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Sylvia Rozzelle's Retirement



Sylvia Rozzelle, in the Town of Olive, is known by her first name like Cher or Madonna. There is only one Sylvia who came to Olive in 1978 from Kentucky. Last night she was roasted and toasted by a packed hall at the Olivebridge Firehouse. The dinner was catered by her good friend Diane Vines, and guests who have known Sylvia in her thirty-seven year career as a public servant came out to wish her "Happy Trails." (Contd. Pg. 6)

New York State Maple Queen and King Crowned at Mid-Winter Maple Classic



Kyle Hale, 17, of Canastota stands next to Rebecca Coombe, 16, of Grahamsville after being crowned New York State Maple King and Queen for 2020.

The New York State Maple Queen and King for 2020 were crowned during an annual competition held Saturday (January 4th) during the Mid-Winter Maple Classic held at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Rebecca Coombe, 16, of Grahamsville was crowned New York State Maple Queen and Kyle Hale, 17, of Canastota was named New York State Maple King. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Coombe, Bender & Company LLC Announces New Team Members

Coombe, Bender & Company LLC is very pleased to announce the addition of two key members to our financial services firm. Mrs. Sara Diaz of Ellenville NY has been hired as Office Manager and receptionist. And Mr. Jarryd Killian is filling a new position as Investment Portfolio Manager.



Jarryd Killian

Sara is assuming the responsibilities of Melody Durso, who retired December 31 after twelve years of dedicated service to our clients. Sara comes to us with over 21 years of banking experience, including 5 years as Assistant Manager with Walden Savings Bank, and with administrative assistant positions at two local businesses. Sara holds an Associates Degree from Sullivan County Community College. She is a graduate of Ellenville High School and resides in Ellenville with her husband and two children. Sara also has volunteered working with the American Cancer Society. She has participated in the Pine Bush Relay for Life over ten years. For the last four years she has served on the community planning board.



Sara Diaz

Jarryd is a Level III Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Candidate who has experience in the investment banking industry and recently worked as an Operations Analyst at BNP Paribas in New York, NY. He graduated magna cum laude from Northeastern University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Jarryd's core responsibilities will include identifying and analyzing appropriate securities as a key member of the firm's investment committee and constructing and managing client portfolios according to client's near and long-range objectives. Jarryd is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and is excited to return to his hometown where he will pursue his interests in beekeeping with his family and other outdoor activities. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Lions Inducts New Member



Tri-Valley Lion Secretary Carmen Salvemini; Maryann Cosentino (Lion member sponsoring Diane into the organization); newest member Diane Cunningham (LPN at Middletown Medical); and District 20-O PDG, Stuart Wizwer performing the induction ceremony.

The Tri-Valley Lions were formed in 1977, and have been serving our community since then. The Tri-Valley Lions support many organizations, including The Guiding Eyes for the Blind, several local church food pantries, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, free vision screening for Tri-Valley and other local elementary schools, and so many more local individuals and organizations.

For more information about the Tri-Valley Lions or becoming a Tri-Valley Lion Member, you can contact zone 20-O Chairperson Stuart Wizwer at 845-866-2152.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.
Isaiah 59:1

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

January 11, 1950

Mrs. Ruth Cross is helping out in the Van Wagner store as Mr. Van Wagner is at the Post Office.

The Neversink Agricultural Society will have its annual meeting on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rod and Gun Club Hall.

The Outlet Tunnel is in now over a thousand feet. Lockers are being installed in the Wash House. The concrete for the bridge wing will be poured this week and the steel girders will be laid next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Brooks and son, Clayton, of Mt. Kisco, spent the weekend with the Herbert Brooks family. Mr. Herbert Brooks, who was confined to his wheelchair for so many weeks with rheumatism, is now able to walk again.

The R.D. Church at Claryville plans to have a roast beef supper on the evening of January 27th, the proceeds of which will go toward the Polio drive.

January 13, 1960

Upon the recommendation of Architect Harry Halverson, the Board of Education of the Tri Valley Central School voted to permit the student use of the new cafeteria facilities as of Monday, January 18th. In a similar action, the group authorized the use of the new gymnasium for basketball practice and games during the same week.

Workmen for the West Delaware Tunnel Constructors made the final hole through on the 44-mile tunnel project on Thursday, January 7th. Mr. Stanley Dore, Chief Engineer for the New York Board of Water Supply, and other dignitaries of New York City were in hand in shaft seven when the last shot (blasting) was fired, opening the tunnel from shaft seven to six, located at DeBruce.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edison of Grahamsville, are the parents of a daughter, born January 6 at Maimonides Hospital.

The Christmas operations of the Grahamsville and Peekamoose Shortline Model Railroad netted a total of forty dollars in donations which was split between the Sullivan County Heart Fund and the American Cancer Society. Mr. Wakefield reports that fog and rain on one night and three inches of snow the next, cut down on the attendance.

Three art students of Tri Valley Central School, Marilyn Chesley, Joey Brooks and Ronald Eidel will compete in the national judging of the Competition in Washington, D.C. The posters are due in Washington on January 18th. Our best wishes go to these

hree art students.

January 14, 1970

The paper drive, held December 6 by the scouts from Troop 187, Grahamsville, was a great success thanks to the wonderful response from the Grahamsville area residents. Scouts and leaders would like to thank all those who helped and give a special thanks to Mr. Horace Sheeley for the use of his truck. The Troop will hold another drive in the spring.

At the January meeting of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, new officers for the coming year were installed by French Harris, President of the Neversink First Aid Squad. The newly appointed officers are: John Barlow, President; Marion Probst, Vice President; June Smith, Secretary; Barbara DeWire, Treasurer; Shirley

Barlow, Financial Secretary; Douglas Hill, Captain; Herman Probst, Lieutenant; Thomas Smith, Sergeant; and Albert Carr, Trustee for 3 years.

The deer are having a most difficult time this winter - often having to wade through snow up to their backs. Here and there is a person who helps them. Enos and Gussie of Blue Hill have cleared the snow around their house and are feeding their usual quota.

Mr. and Mrs. William Erts of Denning are feeding up to 25 deer. Mrs. Erts says they are so hungry they eat stale bread, pancakes, potatoes, root vegetables and of course, the corn the Erts' buy for them. Mr. Harold Manser also buys corn for the deer at the Strauss residence.

Special birthday wishes to Ivan Conklin, a Spanish

American War Veteran, who will be 90 years old on January 16th and to Mrs. Barbara Sharwood, who will be 90 on the 19th.

January 10, 1980

The finest and tallest white pine trees in the State are in danger of being cut. These are virgin white pine that were here when the first white settlers came to Claryville. Since they have been here from our beginning; since the Indians walked their trails, they are called Virgin White Pine. They are the ONLY virgin white pine left in New York State! As such, they are priceless and part of our heritage. They are located on the old Claryville Tannery property - a stand of some forty plus trees. If you would like to help save these trees from a saw mill, call Bob Dice at 985-2815.

Richard Coombe was sworn in as Sullivan County Treasurer by Sullivan County Court Judge held in the Sullivan County Court-room on December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Rapsenke of Liberty, announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Mary to Timothy TerBush of Grahamsville. Miss Repenske graduated from Liberty High School and Oneonta State University. She teaches kindergarten at St. Peter's School in Liberty. Her fiance graduated from Tri-Valley High School and East Stroudsburg State College. He teaches health and physical education at Jefferson-Youngsville High School.

Hate Has No Home in Sullivan County Human Rights Commission Invites Community to Vigil

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission, in partnership with Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT), invites the entire Sullivan County community to join them for a vigil at the corner of Broadway and St. John Street in Monticello on Sunday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Speakers will include various faith-based clergy. The event is non-partisan.

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

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

Tri-Valley Lions Club 2019 November & December News

The November member meeting was held on November 4th at Nardi's in Hurleyville. The Peace Poster Contest winning entries for Tri-Valley were brought to be taken to the 20-0 district Convention on November 9th. Lions Stuart and Ilene Wizwer attended the convention.

Our local winners were: 1st Ariana Zeinger; 2nd Sean Wood; and 3rd Grace Tierney. Congratulations to them.

The local Lions Club had a table of diabetes information for National Diabetes Day on November 11th at the Government Center in Monticello. Lions Frances Fuller, Ilene and Stuart Wizwer were there for Tri-Valley.

Eye Screening was done at Tri-Valley on November 26th by Lions Claire Rennison, Carmen Salvemini, Ilene and Stuart Wizwer.

There was no December member meeting due to weather conditions.

Thank you to all who donate their glasses in our boxes at Catskill Hudson Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink General Store and the Neversink Town Hall.

We wish all a Happy, Healthy New Year and welcome to the new decade – the 2020's.

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club held its first monthly meeting of 2020 on January 2nd. We had a great turn out with 24 members present. The winners of the 2019 Big Buck Contest are Al Spence 1st place Rifle 57 1/4"; Ken TerBush 2nd place Rifle 44 3/8"; and Irving Buley 1st place Bow 56 1/2".

