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## Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series features a series of short-form documentaries spotlighting three local female artists as they create new works of art. Narrowsburg-based filmmaker Oriel Danielson will direct the series. Part documentary, part artist talk and demonstration, the second video in the series features a visit to the Narrowsburg, NY studio of woodworker Alexandra Climent (Narrowsburg, NY).

Climent first discovered the powerful beauty of rare tropical hardwoods exploring the jungles of Central and South America in 2009. Since then, she has dedicated her life to sustainably sourcing these woods and bringing them back to New York.

Her woodworking craft was born out of her desire to simply highlight the natural aesthetics of these unknown and breathtaking species. Each piece she makes is a representation of the sublime beauty of this planet; and the responsibility she feels to showcase these materials justly. Alexandra is proud of her efforts in sharing the stunning power of these materials as well as active work in aiding the reforestation of the jungles she sources from.

View this episode of "Salon Series | On Location" starting at 2 pm on Saturday, March 13 at [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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## Premiere of our Celebrating Community at Energy Square!



Mark your calendars, as you are cordially invited to the premiere of our Celebrating Community at Energy Square! Join us on March 11 at 6 PM for a virtual celebration and discover the story behind the new Kingston Midtown building that is now the home to 79 people. Enjoy special dance and drumming performances by the Center for Creative Education. This celebration was safely recorded on November 7, 2020 following CDC event guidelines.

Energy Square houses 57 mixed-income-apartments that are now home to 79 people! The first floor of the five-story building is occupied by local nonprofit, Center for Creative Education (CCE), whose mission is to enrich the social and cultural awareness of youth through arts, wellness and education. Other commercial tenants include The DRAW, an inter-generational art education project by Kingston Midtown Arts District (MAD), and CCE sub-tenant, Seasoned Delicious, who are bringing Caribbean flavor to Kingston with their cafe and shop.

The innovative building design includes solar and geothermal technology that achieves the construction highwater mark of 'Net-Zero for Living.' (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.  
Job 27:3-4

**OBITUARY**

**Christopher Hans Pekny, of Ferndale, NY**, passed away suddenly



on February 21, 2021. He was 28.

Chris was born on February 23, 1992 in Harris, NY to Peter Pekny and Jan Maxwell Pekny. He graduated Liberty High School, where he

had been involved in numerous activities, including football, track, and Little League. Chris worked at the Robin Hood Diner in Livingston Manor, and he was also employed in the construction industry as a mason for Liberty Concrete and Construction. He was a talented mechanic, and he enjoyed working on cars and all things mechanical. He was also an avid Yankees fan.

He is survived by his mother and father, Jan and Peter Pekny; his brothers, Pete Jr. and Michael; his fiancée, Jennifer Edwards; his grandmother, Klara Pekny; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; Rob and Rose Werlau and family, whom he considered his family; and a huge host of friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Katie; his paternal grandfather, Jan Pekny; and his maternal grandparents, Edward and Virginia Maxwell. Chris will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Colonial Bryant Funeral Home in Livingston Manor, NY. A funeral service took place on Thursday, March 4 at the funeral home, followed by interment at St. Peter's Cemetery in Liberty, NY, with Rev. Ed Bader officiating.

**Please note that a GoFundMe page has been organized to help support Christopher's fiancée in raising their unborn child.** Please visit <http://www.GoFundMe.com>, under **Chris Pekny and Jennifer Edwards**, or contact the funeral home for instructions.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Bryant Funeral Home, 29 Pearl Street, Livingston Manor, NY. For additional information please contact the funeral home at 845-439-4333 or visit the website at <http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com>.

**William "Bill" Eli Bowers**, of Divine Corners, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. He was 84.

He was born on March 29, 1936 in Divine Corners, NY to Fred and Rose (Wade) Bowers where he raised his family with his wife Grace (Skip) who pre-deceased him in February 2018.

Bill was a self-employed contractor. He and his wife owned Lochwood Trailer Sales and B&G Homes, building numerous homes around Sullivan County. He took pride in his work and his word. He was known as an honest, generous and hardworking man. He was a life member of the Liberty Elks Lodge 1545 and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department.

During his retirement, Bill and Skip enjoyed being snow birds, traveling to Florida. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who will be deeply missed. Family was always his priority.

He leaves behind his children: Gary (Heidi), Debra (Joseph) and Dian (Dave); his grandchildren: Michael, Krysta, Meghan and Allyson; his siblings: Mary Lou Mears, John (Doris) Bowers, Rose Ann Knox and James (Gerri) Bowers. He is predeceased by his wife, Grace, his children, William R. "Billy" and Leanne; his siblings: Fred "Bucky", Joan Magie and Kathleen Hartling as well as brother-in-laws, a niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name can be made to the Liberty Elks Lodge 1545 and the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 2nd at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. An Elk Service was held followed by a funeral service.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY. For further information call 845-434-7363 or visit <http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com>.

To plant a tree in memory of William Bowers, please visit Tribute Store.

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### March 7, 1951

Fernald DuBois of Grahamsville has rented Wilson Van Wagner's store in the Porter building and will take over for business on March 12. Formerly in business in the village, they operated a restaurant in the same building in quarters now occupied by the Grahamsville Post Office.

Miss Trinka Brown of Lackawack was named to the Dean's List at New Paltz State Teachers College for the first semester in recognition of excellent scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moshier of South Hill at Veteran's Memorial Hospital in Ellenville on Saturday. This is their third child.

