of the craft. The actual Atlantis shuttle is there, the Dragon capsule that brought supplies to the Space Station, the crawlers that move the space vehicles to the launch pad from the VAB (Vehicle Assembly Building), actual launch pads...I can go on and on with the potential of boring you. Yes, all this 'science stuff' excites me to no end.



Then I was back for *Holiday in Hurleyville*. Bless Debbie Fisher, Lynn Porter, Paul Kean and Lee Karasik for performing live music out

in the cold! This goes for the lovely lady spinning outdoors at Fiber on Main. Next to this, the alpacas from Bound Brook Alpacas are always fun, as was the 'pop up' shop inside. And then I was off to be a kid again at the Sullivan County Museum and the train exhibit that replicated the engines and cars of the trains that ran on the O&W line. There were books, old post cards, schedules and all aptly displayed in the Sullivan County Timeline room. Other than Fiber on Main, however, there were precious few Christmas decorations out in Hurleyville and what seemed to be far fewer people, other than CFD residents and their aides, on the street than last year. Is the enthusiasm waning?



I did have to forgo Slam Allen at Cabernet Frank's in Parkville and Moonshine Creek at the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville Saturday night with the threat of snow and particularly ice in the forecast. Remember what I said about "getting out there before you couldn't"?

Here's what's going on this week:

Friday, Dec 7: DAVID KRAAI; Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main Street, Parkville; 7pm

Saturday, Dec 8: MARK DELGADO; The Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6-9

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WomenHuntFishNY, Photo Contest

(From Pg. 8) Women who hunt in New York State are encouraged to share their photos via the DEC social media Dropbox at socialmedia@dec.ny.gov. DEC welcomes photos of all aspects of safe and ethical hunting, including:

- * Preparing to go afield
- * The act of hunting
- * After the hunt
- * With family members

The deadline for contest entries is Dec. 31, 2018. However, DEC encourages hunters to share and send photos to the agency any time of year.

Winning entries will be featured in next year's New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, and may appear in a future issue of the Conservationist magazine, social media posts, the DEC website, and other outreach.

According to the most recent National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, women make up more than 25 percent of all anglers, a number that has increased over the last several decades. While the proportion of hunters who are women is smaller relative to fishing, the percentage of female hunters has also steadily risen in recent years.

According to DEC records, nearly 50,000 women are licensed to hunt in New York State.

Sullivan County Community Chorus 42nd ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

The Sullivan County Community Chorus, under the direction of Conductor Kevin Giroux, will perform its 42nd Annual Winter Concert on Sunday, December 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the David E. Panebaker Auditorium, at Liberty High School, 125 Buckley Street, Liberty.



Conductor Giroux's theme for the winter concert is "The Reflective Genius of Mozart."

W. A. Mozart was extremely gifted, and began to both perform and compose at a very early age, until his untimely and early death. Conductor Giroux has selected works spanning his luminous, but tragically brief, career, including the Coronation Mass and sections from the Requiem, as well as other compositions. The performance will also feature an orchestra and the Sullivan Chamber Singers, selected by audition from the chorus.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus consists of members from throughout Sullivan, Ulster and Orange Counties, whose ages range from 15 to over 80 years of age. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature as well as The Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, both administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

A suggested donation fee of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students will be graciously accepted. Immediately following the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. In case of inclement weather, the "snow date" will be Sunday, December 16 at 2:30 p.m. Visit the Sullivan County Community Chorus on Facebook or at their website www.schorus.org. For further information contact Diane Foster at (845) 439-4458.

SCDW Holiday Show

(Hurleyville, NY) The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Holiday Show is a double ticket featuring a 1940s Radio Play version of O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi* (adapted by Jon Jory) and a Children's show, *Hansel and Gretel and the Falling Christmas Elves*. Performance dates are December 7, 8, 9 at the Sullivan County Museum, Art and Cultural Center in Hurleyville.

The Gift of the Magi is a heartwarming romantic comedy, narrated by a group of Christmas carolers, tells the story of Della and Jim, who are desperately in love with each other but also very poor. In their attempts to buy each other proper Christmas gifts, a strange twist of fate leads the couple to find the perfect gifts for one another -- but at an unexpected cost. Though they may not have the perfect Christmas, the couple learns about the importance of the gift of love in this beautiful adaptation of the story by O. Henry. Under the able direction of Kitty Hendrix, the show features the talents of Alan Charney, Andrea Eddings, Peter Nastasi, Kristopher Rosengrant, Amber

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Hansel and Gretel and the Falling Christmas Elves tells the tale of the brother and sister getting lost in the woods that you remember - but with holiday festivity and a twist! Can Santa's elves save this sibling duo? Directed and produced by Harold Tighe, The youthful cast features Gabriela Almonte, Nicholas Ciorciari, Aiden Dusenbury-Dalto, Jack Dusenbury-Dalto, Treyvon Hayden, Ethan King, Blaze Nolan, Jayden Ramsay, Joslyn Odell Schreier, Kai Odell Schreier, and Isabella Velasquez. Allison Weiner is Stage Manager.

