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Sweethearts & Heroes Speaks with FJSHS and BCES over Two Day Period



Left to right are S&H's Tom Murphy, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Newspaper interviewers Yaniel Hernandez and Jennifer Morillo, and S&H's Rick Yarosh.

At this time in 2018, Fallsburg Central School District welcomed two incredible individuals, Tom Murphy and Rick Yarosh, to present the "Sweethearts & Heroes" (S&H) anti-bullying program to its staff and all of its students. (Contd. Pg. 7)

Thunder View Farms Receives 2018 National Environmental Stewardship Award



NEW ORLEANS - The National Cattlemen's Beef Association today announced Thunder View Farms in Grahamsville, New York, as the winner of the 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP). (Contd. Pg 8)

Mikhail Itingen, DO Joins Medical Staff



Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that Mikhail Itingen, D.O. has joined its Medical Staff. (Contd. Pg 3)

'Twas the Season for Giving Back at New Hope Community



Left to right: Muriel Cypert, New Hope Community Nurse Educator; Linda Goldstein, St. Andrew's Food Pantry; Larry Schafman, St. Andrew's Food Pantry; Cynthia Johnston, St. Andrew's Food Pantry; Amy LeRoy, New Hope Community Director of Staff Training and Development; Debbie McGinness, New Hope Community CEO; Robyn VanLowe, New Hope Community Electronic Health Records Administrator. Story on Page 14

Fallsburg Robotics Teams Earn Major Awards at BOTS TAKE THE BURGH Competition



The Girl Powered Team (left to right): Gabby Pantel, Jasmine Johnson, Ava Anderman, Dawn Ruhren, and Neema Darboe

Fallsburg High School Girl Powered team 99561G wowed the judges at the Lansingburg BOTS TAKE THE BURGH competition on Saturday, January 26 and earned the prestigious "Design Award" and a trip to the NYS Championship. The Design Award is presented to a team that demonstrates an organized and professional approach to the design process, project, time management and team organization. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Democratic Women of Sullivan County elect 2019 officers



Newly elected officers and steering committee members for the Democratic Women of Sullivan County are (l-r): President Donna Schick, Treasurer Kathy Brandes, Secretary Joan Stoddard, Vice President Carol Montana, and Steering Committee Members Kathi LaBuda, Janet Lybolt and Liliam Stettner. (Absent from photo is Steering Committee Member Debra Gabriel)

Hurleyville, NY: A new year brought a new board, as well as candidate announcements, at the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) re-organization meeting on Thursday, January 24 at Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant in Hurleyville.

Over 22 people were in attendance. The following were elected as officers for 2019: President - Donna Schick, Vice President - Carol Montana, Secretary - Joan Stoddard, and Treasurer - Kathy Brandes. Steering committee members are Liliam Stettner, Debra Gabriel, Kathi LaBuda and immediate past president Janet Lybolt.

Newly elected President Donna Schick spoke about upcoming events such as the New York State Democratic Regional Conference in Liverpool, NY (April 12-13), and the National Federation of Democratic Women's 48th Annual Convention to be held in Albany from June 12 - 16.

Members discussed the new early voting law recently signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and what that meant for candidate petitions and primaries. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?
1 Corinthians 3:16

OBITUARY

Irma J. Rios of Liberty, NY, a retired special education teacher at Sullivan County BOCES and a long time area resident, died Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. She was 76.

The daughter of the late Cornelius and Henrietta Yeskoot Cook, she was born September 24, 1942 in Paterson, NJ.

Irma was the 2nd daughter and the "tomboy" of the family. She grew up in New Jersey and her caring heart led her to the career choice of nursing. Her career path changed to special education, working at BOCES for over 30 years. Working with these children brought a smile to her face. She was full of love and always made sure everyone was happy.

Irma enjoyed teaching, even in her family. She taught her children to cook and bake and taught her stepdaughters to drive. Irma was a 4H Leader, and it meant everything to her to participate in the annual Halloween parade. She was one of the "liberty moms" who attended her children's sporting events, screaming and cheering from the sidelines.

Irma's greatest pride was her children and grandchildren. She leaves behind to carry on her legacy, two sons, Juan Rios Jr. and wife Laura of Woodbourne, NY, Miguel Rios and wife Noreen, of Montgomery, NY; two daughters, Elena Knight and husband Ben of Neversink, NY, Juanita Rios and companion Frank Parache of Liberty, NY; three step daughters, Diane James, Patricia Taylor and Jeanette Donnelly; two sisters, Joann Harris and husband Russell of Bloomfield, IA and Ruth Brown and husband Dave of Chapel Hill, NC; one brother, Raymond Cook and wife Lisa of Bloomfield, IA; 16 grandchildren

She was predeceased by her husband, Juan Rios, Sr.; her parents; and one sister, Carole Raskie.

Visitation will be Friday, February 1, 2019 from 3 to 6 PM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 10 AM in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, with burial in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Liberty, NY.

Memorial contributions in Irma's name may be made to a local 4H Club of one's choice, at Cornell Corporative Extension of Sullivan County, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com

COLLEGE NEWS:

News from University of Delaware

Raychelle Osnato of Grahamsville, NY, has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

Hurleyville Native Jennifer Lopez Named to Dean's List at Ithaca College

Jennifer Lopez, a Hurleyville resident majoring in Clinical Health Studies at Ithaca College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

News from Eastern Connecticut State University

Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its fall 2018 Dean's List for full-time and part-time students. Among the students is Joseph Decker, 21 of Liberty, who majors in Environmental Earth Science. Decker is a full-time student.

Grahamsville Native Stephen Carleton Graduates from Ithaca College

Stephen Carleton of Grahamsville graduated Cum Laude from Ithaca College with a BS in Television-Radio.

Mikhail Vainblat Named to Fall 2018 Provost's List at SUNY Oneonta

Mikhail Vainblat of Loch Sheldrake, NY, was among 227 SUNY Oneonta students who earned

Provost's List honors for the fall 2018 semester. To qualify for the Provost's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Thank you to the person who cleaned out the front of my driveway during a recent snow storm. I really greatly appreciated it.

Fran Fuller

Days of Yore...
Today's History

February 2, 1949

By a vote of eight to seven, Frank Griswold of Roscoe was elected Chairman of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors at the January 28th board meeting.

Richard Phelps was home over the weekend from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

February 11, 1959

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON - Please give my greetings to the Boy Scouts of America joined in the observance of the 49th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement. With a great membership of so many millions, the Boy Scouts play an important part in the life of the national community. Their high standards of personal character and citizenship help to keep our country strong. It is a pleasure to send my best wishes for another exciting year of Scouting - - and my congratulations to the adult leaders who support this fine movement. (Signed) DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Mr. Bruce Fuller installed electric wiring at the Flossie Osterhoudt farm in Yeagerville last week and on Monday was repairing some electrical work at Charles Curry's.

On Valentines Day - - - Don't be afraid to tell her that you love her, more and more! Be a little sentimental -That's what the day is for!!!

Weather permitting construction work will be resumed on the Monticello by-bass portion of Route 17 as near April 1 as possible. This was revealed by John Arborio, Jr. of the John Arborio Construction Company. The project may take two months to complete for use with final grading, seeding and minor detail work to take another month. It is expected that the road will be opened for traffic before July 1st.

February 5, 1969

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mickelson 10 years on the 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Graham are very pleased to have their son Willard and his family with them for a few days. Willard has just recently returned home from Vietnam. Willard is in the Marines.

Sgt. Paul Kelly, after 3 years in the Air Force, has been released and has return home.

February 1, 1979

Congressman Matthew F. McHugh has announced his nominations for admission to the United States Service academics. Among the nominees for the 27th district of New York are: Timothy Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Allison, Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville to the United States Air Force Academy and Christopher Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher of South Hill Road, Grahamsville.

Interested citizen hope to build a Town Pak, complete with tennis courts, basket ball courts, a baseball diamond, a possible ice skating rink, cross country and downhill skiing and sledding depend on on the site chosen. Also there would be a possibility of a community building.

A group of ladies from Peekamoose Road in Sundown got together to make a patchwork quilt and meet every Monday afternoon at one of the ladies' homes. Last month's sessions were at Mildred Greenrose's home and the February meetings will at Marie Hibbard's place. Some of the patches are being made by Eunice Terwilliger at the Walnut Mountain Nursing Home in Liberty and by Esther George.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Irma J. Rios, long-time resident of Liberty, who passed away on January 23rd. Irma, who was 76 years old, was a retired special education teacher at Sullivan County BOCES.