Sullivan County will have a new newspaper next week to be known as the *Sullivan County Eagle*. It will be a Republican weekly, published at Jeffersonville by Vance Hunt. The paper will be printed at the plant of the Delaware Valley News at Narrowsburg. *The Townsman* was the eleventh paper when it was established four years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Teller of Liberty, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian Sue, to Franklin William Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brooks of Grahamsville.

#### March 8, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born February 25 at the Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Tremain of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born February 27th at Liberty Loomis Hospital in Liberty.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Germonds Presbyterian Church in New City, N.Y. on Saturday afternoon the 4th of March when Miss Elise Greenrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose of Nyack, became the bride of Mr. Raymond Hornbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill.

Mrs. Ella May Cypert died Thursday, March 2nd in Middletown after a long illness. She was the widow of Augustus Cypert. She was born October 29, 1885 in Lackawack, daughter of Adam and Caroline Barthel Herman. March 3, 1971 - Donna Botsford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford of Grahamsville, has been notified of her acceptance at Sullivan County Community College. Miss Botsford plans to pursue a career in mental health assisting.

Assistant Chief Douglas Hill conducted the first class of the Company-operated Fire School on Monday evening. The class was well attended.

Robert Lee Krom left Friday morning for Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where he will be stationed for twelve weeks before going to California.

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## Household Hint:

### If the Smell of Cooking Cabbage or Fish Stew Lingers ...

If the smell of cooked cabbage (St. Patrick's Day) or fish stew (on St. Urho's Day) is hanging around your kitchen longer than you'd like, mix a pot of 1/2 cup white vinegar in 1 cup water. Let it boil until the liquid is almost gone. You'll be breathing easier in no time.

## Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

## The Mystery of the Shamrock

There is a bit of green everywhere! You may even have a little pot of green shamrocks sitting in your window, or what we believe to be shamrocks.

Back in 1597, John Gerard, an herbalist, defined the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense flore albo*, meaning Red or White Clover. Then in 1726, the Irish botanist Caleb Threlkeld, wrote in his work entitled *Synopsis Stirpium Hibernicarum* or *A Treatise on Native Irish Plants* identifying the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, or White Field Clover.



In 1737 botanist Karl Linnaeus claimed the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, which is purple field clover. By 1830, London botanist James Ebenezer Bicheno added to the confusion, proclaiming that the real shamrock was indeed *Oxalis acetosella* or Wood Sorrel.

According to a survey taken in 1893 by Nathaniel Colgan, an amateur naturalist, the results were that there was no 'true' species of sham-

rock. Almost one hundred years later, in 1988 a comparable survey was carried out by E. Charles Nelson, Director of the Irish National Botanic Gardens. Both surveys involved, asked people from all across Ireland to send in samples of a shamrock, which were then potted up and allowed to flower so that their botanical species could be identified. The results of both surveys were very similar, showing that the conception of the shamrock in Ireland had changed little in almost a hundred years; there is no one "true" species of shamrock.

The *Trifolium dubium* (Lesser clover) is considered to be the shamrock by roughly half of Irish people, and *Trifolium repens* (White clover) by another third, with the remainder split between *Trifolium pratense*, *Medicago lupulina*, *Oxalis acetosella* and various other species of *Trifolium* and *oxalis*.

The little potted shamrock plants that you have seen in the shops are most likely wood sorrel (*Oxalis acetosella*) that is shipped from Ireland in great quantity for St. Patrick's Day. As you see, they are not highly considered as the 'true shamrock', but look like a shamrock, so to us, they must be shamrocks!

Now this may sound like a lot of Blarney, but this truth is based on science!

Whoever knew there was such diversity of opinion as to what a real shamrock was?

One thing that all Shamrocks represent is they have been symbolic of many things over the years. According to legend, the shamrock was a sacred plant to the Druids of Ireland because its leaves formed a triad, and three was a mystical number in the Celtic religion. St. Patrick used the shamrock in the 5th century to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as he introduced Christianity to Ireland.

The shamrock became symbolic in other ways as time went on. In the 19th century it became a symbol of rebellion, and anyone wearing it risked death by hanging. It was this period that spawned the phrase "the wearin' o' the green".

Today, the shamrock is the most recognized symbol of the Irish, especially on St. Patrick's Day. And the magic of the shamrock - when you put one on - you simply become Irish for the day!

And begorrah - that's a truth we can rely on!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

# DAYS OF YORE....

*Today's History*

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**March 5, 1981**

(From reporter Tom Higgins) I'm happy to announce that three members of the Alchemy Club of Grahamsville had poems published in the Jan.-Feb. issue of "Mohawk Valley - USA". The proud poets are Marilyn Barr of Grahamsville with two poems, "Pyramid Builder" and "Cat in the Window", Ruth West of Kerhonkson, writer of "Frozen Fields" and Ruth Carter of Napanoch with "Sarah Catherine's Here". Let's not forget Evelyn Huntsberger who wrote "Sonnet to a Sonnet" appearing in the book "Great Contemporary Poetry", published in Sacramento, Calif.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Robin Beach and Brian Evans. The ceremony will take place in the Free Methodist Church in Liberty on March 21st with the reception following at the Neversink Fire Hall.

Congratulations and best wishes to Gary Lockhart and Terry Shaver who announced their engagement this week. Plans are being made for a wedding on August 29th.

