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## Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys



Museum for an on-line virtual program: Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley, on Sunday, January 24th at 2 p.m..

Author and researcher Linda Zimmermann explores mysteries in the woods of the Hudson Valley of New York and northern New Jersey. Stone chambers, perched boulders,



standing stones, and massive walls could be unique historical treasures which should be studied and preserved. Some stone sites are assumed to be the work of colonial farmers, but Zimmermann has found compelling evidence that disputes this misconception. Could the

astronomical alignments at these sites provide answers? Could they be the work of Native Americans or Pre-Columbian voyagers? (Contd. Pg 17).

## Historic Moment for Sullivan County

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty released the following statement:



*SC District Attorney Meagan Galligan*

"I'd like to congratulate both incoming District Attorney Meagan Galligan and County Court Judge E. Danielle Jose-Decker upon taking office in 2021 - and for breaking the glass ceiling as the first women to sit in those positions in Sullivan County history. Neither of them are strangers to the County, and their victories in November's elections prove how much Sullivan County's voters respect and trust them. I look forward to working alongside Meagan and Danielle on behalf of our citizens and taxpayers in the coming years. Sullivan County will be tremendously well-served by them both



*SC Court Judge E. Danielle Jose-Decker*

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

Isaiah 59:1

**OBITUARY**

**Douglas L. Edwards** passed away Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Garnet Medical Center, Harris New York. He was 78 years old. He was the son of Jesse and Bertha Stickles Edwards, born on January 14, 1942 on Thunder Hill, in the Town of Neversink N.Y.

He is survived by two sons, Douglas and his wife Patricia of Franklin V.A. and also Dennis and his wife Andrea of Hurleyville N.Y.; his grandchildren Jessica, Michelle, Joseph, Johnathon, and Kristopher; three-great-grandchildren Benjamin, Rian, and Renley; four brothers Roger and his wife Nancy, of Neversink N.Y., Robert and His wife Mary Jean, of Middletown N.Y, Donald and his wife Elaine of Jeffersonville N.Y., and Nial and his wife Rita of Franklin V.A.; two sisters Bertha Ann Apple and her husband Larry of Georgetown, Fla., and Sandra Edwards of Kerhonkson N.Y. He also leaves his extended family at ARC Alport House in South Fallsburg N.Y.

Douglas was predeceased by his parents and sisters Loretta Noren, Doris Painter, and Sarah Sennett. He loved music and enjoyed playing his guitar. His idol was Hank Williams. Like his father he enjoyed repairing cars. He had a quick sense of humor, and a winning smile that greeted everyone.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11 am, at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville N.Y. Social distancing guidelines set forth by the New York State Department of Health will be in place; masks must be worn at all times.

Arrangements are under the care of the Colonial-Ramsey Funeral Home in Liberty, N.Y. For further information call 845-292-7160 or visit [www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com).

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****January 3, 1951**

Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth McFarland Visssher, wife of Arlington Visssher of Grahamsville, died suddenly at her home here on December 28th. She is survived by her husband, one son,

Raymond and her father. Mrs. Visssher was born April 1917 in Barre, Vt. She was married there on July 11, 1942 to Mr. Visssher, who is Music Supervisor at Tri-Valley School.

Central Hudson is completing arrangement for a right of way for the new high tension line over South Hill.

Mrs. Andrew Dulaff was hostess Friday afternoon at a bridal shower for Mrs. Freddie Ahrens, which was held at the Church Hall. Twenty-two friends and relatives were present.

Mr. Edward Ringwood Hewitt, for many years a summer resident of this vicinity, has presented the Daniel Pierce Library with a copy of his book, "Ringwood Manor", which may be of interest to many local people. The Manor, now belonging to the State of New Jersey, is open to visitors and it is estimated that 100,000 persons annually stop at this beautiful and historic site.

**January 4, 1961**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, violet to Jack Wallace Sheley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Sheley of Napanoch. The prospective bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley High School and is presently employed at Channel Master Corporation. Mr. Sheley attended Ellenville High School and is associated with the American Paper and Board Manufacture Co. A February wedding is planned.

Sealed bids will be received by the New York City Board of Water Supply in NYC on Thursday, January 10th for two contracts for the construction of intake and outlet works of the West Delaware Tunnel.

Russell Whipple of Old Greenfield Road, Ellenville, died Sunday, December 25th at Veteran's Memorial Hospital. Mr. Whipple was born on October, 1900 in Frost Valley, son of Sherman and Anna Kane Whipple. He was married August 22, 1922 to the former Maude Wunders. He was a retired truck driver.

1,310 acres of prime forest land around Mongaup Pond will be acquired by New York State for a state park with camping facilities according to reports. State surveyors have been very busy checking out lines in recent weeks.

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**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****January 6, 1971** (From Pg. 2)

Recently the Neversink Town Board by resolution, created a zoning commission. This commission, required by Town Law is comprised of the original planning board members: Frank Clark, Bob Cornwell, Dion Garigliano, Jerome Kerner, Charles Nielsen and George Rubenzahl.

Our hopes and wishes for the year 1971 carried over from last year are: 1. A general practitioner - seemed we almost had it but something happened along the way and we are still waiting. 2. A dentist, even part time. 3. A center and swimming pool for the Tri-Valley area. There are probably more wishes for 1971, but it would be nice to see something concrete instead of wishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison have moved to Parksville where Mr. Allison is a caretaker at Elko Camp.

The first annual Catskill Mountains ice figure skating championship will be held on Sunday, January 18th at Livingston Manor in conjunction with the 16th Annual Winter Carnival in that Sullivan County Community.

**January 1, 1981**

Airman First Class Christian D. Mc Carthy has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Chris is the son of Carol Curry of Grahamsville.

Sergeant Karl D. Shader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Shader of Grahamsville, has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort Polk, LA. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Ethel C. Prince of Riverside Drive, Woodbourne, died December 24th at the Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. Mrs. Prince, a 45 year resident was born April 29, 1915 in Cadosia. She was a member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church. Among survivors were her husband, Alfred E. Prince at home; a son, Robert Prince of Woodbourne; a daughter, Edith Mierop of Red Wing, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks of Sundown are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lee to Robert Joseph DeVore, son of Mrs. Lucille DeVore of Woodridge and Mr. Joseph DeVore of Mountaintale. A May 24th wedding is planned.

Get well wishes to Frank Comando, Jr., Emma Hamilton, and Mrs. Grace Newman all in Harris Hospital. We sincerely wish all who are ill a speedy recovery.

**Household Hints:****Do You Have Dandruff "Snow" on Your Shoulders?**

To give your dandruff the brush-of. Follow up each shampoo with a rinse of 2 cups apple cider vinegar mixed with 2 cups cold water. You can also fight dandruff by applying 3 tablespoons vinegar onto your hair and massaging into your scalp before you shampoo. Wait a few minutes, then rinse it out and wash as usual.

**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.*

**Deer - Finely Tuned Weather Machines**

Our ancestors watched animal behavior to predict what weather was ahead. The result? Weather folklore. You have probably heard some of the popular weather lore sayings about deer. For example when deer are in gray coat in October, expect a severe winter. Or, deer come down from the mountains at least two days before a storm. They seem to sense when a winter storm is approaching well before it arrives and begin eating heavily 12-24 hours before it begins.

It's the dead of winter. There are no leaves on the trees. As of Sunday night snow covered much of the Tri-Valley area along with colder temperatures. Winter can be tough for both man and wild animals. One may think Mother Nature is cruel depriving the wonderful whitetail of all its food sources, but she has actually provided the whitetail with enough to eat to survive the winter.

The numerous whitetail deer that we are now seeing have also prepared for winter in other ways.

Their coat is now a heavier darker fur with each hair hollow to trap warm air next to the body for insulation. This keeps the warm-blooded animal's body temperature fairly constant, regardless of the surrounding weather.

A huge misconception in the 'whitetail woods' is that the colder the temperature, the more deer move. While this is true for other mammals, this is not the case for deer. Deer simply move less during frigid temperatures to conserve much needed calories which can be the difference between survival and starvation. Nutritious food is scarce during the winter and the deer's metabolism actually slows down significantly to help retain energy needed to keep the body warm. Deer also tend to move more during the daylight hours during colder temperatures, enabling them to conserve more energy by bedding down through the night and moving during the day when temperatures rise, even if it is just a few degrees.

Deer in our area also prepare for winter by altering their digestive system to handle the seasonal change in diet from green leaves and grass to tree buds, twigs and moss.

Another winter readiness is when the male deer lose their antlers after the mating season and rejoin family herds in "deer yards" when snow is deep. This outstanding feature of the whitetail buck shedding its antlers in winter to be regrown completely six months later puts an enormous strain on the buck's vitality since a large pair of antlers can be a fifth of its total body weight. Shedding the antlers helps them conserve energy during winter.

Female caribou or reindeer are the only members of the deer family that grow antlers. In Asia two species of primitive deer have no antlers. True deer that grew deciduous antlers first appeared about ten million years ago. They were cat-size mammals with clawed feet. One line stayed in Europe and became the Red Deer group. Another line migrated from Asia a million years ago across the Bering Straits and became the New World of moose, elk, caribou and our white tail deer.

Whitetails took a million years to perfect their winterizing tricks of growing heavier coats, shedding antlers and digesting seasonal diets. But they did it so well they can endure the bitter cold winter weather.

The whitetail deer is an extremely adaptive animal. During the dead of winter when it seems that the species may be living in peril, whitetails have proven they have evolved into a finely tuned winter weather machine!



# Local Kiwanis Clubs Spread Cheer



*Federation Program Admin. Kathy Kreiter, Monticello Kiwanian Sheila Lashinsky, Woodridge Kiw. Pres. Diane Garritt and Membership Chair Sue Kasofsky.*

The Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined forces once more to bring holiday cheer to nursing home and rehab residents and to local families in need in the community. They presented little gifts and greeting cards to Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Program Administrator Kathy Kreiter and to Garnet Healthcare Skilled Nursing Unit Director of Nursing Jessica Piccard and Activities Manager Matthew Reyes. The gifts included an assortment of holiday solar dancers, Santa snowglobes, playdough, coloring books, Find the Word and Crossword Puzzles, body lotion, playing cards, musical stuffed animals and children's story books.



