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Neversink General Store Awarded NY Senate's Highest Business Award



Chef Jaime, Cristina Aby-Azar, Senator Jen Metzner and Mark McLewin

This past Saturday, Cristina Aby-Azar and Mark McLewin, owners of the Neversink General Store were honored with New York State Senate's highest business award – *The Empire Business Award*. This award is given to businesses who excel and are exceptionally proficient in their segment of business and go out of their way to give back to the community.



Proud employees join Senator Metzner, Christina, Jamie and Mark at Neversink General Store on Saturday (Contd. Pg. 3)

Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!



(Top row-l to r) Jenna Carmody, Misha Khodakovski, Alayna Amrosi, Jasmine Grimila; bottom row- Ashley Rock, Evelyn Allison, Nick Bender, William Seward

On Friday, February 14, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. (Contd. Pg. 8)



(Top row-l to r)- Hunter Curry, Nick Thompson, Amelia Mickelson, Austin Swett, Scott Cole, Maria Hinkley; bottom row- Maggie Travis, Emily Rusin, Riley Kelly, Craig Costa

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C.A.R.E. Collaborates with SC Sheriff's Office Promotes Local Spay/Neuter Program



Sheriff Mike Schiff and C.A.R.E. CEO Joanne Gerow.

In response to what is becoming an epidemic overpopulation of cats and kittens in our community, Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) in collaboration with Sheriff Mike Schiff and The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office are pleased to announce a local spay/neuter program. CARE will make availability 200 subsidized spay/neuter vouchers to any Sullivan County resident on a first come, first serve basis.

Vouchers are available immediately for purchase from C.A.R.E. at The Town of Liberty Animal Shelter for \$30.00 each. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Dr. Craft Heads Board



Dr. Mark Craft

Dr. Mark Craft, an Ellenville chiropractor, has been appointed Chair of the New York State Board for Chiropractic. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the New York State Education Department in matters related to the practice of chiropractic.

For a number of years Dr. Craft has served on the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) as an examiner for its clinical and practical exam in New York State. Recently he was invited as one of 25 chiropractors in the United States to the NBCE headquarters in Greeley, Colorado to assist in writing a future exam. (Contd. Pg. 3)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of they tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

OBITUARIES

Joseph "Joe" Inghrim of Neversink, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020 at Catskill Regional Medical Center after a long illness. Joe was born at



home in South Fallsburg to the late Harold Inghrim and Mildred Gibson Inghrim on April 12, 1940. He married Mary McGuire on October 15, 1960 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, NY. Survivors include his wife, Mary McGuire Inghrim; two daughters, Virginia "Ginny" Bischert and her husband Richard "Rich" of Delaware, Ohio, Susan "Sue" Pennell of Grahamsville; four grandchildren Jessica Brown and her husband Jacob of Marengo, Ohio, Josh Bischert and his girlfriend, Rachel Aller of Delaware, Ohio, Faith Bischert of Mansfield, Ohio and Brittany Pennell of Grahamsville; two great-grandsons, Levi and Benjamin Brown; great-granddaughter, Tessa Brown all of Marengo, Ohio. A brother, Nile Inghrim and his wife, Pat of Monticello; a sister Lea Ann Conklin and her husband Max of Port Jervis; and sister-in-law, Ellen Inghrim of Hellerton, PA; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and cousins. Joe is predeceased by his younger brother, Edward "Ed".

Joe graduated from Fallsburg Central School. In the 60's he worked with his dad at the Laurel's Country Club in Sackett Lake, Monticello during the heyday of the Sullivan County hotels. When his father died in 1970, Joe went to work as a laborer for the New York State Department of Transportation in Monticello and worked his way up to Highway Maintenance Supervisor. Joe retired in 1996. For years Joe and Mary worked as a team couple for Catskill Area Marriage Encounter. Joe was a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne. He served as an usher, on the Maintenance Committee and on the Parish Council for many years. He represented Immaculate Conception Church by serving on the Sullivan County Vicariate Council of Catholic Churches with his wife, Mary. He volunteered in many ways at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville and served on their Board of Trustees; being involved when it operated out of the Neversink Town Hall.

We would like to thank The Care Center at Sunset Lake (Adult Care Center) for their care of Joe while he was in the nursing home this past year. Also, thank Unity Ambulette for their caring staff transporting Joe for his medical appointments. We thank the Neversink Fire Department EMS for their many transports from home to Catskill Regional Medical Center. We would like to thank Dr. Thomas Eanelli, Dr. Alan Schaffer, Dr. Tal Ronen, Dr. Viral Sheth, Dr. Alex Gershenhorn, Dr. Robert Dinsmore, Dr. Christian Bowers, Dr. Gregory Lovallo and Renee Hook, FNP, and the medical staff at Catskill Regional Medical Center for taking such great care of Joe with his many medical issues over the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's name can be made to Immaculate Conception Church, P.O. Box 68, Woodbourne, NY 12788; to Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or Neversink Fire Department EMS, PO Box 468, Neversink, NY 12765.

Visitation was held on Friday, February 21, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Immaculate Conception Church Woodbourne, NY. Fr. Peter Chepaitis officiated. Burial followed immediately at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information call 845-434-7363 or visit:

www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

Catherine R. Smith of Ellenville, NY passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 16, 2020. She was 68 years old. Cathy was born on November 21, 1951 in Kingston, NY; she was the daughter of

the late Calvin and Lucretia (Hull) Ashley.

Cathy graduated from Ellenville High School "Class of 1966." She furthered her education at SUNY Ulster where she received her nursing degree. Cathy had worked as a Registered Nurse for Ellenville Regional Hospital up until the day she died.

Written by a dear friend: "Cathy Smith is the most selfless person our town has ever known. She would do anything for anyone in need. No matter who, no matter what, no matter where, no matter when. She spent years upon years as a devoted nurse who saw past the patient and into the eyes of every human being she ever cared for. Her daughter Heather, Heather's husband Freddie, Grandson Gavin, and granddaughter Adi filled her heart with more love than most of us come to know in a lifetime. She still somehow had room for more. Her family was her entire world, and yet the entire world was her family. Missing her is now a part of all of us. Though we all will still feel her around us, making sure we're all ok."

Also surviving is Cathy's sister, Bertha Decker.

In addition to her parents, Cathy was predeceased by her husband James Smith and her brother Henry Ashley.

A memorial visitation was held at Loucks Funeral Home, Ellenville, NY on Saturday, February 29th with a celebration of her life beginning at 6:30 that evening.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Cathy's name to the Ellenville Regional Hospital.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 22, 1950 - Winter cracked down in earnest last week after starting out very mild. Last week's 16 1/2 inches of snow strained snow removal facilities, and caused the closing of the Tri-Valley Schools last Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures are hitting record lows for this time of year and weather reports indicate severe weather will continue.

Cold weather has slowed progress on the foundation for the new diner to be located on property rented by Howard Beasley from George Anapel, situated between the fire house property and the Anapel barn. It is reported that the building will be a large "Silk City Diner" brought in from New Jersey. Mr. Beasley expects to keep it open 24 hours a day including Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Low has sold that which remains of the Lows Corners property to the Rockland Light and Power Company.

Wire-tapping is nothing new to those telephone subscribers who have used their hometown party line.

John D. Sheeley has been appointed substitute clerk to serve in the Grahamsville Post Office in the absence of William Krum, under acting Post Master Wilson Van Wagner.

Jack Sterling, who has the early morning Arthur Godfrey spot on WCBS, will salute Claryville Thursday morning, February 23rd from 6 to 7:4 a.m. He will spotlight the activities, interests, personalities and history of this hamlet.

February 24, 1960 - The February meeting of the W.S.C.S. of the Sundown Methodist Church was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Earl Hamilton. There were 14 members and one guest present. The ladies worked on the new patch quilt or knitted for the Missionary project.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson of Grahamsville are the parents of a son born February 18th at the Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Fifteen members attended the Regular Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary in the Neversink Firehouse on Thursday. Immediately following the business meeting, Marion Braband showed colored slides of local events. Afterward, refreshments were served by Anne and Virginia McGuire.

Remodeling of the Community Hall in Neversink has been started. Roedon Construction has contracted to do the work.

For variety in winter meals Use frozen foods today

A bossy cow may be content

To always lunch on hay.

But we get tired of the same old thing

Cooked in the same old way.

KUM TO KRUM'S (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History (From Pg. 2)

February 25, 1970 - Fourteen students at Tri-Valley Central School have been added to the National Honor Society a members. The students have been selected on the basis of academic achievement, general conduct and staff recommendations. Included are: Stephen Currey, Glenn Elitz, Michael Dean, Sandra DeWitt, Kathryn Herrmann, Mark Jawers Theresa Martorana, JoEllen Murray, Deborah Marshalek Mark Petersen, Pamela Strangeway, Valerie Ward, Judy Towne and Michael Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence of Loch Sheldrake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Holly to Anthony Verga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nino Verga of East Rockaway. Miss Lawrence is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is a junior majoring in Nursing at Plattsburgh State University College.

Tri-Valley PTA has sent a set of by-laws for the proposed organization to all parents in the Tri-Valley Central School District. The March 2nd meeting will be concerned with the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and also an opportunity for review of current building needs and possible solutions.

February 21, 1980 - James and Helen Marks, proprietors of the Neversink Garage and General Store, otherwise known as "Marks' Store", celebrated their 25th anniversary of the store's opening on Thursday, February 14th, Valentine's Day.