Performances are Friday and Saturday nights, December 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm, Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 pm at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. All tickets are \$10 and include desserts and coffee.

For information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.scdw.net

Former Catskill Hotel(s) Staff to Reunite for Once-in-a-lifetime Reunion - All Hotels, All Years, All Staff

All former Staff of the once thriving Sullivan and Ulster County Catskill Hotels are invited to attend a long over-due, once-in-a-lifetime reunion that is being planned for Saturday, May 4, 2019, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Villa Roma Resort, in Callicoon, New York. The cost is 90.00 per person. The Villa Roma Resort is offering a special group rate for those who would like to spend the night or make it a weekend getaway. Additional activities and programs will be offered throughout the weekend.

The idea to plan a reunion for all former staff came about when Robin (Cohen) Kauffman attended an event with a few of her former hotel co-workers to promote the plans for a future Catskill Resort Museum in Ellenville, NY. During her drive back home to Rhode Island she felt pangs of melancholy; a yearning for those special days. Kauffman, who considers herself a Catskill Mountain Rat, vacationed in the Catskills growing up, worked at one of the hotels throughout college, and even met her husband at the Concord Hotel. She said that those were not only magical years, but also influenced and shaped her life.

While the staff worked hard, they played hard as well. What they did not realize was that during their time spent working in the Catskills they were making history; making an incredible contribution to the Borscht Belt Culture. When asked about their experiences and how working in the Catskills influenced their lives, many share the same sentiment. As one staff person so eloquently said, "We were a family, diverse and vast. Like a family, all members influenced you in some way, some more than others. We were all entwined and became the sum of all those thousands lives we touched and whose lives touched us. It was a unique time and we were a unique group. Because of this, the Catskill's remain a special part of our lives."

This is most likely the last chance that as many former hotel staff will gather together under one roof. If you would like to take part in what will be an historic event, please contact Robin Kauffman at rmkauff100@cox.net. Hotel reservations may be made on line directly using the following group link:

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Sullivan County Kicks Off Organics Management Initiative

(From Pg. 10 The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling is proud to announce the official kickoff of a Countywide organics management program. Stakeholders from several sectors were included in the initial meeting held November 29 at the Government Center.

Joseph Perrello, chairman of the Legislature's Public Works Committee, began by thanking the stakeholder group of volunteers: "Under the leadership of this Legislature and our Solid Waste and Recycling Department, Sullivan County is committed to environmental stewardship and best practices. As a businessman and taxpayer myself, it's important to me that we manage our garbage in a responsible and cost-effective way. I'm also excited to say that we're aiming for innovation in what we do - to be a leader, not a follower. And by being here today, you are part of that effort."

The study, funded in part by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Climate Smart Communities Grant Program, will evaluate the feasibility, volumes, methods and means for managing organics (biodegradable material like food and plant debris) within Sullivan County.

"By managing the organic component of our garbage within the County, we can potentially save over \$1 million in tipping fees that exit the County economy and reduce over 800 tons of CO2 emissions per year. The result will be a product that can be used to enhance our local soils. This project is the ultimate 'all-win' for Sullivan County residents and taxpayers," said William Cutler, Sullivan County's Recycling Coordinator.

For additional information about this program, including how you can become more involved, please contact Solid Waste & Recycling Director Donna Egan at 845-807-0294.

Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek Gains Credential from Leadership Group

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek has earned the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA's) prestigious Credentialed Manager designation.

ICMA is the premier organization of professional local government leaders building sustainable communities to improve lives worldwide. The organization provides technical and management assistance, training, and information resources in the areas of performance measurement, ethics education and training, community and economic development, environmental management, technology, and other topics.

Only 1,353 governmental leaders - and just one out of every five county managers/administrators throughout New York State - have earned this credential. To be eligible to receive it, an individual must be a full member of ICMA, adhering to the ICMA Code of

Ethics and its rules of enforcement as a requirement of membership. The designation indicates that a member is qualified by a combination of education and experience, adherence to high standards of integrity, and a commitment to continuous learning. To maintain the credential, members must submit an annual report describing 40 hours of professional development during the previous year.

