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Holiday Movie Show



Photo on the left of the tree: Barbara Konvalin, Sue Pennell, Mary Inghrim, Joseph Prisciandaro, Joe Inghrim in front. On the right of the tree: Ellen Noecker, Robert Konvalin, Joan Dirie, and Jim Dirie

The Family Council of the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty has been in existence at the facility for almost thirty years. Members consist of family members and friends of residents, past and present. (Contd. Pg. 3)

BCES Buddy Program Celebrates its Sixth Year



Mr. Scott Persten is sitting with two students

Six years ago, two teachers at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), Peter Dworetzky and Scott Pers-ten, created a "Buddy Program" to benefit boys who needed some support in school. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Tri-Valley Student Recognized as Presidential Scholar Nominee



We are beyond proud to announce that senior Victoria Swett has been nominated as one of the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars. As per the New York State Education Department's press release, this is a recognition that is among the nation's highest honors for high school students. A big thank you to Senator Jen Metzger for nominating Victoria. Here is what Senator Metzger had to say: (Contd. Pg. 4)

Celebrating the Holidays



A big thank you to everyone who attended the Daniel Pierce Library's Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 15th. The afternoon was filled with music, poems and a sing-a-long. Children from Tri-Valley's elementary school band performed for the crowd, members of the 4H Puppy Pals read poems, and TVCS student and published author Payton Huebsch delivered the inspirational message of the day.



The Holiday Tea is a wonderful event that puts you in the holiday spirit and showcases the musical talent of the students in our school district. The event is organized in collaboration with the 4H Puppy Pals who decorate the Daniel Pierce Library for the season and who coordinate all of the musical acts for the event. The hard work of all of the members of the Puppy Pals, along with their leader, Karen Coombe, is greatly appreciated.



TVTA and TESSA Unions Work with Students to Give the Gift of Reading



On Thursday, December 19, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA) worked with students to give the gift of reading during the holiday season.

On that Thursday, TVTA and TESSA members set up the school library with hundreds of brand new books to give away to students in grades 7-12. During their lunch periods, students were invited to visit the library and pick out books to give as gifts during the holiday season. With the help of

teachers and support staff members, students could wrap and label the books to give as gifts to someone else. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day. 1 Kings 8:61

OBITUARY:

Catherine "Kit Kat" "Cat" Levy of



Grahamsville, NY departed this world too soon at the tender age of 11, on Monday, December 16, 2019 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. Catherine was the daughter of Edwin and Stephanie Wright Levy, born on July 19, 2008 in Ellenville NY. Catherine known to many as Kit Kat or Cat; she was a loving charismatic little girl that would light up a

room when she walked in. She was very active in the Tri-Valley Central School District. Her activities include the S.T.E.A.M. program (Science, Technology, Art and Math) along with cheer-leading, chorus and band. Catherine sincerely enjoyed helping all of her friends. Catherine loved going to school and aspired to be a teacher herself. She will be forever remembered and loved by everyone that knew her.

She is survived by her loving parents Edwin and Stephanie Levy, her older sister Sarah Frances, a younger brother Edwin, her loving Grannie Catherine Bollin, Grandmom Debra Rauch., several uncles, aunts and cousins along with numerous friends within her community.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit our website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Bruce R. Cox of Liberty, N.Y. passed away on Thursday, December 19, 2019. He was 51. He was the son of Daphne Giles Egger and the late Marvin Grant Cox, born on January 26, 1968 in Liberty, N.Y. Bruce was a heavy equipment operator for the Town of Liberty for many years. He was an avid hunter and member of the Peters Hunting Club in Willowemoc, where he served as past president. He was very active in his community; he served as past President of the Liberty Fire Department, Little League coach and youth football coach. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need and instilled in his children the importance in helping others. He was a very selfless man and a truly nice person to be around. He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend; he will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. He is survived by his devoted wife, Christine Smith-Cox, his children Taylor Marie and Andrew Grant Cox, his mother Daphne Egger, his sister Tracy Ross and her husband Kenneth, mother and father-in-law Marie and George Smith, sister-in-laws Linda Smith, Coleen Smith Loughney and her husband David Blough, and Susan Boles and her husband Scott, his nieces Esti and Alli Ross, Samantha Boles, nephews Ryan Loughney, Nicholas Boles, and Luca Smith, several aunts and uncles, cousins, and a host of friends.

A Firematic Service was held at the funeral home on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday, December 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, N.Y. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-434-7363 or visit our website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

Jan. 7, 1950 A meeting was held by Miss Evarice Parsons, County Home Demonstrator of the Home and Farm Bureau at Kingston on Wednesday, January 5th for the Unit Executive Committee of the recently organized units. Those who attended from the Yeagerville Unit were Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mrs. Georg Christensen and Mrs. Mell Watson.

Jan. 6, 1960 - Another year has rolled around, the dread disease of "Polio" has been brought down to size by the Salk Vaccine, made possible by the dimes and dollars collected each year throughout the nation. There is still a great deal of work to be done in this field. This year the March of Dimes drive in your community is head-

ed by Mrs. Elwood Velie and Co-chairman, Mrs. Joseph Raffa of Neversink.

Mrs. Nancy Seaman and Mrs. Oma Barnes accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tillson to Woodbourne on New Year's Eve to spend the evening with Mrs. Pearl Tillson.

Mrs. James Grey and son, Scottie arrived home on Wednesday. They are staying with Mrs. Russell Grey and family for a month and will then stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson VanWagner. James is attending school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for the next two months.

The Tri Valley Diner, closed since December 24 for the purpose of redecorating, reopened on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight entertained on Thursday evening at dinner in honor of their son, Harold's 10th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush and 4 children, Barry, Deborah, Timothy and Mary Lou attended.

Winter's cold "three-blankets" weather

Brings us wind and snow together,

Hearty foods help keep us warm

In spite of blizzards, ice and storm!!

KUM TO KRUM'S

Jan. 7, 1970 - Theron Hasbrouck, rural mail carrier in Grahamsville for the past twenty-eight years has announced his retirement. Mr. Hasbrouck joined the United States Postal Service on March 23, 1942 and served continuously in the Grahamsville area since that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeWire announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy to Sam Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hook of Neversink. Nancy, a 1969 graduate of Tri Valley Central School is attending SUNY at Brockport where she is majoring in elementary education. Sam also graduated from Tri Valley in 1968. Wedding plans have not been completed.

The Methodist Women's Sunshine Society will meet Thursday, Jan. 7th beginning with noon lunch. All women who would like to give a helping hand will be welcome. Call Mrs. Elthea Many for details.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Terwilliger entertained at a snowmobile party on Saturday evening.

Lynn Krom spent New Year's night with her cousin, Kathy Mickelson. On Friday she and Kathy, Mrs. George Krom and Mrs. Robert Mickelson spent the day in Middletown shopping.

The corporate business meeting of the Lows Corners Baptist Church will be held, weather permitting, this Saturday.

Jan. 3, 1980 -Scoliosis Screening Program - New York State is the first state (as of Feb. 1979) to adopt a law making it mandatory for every child between the ages of 11 and 16 to be examined in a spinal screening program. Scoliosis is a medical term for sidewise curvature of the spine.

Mrs. Pamela Moore Epstein, the famous "Lady Auctioneer", has graciously consented to be the auctioneer at the Senior Class auction, to be held Jan. 12, 1980 in the high school auditorium. Mrs. Epstein's dry humor and expertise make her auctions enjoyable as well as profitable for the buyers.

A mass of Christian Burial for Grant A. Finch, 73, who operated Finch's Restaurant in Grahamsville from 1949 to 1973 was celebrated at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Citrus Heights, California on Dec. 26, 1979. Mr. Finch died on Dec. 22, 1979 after a short illness.

A daughter, Calvin Yvette was born December 25th to Mr. and Mrs. Paul LaGueux of Rte. 42, Grahamsville. Calvin Yvette was born at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and is 20 1/2 inches long.

WINTER ODE TO A DOG -

- from a Sundown reader

I took my Nikki for a walk

The snowflakes fell like melting chalk

A snowman stood erect and straight

Before Crowfoot's house and gate

Nick stood still, her coat did shine

With diamond snowflakes on her hind

She knew not what this snowman was

But sure did want to know its kind!

TRI -VALLEY TIMES

Holiday festivities in review:

Grahamsville's Bicentennial Square looked absolutely beautiful this year! The addition of the large lighted star, the multicolored lights on the large wreath and the lights on the fountain made everything look very festive. Thank you to who ever took the time to put up these decorations.