Sgt. Paul Hnatiw, son of Walter and Ann Hnatiw of Sundown was discharge from the Army last week at Travis Air Force Base in California. He is now in Wyoming, Michigan visiting old friends and will be home one of these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kortright of Neversink have just returned from a vacation in Kaiserslautern, Germany where they visited their son, Don and his wife and their two grandchildren.

Francis I. Low, 84, of Napanoch died Friday February 15, 1980 in Ellenville Community Hospital. Mr. Low was born June 2, 1895 in Beaver Dam, Grahamsville to Egbert and Carrie Brundage Low. He

Neversink General Store Awarded NY Senate's Highest Business Award

(From Pg. 3) State Senator Jen Metzger presented the award to Cristina and Mark in recognition of their outstanding contributions and dedication to the community.

The Neversink General Store is recognized for the support they give to many of our local organizations. They have also been the recipients of other awards including the *Partners in Education Award* presented by the Tri-Valley Teachers Association.

Neversink General Store is a full service General Store open 7 days a week – a grocery store, a gas station and a superb eatery. They offer great food from the deli, delicious hot meals and a great cup of coffee!! Executive Chef and Catering Director, Jaime is know for his outstanding cuisine specialties, that are unique to the Neversink area.

Senator Metzger noted the many local products and handcrafted items that are offered for sale. Farm to table meals, local products, and hiring locals are just a few ways that the Neversink General gives back to our area.

Engaging with our community, the Neversink General Store has widened the vision of art by supporting our local artists. Group classes are often taught by local people as well as showcasing exhibits of local artists including world renowned artist and philosopher Jørg Madlener.

The Neversink General Store is the early morning haven for many of our local Blue Collar workers who start their day with a friendly greeting from the Neversink General Store employees and exchange a few stories with their peers before leaving with a great cup of coffee and breakfast to eat on the way to their jobs.

For others it is a place to sit and relax and enjoy a variety of delicious food and chat with friends. It has become the hub of the community with a home-grown warmth that makes anyone who comes through the front door feel welcome and comfortable.

It is no wonder the Neversink General Store met the criteria for this prestigious award.

Congratulations Chrissy, Mark and their staff.

The Empire Business Award was created in 2018 and has since honored businesses that have shown excellence in their industry, created significant partnerships with other local businesses, have contributed greatly to their

communities, or have engaged in philanthropic efforts.

Thank you to Senator Metzger for recognizing Chrissy and Mark, and their staff for their hard work and effort.

C.A.R.E. Collaborates with SC Sheriff's Office Promotes Local Spay/Neuter Program

(From Pg. 1) The vouchers will also include a rabies vaccine for cats over 3 months of age.

Kittens must weigh a minimum of 3 pounds. Appointments are required and will be available through Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc. with drop off and pick up of patients at the CARE Shelter. The next available clinic is scheduled for March 8, 2020.

Sheriff Mike Schiff asks all county citizens to work together to help control the feral cat population.

For more information, please call Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc. At 845-747-9450

Dr. Craft Heads Board

(From Pg. 1) This was the third time Dr. Craft has participated in such a session.

Established in 1963, the NBCE develops and administers legally defensible standardized written and practical examinations for candidates seeking chiropractic licensure throughout the United States and in several foreign countries.

One Room School Exhibit

The Time and the Valleys Museum's research staff is continuing to plan for their next exhibit which is scheduled to open on May 31, 2020. If you or someone in your family attended a one room school we are eager to hear of those experiences. We are also looking for pictures, memorabilia, and community volunteers.

Please contact us at 845-985-7700
www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Birthday

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Birthday. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com

Get Your Taxes Done for Free

Monticello, NY - Do you need help with your tax preparation and filing? Local high school students and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers - trained as tax counselors through the IRS and AARP - will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns for FREE!

Individuals of any age have two locations for free tax preparation:

- Monticello High School, 39 Breakey Avenue, Monticello: Call to make your appointment with a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer at 845-794-8840 x 10849. Volunteers are available by appointment from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on February 22, 24 and 27; March 2, 5, 9, 11, 14, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30; and April 2 & 13. PLEASE NOTE: To receive free service at this location, the filer's household income cannot exceed \$56,000 annually.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty: Call 845-292-6180 x 100 to make an appointment with an RSVP volunteer, available 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays through April 7.

PLEASE NOTE: Though all ages are welcome, this location features volunteers specially trained in Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), including capital gains, itemized deductions, small businesses, IRA deductions, and withdrawals from tax-sheltered funds.

Please call to set up an appointment and to ensure the location can handle your tax return needs.

The following items must be brought to the appointment: photo ID, Social Security card, W-2 or 1099 for 2019 income, tax-related documents such as child care or unemployment, bank account number and routing number (if expecting a refund) and previous year's tax return.

This service is being sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with assistance from RSVP/Sullivan County Office for the Aging & Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

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.

Looking for Signs of Spring

There are reports from some hearty anglers that fish are biting! Of course, you have to dig a hole through the thick ice.

The snow, ice and cold temperatures over the past week doesn't quite reflect the Groundhog's Prediction - winter is still not over!

But there are certain signs that point in a positive direction, that it won't be too much longer. One of those indicators are that locals are getting sap for maple syrup.

Here and there you will still see some old-fashioned



maple syrup buckets hung on taps indicating that the trees are waking up and the sap has begun to flow. And of course, you will see many places in the Tri-Valley area where a more sophisticated

network has been set up to gather sap from the maple trees.

What causes the sap to flow out of the trees?

Weather is a crucial factor for a good harvest of maple syrup. Tapping trees occurs in late winter and early spring. During cooler periods when temperatures fall below freezing, a suction called negative pressure develops, drawing water into the tree through the roots. A rise in temperature of the sapwood from below freezing at night to above 32 degrees Fahrenheit during the day causes a positive pressure within the wood. This pressure produces the sap flow. Looking ahead at the weather forecast for next few week, it looks like the perfect combination may continue into early March.

The sap flows through a portion of the outer tree trunk called sapwood. Sapwood consists of actively growing cells that conduct water and nutrients (sap) from the roots to the branches of the tree. During the day, activity in the cells of sapwood produces carbon dioxide. This carbon dioxide is released to the intercellular spaces in the sapwood. In addition, carbon dioxide in sap is released into the spaces between the cells. Both of these sources of carbon dioxide cause pressure to build up in the cells. A third source of pressure is called osmotic pressure, which is caused by the presence of sugar and other substances dissolved in the sap.

At night or during other times when temperatures go below freezing, the carbon dioxide cools and therefore contracts. Some of the carbon dioxide also becomes dissolved in the cooled sap. Finally, some of the sap freezes. All of these factors create suction in the tree. This causes water from the soil to be drawn up into the roots and travel up through the sapwood. When temperatures rise above freezing the sap flow begins again.

Thus, the cycle of warm and cool periods is essential for sap flow. Temperatures too warm or too cool during the "sap season" will reduce the amount of sap flow resulting in lower maple syrup production.

Good sap years also depend on the growing season of the previous summer to store as much carbohydrates as possible in the form of starch. The stored starch reserves convert to sucrose and are dissolved in the sap as spring approaches. The amount of sugar (sucrose) in the spring-time sap depends on many factors including tree genetics, leaf mass, site conditions, amount of sun the previous growing season and overall tree health.

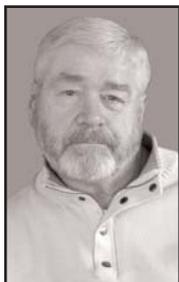
How long can a maple tree produce sap? As long as a tree remains healthy, it should continue to produce sap for years if not decades. In fact, it has been noted some trees have been producing sap for more than 100 years! A healthy tree, when properly tapped, should not suffer any adverse health effects and should be able to produce sap for many years to come.

Next time you are having pancakes, waffles or French Toast covered in pure maple syrup, keep in mind that it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce just one delicious gallon of fresh maple syrup!

Household Hints

Use Vinegar to Keep Away Ants

To keep ants away, spray vinegar along doorways, windowsills, countertops - anywhere that ants are likely to appear. If you find an ant trail (path that ants use repeatedly), clean it with vinegar.



This Side of Night

Mysterious Book Report No. 394

by John Dwaine McKenna

It is an undeniable fact that the entire southern border of the United States is in a crisis of epic proportions. Drugs and illegals are pouring into America, while unbelievable amounts of currency, and firearms of all shapes and sizes are flowing south. At the same time, the government of Mexico is being overwhelmed by the drug cartels with endless amounts of cash and *sicarios*, or gunmen, to do their dirty bloody work.

Now, in an electrifying crime fiction thriller entitled *This Side of Night*, (Putnam/Penguin Random House, \$26.00, 454 pages, ISBN 978-0-7352-1291-6) by J. Todd Scott, the drugs and violence are spilling across the border . . . into the lonesome, wild and remote part of west Texas that's known as the "Big Bend Area," where the Lone Star State nestles up against the Rio Grande River . . . just a hard stones throw from Ojinaga, Mexico, where the Nemesio Cartel and it's aging leader, Fox Uno, are clinging to power.

When a busload of protestors is massacred in the Mexican borderlands, the finger of blame is pointed at the Nemesio Cartel, which controls the region. But as the outrage grows and public pressure increases for the government to step in, clear out the cartels and return law and order to the land, *El Patron*, the aging and feared head of the Nemesio Cartel, sees the atrocity for what it is . . . a naked attempt at a takeover. The question is, by whom . . . another cartel, or someone closer?

As the violence, and the drugs, and the people begin spilling across the river from Ojinaga into the small town of Murfee, Texas, Sheriff Chris Cherry and his deputies, America Reynosa and Danny Ford are all caught up in Fox Uno's war and his struggle to survive the legions of murderous assassins sent to kill him and his six year-old daughter named Zeta.