"I am honored and gratified to receive this recognition from ICMA, of which I've been a member since 2008," said Potosek. "It is deeply important to me to sustain the highest standards of professionalism in the service of Sullivan County's residents, businesses and employees."

For more about ICMA and its credentialing process, visit www.icma.org.

UC Executive Hein Highlights Recent Progress in Update on the Ulster and Delaware Corridor

Projects From Belleayre to Kingston Are Driving Increased Tourism and Restoring Connectivity Along the 38-mile County-Owned Corridor

Kingston, N.Y. - In a video news update issued on last week, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein reported that significant progress is being made towards implementation of the County's policy for rail- and trail-related uses along the 38-mile Ulster & Delaware railroad corridor. The video is available online at https://youtu.be/FAVUWU_ImkM.

The video describes six distinct attractions that are utilizing or are scheduled to use the corridor, including:

- The Delaware & Ulster Railroad, which plans to extend their scenic tourist train rides to the foot of Belleayre Mountain in 2019;
- Rail Explorers, which began offering 8-mile rail biking excursions between Phoenicia and Boiceville in 2018;
- The Empire State Railway Museum, which housed the headquarters for Rail Explorers in their recently-restored train station alongside the U&D in Phoenicia;
- The Ashokan Rail Trail, which is currently under construction along the north shore of the Ashokan Reservoir;
- The Catskill Mountain Railroad, which continues to expand ridership on themed train rides from Kingston; and
- The Midtown Linear Park, which connects Midtown Kingston to the Uptown commercial district and the Kingston Plaza, and where temporary trail construction began in early November.

In December 2015, the Ulster County Legislature unanimously adopted a policy supported by the County Executive calling for segmented rail and trail uses along the County-owned corridor that runs from Midtown Kingston to Belleayre Mountain. For decades, most of the corridor remained unused - causing significant deterioration - and failed to generate additional economic activity for the businesses and communities along State Route 28, which parallels the corridor. The County's new shared-use policy seeks to improve access for more people, grow tourism, and help local businesses, too.

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein

"As we continue to make great progress on improving access and maximizing the value of this publicly-owned corridor, I'm thrilled to provide an update on the successes we're already seeing, including new local business investment," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "This short video update gives a top-to-bottom picture of what's happening today, as we implement the shared rail-and-trail vision for the corridor. From Midtown Kingston to Belleayre Mountain, and at every step along the way, it's clear that great things are happening on the U&D, and the best is still yet to come!"

The video update is available on the Office of the Ulster County Executive Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube pages, or directly via the following link: https://youtu.be/FAVUWU_ImkM.

Letter to Editor from UC Executive Mike Hein

Dear Friends,

I'm extremely excited to share with you a progress update on a major project that my administration and the County Legislature have been working on together!

Over the past two years, we have re-imagined the 38-mile corridor known as the Ulster & Delaware (U&D), and the results are starting to pay off.

You can read more about all the projects and programs we're working on day-in and day-out to make our County the best place to live, work, and raise a family on the official county website:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/>

It's truly been a pleasure serving you in Ulster County as your County Executive and I can't wait to accomplish more great things for our communities as we continue to work together.

Thank you,
Mike

Delgado keeps focus on district, elevates local priorities with Leadership

Statement from Congressman-elect Antonio Delgado:

I have always said that the only people I am beholden to are the people of my district and every decision I make as their representative will be to best serve them.

I've recently met with Leader Nancy Pelosi and discussed crucial issues facing upstate New York and how they can be addressed in the 116th Congress. During the discussion, she committed to help me lead the effort within the House to bring broadband access to our rural communities and help places like Hoosick Falls and Petersburg which have been forced to endure a crisis of contaminated water. We also agreed on the need to prioritize legislation from the bipartisan heroin task force that will help family members cover treatment costs and better fund prevention in rural communities and we discussed me taking a leadership role on this task force. I also expressed that I will work tirelessly to ensure that the people of upstate New York have access to quality affordable healthcare that is accessible to everyone.

Based on our conversations and her commitment to prioritize issues critically important to the district, I have decided to support Leader Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House.

As an elected representative, I will always put the priorities of my district at the heart of every decision I make and will be accountable to every constituent.