Thank you also to the Town of Neversink for a very nice Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Events like these don't just happen, they are well-planned by many Individuals. The highlight of the evening was when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived atop a Grahamsville fire truck complete with strings of blinking holiday lights. The truck bearing Santa was preceded by other vehicles from the ambulance squad and the fire department. The children, as well as the adults, were delighted! Thank you Tri-Valley band members for playing Christmas carols.

The Daniel Pierce Library Tea is another annual event that helped to get us into the holiday spirit. Musical selections by Tri-Valley students and the singing of holiday songs added to the enjoyment of the season. The sandwiches and cookies served following the performances were much appreciated.

It was a rainy and foggy night on December 13, but approximately 250 community residents still turned out for the wonderful community dinner at Frost Valley. Some drove and others came by bus, however, all who came were not disappointed. A green salad, ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and green beans were all part of the menu. Apple crisp, chocolate pudding and Indian pudding were enjoyed for dessert. Thank you, thank you, Frost Valley for hosting this event each year. Thank you also to the the Frost Valley staff who volunteered to work extra hours to make the evening so pleasant!

The holiday concerts at Tri-Valley School are always looked forward to with anticipation. The music teachers and students work long and hard to make these concerts enjoyable and they never disappoint. The high school student concert scheduled for 12/17 was canceled due to weather and was postponed until 1/08. The band and chorus will perform. Grades 5-8 had their holiday concert on 12/18 and it is always a pleasure to watch these young people perform so well. Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who out came to the concert at the Berstein Theatre, on very cold evening, to support these young people. T-V Sports Update:

Samantha Houghtaling and Jordan Carmody, two young ladies from Tri-Valley, were named to the Sullivan County Democrat's 2019 Girls Varsity All-Star Soccer Team. Tri-Valley's Daniel Rush, Sean Rush and Adam Furman were named to the Democrat's 2019 Boys Varsity All-Star Cross Country Team.

High School junior, Keegan Streimer, was named the Democrat's Eight-Man Football "Player of the Year" for the second straight year. What an honor! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NOTE: If you wish to contribute good news to the Tri-Valley Times, you may either drop it in the Drop Box on the porch at the Grahamsville First Aid Building, mail it to: The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or email it directly to: tvtownmsan@yahoo.com.

Holiday Movie Show

(From Pg. 1) Thanks to generous donations, memberships and memorials, over the years the Council has purchased televisions, patio furniture, pianos, a patio awning as well as providing entertainment including gifted performers from the Shandalee Music Festival.

Recently working with Cronk's Electronics of Liberty Family Council purchased a projector screen system, which was installed in the facility's second-floor dining area. The system has a 5,000 Lumens projector, a 110-inch 16x9 motorized screen and a BluRay DVD player.

On Sunday, December 22 the new system was on full display when the Center's Activities Department scheduled the classic movie "A Christmas Carol" to be shown. In attendance were residents, family members and Family Council members: President Robert Konvalin, Vice President Joseph Prisciandaro, Treasurer Barbara Konvalin, Jim and Joan Dirie, Mary Inghrim and Ellen Noecker.

All attending were happy to celebrate the Council's gift this holiday season.

Letter to the Editor:

Whenever I wrote articles for my column "A Round About Tri-Valley", I was always willing and eager to praise the Town of Neversink, Tri-Valley School groups and student teams and young athletes for the fine jobs they did. However, after reading the article regarding the resignation of Jamie Brooks as Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Director, I was both surprised and shocked. When I asked Jamie why she resigned, she claimed it was because Town Supervisor, Chris Matthews, and Town Board Members, Ric Coombe, Keith Zanetti, Michael Brooks and Scott Grey reduced her Parks and Rec budget and told her she could no longer offer subsidized trips or events in 2020. As a result of this action, Jamie resigned because she felt that she could no longer continue to offer her quality program to town residents. The Town Supervisor and the Town Board are not going to be praised by me for this action. (In fact, shame on them!)

Seniors, on fixed incomes were able to participate in Parks and Rec activities at reduced costs, young families with several children were able to participate in events and trips at a minimal cost, and Tri-Valley students were able to participate in activities inexpensively. There were also many activities offered at the Fairgrounds or Daniel Pierce Library which were free of charge, but still required the Parks and Rec Director to purchase supplies and materials. Everyone knows that costs rise. Just try to run your own 2020 household using your 2019 budget figures! It seems that prices on just about everything increase each year. Jamie always offered a quality program and without some budget increase and the continued offering of some town supported trips, she felt that she could no longer do so.

On the other hand, we have ball fields on Route 42 which cost the Town of Neversink tax payers hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase and build and probably thousands of dollars each year to maintain. These ball fields provide a place for young baseball/softball players to play in the spring of the year and soccer players to play during September and October. The ball fields are used mostly by our youth and occasionally adult walkers, who could just as easily walk at the Fairgrounds or at the Tri-Valley track or on Route 55A. Monies seemed to be have been allocated to support this limited use facility.

Jamie Brooks is one-of-a kind! She ran a top-notch program and last June received the 2019 "Outstanding Friend To Education Award" presented by the Sullivan County School Boards Association. She is responsible, caring and she and her Board very carefully planned each and every Parks and Rec activity. Jamie's enthusiasm for each event was ever-present. The Neversink Town Board stabbed themselves in the foot when they didn't provide for some increase in Jamie's budget. Places for the youth to play ball are essential, but Jamie's programs encompassed something for all Town of Neversink residents, regardless of age or their desire to play ball. Her trips brought Town of Neversink residents together!

Jamie, your friends and community supporters (of which there are many) thank you so much for your kindness and hard work and for a job well done for many years!

Carol Furman
Grahamsville, NY

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.

Winning Winter Charm of the Little Chickadees

Seeing all the Chickadees in the backyard this past week brought back memories of my father, who with some of his grandchildren, put bird seed in the brim of his hat when he went out to fill the birdfeeder this time of the year. The Chickadees would graciously accept his gift as



they landed on the brim of his hat and had a feast. The chickadees were very vocal even while eating. Soon many other birds would surround my father

looking for the seed that fell to the ground while they waited for him to fill the birdfeeder. The children believed it was their grandfather's magical charm that lured all the birds.

We would watch through the window where we were warm and cozy often thinking that the little black-capped chickadees had to be one of the most incredible winter survivors in the Catskills.

Chickadees do not migrate and are equipped to survive harsh winter weather. This time of the year Chickadees have a dense winter coats. They conscientiously find excellent, well-insulated roosting cavities and even more amazing can perform a regulated hypothermia to conserve energy overnight. They can reduce their body temperature by as much as 10 to 12 °C from their normal temperature of about 42 °C. This allows the little Chickadees to conserve almost 25 percent of their hourly metabolic expenditure when the outside temperature is at the freezing mark.

Black-capped chickadees are easy to recognize with their black caps and throats contrasted by their white cheeks. Their wings and back are gray with sides that are buff in color. Chickadees are about five inches long and weigh about 1/3 of an ounce. They have two common and cheerful songs that are easily recognized as you walk through the woods; chick-a-dee-dee-dee and fee-bee-ee.

Pairs of Chickadees typically form in fall and remain together as part of the winter flock that will break up in late winter, when both members of a pair help defend their nesting territory. They typically choose a nest site that is 5-20' above the ground. The site could be a hole in tree, an old woodpecker hole or a nesting box. In a natural cavity, both sexes help excavate or enlarge the interior. The nest, built by the female has a foundation of moss or other matter and is lined with a softer material such as animal hair. The female generally lays between 6-8 eggs that are white, with fine dots of reddish brown. Incubation is 12-13 days. The female covers the eggs with nest material when leaving nest. The male often brings food to the female during this time. Once hatched, the female remains with the baby birds while the male continues to bring food. Soon both parents bring food to the young who are ready to leave the nest in about 16 days. Normally there is only one brood per year.

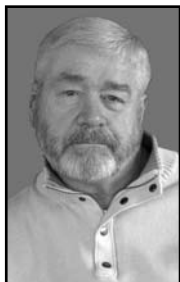
The Chickadee's inquisitive nature make these little birds fun to watch. Though chickadees are still regular visitors to our birdfeeders, over 75% of their winter food supply comes from natural sources. They will hop among twigs and branches, often hanging upside down as they forage for food that they may store and will remember where they have hidden it.

We didn't realize years ago the other species of birds, titmice, nuthatches, and warblers that joined in the feast provided by my father was because they heard chickadees calling out to let them know where to find a good source of food. Perhaps it wasn't my father's magical charm but rather his warmhearted generosity that attracted his feathered friends. Nevertheless, the memories are vivid and the little Chickadees still warm our hearts during the cold winter months as we watch them and listen to them call their buddies to join the winter feast at the birdfeeder

Household Hints

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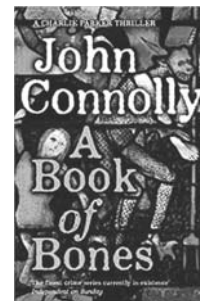
From sheer to opaque – nylon to spandex, keep every pair of pantyhose looking like new. Wash them by hand using your usual laundry detergent, then rinse them in cool water that you have added 1 tablespoon of white vinegar. Do not wring out your pantyhose, but rather squeeze them gently to remove excess water before laying them over a rack to dry.