The Federation of Sportsman's Club of Sullivan County will be having its Annual Youth Ice Fishing Contest at Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp on January 24, 2020 and the Annual Coyote Contest on February 7th, 8th and 9th.

The DEC reported that the 2019 deer take was 1 % less than the prior year 2018, but the bear take was up from 2018.

The club is looking for youths 12 - 17 that would like to go to DEC Camp in DeBruce during the summer this year.

The club would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year so that we may continue our fish and pheasant stocking, environmental educational and other programs.

The next meeting will be held on April 2nd.

HELP! HELP!

The Research staff at the Time in the Valley Museum seeks your help. We are preparing for our next Exhibit. We will be presenting the history of One Room Schools including the specific story of our own area one room schools that came together to become our Tri-Valley School District.

Info needed will include:

- Testimony from persons who attended a one room school
- Pictures of original schools then and now, both inside and out
- Where your school was located and how you got to school
- Memorabilia or artifacts associated with your school
- Names of your teachers and fellow students
- Newspaper stories about the forming of our District
- Volunteers who would be willing to work with this project

Please contact Wanda Terwilliger 845-985-7012

What's Happening at the Daniel Pierce Library?

Take your Child to the Libary Day Saturday, February 1, 2020

Mark your calendars for this annual event - Take your Child to the Library day at the Daniel Pierce Library. For more information go to: <https://danielpiercelibrary.org/event/take-your-child-to-the-library-day-4/>

GED Class

Need help preparing for your GED exam?

A study group meets with an instructor at the Daniel Pierce Library every other Tuesday.

To register or for more information, please contact Sonny LeRoy at 845-292-6739. Next study group will meet on January 21 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The First Friday Book Discussion

Interested in exploring the themes of literary works in a relaxed atmosphere?

The First Friday Book Discussion Group meets the first Friday of every month at 1 p.m. We hope you will join us! The next First Friday Book Discussion will meet on February 7 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library

Studio Art Group

Studio Art Group meets on Wednesdays, 4:30 - 7:30 AM The next Studio Art Group will be held on January 22 at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Alchemy Poets Club

Are you or someone you know an aspiring writer? Don't be shy! The Alchemy Poets meet to discuss each other's writing every third Thursday of each month from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Daniel Pierce Library is located at 328 Main Street, in Grahamsville, NY

NYS Maple Queen and King Crowned at Mid-Winter Maple Classic

(From Pg. 1) Both winners were selected by a panel of judges based on private interview, speech about maple and their answering of spontaneous on stage questions during the event. Coombes and Hale are both high school seniors involved with their respective school FFA programs and are enthusiastic about promoting maple.

Coombe, Bender & Company LLC Announces New Team Members

(From Pg. 1) We are thankful to have these two capable individuals as part of our team. Coombe, Bender & Company is an SEC Registered Investment Adviser with offices in Wawarsing and Monticello. Philip Coombe III and Catherine Coombe are Certified Financial Planner professionals (CFP) and focus on managing client assets and providing comprehensive financial planning, including retirement planning, estate and tax management and retirement plans for individuals and small businesses. The firm has provided these services to clients in a professional and confidential manner for over 30 years.

Tri-Valley One Room School Document Preservation Day at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum is seeking photos, documents, letters, stories, memories and other materials about one room schools in the Tri-Valley area of Sullivan and Ulster Counties for a new exhibit opening at the Museum this spring. The exhibit will focus the importance of the one room school from



colonial times to the 1950s, including information on the many different one room schools and differences between school then and now in teaching styles, lessons, discipline, recess and more.

Materials to be included in the exhibit can be brought to the Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, on **Saturday, January 25 from noon to 3 p.m.** Researchers and staff will be on hand to speak further about the exhibit and accept loans, donations and scan and return materials during that time. Materials can be scanned and immediately returned if requested. All materials supplied will be carefully preserved in the Museum's archives for the future.

Materials can also be uploaded to the Museum's website www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/share-with-us/ (2 MB limit per upload), or call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to set up an appointment to meet with a researcher or for further information about the one room school exhibit.

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

Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Underground Story of a Daffodil

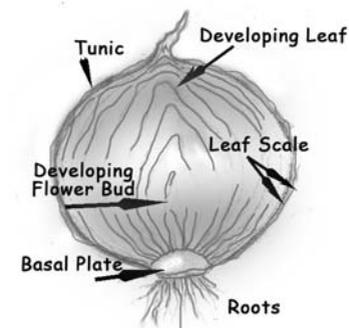
This past weekend undoubtedly felt like Spring! We saw several ladies taking advantage of the 'winter break' and on a short jaunt along the Sundown Road on Saturday. The birds sang spring-like melodies and the daffodils poked their heads up from their underground winter abode

But...it is only the middle of January!

With this unseasonably warm weather (60 degrees on our back porch) should our daffodils be sending up green leaves that are poking out of the ground? Should we be concerned about flowers this spring? We still have 63 days of winter left?

According to an article recently written by Art Wolk, two-time Grand Sweepstakes bulb forcing champion at the Philadelphia Flower Show and author of *Bulb Forcing for Beginners and the Seriously Smitten*, we shouldn't worry. To quote Art, "It's all good news, First, there's a lot of antifreeze in these plants, so they can survive just fine with their leaves above ground during winter. And, more importantly, flower stem development occurs independently of the leaves. Anyone who has daffodil greenery already, don't worry, and don't do anything to try and help the bulbs. They may bloom a month earlier than usual, or they may bloom pretty much on schedule depending how long it takes the soil to warm up in the Spring, but they should bloom just fine. The leaves are tough and the flowers are still safe inside the bulbs."

The underground world of bulbs is quite interesting. To understand why spring bulbs can tolerate a little premature growth during winter weather, it helps to take a peek underground.



The term "bulb" is used by most people to refer to plants that have underground, fleshy storage structures. Botanically speaking, only some of the plants commonly called bulbs actually are bulbs. The definition of a bulb is any plant that stores its complete life cycle in an underground storage structure. The primary function of these underground storage structures is to store nutrient reserves to ensure the plants' survival.

True bulbs grow in layers, much like an onion. At the absolute center of the bulb is a miniature version of the flower itself. It is composed of a shortened stem covered with modified leaves called scales. Helping the bulb to stay together is something called a basal plate, which is a round, flat area that are the beginnings of the roots on the bottom of the bulb.

During the winter months, roots emerge from this modified stem to penetrate the soil. As they develop, the roots absorb water and other nutrients that they store in the scale leaves. In some bulbs, a thin papery covering called the tunic keeps the scales from damage or drying out. In addition to providing food storage, the scales also protect the flowering shoot. This vital part of the bulb contains all of the future leaves and flowers. During the winter months, the shoot slowly grows upwards within the bulb, eventually developing into a stem. At a pre-determined time the leaves will break through the soil. That is what we are seeing now in some of our gardens. Then approximately one month or so later, the flowering shoot will begin to appear.

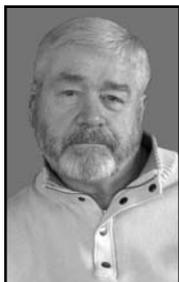
The answer to the question, will we have beautiful spring blossoms – the key thing to remember is this, the flowers develop independently of the leaves which means that even if your bulbs (specifically, leaves) come up early, the flowering shoots still need time (between 5 and 7 weeks) to develop. A cold snap may cause the leaves to yellow and die back, but the bulb will wait things out and send up new growth once temperatures warm up again.

Hope everyone enjoyed the warm weekend. While we may have to wait 63 more days until it is officially Spring, I am not putting my winter coat away yet!

Household Hints

Clean the Grease off that Hot Plate

Got a hot plate that looks more like a grease pan? Whip it back into shape by washing it with a sponge dipped in full-strength white vinegar.



The Warehouse

Mysterious Book Report No. 392

by John Dwaine McKenna

Seldom, if ever, does a genre novel manage to hit as many topics at once as *The Warehouse*, (Crown, \$27.00, 355 pages, ISBN 978-1--848-2379-3) by Rob Hart. The story is altogether plausible, frighteningly real, and a possible roadmap to where the world is heading if we don't do something to corral the corporate monsters that are gobbling every small business in sight growing fatter and fatter in our midst . . . while Congress does nothing. The prescience of this enjoyable and very readable novel is breathtaking.

The story begins when a broke young man named Paxton applies for a job at a Master Cloud facility. It's a shipping center for an on-line company called the Cloud Corporation . . . commonly "The Warehouse." It's only one of many such facilities, a place so large that once inside, it's impossible to see where the walls begin or end, while outside, the fleets of delivery drones are so massive that they blot out the sun.

Paxton is hired as a security guard and becomes one of three narrators who'll tell the tale. The other two are a young woman on a secret mission, whose name is Zinnia. She's a picker . . . someone who retrieves items throughout the voluminous building . . . and sends them on for shipping. The third, and last of the protagonists is Gibson, the founder of the Cloud Corporation. He's writing his memoirs as he travels the country in a luxury custom built bus, visiting various Mother Cloud centers and polishing his image . . . as he's dying of cancer.