With an Increase in Cases of Polio-like Disease Causing Paralysis in Children, Gillibrand Calls on Congress to

Immediately Provide Emergency Funding for Research, Treatment, and Prevention Efforts for Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)

The CDC Is Investigating Hundreds of Confirmed and Suspected Cases of Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM), a Debilitating, Polio-Like Disease Affecting Children in New York and Across the Country - The Number of Cases of This Rare but Serious Disease Are Growing Year After Year, yet the CDC Has Been Unable to Determine the Cause or Identify a Treatment

Washington, DC - With an increase in cases of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), a debilitating, polio-like disease that has been affecting children in New York and across the country, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today called on Congress to immediately provide emergency funding for research, treatment, and prevention efforts against this disease. AFM is a rare condition that targets the nervous system, specifically the spinal cord, and can cause serious muscle weakness or paralysis. There is no known cause or treatment for this disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have confirmed or are investigating hundreds of suspected cases of AFM in 46 states and in DC. 90 percent of cases have been in children under the age of 18, with the majority of patients between the ages of two and eight.

On November 13th, the CDC announced a new task force to investigate AFM. As Congress finalizes the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations bill, Gillibrand will call on Congressional appropriators to provide the emergency funding necessary to give the CDC the resources it needs to investigate, treat, and prevent this debilitating disease.

"As a mother and as a Senator, I am taking AFM extremely seriously. I've been disturbed to read reports about this debilitating disease that has been affecting children in New York and across the country. Parents are extremely worried about what this disease means for their children, but doctors still don't know what causes AFM or how it spreads," said Senator Gillibrand. "I am calling on Congressional appropriators to include emergency funding to support the CDC's efforts to learn more about AFM. I won't stop fighting until the CDC has the support they need to keep our children healthy and safe."

The number of cases of AFM are growing year after year. This increase in AFM cases over the last year is the third spike of AFM cases since 2014. In 2014, there were 120 confirmed cases of AFM, and two years later in 2016, there were 149 cases. Many of the affected children have had long-term paralysis or ongoing care needs. In the past, Congress provided emergency funding to support investigation and response efforts related to other serious diseases, such as Ebola, Zika, and Avian Influenza. As the number of cases of AFM continue to rise, Gillibrand calls on the Senate to do the same for this serious disease to help protect all children from AFM.

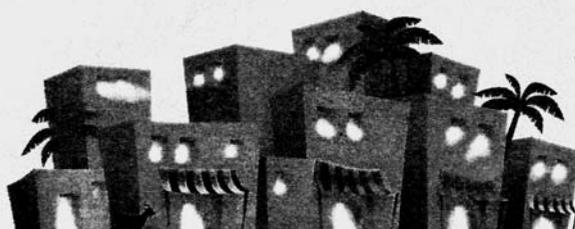
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 For more information please call: (845) 292-5227 or email us at: vineandbranchchurch@gmail.com and visit: www.vineandbranchchurch.org

Immaculate Conception Church Woodbourne
 Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
 Telephone (845) 434-7643
 Parish website: www.icwoodbourne.com

Archdiocesan Confession Day
 The annual pre-Christmas Reconciliation Monday, conducted throughout the Archdiocese with extended confession hours, is this year on Monday, December 17th, here from 4:00 - 5:00 pm and 7:00 - 8:00 pm.


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
 The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm

Music by Fred VanWagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42 • South Fallsburg
 845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org


Sundown United Methodist Church
 Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
 Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong
 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Rte. 55, Grahamsville
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
 Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
 For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong, 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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

Youth Bureau Announces 2019 Grant Opportunities
 Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is now accepting grant applications from organizations that serve children and youth within Sullivan County.

The Youth Bureau receives monies annually from the County and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund youth development programs within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities.

Organizations that would like to apply and be considered for funding are requested to contact the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and submit completed applications by Friday, January 11, 2019.

For more information, please call the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at 845-807-0394.

"Art Under \$100"
 The Wayne County Arts Alliance invites everyone to visit our Holiday Art Sale "Art Under \$100" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 7, 8, 9, 1-5pm each day at The Dorflinger Factory Museum at Rt. 6 and Elizabeth Street in White Mills, PA

This Art Sale features artwork by Wayne County Arts Alliance member Artists and all the artwork is priced under \$100. A perfect opportunity to choose original and unique artwork for yourself and your Holiday give giving this year. The exhibit includes a wide variety of choices of paintings, collages, jewelry, ceramics, photography, woodwork, and much more.

Choose art for your holiday gifts this year and at the same time, shop local and support our talented member artists and the WCAA.