A Book of Bones

Mysterious Book Report No. 400

by John Dwaine McKenna



All readers of fiction, and especially crime fiction, are ultimately interested in the eternal battle between the forces of good versus the forces of evil. It's the tension between those two opposing sides that creates drama, and drama is what we all crave, because we're curious . . . and because we're rooting for one side or the other. Whether it's Mommy Dearest, or The Devil himself, it's only a matter of personal taste as to how graphic one likes their villains, but generally speaking, the baddest of the bad must have the greatest of the good as an opponent before either one can prevail.

So, what if . . . just suppose . . . there was an older, dormant God who was evil, just awaiting a wake-up call?

That's the premise behind A Book of Bones, (Emily Bestler Books/Altria, \$28.99, 673 pages, ISBN 978-1-9821-2751-0) by John Connolly, in his chilling, nineteenth Charlie Parker thriller.

The challenge and the conflict begins on the moors of Northumbria, England, when a young schoolteacher is ritually murdered, her body left at the site where the ancient, and evil, Familist Church was located before it was moved to Prosperous, Maine sometime in the seventeenth century. Then, an Iron Age mound to the south, is where a second victim, this time a young girl, is found murdered in a similar fashion. And not long after that a human skull turns up in the ruins of an abandoned monastery . . . all in an attempt to awaken an earlier, more brutal God known as the Green Man and re-impose chaos upon this world we know and love. But this world is only one of many worlds, all described in an ever-changing but incomplete, ancient hand-written tome called the Fractured Atlas which, if reassembled, will allow our world to be destroyed; replaced by an evil, chaos-laden and unstable one.

A diabolic English lawyer named Quayle is in possession of the atlas, which is missing a single page . . . a page that is in the hands of an otherworldly detective named Charlie Parker and his two unholy assistants; Angel and Louis who's the last of the Reapers. An all-out battle for the missing page ensues, with victim after victim falling at the hands of the evildoers until the final scene at a five hundred year-old church where Parker himself may not see the light of the next day.

Connolly shows once again, why he's the undisputed master of the uncanny thriller in this electrifying tale that'll make you double check all the locks, throw more wood on the fire and keep you nailed to the page far into the scary dark night!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Tri-Valley Student Recognized as Presidential Scholar Nominee

(From Pg. 1) Senator Jen Metzger: "I was pleased to nominate Tri-Valley Central School Senior Victoria Swett for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, and it is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to Victoria on her selection as a New York State nominee. Victoria has been on the Principal's Honor Roll every quarter and she is a strong role model for all of those around her. She excels not only inside but outside of the classroom as an athlete on multiple sports teams, a student volunteer for an elementary classroom, a choir member, and an Officer for the Future Business Leaders of America. Victoria's kindness, grace, and leadership skills shine through in all that she does, and I thank Interim Commissioner Tahoe for recognizing this outstanding young woman."

The full press release can be found on the NYS website: <http://www.nysed.gov/news/2019/state-education-department-announces-nominees-2020-us-presidential-scholars-program>

What an amazing honor this is for such a deserving young lady. Congratulations, Victoria-we are so proud of you!

SYDA Foundation donated \$4000 to Fallsburg Central School District



On December 18, 2019, SYDA Foundation donated \$4000 to Fallsburg Central School District at the meeting of the Board of Education. In the photo left to right are FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz; Shubha de Oliveira-Thompson, Manager for Shree Muktananda Ashram; Mallika Maxwell, volunteer with SYDA Foundation, who works with Children and Families; and President of the FCSD School Board of Education Debra Barbiani.

Toy Exchange at SC Government Center



Julian Dawson, left, of the United Way of Sullivan County, Benzion Brown of Glen Spey's Camp Simcha, and Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajs, right, conducted a toy exchange December 19 at the Government Center.

The camp routinely collects toys for children during the holidays, and 200 of those donations were given to the United Way for distribution over the next few days.

Legislator Rajs, who represents that area of Sullivan County, has coordinated the effort for two years.

SCCO On the Go Presents: "Aperitivo"



(From left) Adrienne Harmon (violin), Andrew Trombley (bass) and Andrew Verdino (clarinet) entertain at last year's Aperitivo event in Monticello to benefit the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra.

(Monticello, NY) Aperitivo means "to stimulate the appetite". You're invited to join members of the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) for live music, dinner and prizes on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Albella Restaurant, 50 Jefferson Street in Monticello from 7 to 10 pm.

"Aperitivo" is an evening of professional entertainment, a delicious buffet, and chances to win a variety of goods and services donated by area businesses and organizations. Musicians performing include Andrew Trombley, Akiko Hosoi, Sarah Weber, Andrew Verdino, Mike Mingo and Danny Paik. The assortment of raffles to choose from includes: SCCO gifts, NCA gifts, Artwork from Laurie Kilgore (Kilgore Artistry), Pilates Body, Trombley Music Studio, Mirra Images Inc., and more! The buffet includes Albella's favorite appetizers, chicken, pasta, plus bread, salad, coffee and dessert. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets for the "Aperitivo" are \$50 in advance and include a free glass of wine, and \$55 at the door. Children ages 10 & under are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Each ticket includes event admission with live jazz and classical music, a complete buffet dinner and 1 raffle ticket. Seating is limited so please purchase your ticket as soon as possible! Purchase online at Eventbrite (link available on Facebook), or reserve by calling 845-798-9006, or by emailing:

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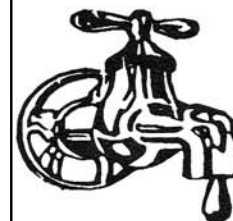


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New Year's Hangover

I took typing in high school when typewriters were an unhooked and un-blue-toothed unit. As I typed the date above, for submission, my arthritic fingers, in true muscle-memory started the year with 19___. How in the world did it become 2020? "Twenty-Twenty" was a TV show or a goal at the optometrist's office.

Seriously, where did 2019 go? The New Year's Hangover title has nothing to do with alcohol or celebration. I ushered out 2019 with a good riddance for taking so many people I loved from me. I was in bed at nine, sober and tired from a nation at odds with itself. I slept in hopes that 2020 might be the healthy year of hope, peace, kindness and prosperity for us all, rich or poor, Republican or Democrat.

There is something about a clean slate, a fresh page, a new beginning. This New Year didn't have that feel. So much of 2019 and 2018 lingers that I have not been able to close the books on them. As the year progresses, I am making my resolutions to do some "Calendar Cleaning and Emotional Cleansing."

I have a tendency to hold on to things. Most of my furniture is fifty-four years old or older. I prefer old things that are worn, familiar and comfortable. I live in the repository of centuries of fading black and white photo albums. My closet has remnants of my high school years of the fifties. Realizing that my grandmother lived in the Roaring Twenties and we are entering the centennial decade, the time has come to purge old jealousies and envies and useless memorabilia. I don't need to be better than anyone; I just need to keep becoming better than my previous self. Life isn't a contest; it is a journey. It is a collection of what is needed and loved, not everything that can be gathered under one roof.

So, my antidote for a New Year's Hangover is this: Keep what you love; discard or ignore what displeases you. Remember the good times and forget the sorrows. Save the world one person, or animal, at a time and, at all times, be kind. And also, give away what you do not love or need. Someone else might need or love it.

My neighbor, an artist, once told me that every painting does not deserve a frame. Life is like that too. I am going to frame only those special memories and keep things that are worth using and dusting. Remember, not everything deserves a frame.



Moving Ulster Forward: A Year in Review by the Numbers

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Since first taking office in June, County Executive Pat Ryan laid out his "Big Five" priorities for Ulster County: A Green New Deal for Ulster County; Tackling the Opioid Epidemic; Growing and Diversifying our Economy for All; Ensuring Justice for All Residents; and Making County Government More Responsive and Responsible, and took historic steps towards achieving these goals. During his first seven months in office, County Executive Ryan has delivered on his promises for the 180,000 residents of Ulster County - from tackling the opioid epidemic, to investing in renewable energy infrastructure, prioritizing smart economic growth, and more.

\$342.28 MILLION total budget appropriations laid out in County Executive Ryan's 2020 budget.