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley boys varsity indoor track and field team on winning the OCIAA Division VI indoor track and field championships held at West Point on Friday, January 25th. There were many outstanding contributions by the team members. The team launched itself to a stunning 181-118 win over second place Pine Plains.

Congratulations also to Andrea Decker, a member of the Tri-Valley girls varsity indoor track and field team, who captured first place in the shot put and the weight throw.

The Nesin sponsored chamber music concert, which was to be held on Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 pm at the Grahamsville Reformed Church, was canceled due to the sudden snow squall which dropped an inch or two of snow and covered some very icy spots in the area.

SUNY Sullivan will be hosting Generals Baseball Camp on the Sullivan County Community College Campus on Sunday, February 23rd, from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Baseball and softball players ages 7-12 are welcome to attend. The cost is \$40.00. Register online at <http://collegebaseball-camps.com/scbaseball/>.

Elise Hornbeck, Ann Higgins, Valerie Taggart and Kate Hyden will be displaying their art work, along with sixty other outstanding artists, at the Orange County Gallery Hall at SUNY Orange County Community College from February 4th through March 18th. A reception for the exhibit will be held on March 3rd from 1:00pm - 4:15 pm.

February 2nd, better known as "Groundhog Day", marks the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Regardless of whether the "whistle pig" sees his shadow or not, we in our area know that we will have at least six more weeks of winter weather!

A few things I have learned over the years: 1) Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different. 2) You can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that you had better know something. 3) That it takes years to build up your good name, and only seconds to destroy it. 4) That you should never ruin an apology with an excuse. 5) That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

This is the season when many folks are coming down with colds or the flu. It is said that frequent hand washing is one deterrent for picking up germs. Also, that you should keep your hands away from your face. I often tell this to my grandchildren. There's an old saying that states, "If you treat a cold, it lasts seven days; if you don't, it lasts a week."

I know I'm getting old when I can remember the penny post card and the three cent stamp. It now costs fifty-five cents to mail a letter!

Words of Wisdom: You are not a product of your circumstances, but rather a product of your Decisions. (Stephen Covey)

One of the most important things in communication is to hear what is not being said. (Peter Drucker)

Artists Invited to Participate in WOW! Water on Water

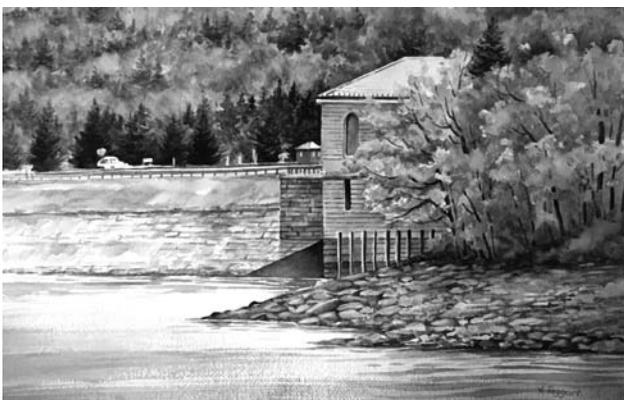
[Grahamsville, N.Y.] The Time and the Valleys Museum is inviting artists to participate in an exciting new exhibition: **WOW! Water on Water** opening in May. This exhibit will showcase watercolor paintings of scenes located within the Catskill and Delaware watershed areas. The participating artists will share their favorite views, why the scenes are important to them and how, as artists, they interpret what they see.

"WOW will bring people, art, and water together in a new and different way," says Elise Hornbeck, Chairperson of the Museum's Exhibition Committee. "This is not just for trained artists, but open to anyone, young and old, who express their love for water and the watershed areas through art." An exhibit that extends past the artwork into the creative mind of the artist, it will appeal to all ages and will include videos, interactive activities and art matching games, puzzles and activities for kids.

The exhibition opens in May at the Museum, and will



Anchorice.jpg a watercolor painting by Elise Hornbeck of Eureka Studios located in Grahamsville



A watercolor painting of the Ashokan Reservoir by Valerie Taggart who received an MA in Painting and Printmaking from SUNY Oswego and taught art in both Tri-Valley and Livingston Manor schools.

Current exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- 1930s Lost Catskill Farm which includes a 1870s barn, milk house, outhouse, electric plant, workshop with working water wheel and 1880s farm house.

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

Mikhail Itingen, DO Joins Medical Staff

(From Pg. 1) Dr. Itingen is board certified in Orthopedic Surgery and specializes in general orthopedics, trauma, pediatric orthopedics, deformity corrections, and foot/ankle reconstruction.

After earning his Bachelors of Science degree from Long Island University, he went on to earn his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Itingen completed an Orthopedic Residency at the Peninsula Hospital Consortium in Far Rockaway, NY, and a Fellowship in Foot and Ankle Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Itingen is a Member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society, and the American Orthopedic Association.

Dr. Itingen is seeing patients in the Ellenville Regional Hospital's Specialty Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. For appointments or for more information regarding his practice, please call (845) 647-6400 ext. 314.

be open to all visitors Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day and weekends in September. Any artist interested in participating should contact Elise Hornbeck at elisehornbeck@eurekastudio.us or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or call 845 985-7700 for more information.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

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

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.

Winter Wonder of Nature

After last week's "polar vortex" and temps falling below zero, you may have observed some of the beautiful ice formations that formed in the local creeks and streams. These unique ice formations that seem to defy nature, that form from the stream bed up, are known as anchor ice. If natural laws are perfect, how is it that ice, which is lighter or less dense than water, can sometimes form on the bottom of creeks and streams and not at the surface? Isn't that violating natural law?

When you first see the anchor ice you may ask, "How is that possible?"



The rocks in the streambed chilled below the freezing point set the stage for its formation. The swift flow of the stream prevents the surface water from freezing, however free-floating crystals called frazil begin to form in the super cooled water columns in the turbid stream.

Whenever the frazil contact other objects, or other frazil, it will immediately adhere to it. Once an anchor point is established the ice will grow quickly forming a cloud-like appearance in the stream that is under the water surface.

Anchor ice is different than ice on the reservoirs, ponds or lakes or even in a puddle where a sheet of ice will form across their surface when the water reaches the freezing point. In fast moving mountain streams, like those in the

Catskills, the water molecules are below the freezing point and want to bond together, but are unable to do so in the turbulent water. Nevertheless, very near the bottom of the streambed, the water moves more slowly as it sort of drags along the rocks and sand. So it is here that the microscopic ice particles start to join together and form the beautiful anchor ice. Anchor ice grows very rapidly once it starts. It can change the flow and appearance of a winter stream overnight. Anchor ice usually disappears as quickly as it forms.

This winter's cycles of thaws that melted the insulating snow covering, followed by cold spells, was the perfect environment for anchor ice to form and build up from the bottom of the streambed.

Anchor ice is considered a phenomena and also a reminder that Nature's laws are perfect, and Nature is in control of the rules. Nature will create conditions where rules distinctly differ from what we normally would think, but regardless, turn out perfect!

Another interesting fact - or coincidence - on Thursday as we were driving past the Neversink River coming back from Claryville, I mentioned to Frank that there was a lot of anchor ice in the river and explained to him what it was. I told him that would be a good subject for this week's nature column. Ironically when I received the press release and pictures for the Time and the Valleys for the **WOW Exhibit**, one of the pictures was 'Anchor Ice' - and who was the artist? My sister, Elise Hornbeck! Totally not planned - at least not by any of us. Is this an example of 'quatum entanglement' and that we are all connected and all of reality is connected? Hm-m-m, the wonder of it all.

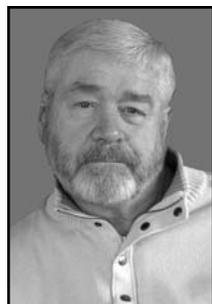
Household Hints Frozen Sink Drain?

We throw salt on the walkway to melt the ice. If you have a frozen drain pipe, why not use salt? Pour some salt down your drain (preferably Kosher Salt). Let it set for a while, then pour boiling water down the drain. You may have to repeat this several times for it to work, but eventually the salt will melt the ice without using toxic chemicals.