Stamped with authenticity and the iron ring of truth on every page, *This Side of Night* announces in a loud and clear voice the arrival of a distinct, authoritative and compelling fresh face in crime fiction!

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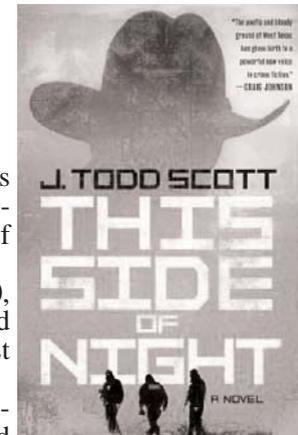
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We hope you enjoy this review of one of our *12 Best books of the Year*. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*.

Should be more news when we get it.

John



SC Human Rights & S.A.L.T. Hosts 'Hate Has No Home' Vigil in Callicoon

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission, in partnership with Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT) and the Callicoon Business Association hosted a vigil for the Sullivan County Community at the Callicoon Train Depot on Sunday.

"The vigil is our statement: 'Hate Has No Home in Sullivan County,'" Human Rights Commission Chair Martin Colavito explains. "By attending, we stated that our hearts and minds will always be connected with those who have suffered directly or indirectly from attacks upon faith, race or identity."

Speakers included various faith-based clergy. The event was non-partisan.

The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission is dedicated to fostering mutual respect and understanding for the rights of all persons in Sullivan County. Meetings, open to the public, are held on the second Thursday of each month in the Legislative Meeting Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

For more information, call 845-807-0189 or visit www.facebook.com/SCNYHRC.

Legislators Ask for Sales Tax Increase in Response to State's Unfunded Mandates

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature this week unanimously agreed to ask New York State to increase the local share of the sales tax by half a percent, requesting a raise in the current rate from 4% to 4.5%. (The State collects an additional 4%, so if the State grants the request, sales tax in Sullivan County would increase from 8% to 8.5%.)

"This request is a direct result of the increased burdens New York demands we shoulder," explained Legislature Chairman Rob Doherty. "The State had us construct a \$100 million jail that's now too big for our needs, thanks to State-enacted bail reform. The NYS Office of Court Administration is directing us to build - at our expense - an addition to the County Courthouse to meet State needs, not County concerns. The State still doesn't pay its full third of SUNY Sullivan's budget. The proposed 2020-2021 Executive Budget threat-

ens to shift millions of dollars in Medicaid costs back to Sullivan County. And we continue to stagger under the enormous weight of ongoing unfunded State mandates.

"Our repeated pleas for relief have gone ignored, so all we have left is the choice to raise taxes or cut services," he continued. "Reducing or eliminating programs threatens to harm our neediest. Raising property taxes isn't a better answer. So the County Legislature unanimously agreed that requesting a sales tax increase of just half a percent would raise revenue to cover increased State-derived costs - and should the State approve the increase, would spread the impact beyond just our property taxpayers to all residents and visitors. It's the fairest - and really the only - choice we could make, and it's one that other counties around us, including Orange, have been making too."

Sullivan 180's Take Charge of Your Health Series presents 'Ask a Doc - Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Chronic Disease...'

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan 180, a non-profit organization born out of a grassroots effort to build a healthier Sullivan County, is excited to announce its next event in the bi-monthly health education series, Take Charge of Your Health, entitled "Ask a Doc - Everything you always wanted to know about chronic disease...but were afraid to ask."

The program will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the St. John Street School located at 22 St. John Street in Monticello. An informative panel of local providers will discuss and answer questions on ways to prevent and manage chronic disease. Six in ten Americans live with at least one chronic disease, like heart disease and stroke, cancer, or diabetes.

Members of the distinguished panel include Shawn Comfort from Action Toward Independence who is a co-facilitator of the Chronic Disease Management Self-Management Program, Dr. Bruce Ellsweig from Crystal Run who is a family practitioner in Rock Hill, Melania Fontanez from Hudson River HealthCare who is a Diabetic

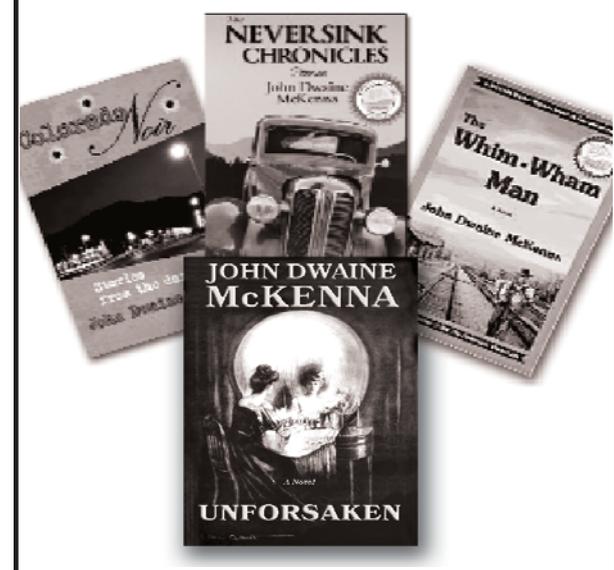
Educator, and Dr. David Morcos from Catskill Regional Medical Center who is a family practitioner in Livingston Manor.

The informative and inspiring evening will include delicious and healthy refreshments and the opportunity to network with your neighbors and others who are interested in healthy living. The event is free, but registration is required. To register visit www.Sullivan180.org or call the Sullivan 180 office at 845-295-2680.

This the latest presentation in Sullivan 180's health speakers' series, Take Charge of Your Health. All events are free, open to the public and focus on a topic of general interest to the community such as healthy eating, sleep, and stress management. The series features locally and nationally recognized experts who offer practical ways we can all adopt healthier lifestyles. Video recordings of past events are available on the Sullivan 180 website.

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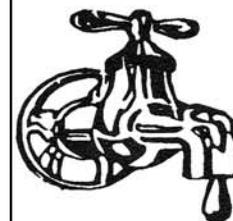
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How to "Kill Your Darlings"

First of all, let me clarify that I am not advocating murder or homicide here. This phrase just seems to apply to my current situation of purging my lady loft of stuff, stuff that I accumulated because I, or someone I loved, bought or created it. Forget "Spark Joy." At one time all this stuff sparked joy; now its value has to pass through these three gates:

Do I want the stuff or the space?

Do I want to wash it and dust it?

Do I want to warehouse it?

Years ago I had a student teacher named Nicole who is now a fine teacher herself. She was doing a lesson on how writers also need to be self-editors. She used the phrase, "Kill your darlings." What that meant was a writer sometimes needs to cut, cull, or delete some passages to make the essay better. What it implies is the attachment we have to things we have created.

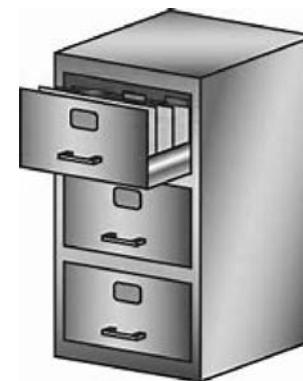
The first gate is the goal to have more space and less stuff that someone else will have to deal with. I look at stuff and ask myself, "At a yard sale, what price tag will my kids place on the valuable item?" Chances are most of it will wind up as landfill, give-away, or with a cents sign, not a dollar sign. Better to have less.

The second gate is the maintenance issue. It is work to wash, dust and fix these treasures, most of which reside on every horizontal surface there is. Again the goal is space. It might be interesting to see the surface of that mission oak sidebar.

The third gate is do I want to warehouse it? Most of what resides in file cabinets, boxes, baskets and closets is placed there never to be seen or used again. Why am I keeping electric bill statements from a house I no longer own or a two-piece bathing suit I will never, ever wear? The one exception to this is I now fit in those pants that were two sizes too small for years, but now the dilemma is I might regain lost weight and need them. Decisions, decisions. That is when I remind myself of Nicole's message, "Sometimes you need to kill your darlings." I can always go shopping.

I will keep repeating this as I attempt to throw away scores of greeting cards from family and friends or photos of babies, who all look alike, and I can no longer identify because I never marked names on them. It is time to give away craft projects I ambitiously bought supplies for but never mustered the energy to complete. Besides, why should I knit a hat or scarf when I have to cull a dozen I own down to a manageable few.

Beware people. If you make the mistake of admiring an object or painting, you might own it.



UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Roll Out of Mobile County Government Initiative

County Government will go on the road to bring services to residents in every corner of the County
KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the roll out of his Mobile County Government Initiative that will take County Government on the road and directly bring resources to residents across the County. County Executive Ryan will join other County employees, including Department Heads, who will work out of town offices alongside town officials. A part of the County Executive's 'Responsive and Responsible Government' initiative as one of his Big Five priorities, Mobile Government is a first of its kind program that will allow the County to better understand local concerns while providing essential services at scheduled locations all across Ulster County. There will be five locations in each quarter of 2020.

The first five regions for the first quarter are as follows:

- Marlborough - Monday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Marlborough Town Courtroom.
- Shandaken - Friday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Shandaken Town Hall.
- Shawangunk - Friday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Shawangunk Town Hall.
- Saugerties - Tuesday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Saugerties Town Hall.
- Ellenville - Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Trudy Farber Resnick Building.

"One of the main themes that I have heard in the 20 plus Town Halls I have done, is that people want a direct personal relationship with their government," said County Executive Ryan. "Kingston should not be the only option for residents to receive services. We will be coming to communities in every part of our County to ensure that people are receiving what they need with the convenience of doing it in their own backyard."

