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New Hope Community Opens Its Doors and Hearts To Spread Holiday Joy to Hundreds of Neighbors

Loch Sheldrake, NY -- Holiday lights and giving hearts shined brightly at New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake, NY this past holiday season.

New Hope Community (NHC), a leading agency offering holistic supportive services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, hosted their 2nd Annual Holiday Family Dinner on December 10th and once again, partnered with Officer Edwards for the annual Fallsburg PBA Toy Drive Giveaway. This year, NHC volunteers dished up 541 hot meals, prepared by the NHC Community Bistro and served with a smile to Sullivan County families.



Debra McGinness, CEO, recently presented a check to Father Ignas Dhas from the Church of Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne in support of their Thanksgiving gift basket initiative

Each child received a gift from Santa and his elves and several generous companies donated items which added to the festivities, including: Ideal Snacks Corporation, Freskeeto Frozen Foods, Inc. and I Zakarin & Sons Paper, Inc.

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New Hope Community CEO Debra McGinness greeted each arriving guest warmly as carols played, children romped and neighbors celebrated the spirit of giving with the people of New Hope. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Sullivan County Historical Society's First Sunday Concert will feature Little Sparrow!



For nearly ten years, the Americana band Little Sparrow (Aldo Troiani and Carol Smith) have been presenting live music at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Their first project, the Woodsongs Coffeehouse, was an evening series of concerts that ran for eight years. Notable guests included Thurman Barker and Trinity, the Inner Urge Trio, mandolinist Joe Walsh, guitarist Grant Gordy, the Coal Town Rounders, Eastlande, MiZ (Mike Mizwinski), and Louie Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys. (Contd. Pg. 4)

UC Clerk Nina Postupack Announces Graphic Design Award Presented to Designer of Archives Gallery Exhhibit



Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that the new permanent exhibit in the Archives Gallery, designed by Kristine Fitzgerald of 2k Design, has been given an American Graphic Design award from Graphic Design USA magazine. The exhibit was officially opened on September 6, 2019 and remains a permanent fixture at the Ulster County Clerk's 2nd Floor Archives Gallery, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth; with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. Psalm 98:9

OBITUARIES

Thomas V. Grace, of Penn Valley, PA passed away on January 12, 2020 at Sunrise of Haverford, in Haverford, PA. He was 85. Son of the late Vincent and Margaret Thomas Grace, he was born on August 1, 1934 in St. Clair. PA.

Tom was the beloved husband of Barbara A. Grace (Weslosky), devoted father of John Thomas Grace (Patricia) and Mary Elizabeth Grace Calhoun Loving grandfather to Alexandra, (Iason) Madeline, Eleanor, Devyn, MaryKate, and the late Jameson and his beloved dog Brody. He is also survived by his sister Marion Troy.

Tom taught at Monticello High School for seven years and then became a professor at Sullivan County Community College for thirty years before retiring. During that time he and Barbara were past residents of Monticello and Grahamsville, NY.

Funeral services and interment is to be determined. Memorial donations may be made in Tom's name to: Giving to Penn - Alzheimer's Disease Core Gift Fund or to Giving to Penn - Working Dog Center Fund.

Herbert DeWitt Jr., of Napanoch, NY, passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the comfort of his home. He was 90 years old. Herbert was born on May 28, 1929 in Ellenville, NY; he was the son of the late Herbert and Lavilla (Wheaton) DeWitt.

Mr. DeWitt was a veteran of the United States Army having earned the title of Corporal and was honorably discharged in 1953. He worked at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility for 27 years where he was a welder instructor. On December 30, 1978 he married Mona Oltzik DeWitt in Neversink. She has since predeceased him. Herbert was an avid outdoorsmen who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a master turkey caller and began making and selling his own "Turkey Trot Calls". Herbert served on many boards including the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, the Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen where he helped with coyote hunts and preparing dinner afterwards and also was awarded sportsmen of the year in 1991, an Honorary life member of the Sullivan County Archers where he helped put on demonstrations for children instilling his knowledge to the youth, he was a member of the West-of-Hudson Sporting Advisory Committee for the Catskill Watershed Corporation, he was the Past President of the Sullivan County Wild Turkey Federation, Past President of the Beaver Dam Club and belonged to the Fish and Wildlife Coalition of the Hudson Valley.

Surviving are his children, Sandy Wheaton, Herbert DeWitt III, Wes DeWitt and Lavilla Bennett; his brother John DeWitt and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Herbert was predeceased by his sons, Robert W. DeWitt and John C. DeWitt; his brother, Robert W. DeWitt and his sister Eileen Kortright.

A Memorial service was held at 1:00 on Tuesday, January 21st at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville, Inurnment with military honors will be held for close family and friends immediately followed at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Herbert's name to the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, P.O. Box 305, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or the Sullivan County Archers, 109 Flicker Trail Wurstboro, NY 12790.

To send a personal condolence to Herbert's family please visit www.loucksfh.com

"Ted" Thaddeus Kocijanski of Woodbourne, New York passed away at the age of 85 in Middletown, New York.

Ted was the son of the late Mary Roman and Frances Kocijanski. He was born on November 29. 1934 in Woodbourne, New York.

Ted graduated from Liberty High School in 1952 and Orange County Community College in 1960. He was an Army veteran who served from 1954-1956.

He then became a field planner in the Engineering Department at New York State Electric and Gas Corporation and retired after 34 years of service. With a creative mind, Ted viewed a challenging problem as something to solve.

An active outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, boating, and snowmobiling

Ted was a devoted family man - married to his wife, Pauline for 63 years. He was proud of his sons: John, Jim and Michael and granddaughters, Katie and Meghan.

He is survived by his loving wife Pauline; his son, John and wife, Therersa of Monticello, Jim and Frances of Reno, NV; granddaughters, Katie of Albany and Meghan of Arlington, VA and his sister, Helen Elia of Middletown; nephew, Tommy Cypert and his wife, Linda of Woodbourne; niece, Susan Cypert of Latham; his great nephews: Steven Cypert (Wendy) of Woodbourne, Anthony Cypert and his wife Val of Owasco, Jeffrey Cypert and his wife Lisa of Michigan; his great niece, Jennifer Cypert of Woodbourne and several other nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents; brother, Stanley Kocijanski; sister, Wanda Cypert and son, Michael Kocijanski.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 23 at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 in Woodbourne. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 24 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, 350 Main Street in Grahamsville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the food pantry of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church P.O. Box 244 Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

January 18, 1950 - Nine firms submitted bids for the proposed construction of the main dam at Downsville on Tuesday. Low bidder was Carlo Bianchi & Company, of Framingham, Mass. Their bid was \$17,902,275. S.A. Healy Co. was fourth lowest; John Arborrio of Poughkeepsie was fifth; Walsh-Perrini, sixth and Frazier-Davis, seventh.

Anna Catherine Becker Dulaff died Saturday, January 14th after a long illness. Mrs.

Dulaff had lived for most of her lifetime in Claryville and vicinity.

Mr. Carl Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Carlsen of South Hill, has been promoted from bookkeeper to note teller at the First National Bank in Ellenville.

The Will Huson house, vacated just before Christmas, has been razed and the excavation filled in. No trace of the dwelling remains. The January meeting of the

Grahamsville WCTU was held at the home of Mrs. Milo TerBush on January 11th. The ladies were joined by several of the husbands for the good dinner.

The January program is given to legislation and fittingly so for during the program the President, Mrs. Grace Harris, reported on the Langer bill to limit liquor advertising in Interstate Commerce.

Mrs. Elsie VanValkenburg gave a summary of the new study book. "It's Smarter Not to Drink", published by School and College Service, Columbus, Ohio.

John Kenney, Fremont Democrat, was elected Chairman over Bruce Denman, Neversink Republican, by a ten to five vote at the organizational meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. The voting was along party lines.

January 20, 1960 - The WSCS of the Sundown church will hold an all day meeting on Thursday, January 21, at the Charles home, Sundown. A covered dish luncheon will be served. Ladies are reminded to study the third chapter of Luke and to bring their bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Visscher on Thursday.

Friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Manville Wakefield, who has been confined for several months, is now getting out more. She is well enough that she gets out to be with her little ones for sleigh riding.

Proudly we make known that the name of Inez George Gridley again appeared in the 9th January edition of the New York Times, under her poem titled "Home Coming". Best wishes for continued success and congratulations to I.G.G. (Contd. Pg. 3)

TRI - VALLEY TIMES

It seems after an unusually warm first half of January, colder weather has arrived!

Those warmer days must have been confusing for both plants and animals. A few more days like that and spring bulbs would have started poking their heads out of the soil. Some local maple syrup producers actually had the opportunity to gather some sap from their trees.

The winter concert which was held at the Tri-Valley School on January 8th was wonderful! The Jazz Band and the 9-12 Band, under the direction of Mr Weyant, did an amazing job! The highlight of the evening, however, was the performance of the of the 9-12 Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Giroux, accompanied by the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra.

Our local Tri-Valley winter sports teams continue to perform very well. Gary TerBush coaches the girls basketball team, Kevin Delaney is the coach of the boys basketball team, Chip Furman coaches the indoor track and field team and Janet Carey coaches the Alpine skiers. Let's not forget the talented Tri-Valley Cheerleaders, coached by Jenifer Edwards, who also do a great job! Try to come out to the games and meets to support these young athletes. Go Bears!!