Together the three disparate points of view reveal the whole account of a turbocharged Amazon-like company on steroids. It's one that has first readers, other writers and commentators of all kinds raving . . . while at the same time scaring the rest of us out of our shorts, because it appears to be so close to actuality. Read *The Warehouse* for yourself and see why Publisher's Weekly calls it "Rob Hart's Break out book." The MBR agrees. It's the most thought provoking of all dystopian thrillers we've ever reviewed!



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Just to encourage everyone to take a closer look, we'll be running the full review of all our Best Books of the Year 2019 while John Dwaine McKenna takes a short sabbatical to develop a new series of novels featuring a hard-boiled detective named Jake McKern.

Bridge Unit: Minding the gap...



The Sullivan County Division of Public Works' Bridge Unit includes these talented and hard-working guys, from the left: Bob Trotta, Chris Innella, Roman Di Cio, Kenny Peters, Ryan Brown, Karl Gillow, Tim Dexheimer, John Hinckley, Michael Nicoletti, Chris Dolfini, Eddie Lopez, Jake McKean, John Valentin and Lenny Davis. They're standing on one of the County's newest bridges, carrying Tempaloni Road over Sandburg Creek in the Town of Mamakating. The 55-foot concrete beam bridge replaced a 42-foot steel beam, timber-decked bridge dating back to 1950.

Keeping you out of hot (& cold) water You probably never give it a thought, but travel just about anywhere in Sullivan County, and you're riding, strolling or caravaning over a finely crafted piece of con-crete, steel or even wood. "We maintain 400 bridges and large culverts, 150 of them on town roads," notes Roman Di Cio, P.E., Junior Civil Engineer in the Sullivan County Division of Public Works' Bridge Unit. "On average, we spend \$2-\$5 million a year on bridge structures." In 2018, however, legislators authorized a \$10 million bond to rebuild/rehab 10 bridges and culverts, so as to ensure safe travel on local roads, be they heavily or lightly trafficked. "The most important thing we look at is the safety of the structure," Roman affirms. "We and the DOT [New York State Department of Transportation] do inspections bi-annually. "What we find could be just an issue with a load posting sign or a guiderail, but we look at the whole superstructure and abutments for signs of deterioration or damage," he adds. "Rust is the most common, due to road salt, but we can also see damage from flooding, heavy truck traffic and accidents." If there's an issue that can safely be deferred for the moment, the most evidence you may see from an inspection is a new sign lowering the maximum weight limit for vehicles crossing the bridge or culvert. Or there may be a

work crew there for a day or more to make repairs. The last resort is closure, as it deeply inconveniences travelers and just as deeply impacts taxpayers.

"We make every effort we can to avoid a full bridge closure," Roman nods. "As stewards of taxpayers' money, we try to extend the service life in the most efficient way possible." Indeed, a bridge built and maintained correctly will outlast its designer. "We're trying to build bridges that will last 75-100 years," Roman says — a significant increase from early 20th-century designs that mostly endured only 50-60 years. That's thanks to the training and tenacity of Roman and his supervisor and colleague, Bridge Engineer Bob Trotta, P.E. (a 40-year veteran engineer), along with a team of Public Works employees. It's even more notable when you find out that the Bridge Unit once consisted of two Bridge Engineers and three Junior Engineers — yet the inventory of bridges and culverts has not decreased.

Move Sullivan Takes Off



From the left, NYS Senator Jen Metzger, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Sullivan County Legislature Chair Luis Alvarez, Liberty resident Gary Siegel, Deputy County Manager John Liddle and Center for Workforce Development Director Laura Quigley spent a recent Friday morning sampling a portion of Move Sullivan's route.

With ridership rocketing from 200 per week at its August debut to now more than 800, Sullivan County's new Move Sullivan public transportation service is a bona fide hit. "The fact that we've been inundated with requests to expand the service — just four months after it started — testifies to the fact that this is a much-needed

and much-appreciated offering," said County Manager Josh Potosek. And an expansion is indeed in the works. Legislators in December approved Potosek's request to set aside \$300,000 to purchase two new buses, plus \$150,000 to add hours and/or routes. A survey open to everyone:

(www.surveymonkey.com/r/9NR33KJ?fbclid=IwAR3Y8DQYSyMMA27F8z74UqPBC1Pk813n6Nm1OcVxODnCj4qzlsG7n-sXkf4) will guide County officials in how and where to expand. Results thus far indicate the majority of riders use Move Sullivan to commute to and from work, but a significant portion also use the buses for shopping and healthcare appointments. "Our ultimate goal is to bring Move Sullivan to the bulk of Sullivan County's communities, so that anyone in need of transportation can have a reliable, safe and affordable option to get where they need to go," said Potosek. Beginning in 2020, a \$2/trip fare will be implemented in order to offset costs. The County continues to seek other funding sources to help pay for and sustain the service as it grows. For routes, schedules and other info, visit www.movesullivan.com or call 845-434-4102.

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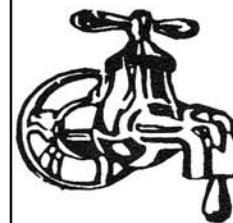


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The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Sylvia Rozzelle's Retirement

Sylvia served from 1982 to 2013 as Town Clerk and Tax Collector. In 2014 she was elected the town's first woman Town Supervisor. During the next four years, she wrote many grants that benefited this great "little town by a dam site."

John Ingram, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer, commented how nice it was to see so many townspeople show up in one place when it wasn't a funeral. Friend Kate McGloughlin, whose family has been here for umpteen generations, talked about how Sylvia "fell in love with and adopted" Olive and made it her own hometown.

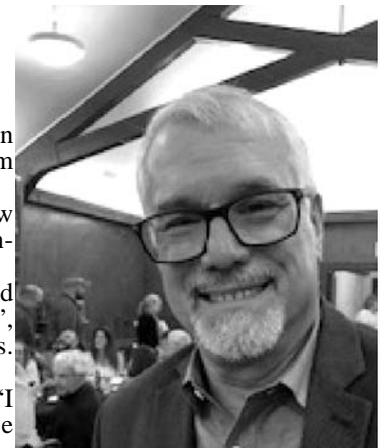
A number of speakers recalled Sylvia's outspoken method of communicating. Ron Wright, former Councilman and Town Justice, mentioned that Sylvia's middle name should be "Tell it like it is" Rozzelle. Not one to hold back on how she "really felt", Sylvia and the office instituted a kitty to contribute to whenever there was a lapse into the "twelve dirty words" George Carlin made famous. A curse was five cents while an obscene gesture cost the doer a quarter. When the kitty hit \$150.00, they all went out to dinner.

The air turned blue when the toastmaster read "Sylvia's Sylvia-isms," The only ones suitable for quoting are: "Bless your heart.", "I shouldn't have said that.", "Don't mind me but...", "Useless as tits on a boar hog.", and "are you blankety-blank kidding me?" Many of these were said in the copy machine wars that Sylvia waged on technology.

Town meetings were often concluded with, "I have to get home to let the chickens in" or "I have to bury my horse."

Lover of animals, people and life, Sylvia has retired. She will not be forgotten. Happy Trails to a one-of-a-kind public servant.

Jim Sofranko, who has spent six years on the Town Board serving under "The boss lady", was elected to be the next Town Supervisor. I am sure Sylvia's tutelage will steer him in the right direction for Olive's future.



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Upcoming Events in Ulster County

Jan 18, Feb. 1, 15, 29 - Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurs every other Saturday, December through April. Sixteen vendors offering locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org

Jan. 18 Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum: Known locally as "a little gem of a museum." Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; weather permitting. Free admission. Feb. dates: 1, 15, 29. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

Jan 18 Hudson River Maritime Museum: "Water/Ways." Jan 11: Opening reception for this Smithsonian Museums on Main Street exhibition. 4-6 p.m. Jan 18: "What is Water Anyway?" Looking at a handful of examples of "natural and "unnatural," or built waterways, Daniel Rinn invites the audience to consider the myriad ways nature shapes and is shaped by human culture. 2-4 p.m. Each event free for museum members; \$10 general admission. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

Jan. 17-20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend: Enjoy our cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating rink and snow tube run. Weather permitting. Warm up indoors at our indoor floor hockey arena, climbing gym, crafts studio. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; frostvalley.org

Jan. 18 Hudson Valley Rail Trail Winterfest: Outdoor winter festival featuring "Best of Fest" chili contest, roasted chestnuts, toasted marshmallows, light snacks, beverages, wagon rides, wood carving and activities for children of all ages. Admission fee. Children 6 and under are free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hudson Valley Rail Trail Depot, 101 New Paltz Road, Highland. 845-691-6313; hudsonvalleyrail-trail.net

Jan. 18 "King in the Wilderness (2018):" This documentary chronicles conflicted man who faced an onslaught of criticism from both protest became a testing point for him and for the nation. 1682 Glasco Turnpike, Woodstock. 845-389-9201; gerryharrington@

Jan. 18 -20 Holiday Rates at Belleayre Mountain: Holiday rates in effect only gondola. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount.