The Mobile County Government will provide services from the County Clerk's Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) van, which can be used for vehicle registration and licenses to representatives from other Ulster County Governmental departments such as the Veteran Services Agency who will be available to provide support to County veterans and their families.

"Our office is looking forward to collaborating with Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan on his initiative to bring County Services on the road," said Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack. "As we have done in the past, our DMV bus will be at these selected sites offering customers the ability to process DMV transactions throughout the day. What a wonderful opportunity for our office to work with other County departments to expand mobile services throughout the region."

Services that will be provided for residents by departments include:

- Ulster County Department of Social Services
- Ulster County Office for the Aging
- Ulster County Veterans Service Agency

- Ulster County Probation Department
- Ulster County Office of Employment and Training
- Ulster County Area Transit
- Ulster County Department of Economic Development
- Ulster County Office of Health and Mental Health
- Ulster County Clerk's Office

A schedule including the dates and times of upcoming Mobile County Government sessions will be shared on the Ulster County Government Facebook page found here.

UC Execitove Pat Ryan Announces Decline in Opiod Fatalities in UC County-wide opioid deaths were down 41.1% in 2019 compared to the previous year

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and the Ulster County Department of Health announced today that opioid related fatalities have significantly decreased in Ulster County. In 2019, there were 33 opioid related fatalities in comparison to 56 the previous year, representing a 41.1 percent decrease. One of County Executive Ryan's 'Big Five' priorities is to ramp up County-wide efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. In July of last year, County Executive Ryan set a goal to reduce opioid related fatalities by 50 percent in two years.

"The sharp reduction in opioid fatalities is a sign that the steps we have taken to combat this public health crisis are working," said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. "Even with this good news we still have plenty of work to do. This is an issue that I take extremely seriously and we will continue to work with our many partners to continue to raise awareness and work to save lives."

County Executive Ryan's 2020 budget provided additional funding to the Sheriff's Department to support Sheriff Figueroa's innovative ORACLE program. The funds help provide two new officers who support an overdose response team that includes a plain clothes officer, a mental health professional, and a peer advocate that will respond within 72 hours to meet with individuals who have suffered an overdose.

In addition, Ulster County started implementing a \$2.5 million dollar, three year long grant designed to identify and close the gaps in our current prevention and treatment system.

One of the core parts of Ulster County's opioid prevention strategy is to work with EMS and community partners to expand accessibility to Naloxone. Ulster County is now tied for sixth place (out of 62 counties in New York State) for EMS Administered Naloxone. Naloxone, otherwise known as Narcan, is a medication that can immediately reverse an opioid overdose.

Opioid-related deaths in Ulster County had increased by 345 percent since 2010, culminating in 2018 with the second highest per-capita rate of opioid fatalities of any county in New York State.



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Teri Paris opened the show with "Love is beautiful I know", then the anti-love song "Down with Love" with Brandon Sparkman on sensual sax, and into "What is this thing called Love?"

Richard Quinn followed with "If ever I should leave you" and "On the street where you live" from the show "My Fair Lady".

Shawn Collin Bailey sang a passionate lament "Don't you believe in love?", then a bombastic defiant Tina Turner classic "What's Love Got to do With it?"

Wild Woman comedian Mary Burkart, with her beautiful soprano song "A Quiet Thing", then returned with a straw hat and a 5 foot cutout of a milk cow. As she milked the cow, she suddenly screamed "I'm bored!", ripped off her jeans and milking gloves, revealing a sexy spangled dress and a chicken feather scarf, and transformed into a sexy cabaret singer, performing the song "City Lights". Mary Burkart is an active member of the Delaware Valley Opera Society.

David Rosenberg on guitar sang a folk variation of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You" and John Denver's "Probably Love". On Sundays, David holds an "Open Mic" at DiFillipis Bakery in Monticello.

For a complete change of pace, Rebecca (Becky) Salerno, a sophomore at Monticello High School, sang an alternative love song by SYML, called "Where's My Love", and the song "I'll Follow You into the Dark", deep erotic and emotive, accompanied by Hannah Veety and Keith Prince on guitar. Then Becky did an upbeat "I Don't Know What Love Is".

18 year old Tania Navarro bounced around on stage twirling a baton singing "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from Mary Poppins. Amber Schmidt sang a rousing "Title", an anthem for woman's respect.

Singing the most beautiful love duet of the evening, young Brianna Worden and Brandon Sparkman performed a truly heartfelt "I'm worthy of you" and ended walking off arm in arm to warm applause.

Heather Strauss broke the spell with "Please Don't Touch Me", a tauntingly teasing, hilarious ditty.

Lynn Porter touched the heartstrings with John Lennon and Paul McCartney's "In My Life".

Teri Schwartz and Josh Rosengrant sang in sweet harmony in "I need you now".

Dark-haired, provocative Felice Schwed sang Marlena Dietrich's haunting "Falling in Love Again" complete with German Accent.

Anna Veety, accompanying herself on guitar, sang the most provocative valentine song of the show: a classical, introspective and mesmerizing "Grow As We Go". As an encore she sang with Lynn Porter on harmony "They Won't Let Go" and a Kate Wolf tribute, a personal love ballot of remembering.

T.K. Nelson sang a pure love song, then "Call Me When You're Sober" - a torch song.

Keith Prince promptly lightened the mood when he sang Adam Sandler's Ode to Love to Drew Barrymore from the "Wedding Singer" called "I want to grow old with you".

Amber Schmidt had the audience clapping and toe-tapping with her Yiddish melody "Momma's Broken Heart". Then she did a duet with Heather Strauss about female college roommates "What is this Feeling?"

Heather Strauss sang a tear-jerker tribute to growing children in "Dear Daughter".

The show started at 8PM and ended at 10:30PM. At the beginning, Peter Nastasi said it might be appropriate to have a moment of silence for the beloved Jackie Horner (beloved Sullivan County legend, choreographer, professional dancer, and the inspiration for the film "Dirty Dancing") - but then added that Jackie Horner would not want a moment of silence. She would want music and entertainment. The SCDW prays that this evening did Jackie Horner proud.

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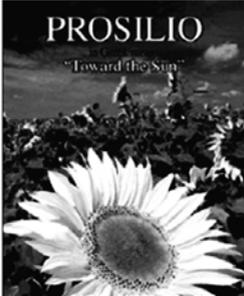
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SCDW Opens 71st Season with Rousing "Valentine Cabaret" at Re-designed SC Museum

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop opened its 71st season (wow!) with a rousing "Valentine Cabaret" at a redesigned Sullivan County Museum rear auditorium in Hurleyville, with three shows on February 14, 15 and 16.

71 consecutive years of dramatic plays and musicals is quite a record in our sleepy little village, noted Master of Ceremonies Peter Nastasi.

A major renovation this year initiated by Producer and Director Jim Schmidt was moving the entire show down off of the stage and setting up on the ground at the back of the Sullivan County Museum Auditorium. With the musicians behind them, the performances were level with the audience. It made for a closer, more intimate experience for the audience.

Looking down or directly at the performers is what was traditionally used during Greek theatre, as well as in football and baseball stadiums and even Woodstock, noted Mr. Schmidt, who is also "Technical Director, Lighting and Sound Design", who has won TANYs awards for set design, lighting and technical direction.

Furthermore, the sound, singing, and music is much clearer.

The romantic Valentine's Day atmosphere was also reflected in the set-up of the auditorium by Dawn Perneszi and Grace Summa. There were just two rows of chairs in front. In the rest of the room were four seat tables with red tablecloths and a rose in a vase. Schmidt's overall low-lighting was red with hearts and balloons around the hall.

The 16 performers were romantically or anti-romantically inspired and backed by the finest musicians, namely Leon Hilfstein, piano and leader; Brandon Sparkman on jazz and sexy saxophone; and Allan Charney on drums.

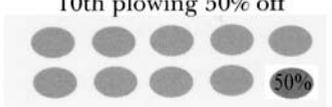


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(From Pg. 1) The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.

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, Scott Cole and Craig Costa won awards for Academic Excellence, Emily Rusin and Maggie Travis won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Amelia Mickelson and Austin Swett won awards for Leadership, Hunter Curry and Nick Thompson won awards for Most Improved, and Maria Hinkley and Riley Kelly won awards for Outstanding Participation.

In the 7th grade, Jenna Carmody and William Seward won awards for Academic Excellence, Alayna Ambrosi and Misha Khodakovski won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Evelyn Allison won the award for Leadership, Ashley Rock won the award for Most Improved, and Nick Bender and Jasmine Grimila won awards for Excellent Participation.

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



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Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 17th

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
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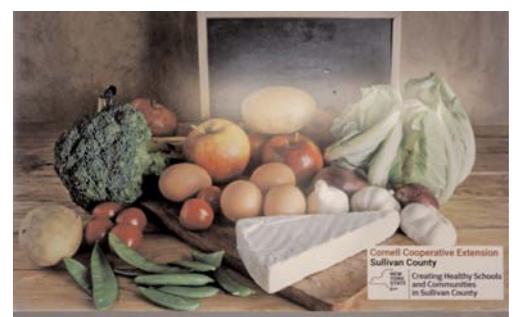
New Signs for Healthy Eating in FCSD Cafeterias

Thanks to Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), the cafeterias in Fallsburg's Junior/Senior High School and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School have beautiful and informative new signage in each window. CCE



has members on the FCSD Wellness Committee and has been collaborating on many matters of health and well-being over the past several years.