*Gifts for Skilled Nursing Unit and Federation for the Homeless*

In addition to the Kiwanis Club members, the Monticello High School Key Club as well as the Aktion Club of Sullivan County, comprised of individuals from Sullivan Orange Arc, New Hope Community and Center for Discovery, contributed a large

amount of beautifully hand-made greeting cards to be distributed with the gifts.



*Cards by Monticello High School Key Club*

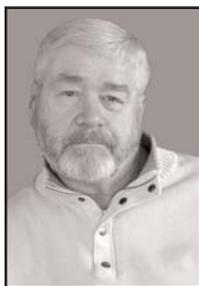


*Garnet Healthcare Matthew Reyes and Jessica Piccard and Woodridge Kiwanian Sue Kasofsky and Monticello Kiwanian Sheila Lashinsky*

The main mission of this project was to give back to the community and to reassure the recipients that people were thinking of them and wanted to make their holiday a little more enjoyable during these trying times.

The very important healthcare workers at the skilled nursing unit were also acknowledged and thanked for their heroic service by presenting them with buckets of munchkins from Dunkin Donuts for their enjoyment.

For more information about Kiwanis - contact Mont. Pres. Marvin Rappaport at 845 -701-1655 or Woodridge Membership Chairperson Sue Kasofsky at 845-434-8052.



## The Border

### Mysterious Book Report No. 368

by John Dwaine McKenna

No matter what side of the political and social rift you're on, we can all agree that our southern border – the invisible line – which designates the United States of America from the United Mexican States, is one of the most contentious places on planet earth. As such, it abounds with tales of human tragedy, hope, criminality, heroism, death, life, dreams and disasters. It is a place of legend, with stories too numerous to count, as well as a place of endless fascination. And now, in the culmination of a twenty-year effort from one of America's best crime fiction and thriller writers, it's the last volume of a trilogy about the drug wars . . . as seen through the eyes of a tough, pragmatic DEA agent named Art Keller . . . that began in 2005 with the publication of *The Power of the Dog*, followed in 2015 by *The Cartel*.

Now, in what can only be called his *magnum opus*, crime fiction master Don Winslow brings it to a crescendo in *The Border*, (William Morrow/Harper Collins, \$28.99, 720 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-26648-8.)

Art Keller has spent his entire adult life fighting the drug cartels and trying to capture or kill the head of the Sinaloa Cartel: Adán Barrera, the godfather of all the Narcos. It's been a long and bloody fight that's cost Keller his family, friends, a partner who was like a brother, and a piece of his soul . . . but it cost Barrera his life. In a cruel twist of fate however, Keller, now the politically appointed head of the DEA, finds that killing one monster has created thirty new ones, and a new drug war has broken out in Mexico, with fresh young Narcos vying to take over. From his position atop the agency, Keller sees that the fifty year War on Drugs is a failure, and realizes that the enemy isn't just in Mexico, it's his own government, the addicts, users and dope slingers who sell the poison that's killing 70,000 people a year from overdoses. Heroin is Adán's Barrera's legacy, and every time a junkie uses, someone makes money. Keller thinks it's fueling the US economy, but still puts together a far-ranging clandestine program called "Operation Agitator," targeting the politicians, financiers and bosses of the cartels. It's ambitious, far-reaching and possibly fatal . . . because one of the Narco targets has proof of Keller's involvement in a crime in Central America and is threatening him with exposure . . . while at the same time, Keller has evidence implicating the newly-elected US President's son-in-law of being involved in a real estate deal that uses drug cartel money to complete the financing.

From the slums of Guatemala City, to the financial canyons and corporate board rooms of Wall Street, to the halls of Congress and even the Oval Office of the White House, *The Border*, is epic in scope and far-reaching in content. It is a work of immense scale and deep impact that should be read by each and every voting adult in America. It's a thought-provoking blockbuster, and one for the ages!

Like the review? Let your friends know, *You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report*, because the greatest compliment you can give is to share our work with others.

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[Johndwainemckenna.com](http://Johndwainemckenna.com) or [Mysteriousbookreport.com](http://Mysteriousbookreport.com)

## Update on COVID-19 from Governor Coumo

Unfortunately, the Wadsworth Laboratory in Albany has confirmed the first known case of the U.K. variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 in New York State. An individual from Saratoga County, NY, with no known recent travel, tested positive for the strain, which scientists say is more contagious than other strains. It is not believed to be deadlier or to cause more severe disease.

We are asking anyone who visited N. Fox Jewelers in Saratoga Springs, NY, between Dec. 18 and Dec. 24, to please get tested as soon as possible. Because the individual who tested positive for this variant did not travel recently, it is likely that the strain is spreading in the community.

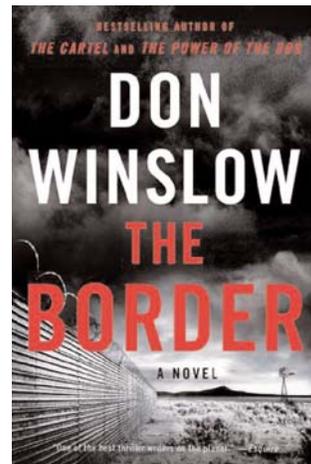
Because the virus strain is more transmittable, it could lead to a higher infection rate and possibly a higher hospitalization rate. I ask New Yorkers to continue to do what is proven to reduce the spread. Wear a mask, social distance and be cautious.

Here's what else you need to know tonight:

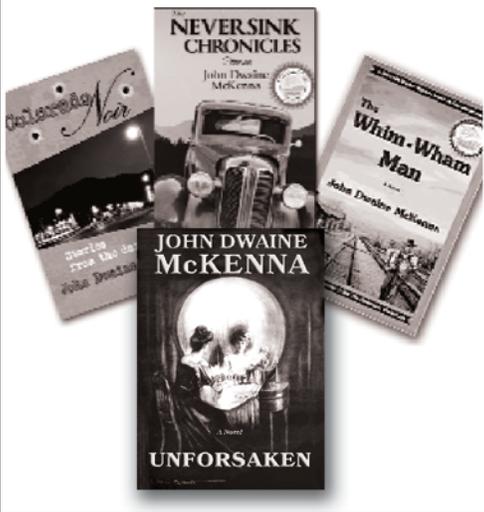
More than 2 million individuals are now eligible to be vaccinated as part of Phase 1A. Today, the list of eligible New Yorkers was expanded again to include all doctors, nurses and health care staff who come in contact with the public; ambulatory centers staff; and all public health care workers who provide direct in-person care, including those who conduct COVID-19 tests and handle lab specimens. Beginning this week, eligibility will also be expanded to include home care workers, hospice workers, and nursing home and other congregate setting workers who have yet to receive a vaccine through the federal nursing home vaccination program.

A new web application will help New Yorkers determine if they are eligible to get the vaccine. By answering a series of simple questions, New Yorkers can find out if they are eligible for the vaccine and, if so, where to make an appointment.

New York State announced new "Use It or Lose It" vaccine regulations. We are laser-focused on speeding up the vaccination process, and to that end, hospitals and facilities that are not administering their vaccine allocations in a timely manner could be fined or lose receipt of future allocations to other, more efficient facilities. With so many people waiting to get the vaccine, facilities must "use it or lose it."



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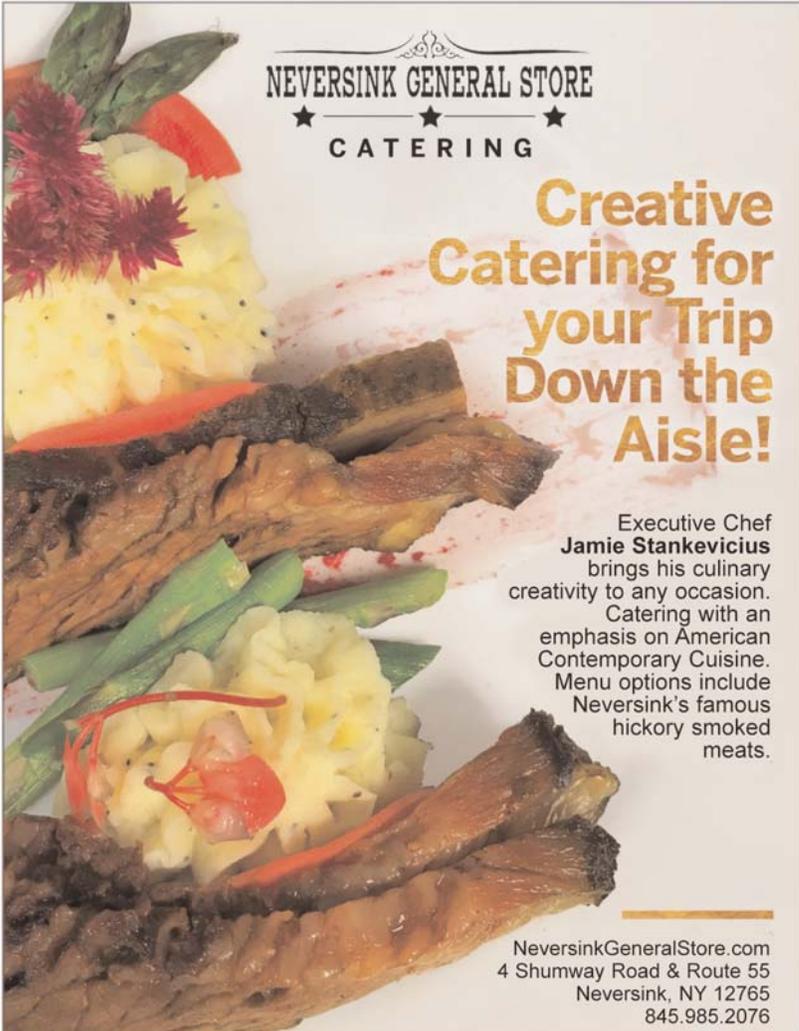
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On Dec. 23 at 12 p.m., DEC's Central Dispatch received a report of a 64-year-old man from Yorktown Heights with a lower leg injury in the Platte Clove area. Forest Rangers Fox, Brand, Donegan, Jackson, Martin, Petit, Rusher, Seeley, Slade, and Lt. Morse responded to assist the injured ice climber, along with Tannersville Rescue, Hunter Fire Department, Hunter Ambulance, Greene County Paramedics, Ulster, and Greene Deputy Coordinators, an off-duty Mohonk Preserve Ranger, DEC's Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation, and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The climber was evaluated by a medical professional who was recreating in the area and fire department personnel. A Forest Ranger descended into the gorge to provide further first aid and assist in packaging the man into a litter while Forest Ranger Slade rigged a high-angle rescue system to haul the climber out of the gorge. The man was then carried out to the road and transported by ambulance to a local hospital for additional medical treatment at 4:15 p.m.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2019, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 337 search and rescue missions, extinguished 74 wildfires that burned a total of 212 acres, participated in 29 prescribed fires that burned and rejuvenated 645 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 2,507 tickets or arrests. (Contd. Pg. 9 )

## NYS DEC Wilderness Rescue

(From Pg. 8) "DEC celebrates our 50th anniversary this year, but our Forest Rangers have been on the front lines for even longer, protecting New York's wildlife, natural resources, residents, and visitors for more than a century," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The State's brave Forest Rangers have a vast knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques that are critical to the success of their missions in remote wilderness areas, rugged mountainous peaks, white water rivers, frozen lakes, and forested areas statewide. We are proud of the work our Forest Rangers perform and look forward to another 50 years and beyond of highly trained service

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY and Adirondack Backcountry Information webpage for more information.