I saw in the "Record" that Devin Mullen and Keegan Streimer, two members of Tri- Valley's eight-man football team, were named to the NYS Class "C" All-State First Team. What a well-deserved honor!

Mike and Lisa Garigliano are the proud grandparents of two new grand babies, both born on the same day... December 19th! Son Anthony and his wife, Jennifer, had a baby girl and Andy and his wife welcomed a baby boy. Congratulations!

While we're mentioning babies, Kory and Katje Krier from Grahamsville had their infant son, Konrad, baptized at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on January 12th.

Carol Furman tells me that her recent editorial, regarding Jamie Brooks and the former Parks and Rec program, was favorably received by many Tri-Valley community residents who could not believe such a fine program directed by Jamie, has ended.

Soon it will be February 2nd, Ground Hog Day! This day is known as the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, which means that, according to the calendar, half of the winter is over.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2) By the middle of this year it is expected the Board of Water Supply of New York City will advertise bids for the three remaining big contracts in its Delaware Supply System: Cannonsville Dam, intake works at Cannonsville Reservoir and outlet works at Lows Corners at the Merriman Dam. Cannonsville Dam and reservoir will cost about \$60 million according to estimates. The dam will be a rolled earth embankment about 1,500 feet long and 175 feet high. It will impound about 280.000 acre-feet of water from a 450 square mile area drained by the headwaters of the Delaware River's West Branch.

January 21, 1970 - Two Tri- Valley graduates from the class of 1969 have been selected for listing in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Patricia Osterhout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout and John Higgins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins are currently among the 53,000 outstanding students covering the entire nation.

On Saturday, January 17th, Robert McIntosh of Woodbourne and Beverly Searl of Liberty were united in marriage by Pastor Walter. Their attendants were Kenneth and Melody Mullinex.

Cub Scout's Work by Douglas Baloy, Den 5

A Cub Scout's work is never done, Although he does have some fun. We hike and run and are so true, Under the moon and skies so blue. We are loyal and so fair, If you're in trouble, we'll soon be there

Mrs. Floyd VanWagner, president of the Sundown W.S.C.S., reports that eight hospital gowns for small

children were completed and that Mrs. Nelson Phillips, a member of this group, will take them to Liberty Loomis for immediate use. In the future, along with sewing, we will refurbish toys for the children's ward. It was a very good meeting. Ten members were present.

January 17, 1980 - The Board of Education met on January 3, 1980 and heard reports from seniors John Sheeley and Thomas Krom, who participated in the exceptional student's program, "Understanding Our Political System." Three Tri- Valley students attended five seminars with local, state and federal leaders during the months of November and Dec, 1979.

Congratulations to grandparents Floyd and Gladys VanWagner and to maternal grandpa, Don Smith of Liberty on the birth of grandson Christopher Brian, who was born to Fred and Sue VanWagner of Woodbourne on December 24th at 3:47 p.m.

The Town of Neversink Planning Board welcomed some new faces at their regular meeting on January 8th. Joining the Board is Ronnie VanAken of Sundown, and the new Board Secretary will be Terry Shaver.

Fond farewells were given to Carol Furman who leaves to assume her newly elected position as Councilman on the Town Board and to Mickie Costa who leaves as Secretary of the Planning Board to take over her new duties as Town Clerk due to the resignation of Georgie Lepke. Georgie was recently appointed as Deputy County Treasurer. Dick Coombe took over his duties as newly elected County Treasurer.

Fun School field trips close to home at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Sullivan County

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - It's that time again for elementary and middle school teachers to start planning their spring field trips. Taking students on a field trips is so important! The fun, hands-on learning connects them with local history in ways not possible in the classroom, and for many it is an experience to remember.

A great place to connect students with history and the environment is the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. The Museum provides two interactive field trips to immerse students in the importance of water to all life, and the history of how water has changed both the environment and our culture over thousands of years.

Guided by trained Museum educators, students handle million year old fossils and Native American artifacts, build tunnels, visit an outdoor 1930s farm with a farm house, barn, milk house and working waterwheel, experi-

ence an interactive exhibition on NYC's water supply system, and more. Each of the 2 _ hour programs provide in-depth information in fun and exciting ways to stimulates student's learning. Comprehensive pre-visit information packets and fun

activity sheets are also included.

The programs are available year round, Tuesday through Friday, for 2rd to 12th grade students (minimum of 15/ maximum of

100 students per day). The cost is \$5 per student, (\$4 for Sullivan County Schools) with teachers and chaperones FREE. Title 1 Sullivan County Schools have FREE admission, with funding through the Make a Difference Grant from the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan.

For more information on the Museum's field trips, please go to www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. For questions or to book a field trip, please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

Connecting water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has three floors of interactive exhibitions, the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm, a local history research center and gift shop with fun and educational gifts, books and locally made crafts. **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 Secret of Each Snowflake

It is conceivable that this past weekend you may have caught a moment to recollect simple winter childhood memories – catching snowflakes on your tongue, sleigh riding or making a snowman, rather than think about the complexities or hazards of snow.

But, the birth of each snowflake is not simple. A snowflake begins when a tiny dust or pollen particle comes into contact with water vapor high in Earth's atmosphere that coats the tiny particle and freezes into a tiny crystal of ice – the "seed" from which a snowflake will grow.

There are two basic ways that water vapor condenses to become a snowflake. The first way is to form facets, like a flat face on a 3D shape such as a prism. The crystal structure of frozen ice is a six-sided shape which is where the symmetry in a snowflake comes from. The second way a snowflake grows is to form branches as water vapor condenses on the first thing it touches.

The newly-formed ice crystal is heavier than the surrounding air and begins falling. While falling toward

Earth through humid air, more water vapor freezes onto the surface of the tiny crystal. The water molecules of the arrange vapor themselves so that hexagonal the crystal structure of ice is repeated. The snowflake grows larger and larger as it falls. No two



snowflakes are the same as each represents the conditions of temperature and humidity and water vapor the snowflake encountered during its fall. Some combinations produce flakes with long needle-like arms, flakes with wide flat arms or branching arms all emanating from the six-sided crystal structure of frozen ice.

Scientists have pondered the mystery of snow crystals since the early 1600s In 1611 Johannes Kepler published a short treatise On the Six-Cornered Snowflake, which was the first scientific reference to snow crystals. Kepler wondered why snow crystals always exhibited a six-fold symmetry. He speculated that the hexagonal close-packing of spheres may have something to do with the morphology of snow crystals. Kepler was astute in recognizing that the beginning of crystalline symmetry was an interesting scientific question, and he also realized that he did not have the means to answer it. "Does some property of water vapor, or impurities in it account for its six-cornered shape, or must an external cause be sought?And why is the snowflake flat? Why does it not assume a three dimensional shape?" he wondered.

"Each single plant has a single animating principle of its own, since each instance of a plant exists separately, and there is no cause to wonder that each should be equipped with its own peculiar shape. But to imagine an individual soul for each and any starlet of snow is utterly absurd, and therefore the shapes of snowflakes are by no means to be deduced from the operation of soul in the same way as with plants." -- Kepler, 1611

During the mid twentieth century Ukichiro Nakaya performed a true systematic study of snow crystals by growing artificial snow crystals in the laboratory under controlled conditions. From his study Nakaya was able to describe the crystal morphology under different environmental conditions, which provided a clue, however, it still stands there is no complete scientific understanding of the physics of 'snow crystal formation' - a snowflake.

Isn't it amazing with all of the technology of today, a tiny snowflake still keeps this secret hidden? Perhaps that is why it seems so quiet and peaceful after a new snowfall. Maybe each little snowflake is put here just to let us know, we don't have all the answers - but rather just to enjoy its beauty and the magic of our own emotional memory bringing back lighthearted memories.

Household Hints

Wipe 'Winter' off Your Boots

. To remove ice, slush, snow and rock salt that's used to melt snow and ice, from your shoes and boots, and prevent long-term damage, wipe fresh stains with a cloth dipped in undiluted white vinegar.



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Cherry Mysterious Book Report No. 362 by John Dwaine McKenna

Every person in America today who pays attention to the news and current events is aware that we're dealing with an unprecedented drug and opioid crisis. The numbers are staggering . . . and the statistics sobering . . . there were more than 70,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. during the year 2017, according to the latest available figures from the CDC, or Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Numbers like those are not only heartbreaking, they're absolute proof that the so-called *War on Drugs*, now fifty-plus years old, is an utter failure. Some are in favor of tougher laws and more enforcement with harsher penalties. Still others favor the legalization and decriminalizing of all illicit substances, including the synthetic ones like spice and Fentanyl . . . known causes of havoc and death.



That's one side of the story. But like all stories, there's another side to it, told in an unapologetic, matter-of-fact and gut wrenching way by a young former heroin addict and talented writer who's currently in prison for aggravated armed robbery.