# Premiere of our Celebrating Community at Energy Square!

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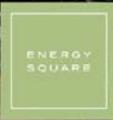
## About Energy Square

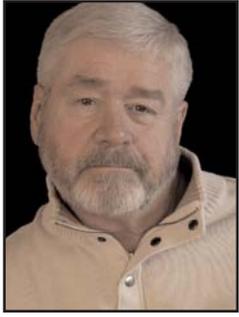
Energy Square sparks innovation into Midtown Kingston. RUPCO partnered with New York State Homes & Community Renewal, City of Kingston, and multiple private investors to bring to life a \$22M mixed-use development. The new five-story building houses 57 mixed-income apartments managed by RUPCO; as well as 11,000 square feet of civic and commercial space that is now the new home of the Center for Creative Education (CCE), whose mission is to enrich the social and cultural awareness of youth through arts, wellness and education. Other commercial tenants include The DRAW, an intergenerational art education project by Kingston Midtown Arts District (MAD), and CCE sub-tenant, Seasoned Delicious, who are bringing Caribbean flavor to Kingston with their cafe and shop.



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## Never Far Away Mysterious Book Report No. 438 by John Dwaine McKenna

Bestselling author Michael Koryta never fails to deliver a thrilling and suspenseful edge-of-your-seat read when he writes a new novel, and the recently released **Never Far Away**, (Little, Brown, \$28.00, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-53593-9) is no exception.

It begins with a woman named Nina Morgan faking her own death somewhere down in Florida in order to keep her husband and two small children safe from the man she's been working for. His name is Carson Lowery. He's the man who started and runs a private contracting company that one U.S. Senator refers to as "Blackwater on steroids" . . . and he's the one who hired the two hit men who helped Nina Morgan fake her death. They decided not to take her life because of other grievances they have with Lowery and his firm.

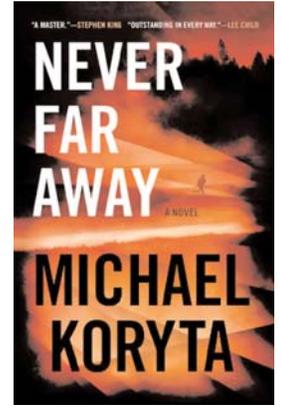
Ten peaceful years later, Nina's husband Doug Chatfield goes out to buy donuts and is killed in a tragic, and ordinary traffic accident . . . which causes daughter Hailey, now thirteen years old to call a pager number and alert her aunt, Leah Trenton. Unbeknownst to the teenager and her eleven year-old brother Nick, Leah is the assumed name of their mother Nina, who they think died when they were still babies.

The death of Doug Chatfield and the arrival of a nonexistent 'Aunt' soon reaches the notice of Colson Lowery, who realizes he's been duped, and sends another pair of amoral, utterly ruthless and merciless killers to track mother and kids down so that he can kill them. The chase goes from Kentucky to the wilderness of northern Maine, while the suspense ratchets up toward the moon in this exquisitely well-crafted thriller from the mind of a master wordsmith who just gets better and better with each new book!

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## Interview With The Author: Michael Koryta

by  
John Dwaine McKenna

After a few hiccups and a couple of minor setbacks, we're fortunate to hear from a busy and prolific writer who's also a perennial Best-selling and award winning talent whose work is widely read, greatly admired and a personal favorite of mine. With many thanks Michael Koryta here's our first question:

### *When do you write?*

I'll read the previous day's work in the morning, then work out or hike or do anything that gets the blood moving, and come back to settle in at the desk around noon. When it's going well, I do a second shift in the evening. When it's going poorly, I limit myself to nocturnal hours. Always seems to knock the rust off the gears.

### *Where do you write?*

Same desk in a space that's detached from the house, dedicated to writing and reading. Everything is very consistent. I almost always have a notebook handy, though, and as I'm working deeper into a first draft, I like to sit somewhere outside of the office and just scribble questions and possibilities and observations about the story and characters. This was where 2020 was hardest on the process - that chance to sit in a coffee shop or at a bar and fade into a corner that wasn't my own workspace was gone. I also love to sketch thoughts out while on planes and in airports.

### *Do you prefer stand-alone novels or series characters when writing?*

The math says I must prefer standalones, as I've got 10 of those to 6 with recurring characters. I really don't think much about that.

### *Are any of your characters autobiographical?*

All of them are in some ways. None of them are in the obvious way of, say, Pat Conroy.

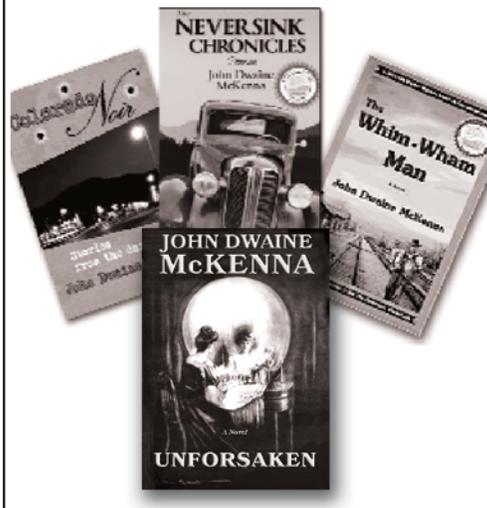
### *Why do you write?*

Because I can't imagine not writing. The desire to write emerged alongside the desire to read, and fortunately they've never parted ways. It's the way I make sense of the world, the way I understand more about myself and people around me, the way I escape. Simply put, it is the way I most enjoy passing the time.