## DEC Advises Backcountry Visitors of Winter Conditions in the Adirondacks and Catskills Winter Recreational Opportunities Available with Proper Preparation and Precautions

The early snow and cold weather are providing good conditions for winter outdoor recreation in the Adirondacks, Catskills, and other backcountry areas, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. Visitors should be prepared with proper clothing and equipment for snow, ice, and cold to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter experience.

"With people still looking for outdoor activities during the pandemic, now is a great time to take advantage of all the winter recreation opportunities New York has to offer," Commissioner Seggos said. "However, winter conditions can also be dangerous if you're not prepared. Visitors exploring the backcountry should dress for the cold and use snowshoes and skis to navigate trails where appropriate."

Snow depths range greatly in the central and northeastern Adirondacks, with the deepest snows in the higher elevations like the High Peaks region and other mountains over 3,000 feet. Snow depths are thinner in the southeastern and northwestern Adirondacks. Much of the Catskill Mountains are covered in snow, with icy trail conditions.

DEC recommends visitors to the backcountry carry snowshoes and trekking poles and use them when snow depths warrant. Snowshoes or skis ease travel on snow and prevent "post-holing," which can ruin trails and cause sudden falls resulting in injuries. Crampons or other traction devices should be car-

ried for use on icy portions of the trails including summits and other exposed areas. An ice ax may be necessary above treeline in the High Peaks. Forest Rangers strongly advise that current trail conditions will make travel without properly fitting traction devices extremely difficult. Check out DEC's website for further details on traction devices.

Some seasonal access roads remain road open, however, with the potential for lake effect snow, the use of four-wheel-drive vehicles is strongly recommended. Some seasonal access roads transitioned to snowmobile use once Northern Zone big game hunting season concluded. Check local club, county, and state webpages and resources, including the NYSSA Snowmobile Web map, for up-to-date snowmobile trail information.

Ice has begun forming on ponds, bays of lakes, slow-moving streams, and backwaters of rivers. No ice is safe at this time. Although ice may have snow on the surface, it is not thick enough to hold the weight of a person. Ice will remain unsafe until temperatures fall below freezing for a significant continuous period.

In addition, backcountry visitors should follow these safety guidelines:

- o Check the weather before entering the woods - if the weather is poor, postpone your trip.
- o Be aware of weather conditions at all times - if the weather worsens, head out of the woods.
- o Dress properly with layers of clothing of wool, fleece, and other materials that wick moisture (not cotton): a wool or fleece hat, gloves or mittens, wind/rain resistant outerwear, and winter boots.
- o Carry a day pack with the following contents: Ice ax, plenty of food and water, extra clothing, map and compass, first-aid kit, flashlight/headlamp, sunglasses, sun-block protection, ensolite pads, stove and extra fuel, and bivy sack or space blankets.
- o Carry plenty of food and water. Eat, drink, and rest often. Being tired, hungry, or dehydrated makes you more susceptible to hypothermia.
- o Know the terrain and your physical capabilities - it takes more time and energy to travel through snow.
- o Never travel alone and always inform someone of your intended route and return time.

Traveling through snow takes more energy and time than hiking the same distance, especially in freshly fallen snow. Plan trips accordingly. In an Emergency call 911. To request Forest Ranger assistance, call 518-408-5850, or in the Adirondacks, call 518-891-0235.

DEC's Adirondack Backcountry Information and Catskill Backcountry Information websites provide current trail conditions and other important information to help ensure a safe and enjoyable backcountry winter experience.

While enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL and follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/DOH guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19.

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## UC Clerk to Reopen Motor Vehicle Early Due to COVID-10 Quarantine Updates from NYS Department of Health

Kingston, NY - Following guidance changes for COVID-19 quarantine requirements from New York State Department of Health, Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack will reopen the Department of Motor Vehicles to in-person transactions on Monday, January 4, 2021.

The New York State Department of Health, following guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), has amended the quarantine time period for individuals exposed to COVID-19 from 14 days to 10 days following the last exposure if no symptoms are reported during the quarantine. These updated guidelines will allow the Ulster County Department of Motor Vehicles to reopen January 4 instead of January 7, 2021.

“We are happy to be able to provide these essential services to our community,” stated County Clerk Postupack. “All precautions have been taken to ensure the health and safety of the public and our staff as we reopen.”

Ulster County residents can make an appointment for DMV services starting January 4th by visiting [clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/motor-vehicles](http://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/motor-vehicles) and clicking the “Make an Appointment” link. When arriving at the Ulster County Office Building for your appointment, please enter through the front door only. Masks are required. Entry into the Motor Vehicle office is limited to individuals completing DMV transactions, unless accompanying a minor or if an additional person is needed to complete the transaction. While in the building, please follow proper social distancing protocols.

For further information, please contact Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or [countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.ulster.ny.us).

## SBA Announces Deadline to Apply for a COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Injury Disaster Loan extended to December 31, 2021

This week, SBA announced that the deadline to apply for a COVID-19 pandemic Economic Injury Disaster Loan has been extended to December 31, 2021.

To date, SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans, which provide U.S. small businesses, non-profits, and agricultural businesses working



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capital funds. Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds. Loans are offered at affordable terms, including a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% for non-profit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. All eligible small businesses and non-profits are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan

At: [https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

One heck of a weather weekend to ring in the new year, wasn't it! Ice storm, followed by a snow storm. I prefer to think of it as the parting gift of 2020.

I also hope the bare shelves at ShopRite are the result of panic buying for these storms and not the steeply rising cases in Sullivan County. If it is the latter, we're in trouble. I've rarely gone into the stores since March but there are just some things you can not get at the convenience store...like Cumin, an essential for chili (as far as I'm concerned). No Cumin and very few spices of any kind, no molasses (there went the gingerbread cookies), no trash bags, and very little else.

When I say steeply rising cases, the average for last week is 55 per day (actual cases 33 the lowest, 63 the highest) and this shouldn't be. Can we thank the people who hardly go out and are masked and gloved when they do for this rise? Hardly.

A few months ago, Dr Fauci said that it wouldn't be long before every American would know someone who has CoVid or had died from CoVid. Last week, I told you about my two family members who tested positive. And today I can report some decent news. My older sister, that I was sure I would lose, has been moved from the CoVid section. It looks like she will be OK. My younger healthier niece, however, after a week and a half hospitalized, was also released BUT with oxygen and orders to stay home. What does this mean? Only time will tell. I and my family remain cautiously optimistic.

I spoke with my good friend JOHNNY JULES over the New Year's weekend only to find out another mutual friend tested positive and is very sick. Good Lord!!

My heart goes out to the musicians, who like all artists, live for their art and the ability to share it with others. Picking up their instrument in their living room, sometimes playing and/or singing to a web cam if they so choose is just not the same as performing in a room with people. Although the instrument gives them pleasure, the soul is left empty. One I know bought land in the middle of a woods in the warmer southern region of the country, had a cabin put up at the beginning of the spring and has isolated there. Another relocated to Memphis when the virus had barely touched that city. His career took a dramatic turn up, then nothing. Still another childhood friend, who was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, bought an old farmhouse that's miles from anywhere. He does the webcam performances because of fan demand but busies himself with restoring, as he puts it, "old things." No one is happy.

Me? Well as a parting gift to ME from 2020, my TV died. Those who know me well know my TV is always on as background noise.

I'm back to my fiber arts and sock knitting.

I've given up trying new recipes since I can't even get the ingredients for the old ones.

That also goes for baking.

What a long, strange trip this is.

Stay well, stay strong, stay masked

Until next time.....

## Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

<http://www.herquirkyjourney.com>



### 3 Emotional Days in Bagan, Myanmar

(Contd. from last week)

#### Day 2

Across the street from the hostel, we rented e-bikes, which are electric motorbikes. We rented them for cheap (maybe \$10 each for the day!) and buzzed around the city and temple grounds the entire day. Even in our mutual very hungover state, we all thoroughly enjoyed rolling around the pagodas and temples, which all were built some 800-1,000 years ago!

**Fun fact:** Bagan has over 3,500 ancient Buddhist temples, pagodas, and other structures. Are you seeing why I was obsessing over getting there!?

#### First stop: Thatbyinnyu Temple



#### Second stop: Ananda Temple



(Contd. Pg. 12)

# Her Quirky Journey

(From Pg. 11)

Third stop: Htilominlo Temple



Fourth stop: Dhammayangyi Temple



After gallivanting and thoroughly enjoying the day, we all met (without planning it!) for a gorgeous sunset.



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## Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce Announces New Website & Features Making *EWCO.com* a “Digital Main Street”

(January 1, 2021) Today the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce (EWCO) announced its new “Digital Main Street” website and advertising program, reduced membership fees for 2021 and an upcoming “First Friday Feature” series - all thanks to the generosity of four new annual sponsors, who've underwritten the new program and its rollout.