Cherry, (Knopf, \$26.95, 313 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-52013-9) by Nico Walker, is the tale of a confused young man who sets off to college in Cleveland, Ohio, where he meets Emily, and they kinda, sorta, fall in love while fooling around on the periphery of the drug scene . . . much like a lot of young, dumb and confused kide do. But the drugs and alcohol scone become overwhelming. Emily decides to transfer to a college in Canada, while the unnamed protagoni

and confused kids do. But, the drugs and alcohol soon become overwhelming. Emily decides to transfer to a college in Canada, while the unnamed protagonist and narrator flunks out. Adrift and clueless, he joins the Army and trains as a medic, then gets sent to Iraq, where for him, there's no end of drugs, porno movies and death. He comes home to Cleveland with a raging case of PTSD, just in time to reconnect with Emily and meet the opioid pandemic head-on. Before long, they're shooting heroin every day and he's robbing banks to get the money to support their combined habit.

Told in visceral, raw and graphic language, this novel is not for the faint of heart, nor those easily offended by violence and coarse language. But for those who've shed their rosecolored glasses and want to know more of the real world, the opioid disaster and at the same time gain a better understanding of the society we live in today, you need to read this book. It's honest and tough, and it comes straight from Nico Walker's heart, holding nothing back, and making no excuses. It's a fascinating, sobering and heartbreaking testimonial that should be required reading for every member of Congress, the entire Department of Justice, as well as every Judge and Administrator in the country. Then maybe they'd do

We hope you enjoy this review of one of our 12 Best books of the Year. something about it ... John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the Whim-Wham Man and The Mischief of Rats. Should be more news when we get it. John

Go to: Johndwainemckenna.com or Mysteriousbookreport.com *THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*

SC Historical Society's First Sunday Concert will feature Little Sparrow!

(From Pg. 1) Most recently Little Sparrow has been hosting a Sunday afternoon Music and History series, showcasing the talented residents of Sullivan County in a format that includes first person history and antidotes from the resort era and the fifties and sixties. Many of their guests performed in the Catskill Hotels, including Mickey Barnett, The Allen Brothers, Larry Ravdin, and Freddie Jacobs. The Johnny Jules band performed on Woodstock weekend, and entertained folks with great sixties music, and stories of the festival itself.

On February 2nd, for the first time, Little Sparrow will be the featured performer. Their music covers multiple genres, from bluegrass to sixties rock and rhythm and blues. They are not a traditional band, but rather more of a "collective" project, having performed with more than 20 local and regional musicians from multiple genres during their ten year run. For the February show they will be joined by some special guests, including Jay Brooks on bass. Jay is the art teacher at the Monticello High School. He has performed with the Old Time Fiddlers, for many years, and is also a very well respected fine artist (jaybrooksartist.com).

The concert is free, but we will be asking for donations to help fund our March First Sunday concert, when we bring back guitarist, Van Manakas. Van, who comes from Montclair, New Jersey, will be bringing his own jazz trio to the Museum. The date for that show is Sunday, March 1st, at 2:00pm, so mark your calendars!

And if you enjoy live music, Aldo also hosts a radio show on Sullivan County's community station WJFF. Saturday, February 1st at 1:PM. the bluegrass band Oxford Depot will perform at the stations new Live Music series (wjjfradio.org).

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. The event is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Call 845 434-8044 for more info, or visit the website at www.scnyhistory.org

Wanted: Older New Yorkers Who Make a Difference

Monticello, NY - May feels like a long time away, but the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is already planning for it, and you can play a part!

May is recognized nationally as Older Americans Month, acknowledging the incredible efforts and diverse contributions older adults make to communities across the nation. In collaboration with 59 agencies on aging across the State, New York seeks to honor exceptional individuals who, through their actions, demonstrate the spirit of civic engagement and selflessness. That ceremony will take place during NYS Office for the Aging's Older New Yorkers' Day celebration on May 19 in Albany.

Thus the Sullivan County Office for the Aging is seeking nominations of older adults from our community to be represented at the event. These nominations can come from civic leaders, elected officials, and community organizations. The nominee should be a volunteer aged 55 or older that has made a difference in the community through civic engagement.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241, then submitted to the Office c/o Lise-Anne Deoul, Director of Aging Services, via email at Lise-Anne.Deoul@co.sullivan.ny.us or by mail to 100 North St., Monticello, NY 12701. The deadline for submitting nominees is February 15, 2020.

The recognition event takes place in Albany on May 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and transportation can be provided for the chosen nominee and one guest. Information about last year's event can be found at www.aging.ny.gov/news/new-york-state-honors-oldervolunteers-older-new-yorkers-day-celebration.

New Hope Community and Select Human Services Announce Merger

Loch Sheldrake, NY (January 17, 2020) - The Board of Directors of New Hope Community, Inc. has announced the merger of New Hope Community, Inc. with Select Humans Services, Inc., effective January 1, 2020. Both New Hope Community and Select Human Services are leading Hudson Valley organizations that provide certified and non-certified, community-based supports and services that enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). New Hope Community, based in Sullivan County and Select Human Services, based in Westchester County together will provide supports to over 1,000 individuals and their families. Select Human Services is one of the largest providers of Community Habilitation supports in the Hudson Valley region. Building on their organizational specialties, vision and shared strategic mission, the merger allows New Hope Community and Select Human Services to diversify and strengthen as one leading human services organization in Hudson Valley. Debra J. McGinness, who served as CEO of Select Human Services, was selected for the role of CEO for both organizations and is responsible for developing longrange initiatives for New Hope Community and Select Human Services.

The merger brings together two well-established organizations with highly complementary services and creates one of the Hudson Valley's largest agencies supporting people with I/DD and allows the realization of an extended footprint, a larger and more diverse array of supports and services and an increased workforce. Select Human Services will continue to operate as a division of New Hope Community. Executive Director Margaret Wicksman of Select Human Services will lead this division in a new role as Vice President, SHS Division.

"This announcement marks a significant milestone and is consistent with the strategic plans of both New Hope Community and Select Human Services," said Debra J. McGinness, CEO, New Hope Community. "The union of New Hope Community and Select Human Services is pivotal to extending the reach and diversification of our supports and services and will be a catalyst for dynamic change.

John Dwaine McKenna's Books are now available at the NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE

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てhe Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda A Pot to Cook In

I have a steak defrosting on the counter. If I were camping or a pioneer woman, I could cook with fire and a pan. As I survey my small kitchen, I realize I have major choices of cooking. Should I use the broiler? Perhaps I should fire up the gas grill on the deck. I could aways fry it in one of my many frying pans, but then I need to decide whether to use cast iron, non-stick, ten-inch or twelve, or aluminum. I could also use my George Foreman electric grill my mom bought us. I think the steak is too big for the air fryer my daughter-in-law gave us. Shall I use the regular oven or the convection oven? I could defer and have my husband use charcoal or apple wood on the smoker.

My dilemma about cooking one item led my mind to wander to the other cooking equipment I own. There is the bread maker that has only produced large, heavy bricks of carbohydrate calories, unsuitable to eat without risking a dental crown. Then there is the food dehydrator, the rice cooker, the toaster, the blender, the toaster oven, the food processor, the waffle maker, the Keurig coffee maker, the microwave the electric griddle, and of course, the steve ton with my microwave collection of nots and paper.

the microwave, the electric griddle, and, of course, the stove top with my mismatched collection of pots and pars. I have yet to buy an Instant Pot which seems to be the "mom" Christmas gift du jour. No, I do not want one; I have more appliances than counter space or electrical outlets. My husband would usually chime in here and say, "Do you know what Carol's favorite thing is to make for supper?" When you say, "No" or get tired of guessing, he will reply, "Reservations!"

Olive Free Library Rescheduled Events The following programs have been rescheduled-

Muddy Boots String Band Thursday, January 23, 2020 Doctor Romo, Vida and Buffy play Cajun/Zydeco, old timey, and more for your dancing and listening pleasure. With guitar, fiddles, mandolin, accordions, and frottoir. \$5 suggested donation

Family Movie Night *Abominable* - Saturday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. A group of teenagers help a Yeti find his family while eluding a wealthy man and a zoologist who want it for their own personal gain.Rated PG

Please join us for this FREE event!

Free fly-tying classes fun with steel, feathers and fur

The Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library is offering their annual fly tying classes beginning on Saturday February 1 and continuing through Saturday, February 22. The classes are free but registration is required. Call Hank Rope to register. 845-254-5904 or email tyeflys@hvc.rr.com.

The classes take place from 10 AM - 2 PM at Phoenicia Rod and Gun Club, 5419 Route 28, Mount Tremper, NY 12457. The class on February 15 will be held at the Phoenicia Library, 48 Main St. Phoenicia, NY 12464.

The classes for beginning and intermediate tyers are open to all aged 14 or above. Participants must provide their own equipment, although there are a number of vises for youngsters to use. We will supply feathers and hooks. Experienced tyers are welcome to sit and tie along. People who wish to come observe this art are welcome. Bring a lunch.

The fly tying classes are led by local licensed guide, Hank Rope, with assistance from members of Trout Unlimited. Fly tying is a fantastic combination of art, science, history, culture and skill and we will teach you how!

For the past twenty-two years, the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library, has offered workshops, presentations and special events celebrating the rich heritage of Catskill trout fishing and the healthy ecosystem on which it depends. The collection includes books about fishing and fly tying, fly casting and spinning rods that can be checked out with a library card, historical memorabilia and other resources. The Angling Collection has a website devoted to Catskill fishing history, podcasts, and a match the hatch chart. http://catskillanglingcollection.org/

For more information on library hours, or to receive our annual newsletter, see www.phoenicialibrary.org

Free Bus Services in the City of Kingston to Continue Through the Next Quarter

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Patrick K. Ryan announced today that passengers on UCAT's Red, Yellow and Blue routes in the City of Kingston will continue to ride free through March 31, 2020. This is a three-month extension to the original six-month "free fares" period implemented following UCAT's expansion of service into the City of Kingston in July 2019.