Claryville Reformed Church
 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am



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

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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm); Tuesday morning: 8:50 am; Wednesday morning: No Mass; Thursday afternoon: 5:45 pm; Friday morning: 8:50 am; Saturday morning: 8:50 am.

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THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO
A Special Chanukah Shabbat Friday, December 7th, at 7:00 pm at Congregation Agudas Achim; 587 Rock Ave; Livingston Manor
 (An Informal gathering downstairs in the social hall)
 Let's celebrate the holiday with latkes and donuts as we retell the Chanukah Story, and the Levin's sing and play joyful Chanukah songs.

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Jan. 5, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 The red shed will not be open as we are not accepting donations to the thrift ministry during our Winter Break - the months of December, January and February.
 Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com.

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 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
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District Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Elementary Teacher

Leave Replacement (Jan 1 – Mar 4, 2019)

NYS Elem. 1-6 Cert. Required

Please forward resumes by Dec. 7th

To: recruitment@scboces.org or
Sullivan BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754 or
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

11/1; 8; 15; 29; 12/6-14.4

Immediate Opening Tri-Valley Central School

School Media Specialist

The candidate must have a strong record of integrating technology into instruction, with the ability to collaborate with teachers to design and implement lessons and units of instruction.

This is a Tenure-Track Position

NYS Certification Required

Please forward resumes by Dec 28th.

To: recruitment@scboces.org or
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Immediate Opening Tri-Valley Central School

Substitute Math 7-12 Teacher (Per Dem)

NYS Certification Required

Please forward resumes ASAP
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Sullivan BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754 or
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

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DVAA Hosts Authors and New Vendors at Signature Gifts in Narrowsburg

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will host two book signings at Signature Gifts on Main Street in Narrowsburg in December, in addition to offering new items by regional makers in the shop through the holiday season.

On Sunday, December 9 at 2 pm, Helena Clare Pittman will read from and sign copies of her acclaimed classic children's book "A Grain of Rice." Now with a newly refreshed design, this classic mathematical folktale tells the story of a clever farmer who outwits the Emperor of China and becomes the wealthiest man in the world—all starting with one grain of rice.

Pittman will talk about the process of illustrating a book, sharing original art and sketches, and will discuss the way "A Grain of Rice" took shape as a story. Pittman is the author of numerous books for children, including "The Snowman's Path," "The Angel Tree," and "Once When I Was Scared."

On Sunday, December 16 at 2 pm, writer and illustrator Paul Plumadore will sign copies of his new book "Unthinkable," which blends the fairy tale genre with fable and Victorian collage to tell the story of a young orphaned girl.

As Plumadore says about the book on his website, "Louise had a power, no ordinary child. If you have half an hour, her story is wild. It's the tale of a very unusual Miss. It's doubtful you've heard any story like this—the adventures of someone who's one-of-a-kind. Just keep turning these pages and see what you'll find."

Plumadore has been making collage art since 1975 and was named "Upcoming Illustrator" by Art Direction Magazine. "Unthinkable" is hardbound with a dust jacket.

During the holiday season, Signature Gifts' inventory expands to accommodate the wonderful offerings of regional artists and artisans. New vendors for 2018 include Larissa Raphael from New Jersey who makes traditional Ukrainian crafted dolls and mittens; Garage Glass Beads from Hawley, PA with their hand-blown jewelry; Brooklyn's Black Sheep Goods with wall hanging kits; hand printed botanicals on textiles and paper by Callicoon's Alexis Siroc, and Narrowsburg's Liza Phillips' hand knotted rugs and Alto Steps. New inventory also just arrived from Buck Brook Alpacas and Andrea Fisher Designs.

Signature Gifts is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Holiday shop hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm. For more information: 845-252-7576 or www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

How to turn a child's dream into musical reality c/o MISU c/o #GivingTuesday

When you were just a kid did you ever dream of learning to play a violin, viola, cello or a big bass – but couldn't afford one or the private lessons, destroying that dream?

Today, student violins and violas easily cost \$250 to \$500; cellos, \$500 and up. Add the cost of professional staff, students' sheet music, music stands....

Making dreams come true, the non-profit MISU (Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster) Scholarship Fund has supported kids and their families who are unable to afford instruments and lessons. For over a decade, we've helped enrich the lives of more than 500 kids, thanks to caring donors like you.

For #GivingTuesday on November 27th, your tax-deductible donation – as little as \$5.00 to \$50 on up to \$500 or more – has the power to change the lives of children across the lower Catskills/Hudson Valley region.