In explaining the new membership benefits, EWCO President Dan Crouse said “We're so fortunate that the Ellenville-Wawarsing area has so many beautiful and active “Main Streets” in our villages and hamlets. These scenic streets are where many of our members can build their businesses and all of us can find retail, relaxation and recreation, too. Be it Canal Street in Ellenville, 42nd Street in Kerhonkson, Main Street in Napanoch, and even bits of Route 52 and 209 along the way; we're proud of our members who have shown the creativity, resourcefulness and resilience to stay open, re-open (and even grand open!) in the challenging year that was 2020.

But as the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce began to plan for 2021, we decided to focus on how our own organization might “pivot to digital” in order to provide our members with an active online presence and improved included advertising options - each of which will be introduced over the course of 2021 in a series of “First Friday Feature” events.”

The chamber believes these new features will serve not only our brick and mortar businesses, but also the many new home-based businesses, service providers, individual consultants, sole proprietors and even not-for-profits who've chosen to make the Ellenville-Wawarsing area their home. Whether they are new to the area or long-time chamber members, there are features every member can leverage to market their business and network for success - and even some features that are available to non-members, too.

Since our FIRST first Friday of the year is New Year's Day, we've chosen today to announce the launch of our new website itself - which can still be found at EWCO.com. We hope our members and everyone in the area will come to think of this site as our online “Digital Main Street”, where visitors, residents, and those considering moving to our area can find upcoming events, local businesses, and even coupons for discounts to area businesses.



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In the next few weeks, our board will be reaching out to all of our members to give them a tour of all of the new features and encourage membership renewal prior to the launch of our monthly “First Friday” feature demonstrations.

And best of all, thanks to our four 2021 Annual Sponsors, and in consideration of the effect of the global pandemic on all of our members, we've been able to reduce membership fees for 2021. With annual business dues at just \$55 (\$30 for individual members / not-for-profit organizations) we hope all of our returning members will renew right away and all of the new area businesses will consider joining in order to activate these membership benefits.

## SC Chamber of Commerce Virtual First (Second) Friday Breakfast

Join the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for their first virtual event of 2021 and meet Senator Elect of the 42nd District, Mike Martucci speaking about economic development and the future of business - Q&A to follow with networking opportunities.

Date: January 8, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM EST

VIRTUAL - Via Gotomeeting please register to get sign in information

Fees/Admission: FREE but you must register to receive sign-on instructions

## New Hope Community Rolls Up Its Sleeves for Covid-19 Vaccine



*New Hope Community resident, Fred, receives a Covid-19 vaccine and does his part to help promote good health.*

Loch Sheldrake, NY (December 31, 2020): December 30th was no ordinary Wednesday for some extraordinary people in Sullivan County. They joined a small group of nurses and staff from New Hope Community and lined up at Garnet Health Medical Center Catskills to begin receiving Covid-19 vaccines. New Hope Community, which supports individuals who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities, has become one of the first human services/disabilities organizations in the region to offer its residents protection from the easily spread Covid-19 virus.

"We are grateful to have this opportunity to take a giant step toward prevention by taking part in this Phase 1A of the vaccine program. Garnet Health is a valued community partner that continues to serve as our Medical Director and provide us with excellent medical care and holistic health services," said Debbie McGinness, Chief Executive Officer, New Hope Community. "That relationship creates a comfort level for all of us, especially the residents of our on-campus and community residences who rolled up their sleeves to beat this pandemic."

As cases in the state and region surged over the past few weeks, New Hope Community has been eagerly awaiting the vaccine's arrival and preparing its staff and individuals. This tremendous logistical effort was led by Karen Kerendian, Director of Health Services and Karen Russell, Chief Operating Officer at NHC, who kept everyone, including family members, informed and involved in the process. "They have been a tremendous resource for all of us and we are thankful to have their knowledge and leadership to guide us."



*New Hope Community resident Sandy proudly shows off her sticker after receiving her Covid-19 vaccine.*

Garnet Health has carved out additional days the first week of January to vaccinate hundreds of additional individuals and staff to eliminate the potential for transmission of the virus. The medical teams will also administer the required second round of vaccinations in a few weeks' time.

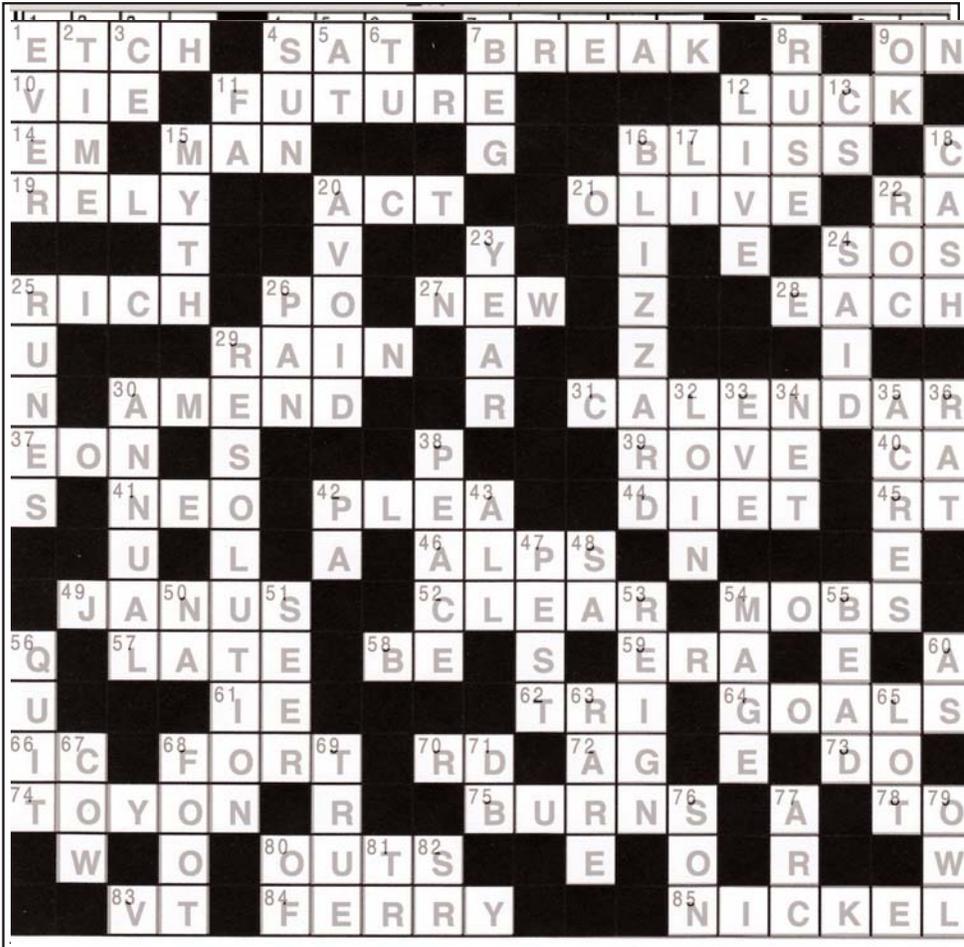
"This vaccination roll-out speaks to the value and impact of strong community partnerships. We are so thankful for this level of collaboration and are thrilled to know our New Hope Community residents and our essential staff will have protection against Covid-19. This allows us to move into 2021 with a more stable state of health and with true hope in our hearts," McGinness said.

### About New Hope Community

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports 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. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward 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 and SHS, combined, provide services to over 1,000 people and employ more than 1,200 staff.

Learn more at [www.newhopecommunity.org](http://www.newhopecommunity.org)"

Ring in the New Year! - L. Comando



- not to do something
- 30 Occurring once every year
- 32 Part of the lower body on both sides of the spine
- 33 Night before an event
- 34 Open meshed material
- 35 Units of land
- 36 Scoundrel
- 38 Tranquility
- 42 Father
- 43 Entire
- 47 Nuisance
- 48 South America
- 50 North America
- 51 A person with supernatural insight
- 53 Be sovereign

- 54 Magician
- 55 Globule
- 56 Discontinue
- 60 Adverb used to emphasize an amount
- 63 Uncommon
- 65 A large amount
- 67 Domestic bovine
- 68 Paw
- 69 Genuine
- 71 Decibel
- 76 Male child
- 77 Curved shape
- 79 "Wise" nocturnal bird
- 80 Relationship between a part and the whole
- 81 Treasurer
- 82 Senior

HEARTY LENTIL SOUP

- Onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups dry lentils
- 8 cups water (or chicken broth)
- Salt to taste
- Ground black pepper to taste
- Parmesan Cheese

In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, and celery; cook and stir until onion is tender. Stir in garlic, oregano, and basil; cook for 2 minutes.

Stir in lentils, and add water and tomatoes. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for at least 1 hour. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.

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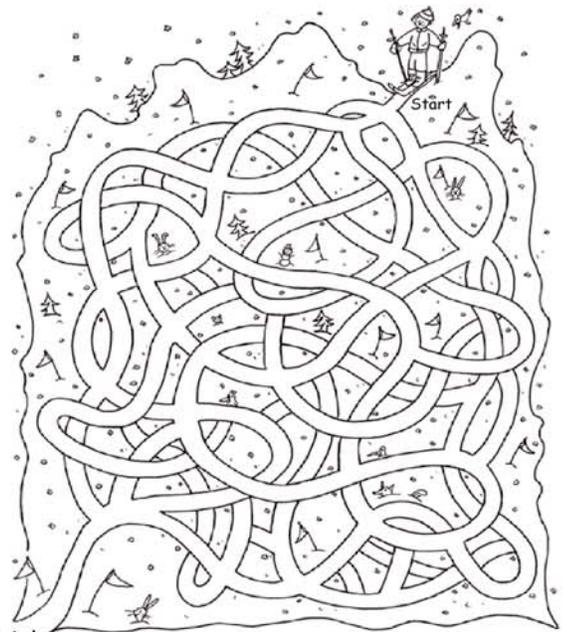
- ACROSS**
- 1 Engrave
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  - 14 A printer's measure
  - 15 Adult human male
  - 16 Perfect happiness
  - 19 Depend on
  - 20 Do something
  - 21 Neighboring Tri-Valley town
  - 22 Egyptian sun god
  - 24 Signal of distress
  - 25 Wealthy
  - 26 Post Office
  - 27 Now for the first time
  - 28 Every one of
  - 29 Precipitation
  - 30 To make a change
  - 31 A date book
  - 37 Indefinite period of time
  - 39 Wander
  - 40 California
  - 41 New