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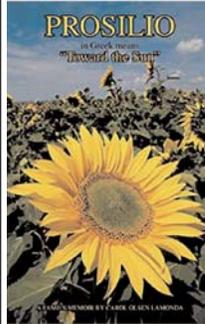
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## The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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## The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

### Thinking Spring

I do not go by the calendar to notice that spring is in the air. There are many signs that this way-too-long winter is coming to a gradual end. The clocks go ahead, the tax information gets gathered and dropped off at the accountant, the mittens get washed and put away, and the snow and ice recedes

to shadowed corners of the yard.

Muddy footprints replace snow puddles by the door; it stays lighter as we eat our dinner, and green shoots tentatively poke through the tundra. Soon there will be some green among the brown and gray landscape.

It is the season that e.e. cummings, known for his use (or non-use of capitals, spaces, and punctuation) calls "just-spring" in his poem that begins :

[in Just-]  
by e.e.cummings

in Just-  
spring when the world is mud-  
luscious the little  
lame balloonman

whistles far and wee  
and eddieandbill come

running from marbles and  
piracies and it's  
spring

when the world is puddle-wonderful

the queer  
old balloonman whistles  
far and wee  
and bettyandisbel come dancing

from hop-scotch and jump-rope and

it's  
spring  
and

the  
goat-footed

balloonMan whistles  
far  
and  
wee



We are definitely headed into the "mud-luscious" and "puddle-wonderful" time of "Just-Spring." Real spring might be a month away, but we are on the cusp of opening windows, taking walks, riding bikes, and gathering (masks on still, please) with friends and family on patios and decks.

Just like cummings joins "eddieandbill" and "bettyandisbel", we are soooooo...ready, vaccinated and tested, to celebrate with friends and family once again.



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**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series**

(From Pg. 1) **Up Next:** Mixed media artist Laurie A. Guzda of Hawley, PA is featured in the third and final "Salon Series | On Location" episode, debuting March 20.

About the filmmaker: Oriel Danielson's filmmaking journey started in Israel and continued in Stockholm and NYC. He's directed and edited dozens of short documentaries about art, culture and nature. Today, Danielson lives in Narrowsburg, makes films, reads theater, and writes poetry. Regarding his participation in the series, he notes "I am interested in the tactile relationship between artists and their work. My goal is to capture the process of creating an art piece in an authentic and intimate way."

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org).

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**Community Vaccination Center Pilot Partnerships**

FEMA, in coordination with CDC and other federal partners, has developed tailorable packages to support establishment of Community Vaccination Centers in partnership with states, local, tribal and territorial governments.

FEMA is working with state governments to open additional federal Community Vaccination Center pilot sites next week:

- One in Chicago, Illinois and one in Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Last month, federal Community Vaccination Center pilot sites opened in California, New York, and Texas. A federal Community Vaccination Center pilot site opened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania yesterday.
- The sites that the federal government are supporting are selected based on data analysis including the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index and other Census data as well as input from our state and local partners. Input also includes localized considerations such as the existing deployment of resources and feedback from state public health experts.

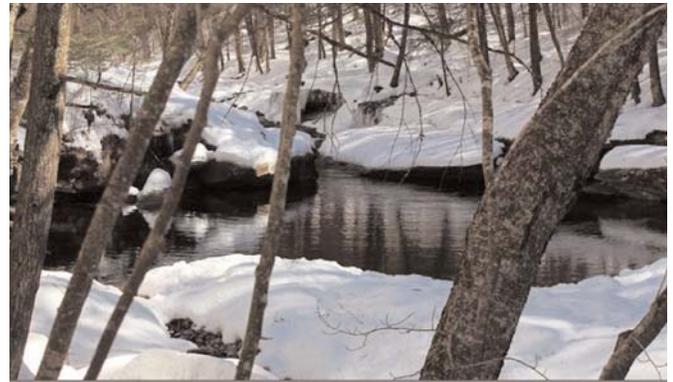
### Still Winter in Peekamoose - Ed Ostapzuk

On Sunday, I took a break from tying flies, instead driving up along John Burroughs' Rondout Creek. Though in places snow may be gone in our backyard, once I drove through the gorge, passing Peekamoose Lake, the height of snow banks along UC 42 exceeded the front fender of my Tacoma. Winter clearly is still in control of this mountaintop valley. Along the journey I noticed a few brave hikers out and about, and fortunately for me I brought along my crampons that were soon laced to the soles of my hiking shoes, as trails were down-trodden and icy slick, very icy slick.

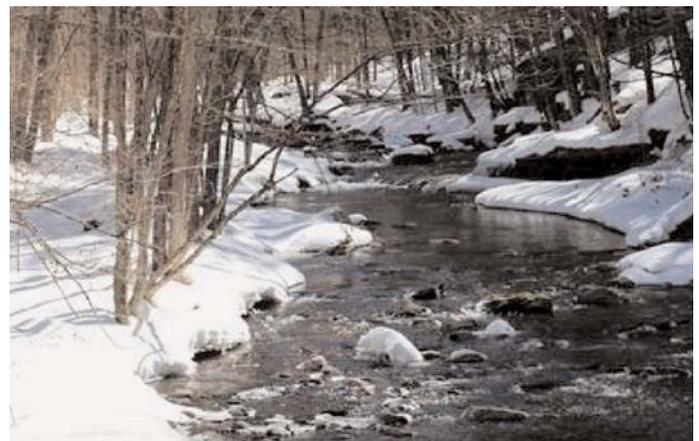


I paused at a frozen Buttermilk Falls.

Afterwards I trekked into a secluded Blue Hole. Where were all those wet waders, swimmers, and summer abusers of this pristine winter wonderland now?



Bear Hole Brook was froze over...