Our 2018 #GivingTuesday goal is \$5,000 to purchase as many instruments and award as many free lessons as possible on a scholarship basis to families who can use a helping hand this time of the year, if not all year-round, to make their kids' dreams come true.

Today, November 27th, we've already met 10% of our goal. Our donation period is alive till December 11th.

Can we count on your support this #GivingTuesday?

Please go to <http://misucatskills.org/donate/> to donate.

On behalf of MISU and Anastasia Solberg, thank you!

Construction of New Hudson River Water Tunnel Reaches Halfway Mark

\$1 billion Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel is largest repair in history of NYC water supply; Project is on schedule and on budget

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that tunneling for the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel reached the halfway point this week as workers 600 feet underground continued to drive westward toward the Hudson River. The milestone underscores significant progress on the City's \$1 billion effort to repair two leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct. The project is the largest repair in the 176-year history of New York City's water supply system.

"DEP and local laborers have made great progress on the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "As we mark the halfway point of tunneling, we are happy to see that the project is on schedule and moving steadily toward completion in 2023. This massive repair effort is critical for the long-term reliability of the water supply system that sustains 9.6 million New Yorkers every day."

The centerpiece of the repair is a 2.5-mile-long bypass tunnel that DEP is building 600 feet under the Hudson River from Newburgh to Wappinger. When it is finished in 2023, the bypass tunnel will be connected to structurally

sound portions of the existing Delaware Aqueduct on either side of the Hudson River to convey water around a leaking section of the tunnel. The 85-mile-long Delaware Aqueduct, the longest tunnel in the world, typically conveys about half of New York City's drinking water each day from reservoirs in the Catskills.

The massive tunnel boring machine that is excavating the new bypass tunnel reached the halfway point on Tuesday. The boring machine is now located less than one-half mile from the western edge of the Hudson River, hundreds of feet below the surface in the Town of Newburgh. The tunnel boring machine has mined approximately 6,200 feet of the bypass tunnel thus far. According to data tracked by DEP, the machine excavated 85 linear feet on its most productive day, 319.9 feet during its best week, and 939.8 feet during its most productive month. DEP began mining the tunnel in December 2017. Workers are currently on schedule to finish tunneling next winter.

As the tunnel boring machine pushes forward, it also lines the shale and limestone bedrock with precast rings of concrete. A total of 1,238 concrete rings were installed by the machine as of this week. Once mining is finished, the tunnel will also be lined with steel and a second layer of concrete. This "triple-pass" design will provide the bypass tunnel with structural stability and prevent leaks from occurring again in the future.

Background on the Delaware Aqueduct repair project

DEP has monitored two leaking sections of the Delaware Aqueduct - one in the Orange County town of Newburgh, and the other in the Ulster County town of Wawarsing - since the 1990s. The leaks release an estimated 20 million gallons per day, about 95 percent of that escaping the tunnel through the leak near the Hudson River in Newburgh. DEP has continuously tested and monitored the leaks since 1992. The size of the cracks in the aqueduct and the rate of leakage have remained constant over that time.

In 2010, the City announced a plan to repair the aqueduct by building the bypass tunnel around the leaking section in Newburgh, and also by grouting closed the smaller leaks in Wawarsing. The project began with the excavation of two vertical shafts in Newburgh and Wappinger to gain access to the subsurface. These shafts, 845 and 675 feet deep respectively, were completed in 2017. Workers then built a large underground chamber at the bottom of the Newburgh shaft. That chamber has served as the staging area for assembly and operation of the tunnel boring machine, and as the location from which excavated rock is brought to the surface by a large crane.

The existing Delaware Aqueduct will stay in service while the bypass tunnel is under construction. Once the bypass tunnel is nearly complete and water supply augmentation and conservation measures are in place, the existing tunnel will be taken out of service and excavation will begin to connect the bypass tunnel to structurally sound portions of the existing aqueduct. While the Delaware Aqueduct is shut down, work crews will also enter the aqueduct in Wawarsing to seal the small leaks there, roughly 35 miles northwest of the bypass tunnel.

The project will mark the first time that the Delaware Aqueduct will be drained since 1958. In 2013, DEP installed new pumps inside a shaft at the lowest point of the Delaware Aqueduct to dewater the existing tunnel before it is connected to the new bypass tunnel. Those pumps will be tested several times before the tunnel is drained in 2022. The nine pumps are capable of removing a maximum of 80 million gallons of water a day from the tunnel—more than quadruple the capacity of the pumps they replaced from the 1940s. The largest of the pumps are three vertical turbine pumps that each measure 23 feet tall and weigh 9 tons.