Against Nature

Mysterious Book Report No. 361

by John Dwaine McKenna



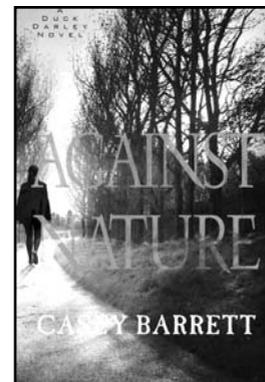
Before Germany was reunified some thirty years ago, it was divided into east and west halves after World War II. West Germany was controlled by England, France and the United States, and was democratic. East Germany was under the auspices of the Soviet Union and was communist, dictatorially ruled and collective in nature . . . the state owned and ruled everything. It was totalitarian. The individual existed only to serve the state in what was sometimes referred to as a “workers paradise,” where everyone was equal . . . equally poor, equally unhappy and equally downtrodden . . . and that included elite athletes, who were expected to perform at the highest levels and win, to prove the superiority of communism. In order to give those athletes a winning edge, they were doped; injected with steroids and human growth hormones from childhood. The competitors, or their parents, had no say in the matter.

Against Nature, (Kensington Books, \$26.00, 335 pages, ISBN 978-1-4967-0971-4) by Casey Barrett is the second installment in his critically acclaimed series featuring an almost Olympic swimmer and ex-con tough guy named Lawrence “Duck” Darley, a hard drinking, unlicensed PI with a nose for trouble and an affinity for hopeless causes.

As the novel begins, it finds the age twenty-something Duck giving swimming lessons to an eight year-old boy named Stevie, and living the boy's mother. She's a woman in her forties who has a three-hundred million dollar divorce settlement, a snotty disposition and expensive tastes, from whom Darley accepts an occasional envelope of cash for “services rendered.” They're in bed together when Duck gets an emergency text from Cass, his partner in the first Duck Darley mystery, *Underwater*. Her boyfriend has fallen to his death in the Catskill Mountains of Upstate New York, and she needs help. The cops are saying that he jumped, but Cass thinks he was pushed, because he was writing a book about doping by the East Germans, and the present-day whereabouts and whatabouts of the doctors who did the deeds. That's when the hard-drinking Duck gets kicked out of the penthouse on his butt, and the threats, beatings and murders begin in this fascinating, propulsive and relentless novel in which every page is compelling and action-packed. You'll find yourself pulling for the heroic anti-hero with all the good – and bad – qualities, as he plumbs the money filled, dark and evil world of modern athletic competition, seeking truth, justice and a fair fight. If you like the work of Ken Bruen and his Jack Taylor series, you'll love Casey Barrett's Duck Darley. The MBR can't wait to see what he comes up with next!

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Interview With The Author: Casey Barrett

by John Dwaine McKenna



Our interview today is with Casey Barrett, whose second Duck Darley mystery-thriller is reviewed in MBR number 361. And I'd like to say right up front, that as a long-time fan of Ken Bruen and his Jack Taylor series, it's great to find a brand new character with similar proclivities and tendencies and failings, but still possessing the dead-on sense of right and wrong coupled with the will to get 'er done, no matter what the chances are for success. So hello Casey, welcome to

Mysterious Book Report, and just like that, here's your first question . . .

Why do you write?

To keep from going insane. To make sense of things. Because I have no choice in the matter. It's a physical need.

Where do you write?

When at home, seated next to my bookshelves. Though, my favorite places to write tend to be empty bistros in the city, in the late afternoon, after lunch hour and before dinner service. Ideally, with the only conversation being in a language other than English, sipping much coffee and sparkling water . . .

What do you write about?

Crime fiction, I write what I most like to read, and I love nothing more than a good crime novel.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

Given the amount of drugs, booze, violence, and sex that goes on in my books, I will neither confirm nor deny any character being autobiographical!

Good answer . . . smart too!

When do you write?

Early mornings and late afternoons. Ideal writing times are from 5:30a-7:30a and / or 3p - 5p. On a Macbook Air.

Who's your favorite literary character?

Travis McGee

Who's your favorite author?

Ken Bruen, Ross MacDonald, John D. MacDonald, Hunter Thompson...

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Seat-of-the-pants. Outlining takes the fun out of it for me.

Do you read your reviews?

Yes.

How do you deal with a negative review?

Alcohol.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

To write. And read. Both in abundance.

What makes a character compelling?

Empathy.

Endearing?

Empathy.

Despicable?

Lack of empathy

Do you use humor in your work?

Of the dark sort, yes.

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

Since I don't outline, it means a lot of rewriting... I also use the Notes app on my iPhone pretty obsessively, constantly jotting down reminders or plot points, so I don't forget.

Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from?

Anywhere and everywhere. The New York Post is always dependable for good, sordid inspiration...

Do you belong to a writers group?

I don't.

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

No. It tends to happen more organically. (Back to the outlining vs. seat-of-pants question again...) I want to be surprised by my characters as much as a reader should be.

Does your style make use of adjectives and adverbs?

I loath adverbs. Though sometimes they're unavoidable . . . Adjectives, sure, but less is more.

What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

Violence. Particularly anything with guns.

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

1st person . . . Though, I'm hoping to shift to third person limited in future books . . .

How did your book first get published?

Through much madness and rejection... More specifically - I went the 'traditional' route. I found an agent (after both rejection and being ignored), who would not officially agree to be my agent until I rewrote my first book at least six times. (It would have been more annoying if his instincts weren't always spot-on...) Then, he sent it out to editors. It was rejected, I believe, 22 times before Kensington Books offered me a 3-book deal in November 2015.

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

Never stop.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?
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Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

Democratic Women of Sullivan County elect 2019 officers

(From Pg. 1) Guest speakers included four announced candidates for local offices including Mamakating Court Judge Cindy Dolan, who is running for Sullivan County Court Judge, Joe Colon, who is running to represent Sullivan County Legislative District 3, Lou Setren, who is running to represent Sullivan County Legislative District 5, and Janet Lybolt, who is running for Supervisor of the Town of Mamakating.



Over 20 people attended the Democratic Women of Sullivan County re-organization meeting on Thursday, January 24 at Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant in Hurleyville.

For additional information about the Democratic Women of Sullivan County, upcoming events, membership, or how to get involved, call President Donna Schick at 845-985-0424 or Vice President Carol Montana at 845-985-7783.

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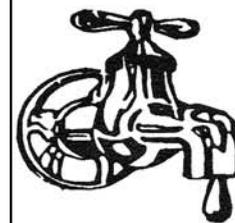
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

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There's nothing better than seeing a live play, up close and personal. I remember seeing JERSEY BOYS with my husband and Ed and MaryAnn Bruck. We had front row seats and we could actually feel the spray of saliva as they sang "Sherry Baby." I could see beads of sweat as they danced. I felt involved...heart, soul and body.

The Playhouse in Phoenicia gives the audience that same intimate connection. The upgraded small theater has comfortable seats, and darn good plays for a small town theater group. The bonus is you are seated next to someone you might know and watching someone perform who just might be a neighbor or former student.

It is amazing what talent we have locally, and ALMOST MAINE, is being put on as a Linda Burkhardt Presents Production, which means that Linda is director, producer, and actor in this play.

I saw this play a few years ago, and it is the perfect love story. Remember that Valentine's Day is just a short time away. Cards, flowers and chocolates are the traditional gifts for your sweetie, but a ticket to ALMOST MAINE costs only \$20.00 or \$18.00 if you are a Senior or Student. Make it a Valentine Day your Valentine will remember. For heaven's sake, do something special for that special someone! There could be dire consequences for those who take love for granted.



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Sincerely,

Kathleen Myers\Director

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The Ulster County Office Building Will Be Illuminated In Red To Highlight National Wear Red Day And American Heart Month

Kingston, NY - On Friday, February 1, 2019, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein will recognize the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day as well as American Heart Month by illuminating the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston with red lights for the month of February. The American Heart Association advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health. The 'National Wear Red Day - Go Red for Women' campaign raises awareness regarding the prevention of heart disease and stroke and the critical work of the American Heart Association. In the United States, cardiovascular

disease kills approximately 1 woman every 80 seconds despite the fact that nearly 80% of cardiac events may be prevented with education and lifestyle changes.

Ulster County joins thousands of businesses and organizations nationwide by going red to raise awareness of heart disease. "National Wear Red Day" helps support the life-saving initiatives of the American Heart Association which include awareness campaigns, prevention and education programs and cutting-edge scientific research.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"America Heart Health month is an important time to remind residents to be mindful of their health and to make lifestyle changes that can help prevent heart disease," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Lighting the Ulster County Office Building in red is just one way we can help raise awareness about heart disease and recognize the amazing work the American Heart Association. Education and prevention

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are key to decreasing risk factors for developing heart disease and stroke and increasing rates of survival, which can allow people to live longer, healthier lives."

Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

"Heart disease and stroke are among the leading causes of premature death in the nation and in Ulster County. About one in four deaths every year are due to cardiovascular disease. County Executive Hein and I are pleased to partner with the American Heart Association to increase awareness of heart disease and the steps we can take to help prevent it," said Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health.

Danielle Schuka Regional Director, American Heart Association-Hudson Valley

"The American Heart Association is grateful to Ulster County for 'going red' with us for American Heart Month to help raise awareness for our region's number one killer-heart disease," said Danielle Schuka, Regional Director for the American Heart Association. "During February, let's shine a light on heart healthy choices like diet, exercise and not smoking. We can prevent more than 80% of heart disease with lifestyle choices. Let's Go Red and get healthier, Ulster County!"

Some suggestions to lower the risk of heart disease:

- Be conscious of your weight;
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke;
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure;
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation; and
- Get active and eat healthy.

Statistics:

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women.
- Approximately 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States every year-that's 1 in every 4 deaths.
- Every 80 seconds a woman dies of heart disease or stroke.
- 1 in 3 women die of heart disease or stroke, however 80% of cardiac events can be prevented with lifestyle changes.
- Coronary heart disease (CHD) is the most common type of heart disease, killing over 370,000 people annually.
- Every year about 735,000 Americans have a heart attack. Of these, 525,000 are a first heart attack and 210,000 happen in people who have already had a heart attack.

To learn more about heart health and heart disease prevention please visit the American Heart Association at <http://www.heart.org> or call the American Heart Association-Hudson Valley at (845) 867-5370. For more information of National Wear Red Day visit www.GoRedForWomen.org.

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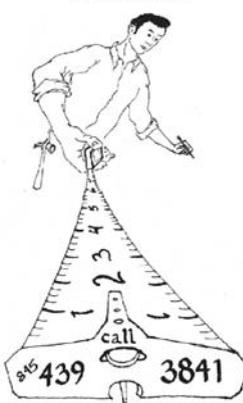
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Sweethearts & Heroes Speaks with FJSHS and BCES over Two Day Period

(From Pg. 1) The impact on the school was dramatic. The generosity of Rolling V Bus Company and its owner Phil Vallone made possible those two days of meetings with staff from each building, children from Kindergarten to 12th grade, and a special parent/community forum.

On this January 14 and 15, FCSD welcomed back Tom and Rick. Once again Rolling V financed the visit that included discussion of cyberbullying with all students, staff and a parent/community forum. Additionally, the two presenters requested a meeting with school leaders from the high school selected by staff and administration. Also they sat with the BCES PBIS/Olweus Team to discuss specific programs suited to work with fifth and sixth graders-an age when bullying behavior is more prevalent in the schools. In order to qualify as bullying, four things must be present: 1) Does it happen habitually? 2) Is it Intimidating or scary? 3) Does it involve someone who is smaller or weaker? and 4) is it intentional and mean?

S&H focused on cyberbullying. It is deliberate use of electronic communication to bully a person-typically by sending messages of an intimidating or threatening nature which often becomes a pattern, and is done with no remorse. It is pervasive and insidious. Evidence shows that kids today are more apt to be holding a computer mouse than a human hand during their daily lives. Also 50% of students have been bullied online; 50% have engaged in cyberbullying; even one time can make it bullying.

Tom Murphy emphasized that in cyberspace "the amplifier is loud! In your head and in reality! When you don't see a person's face, empathy level is at 40% so people can be tone deaf on electronic communications." He gave examples of teen-age and adolescent suicides like Amanda Todd. In cyberspace, items can live forever and do not evaporate; hopeless people can't escape their pain.

At this point the Ambassador of H.O.P.E. comes out to speak to the audience. In his poignant tale of his severe, near-death wounding in Iraq in 2011, Rick Yarosh's message is clear-no matter how bleak things were for him he had only a brief moment of losing hope. In a flash, Hope led him quickly to find a way to extinguish flames that were engulfing his body, and his buddies got him airlifted to safety.

After months of many surgeries, including the loss of one leg and both ears, limited use of both hands and several more weeks of rehabilitation, Rick discovered his true calling: to tell his story and how H.O.P.E. is his universal message. **HOLD ON, POSSIBILITIES EXIST.**

Rick and Tom concluded each presentation by stating "no one can survive without HOPE." Kids in middle and high school need hope because so many things are changing in their lives, and they are struggling with identity. Rick's story is about providing HOPE and empowering students with the ability to give hope to classmates.

We cannot underestimate the power of words and how hurtful they can be. Posting online is like saying it in front of the whole school. We need Superheroes emerging in the schools when they see bullying. We now have ways to teach kids what to do when they are bullied or witness a bullying. Being strong also means being vulnerable when you need to be.

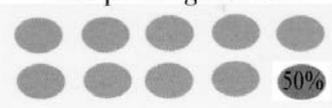


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Thunder View Farms Receives 2018 National Environmental Stewardship Award



(From Pg. 1) The award was presented at the 2019 Cattle Industry Convention and NCBA Trade Show in New Orleans.

Established in 1991 by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to recognize outstanding land stewards in the cattle industry, ESAP is generously sponsored by Corteva Agriscience™, the Agriculture Division of DowDuPont™; McDonald's; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the National Cattlemen's Foundation.



"Cattlemen and cattlemen have been caring for our nation's natural resources for generations," said NCBA President Kevin Kester. "As stewards of the land, we recognize the importance of improving environmental management practices and protecting our ecosystems. Thunder View Farms is a leading example of the stewardship found in our industry and serves as inspiration for producers everywhere."

Thunder View Farms originated in 1958 when Phil Coombe brought five registered Angus cows to the farm. Phil's brother Dick joined the operation soon after and they have been running the operation together ever since. Today, the farm has more than 200 seed-stock cows on 1,500 acres 100 miles north of New York City. It sits between two of the state's biggest reservoirs supplying drinking water to the nine million people in the city. In the 1990s, New York City proposed tough watershed regulations that would have driven most farmers out of business, but the Coombe family, along with other families in the area, convinced officials that a way to keep land and water in pristine conditions was to keep the land and forests in well managed farms.

"They have been excellent stewards of the land. They work very closely with the water supply to protect it while producing high-quality beef," Paul Rush, deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. "I think it's been a huge advantage to the beef industry that we fought the battle with the city and won and now have a strong partnership," said Dick Coombe. "We've turned a

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negative that should have put us out of business into a positive."

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"They have been excellent stewards of the land," said Paul Rush, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection. "They work very closely with the water supply to protect it while producing high quality beef."

To supplement their electrical needs, the Coombe family built a wind turbine and installed solar panels. These systems provide enough electricity to operate the farm shop and their freeze-beef business. Selling their quality beef to consumers lets Thunder View Farms share their conservation story with the public.

"People that buy our beef really like to come to the farm and see the cattle and the green grass," said Ric Coombe. "They appreciate it and it makes a loyal customer for a very long time."

Creating a sustainable family farm was the goal of the Coombe brothers. Over the years, Thunder View Farms has exceeded their expectations. The family is proud of the operation, but they are prouder of what they have done to protect the land from development, preserving it for generations to come.

Fallsburg Robotics Teams Earn Major Awards at BOTS TAKE THE BURGH Competition



Junior High School Team (left to right): the two members of their alliance from team 817B from East Longmeadow Massachusetts, Fallsburg members Nicholas Muscia (holding the trophy), Amanda Murtagh, Jaedon Espinosa, and Christos Vernezos.

(From Pg. 1) In another category, the Fallsburg Junior High team 99561A dominated the field of 50 teams to become the tournament champions and also earn a trip to the NYS VEX Robotics Championship. This was an impressive accomplishment considering the fact that 45 of the 50 teams were high school level.

The two award-winning Fallsburg teams will be representing the FCSD at the NYS Championships on March 2, 2019 in Syracuse.

Farm Arts Collective Performs at Lenape Mid-Winter Ceremony



Farm Arts Collective, a newly formed cultural organization based on Willow Wisp Organic Farm attended the Mid-Winter Ceremony of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania on Sunday, January 27th in Brodheadsville, PA.