NEARLY \$3 MILLION in grant funding necessary to tackling the opioid epidemic in Ulster County. This funding will go towards initiatives focused on decreasing opioid fatalities by 50 percent in two years.

17,000 VISITORS have utilized the 11.5 miles of the Ashokan Rail Trail which was opened to the public for the first time in over 100 years.

13,210 FOLLOWERS on social media as a part of the new Connect Ulster initiative.

ONE-HUNDRED NINETY-SIX days since taking office.

EIGHTY-TWO ACRES awarded by an Ulster County Court judgment in a proceeding against Tech City developer Alan Ginsberg that grants the County ownership through foreclosure.

70 PRESS RELEASES put out by the Office of the Ulster County Executive.

63 PERCENT of voters re-elected County Executive Ryan to a full four-year term.

23 TOWN HALLS held in every municipality in Ulster County to listen to residents in every corner of the County.

15 PERCENT increase in funding for the Ulster County Department of the Environment from last year's Executive budget. This increase will provide more dedicated resources to help implement the County's Climate Action Plan and remain on the cutting edge in developing and implementing climate and sustainability initiatives.

SEVEN POUNDS TEN OUNCES was the weight of Theodore "Theo" Willem Ryan, born at 5:31 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. Theo is the 6th generation of Ryan's in Ulster County.

SEVEN NEW POSITIONS in the Public Defender's office starting in 2020 added to better serve Ulster County residents in need of an attorney.

FIVE NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS appointed by County Executive Ryan: County Attorney, Office for the Aging, Office of Economic Development, Veteran Services Agency, and the Office of Employment and Training.

THREE COUNTY EXECUTIVES in one year.

TWO EXECUTIVE ORDERS. County Executive Ryan's first Executive Order upon taking office was to establish an aggressive goal to supply 100 percent of the electricity consumed by the County's buildings and fleet from locally-generated, renewable sources by 2030. His second Executive Order set new operating procedures that are designed to halt cooperation with federal immigration officials, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officers.

ONE newly created Green Careers Academy. This brand-new initiative in partnership with SUNY Ulster

will deliver the skills and expertise needed to land a job in the expanding clean technology industry.

ONE joint lawsuit with Dutchess County, relating to General Electric's (GE) PCB cleanup of the Hudson River.

ONE letter to Alan Ginsberg from the EPA holding him personally responsible.

ONE Cease and Desist order issued against Saugerties polluter Joseph Karolys.

FIRST-EVER Director of Opioid Prevention Strategy, Chief Diversity Officer, full-time Youth Bureau Director and Human Rights Commissioner, and Innovation Team and Department of Economic Development.

.25 PERCENT decrease in the tax levy included as a part of the 2020 budget, bringing it to the lowest level in a decade.

Ulster County Legislature Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act Approved

The Ulster County Legislature continues its aggressive efforts to protect the environment with the passage of the Ulster County Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act to implement sustainable food waste diversion and composting requirements for large food waste generators. This law is intended to prevent food waste, rescue surplus wholesome food for those in need, and direct any remaining food waste material for animal feed or composting.

"Ulster County was one of the first counties in New York State to receive Climate Smart certification, and continues making it a priority to increase awareness and provide education regarding environmental health," said Chairwoman Tracey Bartels.

This Local Law is more far reaching than the "New York State Food Donation and Food Scrap Recycling Act" signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo earlier this year and scheduled to take effect January 1, 2022. The State Law only applies to producers of 2-tons or more of food waste week and exempts schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

The Ulster County Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act is slated to begin July 1, 2020, 1 1/2 years sooner than the NY State law. The county law applies to the same 2-ton a week or more food waste generators but captures smaller waste producers over the next 3 years and by Jan 1, 2023 will cover generators of a half-ton of food scraps per week. Unlike the State law, the Ulster County law does not exempt schools, hospitals or nursing homes.

Legislator Manna Jo Greene spearheaded this effort with the Food Waste Composting Working Group and stakeholders for several months. These stakeholders included haulers, commercial composting facilities, supermarkets, schools, health care facilities and others.

According to Greene, Ulster County has 25 to 30 facilities that produce 2-tons or more of food waste a week and several of them along with many smaller facilities are already actively engaged in food waste diversion.

"I was pleased to learn that so much food and organic waste is already being successfully diverted by conscientious businesses throughout Ulster County. Many schools and private individuals have well established food diversion and composting underway," said Greene. "These successful operations can serve as a model to others who want to get started."

Greene explained that good nutritious food is first diverted to feed the hungry. If that it is not possible or appropriate for the food waste, it then goes to feed livestock or to be composted. She praised the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) and other local and commercial composting operators for proactively working with business to help them manage food waste, train staff and develop infrastructure.

Studies indicate that overall, 40 percent of food in this country is wasted. At the same time, nearly 2.5 million New Yorkers struggle to have enough to eat. Diverting food to feed the hungry is the most important component of this law.

Legislator Laura Petit who manages the New Paltz Food Recovery Program, a hub of the Ulster County Food Insecurity Collaborative, distributes tons of fresh produce, day-old-breads and pastries, canned goods to 16 organizations including FAMILY, local food pantries, churches and shelters.

"In a world of abundance and with all our local resources, no one should go to bed hungry," said Petit.

Legislator Herbert Litts acknowledged that using food scraps to feed livestock and composting have always been a key components of a successful farm operation.

"On a farm, we don't throw anything away. We always find another use for it and organic material is no exception," said Legislator Litts, a farmer in Highland, whose family has been farming in the Hudson Valley for generations.

Spent grain makes up about 85% of the byproduct from beer production or the equivalent of a pound or more per six pack. Litts uses tons of spent grain from several local breweries every week along with other food stuffs to supplement feed for livestock and says most farmers routinely make and use their own compost.

It is estimated that statewide, food waste makes up 18 percent of our solid waste stream. Unfortunately, the vast majority of this food is disposed of in landfills where it breaks down and releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

Further, when we waste food, we waste all the energy, water, and labor it takes to get that food on our plates. In fact, if global food waste were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases after the United States and China.

Greene estimates that more than 10,000 tons of food waste per year will be diverted when the law is fully implemented in 2023.

This is the first local law the legislature approved since declaring a Climate Emergency in October but clearly not their first effort to protect the environment, reduce the County's carbon footprint or decrease greenhouse gas emission. In addition to several common-sense sustainability initiatives such as installing energy efficient LED lighting and erecting multiple electric vehicle charging stations:

_ In 2015, Ulster County established a sustainable green fleet policy to reduce emissions, decrease costs, and increase efficiency.

_ In 2015, Ulster County was the only county in NYS recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a leader in Green Power use and Environmental Sustainability.

_ Also in 2015, the County began regulating the use of polystyrene foam disposable food service ware by food service establishments in the County.

_ Ulster County attained the Department of Environmental Conservation's Silver Climate Smart Community designation in 2016, the highest yet achieved through this program.

_ In 2016, Ulster County was featured in National Geographic magazine for its environmental initiatives and achievements.

_ Ulster County's Utility-Scale Solar Project became fully operational in 2018, generating approximately 20% of all the electricity used by the Ulster County Government at that time.

_ On July 15, 2019, Ulster County began regulating the use of single use plastic carryout bags, and since then has taken another measure aimed at reducing the amount of plastic like straws and plastic utensils that can end up in our environment through litter, windblown debris, and over-flowing trash cans.

_ On September 17, 2019, Ulster County established a Renewable Energy Usage policy to supply 100% of its annual electric usage from locally generated renewable energy sources by the year 2030. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Illegal Ivory

On Dec.19, Doris Ellen Eber of Brighton pleaded guilty in Monroe County Court to one count of illegal commercialization of elephant ivory in excess of \$1,500, an E felony under Environmental Conservation Law. A New York State law enacted in 2014, makes it illegal to sell nearly all elephant ivory in the state, as well as mammoth ivory and rhinoceros horn. In late 2018, DEC's Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigator (BECI) Mark Wojtkowiak began an undercover investigation into the illegal sale of elephant ivory via the internet and eventually charged Eber with the crime. Eber was sentenced to a one-year conditional discharge, a \$5,000 fine in the form of a donation to the World Wildlife Fund, restitution to the state in the amount of \$3,240, forfeiture of 13 ivory items seized during the investigation, and a court-mandated DNA fee of \$50. The case was prosecuted by the Monroe County District Attorney's office. For more information about laws related to the possession of ivory (PDF), go to DEC's website.

**Ulster County Legislatre Food Waste
Prevention and Recovery Act Approved**

(From Pg. 6) On November 19, 2019, the Legislature established a policy that Ulster County shall be a Zero Waste Community.

Of course, you don't need to produce huge amounts of food waste a week to enjoy the benefits of composting. Many homes and businesses compost right on site. If that is not possible everyone in Ulster County is only minutes from a public or commercial composting facility that would be happy to help you.