Jan. 19 Eighth Annual 99 Bottles of Wine Grand Tasting: Biggest wine event at Aroma Thyme Bistro. Grand wine tasting with 99 bottles of wine lined up on the bar. VIP admission noon-4 p.m. General admission 1-5 p.m. Tickets available online. Aroma Thyme Bistro, 156 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-3000; aromathymbistro.com

Jan. 19 23rd Annual Shandaken Primitive Biathlon: Annual winter sporting event with competition in four age groups. Prizes. 9 a.m.-noon. Upper Esopus Fish & Game Club, Little Peck Hollow Road (off County Route 47), Oliveira. For more information or to register, contact Paul at 845-246-3954; shandakenprimitivebiathlon.net

Jan. 20 Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus Open Rehearsals: Free. First three Mondays of the month. No auditions required. 7:15 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. 914-388-4630; midhudsonwomen-schorus.org

Jan. 24 Steven Wright: Returning to UPAC, Academy Award winner Steven Wright is a prototype comedian that

many others try to follow. His signature deadpan monotone has been tickling America's funny bone for years. Tickets start at \$31. Purchase tickets at UPAC Box Office or Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Jan. 24-25 Rock Academy: Tribute to Queen: Queen's musical legacy will be performed in two sets by students aged 8-18. Purchase tickets: \$20 online, \$25 at the door. Doors open 6 p.m., show 7 p.m. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org/rockacademyconcert

Jan. 24-26 Mohonk Scottish Weekend: Features award-winning musicians, concerts, workshops, Scottish history, Scotch whisky tasting, the "Address to the Haggis," a ceilidh, Scottish country dance, bagpipe-playing and

Jan. 24-27 22nd Annual Catskill Ice Festival: Choose from multiple clinics on all the skills and techniques you need to get out on ice. Boulder climbing competition and one-year anniversary Friday night at BC's Climbing Gym in New Paltz. Demo gear will be located at Rock and Snow. Alpine Endeavors is an AMGA-accredited guide service based in the Shawangunk and Catskill Mountains. Alpine Endeavors at Rock & Snow, 44 Main St., New Paltz. 877-486-5769; info@alpineendeavors.com; alpineendeavors.com

26 National Theatre Presents "Present Laughter:" Noël Coward's comedy is a surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire and loneliness. 2 p.m. Tickets \$12, members \$10. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-9899; rosendaletheatre.org

Jan. 26 Strawberry Hill Fiddlers: Singing, dancing and great string music. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students free. 3 p.m., Saugerties United Methodist Church, corner of Washington Avenue and Post Street, Saugerties. 845-679-5733; saugertiespromusica.org

Jan. 31 *Groundhog Day* (1983): An American comedy film written by Harold Ramis and starring Bill Murray in a time loop while covering the annual Groundhog Day event. Tickets: \$6. Purchase tickets at UPAC 745-3000. Ulster Performing Arts Center, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; bardavon.org

Jan. 31-Mar. 1 "BO-NITA:" Regional premiere. With humor, pathos and a dash of Midwest magical realism, Bo-Nita is a solo show that follows a mother and daughter's journey through a working-class America of dwindling resources and the lengths they must go to stay together. Wednesday-Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets \$28; senior/under 30 \$24; students \$5. Purchase online. Denizen Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main St., Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizentheatre.com

Jan. 31-Feb 2 Eighth Annual Winter Hoot: Friday dinner, documentary, discussion and jam. VIP reception starts at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. There will also be documentary screenings, discussion Q&A and music. All instruments welcome or just come listen. Music, food and more continues Saturday and Sunday. Lodging available. Tickets online. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; info@ashokancenter.org; ashokancenter.org

Feb. 1 The Big Monthly Swing Dance: A dance learning and practice experience. No partner necessary. Admission \$20. Beginner lesson 7:30-8 p.m. Live band dancing until 10:30 p.m. White Eagle Hall, 482 Delaware Ave., Kingston. 845-236-3939; got2lindy.com

Feb. 1 English Dance in Port Ewen: Orly Krasner calling with Tiddly Pom. Admission \$10, full-time students \$5. English country dance lesson 7 p.m.; required for new dancers. Dance until 10:30 p.m. The Reformed Church of Port Ewen, 160 Salem St., Port Ewen. 845-452-2483; hudsonvalleydance.org

Feb. 1 First Saturday Arts: First Saturday gallery receptions offer a glimpse of what Kingston has to offer. Events include live music, open studio tours, arts and culture activities and more. 5- 8 p.m., 845-338-0331; artsalongthehudson.com/kingston; askforarts.org

Feb. 7 Saugerties First Friday: Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5-8 p.m. Partition, Market and Main streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/saugertiescene

Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16 Sweet & Sinful Revenge Wine & Cupcake Pairing: Celebrate Valentine's Day and discover the romance of pairing wine with some of life's greatest pleasures. Tickets: \$22 per person and includes three mini cupcakes paired with three wines and a tasting of three additional wines after the pairing. Purchase tickets online. Seatings at 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Robibero Family Vineyards, 714 Albany Post Road, New Paltz. 845-255-9463; mywine@yahoo.com; robiberofamilyvineyards.com

Feb. 8-April 5 "Totally Dedicated: Leonard Contino, 1940-2016" (on view through April 5th): A comprehensive retrospective and the largest exhibition to date of this extraordinary self-taught abstract artist. Encompassing more than 80 artworks, this exhibition features colorful, hard-edged geometric paintings, playful collages, reliefs, and sculpture. Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Feb. 8-July 12 Spring Exhibitions: "Jan Sawka: The Place of Memory (The memory of Place):" Showcases the artist's paintings and engravings that explore memory, place and consciousness. "Totally Dedicated: Leonard Contino, 1940-2016" (on view through April 5th.) "Collecting Local: Twelve Years of the Hudson Valley Artists Annual Purchase Award;" "War!" Works from the museum's permanent collection. Feb. 8: Opening Reception 5-7 p.m. Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Feb. 14-17 Presidents Day Family Weekend: Cross-country ski trails, ice skating rink, snow tube run, snowshoe trails, ice fishing on Lake Cole, broomball on Reflection Pond and guided nature hikes. Outdoor activities subject to weather conditions. Try the climbing gym, archery range and arts and crafts programs. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291 x450; frost-valley.org

Feb. 15 "Diane (2018):" A deeply spiritual movie, filmed in and around Kingston, that provides a slice of a caregiver's life. 7 p.m., Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall Street, Kingston. 845-389-9201; gerryharrington@mindspring.com; movieswithspirit.com

Feb. 15-23 Presidents Day Holiday Rates: Ski or snowboard at Belleayre Mountain. Catskills' only gondola. See website for holiday rates. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com

Feb. 16 Hot Chocolate Festival: Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities and several great flavors of hot chocolate. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5; Children under 12 free. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; info@ashokancenter.org; ashokancenter.org

Feb. 23 Brooks BBQ: Chicken (\$13) or rib (\$15) dinners Senior citizen discount \$1 per dinner. To oliveusarestoration.org/events.html

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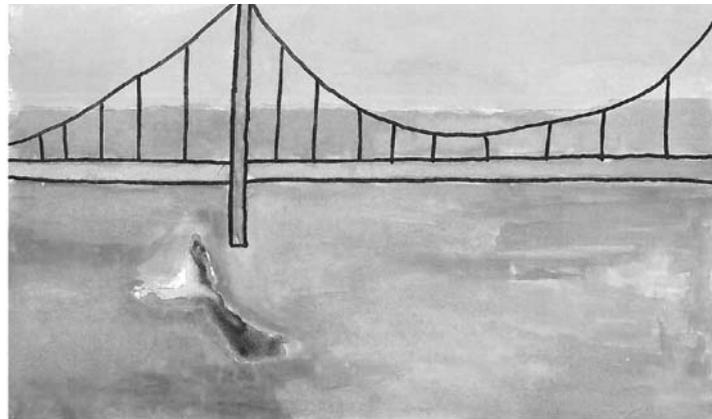
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Young Environmentalists are Encouraged to Explore New York's Shared Water Resources Through Art & Poetry
Students from New York City and the upstate watersheds are invited to submit original works of art and poetry; View the 2019 Art and Poetry Champions on DEP's Flickr Page

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced the launch of the 34th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter and parochial schools, and those who are home-schooled, in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for New York's shared water resources. Entries will be accepted online until March 6, 2020.

Last year, nearly 1,700 New York City and watershed students (grades 2-12) representing 85 schools submitted original poems and artwork about New York's water resources. In May, participants were honored at a celebration at El Museo del Barrio in Manhattan where their artwork and poetry were displayed. For this year's contest, teachers, parents and students can visit www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry to view the contest guidelines and resource materials, submit entries

online, see past winners, and learn more about New York City water. DEP's Water Resources Art and Poetry program helps raise awareness about the importance of clean, high-quality drinking water, and what it takes to maintain New York City's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. Students can submit poems and artwork including paintings, collages, three-dimensional models, photography, animation and videos of dance performances, public service announcements and songs. The 2020 contest will focus on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:



- o Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.
- o New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day source, operation, delivery, protection and maintenance.
- o New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To understand our sewer infrastructure; the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.
- o Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discov-

er the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.