- 42 Urgent request
- 44 Restricted course of food
- 45 Right (abbrev)
- 46 Swiss mountains
- 49 Mythological guardian of doorways
- 52 Not cloudy
- 54 Crowds
- 57 Taking place after the expected time
- 58 Exist
- 59 Epoch
- 61 Indo-European
- 62 Having three
- 64 Objects of a person's ambition
- 66 Integrated Circuit
- 68 Strategic position
- 70 Road
- 72 Chemical element silver
- 73 Perform
- 74 California evergreen of the Rose family
- 75 Wrote "Auld Lang Syne"
- 78 In the direction of
- 80 Political party not in office
- 83 Vermont
- 84 Passenger boat
- 85 Five cents

- DOWN**
- 1 Always
  - 2 Indefinite continued progress of existence
  - 3 Common Era
  - 4 Star around which the Earth orbits
  - 5 Expressing location of a place
  - 6 Trade Union
  - 7 Humbly ask for something
  - 8 A trick
  - 9 In good shape
  - 11 Fourth tone in the diatonic scale
  - 12 Reside in
  - 13 \_ \_ Lewis, famous visionary and author
  - 15 A traditional story of history using supernatural characters
  - 16 Nor'easter
  - 17 Long Island (abbrev)
  - 18 Money
  - 20 Stop oneself from doing
  - 22 Giant mythological bird
  - 23 365 Days
  - 24 Parenthetically suggested
  - 25 Section of the Kalevala
  - 26 Metal container used to cook food
  - 29 Firm decision to do or

We are looking for the kids. Janna isn't wearing her hat but has ribbons in her hair and a scarf around her neck. Frankie is missing his ski poles, and Melba has lost her skate. Can you find the three kids?

It looks like Joe is getting ready to ski down the mountain. Can you help him through the maze?



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Winter Wordsearch

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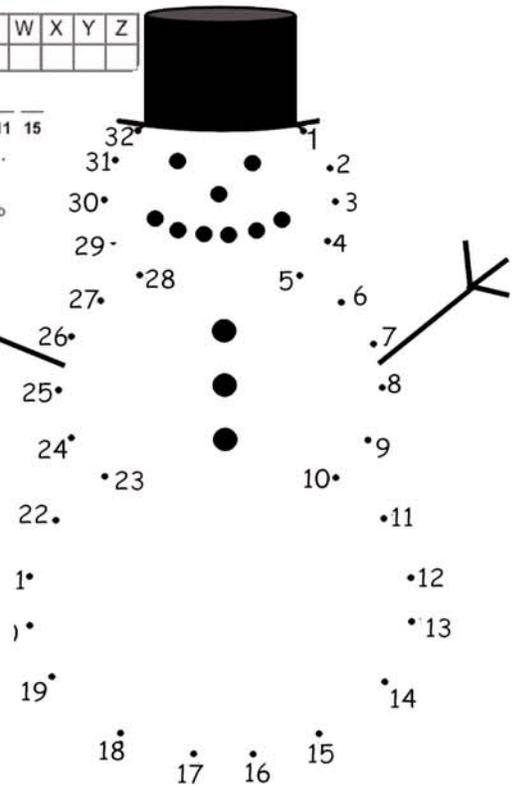
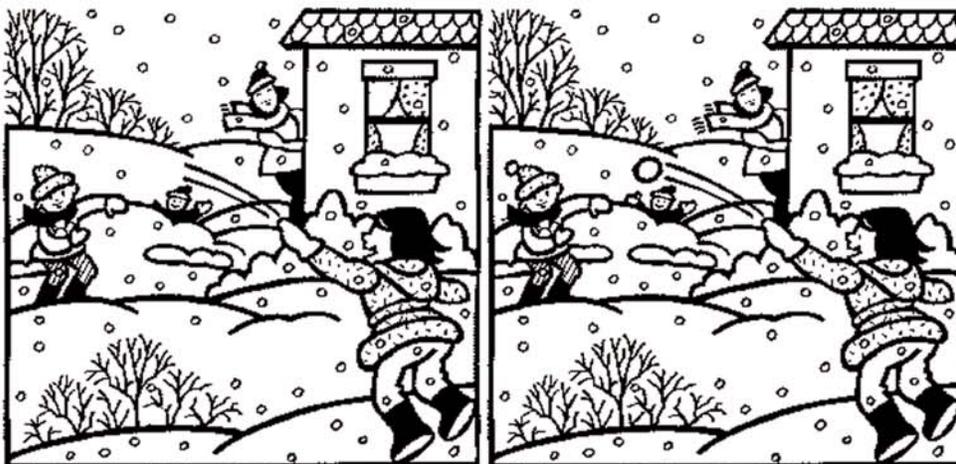
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- SKATES

Kids' Winter Fun Page

L. Comando

-Japanese Proverb

What are the differences in the two pictures?



Follow the dots, then you can cut out Frosty the Snowman.

Cryptogram Key

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# Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley

## VIRTUAL Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum

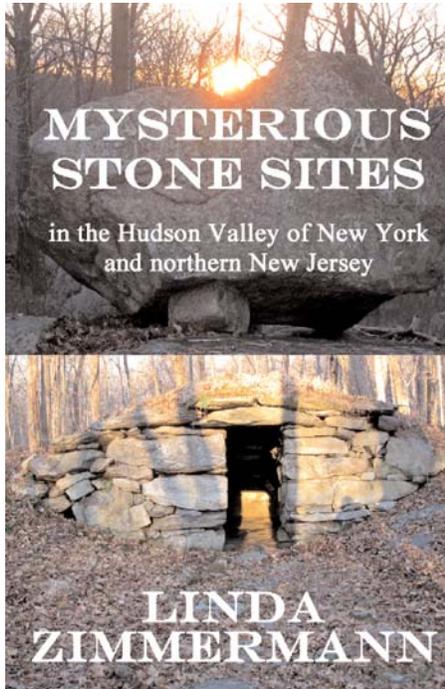
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### About Linda Zimmerman:

Linda Zimmermann is a research chemist turned award-winning author of 30 books on science, history, the paranormal, and fiction. Her books, including *Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley and Northern New Jersey* can be purchased on amazon.com.

Admission to the Museum's virtual events is FREE and virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the talk. Please call 845 985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) for more information.

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed, but will open Memorial Day to



Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Museum has everything in place to protect the health of both visitors and staff. Staff will be wearing masks at all times, using hand sanitizer frequently and thoroughly cleaning all touched surfaces several times a day. Visitors to the Museum and 1930s Lost Catskill Farm must wear masks, practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout their visit.

### Exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes a section on the Lenape Native Americans, early area settlers, farming, local industries and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an engaging exhibition on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, includes why New York City needed water, a description of the three water systems, the heartache of the people who had to give up their homes and how the complex system was built.
- o 1930s Catskill Family Farm is an outdoor, open air experience with several early farm buildings all illustrating life on a Catskill family farm during the 1930s, about to be removed for the building of a NYC reservoir. Building include a farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with WORKING waterwheel.
- o One Teacher, Eight Grades, One Room a temporary exhibition on one room schools in the Tri-Valley area.

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



## HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR OF PROMISE

BY ROBERT A. DOHERTY,  
CHAIRMAN, SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

I agree: 2020 was really tough. I won't miss it any more than you will.

But we did get some important things done, and now that this new Legislature has its footing, 2021 is a year worth looking forward to.

I don't make promises I can't keep, so I'm not about to guarantee that all things coronavirus-related will disappear in 2021. Even when the vaccine distribution really gets rolling, plenty of people will choose not to take it, and we'll have to figure out as a society and as a government how we're going to deal with that.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 will also continue to be felt well into the new year. Many of our businesses have suffered incredible losses, and some may not stay with us. Those that do survive will have a rough winter, and who knows what spring and summer will bring.

But as this year proved more than any other, Sullivan County is strong and resilient. We tackled the problems coronavirus threw at us, and we kept our numbers from becoming as bad as our neighbors in Orange, Ulster and other counties, thanks especially to the hard work of our Public Health Services team.

We also benefitted from a hot real estate market and the attendant spending, boosting our sales and mortgage tax revenues above the catastrophic predictions we initially expected.

So we're doing better than others, and that should be recognized.

Your Legislature didn't stop working either, as we saw the successful end of the new Jail project and the beginning of the transformative broadband wireless project. We took emergency measures to stave off fiscal trouble, and we took a hard look at the future of the Care Center and the Certified Home Health Agency. We furloughed dozens of County employees at the height of the pandemic, then found ways to bring almost all of them back. We cut out waste where we found it and kept critical needs met. In short, we did what you elected us to do.

That's what I intend to keep doing in 2021, starting in January, when I expect we'll name an operator for the Care Center, launching a new era for that facility and for the County.

For those legislators who want to work together, it will be a year of positive change and growth. And for those taxpayers who'd like to see government spend less without reducing services, count on this Legislature taking that mandate seriously.

Here's to a truly Happy New Year for us all...

... While Legislature meetings are viewable online, not everyone has the time or ability. So let me fill you in on our activities in the month of December...

We passed a \$235 million budget for 2021, with a 2.24% tax levy increase that should be more than offset by a drop in the Solid Waste Access Fee. We authorized bonding \$3.75 million to pave County roads in 2021.

We agreed to allow the County Clerk's Office to hire two more staffers and add testing machines in the Department of Motor Vehicles office, to alleviate delays.

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

2) Thursday, January 7, 2021, anticipated proposed  
Executive Session 6:00 p.m.,  
Regular Meeting #14 7:00 p.m.  
Whichever meetings are virtual  
will be televised live on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWhR6NVao24w>

We enacted a Facebook Local Alerts Policy, which will guide staff on how and when to issue a Local Alert on our Facebook pages, reaching Facebook users throughout the County with important and pressing information.

We allocated \$35,000 to two demolition projects in the towns of Thompson and Neversink, as part of our commitment to the Remove Unsafe Structures (RUS) Program, to which we had restored COVID-cut funding earlier. (Contd. Pg. 19)

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## HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR OF PROMISE

(From Pg. 18) **Officers & Gentlemen**

If you've attended one of the Legislature's recent meetings, you've noticed the Sheriff's officer standing to the side of the Hearing Room.