"I'm excited to be able to extend free bus services in the City of Kingston for another quarter to better serve all residents of our community as we continue to see an increase in ridership and make further improvements," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "I want to thank the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and the City of Kingston for their valuable partnership in providing quality transportation services and ensuring we are reaching as many residents as possible."

"I would like to thank County Executive Ryan for his dedication in continuing to improve transportation for the City of Kingston," said Kingston Mayor Steve Noble. "We appreciate the County's partnership and the Executive's initiative to provide quality bus service and increase ridership within Kingston by offering free bus service for another quarter."

Ulster County in partnership with the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley has extended a grant agreement intended to provide increased access to public transportation within Kingston. Beginning April 1, 2020, UCAT is proposing a base fare of \$0.50 on routes within the City of Kingston, a reduction from the \$1.00 charged by the City of Kingston prior to the consolidation of the two bus systems.

to the consolidation of the two bus systems. During the fourth quarter of 2019, UCAT carried over 2000 more passengers on its Red, Yellow, and Blue routes than Kingston Citibus transported in 2018. A public meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the UCAT offices located at 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY to inform the public on the new fare structure and afford the public an opportunity to provide feedback on the new routes.

In addition, SUNY Ulster students will continue to receive free fares on all in-County routes throughout the duration of the year.

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Catskill Art Society will present On-bestowal a solo exhibition from Bill Schuck at the Laundry King

Catskill Art Society will present on-bestowal a solo exhibition from Bill Schuck at the Laundry King at 65 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, February 15. The exhibitions will be on view Saturday, February 15 - Saturday, March 14, 2020.

The Fishkill and Brooklyn based-artist will present his durational site-specific installations at the storefront exhibition space. Schuck creates assemblies from industrial pumps, which are controlled by electronic timers and switches. Turning on once an hour, or at times by motion activation, the mechanisms are calibrated to release a single drop of ink or water at a time. Some pumps are paired with a folded paper structure situated below the falling ink. Over the course of days and weeks the scattered droplets of liquid slowly build up in subtle radial patterns revealing the facets and undulations of the folded paper form.

The works on paper rather than standing apart as art objects, serve as records of the time and place of their making, paired with the process and conditions in which they were formed. The paper serves as topographic maps that describe a particular landscape, revealing the terrain of the artist's imagination. These works on paper remain as a tangible record of what occurred long after the installation is broken down and its various compo-



nents are stored away.

Bill Schuck was born outside New York City and at a young age was drawn to ceramics, later receiving his BFA in ceramic design from SUNY Buffalo. After working exclusively in clay for over a decade, Schuck moved to New York City and started fabricating work for other artists, creating both discreet objects and large-scale public commissions. He received his MFA from Queens College while maintaining a practice in his Greenpoint, Brooklyn studio. In 2005 he received a Fulbright Fellowship to study the geologic processes that underlie the creation of limestone caves in Slovenia. He has received grants from the Pollack-Krasner Foundation, the John Mitchell Foundation and New York Foundation for the Arts. Schuck has shown in and around New York for many years, most recently at the Hammond Museum, North Salem, NY and at Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY. He splits his time between Greenpoint, Brooklyn and Fishkill in Dutchess County, NY, maintaining studios in both locations.

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - Artists Talk and Opening Reception CAS will host an Artists Talk at 3-4pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 4-5pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is free and open to the public.

Laundry King hours are 11am - 5pm Fridays - Saturdays, and Sundays 11am - 3pm.

About CAS at the Laundry King

CAS Arts Center will be closed for much of 2020 as the organization embarks on a major renovation and expansion to the previously unoccupied second-floor. During this time, CAS will program out of the Laundry King (65 Main Street) its annex performance and exhibition space. The newly realized exhibition space will launch with a long-term presentation of James Turrell's light installation Avaar, 1976 and site-specific wall drawing from Sol LeWitt. Contrasting with the established group and regional artist shows currently offered in CAS's lower level, second floor gallery programming will offer major single-artist presentations for extended periods of a year or more - attracting major press attention, encouraging repeated visits by residents, and encouraging weekend travelers to spend time at CAS and in town. These exhibitions will be fully integrated with CAS's ongoing operations, and will be used as a significant platform to develop parallel programming notably including talks or other presentations by invited guests, public tours, and other education-focused workshops. This program will also establish a new level of regional significance for CAS's arts programming.

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislation.



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2020 Winter Salon Series

Features Free Events in January, February, and March The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is excited to announce its 2020 Winter Salon Series, featuring free arts events on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. "Whether it's hindsight, insight, or foresight they seek, our 2020 winter Salon Series encourages our audiences to connect and look back on the familiar, experience a transformation, and see the work with fresh eyes" shares DVAA's Performing Arts Director, Matt Carpenter. The series kicks off at 2pm on Saturday, January 25 with a presentation of "Constructed Comfort" featuring photographer Ellen Brooks and book artist Stacy Wakefield. Each will present their collaboration on the artist book "Constructed Comfort" about the primary architecture of childhood fort building. The book presents two series of artworks



Billy Lester

by Brooks with which Wakefield created a limited edition, risoprinted book. The collaborators will discuss the concept of artists' books and show some favorite examples. They will also present the photographs and drawings of forts from the book. Participants will be invited to remember their own childhood forts and contribute to the ongoing project.

The Salon Series continues on Saturday, February 22 at 2pm

with an afternoon concert featuring jazz pianist and music educator Billy Lester. Based in Yonkers, New York, Lester belongs to the family tree of jazz pianists connected to Lennie Tristano, who planted the seeds for free-jazz improvisation. Studying with

Tristano's protégé Sal Mosca for 16 years, Lester is a "musician's musician" who instinctively creates original compositions from variations on classic American songs' chord changes. Lester's playing is gentle and probing, yet solid enough to carry strong melodic lines. Subtly transportive, you'll find yourself getting swept away without even realizing you're moving. Come hear what the online magazine Slate chose as #7 on the list of "The Best Jazz of 2019" and observed "Lester ambles into uncharted alleys and wormholes while retaining an unassuming lyricism, and that's rare". (Contd. Pg. 11)

New Hope Community Opens Its Doors and HeartsTo Spread Holiday Joy to Hundreds of Neighbors

(From Pg. 1) "The holidays are a magical time but they can also be stressful for families who are finding it hard to make ends meet," McGinness observed. "New Hope Community has been a part of this community for more than 40 years, and our neighbors are our extended family. It is a real privilege to be able to demonstrate our commitment to our community. We all need to support one another in ways that collectively lift us up and bring us together."

Through its ongoing relationship with Sullivan County Head Start (SCHS), in Woodbourne, NY, New Hope Community volunteers and staff members also "adopted" 93 children for the holidays, providing nearly 300 wrapped gifts from the children's personal wish lists. Earlier in the year, cos-

tumed staff and individuals from NHC hosted a Halloween trick or treating event for 160 Head Start children in NHC's main building. NHC also contributed funds to help

support Head Start's clinical and programming services to children and their parents. New Hope Community also recognizes first responders at local fire and rescue departments and contributes time, food and dollars to local food pantries and community nutritional programs.

This past Thanksgiving, NHC made possible the distribution of 100 meals through the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in Fallsburg, NY and additionally contributed funds benefiting the Federation for the Homeless in Monticello and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in South Fallsburg. NHC also provided provisions for the SUNY Sullivan Food Pantry which assists students who are unable to afford standard meal plans. And, the NHC Community Bistro, in conjunction with their Day Habilitation Program participants prepared enough soup to feed approximately 3,240 local people in need over a three-month period in support of the Sullivan County Community Lunch program.



Each growing season, New Hope Community's sustainable Hope Farm donates fresh produce grown and harvested by those supported at NHC, to area residents who face nutritional hardships. By sharing the fruits of their labor, those working at Hope Farm - some of whom rely on special off-road wheelchairs to navigate the terrain -- can alleviate hunger and support nutritional health, within their community.

Through strong partnerships with civic organizations, area employers and educational institutions, such as SUNY Sullivan and BOCES, New Hope Community also creates countless opportunities for the men and women of NHC to support dynamic programs, projects and initiatives within Sullivan County.

The bottom line is that New Hope Community believes in giving back to the community and dedicating efforts to the build of community networks and partnerships that improve the lives of all involved. "It's about building social capital with the understanding that each community member's wellbeing is shaped by that of another. We are strongest, healthiest and most productive when working together," McGinness said. About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. Services include clinical and nursing care, day programming, education and recreation, leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, community habilitation, and more. The agency has always maintained a person-centered approach aimed at enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community presently supports and serves over 800 individuals and is a leading employer in Sullivan, Westchester and Putnam Counties, with more than 1,200 staff. Learn more at www.newhopecommunity.org.

Frost Valley YMCA Announces Dates for Spring Break Day Camp and Pony Spring Break Day Camp

Claryville - Spring break from school can be a fun time for children to relax and play, but it can



also be a difficult time for working parents who need to find childcare while school is closed. Frost Valley YMCA announces the dates for Spring Break Day Camp and Pony Spring Break Day Camp as April 6-10, 2020 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Both camps will be held at Frost Valley's Main Camp located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville.