Background on the tunnel boring machine "Nora"

The Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel is being excavated by one of the world's most advanced tunnel boring machines (TBM). The machine - which measures more than 470 feet long and weighs upwards of 2.7 million pounds - was named in honor of Nora Stanton Blatch DeForest Barney, a noted suffragist and the first woman in the United States to earn a college degree in civil engineering. Nora, who worked for the City as a draftsman during the construction of Ashokan Reservoir, was also the first female member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The \$30 million TBM arrived at the worksite in Newburgh in 2017. It was delivered in 22 pieces and took four months to assemble. The 21.6-foot diameter TBM was built to withstand more than 30 bar of pressure - believed to be the most of any TBM ever manufactured. (That's about 11 times the amount of pressure from a garden hose.) The machine needs to withstand high pressure because workers encountered huge inflows of water under immense pressure when the aqueduct was first built more than 70 years ago. The TBM is also equipped with dewatering equipment to pump 2,500 gallons per minute away from the tunnel as the machine pushes forward. In addition, the machine is outfitted with equipment to install and grout the concrete lining of the tunnel, and to convey pulverized rock to a system of railroad cars that follows the TBM as it works. The railroad cars regularly travel back and forth between the TBM and the bottom of Shaft 5B in Newburgh, delivering workers, equipment and rock between the two locations. Workers have been excavating the tunnel 24 hours, six days a week.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has committed more than \$2.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$19.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.



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

2019 Upcoming Events

Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn
Jan. 11 - Free Quinz Pinz Escape Room & Bowling
Jan. 25 - Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn
Jan. 26 - CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall
Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time

Check out flyers on table outside
Parks & Rec office door at Neversink Town Hall



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed
If you have any questions,
please call the library at 985-7233.
The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
• Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
N. Main Street, Liberty

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

**2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

July 12th October 11th
August 16th November 15th
September 13th December 13th

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12/11/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
12/12/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
12/13/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
12/13//18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
12/17/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T meeting 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
12/18/18 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
12/18/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
12/20/18 Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners 7:00 pm
1/6/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

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

You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;
USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building



SAVE THE DATE!

Sat., Dec. 1 - **Grahamsville UMC Christmas Craft Fair** 10 am - 3 pm
Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea Sat., Dec. 8 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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PETER'S MARKET
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

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

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

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

**Daniel Pierce Library
Annual Holiday Tea**

Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville we will be holding their Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 8th 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

in Monticello. Unwearable clothing and stuffed animals can be placed in the recycle bins at the Tri-Valley Central School athletic field. Thank you for your understanding during this time and continued support through the years.

Ring in the season!

The sounds of business in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center are about to be replaced with the sounds of the season, thanks to talented children, young adults and their teachers from all across the County.

"Our Holiday Concert series is a highlight of the year for many County staff, and the public is just as welcome to come hear the vocal and musical skills of our young peo-ple," invites County Manager Josh Potosek. "Join us in a heartwarming, joyful celebration of the holidays!"

With the one noted exception, all concerts will begin at noontime:

- December 7: Monticello Instrumental Chamber Ensembles
- December 10: Livingston Manor Concert Band
- December 12: Liberty Middle School Chorus
- December 13: Monticello Middle School Chorus & Orchestra
- December 14: Center for Discovery Ensemble (plus Nesin Cultural Arts' Treblemakers at 4 p.m.)
- December 17: Liberty High School Band
- December 18: Liberty High School Honors Chorus and Orchestra
- December 19: Monticello High School String & Vocal Ensemble
- December 20: Roscoe Central School Band & Choir

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The United Methodist Church in Grahamsville will not be accepting donations to the thrift ministry during the months of December, January and February. The red shed where items are dropped off will be closed during this time. We have struggled to manage the transferring and sorting of the ever-increasing donations and will be giving the dedicated workers a much-needed winter break. We hope to regroup and continue this ministry in the spring. Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com. We look forward to your donations again in the spring. We welcome donations of new or gently-used, clean clothing, clean and usable household items, complete games and puzzles and children's toys. We do not accept furniture, books, electronics, or stuffed animals. Books can be taken to the Read It Again Bookstore

SC Teachers Association Meeting

The December meeting of the Sullivan County Teachers Association will be held Wednesday, December 12 at 9:30 AM at the Liberty Elks Club, Darbee Lane, Liberty NY. The meeting is open to all retired teachers. Musicians from the Liberty Central School will be performing holiday music. Luncheon choices are Roast Beef or Salmon. The cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 Make reservations by Friday December 7 by calling Nancy 845-439-4706 or Leon 845-292-6903.