Local restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, apartment complexes, office building and schools can contact the UCRRA "Partner in Composting Program." This collaboration between the agency, municipal composting programs, local hauling companies and food related businesses uses the moto "Donate the best, compost the rest".

The UCRRA website offers guidance on backyard composting and has educational resources for businesses, schools and landlords. Local municipal programs, like that at the New Paltz Reuse and Recycling Program, offer diverse opportunities to reduce what goes to landfill and sells has handy composting buckets and backyard bins at a nominal cost. To schedule a free site visit, learn about the potential cost sav-

ings, discuss the program or staff training contact UCRRA at 845-336-0600 or mleg@ucrra.org.

The Ulster Country Legislature's Ulster County Food Waste Prevention and Recovery Act is the approval of the County Executive.

"I commend Legislator Greene and the Food Waste Composting Working Group who worked tirelessly to bring this important legislation forward," said Bartels. "Ulster County residents have embraced these incremental changes and are asking us to do more to develop sustainable solutions to protect Ulster County's future"

**NYSDEC Announces that Cleanup of
Contamination is Complete at Brownfield Site
on Clements and Grossingers Roads, Liberty**

This link opens a fact sheet that announces that cleanup action has been completed to address contamination related to the Former Grossingers Resort Site #C353015 (Liberty, Sullivan County), within New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/c353015cucomp.pdf>

The fact sheet provides highlights of the cleanup activities and discusses next steps.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the following web page on the NYSDEC web site



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Ugly Sweater Day at BCES



Several staff members at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School participated in the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support's (PBIS) Ugly Sweater Day just before Christmas break on December 19, 2019. Left to right are Leah Exner, Kelly Zuewsky and Kate Giametta (team teachers in one sweater), Kim Botsford and Tina Cosh.

To generate school spirit with staff and students, PBIS had back-to-back special days before vacation. Both were a lot of fun. Ugly Sweater Day on Thursday and Pajama Day on Friday.

Young Tri-Valley Writer Delights 5th and 6th Graders in Fallsburg



On December 6, 2019, thirteen-year old Payton Huebsch shared her story of publishing a book, "Where's the Snow?" with fifth and sixth grade classes at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES). Her mom Nicole is a Certified Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped at BCES. Payton and Nicole spent a productive fifteen minutes per class. (Contd. Pg. 11)

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Community Members Put On a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Students

Tuesday, November 26 was another very special day for 7th and 8th grade students at Tri-Valley. On the last day before Thanksgiving break, the 7th and 8th grade teachers decided to plan something unique for students. The teachers reached out to several local community members about coming into school for the day and their efforts were met with great enthusiasm from the community. Together, a "workshop" day was planned that focused on career exploration, community service, and hobbies.

Butch Kortright from the Sullivan County Long Beards shared his knowledge about the importance of the wild turkey. Nathaniel Viningre, a Tri-Valley sophomore, helped Mr. Kortright with his presentation. Glenn Horton, a commercial pilot and owner of Woodstock Winds Balloon Company, talked to students about the history and intricacies of hot air balloons. Students even got to see the balloon partially blown up! William Mahoney-a crime scene investigator-gave a detailed presentation about how crime scenes are looked at. Jessica Barkl, an instructor at SUNY Sullivan, led a workshop on improv. She showed students how they can use theatre for problem solving. Carol Duffy-a cardiologist-discussed with students the importance of what your heart tells you. It was very informative! State Troopers Pete Bizjak and Kevin Lupardo brought in their K-9 dog. They talked about their job and did demonstrations for students.



Students learning about rabbits!

Other local community members to put on workshops during the day included Karen Coombe and 12th grade student Becky Coombe, who brought their show rabbits in and discussed their care. Amy Carey discussed the importance of human and animal interaction. Cathy Bender talked to kids about careers that involve making, saving, and growing money. She also stressed the importance of helping others. Ed McCarthy from the Grahamsville Fire Department and Mike Congelosi from the Neversink Fire Department talked to students about the job of a firefighter. They also told students how they can get involved with either department. Our FBLA club put on two workshops for students. FBLA members Samantha Houghtaling, Heather Winters, and Patrick Kelly led students in making salt dough ornaments. Students in this workshop were able to take their ornaments home with them. FBLA members Victoria Swett, Ben Smith, and Colin Mentnech also led an interactive workshop on team building. Students had to use problem solving skills and teamwork to work through problems.

Local Emergency Medical Technician Rich Jones (and Tri-Valley science teacher) also brought an ambulance on campus to show kids what happens when a medical emergency arises. Mike Williams-Tri-Valley Superintendent-and his friend Bob Lugiano led an entertaining and interactive workshop on music. They talked about the importance of music and showed off some of their amazing playing skills! Tri-Valley agriculture teacher Tara Berescik presented on food, flowers, and fun on the farm. Students learned about our farm to table initiative and had several samples of local foods!

In the afternoon, Trooper Watt took over to give a presentation to all students. Her presentation was very informative in making the students aware of products that are out there that are dangerous. She focused on vaping, which is a common activity among teens, and how marketing has targeted teenagers. She even showed what some of the dangerous chemicals involved are.

As students left school there was a buzz in the hallway and the excitement was evident. The range of careers and opportunities certainly had to be eye-opening for students. The 7th and 8th grade teachers want to give a big thank you to all of the presenters for volunteering their time. We are blessed to live in such a caring and generous community. Thank you for all you do-together, we're continuing to make a difference!



Students learning about the job of an EMT.

(Note: If you might be interested in participating in our next "workshop day," please contact Deb Swett at 845-985-2296 x4229 or debraswett@trivalleycsd.org)

TVTA and TESSA Unions Work with Students to Give the Gift of Reading

(From Pg. 1) TVTA and TESSA members also provided free cookies and juice to all of the students.



organization for their help in our purchasing books. It was an absolute pleasure for TVTA and TESSA members to be able to give the gift of reading to students, who in turn could then give it to someone else. A job well done by all involved!

The event was a huge success, as students were ecstatic to be able to take books, cookies, and juice. Hundreds of books were given away, along with 300 cookies and hundreds of cups of juice. So much was used that we lost track of how many rolls of wrapping paper we went through. How amazing!

TVTA and TESSA would like to thank the First Book



From farm to table!

Frost Valley YMCA Hosts Wilderness First Responder Certification Course on April 3-10, 2020



CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA's upcoming Wilderness First Responder Certification Course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch April 3-10, 2020. The registration fee for this extensive six-day course includes the course, as well as six nights of lodging and meals.

The Wilderness First Responder certification is the premier emergency medical training for leaders in remote areas. Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum.

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Registration for the Wilderness First Responder Certification Course is currently open, but space is limited so anyone interested in attending should register right away. For more information or to register, please call 845-985-2291 ext. 240 or email info@eastvalleyranch.org.

BCES Buddy Program Celebrates its Sixth Year

(From Pg. 1) These were kids who were shy or needed to feel more connected with other students. The educators researched and brainstormed and developed their program. They went to FCSD's administrative staff with their ideas and received approval to launch the initial effort with the support of the Fallsburg After School Program Grant.

Beginning with a small group of boys, Dworetsky and Persten met the students one day a week before school began in the early morning at 8 AM. Since then the program has grown to two days per week, the number of children has grown by four-fold, now includes girls, and has the in-class support of several other staff members including; Sharon Olvera, Lori Lindridge, Lionel White and Emily Ugolino.

In the Tuesday morning session on December 10, 2019, one could see at the beginning of the class that children were eager to be there. Mr. Dworetsky asked the students why they come to this program. Quickly hands went into the air, and the teacher called on children to respond. "I want to make friends." "I want to learn how to improve in school." "I want to control my anger."

Mr. Persten remembered the roots of the program. He had noticed one very young child (Mr. Persten was and still is a kindergarten teacher) that had difficulty interacting with others. The teacher

told the parents about a buddy program that he was working on with a few students and asked if they would have their son attend. That's pretty much how the buddy class has continued to grow.

The teaching staff monitors the progress of the students with charts that reflect learning of life skills. Some of the skills that are covered are: understanding appropriate behavior, older children mentoring younger students and students bonding with others. In discussing the topic for the day, "kindness," Ms. Lindridge took the lead by asking the students to look over the materials that she had placed on each table. Within seconds, each table was filled with activity supported by one adult. Cut-outs showed what acts were kind and what were unkind. Children discussed the examples they came up with, while coloring in the cut-outs.

The children worked in groups of three or four; then they worked in pairs. They put kindness into practice. It was inspiring to watch and rewarding for the children, which was evidenced by the smiles and laughing. As Mr. Dworetsky says, "Children have their own tools, they learn to think a little



An attentive group of three young boys.