Typically that's Deputy Markus Pratti, a very friendly guy, and I'm glad we've got him.

At times in the past few weeks, I've asked him to be at our meetings - not to intimidate or scare anyone, but to ensure decorum is maintained.

Unfortunately, we've had a few folks who've lost their tempers at our meetings and have either interrupted our discussions outside of public comment or, worse, verbally assaulted County employees and officials.

Our meetings can get heated - nothing wrong with that, especially when we're talking about change. But it's entirely inappropriate to yell profanities or refuse to let the Legislature conduct its business during or in between these meetings, and as Chairman, I have the authority and obligation to see that those rules are respected. That's the only reason a deputy may be present.

### STEPPING IT UP AT THE DMV

COVID hasn't made it easy to provide services, and a lot of you probably found that out when trying to replace license plates or renew a driver's license. It's absolutely been frustrating.

So we're doing something about it. Your Legislature authorized the purchase of two more testing machines, doubling what we have, to reduce wait times. We also authorized overtime for existing staff and brought back some retirees to work part-time. We even added two new employees, starting in 2021.

We're not alone in these difficulties - every DMV office in the State is weeks behind.

But we're not sitting on our butts with fake tears in our eyes. We're actively making changes that are meant to get you into - and out of - our Department of Motor Vehicles office faster and with less frustration.

### COVID: Not over yet

I'd like to say we'll leave COVID-19 behind when 2021 rolls around, but you know I can't. What I can tell you is that all of County government has been preparing for whatever coronavirus (and the State and Feds) throw at us in 2021. Public Health, of course, has been at the forefront, keeping tabs on everyone who has the virus or has been exposed to it, and issuing advisories and information when necessary. The division of which they're apart, Health & Family Services, has been making sure people get the services for which they're eligible, from rental and heating assistance to mental health and adult care services. Our new Division of Community Resources has taken a lead role, too, running buses across the County, sending Meals on Wheels to senior citizens, and meeting any need presented to our Emergency Community Assistance Center.

The Sheriff's Office and our other emergency response folks have not stopped (and will not stop) making sure you're safe and protected, even when it endangers their own safety. It's what they do.

Our Information Technology Services Division has kept us all up and running with desktops, laptops, tablets and cell phones, so that we can communicate when and where we have to.

The rest of our offices, too, have stepped up to the demands COVID-19 has brought in undertaking screenings, appointments, teleconferencing - sometimes from home.

And your Legislature has made sure all these people are



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### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Looking for the Chairman? 845-807-0435 or Robert.Doherty@co.sullivan.ny.us  
 General question? 845-794-3000  
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## AUDITIONS

**Young Frankenstein - the Mel Brooks Musical**  
**Book by Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan, Music and Lyrics by Mel Brooks Presented by The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop,**

It's 1934 and the villagers of Transylvania Heights are celebrating the death of their neighborhood mad scientist, Dr. Victor von Frankenstein, sure the doctor's neurosurgeon grandson will never appear. Once he arrives, chaos reigns as the younger scientist is convinced to take up where his grandfather left off. A highly entertaining musical comedy with an endless dose of vaudeville-style humor, the cast is rounded out with a beloved hunchback, a yodeling lab assistant and, of course, the famous monster. This Mel Brooks musical is sure to leave audiences in stitches.

Auditions:

January 16, 2020 at 2 - 6:00 pm (individual Zoom Appointment)

January 17, 2020 at 2 - 6:00 pm (individual Zoom Appointment)

January 18, 2020 at 6 - 8 pm - CALLBACKS - Combined Zoom Performance Dates: August 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, & 22 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

**Requirements:** All auditioners should prepare a 16-32 bar cut of music in the style of the show. Selections from the show are preferred. Acapella or audio tracks are fine. You will be asked to read from the script - please make director aware of part you are auditioning for, and your flexibility in roles

**CAST:** Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, The Monster, Igor, Elizabeth Benning, Frau Blücher, Inspector Hans Kemp, Ensemble/Swing cast, Dr. Victor Von Frankenstein, Ziggy, Blind Man

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: [stpeters/bulletin](http://stpeters/bulletin)

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church  
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

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

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
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(845) 434-7643



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peakamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
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Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
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 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



# Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course

**There are still 15 spots available for the defensive driving course. Please contact chief VanDenberg if you would like to take the class!**

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, January 9th 2021 at 9:00 am.

The cost of the class is \$40.00 per a person, payable to the Claryville Vol. Fire Department. (The fee covers your registration and workbook materials)

**Registration is required.** To sign up call Chief VanDenberg at 845-985-2943.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department (Warren Cole Fire Hall)

1500 Denning Road

Claryville, NY 12725

## "Happy Winter from Congregation Agudas Achim in Livingston Manor NY!"

Please join us on **January 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** and stay on through the Oneg Shabbat. Email [virtualshabbat@gmail.com](mailto:virtualshabbat@gmail.com) to obtain the Zoom link and other information."

We welcome winter because it signals the turn of the secular new year and our thoughts look towards hope for calm and good health ahead in our nation and our personal lives. One positive outcome of these darkened last months is that people are still able to "visit" via Zoom and other technological platforms. Congregation Agudas Achim has embraced this technology and has added not only Shabbat services but members!

We have also added Shabbat services in February (2/12/21) and March (3/12/2021), months that we are historically not open due to the dangers and unpredictability of winter weather. Each service is held on the second Friday of the month and begins online at 7:00 p.m. with festive songs and music by Ira and Julia, The Levins, our cantorial duo. Then at 7:30 p.m. our services start, led by Rabbi Fred Pomerantz, and accompanied by Ira and Julia. The Levins stay on after services for the virtual Oneg Shabbat (celebration after the services) and create a "freilach" mood to carry us into the new week.

If you need more information, call Judy Siegel, our president, at 845-798-0783



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## Olive Free Library Upcoming Events

**• Creativebug Take & Make How-To:**

1. Register for your materials by emailing [programs@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:programs@olivefreelibrary.org)
2. Pick up your materials at the library from January 11-16
3. Check out the Macrame Keychain project by Emily Katz on Creativebug--available for free with your OFL library card!
4. Send us pics of your keychain by January 25th to have them included in our email newsletter

**• CRAGSMOOR ARTISTS IN OLIVE**, the art exhibit at the library, has been extended to March 6th, 2021.

**VIRTUAL EVENTS**

Join us on Thursday, January 7th for a FREE live Zoom webinar on the COVID-19 Vaccine with Dr. Neal Smoller of Village Apothecary in Woodstock. REGISTER HERE

**January Book Club**

*Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stenger. Access the audiobook version of this instantly on Hoopla with your OFL account. Use this Zoom link to register. (Contd. Pg. 23)

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## Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update For The Week Of

January 4 - January 8, 2021

### Monday, January 4

- o No Meetings

### Tuesday, January 5

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 883 4735 9181, Passcode: 610349

### Wednesday, January 6

- o 1:00 PM - Ulster County Executive Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 14 of 2020: A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 17 Of 2007, A Local Law To Create The Department Of The Environment And The Office Of Coordinator Of The Department Of The Environment Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 929 1683 0494
- o 2:30 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Webinar ID: 837 3779 9210, Passcode: 649639
- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Mental Health Subcommittee Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 993 4721 8602 Passcode: 065943

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board People with Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 998 5700 6225 Passcode:293797

- o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Substance Abuse Subcommittee Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 932 4985 6231 Passcode: 355641

- o 7:00 PM - Ulster County Planning Board Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (646) 558-8656, Webinar ID: 875 6300 3273 Pw: 834223

### Thursday, January 7

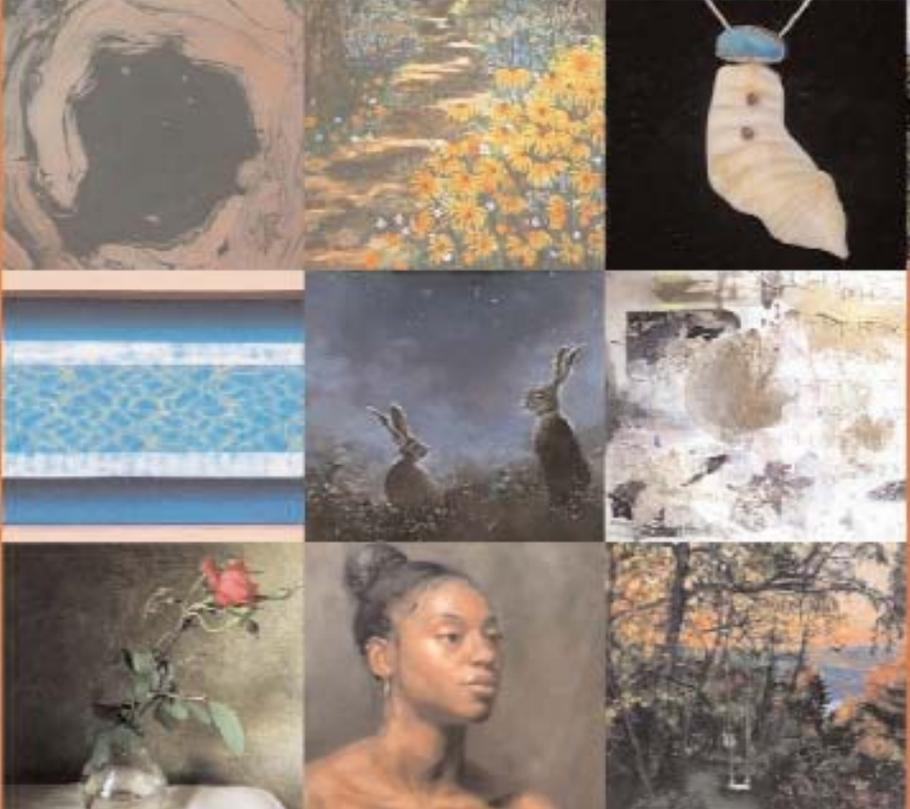
- o 5:30 PM - Human Rights Commission Powered by Zoom Meetings. Dial (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 301 339 6875

Friday, January 8

- o No Meetings

Happy New Year,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature



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**CRAGSMOOR**  
**ARTISTS**  
**IN OLIVE**  
RUNS  
NOVEMBER 21  
JANUARY 9

**Olive Free Library Upcoming Events**

(From Pg. 21)

**ONGOING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

**Gentle Yoga with Kathy** Mondays at 7 p.m. • Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Suggested donation of \$4 per class. You can make your donation by PayPal or by check mailed to the library (PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494). We understand that this is a difficult time for people, and you may not be able to pay, but we would still like you to join the class. Any donations will be very much appreciated to keep the class going.