- o Water Stewardship and Climate Change: What Can We Do To Help? To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and take action on environmental issues that influence our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond.

Entries will be judged based on creativity in interpreting one or more of the contest themes, accuracy of information, originality, and skill. An impartial panel of judges will review the entries and select art and poetry winners from each category (grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12). Please submit additional requests for information to artandpoetry@dep.nyc.gov.

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Valerie Taggart - *Still Life with Blue Glass*

One-hundred six works from a total of 57 artists is now on display until March 13th at the the SUNY Orange Hall Gallery. Gallery hours are 9am to 8pm Monday through Thursday and 9 to 6pm on Friday. Orange Hall is located at 24 Grandview Avenue in Middletown, NY.

On Sunday, February 2nd a reception will be held from 1-4:15pm with refreshments, piano music and awards at the conclusion of the reception.

At 2:30 a watercolor demo will be given by *Signature NEWS* artist, Kevin Kuhne. For more info about NEWS and this event go to: northeasternws.com.



(Left) Harrow - *Fleetwing Racer*
(Above) Elise Hornbeck - *Beaverkill Bridge*
(Right) Ann Higgins - *Talida*

2020 CineArt Film Series

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Callicoon Theater are excited to announce the first two films in the line-up for the 2020 winter film series CineArt, opening in mid-January and continuing in February. The series features independent films that are strong award contenders.

The series kicks off on Friday, January 17 with *Dark Waters* directed by Todd Haynes and starring Mark Ruffalo. The shocking and heroic story of an attorney (Ruffalo) who risks his career and family to uncover a dark secret hidden by one of the world's largest corporations and to bring justice to a community dangerously exposed for decades to deadly chemicals. *Dark Waters* screens through Thursday, January 23. (Contd. Pg. 11)



Frost Valley YMCA Announces New Specialty Summer Day Camps

Claryville - There may be snow on the ground, but now is the perfect time to start planning for summer camp. Frost Valley YMCA's Day Camp registration is officially open and there are three great new specialty day camps to choose from on its summer lineup - Little Planters, Center Stage, and Wilderness Adventure.



If your child will be entering 1st or 2nd grade next year and has a green thumb or a keen interest in gardening, then Little Planters Day Camp is a great fit for them. Campers will learn all about where food comes from by spending quality time in Frost Valley's Main Camp Garden. They will also take a trip to Frost Valley's Educational Farm, and be given the opportunity to start a little garden of their own.

Whether your child has an interest in acting, learning the ins and outs of set design, or designing costumes, Frost Valley's Center Stage Day Camp will give them the chance to explore their creativity. Campers entering 1st or 2nd grade will choose a short play, set the stage, design the costumes, and perform live for other campers!

Wilderness Adventure is for children who love to explore and try new things and will be entering 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade next year. Campers will be able to test their courage on Frost Valley's climbing wall, work on teamwork at our low ropes course, and learn how to cook over an open fire. They will also explore the beauty of nature while taking long hikes on Frost Valley's many trails and learn basic outdoor living skills.

To learn more about these, as well as the rest of Frost Valley's Day Camps, visit www.frostvalley.org/daycamp, call 845-985-2291, or email registrar@frostvalley.org.

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A Present Surprise for Pre-K Kids at BCES

For the past several years and just before Hanukah and Christmas, the Student Government Association (SGA) at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) has provided gifts to the two sessions of Pre-Kindergarten classes. This year on December 20 was the day for the gifts. It was also the last day of school before the Holiday Break as well as Pajama Day. BCES has been taking one day a year when staff and students wear



SGA Officers left to right Vice-President Adam Frunzi, President Jacob Espinoza, Secretary Addison Ingber and Treasurer Marilyn Santos.

pajamas to school as a way to generate school spirit.

So just a little after the children arrived for the morning Pre-K class at about 10:15 AM, the four SGA Officers and their faculty advisor Peter Dworetzky entered the classroom like Santa's elves. Teacher Mindy Conciatori and Aide Jennifer Varner were not surprised, but the little children became very excited when the visitors arrived.

Mr. Dworetzky introduced everyone from the SGA and told the children why they were there. Because he is a math coach at the school, he had several math puzzles and devices to engage the children in answering questions geared to pre-K level. They each answered the particular questions and were rewarded with a gift with their name on it. Carefully wrapped books, balls, and other toys were distributed. Ferocious tearing of paper broke out in the room with adults providing waste paper baskets for the debris.



The entire morning Pre-K session with Teacher Ms. Mindy Conciatori and Aide Ms. Jennifer Varner with the four SGA Officers and Advisor Mr. Peter Dworetzky

It was a delightful morning with eighteen small children, in their pj's, enjoying some pre-holiday gifts from the generous SGA students. Officers of the SGA

are President Jacob Espinoza, Vice-President Adam Frunzi, Treasurer Marilyn Santos and Secretary Addison Ingber.

Murder, mystery, mayhem at the Liberty Diner on January 26



From the left: network security Ross Johnson (Michael Valentine), soap opera co-star John McIntyre (Paul Ciliberto), producer Rianne Redfern (Laure Valentine), star Kyle Brannigan (Joseph Abraham) and his girlfriend (Dehli Somerset (Margaret Bruetsch) in Big Sky Productions' "Til Death Do Us Part."

LIBERTY, NY - The Liberty Diner is celebrating their 30th Anniversary in 2020, and wouldn't you know it - a murder is going to be committed during the celebration. And you can be part of the group that helps solve the crime on Sunday, January 26.



Soap opera star John McIntyre (Paul Ciliberto) is not happy with the way he's being treated by producer Rianne Redfern (Laure Valentine) in Big Sky Productions' "Til Death Do Us Part."

Big Sky Productions and the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to present a murder mystery dinner theatre to help the Liberty Diner with its big celebration.

"Til Death Do Us Part" by Lisa Wilkinson is being directed by Carol Montana of Grahamsville, and will feature Joseph Abraham of Liberty, Margaret Bruetsch of Cocheton, Paul Ciliberto of Monticello, and Laure and Michael Valentine of Livingston Manor.

Kyle Brannigan, star of the popular soap opera "Another Tomorrow," as well as the producer of the show Rianne Redfern, and co-star John McIntyre will be in attendance to promote the show and sign autographs. But Kyle has a promotional tactic that will leave his co-workers somewhat speechless. There's romance, intrigue, shady dealings, and more in this murder mystery, where someone won't live to see "another tomorrow."

Tickets, which include dinner and the show, are \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door, and are now available at the Liberty Diner. Doors will open at 4 p.m., and the show will start at 4:30 p.m. Get your tickets now because this one looks like it's going to be a sellout.

The special murder mystery menu includes salad, entrée, coffee (or tea) and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. Menu choices are: Bold & Beautiful Brisket with Red Rosemary Potatoes; Another World Eggplant & Moussaka; Guiding Light Sole Piccata Over Rice; Passions Penne Ala Vodka; and Days of Our Lives Chicken Scampi Over Angel Hair with Red Roasted Peppers and Fresh Mozzarella. Special show cocktails at the cash bar include: The Young & The Restless Strawberry Daiquiri and One life to Live Mango Vodka with Pineapple.

The Liberty Diner is located at 30 Sullivan Avenue in Liberty and can be reached at 845-292-8973. Or call the Chamber at 845-292-2270 or Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783. And keep an eye on the Facebook pages of Big Sky Productions, Official Liberty Diner & Restaurant, and the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce [Official].

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Winter is nigh...although one couldn't prove it by this last weekend. Who would have thought one could open the windows wide in mid January!

But it doesn't change the fact that we are all hunkered down, waiting. And that includes the live music venues in the area. I took the mild weather to heart and hit two heartiest that I know will be open throughout the next few expectedly brutal months.



ROBERT TELLEFSEN

My first stop Saturday night was The Pickled Owl. Now for those who like an early night, their music starts at 6pm and it is always quality. You can sit down, have dinner and be treated to some of the finest solo, duo or trios in the area. This particular night, when I walked in, I sort of recognized the older gentleman but for the life of me, I couldn't come up with a name! His voice was melodic but it was his guitar work that fascinated me. There was something different about it, something steadier, more flowing. So, I watched his hands and realized the work on the neck was almost completely with his thumb!

I couldn't remember a time when I had seen this done before. But he had mastered this. And the results are mind blowing.

The gentleman was ROBERT TELLEFSEN. I know the name because I put it in music schedules as he hosts the open mic at CABERNET FRANK'S in their Thursday night rotations. Have I met him before, probably, but I know I have never seen him perform. The use of his thumb? That's something the great Richie Havens taught him. Turns out Robert was suffering from carpal tunnel so badly that he found it very difficult to play at all. With this technique, he could continue his passion and bring with it a unique sound that was captivating the diners and listeners alike. And you'll need a score card to catch up with him as he plays from Beacon to Scranton in larger venues. HOWEVER you can catch him Thursday, January 30th at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville where he will be hosting the open mic at 7pm there. Based on his musical resume there is no telling who will show up! (weather permitting, that is).