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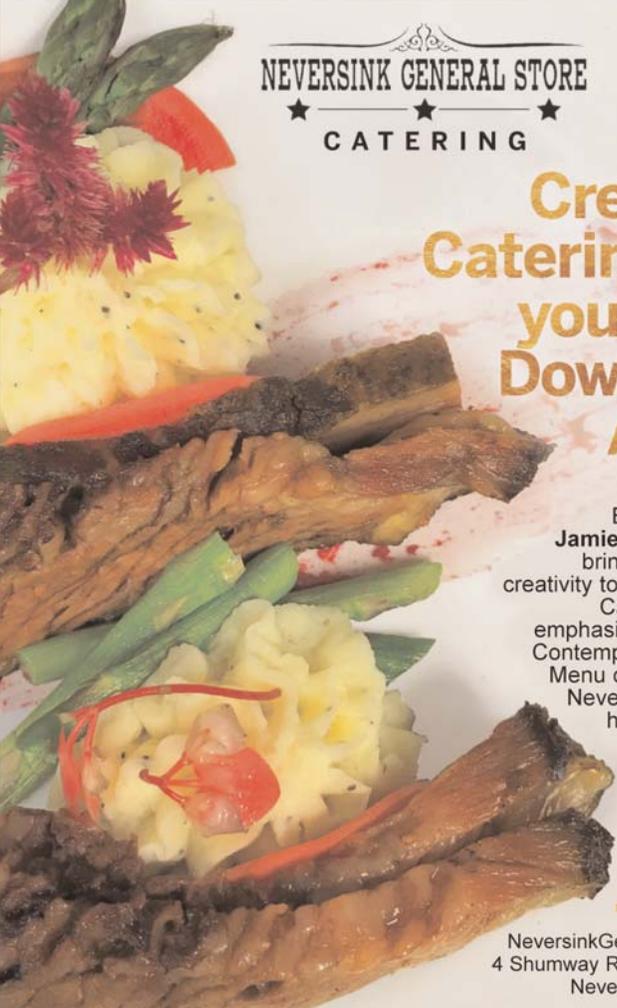
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## Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship

### Available for Graduating Tri-Valley School District Seniors

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A \$500 scholarship is now available for graduating Tri-Valley Seniors from the Time and the Valleys Museum. To help raise interest in the history of our community and the importance of the connections between water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has created a scholarship for Tri-Valley Central High School's graduating seniors.

Interested students should be in good academic standing, with an average of 80 or above and plan to pursue a post secondary course of study at a two or four year college or technical school. They need to complete and submit the following: application form, transcripts and a one page essay about the importance of water, people and the Catskills. The essay and attachments must be submitted to the Tri-Valley CSD Guidance office by May 15th. Applications are available from the TVCSD Guidance office and the Time and the Valleys Museum. For more information, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

**About the Time and the Valleys Museum:** Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, (2021 days and hours still to be determined) and weekends in September.

#### Current exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
  - 1930s Lost Catskill Farm (open weekends only)
  - NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening May, 2021.

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

## News from the Daniel Pierce Library

Mother Nature has really made her presence known these last few weeks! We hope everyone is safe, healthy, and staying warm!

We have exciting news to share from the Daniel Pierce Library! As of Monday, March 8th we will be extending our hours!

#### Some things to look forward to:

- We will continue to be open on Mondays for the next several months.
- We are extending our evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:00 pm.
- We will be opening on Saturdays for limited hours.
- With COVID-19 still a risk, we are continuing with our curbside services. Curbside pick up will be available each day that we are open starting at 9:00 am until 1/2 hour before closing time.

Our in-person hours are as follows:

- Mondays - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays and Fridays - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In addition to the extended hours, we will be extending computer sessions to 1 hour at a time, from the previous 30 minute sessions.

We will take small steps in getting back to normal operation and continue to monitor COVID-19 numbers in our area. Things are looking up and we hope that they continue along that path.

Please don't hesitate to call us with any questions at 845-985 • 7233. Adult Circulation: ext. 100  
Children's Circulation: ext. 101

Best,  
Jessica Dymond  
Director

## Sullivan Democrats Speak out on Rte 17 / I 86 Expansion

Sullivan County- March 6, 2021 - The Sullivan County Democratic Committee has issued the following statement. The transition of Route 17 to I-86 and the expansion of the highways to three lanes in Sullivan County are complex issues that will impact County businesses and residents now and in the future. This is a significant decision that demands thorough and open discussion.

We all use this road, and we will all be affected by any changes. These are not decisions to be made arbitrarily. We call on the County Legislature to develop and publicly present the facts on this issue.

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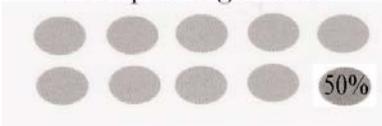



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**Open Letter to the Community on the Anniversary of the First COVID-19 Case in Ulster County from County Executive Ryan**  
*March 8th marked one year since Ulster County had its first confirmed case of COVID-19*

“March 8th marks one year since Ulster County was notified of our first case of COVID-19. What followed that day was a year of challenge and crisis, but it also highlighted our resilience and sense of community. Sadly, we have lost over 200 of our neighbors and loved ones to this horrific virus and the heart-wrenching reality is that, although we have made great progress, we're still very much in it.