You are welcome to do both classes but you will need to register for each day separately. The links will remain the same for all the classes in May.

**Monday Yoga Class: Wednesday Yoga Class:****ZOOM LINK TO REGISTER**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the class.

**Online Singing Circle** Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Open to all who enjoy the joy of singing-the more the merrier. Have a great time together/apart on Zoom! Wonderful harmonies start to happen and sometimes we sing again and then we just keep on singing.

ZOOM LINK to join the Singing Circle

**Online Tarot Circle** Every other Wednesday at 6pm

Whether you're a total beginner, a curious sort, or an experienced reader, you are most welcome to join this circle to explore the tarot together. Bring a deck, a journal and your questions. Catch up on what we've been up to here. Upcoming circles are January 6th and 20th. ZOOM LINK to join the Tarot Circle

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

These resources are provided free to the residents of Ulster County through the work of your County Executive, the Ulster County Legislature and your local library. Learn more >>

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- 1/6/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Organizational  
 1/6/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 12/23/20)  
 1/12/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 1/13/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 1/18/21 **Town of Neversink Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
 1/19/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm  
 1/24/21 Time and the Valleys Museum- Virtual Program – ***Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley*** 2 p.m (See Pg. 1)  
 2/3/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 1/20/21)  
 2/15/21 **Town of Neversink Holiday - President's Day**

**Save the Date!**

**Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

**PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS**

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 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

**To All: Municipalities,  
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Please send us your  
**Events Calendar for 2021**  
 so that we may continue  
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You may email them to:  
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## Sullivan County Debuts Webpage About COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Phased Distribution Plans

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services today launched a page on the County's website, specifically devoted to sharing the latest information and answering questions about the COVID-19 vaccines now being distributed.

"It's vital that everyone in Sullivan County have accurate, up-to-date info about these important and potentially life-saving vaccines," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw explained. "This page is designed to be easy-to-read and regularly updated - on a daily basis, if new facts emerge - so that people can gain the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about themselves and those they love."

Located at:

<http://www.sullivanny.us/Departments/PublicHealth/COVIDVaccines>, the page currently offers concise data about the way the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are being distributed in New York State and locally, along with links to frequently asked questions and truthful answers to common misconceptions about the vaccines.

As New York State releases more information and expands vaccine availability to counties in the Hudson Valley, to hospitals, local health departments, federally qualified health centers, and health care provider groups, Public Health Services will add items and links to the page.

Please be aware that there is currently no waiting list to receive the vaccine - only groups included in Phase I (described on the website) are being contacted to register at this time. The vaccine is not available to the general public yet but will be in the coming months to high-risk individuals and essential workers during Phase II.

## SC Health Care Nurses Roll Up Their Sleeves to Fight the War on COVID



It has been a 10 month battle since COVID-19 became a household word. It has been 10 months that our 'front line workers' have been out there fighting the 'battle' to keep everyone safe. Back in March of 2020 we began making pleas for people to step up to make much-needed masks for our health care workers on the front line. We compared those great people who made thousands of masks, as 'Rosie the Riveters' of the 21st Century.

On Monday, January 4th, Janna Walter a Sullivan County Home Health Nurse (CHHA), like "Rosie" has rolled up her sleeve to receive the COVID vaccine.

In the same manner, all of the County's Home Health Nurses have been on the front line taking care of patients despite the COVID Pandemic. Let's not forget all the sacrifices they have made in order to keep you safe and healthy. Let's not forget, like many of us, they too have families they had to return home to after a day of work, not knowing whether they were exposed to COVID - some have young children, some have families members whose health is compromised, and some have older family members. They made the tough choice and kept on fighting.

A big cheer for them all! And a big 'thank you' for the great job they do every day keeping everyone safe, while helping those in need of medical services at home. Hats off to all of you, our County Health Nurses, who 'just got the shot' and raised our hope to win this war on COVID!

# County Executive Ryan Announces Additional Funding To Support Food Delivery for Seniors Impacted by COVID-19

*As a part of the next phase of Project Resilience, County Executive Ryan announces expanded senior meals program*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the next phase of Project Resilience will focus on supporting our seniors through the expansion of temporary



food assistance. The Ulster County Office for the Aging, through the generosity of Project Resilience, has an opportunity to feed over 1,000 meals per week to seniors who had previously been on the waitlist due to a cap of state funding for senior meals. By leveraging Project Resilience funding to increase this program, the County will be able to serve an additional 17,000 meals over the winter to keep our seniors safe and well-fed. The Ulster County Office for the Aging has also received a generous donation from an anonymous donor in New Paltz for \$50,000 to increase the number of meals that this program can deliver. Future donations to this cause may enable other needy seniors to get delivered meals in this time of need. Meal delivery for this program will begin on December 21st and will run for at least 12 weeks.

“As County Executive, I am committed to ensuring that our seniors are given the resources and food they need during this critical time,” County Executive Ryan said. “This additional funding, secured through Project Resilience, will allow us to feed our seniors who have been impacted by this pandemic. With the help of the Office for the Aging and our great partners at Gateway Hudson Valley, we will continue

to tirelessly advocate for and serve Ulster County seniors.”

“The Ulster County Office for Aging is honored and appreciative of two very generous donations earmarked for helping seniors,” Susan Koppenhaver, Director of Office for the Aging said. “One was a grant from the Project Resilience fund at the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley for \$120,000 and the other was from anonymous donors who gave a New Paltz church a donation, with money set aside for seniors in the amount of \$50,000. With these two donations, we will be able to offer our wait list seniors weekly home-delivered meals or meals ready to pick up through our partners at Gateway Hudson Valley, who is our meals purveyor, until the funding expires. We are most grateful for these gifts during these especially difficult times!”

County Executive Pat Ryan announced last week the next phase of Project Resilience. As the county continues to experience a resurgence in COVID-19 cases, Project Resilience will continue to serve as a vehicle to support those most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic. The next phase of Project

Resilience will focus on supporting our seniors and our young people, addressing growing food insecurity by supporting our network of local food banks, and building support systems for Ulster County families that are living paycheck to paycheck. Project Resilience will begin re-activating its grassroots community fundraising today to support these efforts.

These areas of focus are identified by the Ulster County Recovery Task Force, whose goal has been to ensure a coordinated and compassionate response to the devastating socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on county residents. Since the outbreak of the virus, Ulster County has already seen a surge in SNAP applications, senior meals on wheels requests, and many other key services. Given the ongoing public health crisis and resulting economic dislocation, Ulster County anticipates these needs will

continue to grow in scale and scope over the coming months. As informed by the Recovery Task Force, Project Resilience will respond to these challenges across Ulster County, and work to develop new ways to support residents.

As the needs of our county evolve over the winter, the County will continue to re-imagine Project Resilience to meet the needs of the Ulster County community. Project Resilience has raised \$900,000 to support our community through this difficult winter and will roll out support strategically on an ongoing basis. Project Resilience is made possible through partnerships with the United Way and Community Foundations.

Launched in March, Project Resilience started as a community fund and local food distribution efforts established to support residents impacted by COVID-19. Within 24 hours of its inception, County Executive Ryan secured over \$2 million dollars in funding and announced partnerships with municipal governments, local businesses, and not-for-profits. Since launching, Project Resilience has provided nearly 300,000 meals while supporting over 100 small businesses

Donations are accepted here(link is external) through United Way. For more information on Project Resilience, please visit: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/project-resilience/>

## Want to Keep Your Family Safe From Medications in Your Home?

Liberty, NY - The newly redesigned Sullivan County Drug Task Force, along with Sullivan County Public Health and Sullivan County Rural Health Network, is asking the public's input regarding the availability of drug drop boxes and other safe and responsible methods of drug disposal.

"The input gained will help direct our attempts to reduce the amount of unwanted or unneeded medication in our communities," stated Sullivan County Public Health Educator Jill Simon.

The public is urged to take the survey, which can be found on the Sullivan County Public Health Services Facebook page, or at :

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Drug\\_Disposal\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Drug_Disposal_Survey).

The deadline to complete the survey is January 15, 2021.

They're also encouraged to use the drop boxes to get rid of old or unwanted medicines.

"There are drop box locations around Sullivan County," said Nancy McGraw, Public Health Director. "Drop and go, there will be no questions asked when dropping off. Please: no liquids, needles or syringes."

**Drop boxes can be found in these locations:**

**24/7 drop off**

- o Village of Monticello Police Department, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello

- o Town of Fallsburg Police Department, 19 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg

- o Village of Liberty Police Department, 159 N. Main St., Liberty

**9a.m. - 5pm. only**

- o Department of Family Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty.

For more information, visit Sullivan County Public Health Services and Sullivan County Rural Health Network.

## Weekend Update from Governor Cuomo

There will certainly be new challenges in 2021 and New York will meet them head on. I want to take this moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every New Yorker who did their part to get us through this traumatic and unprecedented year. We showed the entire world the meaning of New York Tough. I send my warmest wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year. Celebrate smart.

1. Total hospitalizations rose to 7,935. Of the 216,587 tests reported yesterday, 16,802, or 7.76 percent, were positive. There were 1,276 patients in ICU yesterday, up 26 from the previous day. Of them, 723 are intubated. Sadly, we lost 136 New Yorkers to the virus.

2. The moratorium on commercial evictions is extended to May 1, 2021. I signed an Executive Order extending the moratorium on commercial evictions to May 1, 2021. This measure extends protections already in place for commercial tenants and mortgagors in recognition of the financial toll the pandemic has taken on business owners, including retail establishments and restaurants.

3. A minimum wage increase goes into effect today. As part of the NY 2016-17 budget, I signed legislation enacting a statewide \$15 minimum wage plan that will lift the earnings of

more than 2.1 million New Yorkers in all industries across the state. The minimum wage rose today from \$13 to \$14 for Long Island and Westchester, and from \$11.80 to \$12.50 for the rest of New York State. The NYC minimum wage reached the target of \$15/hr a year ago today.