The Farm Arts Collective ensemble performed a short play entitled TREES, a performance based on the book, "The Hidden Life of Trees," by Peter Wohlleben, which describes how trees are deeply connected. (Contd. Pg. 11)



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Claryville - Although summer may seem far away, 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 to attend one of the free Open Houses from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 28th, May 19th, & June 9th.



From July 1st to August 30th, 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: Fun with Food, Mini Chef, Picture This, and Shoot for the Stars.

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 is also pleased to announce that its Spring Break Camp, for children between the ages of four and sixteen, takes place April 15-19, 2019. Spring Break Day Campers will spend active days hiking, playing sports and games, and climbing. Children will also enjoy candle making, cooking classes, arts and crafts, and more. To register your child for Spring Break Camp, call 845-985-2291 or email registrar@frostvalley.org.

Sullivan County Launches 2019 Community Development Programs
Funding available for signage, zoning changes, beautification, and more



Monticello, NY - Sullivan County has made \$350,000 available for municipalities, non-profits, and community organizations through the renewal of 4 incentive programs.

The Plans & Progress Program is to assist local municipalities, community groups, and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County with projects related to tourism, community and economic

development, image enhancement, trails development, health improvement, agricultural and farmland protection, and other County goals.

(Contd. Pg. 11)

Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans



Monticello, NY - Every year, local students create special Valentine's Day cards to brighten the lives of veterans. Last year, thanks to the efforts of teachers and students, more than 2,000 valentines were delivered to hospitalized veterans at the VA medical centers in Castle Point and Albany. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Within the last few blasts of snow and below zero weather, some truly exciting things are happening right in the neighborhood at the Neversink General Store.

With Cristina Aby-Azur McLewin and Chef Jaime Stankevics

The first and most notable of the changes is the addition of a 'lounge area'. If you would rather not sit at one of the tables with your friends, you now have an alternative. Take your coffee and pastry or snack and your friends and sink deep into one of the two leather couches and rest your feet on the goldish rug. A bit of home at the Neversink General Store!

To accomplish this area, the store lost some shelf space, these items being 'rehomed' within the other shelves under the expert marketing direction of Cristina Aby-Azur McLewin, one of the owners, and Chef Jaime Stankevics. If you find yourself searching for an item, feel free to go to either and they will lead you right to your purchase.

There are many new products lines in the store as well. There are Casava Root chips, HIPPEAS, a puff with a chickpea base (you MUST try the Bohemian BBQ!), and the ultimate mixer for your cocktails from FEVER TREE in several flavors. This is not to say any of the standard favorites have disappeared. Wise and Frito Lay have a firm foothold and the soda coolers are well stocked with everything from Pepsi and Coke to Gus' and Hal's sodas.

But by far the most impressive exhibit in the store is award winning photojournalist Les Stone's portrait gallery on the 'big screen' (above the ice cream freezer) entitled LOCALS. He has and continues to add to a photo array of persons, your neighbors, and spin his magic around them. These are all in black and white, the most dramatic of all color contrasts. I watched as persons I knew appeared on the screen like 1940's movie stars, no special makeup, no special clothing, it was just the way the artist saw them. The youngest to be portrayed is Leonidas (yes, named after the Greek warrior king of Sparta, claimed to be related to Hercules) with his proud daddy Assistant Manager Anthony Carmaneti, as well as one with Mark McLewin, owner, and Chef Jaime. Everyone loves a six week old baby! This project is absolutely positively brilliant!

Coming up this week:

Tuesday: Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra at the BREW in Rock Hill for "A Perfectly Odd Tuesday" 6:30pm

Wednesday: Open Studio, **FIBER ON MAIN**, Hurleyville. Open to all knitters, crocheters, spinners and weavers. Bring your latest project and join us! 4pm to 7pm.

Farm Arts Collective Performs at Lenape Mid-Winter Ceremony

(From Pg. 8) Through movement, song and text, Farm Arts Collective's performance not only delivers the scientific facts about this phenomenon, but illuminates humanity's need for inter-connectedness and community life.

Chief Gentle Moon of the Lenape Nation invited artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk of Farm Arts Collective and Greg Swartz of Willow Wisp Organic Farm to their mid-winter ceremony after last summer's signing of a Friendship Treaty between The Lenape Nation and Willow Wisp Organic Farm (Swartz and Kowalchuk).

In July, the first nation contingent was on a 2-week journey down the Delaware River in canoes and kayaks that started in Hancock, NY and ended in Cape May. Along the way, the group stopped at Willow Wisp Organic Farm for a lunch and tour where they struck up a friendship.

The Lenape winter ceremony events took place in a park building and included, an opening smudge ceremony, a Lenape Language session, drumming and singing, the performance of TREES by Farm Arts Collective, a potluck lunch, story-telling and social dancing. During the story-telling, Chief Gentle Moon and an elder gave Farm Arts Collective the Lenape name, Hituk Manitowak, or Tree Spirits.

Artistic director, Tannis Kowalchuk says, "It is a great honor to receive a Lenape name, and myself and the company were very moved by the gift of being named Hituk Manitowak. We will use our name with great honor and respect for the Lenape people, their history, and our future collaborations."

The company has invited Chief Gentlemoon, his drumming group, and singer Dave White Elk Elmore to give a blessing to the Farm Arts Collective opening ceremony and farm tour set for Sunday June 2nd at Willow Wisp Organic Farm. The event will be open to the community.

Sullivan County Launches 2019 Community Development Programs

Funding available for signage, zoning changes, beautification, and more

(From Pg. 9) The Sullivan Signs Program assists local municipalities in enhancing the County's image, identity, and sense of place, and improving visitor experiences, through upgrades and additions to welcome signs, pole or street light banners, historical markers, wayfinding and other types of signage. Applications must be made by a Sullivan County municipality, but projects may be carried out in partnership with chambers, historical societies, or other community groups.

The Remove Unsafe Structures (RUS) Program aims to clean up unsafe structures primarily in the County's urban centers and community gateways. Properties which show promise for redevelopment and reuse will be prioritized. \$200,000 has been made available to reimburse tipping fees and disposal costs for municipalities who are demolishing vacant or abandoned buildings.

The Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting Program aims to incentivize changes to local zoning codes and development review procedures in order to increase the efficiency and lower the expense of obtaining permits for new economic development - and conversely to remove barriers to small business development and expansion posed by cumbersome, unclear, and costly regulations and processes. Funding is available to support the costs of attorneys, planners and other professionals, permit-tracking technology, and related expenses. "If you want to make your community a better place, we have the ways and the means to help you accomplish that goal," says District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. "Become a part of the team that's transforming Sullivan County!"

These programs are administered by the Division of Planning and Community Development. More information, including the program guidelines and application forms, is available on the Division's page at SullivanNY.us, under "Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities." Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on March 8, 2019. Completed applications may be submitted electronically or delivered to the Division of Planning & Community Development, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division of Planning and Community Development prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist potential applicants with project development and applications. For more information, contact Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us, or call 845-807-0529.

Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans

(From Pg. 9) This year, the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will host a "Valentines for Vets" exhibit in the lobby of the County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

Valentine's Day cards made by hundreds of area students will be on display from Wednesday, February 13 through Friday, February 15 during the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The "Valentines for Vets" program is part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

For further info, please contact the Veterans Office at 845-807-0233.

DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officer Highlights ECO Actions

Green, Gray, and Blue Solve the Case - Sullivan County

On Jan. 15, Sullivan County 911 received a complaint from a Grahamsville resident who heard several gunshots followed by the sound of a bullet hitting his garage. New York State Troopers responded and requested ECOs to assist. Prior to ECO Ricky Wood's arrival, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Police also responded and found two men at a house on an adjacent road. The pair stated they were target shooting with a .308 rifle from the porch of a house. There was a target on a tree at the edge of the yard that appeared to be directly in line with the complainant's garage. The subjects said they shot a total of five or six times and gave a Trooper three spent .308 shell casings. ECO Wood then deployed K-9 Deming, who found another casing in the grass and one near the end of the porch. ECO Wood determined that the subjects had fired from just over 300 feet without the permission of the occupants. The two men were arrested and charged by State Police with reckless endangerment 2nd degree. ECO Wood issued tickets to the subjects for discharging a firearm within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling. The subjects were released and are scheduled to appear in Neversink Town Court.