Spring Break Day Camp is perfect for campers between the ages of four and sixteen. Children will enjoy candle making, Incredible Edibles (classes in our Teaching Kitchen), climbing, and other camp favorites. Weather permitting, campers may take an offsite trip to a local indoor pool. Spring Break Day Campers can also take a tour of the Maple Sugar House to taste maple syrup and learn how it's made.

Pony Spring Break Camp is designed for children between the ages of four and seven who have never

ridden a horse before as well as those with plenty of experience around horses. Campers will spend a portion of each day learning about grooming, horse care, and riding. Horseback riding will be weather dependent. The remainder of the day will be filled with signature camp activities such as arts and crafts, games, climbing, and the Flying Squirrel.

The rate for four days of Spring Break Day Camp is \$165 per child for four days and \$190 per child for five days. Both rates include lunch and snacks at no additional cost. Pony Spring Break Camp is \$295 per child for five days and includes lunch and snacks. Local busing is available for an additional fee from the Monticello Government Building, Ideal Food Basket in Liberty, the Tri-Valley School, the Neversink Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church.

A limited number of spots are available for Spring Break Camp and Pony Spring Break Camp so interested parents are urged to register their child right away to ensure their spot. Please call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 for more information or to register your child.

Wild Garden Botanicals

Works on paper: Eco prints and pastels The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 pm, at Rafter's Tavern, 28 Upper Main Street, Callicoon, NY 12723; exhibit runs through February 28

Restaurant & Gallery Hours:

Art lovers and nature lovers will join together at the Rafter's Tavern Opening Reception on Saturday, February 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for an exhibit featuring new works by artist Alexis Siroc. Alexis has been collaborating with nature using eco printing to create works depicting the fragile yet resilient beauty of our natural surroundings.

WILD GARDEN BOTANICALS: Works on Paper", featuring eco prints and pastels on paper, will run from February 1 to 28, 2020. Rafter's Tavern, 28 Upper Main Street, Callicoon, NY 12723.



Artist Statement

"The garden is my happy place so when I discovered eco printing, a contemporary application of traditional natural dyeing using botanicals, I quickly became fascinated with the process. It reminds me of my gardening style-letting things happen with only some control on my part. It also appeals to my love of decorative design. Plant leaves and flowers are foraged from local gardens, then arranged on textiles or paper, bundled, and steamed to extract plant tannins to produce a natural art print. In 2018 Alexis started a company named

Wild Garden Botanicals to produce and sell eco-printed works.

originally created Wild Garden Botanicals to produce one-of-a-kind wearable art on silk and wool. Printing on textiles had me wanting more-to incorporate line on the prints. I started printing on paper with the objective to enhance the paper eco prints with added layers of line, texture and color. Once I began drawing on the prints this led to further exploration with different approaches: first pairing the prints with drawings; printing on different papers-delicate rice paper; earthy-tinted pastel paper; even pages from printed books. I am delighted with the results and happy to present these compelling works of mystery and wonder that give voice to the fragile yet resilient beauty that informs our world.'

About the Artist:

Alexis Siroc uses her extensive background as an art director to weave visual meditations and narratives into her landscapes and abstract works. With a BFA from Pratt Institute's School of Art & Design in painting and illustration, Alexis started painting fantasy landscapes while liv-ing and working in New York City. These escapes on paper from city living became a reality when she moved first to the Hudson River Valley region and then to her current home in the Upper Delaware River Valley. No longer a city girl, her work now embraces a love for nature and her garden. Alexis has exhibited in NYC, upstate NY and beyond. She has also, at times, been a scenic painter and designer for off and off-off Broadway.

UC Clerk Nina Postupack Announces **Census Exhibit at Archives Gallery**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the exhibit "Who Counts? We Do! The 1905 Census of Ulster County" featuring a sampling of infor-mation from the 86,600 people enumerated in the 1905 New York State census. Timed to coincide with this year's 2020 federal census, the exhibit is on display in the 2ndfloor Archives Gallery of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm through the end of June.



The exhibit consists of printed reports showing name, age, relation and occupation, arranged in alphabetical order, and sorted by surname, volume, sheet and line. Immediate families are presented together, first by head of the household, spouse, and then children. The exhibit is somewhat interactive - with visitors able to browse the lists for their ancestors. If you don't happen to have family here in 1905, you will be fascinated to see the names and occupations of ancestors of people you may know locally. Learn about the varied industries and types of employment 115 years ago and see how different or similar they are to today.

The complete 1905 census is also available online. You can search the 1905 Ulster County Census at ulstercountyny.gov/archives/1905censusscreen.html. Start your genealogy by doing a simple surname search. See where your people were living at the turn of the last century. Click to see their occupations, nativity, enumerators, election districts, or where available - their street addresses.

"This year's federal census gathers information on the present but also encourages us to review our past," said Postupack. "Take this opportunity to see where your ancestors were living, what their occupations were, and who lived around them. Genealogy is one of the most popular hobbies in America and the Ulster County Archives has a wealth of information to help you start or continue your own family history search.'

For further information about this or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit the archives online at ulstercountyny.gov/archives.

Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency will once again mount a Valentines for Vets" exhibit in the lobby of the County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

The Valentine's Day cards will be on display from Monday, February 10 through Friday, February 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The program is part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.



Every year, local students create special Valentine cards to brighten the lives of our veterans," affirmed Veterans Director John Crotty. "Last year, thanks to the efforts of teachers and students, more than 2,000 Valentines were delivered to our hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Castle Point and Albany.

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

The Scene Too - Jane Harrison

In anticipation of this last Saturday's major snowstorm,

I decided to venture out on the weeknights instead. If it's Tuesday night, it's BREW in Rock Hill for the SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA. Just in case you're not familiar with this group, be aware that you should be. It's not just that they are all brilliant musicians, but the natural camaraderie between them is palpable. The kidding between them makes one smile and keeps one smiling long after you leave. And if that's not enough to go see them, it's an early night too, beginning at 6:30pm. (And try Brew's 'Carolina Burger'. I loved it!)



Once you combine that with JOANNA GASS' show stopping voice, the jaw dropping guitar work of STEVE SCHWARTZ, the sweet sweet keyboard and vocals (who knew he could sing?) of ERIC NEIS, and the superb anchoring of KENNY WINDHEIM on bass and MIKE CERVONE on drums with the fact that most of the night is fulfilling song requests from the audience, this can only be described as a "great fun" night out.

Taking requests from the audience is a crap shoot at best but building the majority of your night around it is unheard of. It shows how versatile a band can or cannot be and the SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA does it beautifully. I heard everything from 'Landslide' by Stevie Nicks to 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow' to 'Copacabana' to 'Locomotion' all with automatic audience sing along.



All of this is more than enough reason, but I have the added joy of counting Steve and Mike as good friends and Joanna as a dear friend. So this was like 'old home week' with Lee Karasik and his dad along with Bill and his love-ly wife from the FIX IT shop in Liberty.



Then Thursday night I went out on that blustery night to Parksville and CABERNET FRANK'S for their open mic. LITTLE SPARROW was to host, but do to work commitments, it was PAUL KEAN and ANTOINE MAGLIANO. Another early night, beginning at 7pm. The night started slow, audience wise, which turned out to be perfect for me. Paul, a fantastic songwriter, shared two

of his newest songs, one with a decidedly Country feel that even I fell in love with (and you KNOW Country is not my thing). Stay tuned for when you can find this on a recording

Equally satisfying was the chance to catch up with Antoine. We don't often get the chance to chat, being when we see each other, we each have things we have to do. Then there is his newest acquisition...a dobro from the 1950s thanks to Steve Schwartz and STEVE'S MUSIC in Rock Hill and I believe this was its debut.

This instrument is an iconic piece, looking every bit the era in which it was produced which to me, makes it a beautiful piece of musical history. But the fact that it needed no tweaking to work, that Steve and then Antoine received it in the original packaging from that time, those are miracles that don't often happen. I feel privileged to be one of the first to see this amazing piece.

Here's what's coming up:

Still no schedule from The Pickled Owl in Hurleyville. Their live music is only on Saturday nights for the winter, beginning at 6pm.

CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville

Thursday night, January 23: Open Mic hosted by LIT-TLE SPARROW; 7pm

Friday night, Jan 24: JAIME LILLY AND CASWYN MOON; 8pm Saturday night, Jan 25: SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL;

8pm

And put on your calendar:

TUESDAY JANUARY 28: SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA at Brew in Rock Hill; 6:30pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2: FIRST SUNDAY at the Sullivan County Museum; 1pm. Little Sparrow hosts LITTLE SPARROW !!! No, this isn't a typo. We get (weather permitting) an afternoon of one of our favorites!!!

2020 Winter Salon Series Features Free Events in January, February, and March

(From Pg. 8) Jazz Times praised Lester's sound as "spirit-ed, compelling, purposeful, and technically accomplished piano jazz.'

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

The following Saturday, March 7 at 2pm, Salon Series will feature a performance by musician Kevin Graham. Graham is a Narrowsburg, New York based multi-instrumentalist whose improvised musical style is widely influenced by many styles including jazz, classical, folk, and world music. From playing in east village clubs as a teenager to working as a studio musician in his 20s. Graham has collected many styles and techniques over the years and put them all together for his debut solo show. Looping live with his six string ukulele, electric guitar, fretless bass, vocals, and various percussive instruments, Graham will perform a mix of eclectic musical motifs and melodies with improvised rhythms and solos.