The signs show athletes in action, people exercising, and healthy foods to inspire students as they enjoy their meals at school. The particular



program that CCE has created and FCSD has adopted is Creating Healthy Schools and Communities in Sullivan County. Rick Newman signs and, particular Karen Rapp, installed the signs in the Fallsburg school cafeterias towards the end of January 2019.

FHS Hosts Program on Impact of Social Media

Social Media has become an integral part of the lives of so many people world-wide. It is an everyday part of children's lives, who are connecting with others on cell phones throughout the day at what seems to be the speed of light. What is at the root of the explosion of instant communication and what are the young people sharing through this medium? How is it affecting their brains?



Michael Nerney speaking at the Fallsburg Community Forum in December 2014.

If you have concerns about the answers to these questions, come to Fallsburg High School on March 2, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Internationally known speaker Michael Nerney will address these issues in the FHS Auditorium at 115 Brickman Road, Fallsburg, NY. He has spent over forty years researching the adolescent brain and speaking to parents and young people about the effects of different stimuli, such as drugs, the allure of thrill-seeking technology and other high-risk behaviors. When Mr. Nerney spoke at FHS in 2016 on the subject of opiates and adolescence, he got the immediate attention of the parents and children with his knowledge and wisdom.

The program is free to the public. If you want further information or want to RSVP, please call 845-434-6800, ext.1223.

Frost Valley YMCA Hosts Day Camp Open Houses on April 26, May 17th, and June 7th

Claryville - Even though there is snow on the ground, summer will be here before you know it and now is the perfect time for parents to register their child for summer day camp. Frost Valley YMCA invites all interested community members who want to learn more about its Day Camp Programs to attend a free Open House on either April 26th from 10:30 am - 1 pm, May 17th from 12:30 pm - 3 pm, or June 7th from 12:30 pm - 3 pm.



Between June 29th and August 28th, Frost Valley offers several one-week and two-week Day Camp programs for children in pre-k through tenth grade. A variety of programs keep campers active, engaged, and delighted. In addition to its already popular Day Camp programs, Frost Valley will be offering exciting new programs this year including: Little Planters for campers entering grades 1-2, Center Stage for campers entering grades 1-2, Tween Leadership for campers entering grades 6-7, and Teen Leadership for campers entering grades 8-9.

Open House attendees will have a chance to tour the beautiful grounds, hear a presentation, get answers to their questions, and enjoy lunch in the dining hall. Please call 845-985-2291 in advance to reserve your spot. Families who are unable to attend one of these dates may schedule a private tour by calling 845-985-2291 ext. 306.

Frost Valley's Day Camp registration is open and financial assistance applications are available. Payment plans are also available. Learn more about Day Camp online at FrostValley.org/day-camp. Parents looking to give their child a positive, safe, and exciting summer camp experience are encouraged to register right away because programs fill quickly. To register your child for Day Camp, call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or email campregistration@frostvalley.org.

Catskill Stewards Greeted More Than 50,000 Catskill Park Visitors in 2019 Season

ARKVILLE, NY February 20, 2020 - Created in 2018 by the Catskill Center (in collaboration with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) to assist in managing high-use at the Peekamoose Blue Hole, the Catskill Stewards Program's 2019 season expanded to station Stewards at three popular Catskill destinations - the Peekamoose Blue Hole, Kaaterskill Falls and the Platte Clove Preserve.

Trained by Catskill Center, on-site Catskill Stewards answer questions from the public about the Park, its natural resources and communities. The Stewards help re-direct visitors from these very popular areas into the rest of the Park and offer advice on everything from where to go swimming to where to find lunch.



The growth of the Catskill Stewards Program in 2019 created a tremendous increase in the number of Catskill Park visitors the Stewards were able to interact with. At the three locations, the Catskill Center employed four full-time stewards, one part-time steward, and a program coordinator. The expanded program allowed Stewards to reach more than 50,000 visitors to the Catskill Park.

Increasingly, outdoor recreation on Catskill Park public lands is an important economic driver for the region. In the Economic Valuation Study for Public Lands in the Central Catskills (Brian Zweig, December 2019), researchers found that annually more than 1.7 million people visit public lands in the Catskills, spend more than \$75 million and generate more than 840 jobs for the region. In addition, visitorship overall to the Catskills has been increasing, reaching more than 12 million according to New York State tourism data. The Catskill Stewards Program was designed to ensure the natural resources of the Catskill Park are protected, while engaging with and educating visitors to the Park about ways to responsibly enjoy the region and ensure that the natural beauty they came to see exists for future generations.

"When we created the Catskill Stewards Program, the goal was to engage with and educate an ever-increasing number of Park visitors in a friendly, non-confrontational way," says Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. "The Catskill Park isn't a traditional park and we see our

Catskill Stewards as a key piece of Park infrastructure to educate visitors about Leave No Trace principles, the responsible use of our outdoor resources and about the Park and its communities in general."

For the 2020 season, the Catskill Center is planning for the future, by taking into consideration the expected increase in visitors and the unique challenges and opportunities of the Catskill Park. This is why, the 2020 Catskill Steward season will focus on additional public educational programs, alongside additional staff at a new location. The Catskill Stewards Program will now host a weekend steward at the Mountain Top Historical Society in Haines Falls, as well as the previous locations at the Blue Hole, Kaaterskill Falls, and Platte Clove Preserve.

"We're thrilled to be expanding our Catskill Stewards Program with a new partnership with the Mountain Top Historical Society," says Senterman. "At the Mountain Top Historical Society our Steward will be able to assist their volunteers, while educating hundreds of visitors a day who utilize the Kaaterskill Rail Trail to visit Kaaterskill Falls. This will be a win, win situation for the Historical Society, the Catskill Center and our Catskill Park!"

In 2018, the deliberate and coordinated efforts between the NYSDEC staff, NYSDEC Forest Rangers, volunteers, outside organizations, towns and the Catskill Stewards, kept the three locations within the Catskill Park cleaner, greener, and more welcoming than ever before. In 2019: Visitor engagement reach of over 53,187 people; Over 230 bags of litter collected (~ 4,600 lbs.); Fire rings deconstructed - 25 - sites rehabilitated; Rock dams deconstructed - 11; Rock stacks removed - 302; Total days at each location - 158; Dogs greeted - 1,326; and Visitor parking citations avoided - 596 (minimum)

While each stewarding location has its own specific needs, similar natural resources are common. Water bodies, riparian areas, trail systems, flora, and fauna are consistently in danger of being trampled or harmfully impacted by a growing visitor population. The Catskill Stewards have become such a vital link to the visitation experience. Without their on-site presence, litter increases, rock dams and stacks are built in the streams, and user-created trails begin to wander through pristine forest.

In addition to protecting the natural resources of each location and the greater Catskill Park, the Catskill Stewards are trained to assist NYSDEC Forest Rangers when accidents and incidents occur. The Stewards receive Wilderness First Aid and CPR training and certification, travel to the Adirondacks to train with the Adirondack Summit Stewards, and receive training by the NYSDEC and the Catskill Center

"We're proud of our Catskill Stewards and all that they have accomplished in the last two seasons," says Andy Mossey, Catskill Center Advocacy & Stewardship Coordinator, "I am looking forward to managing our expanded program in 2020 and reaching even more visitors to the Catskill Park. Our engagement with the public makes a real difference in terms of natural resource protection, public safety and moving visitors deeper into the Park from just the very busy areas."

The Catskills Stewardship Program is made possible by the generous support of the Rondout Neversink Stream Program, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, REI Co-op, Bruderhof, Hunter Foundation, Catskill Mountain Club, Catskill 3500 Club and the generous supporters of the Catskill Center.

For more information about the Catskill Stewards Program and to read the Program's 2019 Annual report, visit catskillcenter.org/catskillstewardsprogram.

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"The Land of Kings and Queens" Grades K-1
Friday, March 13th and 20th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Sound the trumpets! Raise the flags! The royals are coming! In this 2 part program, use your imagination to build a land fit for royalty and a dragon or two.

"The Land of Make Believe" Grades 2-3
Friday, April 3rd and 17th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Adventure to the Land of Make Believe where you will find trolls under bridges, bears eating porridge, and a wolf looking for a meal. In this 2 part program, you will engage your imagination in all kinds of pretending and build your own Make Believe Land!

"Mythical Escape Room" Grades 4-6
Friday April 24th, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Instead of literally escaping from the room, design a Lego Escape Room based on a favorite fairy tale or mythology theme. Will your room have a secret dungeon to escape to?

After-school refreshments will be provided.

Masterpieces will be displayed in our children's section of the library.

Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

THE POISON LOVE BAND. Where were THEY on Valentine's Day? I'd had a long day and hadn't planned to go out Saturday night, but I also didn't have a lot in the way of food in the house, so off to the Pickled Owl I went.



This was a band I had never experienced, and I have to say I was quite impressed. Joanne Binckerhoff singer on guitar with long silver or white blonde hair, her husband Dan on fiddle then ukulele with a voice reminiscent of Neil Young, and Tom Deerhart, who's percussion instrument was the wooden box on which he sat (not the first time I've seen this and I always find it awe inspiring). It was not only visually interesting, but I found their music compelling. Once I realized that most of what I'd already heard had been originals, I started paying closer attention to the lyrics. The songs ranged from grippingly poignant like that of a little boy whose mother suffered from substance abuse to the wittily amusing about rebuffing a 'wannabe' suitor from Texas.

If you get the chance to hear this Pennsylvania based band, do so. At first it sounds 'folksy' but if you listen closely, you hear an eclectic mix of country and American with a bit of added cajun spice. I hope the next time I see them, it will be in an outdoor setting,...in the summer because although subdued (because The Pickled Owl is like that), I get

the feeling they can really take their music to a foot stomping level.