Mr. Peter Dworetsky is with a group of students

bit longer about things."

The teachers encourage them to always ask for help and guidance. One of their life-long lessons is to learn that sometimes adults can't always tell you what to do. They grow to understand that teachers want kids to learn self-reliance and think for themselves. That's why these teachers and students come to the Buddy Program twice a week!

We appreciate your publishing the attached press release and photos regarding the Buddy Program at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School celebration of its fifth year in existence.

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Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Awards On-A-Roll Certificates



For the past few years, the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Program has presented awards to specially nominated students four times a year in the On-A-Roll event. A play of words on the Honor Roll, the event is a pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria and receipt of a certificate with the reasons for the nomination. Awardees are recognized for being role models, for putting forth strong efforts to improve grades or make better decisions, and simply doing the right thing under difficult circumstances.

On December 19, 2019, twenty-four students were acknowledged with On-A-Roll Certificates by the PBIS Staff members. Thanks go to the Cafeteria Staff for cooking and serving the delicious breakfast. The FJSHS PBIS Team includes: Daniel Redmond, Evan Mullen, Brianna Beebe-Kauth, Heather Grodin, Pooja Sharma, Christine Justiniano, Gabriella Calvello, Kathryn Grodin, Megan Ollive, Victoria Alzate, Aleta Lymon, Kristen Meyer, Meryl Curry, Sonja Ferreira, Helen Jordy, Katrina Uhrig, Shannon Kroboth, Thomas Ellison, Dawne Adams and Lou Trombetta.

Monticello Elks Send Food to 50 Veterans



Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 sent boxes of food including complete ham dinners to 50 local veterans for the holidays thanks to a \$2000 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Elks and friends packed 50 boxes on December 19th. Pictured are (from left): Jules Blackstone, Jean Gallagher, Aileen Gunther, Frank Sanderson, Elena Sanderson, Ava Sandersen Schark, Past District Deputy Jim Sheerer, Lecturing Knight Maggie Jaycox, East Central District Deputy Jim Gerrard, Past Exalted Ruler Bob Linzer and Matt Monroe. Also present but missing from the photo were: Liz Bringle, Lodge Treasurer Sue Mapledoram and Past Exalted Ruler Bill James.

Santa Visits Monticello



Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 Past Exalted Ruler and elf Bob Linzer looks on as Sage Gorr jumps for joy upon meeting Santa Claus at the Children's Christmas Party on December 15th.

Assisting Santa were: Elks Past State President Phil Conaty and elf Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell.

Nine children received presents and the families enjoyed a snack.

Thank you: Terry Atkins, Chaplain Debbie Walker, Roberta Yakin, Matt Monroe, Past State Vice President Pete Scannell, John LiGreci, Treasurer Sue Mapledoram and Liz Bringle.

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

When Aldo Troiani told me that Van Manakas would be featured at FIRST SUNDAY at the Sullivan County Museum, I immediately put it in my book. Having the privilege of seeing him for the very first time back in November at the Downtown Barn for the JFF Barn Dance fundraiser, I'd been hoping he'd come around again soon.



Most FIRST SUNDAYS I've attended have been actual 'shows', which is terrific since this is something rarely seen in this area anymore. The feel of this afternoon was different. I don't know how many of you have been lucky enough to sit in someone's living room, among musicians with their instruments out and just playing song after song together, playing for the love of the craft. That was the feel of this afternoon. You had the feeling of inclusion, and the packed audience seemed to resonate this.

Did I mention the audience was packed? Of all these people, I only knew three and recognized no one else. That was amazing to me, since in a room this size I'm used to being acquainted with at least a dozen. Where have these lovely people been hiding?



To my delight, this was the same group of musicians that performed at the Barn Dance. Hosts CAROLE SMITH and (her favorite husband) ALDO TROIANI with their guitars, VAN MANAKAS picking on his guitar, ELLEN IOVANA on congas and percussion, master bassman JEFF ANDERSON, and JAY GANZ on pedal steel, with the addition of CECIL ALLEN and his guitar. Four superb guitar persons!!

I don't recall ever hearing CECIL ALLEN sing before.



He held his own on "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" and on a real surprise, Jimmy Buffet's "MARGARETAVILLE" which had everyone singing along. Ellen plugged in her guitar and donned the harmonica head gear for the late singer songwriter Larry Rule's (sp) REJOICE. There was country, there was modern, there were instrumentals....there was everything one could expect when in a living room with incredible musicians. And if you weren't there, you missed it!

I need to take a minute now to say goodbye to two dear people who left this earth around Christmas this year. One is the great VIC JURIS who lost a long battle with cancer. Extremely well known in the Jazz scene both in the Hudson Valley and New Jersey, he was one of those musicians that other musicians of all genres spoke glowingly of. I was fortunate enough to meet him for the first time at the FALCON through upright bass great DON MILLER. And every time I ran into him after that, we chatted and that was long before I started writing about music. He was one of the nicest people I had ever met.

The second is someone whose name you won't know, probably never met or even saw in and around Hurleyville. But he was my friend. A big affable man with a constant smile and a constant limp, Saul was a good guy and I'll miss him.

Coming up this week:

The Blue Hill Café and The Russian Mule in Claryville will be closed January and February and will re-open in March

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Tuesday, Jan 7: Another Odd Tuesday with THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA; 6:30pm
Stop by and support the HEART-A-THON.

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Friday Jan 10: THE FAR TRIO

Saturday, Jan 11: ROXON

Sunday, Jan 12: Barry and Friends at the PICKLED OWL; 6pm

I have no other schedule for the Pickled Owl...I'll have one by next week

Young Tri-Valley Writer Delights 5th and 6th Graders in Fallsburg

(From Pg. 8) The author described why she wrote the book, what the process was like, and how young people can make dreams a reality.

Students were excited to welcome Payton. They were interested to meet someone only a few years older than they who had published her own book. They were prepared with excellent questions. Some questions made Payton laugh. She has a hearty laugh and an incredible warmth that fills up a classroom.

The message of her book is the importance of taking care of the Earth and keeping it clean. To fulfill her goal of writing and publishing, she sewed and sold ninety pillows for family and friends and earned \$450. This money allowed the author to pay for her amazing illustrator, Emma Pompeii. The profits from sales on Amazon.com will go towards purchase of her great love, horses.

It was electric how engaged Payton Huebsch became in the presence of an attentive group of pre-teens. It took her three years to write the book and a month to go through the publishing process. Chapter books take a longer time to write. The book has had a positive effect on her family. She herself was very excited to have hard and soft covers of her book in her own house. So far, the book has profits of over \$1000, which will go towards buying a horse.

After answering all questions, Payton looked at each student and asked, "How many of you have a dream?" Many hands flashed in the air. "I had a dream to write this book. I did it, and I am feeling a lot of satisfaction. I am proud of myself and so can you be proud of yourself. You can fulfill your dreams like I did!" That's the magical message that Payton Huebsch left that afternoon with dozens of wide-eyed, appreciative fifth and sixth graders in Fallsburg.

ERH Presents Paintings by Vaune Sherin

Vaune Sherin's paintings will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from January 13 - February 29. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043. We will be holding a reception with the artist on January 14th from 5pm-7pm, all are welcome to attend!

Vaune Sherin resides in Maybrook, New York. She studied art at SUNY Orange and received a BA in Art from SUNY Binghamton with a concentration in painting. Her early work experience was in the art department of a silk screener for the garment industry.

She is now a pastel painter focusing on still life and plein air landscapes. Vaune studied pastel with Shawn Dell Joyce

for several years. A represented artist at the Wallkill River School of Art, she also belongs to the Goshen Art League, and exhibits frequently with both groups. Her love of nature and the beauty of the Hudson Valley inspire her artwork.



"The beauty of the Hudson Valley inspires me to create my artwork. I embrace the challenge to produce an image in pastels that equals the amazing local landscapes that I choose to represent. I have selected a variety of locations from the region as my subject matter. My drawings are done plein air in a spontaneous manner. Most are finished in a two to three hour sitting. The feeling of that particular day and time and place naturally appears."- Vaune Sherin

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about Ellenville

"Locals" A Community Project Continues

Become one of the "Locals". If you haven't seen it yet, stop by the Neversink General Store to see "Locals", starring your family, friends and neighbors. "Locals", a growing community project promotes getting to know each other better. See how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition. New faces are regularly added to the exhibit

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

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

Sullivan 180 Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and Greater Hudson Valley Health System Announce Scholarship and Loan Forgiveness Program

Financial incentives to medical students and resident physicians will expand Sullivan County's access to primary care doctors

LIBERTY, NY (December 19, 2019) - Today, Sullivan 180 announced a partnership with the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and Greater Hudson Valley Health System to expand health care availability in Sullivan County by providing financial assistance to Touro medical students and new physicians in GHVHS's residency program.