Graham pursues a balance between musicality and virtuosity, emphasizing emotional impact to build a composition in the moment. All of his creative endeavors share the same spark, a process rooted in improvisation and the

shaping of ideas that appear to be born out of mistakes. DVAA's 2020 Winter Salon Series wraps up on Saturday, March 28, at 2pm with "Life in the Past Lane". Jonathan Charles Fox and his sidekick Dharma the Wonder Dog will be making a pit stop at the Krause Recital Hall to regale audiences with a selection of stories culled from his colorful life on planet Earth. While some of his tales might seem out of this world, each is guaranteed to be new, true, unscripted and unrehearsed.

An award-winning columnist, author, photographer

and self- proclaimed "Bon Vivant," Jonathan Charles Fox's "Life in the Past Lane" will regale audiences with his unique blend of humor, pathos, and more of the "selfserving ingratiating joie de vivre" that he's famous for in some corner of the galaxy.

"It's just how I roll," Fox shared, regarding his "tri-umphant return" to the Salon Series. "I never really know what I'm going to say until the audience shows up, since they are an integral part of the experience," he explained. "I may be in the driver's seat, steering my way through my memoir - titled 'Life in the Past Lane" but there will surely be bumps in the road, twists, and turns, and it's possible some hazards will show up in the rear view mirror. At some point, it will all screech to a halt, or simply crash and burn" he laments. Either way, at some point you'll get to go home unscathed... I hope." DVAA is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg,

NY, and the events will take place at 2pm on the second floor in the intimate Krause Recital Hall.

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

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.

Her Quirky Journey: I'm Homeless and I Like It -Marilyn Borth

herquirkyjourney.com

I don't own a house. I don't own an apartment or condominium. I don't own any property of any kind. In a word, I'm "homeless."



Granted, I'm not a "homeless person" in the sense you may be thinking. A cardboard box on a "lthy, busy street corner isn't my home. I'm not broke, begging on aforementioned street corner to get by. Instead, "home" for me is anywhere I am at that moment. I am constantly on the road or in the air, depending on which mode of transportation I'm using. I travel the world with only two backpacks: a behemoth of a hiking bag on my back and an

adorable, yet deceivingly heavy backpack on my front. Together, the three of us have been to three continents and thirty-one countries. We've called numerous cities and countries "home." I lived in a kitchen-less apartment in Thailand for six months. I shared a studio apartment in China with cockroaches for nearly a year. I've also lived in a large, modern, and pristine apartment with a beach view and balcony in Vietnam for just two months.

I'm not "homeless" in the meaning that I lack a home. Contrarily, I always have a roof over my head, but that roof changes nearly every month or two months- or even every day! Simply put, I don't have a permanent address.

There's a new term that's arisen for people such as myself: "digital nomad." A digital nomad is a person with nomadic tendencies who works from their computer. Instead of a house with a hefty mortgage or a cramped and overpriced apartment, my home is the world. For me, the question isn't, "Where will you go next?" Rather, it's, "Where will you live next?" And, right now, the answer is, "Colombia."

ED NOTES: Marilyn does come back to the States to visit her father, who is among the frequent Karaoke singers at the Double Top Lounge at Resorts World, where I had the privilege of meeting with her on two occasions this past year. Hearing some of her stories about the 31 countries she has visited, including seven she has called home over the past few years I wanted to hear more. By the time you read this, Marilyn will be heading to Columbia, South America. Rather than wait until she once again visits Sullivan County to tell us about 'Her Quirky Journey', Marilyn has agreed to share some of her experiences in a new chapter - her next journey to South America.

You can get to know Marilyn a little better by visiting her website: *herquirkyjourney.com*.

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(From Pg. 1) Graphic Design USA (GDUSA) has been a business-to-business information source for graphic design professionals since 1963. The magazine awarded 600 pieces in 2019 out of over 12,000 entries. This year's showcase reflects the many ways that graphic design shapes business and society, products and services, commerce and culture, and causes. The Archives Gallery Exhibit by 2k Design was honored as one of 50 winners in the "Pop, Signs & Exhibits" category. Visit http://contests.gdusa.com/competitions/2019-american-graphicdesign-awards to view the award winners.

Kris Fitzgerald is the sole proprietor of 2k Design and draws on three decades of design, marketing and entrepreneurial experience. She holds a BFA with honors in graphic design from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and is a member of the Type Director's Club and the University &_College Designers Association. This is the second exhibit Kris has designed for the Ulster County Clerk's Office, the first being a permanent exhibit at the Matthewis Persen House Museum, located at 74 John Street in Kingston. She has extensive experience working with nonprofits including the New York State Archives, Union College, and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, all of which also won awards this year, as well as the New York State Museum.

"Having the opportunity to design an exhibit showcasing historical records held in the collections of the Ulster County Clerk's Office Archives was such an honor," said Kris of 2k Design. "As an early colonial settlement and the first capital of New York, Kingston and its surrounding area were significant sites in the history of our state and developing nation. This design of this exhibit gives the public the chance to see replicas of records spanning four centuries that document that history, and to learn a little about the work done by the Ulster County Clerk's Office to safeguard those records. From the exhibit headline modeled after typography on a map in the collections, to the selection of the color palette, backgrounds and layered documents, every element of the design was chosen to highlight the depth and richness of the county's history."

The Archives Gallery exhibit shows a broad sampling of the archival record series that are available to the public for research and was made possible by a grant from the New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund. The grant funded graphic design by Kris Fitzgerald of 2k Design and fabrication by Creatacor. "Working with Kris has been a wonderful experience," said County Clerk Postupack. "She was able to take our ideas and documents and turn them into a beautiful and informative display that is now a permanent fixture in the Archives Gallery. We congratulate Kris on this wonderful award and thank her for her vision and inspiration in designing the exhibit."

For further information about this or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit the archives online at ulstercountyny.gov/archives.

Governor Cuomo Announces "Make-ready" Program for Electric Vehicles

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the New York State Department of Public Service issued a report recommending the establishment of a statewide utility-supported "Make-Ready" Program to promote responsible electric vehicle charging station deployment. In addition, the Governor announced that more than 20,000 rebates have been approved for New Yorkers to purchase electric cars under the Drive Clean Rebate initiative, which provides residents with a rebate of up to \$2,000 for the purchase or lease of a new electric car from participating dealers. In his 2020 State of the State address Governor Cuomo underscored New York's commitment to further encourage electric vehicle, or EV, ownership. Specifically, the Governor directed the Department of Public Service, in consultation with stakeholders, to propose a make-ready initiative that provides utility support to accelerate the development of the EV charging infrastructure needed to meet the expected EV growth in the next five years.

"Accelerating electric vehicle ownership is a key component of New York's nation-leading plan to fight clime change and grow our clean energy economy," Governor Cuomo said. "The Make Ready initiative will direct the State's utilities to build the grid infrastructure needed to enable the installation of publicly accessible chargers, encouraging more New Yorkers to choose electric vehicles while creating jobs and ensuring our energy dollars stay in-state."

The report recommends that the Public Service Commission

direct the State's major electric utilities to build the grid infrastructure needed to enable installation of publicly accessible EV charging stations. To support EV deployment in New York, the report recommends a number of actions to leverage the utilities' expertise and unique position to promote zero-emission vehicle adoption. The Commission has already approved initiatives to encourage the zero emission's market, including residential time-ofuse rates for EV charging and annual per-plug incentives to buy down the cost of installing publicly accessible direct current fast charger stations. The Commission has also approved a number of EV demonstration and pilot projects, and the utilities have developed the framework needed to rollout EVs.

The "Make-Ready" Program would run through 2025 to coincide with New York's goal of deploying 850,000 zero-emission vehicles by the end of that year. The program will improve EV economics for developers by covering up to 90 percent of the costs to make-ready a site for EV charging. The report also proposes that the utilities be required to incorporate EV charging scenarios into their annual capital planning processes to encourage thoughtful siting of charging infrastructure. This proposal will encourage accelerated, forward-thinking development of charging infrastructure that is estimated to provide New Yorkers with over \$2.6 billion in net benefits and supports the achievement of the State's transportation electrification and clean energy goals.

Thoughtful siting of charging infrastructure will support reduced installation costs, improved site host acceptance and maximized use from drivers. An EV charging infrastructure forecast would require electric utilities to identify locations suitable for electric vehicle supply equipment and infrastructure siting, and to proactively educate developers on synergistic cost-saving opportunities. The report recommends that the utilities establish a common suitability criterion to identify potential public charging sites, with the objective of maximizing public charging utilization to ensure efficient use of customer funds invested and provide fair and equitable access and benefit to all utility customers, including those in disadvantaged communities.

As EV prices come down and more EVs come to the market, it will be appropriate to develop more charging infrastructure in environmental justice communities - who have been disproportionately impacted by air pollution -- and rural neighborhoods. Additionally, communities with low vehicle ownership rates, which are disproportionately impacted by air pollutants due to their proximity to heavily trafficked roads and highways, will benefit from a greater share of EVs on the roads. New York State has a number of initiatives to support medium and heavy-duty vehicle electrification underway, including bus fleets, which provide additional access to EVs and improved air quality for many disadvantaged communities.