I mentioned that I had had a long day. I was privileged to be on hand when not just one but TWO sets of friends received the prestigious New York State Senate 2019 Empire Award from Senator Jen Metzger. How often does THAT happen in a lifetime? This award is given to a business in recognition of their contribution to the community and local economy. When a business is under consideration for this award, they are thoroughly vetted before a determination is made so this is not just what I like to call a 'photo op' award, oh no, these are serious.



Chef Jaime, Cris, Senator Metzner and Mark at Neversink General Store



Senator Metzner and Denise at the Hurleyville General Store

Major congrats to Mark and Cris at our own NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE and to Denise at THE HURLEYVILLE GENERAL STORE.

In addition, I liked the Senator. I've met quite a few politicians in my life and my impressions have pretty much all been the same: Plastic and hollow...and that goes for the few I've met here where I live in Sullivan County. Jen Metzger is real, and she connects. She had just come from a hike on one of the 'Rails to Trails'. We chatted, a chat that she initiated and I had not flashed my press pass. And what really struck me was that the only other politician that I have ever connected with like that was the late Ed Koch when I lived in NYC. It was MY pleasure to meet HER.

I'm off to Vermont for a few days, so if I find any good music up there, I'll let you know.

This is what's coming up this week in this area:

Open Mic at BUM AND KELS LAKESIDE in Loch Sheldrake on Wednesday night, Feb 26, hosted by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND; 7pm

Friday night, Feb 27: OXFORD STATION at CABERET FRANK'S in Parksville; 8pm

Saturday night, Feb 28

SMOKIN' BUDDY STEVE WELLS at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville; 8pm

THE PICKLED OWL has not listed who's appearing but you can be sure it will be quality. 6pm

Until next time.....

"LONG/GONE" Paper-cut Shadow Show with Live Music

On Saturday, February 29 at 2 pm, DVAA's free winter Salon Series continues with "Long/Gone" an epic and immersive paper-cut shadow show with live music performed by Philadelphia-based printmaker, shadow puppeteer, and paper-cut artist Erik Ruin and harpist Jesse Sparhawk. Over 100 feet in length, "Long/Gone" is a single intricately-cut piece of paper that flows freely from image to image, while narratives and scenarios (drawn from classic works of literature from Homer to Dante) emerge, collapse, and spill over and into each other. Multi-instrumentalist and composer Jesse Sparhawk will provide a live soundtrack on harp. Philly Voice calls it "stark, intricate and wondrous - Ruin's paper-cut art combines the enthralling fantasy of a storybook with the prismatic, fragmented beauty of a stained-glass window."

The Salon Series continues Saturday, March 7 with multi-instrumentalist Kevin Graham, and wraps up on Saturday, March 28 with storyteller Jonathan Charles Fox's one man show "Life in the Past Lane."

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

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

Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth

herquirkyjourney.com

3 Steps to Start Traveling



Throughout my travels, I've encountered people from all walks of life. People who are simply backpacking around the world. People who are retired and are finally getting the chance to travel. People who, like myself, work and live abroad, whether it be online or at physical jobs.

But, how did these people begin? How does one just start traveling if they have never been out of their home country before? What are the items on a list that require a big "check" before heading off?

It's easier than you might think! Here are the first three steps to help you get going:

1. Stop Waiting for Others to Travel with You

This may be a little scary to imagine yourself traveling alone, but in my honest opinion, I think everyone should get this opportunity in their lives at least once. You push yourself to accomplish the unimaginable. You don't need to depend on anyone. You are free! On this note, planning to travel with other people can put a halt to your plans. I've had friends and family tell me they'd travel with me umpteen times. Guess how many have? 0. But guess who has traveled? Me. People unfortunately make excuses, get busy, and more often than not, won't come through. So, you want to go on that trip, but your best friend keeps giving you the runaround and has been for months? Be independent, purchase that ticket, and go yourself!

2. Set aside some cash

Well, this is obvious, but like anything, traveling costs money. But, don't assume you need to drop \$20,000 for a two-week trip! Make a budget. Do your research on the places you want to go (travel blogs in particular are great for this!). Narrow it all down while keeping in mind things like overall costs in a country, air/land travel, accommodation, visas, and so on.

3. Shake those fears off

Leaving home and exploring a new culture, country, or even city can be nerve-wracking. However, traveling can be one of the most eye-opening and educational experiences one can experience. Plus, we live in a time of the internet! If you ever have an issue, question, or concern, simply tap the screen of your fancy rectangle! If you've booked that ticket or are about to, take some deep breaths. Meditate. Remind yourself that you can do this! Nearly anyone with the right support and mindset can do this.

Have you booked your ticket yet?

The Ulster Ballet Company Presents the 37th Annual

FESTIVAL OF DANCE

SAUGERTIES, NY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020: On Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 4 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 37th Annual Festival of Dance, at the

Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1984, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night! Some of our exciting line up includes: Ellen Sinopoli Dance Co., Energy Dance Co., Fei Tian College, Neville Dance Theatre, Silver Screen Ballroom, Ballet Hartford, Justin Valentine, Ulster Ballet Co., and more...

Tickets for Ulster Ballet Company's Festival of Dance are \$25/adults; \$22/seniors and Bardavon/UPAC members; \$18/children 12 and under; and groups of 10 or more. In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$18 to employees of HealthQuest, Health Alliance, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center, and United Health Care; as well as Marist, Bard, Vassar Colleges, Ulster County Community College, SUNY New Paltz, City of Kingston, County of Ulster and State of New York employees, and members of the YMCA. Present your employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPA box office when purchasing tickets. (Contd. Pg. 12)

The Ulster Ballet Company Presents the 37th Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE

(From Pg. 11)

To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000. The UPAC box office is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For additional information, visit our website at ulsterballet.org, or contact ulsterballet@gmail.com.

New Law Banning Single-Use Plastic Bags Takes Effect March 1, 2020

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a statewide education and outreach campaign to ensure that New Yorkers are aware of the March 1 ban on single-use plastic bags.

The BYOBAGNY campaign, spearheaded by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, includes TV and radio advertisements, social media, Google Ads, and events hosted by Feeding New York State food banks across the state.

"Right this minute, plastic bags are hanging in trees, blowing down the streets, filling up our landfills and polluting our lakes, rivers and streams—all hurting our environment," Governor Cuomo said. "Twelve million barrels of oil are used to make the plastic bags we use every year and by 2050 there will be more plastic by weight in the oceans than fish. We took bold action to protect our environment and ban these environmental blights and with this campaign we're going to make sure New Yorkers are ready and have all the facts."

As part of this effort, DEC is distributing more than 270,000 reusable bags with a focus on low- and moderate-income communities. DEC's BYOBAGNY campaign includes TV and radio placements, ads on YouTube targeting New Yorkers, boosted social media placements, a Google ad campaign, video promotions at Thruway rest stops and more that will continue over the next few months.

In addition, DEC is bolstering its ongoing outreach to stakeholders and industry associations, including the Food Industry Alliance, the Retail Council, New York State Association of Counties and convenience stores, and partnering with New York State agencies to distribute reusable bags and elevate the BYOBAGNY message. DEC is also providing its nine regional offices with BYOBAGNY educational materials for use as outreach at public events and is working with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to coordinate cross-agency efforts related to clear communication of the law entities required to collect state sales tax. DEC is currently distributing hundreds of thousands of reusable bags across the state to low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with the help of partner state agencies and Feeding New York State, the statewide food bank organization.

Kyle Van De Water Formally Announces Run for Congress in NY's 19th District

Millbrook, NY - - Army veteran and Dutchess County attorney Kyle Van De Water has formally announced his candidacy for New York's 19th Congressional District.

Van De Water has spent the last few weeks traveling throughout the 19th district meeting and speaking to the majority of the Republican county committees; winning the absolute majority of their support.

"With the complete support of my wife and children, our family and friends, and now the majority of the Republican county committees that make up the 19th District, I am excited to announce that I am running for Congress," Van De Water said.

He and his campaign team have also been busy filing all of the paperwork required to run by the Federal Election Commission, creating the campaign's (soon to be released) website and social media accounts, and scheduling fundraising events.

Kyle was born in Rhinebeck and raised in Poughkeepsie. He attended Spackenkill High School, graduating in 1998. After high school and during college he worked summers at the Trap Rock Quarry in Poughkeepsie.

He attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on an ROTC scholarship, graduating in 2002. He earned the Distinguished Military Graduate Award along with his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Economics.

While at UMass, Kyle earned the Airborne Paratrooper Badge in 2000 and rose to the rank of Cadet Battalion Commander in 2001, making him the highest ranked cadet responsible for training the freshman, sophomore, and junior cadets in military tactics and leadership.

Upon graduating, Kyle joined the Army Reserves and began attending Albany Law School, graduating in 2005. After passing the Bar exam he became an active duty member of the United States Army in 2006, assigned to the Judicial Advocate General's Corps. This service included working as an Administrative Law Attorney at the United States Military Academy, West Point before being deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan where he was awarded the Bronze Star in 2011.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal and his honorable discharge from the Army in 2014.

He continues to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves JAG Corps, holding the rank of Major, and works as a Litigation Attorney at Corbally, Gartland & Rappleyea, LLP in Poughkeepsie.

Kyle lives in Millbrook with his wife, Melissa, their triplets, born in 2009, and his son, born in 2014.

New York's 19th Congressional District includes all of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer counties.

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this fun-filled evening
and a chance to get kids motivated about **READING!**

Special guests - local celebrity bunnies Gus, Jinx, and Jorge!