Injured Red Tail Hawk - Ulster County

On Jan. 20, ECO Jeannette Bastedo responded to a report of injured Red-Tailed Hawk in Wawarsing. The hawk had last been seen by a homeowner on his wood pile and appeared to

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have an injured wing. The hawk demonstrated uncharacteristic behavior when it didn't attempt to fly when the homeowner approached to investigate. A wildlife rehabilitator assisted in the response, but when the officer and the rehabilitator arrived at the home, the hawk had moved to a nearby tree.



The hawk hopped further out on a branch and then fell to the ground. ECO Bastedo and the rehabilitator captured the bird and transported it to another wildlife rehabilitator who specializes in treating injured raptors.

Oscar Nominee 'The Favourite' (R) at Callicoon Theater

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and The Callicoon Theater will screen the Oscar nominated film "The Favourite" as part of the 2019 winter film series CineArt from February 8 - 14.

In early 18th century England, a frail Queen Anne (Olivia Colman) occupies the throne and her close friend Lady Sarah (Rachel Weisz) governs the country in her stead while tending to Anne's ill health and mercurial temper. Ex-aristocrat Abigail (Emma Stone) arrives and humbly accepts a position as a servant while courting her own agenda to restore her glory days. As the politics of war become time consuming for Sarah, Abigail steps into the breach to fill in as the Queen's companion.

"The Favourite" is a wildly entertaining, bracingly cynical comedy of royal manners directed by Yorgos Lanthimos. It's a farce with teeth."

-A.O. Scott, The New York Times

"The Favourite" is rated R and will screen Friday, February 8 through Thursday, February 14 nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday (closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays).

The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows.

"The CineArt Series supports both DVAA and The Callicoon Theater, and is a wonderful activity for these long winter months. All eight films have a fresh and unique perspective; tackling themes of race, gender, art, politics, and creative genius," says the new owner of The Callicoon Theater, Krissy Smith.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or www.thecallicoontheater.com.

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Questions? Call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910, Ext. 0

Gillibrand Statement on Court Ruling Ordering VA to Provide Long Overdue Benefits to Blue Water Navy Veterans

Gillibrand Has Long Championed the Fight in the Senate to Pass the Bipartisan Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act to Ensure that Thousands of Navy Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange During the Vietnam War Get the Benefits They Earned

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today released the following statement regarding this week's ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit overturning a sixteen year old VA policy that denied benefits to thousands of Navy veterans exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War:

"It is long overdue for the federal government to recognize the sacrifices of our Blue Water Navy veterans and meet its sacred obligation to these veterans. The VA must honor this ruling immediately and I will continue to push for a permanent bipartisan legislative solution to fulfill our commitment to Blue Water vets."

Gillibrand has long championed the fight to ensure Blue Water veterans get the health and disability benefits they earned. She led the Senate version of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran's Act, which she first introduced in 2009. Last Congress, Gillibrand's bill was also sponsored by U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) and had the support of 51 additional Senators. Gillibrand's Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act passed the House by a vote of 382-0 last year in June, and in August 2018, Gillibrand testified before the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs to urge her colleagues to also pass the bill. During the Vietnam War, the U.S. military sprayed approximately 20 million gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam to remove jungle foliage. This toxic chemical had devastating health effects on millions serving in Vietnam. In 1991, Congress passed a law requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide presumptive coverage to all Vietnam veterans with illnesses that the Institute of Medicine has directly linked to Agent Orange exposure, including those who were stationed on ships off the Vietnamese coast, also known as Blue Water Navy veterans. However, in 2002, the VA decided that it would only cover Veterans who could prove that they had orders for "boots on the ground" during the Vietnam War. This exclusion prevented thousands of sailors from receiving benefits even though they had significant Agent Orange exposure from drinking and bathing in contaminated water just offshore.

REP. DELGADO'S WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Rep. Antonio Delgado's Second Bill, the CLEAR Act, Sheds Light on Dark Money in Politics

Rep. Delgado: 'We must take power away from special interests and put it into the hands of the people'

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced his second bill - a campaign finance reform bill that increases transparency and reduces corruption by requiring additional publicly available disclosures for lobbyists funding political ads or other political activities. Delgado worked with House leadership to ensure the bill's provisions are included in the historic H.R. 1 government reform bill.

"We must take power away from special interests and put it into the hands of the people - and we can do that through shining a light on dark money and reducing the grip that lobbyists hold over elected officials," Delgado said. "Linking lobbyist disclosures with campaign finance reports allows people to know who is influencing their elected officials and should help ensure that our elected officials are only beholden to their constituents."

The Connecting Lobbyists and Electeds for Accountability and Reform Act (CLEAR Act) strengthens the ability of individuals to see what special interests are involved in political activities. Currently, the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) requires paid lobbyists to register and file with the House and Senate, and the Federal Election Commission (FEC) requires that political committees file disclosure reports.

However, there is no direct, transparent way for individuals to identify lobbyists who are connected to the political spending in FEC reports. Delgado's bill requires that FEC reports for political activities such as Political Action Committees (PACs), independent expenditures, and political ads clearly indicate when the filer or a disclosed contributor is a registered lobbyist. Under current law, this information is housed in two separate reports, making it hard to see the role lobbyists play in various types of political activity. Linking FEC and LDA reports, and making that information easily accessible to the public online, is a commonsense way to ensure the American people can follow the influence of money in politics.

Delgado worked with House leadership to include the CLEAR Act provisions in the historic government reform bill H.R. 1, and introducing the CLEAR Act as a standalone bill helps to elevate the importance of exposing dark money and further advance the CLEAR Act.

CLEAR Act Summary

- o Would require FEC reports filed by political committees to clearly indicate when a contributor is a registered lobbyist.
- o Would require FEC reports filed by persons making disbursements for independent expenditures or political advertisements to clearly indicate if the filer or a disclosed contributor is a registered lobbyist.
- o Would require FEC and lobbyist disclosure reports to be linked on one website where they are easily accessible to the public.

Rep. Delgado Joins Bipartisan Lyme Disease Caucus

Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced that he is joining the bipartisan Congressional Lyme Disease Caucus.

"The prevalence of Lyme disease in Upstate New York requires significant, bipartisan action, and I'm proud to be joining the Lyme Disease Caucus," Delgado said. "I look forward to working with leaders on this issue in Upstate New York - as well as my fellow Members of Congress - to advance federal support for how doctors treat it and how we decrease environmental risks. Indeed, the National Science Foundation has declared Lyme Disease an emerging global pandemic due to climate change."

The Lyme Disease Caucus is committed to advancing initiatives designed to help with treatment and prevention of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, as well as educating Members of Congress and their staff on the impact of Lyme disease.

Rep. Delgado Statement on Administration's Reported Decision Not to Limit PFOA in Drinking Water

Rep. Delgado: 'In light of the emerging evidence on the dan-

ger and devastation PFOA causes, it would be unconscionable for the EPA to not limit levels of these chemicals in our communities.'

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) released the following statement in response to reports that the Environmental Protection Agency will not limit levels of PFOA/PFAS in drinking water:

"I have seen personally the damaging effects of PFOA in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg, and talked to families who lost loved ones from cancer caused by contaminated drinking water. In light of the emerging evidence on the danger and devastation PFOA causes, it would be unconscionable for the EPA to not limit levels of these chemicals in our communities. The EPA must take the issue of water contamination seriously, and I will do everything in my power to step up efforts to address this growing crisis."

Senator Jen Metzger, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Local Town Supervisors and Mayors Hold Press Conference Decrying Proposed Cuts to Aid to Municipalities

(Liberty, NY) Senator Jen Metzger, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Liberty Supervisor Brian Rourke, Liberty Mayor Ronald Stabak, Thompson Supervisor Bill Rieber, Callicoon Supervisor Tom Bose, Sullivan County Legislature Chair Louis Alvarez and Delaware County Chamber of Commerce President Ray Pucci all made remarks at a press conference on



Friday, expressing their deep concerns over the Governor's proposed cuts to Aid to Municipalities (AIM) funding. Letters were also read from Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, and Warwick Supervisor Michael Sweeton writing on behalf of the Orange County Association of Towns, Villages & Cities.

"The state budget is \$170 billion, more than many countries around the world," Assemblywoman Gunther explained. "Fifty-nine million dollars is really a drop in the bucket, a small percentage, but for our rural areas this money is a lifeline. Every penny counts." She went on to talk about the importance of the \$552,000 that would be lost in the district she represents.