The Sullivan 180 Scholarship Program will provide an annual award towards tuition in the final two years of a student's enrollment at Touro. Touro's scholarship committee will select one recipient each year on the basis of interest in Sullivan County clinical rotations and rural medicine in general, academic success, and financial need.

The Sullivan 180 Loan Repayment Program will provide student loan reduction funds to GHVHS primary-care residents who either choose to rotate through the Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris or who are nearing completion of their residency and transitioning to practice in Sullivan County. The number of residents assisted through the Loan Repayment Program will grow over time with one new resident selected each year.

According to the Center for Health Workforce Studies at the State University of New York, Albany, Sullivan County has the lowest rate of primary care physicians to population in New York State at 6.29 primary care providers per 10,000 individuals. Furthermore, Sullivan County is ranked 61st out of 62 New York counties in health outcomes.

As a result of significant student debt, medical school graduates are drawn to higher-paying specialties and away from medically underserved areas such as Sullivan County. The financial incentives announced today will address the ongoing shortage of primary care doctors in Sullivan County and help improve the county's health care ranking.

"This partnership will begin to make a profound impact on primary-care access in Sullivan County," said Sandra Gerry, Chair of the Board for Sullivan 180. "Coming together with Touro and GHVHS gives us the ability to assist future doctors throughout their medical education and provide the incentives they need to stay in our local community. Sullivan 180 was formed to help improve health outcomes in Sullivan County in conjunction with its partners, and nothing will bring us closer to that goal than increasing the numbers of local providers," Mrs. Gerry added.

"We are excited to partner with Sandra Gerry and Sullivan 180. This scholarship will enable Sullivan county residents to pursue their dream of a medical career, and improve the health all Sullivan County residents," said Kenneth Steier, DO, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Executive Dean and Middletown Founding Dean.

"We are grateful to our partners at Sullivan 180 for providing this opportunity to attract talented physicians to our area. The combined efforts of Sullivan 180, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Greater Hudson Valley Health System represent a tremendous opportunity for sustainable improvement of health in our community," said Jonathan Schiller, Chief Executive Officer of the Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Sullivan 180

Through its mission of building a healthy and vibrant Sullivan County, Sullivan 180 brings to the table a broad cross-section of successful businesses and organizations throughout all sectors of the county: education, hospitality, agriculture, government, health care agencies, and other non-profit social service entities. In addition, Sullivan 180 strives to consolidate efforts to leverage existing funding and deploy its expertise to access new resources. For more information on Sullivan 180, please visit: www.sullivan180.org

The Touro College and University System

Touro is a system of non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American and global community. Approximately 19,200 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has 30 campuses and locations in New York, California, Nevada, Berlin, Jerusalem and Moscow. New York Medical College; Touro University California and Touro University Nevada; Touro University Worldwide and its Touro College Los Angeles division; as well as Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Ill. are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to: www.touro.edu/news

The Greater Hudson Valley Health System

The Greater Hudson Valley Health System (GHVHS) is a New York State, not-for-profit corporation headquartered in Middletown, New York, approximately 60 miles northwest of New York City. It is currently the active parent company for two member hospitals, medical groups and a Foundation - Catskill Regional Medical Center, Orange Regional Medical Center, Catskill Regional Medical Group, Orange Regional Medical Group and the Orange Regional Medical Center Foundation. The GHVHS is dedicated to developing specialty services, medical programs and needed healthcare services that allow residents to remain close to home to receive quality care.

Providing healthcare to nearly 450,000 residents in Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, the GHVHS was designed to improve the quality, stability and efficiency of healthcare services in the mid-Hudson and Catskill region. GHVHS provides services by more than 4,000 employed professionals and over 850 medical staff members and is recognized by Ethisphere as one of the 2019 and 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies. An academic affiliate of the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, GHVHS retains compassionate professionals who continually strive toward the hospital's mission to improve the health of our community by providing exceptional health care. To learn more about GHVHS, visit www.ormc.org/about-us/ghvhs.

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Sullivan County Rural Health Network Launches New, Informative Website

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Rural Health Network, a partnership between many area organizations who collaborate to address the health needs of the entire County, proudly announces the debut of its new website, www.sullivanrhn.com.

"This site has been many months in the making, as it combines eye-catching design and photographs with details about why this Network exists and what it does," explains Public Health Director Nancy McGraw.

Sullivan County Public Health Services is the lead organization for the Sullivan County Rural Health Network, which is funded by a grant from the New York State Department of Health's Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health.

The purpose of the Rural Health Network is to coordinate health and human services with community partners, to work together to leverage limited resources, and to ensure an effective and efficient service delivery system to improve health outcomes in Sullivan County.

Under the guidance of a 13-member board and an 8-member advisory group, the Rural Health Network has developed the following objectives for 2020:

- o Improve health disparities for all underrepresented communities
- o Reduce maternal opioid and substance use
- o Increase access to dental services for all residents

Several committees of the Network meet monthly to discuss and develop strategies to collectively address the above issues, including the Drug Prevention/Opioid Prevention Task Force, the Oral Health Committee, and the Health Equity/Common Ground Committee.

For more information, visit www.sullivanrhn.com.

Farmland Protection Grants Available

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is currently seeking farms interested in applying for the NYS Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grant.

Applicants must be actively farming the property and committed to placing a permanent land protection agreement restricting certain development rights on the land. A current appraisal of the value of the farmland to be protected will also be required.

To learn more about conservation easements and the program, visit www.agriculture.ny.gov. Funding is generally available on an annual basis through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund and administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

When offered in the past, the grant has been highly competitive, with requests for State assistance often exceeding available funds. This year, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced that \$14 million will be available Statewide to address the threat of the conversion of viable agricultural land to non-farm development and help farms facing financial difficulties because of increased challenges resulting from trade disputes, increasing debt, changing consumer preferences and climate change.

"The grant program will assist eligible farmers with the acquisition of perpetual conservation easements on agricultural land, helping to keep valuable farmland in production, encourage diversification, and ensure the long-term viability of New York's farming operations," noted Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg.

The proceeds resulting from the sale of a perpetual agricultural conservation easement through the Farm Operations in Transition Farmland Protection Initiative may provide the capital needed to assist with a farm's transition to:

- The next ownership of a continuing farm operation, which will be or has been modified to ensure greater financial sustainability,
- A more diversified overall farm operation, or
- A different type of non-dairy farm operation.

The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is seeking farms interested in the program in order to develop a list of potentially eligible applicants. In order to qualify for the program, the Board must rank potential Sullivan County farms on a semi-annual basis. Once farms are ranked, they remain on a list of interested applicants for two years. All applicants are ranked based off criteria from the 2014 Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

If you are interested in applying to be on the list, please contact Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180 or email mm2592@cornell.edu to receive an inquiry form. All forms are due by Friday, January 24 and can be emailed or mailed to Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, 64 Ferndale-Loomis

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Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Joy Monforte, Tax Collector for the Town of Denning, Ulster County, State of New York, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Denning for the year 2020.

Taxes will be collected at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 on Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and at the Catskill Hudson Bank, 279 Main Street, Grahamsville, N.Y. 12740 and by mail to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Taxes will also be collected on Saturday, January 25th, 2019 from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE as pursuant to Ulster County Law No. 8 of 2012 an insert has been provided describing each Unfunded Mandate required by New York State.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before the 31st day of January or postmarked by that date are paid without interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent of the amount of the unpaid taxes for each month or fraction thereof until taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Ulster County Department of Finance pursuant to law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll for the Town of Denning will be returned to the Ulster County Finance Commissioner on the date of expiration of the Collector's Warrant for 2020.

Joy Monforte, RMC
Tax Collector
Town of Denning

December 17th, 2019
1/9/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
BIDS REQUESTED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

2020/2021 NEW HEAVY DUTY
TANDEM DUMP TRUCK WITH
PLOW, WING COMBINATION DUMP
BODY/SANDING EQUIPMENT

Specifications for above may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, February 10, 2020 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

1/9/2020

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

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

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

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector

TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.
• Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**
• ***In the event the collector needs to reach you, please include your phone number on your check.***

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:
Please Note: You must make the January Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.
• January - 50% due by 1/31/2020 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
• February - 25% due by 2/29/2020 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
• March - 25% due by 3/31/2020 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
• Receipt will be mailed to you after the final payment.