Celebrate this day with a story; *It's Not Easy Being a Bunny*
Check out a book or two and receive a Dr. Seuss stretchy bookmark

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. This year we will celebrate on Tuesday, March 3rd.

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild to pick up a book and READ to a child!"
- Dr. Seuss or to a bunny!

Registration is open to the Tri-Valley community.
Advanced online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By Chris Mathews, Town of Neversink Supervisor



A lot has happened since my last column. The November elections brought some changes to our little town. My friend and colleague, Mike Brooks has left the Town Board and has been elected to be our District 3 County Legislator. Good luck Mike - I'm sure you will do great things and represent us honorably. Taking his place on the Board is newly elected Councilwoman, Nicole Gorr. The Honorable Brent Gotsch is our new Town Justice. Welcome Brent and Nicole! Brent replaced Barb Garigliano who faithfully served the town as Justice for an amazing 32 years! Thank you Barb for all those years of dedication! I would also like to thank all who supported me for another term. I am humbled and grateful.

In December the Town had its annual Tree Lighting ceremony. It was awesome and I was very proud to be a part of it. The Town Board would like to thank all who contributed. Thanks to the Grahamsville Fire Department, Parks and Rec Advisory Board, the Scouts, Tri-Valley Band, Town Hall Staff, and Santa & Mrs. Claus. Special thanks to Cher Wohl and her husband Walt for all their time and efforts!

The Town Board would like to welcome a new member to the team. Jim Federoff has just been hired as our PT Assistant Building Inspector. Please welcome him and try not to abuse him too much. We would like him to stick around.

Sadly, we have lost several people that served the Town of Neversink and its citizens with distinction. Herb Dewitt served as our representative on the Catskill Watershed Corporation's Sporting Advisory Committee for many years. He will be missed by the Town of Neversink and his friends at the CWC. The Town Board recently honored Herb with a moment of silence at our meeting. Carl Denman served as a Town Justice and Zoning Board Chairman. The Town Board honored Carl with a Resolution read into our minutes. Lastly, Joe Inghrim was a great help to the town as well as the Time and the Valleys Museum where he volunteered and served on their Board of Trustees. I will personally miss each of them. I will be forever grateful for the support, advice, and friendship they gave me over the years.

Congratulations to the new Eagle Scouts in Town. Brian Kelly, Carson Terwilliger, Chris Morgan, Adam Furman, and my buddy Brant Gorton! We are very proud of all of you and acknowledge the hard work it takes to get there. Boy Scout Nick Jucha will be starting a project for the Town; he will be building handicap benches for our Town parks. Thank you Nick!

For those who didn't know, Neversink Renaissance is now going by the name *Neversink Blooms*. No matter the name, the Town remains grateful for all the work they do for our community.

As many of you know by now, Jamie Brooks has resigned as our Parks & Rec Leader. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her many years of service. We would like to assure you that the Parks & Rec budget remains intact and that the Town will continue to provide a quality and unique program for our youth, seniors, and townspeople. We are currently working on filling the position and also looking for an additional Advisory Board member.

**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Supper**



Saturday, March 14, 2020

**Calvary Baptist Church of
Loch Sheldrake NY**
is hosting
it's 13th Sportsman's Banquet Dinner
at the Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall
on Route 52, Loch Sheldrake

Saturday March 21st 2020. 4-8 pm.
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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. B.M.

**Claryville Fire Dept.
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Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, March 22
Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking proposals vendors for bids to provide refuse and recycling pick-up services for 669 County Route 38, in Arkville, NY from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. A 9 yard dumpster for refuse and a 7 yard dumpster for recyclables must be provided and maintained weekly by the successful vendor. Bids must be received by CWC by 4pm on March 18, 2020. For bid documents, please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

2/20/20, 2/27/20; 3/5/20

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking proposals from portable toilet vendors for bids to lease and maintain toilets at fifteen locations in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Sullivan Counties adjacent to four reservoirs from May 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. Bids must be received by CWC by 4pm on March 18, 2020. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Four Goats, LLC and the Sullivan County IDA for the purpose of a special use application for the use of a BBQ Shack at The Neversink General Store located at 4 Schumway Rd. Neversink, (SBL# 35.-1-8.4). Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. BY ORDER OF PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF NEVERSINK JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

2/27/20

Time and the Valleys' 2020 Programs

The Delaware in the American Revolution Sunday, March 22, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5, Frank Salvati, a specialist in northeast colonial history, has been speaking on Native American related topics since 1990. He will discuss the Delaware's part in the "frontier war". At the outbreak of the American Revolution, the Delaware Native Americans desperately tried to stay out of the conflict, but eventually pro-American and pro-British factions emerged.

Meet the Artist Reception WOW: Water on Water Catalogue Sunday, March 29, 1 to 3 p.m. FREE. Join us as we welcome many of the artists and contributors featured in the WOW: Water on Water catalogue, who will speak about their work. Catalogues will be available for signing and sale, \$8 for members and \$10 non members. Refreshments will be served and viewing of the artist's work in the second 50/50 silent auction.

The Great Covered Bridges of the Mid-Hudson Region Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5. Sullivan and Ulster Counties stand at the forefront of New York State's covered bridge history, and Sullivan County can claim the first covered timber bridge built in the state! Several of New York's most significant covered bridges still stand in the Hudson Valley today. Ronald Knapp, the co-author of America's Covered Bridges: Practical Crossings--Nostalgic Icons, will connect our covered bridges with the national history of nineteenth century covered bridges. Books will be available for signing and sale.

Hikes for Seniors Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5. Lisa Lyons from Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor, will give a talk on hiking for seniors, including identifying the best hiking places, hiking safety and more. Includes a short guided walk immediately after the program.

Volunteer Luncheon Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m. Volunteers: FREE, Guests: \$15 A delicious luncheon to thank volunteers for their invaluable service. Special Program: A display of the many different transcribing projects completed by people all over the country and a presentation by James Ayers on his transcribing project, the Juliana Hanford George Diaries. R.S.V.P acceptances only.

TVCS Board of Education will have a Board Meeting on

Tri-Valley CSD
Board of Education meeting
will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2020
beginning at 6:00 p.m.,
Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Once Upon A Time... 8 Grades, 3 R's, One Room Exhibit Opening Reception - Sunday, May 31, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$10 Up until the 1950s, one room schools were commonplace in rural areas. Join us for a celebration of local one room schools, and learn about the teachers, the students, a typical school day, lessons, recess, manners, discipline and more. Includes a recreated one room school! Reservations required. Call 845 985-7700 or email: info@timeandthevalleys museum.org.

Lost Catskill Farm Afternoon Sunday, June 7, noon to 4 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members \$5. Go back in time to dairy farming in the 1930s - learn how to hand milk a cow, make ice cream and butter, how milk was kept cold and transported before electricity and more. Sullivan County Dairy Ambassadors will be on hand to answer questions. Live animals!

Catskill Farm HOEDOWN Saturday, July 25, 5 p.m. Members: \$30, non-members: \$3. Eat 1930s-themed food, drink prohibition cider and bathtub gin-ger ale, dance to knee-slapping tunes, pitch a game of horseshoes, bid at the entertaining Pie Auction and socialize with family and friends at the Museum's major annual fundraiser. Visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to order tickets starting in April!

The History of Winton: A Grand Neversink Estate Sunday, August 9, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5. Local summer resident Laura Brock will speak about the history of Winton, an estate built by Clarence Roof after he bought out the Parker Place in 1882. Roof's adopted daughter, "Frank" Hovey Roof married surgeon and inventor, Karl Connell who developed the first all American gas mask used in World War I.

The Suffragists: Fight for the Vote in Sullivan County Sunday, August 23, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, Non-members: \$5. Women won the right to vote after decades of struggle and against strong opposition from men - and some women - who feared that government would be placed "under petticoat rule." Ultimately, it was effective leadership and the development of what became known as "the winning plan" that turned the tide. Sullivan County Historian John Conway examines their strategies, the impact of World War I on the movement, and some prominent local leaders, including Elizabeth Worth Muller.

Tri-Valley One Room Schools Sunday, September 13, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5. Calling all Tri-Valley alumni! Take a look back at your school days through yearbooks, Townsman articles, photos, recorded interviews and the new one room schoolhouse exhibit. Includes a presentation by Phyllis Coombe, former TVCSD teacher, on the history of the Tri-Valley School District with a special emphasis on the protracted process of obtaining permission to establish a high school for the district.

Denning History Afternoon Sunday, September 20, 1 p.m. FREE. Have conversations and reunions while viewing rich collections from Claryville and the Town of Denning that bring life to the history of the Upper Neversink and Upper Rondout valleys. Town of Denning Historian, Tom McGee will be on hand with his growing collection of digitized documents. Special program at 2 p.m.: Author and Town of Gardiner Historian A.J. Schenkman will speak on his book, *Wicked Ulster County*. Books will be available for signing and sale. We welcome the sharing of any items relating to the Claryville or Denning area.

A Day in the Life of a Farm Wife at the Lost Catskill Farm Sunday, October 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5. Experience what life was like for a woman living on a 1930s family farm in the Catskills, with daily tasks included preparing three large meals, baking bread, churning butter, laundry, housework, making soap and candles, planting, weeding and harvesting from the garden, and more!

Neversink History Afternoon. Sunday, October 18, 1 p.m. FREE. Photos, records, stories and artifacts from the Town of Neversink will be available and researchers on hand to answer questions. The afternoon includes a special program highlighting the silent films made in Neversink during the first decade of the 20th century.