4. Death benefits to families of frontline government workers are extended for 30 days. This extends a measure signed in May providing death benefits to the families of frontline workers who lost their lives fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in New York. They were there for us when we most needed it.

5. The completed 750-mile Empire State Trail is now fully open. The trail, which is now the nation's longest multi-use state trail, provides a safe and scenic pathway for New Yorkers and tourists to experience New York State's varied landscapes. The entirety of the Empire State Trail runs from New York City through the Hudson and Champlain Valleys to Canada, and from Albany to Buffalo along the Erie Canal.

6. New Yorkers can use accrued paid sick leave starting tomorrow. Under NY's Paid Sick Leave law, paid sick leave is secured for workers at medium and large businesses and paid or unpaid leave for those at small businesses, depending on the employer's net income. New Yorkers can use guaranteed sick leave to recover from an illness themselves, care for a sick family member and more.

## Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Over \$22 Million in Federal Funding for Northwell Health Inc.'s COVID-19 Response and Emergency Management

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$22,207,274.93 in federal funding for Northwell Health Inc. in New York City. The funding was allocated through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and will be used to cover previous COVID-19 response and operational costs. Specifically, the funding will be used to cover the costs of cleaning supplies for facility sanitization, medical supplies and PPE including masks, gloves, gowns, coveralls, face shields, shoe covers and testing supplies.

"I'm proud to deliver these vital federal funds to help cover the massive costs of increased protective measures needed to safely care for COVID-19 patients throughout the pandemic," said Senator Schumer. "We must continue to support our local hospitals and health centers as we work to mitigate the spread of coronavirus and recover from this health and economic crisis. I will continue to prioritize the safety of our healthcare workers and facilities when fighting for federal funding."

"New York City's frontline workers, hospitals, and health centers continue to be stretched thin by the surge of COVID-19 cases and need immediate federal aid," said Senator Gillibrand. "This federal funding will provide Northwell Health Inc. with the PPE and equipment needed to increase the safety of both patients and providers, and help mitigate further spread of COVID-19. I'm proud to fight for funding that will help New York's health care professionals keep our communities safe during this unprecedented health crisis." (Contd Pg. 28)

## Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Over \$22 Million in Federal Funding for Northwell Health Inc.'s COVID-19 Response and Emergency Management

(From Pg. 27)

Northwell Health, Inc. is New York's largest healthcare provider, employing over 74,000 employees in over 800 hospitals and healthcare centers. Northwell Health Inc. played a critical role in executing New York State's COVID-19 testing plan early in the pandemic and has provided resources and support including medical supply distribution, medical care for management control, and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety. This Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding is authorized under Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

## Attorney General James and Governor Cuomo Renew Suspension of State Debt Collection for Ninth Time as Coronavirus Continues to Impact New Yorkers' Wallets

*New Yorkers with Student and Medical Debt Referred to AG's Office • Will Have Payments Automatically Frozen Through January 31, 2021*

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the state will renew, for the ninth time, an order to halt the collection of medical and student debt owed to the state of New York that has been specifically referred to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for collection - with limited exceptions - through January 31, 2021. In response to continuing financial impairments resulting from the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the OAG will again renew orders, taking effect tomorrow morning and going through Sunday, January 31, 2021. After this period, the OAG will reassess the needs of state residents for another possible extension. Additionally, the OAG will accept applications for suspension of all other types of debt owed to the state of New York and referred to the OAG for collection.

"As we head into a new year, millions of New Yorkers are continuing to see and feel the financial impact of COVID-19," said Attorney General James. "While hope is on the horizon with a vaccine, my office will not add undue stress or saddle New Yorkers with unnecessary financial burden at this time. We are renewing the suspension of student and medical debt collection referred to my office through the end of January in an effort to alleviate hardships and support New Yorkers as they navigate through these difficult times. My office will continue to look for ways to help New Yorkers to get back on their feet, and, by working together, it is our hope that we can rebuild our state's economy and move towards a period of recovery."

"New Yorkers made enormous sacrifices to bend the curve of this deadly virus, and we recognize many people are still struggling with both emotional pain and economic hardship as a result of this crisis," Governor Cuomo said. "Renewing the suspension on the collection of student and medical debt that is referred to the attorney general's office for an additional 31 days will help lessen the burden faced by so many families and businesses whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic. I'm grateful to the attorney general for her partnership."

Millions of New Yorkers, like Americans across the nation,

have been impacted - directly or indirectly - by the spread of COVID-19, forcing them to forgo income and business. Since COVID-19 began to spread rapidly across the country in mid-March, tens of millions of residents across the nation have filed for unemployment, including more than 4.5 million in New York state alone. In an effort to support many New Yorkers economically impacted during this difficult time, Attorney General James today renewed an order - first made in March and renewed in April, in May, in June, in July, in August, in September, in October, and in November - to ease the financial burdens for many workers and families by halting the collection of medical and student debt owed to the state of New York and referred to the OAG for collection - with limited exceptions - through January 31, 2021.

The OAG collects certain debts owed to the state of New York via settlements and lawsuits brought on behalf of the state of New York and state agencies. A total of more than 165,000 matters currently fit the criteria for a suspension of state debt collection, including, but not limited to:

- o Patients that owe medical debt due to the five state hospitals and the five state veterans' homes;
- o Students that owe student debt due to State University of New York (SUNY) campuses; and
- o Individual debtors, sole-proprietors, small business owners, and certain homeowners that owe debt relating to oil spill cleanup and removal costs, property damage, and breach of contract, as well as other fees owed to state agencies.

The temporary policy has also automatically suspended the accrual of interest and the collection of fees on all outstanding state medical and student debt referred to the OAG for collection, so New Yorkers are not penalized for taking advantage of this program.

New Yorkers with non-medical or non-student debt owed to the state of New York and referred to the OAG may also apply to temporarily halt the collection of state debt. Individuals seeking to apply for this temporary relief can fill out an application online or visit the OAG's coronavirus website to learn more about the suspension of payments. If an individual is unable to fill out the online form, they can also call the OAG hotline at 800-771-7755 to learn more.

## Gillibrand: Stock Act 2.0 will Require New Transparency in Congress

Washington, D.C. - In case you missed it, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand penned an op-ed in the Buffalo News calling for passage of her new legislation, the STOCK Act 2.0.

The legislation will require that whenever a member of Congress, a high-ranking staff member in a position to make policy, the president, the vice president, or other executive branch officials apply for or receive a benefit of value from the government, they must report it in the same way they would report the sale of a stock. The legislation was prompted in part by the fact that several wealthy members of Congress have received millions in PPP loans, while small businesses have continued to struggle.

The STOCK Act 2.0 is the latest push for transparency for Senator Gillibrand, who had made government accountability a top priority throughout her career. Gillibrand led Senate passage of the STOCK Act in 2012, and was the first member of Congress to post her official meetings, personal financial disclosures, earmark requests, and taxes online.

Gillibrand also supports banning members from buying or selling individual stocks, particularly in light of several recent scandals.

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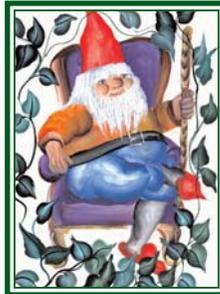
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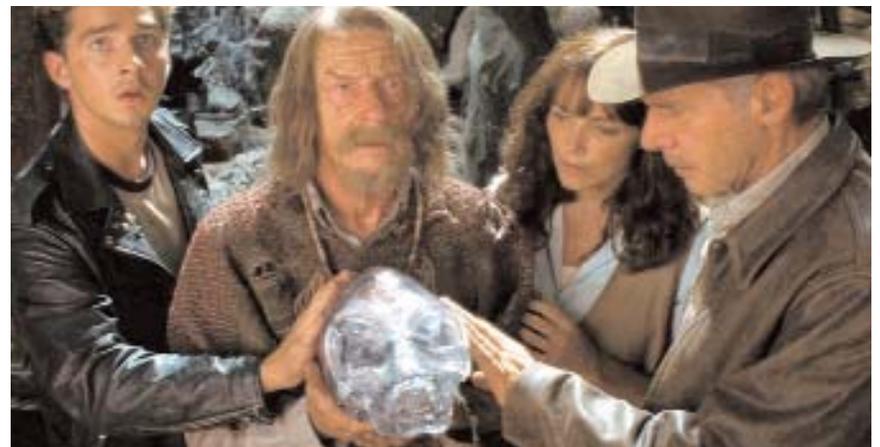
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM  
 OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL**

(2008)

The thing about high-grossing movies is  
 that there are often disappointing sequels



to greater films. No Indiana Jones fan in good conscience  
 would recommend the 2008 installment, but here we are



because it made a boatload of money. Indy, a now sexage-  
 narian – Harrison Ford – takes on Soviet agents in search  
 of a crystal skull with special powers, at the behest of a kid  
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*(From Pg. 29)***KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #1**

ON TCM WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021

@ 8:00 pm **MURDER BY DEATH**

(1976 / 1h 34m / Comedy / TV-14/ CC)



A spoof on the "TEN LITTLE INDIANS," a criminal madman invites the world's greatest detectives for a night of dinner and murder, mayhem, and laughter, **Directed by Robert Moore, Starring Peter Falk, Truman Capote, Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, Elsa Lanchester.**

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #2**

ON TCM WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021

@ 8:00 pm

**Ten Little Indians**

(1966 / 1h 29m / Drama | TV-14)



Party guests at a remote mansion have been brought together to pay for past crimes that they almost have gotten away with. **Director George Pollock, Starring, Hugh O'brian, Shirley Eaton, Fabian, Leo Genn.**

**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #3**  
ON TCM THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2021

@ 8:00 pm

**Doctor Zhivago**

(1965 / 3h 17m / Epic / TV-PG / CC)

A sweeping epic about a Russian doctor pursuing the woman he loves during Russian Revolution.



Two lonely lovers huddle together in a bombed out home trying to find a few minutes of peace as thirty million people are murdered in the name of communism. The poor and working class have no rights, the communist committee is no better then a fascist dictator.



**Director by the great David Lean, (Lawrence of Arabia) Starring, Geraldine Chaplin, Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay.,**

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