Yet, as I reflect back on the last year since our first case of coronavirus, I also remember the remarkable ways in which our community has rallied and supported one another. Just days after the pandemic hit, we mobilized and organized the growing sea of goodwill in the county and launched Project Resilience. We delivered nearly half a million meals to residents in need, and kept the doors open at over 100 local restaurants, all through the support of volunteers and community donations. A small business owner

went from altering prom dresses to making cloth masks for frontline workers, students at SUNY New Paltz worked countless hours throughout the night to produce face shields with 3D printers, distilleries stopped making alcohol and instead provided hand sanitizer to first responders during a mass shortage, and so much more.

Led by our values, I am so proud of the resilience of our community and know that we will continue to support each other through the next chapter of this crisis. As we have begun to turn the page on the virus, my optimism builds with each vaccine dose we administer and we will continue to work to ensure all of our friends, family, and neighbors will have equitable access to the vaccine.

One year later, we remember those community members who we lost to this virus and honor their lives. We will continue to respond to the compounded impacts of this crisis by ensuring no one is left behind in the wake of the devastation that this pandemic has created. I am thankful for every resident who has rallied in support of our collective community during this year of unprecedented challenges. Like our response in the early days of the pandemic, we will get through this exceptionally challenging period together as one Ulster County community tapping into our collective compassion, ingenuity, and sense of resilience.

Sincerely,  
Pat”

## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

I am pleased to say I came through the first dose of vaccine with minimal effects. No one was more surprised than I was. I attribute it to expecting and preparing for the worst.

I was very fortunate and my thanks to serendipity, because even though I was on all the right "lists", I truly didn't expect anything to happen until May or June. There are people who are chasing the vaccine all over the state. I was shocked that

I only had to travel ten miles. For those going as far as Westchester, Schenectady, even New York City, my advice is to have someone along for the drive. Maybe it's because I don't take vaccines as a rule, but I felt just plain weird on the drive home. No allergic reaction (except my eyelids itched), but just weird.

Once home, I sat in front of the TV, which was the plan...do nothing and let the vaccine do it's thing. And from there, it just got weirder, but not 'bad' weird.

By 4 that afternoon I found myself in a state of euphoria. I felt great! In hindsight, I chalk that up to really finally realizing I was halfway to not dying. And in this state I was starving. Thank God I had cooked ahead. I will say too that I have not talked to anyone else who has experienced this.

By 7:30, that ended as quickly as it came on. I was so tired and my arm was beginning to hurt. I was asleep by 8:30. The next morning I felt OK but was still very tired, that exhaustion that some people report. Also some brain fog, which many people experience. I laid low for the entire day, with the sore arm like with a tetanus shot. By the 3rd day, I felt good with lingering tiredness but less than the day before. After which it was life as usual.

Funny thing about getting the vaccine. One finds oneself in this exclusive club of people sharing their "vaccine experience", after experiences, before experiences, weird experiences. Other than the sore arm within the first 8 hours and being 'out of it' the next day are the only two that are universal. Almost everyone has a 'this happened to me' story and very few duplicate.

The other club one finds oneself belonging to is that in which people who want and can't seem to get an appointment. They want to know all about your experience like you've just come back from exploring Antarctica.

I tried to be productive during the 'down days', which is why I've included the progress I've made on my Penance blanket. As you can see, it's moving along nicely. Each stripe takes about an hour but more when I had to really concentrate. It is large enough now to be unwieldy to work on anywhere other than sitting on the bed. (also smart planning on my part).

Yes, I have the first dose and have the appointment for the 2nd but my routine will not change. I will continue masking, having inside clothes and outside clothes, carrying hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes with me when I'm in the outside world, and continue to limit myself to that world. I can still get CoVid 19. I can still get very sick. I will continue to dodge it.

Interesting fact though, the flu this year is almost non-existent here in New York State and in other states where the governments

and people have taken the pandemic seriously.

Stay masked, stay safe, stay well....and take heart. With three vaccines rolling out, you should find one near you soon.

Until next time.....

## ASK March Spotlight Exhibition, Hudson River Sculpture Regatta showcases the incredible work of Jay Lalonde

*Regatta* is a series of intricate, wall-hanging sculptures. Inspired by his appreciation for the Hudson River and the art of sailing, these stainless steel creations are evocative of the wind and waves, and of the ships that navigate them.

Jay Lalonde is an artist from Ulster Park NY with an avid interest in sailing, the Hudson River, and sculpture. Lalonde's interest in art began at a young age when he started drawing, then building models, and then bicycles. When he was twelve years old his mom had him take an adult studio Art class. This began a journey of realization that his thoughts when put into drawings, paintings, and sculptures were special. In his 20's Jay took a job at Tallix Art Foundry in Beacon NY and began working with artists such as Roy Lichtenstein, Alexander Lieberman, David Cerulli, Greg Wyatt, and Frank Stella. He has worked with Frank Stella for the past 30 years on endless works and projects, and has been truly inspired by Frank Stella and many other artists. With these influences his work has progressed from drawings to paintings to sculpture.

Hudson River Sculpture Regatta is available to view starting Saturday, March 6, at 1pm both at our galleries at 97 Broadway in Kingston and online at [askforarts.org](http://askforarts.org). Regular gallery hours are Tue-Sat 1-6pm.

### ASK MEMBERS' EXHIBITION:

#### Artifactual/Cutup Seabed by Anita Sidler

ASK's Members Exhibition this month is Artifactual/Cutup. Every month ASK provides a prompt for our members to respond to and this March we asked our members to examine the objects around them, dissect their preconceptions and to draw inspiration from what lies beneath.