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

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

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.
• **If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.**
• **If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill or contacts the Assessor's office at the number below.**
• **You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.**

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

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

1/9; 1/16/2020

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning is seeking a volunteer for a vacant planning board position.
Please send letter of intent to the Town of Denning, PO Box 277, Claryville, NY 12725.

By Order of the Denning Town Board.
Joy Monforte, RMO, T.C.

1/9/2020

Legal Notice is hereby given that the Re-organization meeting for the **Neversink Fire Commissioners** will be held on January 14, 2020 at 7:00pm. Regular meeting to follow at 7:30pm".

1/9/2020

DEC Encourages Anglers
to Try Ice Fishing This Winter
– Commissioner Reminds Anglers
to Practice Safety First

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged anglers to get out and safely enjoy ice fishing, a great way to spend time with family and friends outdoors during the winter months.

"Ice fishing continues to increase in popularity in New York and there are great opportunities to enjoy this winter sport across the state," Commissioner Seggos said. "From plentiful panfish to trophy tiger muskies, many fish species are active throughout the winter and the fishing can be just as good as during the open water season. Before venturing onto the ice, anglers should be cautious and make sure ensure the ice is thick enough to fish safely."

Four inches of solid clear ice is usually safe for anglers accessing ice on foot. Ice thickness can vary on waterbodies and even within the same waterbody. Anglers should be particularly cautious of areas of moving water and around boat docks and houses where bubblers may be installed to reduce ice from forming. Testing the ice can easily be done with an auger or spud bar at various spots. Fishing with a family member or a friend is also encouraged for safety.

The weekend of February 15-16, 2020, is a designated free fishing weekend. The requirement for a fishing license is waived during this period, making it a great opportunity to try ice fishing for the first time or for experienced anglers to take loved ones ice fishing for the first time. New Yorkers interested in learning how to ice fish are encouraged to visit DEC's free fishing clinics webpage. Participation in these programs do not require a fishing license and equipment is often provided for use. Beginning ice anglers are encouraged to download the Ice Fishing Chapter (PDF) of DEC's I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing for information on how to get started ice fishing. Additional information, including a list of waters open to ice fishing, can be found on the DEC ice fishing web page.



Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation
273 Main Street • PO BOX 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Call for info: (845) 985-2262 ext 312
www.townofneversink.org

Happy New Year!



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions,

please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

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

2020
Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule
Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 16, 2020
February 13, 2020

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM

PAYMENT BY:

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY — NO CASH OR CREDIT



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



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



Thank you and Happy New Year!

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GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
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BLUE HILL LODGE
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EWCOC
ELLENVILLE CITGO
ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
SHOPRITE

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Town of Denning Winter Hours for R & R Transfer Station

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

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED: Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office
at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.
All artwork and frames will be provided by the District
and refreshed bi-annually.

Meeting of Long Term Care Council

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, January 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, Sullivan NY Connects, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

Emergency Heating Benefit Available Jan. 2

Liberty, NY - On January 2, 2020, the Home Energy Assistance Program's (HEAP's) Emergency Benefit component opens and will begin accepting applications.

Emergency benefits are available to assist eligible households with a heating emergency or a heat-related domestic emergency. Only one Emergency Benefit of each type is available per HEAP household for the 2019-2020 season.

Regular component benefits, if available, must be utilized first to resolve heating emergencies for eligible households.

Propane tank deposits to obtain new propane vendors may be available under the Emergency Benefit component in emergency situations only, such as relocation due to eviction or when a home is uninhabitable.

All applicants for the Emergency Benefit may apply via telephone or in person - not via the MyBenefits web portal. The phone number is 845-807-0142. The location to visit is the Department of Family Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty.

The applicant must be facing a heating emergency or heat-related domestic emergency under one or more of the following conditions:

- The applicant's utility service is terminated or is scheduled for termination
- The applicant's electric utility service necessary to operate the primary heating equipment is terminated or is scheduled for termination
- The applicant is without heating fuel; has less than one-quarter tank

of oil, kerosene, or propane; or has less than a ten-day supply of other heating fuels

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be the customer of record for the utility or deliverable fuel account. Also, the applicant and all household members must meet the resource limit requirements: no more than \$2,000 in available liquid resources (or \$3,000 if the household contains a member age 60 or older).

For more information, call the County's HEAP Office at 845-807-0142.

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AMVETS
Sullivan County Post #50

Penny Social
January 18, 2020
Woodbourne Firehouse at 4 PM

Refreshments by Woodbourne Ambulance Corp
\$5.00 COVER CHARGE
Lots of High-End Items
Theme: Helping the Children
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Cash Donations can be sent to:
Amvets, PO Box 307, Monticello, NY 12701
Questions: Call Gary at 845-292-0741
or 845-807-2552 After 6 PM

In Case of Bad Weather, This Event will be Rescheduled

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3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, Big Kitchen, Big Living Room. Located in **Grahamsville**. Call 845-985-0107

For Rent - 2 bedroom; Living room; Kitchen & bath. 845-985-0107

HELP WANTED

Part-time Help needed for **Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center**. Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted - Experienced Only
Full time/Part time. • \$14.00 to start
Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.

YOGA CLASSES

GENTLE YOGA

For **seniors** and/or **beginners** of all ages. Mon & Wed a.m., Thur p.m., Sat .a.m. Near Neversink Reservoir Call Joy 845 292 7870

4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is only 19 weeks away!

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

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

Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville.
Hope to see you soon!
Campers and Hunters are always welcome!

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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

More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

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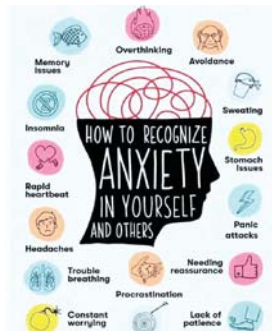
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ANXIETY:

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1st and 3rd Thursday of Every Month
(Beginning January 16, 2020)
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Ellenville Regional Hospital -
10 Healthy Way, Ellenville NY
Main Board Room
next to desk in the main lobby

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ANSWER TO
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Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia ON TCM STARTING AT 12:00 PM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 15, 2020 WE HONOR, ACTOR OMAR SHARIF AS DOCTOR ZHIVAGO (Epic, 1965) An indepth story of two lovers and their search for peace and love. These two illicit lovers fight with every essence they possess to stay together, during the turbulent years of the Russian Revolution. Directed by David Lean, Starring: Geraldine Chaplin, Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay, Alec Guinness, Siobhan McKenna, Anna Gromeko, Ralph Richardson and Omar Sharif, 12:00 PM C - 200 m TV-PG, Widescreen, Closed Captions.

Quiz 1. Who played Lara?
2. Who played Komarovsky?

OMAR SHARIF - One of the rare Middle Eastern actors to achieve stardom in both the Hollywood and international markets, Omar Sharif was a powerful presence in some of the biggest films of the 1960s - both in terms of scope and success - including "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962) and "Doctor Zhivago." A leading man in his native Egypt, he was cast as the fiercely loyal friend to Peter O'Toole's Lawrence in the David Lean epic, and rose to immediate fame around the globe; subsequent film efforts followed closely in the sweep and theme of "Lawrence," including Lean's "Zhivago" (1965), which cast him in his first English-language lead, "The Fall of the Roman Empire" (1964), and the musical "Funny Girl" (1968). Sharif's time at the top of the box office was short-lived. By the mid 1970s, he was relegated to European productions and sudsy American product like "Bloodline" (1979), but he continued to work, largely in television, for the next two decades before reaching a career high point with his award-winning turn in "Monsieur Ibrahim" (2003). Even in his seventh decade, Sharif commanded a degree of class, *old world* charm and romanticism that eluded actors with twice his popularity and half his age, which assured him a place in the pantheon of movie history as one of its most memorable leading men. Michel Demitri Shalhoub (AKA, Omar Sharif) was born in Alexandria, Egypt on April 10, 1932. The family was well-to-do thanks to his father's lumber company. Sharif's home in Egypt was frequented by the wealthy elite of the country, as well as King Farouk, who was a close friend to and frequent card player with his mother. After graduating from Victorian College in Alexandria and later Cairo University with a degree in mathematics and physics, he made his living at his father's company until the early 1950s, when he decided to try his hand at film acting. Billed as Omar El-Sharif, his debut in 1954, "The Blazing Sun" made him an overnight success, thanks in no small part to his smoldering good looks and the undeniable chemistry with his female lead, Faten Hamama, one of the country's most popular stars at that time. More Egyptian films featuring the couple soon followed, and their popularity skyrocketed after Sharif, a Catholic, converted to Islam to marry Hamama in 1955. Omar Sharif died of a heart attack in Cairo on July 10, 2015. He was 83.

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood™

SUNDOWN

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

GRAHAMSVILLE

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

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