From THE PICKLED OWL, off I went to Parksville and CABERNET FRANK'S for another I had not seen before. One of the things I love about this venue is the sheer quality of the bands they book. This time it was ROXON, which certainly lived up to their name. This dose of rock was exactly what I needed, even got me out on the dance floor! I swear they played every road trip song imaginable! Lead singer MIKE PALAZZO and his cowboy hat, LARRY LAR-



SON on bass, JOHN V ISCARDO on guitar and vocals, JOE MOE ORRIO also on guitar and back up vocals and MIKE REDDINGTON on drums serve up the dish that's wonderfully hot. If 'Radar Love', 'They Call Me The Breeze' and 'Shake It' is your kind of music, keep an eye on the CABERNET FRANK'S schedule for their next date. Until next time.....



Here's what's coming up this week:

Friday, January 17: CHRIS RAABE at CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville; 8:30pm

Saturday, January 18: SIDE F/X at CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville; 8pm

Still no schedule from The Pickled Owl but you can be sure anyone they have there on a Saturday night will be worth it!

2020 CineArt film series

(From Pg. 8)The series continues on Friday, January 24 with the acclaimed A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood starring Tom Hanks as Mister Rogers. This timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism is based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. More films will be announced.

The films will screen Fridays through Thursdays nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is closed on Tuesdays and 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.

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'Dark Beauty' Two Person Exhibit with Daria Dorosh & John Tomlinson

In 2020, artists by Daria Dorosh and John Tomlinson are celebrating 50 years of creating art in adjacent studios. "Dark Beauty," a two person exhibition of work by Dorosh and Tomlinson, opens at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, February 8, with an opening reception from 3 to 5 pm. The show will be on view at the Alliance Gallery through March 14. The event is free and open to the public.

"Our art practice straddles two worlds, the analog and the digital," says Dorosh. "Access to technology takes us to exciting places where humankind has never gone before. At the same time, privacy and originality are disappearing. Our struggle with an uncertain future asks for compassion for ourselves in this passage of dark beauty."

The work in the show "Dark Beauty" includes several mediums, such as graphite drawings on polyester and digital animation (John); large digital prints, mappings, and wearable textile sculpture (Daria). Together, it shows how the concept of dark beauty manifests itself across art, fashion, technology, and ecology.

"I know as an artist that art has no answers but rather asks questions about life and the world we share," says Tomlinson.

Dorosh is a co-founder of A.I.R. Gallery, NY, the first non-profit arts organization founded in 1972 by 20 women artists to provide an alternative to mainstream institutions that excluded women. Dorosh studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology and at the Cooper Union School of Art and Architecture, NY. She taught fashion design at FIT most of her life and fine art at Parsons School of Design, NY for nine years.

Tomlinson was born and educated in Boston, and eventually landed in New York City where he found his element as an art student at Cooper Union graduating in 1970. In 1980, he began teaching art, mostly drawing, at Parsons School of Design Fine Arts in New York, France and Italy. He taught drawing at the National Academy of Design for eight years and directed the New York Studio Residency Program for 21 years.

They have been residents of the Upper Delaware River valley since 1998.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announces Appointment of Tyrone Wilson as Human Rights Commissioner

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Patrick K. Ryan announced today the appointment of Tyrone Wilson to be Human Rights Commissioner. Wilson is the previous Executive Director of Harambee and has dedicated his career to working in the community to improve the quality of life for Ulster County residents.



Tyrone Wilson appointed to be UC Human Rights Commissioner

"Tyrone will play a critical role in fulfilling Ulster County's commitment to ensure justice for all residents," County Executive Ryan said. "Tyrone's extensive work and leadership in the community make him a true asset to Team Ulster County. I am looking forward to working with Tyrone to make Ulster County a place where everyone feels welcome and supported."

"My journey of public service continues with my acceptance of the responsibilities of this position," said Tyrone Wilson. "I am excited about participating in the team effort that was clearly outlined by County Executive Pat Ryan. It is my pleasure to continue to build a united Ulster County. I will be making an effort to ensure Human Rights for all Ulster County residents are respected."

"Tyrone Wilson has had his hand on the heartbeat of the community," said Nina Dawson, Ulster County Youth Bureau Director and former Human Rights Commissioner. "He has worked in collaboration with several organizations to uplift the community as a whole. I am very excited to have him here at the County to work collectively with myself and others towards the goals outlined by our County Executive Pat Ryan."

"Tyrone Wilson is one of Kingston's most prominent and active community members," said Frank Waters, Executive Director of Kingston Midtown Rising. "I've worked with him over the years and watched his dedication, passion and leadership for helping individuals and our community as a whole. His new position as the Commissioner of Human Rights is a perfect role for him as he is honest, fair and effective with everything does."

"Tyrone Wilson never ceases to show up with love and support while also boldly saying what needs to be said making sure voices that often go unheard are heard," said Micah Blumenthal, Worker Trustee at the Good Work Institute. "This is exactly what is needed on the Human Rights Commission - people who are willing to ensure that the rights of others, are upheld with dignity."

As the Executive Director of Harambee, Wilson utilized his life experiences to show youth how to cope productively while facing life's challenges. During his time with Harambee, Wilson presented Ulster County with one of the first event-filled calendars for Black History Month. Wilson currently serves on the Restorative Justice Task Force and previously served as a Youth Division Aide at OCF's Highland Residential Facility.

The mission of the Human Rights Commission exists to foster respect for the rights of all people and to explore opportunities for improving relations among all people of Ulster County.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature.

Assemblymember Cahill: \$65.8 Million Investment in Mid-Hudson Region through REDC

Kingston, NY - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess) discussed the announced grant awards for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region through the New York State Regional Economic Development Council (REDC). These funds will not only help promote the area's already flourishing hospitality, housing, agriculture and arts community but will also aid in the efforts of the State Legislature to address failing infrastructure, promote environmental protection and increase opportunity.

"This investment of \$65.8 million will build upon shared efforts to expand our local economy and will assist in the responsible growth of the Hudson Valley while maintaining the quality and community feel that attracts so many to our area," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The New York State Legislature and the Assembly specifically, has made it a priority to invest in our State's families and localities. Today's announcement will build upon this momentum, helping to boost employment and quality of life in the region."

Historic Huguenot Society Executive Director Liselle LaFrance said, "This funding will be transformational for Historic Huguenot Street. We so appreciate the early support of Assemblymember Cahill and other governmental leaders as we embark on this initiative which will allow us to better serve our growing audience at this nationally significant historic site. He has been a champion of so many worthy non-profits that have strengthened the Mid-Hudson Valley, for which we are grateful."

"I thank Chairman Donald Christian, Regional Director Meghan A. Taylor and the NYSREDC for their diligent work in encouraging entrepreneurial ventures," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The announcement of these funds marked significant milestones for many of the business owners and organization leaders who have dedicated so much of themselves to bettering their brand as well as their communities. It speaks to the quality and culture of what growing the economy in the Hudson Valley looks and feels like for our residents."

City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said, "Thank you to Governor Cuomo, Lieutenant Governor Hochul and the Regional Economic Development Council for these generous awards, and, thank you to Assemblymember Cahill for your ongoing support of all the great work happening in Kingston. This year's combined funding of over \$4.7 million is the largest that the City of Kingston has secured through the CFA process. Each of the funded projects will have a direct impact on the growth, stability and well-being of our community members and for our City as a whole."

"While economic development funding processes remain a mystery to many, I am proud of the work our office did in support of many of these applications," concluded Assemblymember Cahill.

A list of recipients in the 103rd Assembly District includes:

- Arm of the Sea Productions Inc. - Workforce Expansion (\$18,750)
- City of Kingston and Ulster County - Bus System Integration (\$400,000)
- City of Kingston - Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement (\$1,611,200)
- City of Kingston - Dietz Stadium Green Infrastructure (\$2,500,000)
- City of Kingston - Kingston Point Rail Trail - Phase 2 (\$250,000)
- D&H Canal Historical Society - Workforce Expansion (\$20,000)
- Historic Huguenot Society - Construction of Visitors Center (\$290,000)
- Hudson Valley Seed Company - New Headquarters and Public Gardens (\$181,000)
- Mid-Hudson Pattern for Progress - Ellenville Strategic Planning (\$50,000)
- Open Space Institute, Inc. - High Point Carriage Road Reconstruction (\$600,000)
- Stockade Works - Production & Postproduction Equipment (\$145,000)
- Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. - John Burroughs • Black Creek Trail Project (\$600,000)
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- TRANSART Cultural Services Inc. - Burger Matthews Restoration Final Phase (\$85,000)
- Village of Ellenville - Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Study (\$30,000)
- Village of New Paltz - Sanitary Sewer Overflow Abatement (\$267,320)
- Direct Refreshments, LLC - Construction of 50,000 Sq. Ft. Manufacturing Facility (\$800,000)
- Climate Action Planning Institute - Greenhouse Gas & Climate Action Projects (\$99,548)

DEP Recreational Boating Program Attracts More than 1,300 Visits to Four Catskill Reservoirs in 2019

Participation included visitors from 10 states outside New York

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that more than 1,300 boats were used in 2019 through its recreational boating program in the Catskills, including 711 canoes and kayaks that were rented to visitors by local businesses. Rentals made up the majority of boats used for the fourth consecutive year, underscoring the program's aim to improve access for visitors and support local tourism and outdoor recreation businesses.