A History of the Root Cellar Sunday, October 25, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, non-members: \$5
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Events Leading to the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor Sunday, November 15, 2 p.m. Members: FREE, Non-members: \$5. Military historian Charles Breiner will discuss Japan's relationship with the United States, starting with Commodore Mathew Perry's visit to Japan in 1853 until the war with the United States began on December 7, 1941. Topics include Japanese transformation from a feudal system to a modern industrialized military power, the first Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, the Japanese seizure of Manchuria in 1931, the Second Sino-Japanese War, and an explanation of how President Roosevelt maneuvered Japan into going to war with the United States.

WJFF Movies & Music Presents Stop Making Sense

WJFF Movies & Music Presents *Stop Making Sense*. Directed by Jonathan Demme & Talking Heads Wednesday March 25, 7pm The Callicoon Theater 30 Upper Main Street, Callicoon, NY 12723 \$10 Ticket includes screening and afterparty at The Raleigh 19 Lower Main Street, Callicoon, NY 12723 By popular demand, WJFF's Movies & Music series returns with a trip to the 80's as David Byrne and Talking Heads are captured in their prime by brilliant rock & roll director Jonathan Demme in the groundbreaking *Stop Making Sense*.

It's all there - the quirky motions, poetically surreal lyrics, the driving bass lines and of course a tremendously big white suit. Drawing from the rise of performance art, along with the work of 80's art stars like painter Robert Longo and dancer Karole Armitage and the punk rock sensibilities of the legendary club CBGBs, Talking Heads' performance remains modern, relevant and irresistibly danceable.

WJFF General Manager says "With so much praise being given to David Byrne's "American Utopia" performances right now, it just felt right to go back to the beginning to show "Stop Making Sense" to kick off the return for this popular series."

Wikipedia tells us "The film has been hailed by Leonard Maltin as "one of the greatest rock movies ever made", and "the finest concert film" according to Robert Christgau, while Pauline Kael of The New Yorker described it as "close to perfection". Good enough for us.

Your \$10 ticket include the film screening at 7pm, then an afterparty at The Raleigh, with your first beer courtesy of Catskill Brewery .

Sponsored by The Callicoon Theater, The Raleigh and Catskill Brewery Proceeds Benefit WJFF Radio Catskill Your Community Radio Station. Celebrating 2020-Our 30th Anniversary Year

About WJFF Radio Catskill

WJFF Radio Catskill has been broadcasting to the Sullivan Catskills, Northeast Pennsylvania and beyond for the last 30 years. Its mission as a non-commercial educational radio broadcaster is to make available to its community a broad range of ideas and ideals useful to a full and enlightened life.

It also aims to involve the community in preserving and transmitting the community's cultural heritage and artistic expressions in addition to those of the global community, and to promote understanding among people of diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

To that end, the station broadcasts news and music programming offered through NPR, the BBC, various syndicated programs, and local volunteer producers to meet the needs and interests of its community. Operating with a small staff, WJFF relies on volunteer show hosts, producers and board operators to provide a range of topics and perspectives through talk radio and music programming including classical, folk, jazz, soul, country and more.



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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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If you have any questions,
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3/3/2020 **Read Across America at the Daniel Pierce Library 6:00 to 7:30 pm**
- 3/3/2020 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/4/2020 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm (*App. Submission Date - 2/19/2020*)
- 3/7/2020 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/10/2020 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/11/2020 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/14/2020 Claryville Fire Dept. **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**
- 3/17/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (*App. Submission Date - 3/3/2020*)
- 3/19/2020 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/21/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon
- 3/22/2020 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 12 noon**

To All: Municipalities, Fire Depts., Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.

Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2020** so that we may continue to post your meetings, events and important dates throughout the coming year.

You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;

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or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

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 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**,
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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.

Town of Denning Winter Hours for R & R Transfer Station
 The R & R Transfer Station started winter hours
 Sunday, the 15th of December 2019, closing at 4 pm.

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED:
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2020
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Time to Get Into a New York State Certified Agricultural District UC Legislature Accepting Requests from Landowners
 Time to Get Into a New York State Certified Agricultural District The Ulster County Legislature will accept requests from landowners wanting to have their agricultural lands included within a NYS Certified Agricultural District from March 2 through March 30, 2020.
 Landowners seeking inclusion into a New York State Certified Agricultural District must submit a completed Agricultural District Inclusion Application with tax map identification number(s) and a copy of the relevant portion to the tax map to Burt Samuelson, Ulster County Planning Department, 244 Fair St., PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 during this application period and no later than the close of business on Monday, March 30, 2020. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered.

The Agricultural District Inclusion Application and information about Agricultural Districts are available on the Planning Department's website at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/annual-agricultural-district-inclusions>. Interested parties may also request an application by contacting Burt Samuelson at (845) 339-2490 or via email at bsam@co.ulster.ny.us. Agricultural District Law adopted by the New York State Legislature in 1971 provides for the creation of Agricultural Districts to protect and promote the availability of land for farming purposes. Lands within Districts are protected from unreasonable local regulation of farm practices, their acquisition by public entities through the use of eminent domain, and the advance of public funds to construct facilities that encourage non-farm development. Additionally, land used in agricultural production within an Agricultural District is not subject to benefit assessments, special ad valorem levies or other rates and fees for the financing of improvements such as water, sewer or non-farm drainage. Ulster County has four certified Agricultural Districts containing over 71,000 acres of farmland.

Celebrate Women
 The Catskill Readers' Theatre and The Sullivan County Historical Society present "CELEBRATE WOMEN", Saturday, March 7, 2 pm at the Sullivan County Historical Society, Hurleyville, NY. Join us as we celebrate women in history and in the present with literature, history, music and a power point presentation. Female movers and shakers are welcome! Donations are gladly accepted. For more information, call Sally: 845-434-0209 or email: gladsally@gmail.com.

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of TU February Meeting
 Just a quick reminder that the February meeting of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of TU is Wednesday evening, Feb. 26th... 7 PM at the Boiceville Inn on Route 28. This month longtime TU member, ardent outdoorsman, and good friend Glenn Debrosky, aka "The Polish Prince", will show his Alaskan fishing trip slides. Glenn tales are always interesting and his presentation worth seeing. So don't miss it! In the event of bad winter weather, please call the Boiceville Inn on 845-657-8500 after 5 PM for the latest meeting status.

2020 Striped Bass Recreational Regulation Changes
 Striped bass anglers should be aware that ASMFC approved Addendum VI to Amendment 6 (PDF) of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Striped Bass to address the finding that the striped bass resource is overfished and experiencing overfishing. The Addendum implements a default bag limit of one fish and a 28-35" recreational slot limit for ocean fisheries, but allows for conservation equivalency by the states and also for inland waters like the Hudson River. The Addendum also requires the mandatory use of circle hooks when fishing with bait starting January 1, 2021. DEC is currently working with neighboring states to implement measures that are as consistent as possible. Final regulations are expected to be adopted prior to the 2020 fishing season.

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Part-time work available with Frost Valley YMCA's after school program at Tri-Valley school. School days 2:45 to 5:45. Help kids have fun after school is over! Run activities, supervise children, help with set up and clean up each day. Pays up to \$14/hour. Information and application at frostvalley.org/jobs. 2/13; 2/20 1120

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

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
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4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 13 weeks away!**

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

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

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Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia ON TCM STARTING AT 11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020 WE HONOR ACTRESS BETTE DAVIS

“The Letter”

(Drama, 1940) A woman claims to have killed in self-defense, until a blackmailer turns up with incriminating evidence. **Dir: William Wyler. Cast: Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson, Frieda Inescort, Gale Sondergaard.** Lushly photographed, *Somerset Maugham* drama set in Malaya, tells of murderess (Davis) who tries to cover up her deed by pleading self-defense. Davis is quite appealing in her unsympathetic role. Previously filmed in 1929 (also with Herbert Marshall in cast); remade as *THE UNFAITHFUL*, then again for TV in 1982 with Lee Remick.

Quiz

1. Who played Prescott?
2. Who played Chung Hi?

BETTE DAVIS – A strong-willed, independent woman with heavy-cast eyes, clipped New England diction, and distinctive mannerisms, Bette Davis left an indelible – and often parodied – mark on cinema history as being one of Hollywood's most important and decorated actresses.

Over the course of her storied career, Davis made some 100 films, for which she received 10 Academy Award nominations, and twice won the Best Actress trophy.

But her sometimes over-the-top affectations – which no doubt made her a gay subculture icon – hindered her career despite the enormity of her talents. Not a glamorous star, Davis went through a string of forgettable pictures before tackling the rather unsympathetic Mildred in "Of Human Bondage" (1934), which turned her into a star and earned the actress her first Oscar nomination. She won the Academy Award the following year for "Dangerous" (1935) and later earned her second statue for one of her most famous performances in "Jezebel" (1938).

By this time, Davis was a big star and went on to a series of box office hits like "Dark Victory" (1939) and "Now, Voyager" (1942).

But after the personal tragedy of losing her husband, Arthur Farnsworth, Davis went into serious professional decline, only to resurrect herself with a delectably over-the-top performance in "All About Eve" (1950). Watch for more on Bette Davis.

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

March 7 - **Covered Dish Supper** at the Sundown Methodist Church this month.

GRAHAMSVILLE

March 3- **Daniel Pierce Library Read Across America** 6-7:30 pm

Check out the dates on page 9 for **Let's Lego at Daniel Pierce Library.**

There is still time to register for the **Spring 2020 Childrens' Programs at Daniel Pierce Library.** See page 8 for dates of events

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

CLARYVILLE

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

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