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Upon receipt of your order a greeting card announcing your gift will be sent to the person(s) to whom you are sending a holiday subscripton. Gift orders must be received by **December 31, 2018** in order for a subscription to begin in January 2019.

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 - Harnett Woodwork** - harnettdesigns.com
 - Story's Neversink Plant Co.** (845) 985-5071
 - Standing Impressions** -standingimpressions.com
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 - Claryville Pottery** (845) 985 2016.
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STARTING FRIDAY DECEMBER 7th 11:30 AM
"HELL TO ETERNITY"

At 11:30 AM (War, 1960) This true story is based on a WW2 hero. A Hispanic boy of 18 years, **Guy Louis Gabaldon** (March 22, 1926 – August 31, 2006) was a United States Marine who was recommended for the Medal of Honor. He received the Silver Star, which was upgraded by the Marine Corps to the Navy Cross. He was raised by Japanese foster parents in Depression-era Los Angeles. Young **Guy Gabaldon's** widowed mother is taken to the hospital, and the boy is left to fend for himself. After learning of Guy's predicament, school basketball coach Kaz Une takes him to live with his own parents, and when Guy's mother dies, he is adopted by these Japanese-Americans, learns their language, and becomes **a hero at 18 years old by bringing in one-thousand Japanese prisoners – single handed**, earning him the nic-name of **Gabby, "The Pied Piper of Saipan"**. Directed by Phil Karlson, **Starring Jeffrey Hunter, David Janssen, Vic Damone, Patricia Owens, Sessue Hayakawa.** B/W - 132 m TV-PG Closed Captions. **NEXT AT 1:45 PM "DECEMBER 7th THE MOVIE" (DOCUMENTARY, 1943); 3:15 PM AIR FORCE (War, 1943),** A bomber crew flies into World War II with no ammunition, no bombs, while seeing action over the Pacific. **Directed by Howard Hawks, starring John Garfield, John Ridgely, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy, Charles Drake, Harry Carey, George Tobias, Faye Emerson,** WW2 movie, focusing on archetypal bomber crew. Tough to stomach at times ("Fried Jap going down," chimes Tobias after scoring a hit), but generally exciting, well done; **5:30 PM THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO (war, 1944)** Starring, the great **Spencer Tracy as General Jimmy Doolittle**, trains American troops for the first airborne attacks on Japan. Directed by **Mervyn LeRoy. Starring, Van Johnson, Robert Walker, Spencer Tracy, Phyllis Thaxter, Scott McKay, Robert Mitchum, Don DeFore, Stephen McNally, Louis Jean Heydt, Leon Ames, Paul Langton, Bill Williams.** Exciting WW2 actioner of first American attack on Japan with sturdy cast, guest appearance by Tracy as General Doolittle. Script by Dalton Trumbo. Oscar-winning special effects. B/W - 138 m TV-PG Closed Captions, **Quiz:** In **"AIR FORCE"** 1. Who played Asst. crew chief Cpl. Weinberg? 2. Who played Aerial gunner [Joe Winocki]?

ELVIS PRESLEY DAY Wednesday, Dec. 12- starting at 6:00 AM **"SPEEDWAY"** (musical, 1968); 8:00 AM **"GIRL HAPPY"** (Comedy, 1965); 10:00 AM **"THE TROUBLE WITH GIRLS,"** (Comedy, 1969); 12:00 PM **"THAT'S THE WAY IT IS"** (documentary, 1970); 2:00 PM **"KISSIN' COUSINS"** (musical, 1964); 4:00 PM **"JAILHOUSE ROCK,"** (musical, 1957); 6:00 PM **"IT HAPPENED AT THE WORLD'S FAIR,"** (musical, 1963)

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood™
GRAHAMSVILLE Christmas Festivities

- Dec. 8 **Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea** - 1 - 3 pm
SUNDOWN
 Dec. 1 **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 Sundown Methodist Church Hall
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 Dec 8 **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** at the Boiceville Inn from 8:30 to 11. Kids eat free, and Santa has a gift for them.
 Dec 8 **Olive Free Library Holiday Fair** on Saturday from 10 to 4.

HURLEYVILLE
 Dec 7 at 12:30 p.m **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day-** Sullivan County Historian John Conway will delve into that history at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.
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