The Members Gallery Exhibition: Artifactual/Cutup will be available to view starting Saturday, March 6, at 1pm both at our galleries at 97 Broadway in Kingston and online at [askforarts.org](http://askforarts.org). Regular gallery hours are Tue-Sat 1-6pm.

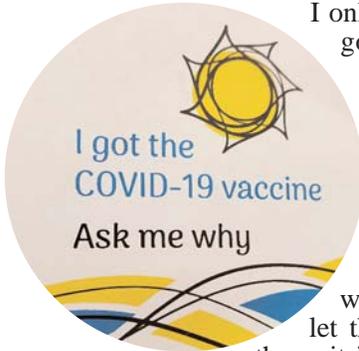
#### Spring Art Raffle

Support the Arts Society of Kingston and win a prize! ASK is celebrating springtime by giving you an opportunity to win this exquisite still life painted by local artist Staats Fasoldt and hand-somely framed by Catskill Art Supply.

You will also be entered to win a \$200 gift card from Catskill Art Supply and a \$100 gift card from Artcraft Photoworks Limited number of entries!

First Prize: Still Life by Staats Fasoldt, 2017, 28" x 36" framed; Second Prize: \$200 gift card for Catskill Art Supply Third Prize: \$100 gift card for Artcraft

Tickets available until March 20th: \$50 each, limited to 100 only. Purchase online: <https://go.rallyup.com/spring-ask> or in person at ASK: 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY



## NYSDEC Catskill Advisory Group Catskill Park Visitor Survey

If you have visited the Catskills in the past year or two, you have probably seen the substantial increase in traffic on the roads, on the trails, at swimming holes and even at restaurants. As we have reported and discussed in our newsletters and bulletins, as well as on social media, the increased use of many recreational facilities has put stress on infrastructure and on natural resources.

The NYS Department of Conservation has established the Catskill Advisory Group to look at these issues and to help formulate strategies for addressing them that will support sustainable use of the park. The CMC is participating in this effort.

You can help improve visitor experiences in the Catskill Park by taking a few minutes to share your thoughts in this short survey. And please share the link with your friends and family who are Catskill Park visitors and users, too. The survey will be available through March 19th.

**English:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catskills\\_Public\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catskills_Public_Survey)

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## DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officer Highlights Recent ECO Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators enforce the 71 Chapters of NY Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 2020, the 298 ECOs and Investigators across the state responded to 29,673 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,952 tickets or arrests for crimes ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

Two-thousand-and-twenty-one marks New York's Conservation Police Officers' 141st anniversary. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State.

"DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers are working hard in communities across New York to protect natural resources by upholding our state's stringent laws and regulations and protecting public safety," Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Our ECOs are expertly trained to perform their duties in every setting—from cities to wilderness—and continue to adapt to meet new and emerging challenges as they build on their longstanding commitment to protect New York's environment."

If you witness an environmental crime or believe a violation of environmental law occurred, please call the DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267).

**Right Place, Right Time** - On Feb. 20, while conducting routine ice fishing checks on Chaumont Bay, ECO Jackson encountered a group of approximately six subjects fishing and preparing lunch. As ECO Jackson checked fishing licenses, one of the anglers advised that another fisher was choking. This subject was red in the face, clutching his neck, and unable to speak. ECO Jackson immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver of the subject. Fortunately, on the third thrust, a partially chewed piece of venison flew out of the man's mouth and he was immediately able to breathe and speak. The subject refused further medical attention but thanked ECO Jackson for the life-saving measure.

**Sniffing Out Trouble** - DEC's Division of Law Enforcement recently completed a three-month K9 Basic Training School in Pulaski with three newly acquired young German Shepherd dogs. The K9 teams learned to track humans through all terrain and environmental conditions. The teams then advanced to burnt gunpowder detection training to help find spent casing/shot shell components and firearms in the field. From there, the K9 teams moved on to wildlife detection where the dogs were trained to detect venison and bear meat. They were put through numerous real-life scenarios such as wildlife being hidden by poachers or taken illegally. Over the next year, the three K9 teams will be certified in identifying at least one additional wildlife species. The dogs' keen sense of smell assists in police investigations, including illegal hunting crimes and the **taking of** wildlife across New York State. The K9s also trained in basic obedience, handler protection, and criminal apprehension.



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## Interview With The Author: Michael Koryta

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### *Who inspired you to write?*

This would be an endless list. Early on, there were children's writers like Keith Robertson and John Bellairs and Jim Kjelgaard and Lois Duncan and Willo Davis Roberts, among countless others. The first adult books I read were by Sue Grafton and Dean Koontz. My grandmother had all of those cat mysteries by Lillian Jackson Braun. I still remember those fondly; good old James Qwilleran. At the start of my publishing career, Dennis Lehane and Michael Connelly and Robert Crais, Laura Lippman and Lee Child and George Pelecanos, all of that group was particularly big in my PI-writing days. I then found myself drifting toward Southern Gothic - William Gay, Ron Rash, Tom Franklin, and Daniel Woodrell alongside O'Connor and Faulkner's ghosts. Toni Morrison and James Lee Burke. That southern vibe with regard to the treatment of evil in the narrative began to creep in. Cormac McCarthy, always Cormac. And then there's The Godfather, Stephen King. I've felt his influence over my shoulder since the first time I read On Writing. His fiction is hugely important to me, but On Writing was a different experience, like being handed the launch codes. I read that book when I was 18. Meant the world then, still does.

### *How many books do you read in an average year?*

Right around 100. It dipped a bit last year because I became obsessed with audiobooks, and it takes longer to listen to a book than it does to read one. But somewhere between 90 and 110 books a year, pretty evenly distributed between fiction and non-fiction.