"We continue to receive excellent feedback from visitors who enjoy the unique outdoor experience of canoeing and kayaking on our reservoirs," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "DEP will continue to collaborate with our tourism and business partners to attract more visitors who enjoy paddling and other activities that spotlight our natural resources."

2019 marked the eighth year of recreational boating at Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs. A total of 1,331 canoes and kayaks were registered with DEP or rented through a local business this year. In addition, local nonprofit groups led outings for dozens of additional visitors, including school and summer camp groups, throughout the year. Of the tallied visits, 711 boats were rented from local businesses and 620 boats were registered directly with DEP. Neversink Reservoir led the way with 590 visits, followed by Pepacton Reservoir with 517, Schoharie Reservoir with 152, and Cannonsville Reservoir with 72. Of the boats registered directly with DEP, most were owned by residents of watershed counties and visitors from the New York City metro area. Boating tags were also issued to visitors from 10 states, including Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas.

Rental boats were available at the reservoirs for the sixth year. The rental program, administered in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), provides easier boating access for visitors and local residents who do not own a boat. CWC funded the acquisition of 30 storage racks for the rental boats, and it administers the process to vet and approve businesses that applied to participate in the rental program.

Prior to 2009, DEP only issued tags for metal rowboats that were used and stored at the reservoirs for the purpose of fishing. More than 12,000 tags are currently issued to anglers who have rowboats at the reservoirs. Regular water-quality monitoring at each of these reservoirs has shown no impact from recreational boating. DEP's invasive species experts have surveyed every boat launch site and found no sign of aquatic plants or animals that can harm drinking water quality. Every boat that is used on the reservoirs is required to be inspected and steam cleaned to avoid the spread of invasive species.

Health Department to Ensure Hospitals Have Guidance and Resources Necessary to Help Protect New Yorkers as Flu season Intensifies

Laboratory-Confirmed Flu Cases and Flu-Related Hospitalizations Continue to Climb in Latest Report Last week 1,964 New Yorkers were hospitalized with lab-confirmed influenza, up 34 percent from the previous week

As the number of laboratory-confirmed flu cases and flu-related hospitalizations continue their steady increase statewide, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today directed the New York State Department of Health to take additional steps to ensure healthcare facilities are prepared for the remainder of the flu season. The Governor directed the Department to begin enhanced monitoring of hospitals through the Health Emergency Response Data System to ensure hospitals have the capacity, guidance and resources necessary to combat the recent surge in hospitalizations.

"As the numbers of flu cases and flu hospitalizations continue to rise, I've directed the Department of Health to use every tool at its disposal to make sure our healthcare system remains prepared for an influx of patients," Governor Cuomo said. "While providers are taking extra steps in response to the uptick in the flu season, New Yorkers can still protect themselves and others by getting a flu shot."

The latest influenza surveillance report shows another sharp increase in flu cases and flu-associated hospitalizations. Last week 1,964 New Yorkers were hospitalized with lab-confirmed influenza, up 34 percent from the previous week. This season, there have been 5,694 flu-related hospitalizations. In addition, last week, 10,085 laboratory-confirmed flu cases were reported to the State Department of Health, a nine-percent increase in cases from the week prior. There has been a total of 32,848 lab-confirmed cases reported this season, with one flu-associated pediatric death.

By utilizing HERDS, New York State healthcare facilities will be required to report numerous flu-related information to the Department each week, including their capacity by types of patient care units, whether they have

activated their surge plan, and whether they have adequate ventilators and antivirals, in addition to other information.

Last week, the State Department of Health issued a statewide health advisory alerting healthcare providers to the dramatic increase in flu activity across New York State. The advisory also encourages providers to promote the effectiveness of patients getting vaccinated to help prevent the spread of influenza. While the effectiveness of the flu vaccine can vary, this year's flu vaccine is likely to be more effective against the types of flu viruses that are circulating this season, as flu vaccines tend to work best against influenza A (H1) and B viruses.

For additional information about influenza, including how it is monitored in New York State, visit the Department of Health web page.

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect 2020 taxes according to the following schedule:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55), GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 25, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2020 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2020 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. Late payment penalties are strictly enforced.

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	No Penalty
Feb. 1 - Feb. 29	1% of Tax Amount
Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/5/2020

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

- Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**
- **In the event the collector needs to reach you, please include your phone number on your check.**

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:

Please Note: You must make the January Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.

- January - 50% due by 1/31/2020 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
- February - 25% due by 2/29/2020 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
- March - 25% due by 3/31/2020 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
- Receipt will be mailed to you after the final payment.

****RECEIPTS FOR JAN/FEB INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE SENT UPON REQUEST.****

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE: The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

- **If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.**
- **If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill or contacts the Assessor's office at the number below.**
- **You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.**

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizen's, Firemen's or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office: Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323
Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319

Hours are Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Evening hours are available, please call for an appointment. Or by Mail at: PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

1/9; 1/16/2020

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY
PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR-PT**

The Town of Neversink is accepting applications for a Park and Recreation Director-PT (Salary \$12,775, no health benefits). This is important work involving responsibility for planning and directing a recreational program. The work is performed under general direction, using administrative policy established by a legislative body, commission, or executive department. **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** good knowledge of theory and practices governing the administration of a comprehensive public recreation program; the ability to promote, plan, organize and carry out all related activities; ability to get along well with others; neatness of appearance; reliability; resourcefulness; good judgment; good physical condition; knowledge of State and local laws.

Minimum Qualifications:

- (A) Possession of a Bachelor's Degree and one (1) year of experience in a position involving supervision of subordinates and interaction with others; or
- (B) Five (5) years of experience as described in (A) above; or
- (C) An equivalent combination of training or experience.

NOTE: This is a civil service competitive position and you will be required to take a civil service test through the County of Sullivan; the test is scheduled for 02/29/20 with applications to them by 01/22/20. For further info, visit: <https://sullivan-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams>

Applications can be downloaded at www.townofneversink.org, under Contact tab, then Quick Links, then Document Center; or may be obtained at the Town Hall and received by January 24, 2020. Applications can either be mailed to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, emailed to: supervisor@townofneversink.org or hand-delivered to the Town Hall.

Jan. 15 & 22

UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces State of the County Address to Focus on Building UC for the Next Generation

County Executive Ryan will deliver his 2020 State of the County address at Kingston High School, returning back to his alma mater after 20 years and highlighting how the County plans to reinvigorate opportunities for the next generation KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that he will be delivering his State of the County address on Thursday, January 30th at 11 a.m. at Kingston High School, marking the first time a County Executive has delivered this address at a high school for an audience of students and community members. County Executive Ryan graduated from Kingston High School in 2000.

"I am delivering my first State of the County address at Kingston High School because I want to engage directly with our next generation of leaders and discuss how we can work together to ensure that Ulster County is a place where everyone can thrive," said County Executive Ryan. "I am looking forward to announcing proposals inspired by our young people that will help drive the future of our County."

"We are very excited to welcome back County Executive Ryan to deliver his State of the County address at Kingston High School," said Dr. Paul Padalino, Superintendent of Kingston City Schools. "This will serve as an extraordinary platform for the County Executive to listen to the concerns of students and for students to hear directly about County Government and how it is working to help empower the next generation and create new pathways of opportunity."

"The Kingston City School District is pleased to have County Executive Ryan deliver the State of the County message from the newly renovated Kingston High School auditorium," said James Shaughnessy, President of Kingston City School Board of Education. "Directly speaking to our students will engage and encourage them to seek future opportunities in our Ulster County communities."

DEC Announces Adoption of New Deer and Moose Feeding Regulation- Measure Prevents Unnecessary Feeding of Wild Deer to Prevent Spread of Disease and Other Negative Effects on Wildlife and Habitat

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the adoption of a regulation to reduce problems caused by wildlife feeding and establish strict procedures for the use of tick-control devices designed to treat deer. Prohibiting the feeding of wild deer and moose is a best management approach to reduce risks associated with communicable wildlife diseases like chronic wasting disease, minimize conflicts with deer, and protect wildlife habitat.

"Feeding deer and moose can artificially increase populations and change behavior, causing harm to people, wildlife, and the environment," Commissioner Seggos said. "These new requirements strike a necessary balance between preventing the negative effects of deer feeding while recognizing the increased public health threat posed by tick-borne diseases and make an exception to allow the use of certain devices designed to kill ticks on deer."