Fast-charger EV stations developed in the first year of the "Make-Ready" Program are expected to have positive financial returns for all regions and site configurations, except for the larger 150 kW stations located in Upstate New York. Given publicly visible and accessible infrastructure's vital role in assuaging range anxiety, the report recommends that each region in Upstate New York be eligible for additional incentives to make four or more fast charging locations available in every region.

The EVolve NY initiative, administered by the New York Power Authority, has committed \$250 million to expand public fast charging along key transit corridors, creating new charging hubs in major cities and airports, and establishing electric vehicle-friendly model communities that will encourage residents to transition to driving electric vehicles.

The additional infrastructure will complement the goals of the State's Drive Clean Rebate initiative, a \$70 million plug-in hybrid and electric car rebate and outreach initiative to encourage the growth of clean and non-polluting car use in New York, promote the reduction of carbon emissions in the transportation sector and help reduce vehicle prices for consumers. Of this, \$55 million is dedicated to rebates of up to \$2,000 for the purchase of a new plug-in hybrid electric car, all-electric car or hydrogen fuel cell car. The remaining \$15 million is to support improving consumer awareness of electric cars and their many benefits, installing more charging stations across the state, developing and demonstrating new electric cars on New York's roadways.

Since it was launched, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, which administers the initiative, has approved more than \$29 million in rebates for New Yorkers who purchased or leased 45 different types of cars. Overall, most people received rebates

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of \$1,100 or more for their new electric cars.

News Yorkers in each county of the state received rebates. Approximately 33 percent of the approved rebates were received by Long Island consumers, followed by drivers in the Mid-Hudson region. Below is a complete breakdown of rebate applications by region:

REDC Region	Total Applications*	% of Total
Long Island	6,866	33%
Mid-Hudson	3,656	17%
New York City	2,458	12%
Capital District	2,129	10%
Finger Lakes	2,085	10%
Western NY	1,426	7%
Central NY	891	4%
Southern Tier	781	4%
Mohawk Valley	423	2%
North Country	259	1%
Total	20,974	

*Through 1/10/20

John B. Rhodes, Department of Public Service CEO said, "The energy system of the future and the transportation system of the future need electric vehicles. This report proposes smart, forward-looking utility investments that are good for both electric customers and for car owners, and that accelerate Governor Cuomo's clean energy and clean transportation strategy."

NYSERDA Alicia Barton, President and CEO, NYSERDA said, "The Make Ready Program is the latest signal to New Yorkers that they can confidently and reliably transition to electric vehicles under Governor Cuomo's vision for advancing the use of cleaner, greener vehicles across the state and ultimately eliminating our carbon footprint. We have already approved more than 20,000 rebates under the Drive Clean Rebate program making it clear that the State is laser focused on providing residents with affordable clean energy solutions that will reduce emissions, safeguard our environment and ensure cleaner communities."

Gil C. Quiniones, NYPA President and CEO, said, "Accelerating the addition of more charging stations statewide is key to the successful encouragement and support of electric car adoption in New York State. The Make Ready Program will further encourage the important collaboration between utilities and developers so that more charging infrastructure can be built. New York State is committed to creating an environment of convenience and ease for current and potential EV drivers. Our comprehensive approach will help make zero-emission vehicles the natural option for both business and personal travel for New Yorkers."

The Make Ready program supports the Governor's recent State-of-the-State announcement on electric vehicles calling on NYPA to install 10 or more fast-charging locations in every Regional Economic Development Council region by the end of 2022. The Governor's EV policy also calls for every travel plaza on the New York State Thruway to have charging stations installed by NYPA by the end of 2024 and for at least 800 new chargers to be installed over the next five years.

The recommendations in the report also build on New York's successful EV expansion efforts through Governor Cuomo's Charge NY initiative, which set and exceeded its ambitious goals of 30,000 EVs and 3,000 EV charging stations by the end of 2018. More than 45,000 electric vehicles have been purchased in New York since 2013 - more than 48 other states - and New York has installed roughly 4,000 charging stations during the same period.

New York has ambitious climate change mitigation policies that are reflected in the adoption of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The CLCPA establishes the State goal of economy-wide net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as well as a reduction of GHG emissions from all anthropogenic sources by at least 85 percent over 1990 levels by the year 2050, with an interim target of at least a 40 percent reduction by the year 2030. The CLCPA requires both substantial emissions reductions and complementary adaptation measures to address the severe impacts of climate change, including transportation electrification as a mitigation measure to harness substantial emissions reductions. New York's transportation sector is responsible for more of the State's carbon dioxide emissions than any other sector, and these emissions are growing.

JANUARY 23, 2020

Crochet A Snowflake Materials: Yarn: Cotton Yarn

Crochet Hook: 1,5 mm Stitches Used: ch-chain, st-stitch, sl st-slip stitch, sc-single crochet, dc-double crochet, tc-triple crochet, picot,



PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. MCL

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To Make a Snowflake: ch-6, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring

Round 1: ch-4 (counts as dc and ch-1), * dc in ring, ch-1 **, repeat from * to ** 10 times, join with sl st to top of ch-3 - 12 dċ

Round 2: ch-1, sc in next ch-1 space, * ch-6, sc in next ch-1 space, ch-5, sc in next ch-1 space **, repeat from * to ** 4 times, ch-6, sc in next ch-1 space, ch-3, join with dc to first sc. Round 3: ch-1, sc in the same space, * ch-2, 2 dc in next ch-6 space, picot (ch-4), tc in same space, picot (ch-7), tc in same space, picot (ch-4), 2 dc in same space, ch-2, sc in ch-5 space *, repeat from * to ** to the end of the round, join with sl st to first sc.

These are easy and fun to make while you are relaxing and looking at the beautiful winter snow scene outside, and your



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

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 handdelivered to the Town Hall.

Jan. 16 & 23

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking bids for the purchase of VoIP Phone System, including main system and phones, and IT network devices including gigabit switch and wireless access points. Bids are due February 5, 2020 at 4:00pm at CWC offices. For bid specifications please contact Jason Merwin or Timothy Cox by calling (845)586-1400. EOE

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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

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

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

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

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 6, 2020.

Tri-Valley Central Schoo District Board Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m., in the Secondary School Llbrary Lower Level. Anticipated Executive Session will be 6:00 p.m.

Secondary School Library Upper Level.

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is Moving

FERNDALE, NY, January 17, 2020- The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) excitedly announces the relocation of its offices to 15 Sullivan Avenue in the Village of Liberty!

SCVA has reached an agreement with S&S Waverly LLC to lease space in the Liberty Mall-the home to the famous Sullivan's Department Store, right off Route 17's Exit 100 and NYS Route 52.

The SCVA President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood and Board are committed to bringing economic development and revitalization to the Sullivan Catskills. The adaptive use of the Liberty Mall is a way to do this. The SCVA team wants to encourage the redevelopment of this space and believes that by being there, they can help with its progress. The location will also host the relocated administrative offices of Sullivan County BOCES.

"We have outgrown our current quarters and needed to find office space that would warmly welcome and accommodate visitors and investors, as 2020 will see additional growth in our booming local tourism industry," stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, "We believe that the new space will be an effective and accessible way to advance the mission of the Sullivan Catskills, inspire revitalization, while maintaining our robust marketing and promotion efforts."

Tourism in the Sullivan Catskills has a \$515 million impact with over \$35 million in sales tax, a 35-1 return on investment. Every destination competes for visitors. In order for the SCVA to be globally competitive for visitors' attention and dollars, they must continue to create new and innovative programing and advertising.

"Part of the SCVA's crucial work is to provide the businesses here the opportunity to be promoted and informed so that they remain a viable part of the Sullivan Catskills economy," said incoming SCVA Board Chair Sims Foster. "Yet, there is no space, at the current location, for an educational and conference area to hold seminars for our member businesses. We need to provide our 500 plus members and other local companies and attractions with the proper toolbox to enhance their business and presence not just in Sullivan County and New York but nationally and around the world."

About the SCVA

The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association's purpose is to promote and support the Sullivan County Catskills natural, cultural and recreational assets to optimize tourism revenue. It also aspires the Sullivan Catskills to be a premier multi-seasonal travel destination in New York State, visit www.sullivancatskills.com or call 845-747-4449 for more information.

To All Friends of Rotary Puerto Rico Earthquake Disaster Relief Call For Help Rotary Answers Call For Help from Puerto Rico

On January 7 there was an earthquake, magnitude 6.4 followed by another 6.0 tremor, which impacted the southwest coast of Puerto Rico. As a result, a number of houses collapsed and buildings and other structures have been structurally compromised. Many people are afraid to sleep inside out of fear of another quake or aftershock.

After Hurricane Maria, the Liberty, NY Rotary Club developed a network of Rotarians from Puerto Rico, Massachusetts and New York to provide assistance to the Moca, Puerto Rico, area which was devastated by the hurricane, and together we are working with the leaders of Rotary Clubs in Puerto Rico's district 7000 to respond to this latest crisis.

crisis. We received this message from Puerto Rico's Rotary District Governor;

"...a number of houses collapsed, buildings and other structures have been structurally compromised, etc. The extent of the damage is to be determined. Some people have died, mostly from heart attacks. As residents of the affected area we can attest to the deep sense of fear and desperation when experiencing such catastrophic events. Sleeping at night is a challenge.