The Supervisors and Mayors shared what the proposed cuts would mean for their towns and villages, from losing staff to cutting important programs like local clean-ups or road maintenance.

"You can't bleed a stone and that's exactly what this proposal is doing," said Senator Metzger. "I served as a Town Councilwoman and previously as a Deputy Supervisor. I have a deep understanding of what every single penny we have means as a local government," she continued, stating that "local governments are the most resourceful form of government there is."

She went on to promise to fight not only for restoring AIM funding, but for an increase and vowed to also protect funding for extreme weather and the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding.

In early January, Governor Cuomo released his proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year, slashing \$59 million in funding for local governments through the Aid to Municipalities (AIM) program, impacting a considerable number of villages and towns across the state who have not seen an increase in AIM funding for over a decade. In the 42nd district, it will impact all 19 villages and 31 of the 37 towns. For municipalities, this constitutes crucial funding to ensure balanced budgets and adequate services for their residents. Both Metzger and Gunther have pledged to fight to not only restore this funding, but for a long overdue increase.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, and Local Government Committees.

SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

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

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Chorus Rehearsals Resume

The Sullivan County Community Chorus, under the direction of Kevin J. Giroux, will resume rehearsals Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chorus Room at the Liberty Middle School, 145 Buckley Street, Liberty. The Chorus is preparing for its 42nd Annual Spring Concert, to be performed in the Bernstein Theater at Tri-Valley High School on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

The chorus concert will be entitled "Celebrating the Man, the Myth, the Legend - Returning to the Forrest: A Tribute to Lou Setren!" Setren, chorus board president, tenor and friend to all, has been instrumental in the chorus's success over the years. Many of the selections will be accompanied by Chamber Orchestra. The concert will also feature the Sullivan Chamber Singers, comprised of members of the Chorus selected through an audition process.

The Chorus welcomes all interested singers to attend these rehearsals. An ability to match pitch is essential and it is helpful if singers are also able to read music. The following monies can be paid at this time: Adult Dues--\$25; Student Dues--\$15; Music Deposit--\$15 (new adult members only); Folder Deposit--\$10 (new adult members will pay a one-time deposit for use of a folder.) We will continue our "Three for Free" program for new members. Dues will be waived for the first three rehearsals (February, 7th, 14th, and 21st) with no obligation to join. Plan to arrive around 6:00 p.m. or so to fill out cards, receive music, and other housekeeping items. Rehearsals will begin at 6:30 p.m. Singers wishing to perform in the concert must regularly attend rehearsals, joining the chorus no later than February 28th.

Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, and the Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. For further information regarding rehearsal schedules, contact Diane Foster at 845/439-4458, or visit the chorus website: scchorus.org. We also invite you to visit our Facebook page.

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'Twas the Season for Giving Back at New Hope Community (From Pg. 1)

Loch Sheldrake, NY The holiday season was a time of giving at New Hope Community (NHC), of Loch Sheldrake, NY., where adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities -- and the staff who support -- them shared gifts of friendship and generosity with their neighbors in the local community.



Community Outreach Dinner: Debbie McGinness, New Hope Community CEO and Ed Winters, New Hope Community Vice President of Philanthropy. New Hope Community staff members in the background.

For more than 40 years, New Hope has been an active member of the Sullivan County community, and each year it hosts many welcoming events at its sprawling residential campus, community residences in neighboring towns, as well as its enrichment and vocational programs. For the people New Hope Community supports, community involvement is an ideal way to expand their horizons, improve socialization and practice life skills, all while fostering greater independence and enriching their lives by helping others.



"Programs like our Holiday Outreach initiative help us to appreciate the gifts we have and support others in the community. It also gives us an opportunity to build understanding about the many wonderful contributions that people who have disabilities can make in the world. We're proud to be a part of this community and be able to help our neighbors whenever we can," said Debra McGinness, Chief Executive Officer of New Hope Community.

NHC enjoys strong community partnerships with a host of human services and civic organizations, area employers, and educational institutions, such as SUNY Sullivan which help prepare its individuals to be successful. "Whether they are out working, shopping or enjoying a day out we want the people we support to feel comfortable with their independence and be good neighbors," noted Bhakar Singh, President, NHC.

New Hope kicked off the holidays in early December by joining with the Fallsburg PBA to host a Community Holiday Family Dinner & Toy Drive Giveaway. Santa and his elves delivered toys to local children, and all families received a free hot dinner "to go," prepared by the New Hope Community Bistro, a restaurant staffed by the people New Hope Community supports who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The non-traditional holiday dinner consisted of year-round favorites such as chili, rice, mac & cheese, apples, rolls, and snacks, and each family received a \$25 ShopRite gift card provided through the generosity of the NHC Foundation. More than 75 families in need attended and also enjoyed a toy giveaway, courtesy of the Fallsburg PBA.

In response to the region's high demand for nutritional support, New Hope's Nourish Your Neighbor Food Drive collected healthy, non-perishable food items from its generous and dedicated staff of caregivers, administrators and support staff that were donated to three local food pantries: Federation for the Homeless, Monticello NY, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, South Fallsburg NY, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Liberty NY.

NHC also provided each food pantry with \$200 worth of ShopRite gift cards to help restock the pantries so many rely upon for their families' daily nutrition. The Food Drive was a part of the Nourish Your Neighbor initiative established through Cornell Cooperative Extension #NourishYourNeighbor, @EatSmartNYHV

The kindness and caring nature of New Hope's staff was also evident in their outreach to Sullivan County Head Start (SCHS), in Woodbourne, NY, an organization whose mission is to provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary program that

will foster development, support school readiness, encourage self-confidence and discipline, assist in the development of the child's social, emotional and physical wellbeing and act as a referral service for the children and families. Staff members adopted a total of 75 children/students, providing wrapped gifts that appeared on each child's wish list. Two full vans of gifts were collected at New Hope and were transported to the Head Start children in time for the holidays.

Throughout the year, NHC's community partnerships are ongoing, including donations of fresh produce grown Hope Farm, to support those who face economic hardships in the local area. By sharing the fruits of their labor, Hope Farm employees and volunteers can enjoy the universal satisfaction that comes from helping others in need.

About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. Services include clinical and nursing care, day programming, education and recreation, leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and more. The agency has always maintained a person-centered approach aimed at enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community presently supports and serves over 300 individuals and is a leading employer in Sullivan County, with more than 650 staff. Learn more at www.newhopecommunity.org.

DEC Catskills Outdoor Recreation Bulletin

This is a monthly newsletter providing information about a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities in the Catskills, including events, trail updates and advisories to have a safe and enjoyable outdoor recreational experience on the lands and waters of the Catskills. Do your part to properly plan and prepare for your outdoor adventure. Minimize the impact on the mountains and forests, rivers and streams, ponds and lakes, and the wildlife of the Catskills. Together we can preserve these lands for future generations to come.

Emergency Situations: If you get lost or injured; keep calm and stay put. If you have cell service, call the DEC Forest Ranger Emergency Dispatch; (518)-408-5850.

We want to hear from you! Submit your Catskill winter photos for a chance to be featured in our Catskill Bulletin! Submissions should be sent to stephanie.mossey@dec.ny.gov

Governor Cuomo Issues Consumer Alert on FACE TIME BUG that Reportedly Lets People Spy on Users

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today issued a consumer alert warning New Yorkers about a bug in the Apple FaceTime app that reportedly allows users to receive audio and video from the device of the person they are calling even before the person has accepted or rejected the call. The Governor advised FaceTime users to temporarily disable the app until Apple issues a fix.

"The FaceTime bug is an egregious breach of privacy that puts New Yorkers at risk," Governor Cuomo said. "In

New York, we take consumer rights very seriously and I am deeply concerned by this irresponsible bug that can be exploited for unscrupulous purposes. In light of this bug, I advise New Yorkers to disable their FaceTime app until a fix is made available, and I urge Apple to release the fix without delay."

According to media reports, the FaceTime bug exists on OS devices running iOS 12.1 or later. Users can temporarily disable the FaceTime app until a fix is released. To disable the app, open settings, select FaceTime and then shift the button to the off position.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Rural Planning to be Focus of Workshop Trainings

Monticello, NY - How can thoughtful planning and zoning shape vibrant and attractive rural communities? What is a Zoning Board of Appeal's (ZBA's) role in this process?

The Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development invites local planning, zoning, and municipal officials as well as interested community members to an upcoming workshop to explore these ideas. Representatives from the Department of State will lead two training sessions on Monday, February 11 from 5-9 p.m. at the Sullivan County International Airport terminal in the Town of Bethel. Light fare will be provided in between sessions for attendees.

"A number of municipalities in Sullivan County are undergoing changes on their planning and zoning boards and have either brand new members or vacancies that need to be filled," explains District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee. "These trainings are a great opportunity for people who have just joined a board, or who are thinking about joining a planning or zoning board in the future, to get acquainted with the tools and techniques available for improving their community."

Attendees will receive a certificate of completion for continuing education credits. Planning and zoning board members will receive NYS-required training credits, and code enforcement officers may receive credit for Professional Development Electives. Please RSVP by Friday, February 8 so that your certificate will be available for pick-up at the event.

Pick one or both of these seminars to attend:

- Zoning Board of Appeals Overview, 5-6:45 p.m. - This introductory course to the Zoning Board of Appeals focuses on the statutory tests boards must follow to grant use and area variances and proper handling of zoning interpretations. Meeting procedures and notice requirements will also be discussed, along with the ZBA's relationship with enforcement officials and the planning board, and the importance of making good findings.

- Rural Planning, 7:15-9 p.m. - Rural communities face challenges - both in the form of development and lack of it - that threaten the natural and cultural resources that define their character. This course offers an overview of how comprehensive planning and a variety of land use tools can help preserve rural landscapes and revitalize established village and hamlet centers. Local officials are encouraged to take a proactive approach to meeting such challenges with easy-to-understand and administer zoning regulations, conservation subdivision regulations, the use of conservation easements, and more.

Both are free and open to the public. To reserve a spot or for further information, contact Shannon Cilento at 845-807-0529 or shannon.cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND THE TOWNSMAN READERS:

2004 Denning Road
Claryville, NY 12725

January 23, 2019

Claryville Fire District Commission
P.O. Box 22
Claryville, NY 12725-022
RE: Fire Truck Purchase

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a long-time resident and tax-payer of Claryville. Like many of my neighbors, I am against the permissive referendum for the Claryville Fire District to purchase a new fire truck.

The cost for the new truck is estimated to be \$450,000.00! Considering that our fire department only serves 1 small community I believe that this spending is unnecessary and too expensive. This year's budget has already seen a +37% increase of \$172,032 to our tax bills which were too high to begin with.

I think that the decision to purchase a new truck should be made by the people paying for it.

The new fire truck decision should be put on the ballot for a vote by the public!

Thank You,
Carol Lasco

CC: Claryville Town Hall; Tri-Valley Townsman



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2019 Upcoming Events

Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn

Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time
Mar. 22 Free Family Game Night & Pizza @ Daniel Pierce Library
Mar. 23 SWING DANCE LESSON & SAINTS OF SWING BAND. Got2Lindy Dance Studios at 6 to 7 pm and live music from 7 to 9 pm by Saints of Swing. Grahamsville Fire House 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY
March 29 - Free Urban Air Adventure Park
Check out flyers on table outside Parks & Rec office



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

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

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

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

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

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

**2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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- 2/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 2/8/19 **PAINT TWO WINE GLASSES** 6:30 pm Neversink Town Hall \$15 per participant must be paid A/S/A/P
- 2/9/19 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec meeting
- 2/13/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/16/19 **Something Sweet for Your Sweetie** Valentine's BBQ & Sundae Dinner 4-7 Grahamsville UMC Hall
- 2/17/19 Claryville Fire Dept. All You **Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 - 12 Noon
- 2/18/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- **C.A.S.T.** 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 2/18/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/19/19 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/21/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/26/19 Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting 6 pm
- 3/2/19 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/5/19 Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 6 pm
- 3/5/19 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm

Save the Date

May 18, 2019 -9 am -3 pm (**Armed Forces Day**) - **4th Annual Wings & Wheels for Warriors** at Joseph Y. Resnick Airport, 199 Airport Rd., Ellenville, NY 12428 (Rain Date: May 19th)

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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.

Enjoy a Good Book at the Library!

This winter, every second Tuesday of the month we invite you to cozy up with a good book at the **Daniel Pierce Library.** Starting at 6:00 p.m. we will make sure to have the fireplace on and hot tea out for your enjoyment. The Reading Room, located on the second floor, is a wonderful, inviting space to sit and get lost in a good book. Starting Tuesday, February 12th we hope you will consider joining us.

Not sure what to read? Ask one of our staff members for a recommendation and they would be happy to help you. No registration is necessary, just stop in and read with us!

Please make sure to check our website, Facebook page or listen to local radio stations in case of inclement weather closings.

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(Loch Sheldrake, NY) The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD. Ticket pricing: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). Patrons can purchase tickets at Seelig Theater the day of the performance. For more information, contact 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

SCHEDULE OF MET OPERA:

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LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT (Donizetti) Saturday, March 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 2 hours 25 minutes/1 intermission

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DIALOGUES DES CARMÉLITES (Poulenc) Saturday, May 11, 2019 Start: 12 noon ~ Run time: 3 hours 9 minutes/1 intermission.

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Saturday, March 23, 2019.

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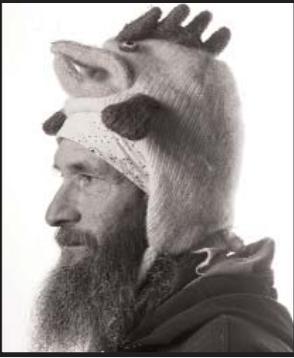
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If you haven't seen it yet, stop by the Neversink General Store to view "Locals", a new community project that promotes getting to know each other better. The project, developed and produced by world renown local artist and photographer, Les Stone is the talk of the town.



Les has been busy, donating his time, taking portrait photos of people from our local community and documenting them at the Neversink General Store where the collection is on exhibit. Stop by and see how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition.

"Locals" - it is free and it is fun! Have your picture added to the growing collection for posterity of family and community.

Stop by the Neversink General Store and set up a portrait sitting with Les for yourself, family or group of friends and become part of the presentation of this unique montage of human spirit that makes up our community.

3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!
 Before you put all that **Christmas** stuff back up in the attic, maybe you want to sort out what you no longer want and keep it handy. Think ahead! **The 3rd Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale is just 15 weeks away!** Whether you have your own yard sale, or donate items to the **Sundown Methodist Church Ladies for their sale** - it beats putting back what you no longer want. Mark your calendar now so you won't forget - **May 25-27 3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:
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 ...with **"THE DESERT SONG"**(musical,1944) C - 95 min. TV-G. An American soldier of fortune leads Arab bandits against the Nazis. **Dir: Robert Florey - Cast: Dennis Morgan, Irene Manning, Bruce Cabot;**12:00 PM **"WATCH ON THE RHINE"** (drama, 1943) B/W - 112 min. Nazi agents pursue a German freedom-fighter and his family to Washington. **Dir: Herman Shumlin - Cast: Bette Davis, Paul Lukas, Geraldine Fitzgerald;** 4:00 PM **"NIGHT TRAIN TO MUNICH"** (suspense, 1940) B/W - 95 min, TV-PG, Closed Captions. A British agent masquerades as a Nazi officer to protect an inventor and his daughter. **Dir: Carol Reed - Cast: Margaret Lockwood, Rex Harrison, Paul von Henreid;** At 6:00PM the #1Classic of all time **"CASABLANCA"** (intrigue, romance, 1942) B/W - 103 min. TV-PG Closed Captions. An American saloon owner in North Africa is drawn into World War II when his lost love turns up. **Dir: Michael Curtiz - Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid;** 8:00 PM **"THE REMAINS OF THE DAY"** (drama, 1993) C - 134 min. TV-PG Widescreen Closed Captions. A proper British butler sacrifices happiness to remain faithful to his position. **Dir: James Ivory - Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Christopher Reeve;** 12:15 AM **"ON THE WATERFRONT"** (drama, 1954) B/W - 108 min. TV-PG Closed Captions. A young stevedore takes on the mobster who rules the docks.. **Dir: Elia Kazan - Cast: Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, Lee J. Cobb;** 2:15 AM **"EAST OF EDEN"** (drama, 1955), C - 118 m TV-PG Widescreen Closed Captions. Two brothers compete for their father's approval and a woman's love. **Dir: Elia Kazan - Cast: Julie Harris, James Dean, Raymond Massey.**

Quiz: In the film "EAST OF EDEN"
 1. Who played Caleb Trask?
 2. Who played Abra?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™
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