DEC first prohibited deer feeding in 2002 in response to the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) because concentrating deer or moose at feeding sites increases the risk of disease transmission. However, there are many other negative impacts associated with deer feeding that necessitate a broader regulation.

Following a public comment period earlier this year, DEC adopted the new regulation to provide a clearer definition of what does and does not constitute illegal feeding of deer or moose. For example, the requirements provide exemptions for wildlife plantings, bona fide agricultural practices, livestock husbandry, and research and nuisance abatement actions permitted by DEC. It clarifies that incidental feeding such as the attraction of deer or moose to a birdfeeder will only be considered a violation if DEC has previously issued a written warning to the person responsible for the incidental feeding. This will allow nuisance situations to be appropriately addressed without limiting bird feeding in general.

To reduce the sale and marketing of products that are illegal to use and to protect consumers from being misled, the new regulation requires retail products packaged for sale as food or edible attractants for wild deer or moose to carry a label clearly stating that such use is illegal in New York.

The regulation also establishes procedures for the legal use of 4-Poster™ Tickicide and devices used to dispense it. 4-Poster™ Tickicide is a pesticide registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and DEC to kill ticks on deer. It is dispensed via four rollers, or "posts," attached to bait stations filled with corn. As deer eat the corn, the rollers deposit pesticide on their heads and necks. In parts of New York with high tick-borne disease rates, there is considerable public interest in using these devices. The application procedures and permit issuance conditions specified in the new regulation are designed to allow such use while limiting negative impacts of deer feeding on the surrounding community and environment.



Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
Call for info: (845) 985-2262 ext 312
www.townofneversink.org

Happy New Year!



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

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

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.

2020
Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule
Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 16, 2020
February 13, 2020

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7	8	2	6	9	5	4	3	1
9	4	6	8	3	1	2	5	7
3	5	1	4	7	2	6	9	8
1	7	3	5	2	9	8	6	4
5	2	4	1	8	6	3	7	9
8	6	9	7	4	3	5	1	2

- 1/14/2020 **Neversink Fire District Reorganizational Meeting 7:00 pm. Regular meeting 7:30 pm1**
- 1/18/2020 **Grahamsville UMC Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 Noon**
- 1/18/2020 **AMVETS Penny Social Woodbourne Firehouse 4:00 pm**
- 1/19/2020 **Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am to 12 noon**
- 1/21/2020 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm**
- 2/1/2020 **Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm**
- 2/1/20 **Take Your Child to the Library Day**



To All: **Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.**
Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2019** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.
You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;
USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building



Thank you and Happy New Year!

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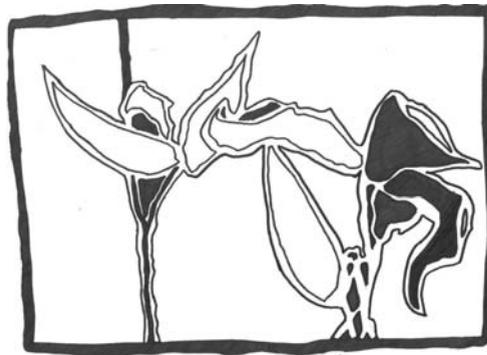
TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

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

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED:
Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork
Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org. All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

New Exhibition Opens at The Narrowsburg Union

"About Drawing: Exploration and Contemplation," a new exhibition of recent work by SUNY Sullivan students co-curated by Karen Smyth and Rocky Pinciotti, will open with a reception at the Narrowsburg Union on Saturday, January 18, from 5 - 7:30 pm.



Ink drawing by Nicholas Grant

The exhibition features 79 works of art by 33 SUNY Sullivan student artists and is interspersed with quotes from local artists and art history giants on their personal thoughts on drawing. The exhibiting artists are: Ethan Astacio, Anthony W. Bailey, Ava Barca, Donald Belsito,

Jr., Albert Bisono, Jordan T. Cherepanov, Brianna Cockshutte, Jesse Van Eps, Gustavo Romero Garzon, Aniello Grant, Nicholas Grant, Kayli Green, Tiana Ambrose Helms, Janet Hill-Ross, Kathleen Houghtaling, Alexcia Hokirk, Brianna Jackson, Brandon Johnson, Tristan Krueger, Candice Lewis, Zhaielle Logan, Christina Martinez, Arly Marin-Leon, Brianna Mayers, Krysiali Mendoza, Octavia Moore, Christian Mootz, Isabel Morales, Zachery Ocasio, Janeth Orta, Anna Pidgeon, Ayanna Princivil, Sandy Rivera, Isabella Rodriguez, Victoria Snyder and Jahda Williams.

The artists include students from SUNY's Drawing 1 and 2 classes as well as the Design and Color courses. Says SUNY art instructor Rocky Pinciotti, "drawing lays each student's foundation for visual thinking, hand eye coordination, organizational skills and awareness of the physical and imaginary world around them. Ultimately, this exhibition is a look into students' and artists' inner thoughts and struggles about rendering with the hand, what the eye or mind sees".

"Drawing at its most basic is about leaving a visible mark on a surface with a tool," says Galleries at the Union Curator Karen Smyth

who is co-curating this exhibit. "Drawing is a form of communication and can be used to visualize thought, work something out, give instructions, describe or record something. The drawing process can empower, educate, or give pleasure.

The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. The Narrowsburg Union is located at 7 Erie Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Gallery hours are Mondays - Saturdays, 8 am - 8 pm and Sundays, 8 am - 5 pm through February 29. More information can be found at narrowsburgunion.com.

AMVETS Sullivan County Post #50

Penny Social
January 18, 2020
Woodbourne Firehouse at 4 PM

Refreshments by Woodbourne Ambulance Corp
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4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 18 weeks away!**

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

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

Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville. **Hope to see you soon!**
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SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



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More about our warrior Nick....

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

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
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 2. Barbara Rush
 1. Bing Crosby
 Answers:



Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia ON TCM STARTING AT 11:45 PM WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 22, 2020 WE HONOR, ACTOR **FRANK SINATRA** IN **ROBIN AND THE 7 HOODS** (MUSICAL, 1964) A Chicago gangster stumbles into philanthropic work during a gang war. **Dir: Gordon Douglas** Starring: **Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr.** Widescreen, C - 123 m, TV-PG, Closed Captions. Also on Wednesday@ 4:00 PM *Casablanca* (1942).

Quiz
 1. Who played Allen A. Dale?
 2. Who played Marian?

Frank Sinatra: Born on Dec. 12, 1915 in Hoboken, NJ, Francis "Frank" Albert Sinatra was the only son of Italian immigrants Natalie "Dolly" and Anthony Martin Sinatra. His father worked as captain with the Hoboken Fire Department and boxed on the side, while his mother was a noted figure in the local Democratic Party, but also performed then-illegal abortions behind closed doors - a risky enterprise that landed her in jail on more than one occasion. Although he had never learned to read music, Sinatra taught himself to sing by ear and after seeing Bing Crosby perform, the young Sinatra announced his intention to become a professional singer to his skeptical parents in the early 1930s. Given permission by his mother - by all accounts an imposing figure and major force in her son's life - the teenager dropped out of high school and eventually joined a trio of young vocalists, called *The Three Flashes*, who were willing to take on another singer. Renamed the *Hoboken Four*, they went on to win first prize, in the form of six-month touring contract, on the popular "Major Bowes' Original Amateur Hour" radio program. Sinatra's time with the group was short-lived, however, and before long he was back home and working as a singing waiter and MC at a local resort for \$15 a week.

THE FIRST AND POSSIBLY THE GREATEST AMERICAN MUSICAL SUPERSTAR, FRANK SINATRA WAS INARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL, MULTI-TALENTED ENTERTAINERS OF THE 20TH-CENTURY.

Starting out as a crooner with bandleaders like Tommy Dorsey in the late-1930s, by 1942 "**Sinatra - mania**" had swept the country and his live performances were causing riots. Just as suddenly, a combination of damaged vocal cords, reputed ties to organized crime, and a torrid romance between the still married Sinatra and actress Ava Gardner conspired to end Sinatra's reign by 1950.

In one of the most incredible career resurrections of all-time, he reinvented himself with an **Oscar-winning performance in "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY"** (1953), followed by a string of era-defining hit records with Capitol, such as two of the best, **Come Fly with Me!** and **Frank Sinatra Sings for "Only the Lonely."**

Sinatra cultivated his larger-than-life persona with his celebrity buddies, the "**RAT PACK**," who were immortalized in the hip crime-comedy "**OCEAN'S ELEVEN**" (1960) and rubbed shoulders with the likes of President John F. Kennedy.

Always eager for new challenges, he founded his own record company and earned more rave reviews for roles in films like "**The Manchurian Candidate**"...

Look for Frank Sinatra part 2 in future..

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

Feb. 1 - **Covered Dish Supper** at the Sundown Methodist Church this month.

GRAHAMSVILLE

February 1 - **Take Your Child to the Library Day** at Daniel Pierce Library

CLARYVILLE

Sun., Jan 19, **Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7:00 am to Noon

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