Affected people in towns near to the earthquake's epicenters have abandoned homes

and multiple tent camps have been established, albeit, some without tents! cots, food,

water is scarce., etc.

I will not attempt here to provide here more details that can best be reported by the news.

Response has been slow.... It is starting to flow from the local government. Private

citizens have supported others in need as best as possible.

Response from the Federal Government, FEMA is slow. Waiting for President Trump to declare Puerto Rico a disaster area. Don't know the details but you all know the whole Puerto Rico disaster relief aid since Hurricane Maria leaves a lot to be desired...". The Puerto Rico Maria leaves a lot to be desired..." . The Puerto Rico Rotary leadership has stated that, while they know that their US and International friends will probably reach out and provide immediate supplies, monetary donations would be most effective. Receiving funds will allow them to be more proactive and purchase needed supplies at home, which will save time and expense in purchasing and shipping supplies from the U.S. and will help them stimulate their economy. Through Rotary, money can be securely collected and the money raised will be distributed directly to assist the people of Puerto Rico during this frightening time. Please consider donating to our fellow citizens, brothers and sisters - no donation is too large or too small. To donate by check or money order make payable to: CFOS Liberty, New York, Rotary Club Foundation Fund

Send checks to: CFOS Liberty, New York, Rotary Club Foundation Fund Please write "Puerto Rico Disaster Relief" in the memo 30 Scotts Corners Drive, Suite 203 Montgomery, NY 12549

For more information contact: Gary Siegel – District 7210 Disaster Relief Chair Liberty NY Rotary Club President Elect Email: cdtripsllc@gmail.com Phone: 845-798-2188 Website: www.libertynyrotary.org Liberty NY Rotary Facebook Page The Liberty, New York, Rotary Club Foundation Fund is dedicated to providing assistance to those areas effected by catastrophic natural disasters. Often times partnering with other civil service organizations, the members of this Rotary Club put service above self and lend a helping hand to those in need

Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on Third and Fourth NYS Deaths from Vaping-associated Illness

"The State Department of Health has confirmed two more deaths in New York due to vaping-associated illness: an adult female in her twenties from New York City and an adult female in her fifties from Ontario County. While State DOH is continuing its investigation, they have determined both deaths are vaping-related based on an extensive review, bringing the total number of vaping-related deaths in New York to four.

"These deaths are tragic - and they are also preventable. We know smoking and nicotine are dangerous, and it's becoming tragically clearer by the day that vaping is too.

"State DOH and its Wadsworth Center Laboratory are doing groundbreaking work getting to the bottom of this unacceptable situation and we will continue using every tool at our disposal until these illnesses and deaths stop. In the meantime our message on vaping remains unchanged: if you don't know what you're smoking, don't smoke it."

Statement from UC Pat Ryan on State's Planned New Park on More than 500 Acres Along the Hudson River KINGSTON, N.Y. - "Governor Cuomo's announcement of a

KINGSTON, N.Y. - "Governor Cuomo's announcement of a new New York State Park along the Hudson River is tremendously exciting and has the potential to be transformational, both for Ulster County and our entire region. The move to purchase Scenic Hudson's recently acquired 508 acres straddling Kingston and the Town of Ulster - for State stewardship will enable an extraordinary level of resources unlocking boundless possibilities. This acquisition will accelerate crucial economic growth linked to our expanding tourism industry and allow more residents and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of Ulster County and the majestic Hudson River. I look forward to working with our state and local partners in creating a destination that will benefit our County and beyond as a world-class natural resource."



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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the

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Statewide Recognition Events, Special Online Features, Look Back and Look

Forward to be Highlighted in 2020 DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that DEC will host a year-long celebration of its upcoming 50th anniversary in 2020. DEC was established in 1970 on the first-ever Earth Day. To support the celebration of DEC's anniversary, the agency is releasing a commemorative logo that will be used on the DEC website, in printed materials, and other promotions throughout 2020. Commissioner Seggos said, "For 50 years, New York State has

set the national standard for environmental excellence by advancing ambitious and proactive policies to protect the planet. Established on the first Earth Day in 1970, the Department of Environmental Conservation has played a leading role in nearly every environmental milestone in New York's history, including the recovery of the Bald Eagle, the first statewide fracking ban, and the largest addition to the Adirondack Park in more than a century, completed in 2016. This year, while we reflect on five decades of victories, we will urgently direct our attention to the challenges of the next 50 years, particularly climate change, the greatest-ever threat to our air, land, and water. As Washington, D.C., abandons environmental protection and sides with polluters, DEC is committed to taking on the challenges ahead.'

Starting in January, DEC will highlight its history of environmental victories on the agency website, via email, social media channels using the #DEC50 hashtag, and in the Conservationist Magazine and Conservationist for Kids. In addition, beginning in January and continuing throughout the year, DEC will host special anniversary events and announce staff-led service projects across the state.

As part of the anniversary celebration, DEC is also launching a new Geocaching Challenge. DEC will designate 50 properties across the state where geocaching canisters will be hidden with information inside on how to receive a prize. DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife will incorporate the DEC

50 logo in the yearly Habitat Access Pin to commemorate the anniversary. The new Habitat Access Pin will be available at **Opening of New Gondola at Lake Placid's Olympic Jumping Complex**

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SkyRide Now Ready to Take Passengers to the Jumping Towers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex's new gondola is now open to the public. The SkyRide is a six-cabin gondola that can carry as many as eight athletes, coaches, officials, visitors and items of equipment per cabin. It travels from the complex's base lodge to the 90-meter and 120-meter ski jump towers.

The SkyRide gondola is the latest piece in our continued effort to modernize the Lake Placid Olympic Jumping Complex for not only the world-class athletes that train and compete there, but for the thou-sands of guests that visit the complex year-round," Governor Cuomo said. "With this new gondola, the Olympic Regional Development Authority will continue to attract and support large-scale, global events at this facility.

The SkyRide Gondola was supplied and installed by Doppelmayr Garaventa Group, which is based in Switzerland. The \$2.9 million project was completed in less than 12-months.

Other recent additions to the complex include new top speed frost rails in both the 90-meter and 120-meter outruns, a multi-color LED system that tracks jumpers as they descend and a state-of-the-art communication system connecting event officials, judges and the public address announcer during training and competition.

A new zip line adventure ride for all ages is under construction and anticipated to be complete in the Summer 2020 along with a series of site work that will make snowmaking on the venue more efficient.

The Governor has committed nearly \$240 million in funding to support the state's Olympic Regional Development Authority properties since taking office. This unprecedented investment in capital projects is improving the infrastructure of Olympic venues to ensure they continue to attract and support large-scale, global events, and operate as year-round attractions.

The Olympic Jumping Complex is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

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Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

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!

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Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia ON TCM STARTING AT 10:00 PM FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 31, 2020 WE HONOR, ACTOR SHIRLEY MACLAINE BEATY IN "THE APARTMENT" (Comedy - Drama, 1960)

An aspiring executive (Jack Lemmon) lets his bosses use his apartment for their affairs, only to fall for the big chief's mistress. Directed by Billy Wilder. Starring, Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine, Fred MacMurray, Ray Walston, Jack Kruschen, Edie Adams, David Lewis, Joan Shawlee.

Superb comedy-drama that manages to embrace both sentiment and cynicism. Lemmon attempts to climb the corporate ladder by loaning his apartment key to various executives for their extramarital trysts, but it backfires when he falls for his boss's latest girlfriend. Fine performances by all including MacMurray as an uncharacteristic heel. **Oscar winner for Best Picture, Director, Screenplay** (Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond), Editing (Daniel Mandell), Art Direction-Set Decoration (Alexander Trauner, Edward G. Boyle). Later a Broadway musical, *Promises, Promises*. Panavision.

Quiz:

Follow Nick

Who played J. D. "Jeff" Sheldrake?
Who played Mr. Joe Dobisch?

BORN SHIRLEY MACLAINE BEATY on April 24, 1934, she was the daughter of teachers Ira Owen Beaty and Kathrine Corrine MacLean, who also raised a son, Warren, later a major Hollywood talent in his own right. MacLaine was born in Richmond, VA, but the family moved to several locations in the state throughout her childhood before settling in Waverly. MacLaine's most fervent desire was to become a dancer, which she had begun to train for at the age of two; by four, she had made her public debut and would appear on the professional stage just eight years later. So great was her desire to dance that while warming up before a performance of "Cinderella," she snapped her ankle. Not wishing to bow out, she bound her feet and went through with the production, after which she was dispatched in an ambulance. Eventually, the rigors of ballet proved too great for MacLaine to pursue in earnest, so she shifted her attention to acting. Just one summer shy of high school graduation, she lit out for New York in 1950 to audition for musicals and landed a part in the chorus for a revival of "Oklahoma!" She went back to Virginia to earn her diploma, after which she returned to the Great White Way to seek her fortune. Billed as Shirley MacLaine, she worked as a model while auditioning for musicals, eventually serving as Carol Haney's understudy in the Broadway production of "The Pajama Game." As always we will be back with more on "Shirley," and our other great stars in our

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood

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 Feb. 15 - Grahamsville UMC Saturday **Thrift Sale** 9 am noon

CLARYVILLE

Sun., Feb. 16, Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am to Nooon