### *What makes a character endearing?*

The sense that they're making their own decisions, not being engineered by a writer. When a character is capable of surprising me and I understand what she wants out of a scene, I'm locked in. I don't need much physical description of a character; my imagination will fill that in. I care how they act and speak and think. Think of Phillip Marlowe - how much do you know about this guy's appearance? It's minimal at best. But how well do you feel like you know the guy? That's a deep relationship. The word endearing suggests a sympathetic relationship, but Hannibal Lecter is endearing to the reader precisely because of how he speaks and thinks. And acts, of course. His choices and his actions are enthralling; his speech patterns are endearing - and terrifying.

### *How long, start to finish, do you take to write a finished novel, on average?*

There have been exceptions on either side, but I'd say from first page to a production draft averages between 12 and 15 months.

### *Do you have a daily writing goal you shoot for?*

I shoot for 1,500 words.

### *How do you deal with a negative review?*

I don't allow myself to read Amazon or GoodReads reviews. That seems problematic. I do see the professional critics, and if it's a negative review, I allow myself the space to be defensive at first, and then require myself to be considerate in the aftermath. In some cases, I've learned from a negative review, have gotten better because of it. In others, I've learned that I simply disagree with the reviewer. That's fine. It's a subjective medium. What's the most important element for writing success? Write every day and read intensely.

### *What makes a character compelling?*

I think I answered this with the endearing question, actually. Same ideas apply - clear desires, capacity for surprise, and anchor it in emotional authenticity.

### *Do you plot-outline or wing it?*

I see a few chapters out, at best. Have never been able to outline.

### *What makes a character despicable?*

I don't think of character in these terms. I don't have a one-note goal for any character, not even a villain. Especially not a villain, actually. I suppose a character's despicable choices make a character despicable. Abuse of power, for example. Betrayal. Torturing a man with his own chainsaw. That sort of thing.

### *Do any one of the above attributes make a more interesting character than another?*

No. It's all in the execution. You know who I would actually love to teach from a character perspective - Ted Lasso. Lasso is not plagued by a series of revealed flaws. Any description of him would sound one-note and yet he is not. I was intrigued by that. I put it down to his capacity to surprise me. He doesn't need to surprise me by selling his soul, becoming an anti-hero, or discovering a new, better version of himself. I'm just never exactly certain what he's going to do in the moment, and that alone makes him compelling. Odd that I'm pointing to a feel-good character from a comedy sitcom, I suppose, but I had to ask myself why I was willing to follow that show when it felt so far from what I'd usually enjoy.

### *How did your first book get published?*

What was Hemingway's line about how he went bankrupt? "Gradually, then suddenly." I'll use that.

### *How long did it take?*

Well, it was the fourth book I'd written. It was the second Lincoln Perry novel. It was a third draft. So, five years?

### *Do you write in more than one genre?*

I am told that I do. I would categorize them all under the broad heading of suspense.

### *If yes: which ones?*

Thriller and detective and crime and supernatural and horror. Again: suspense. The genre beneath the genre is a western, but nobody ever seems to notice that.

### *Does your style make heavy use of adjectives and adverbs?*

No.

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

The Brain Box Method (patent pending). And I bow before my copyeditors, who never receive their due share of credit.

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

Reading books and watching people, probably, but I am unduly influenced by place. I can point to many books where the setting was the impetus for the whole thing. *The Beartooth Mountains – Those Who Wish Me Dead*. *West Baden Springs Resort – So Cold the River*. *Exotic Feline Rescue Center – The Ridge*. And so on. An intriguing location with unique challenges or history is catnip to me.

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## Interview With The Author: Michael Koryta

(From Pg. 13)

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

No. My agent always wants to know more about how a character looks. I'm always perplexed by this, having counted on him to imagine the character on his own. But he's smarter than me, so I try to meet him halfway. As for their environs...maybe? I'm a sucker for atmospheric setting. I'm sure there are those who believe I overwrite landscape.

**Do you use humor in your work?**

Yes. I've borrowed from many great humorists.

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

The "and now we will make sense of the plot" scenes. Those tend to be problematic.

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

Depends on character and story. I've written five books in first now; eleven in third. But if I'm going to remain with a single point-of-view character, then I need a compelling reason to sacrifice the intimacy of first-person narration. The only time I've done that was in *The Cypress House*. I needed the reader to experience Arlen with a little more distance; it seemed to increase his sense of isolation and responsibility. He was a withdrawn, guarded man, always putting up walls, and that felt harder to write from within a first-person lens. He was reluctant to speak about himself. To deliver that in first-person narration felt coy, dishonest, and unreliable.

**Do you belong to a writers group?**

No. I have attended writer's conferences and workshops, though.

**If so: How has it helped you?**

I learned a hell of a lot and I met my wife. A rather transformative experience.

**What's your next project?**

I'm finishing a creepy little book, *Where They Wait*, that will be published under the Scott Carson name, and I'm working on the screenplay adaptation of *Never Far Away*.

**Do you write under another name?**

**If so: Why?**

Yes, Scott Carson. It began to feel easier to separate the supernatural stories from the crime stories. Some readers want one or the other. Let's make it clear for them. Branding! Gag. Bonus questions, and your last chance for brilliance . . .

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

"Just write every day of your life. Read intensely. Then see what will happen. Most of my friends who have been put on that diet have very pleasant careers." Ray Bradbury.

**Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?**

<http://www.michaelkoryta.com>, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The nice thing about the name Koryta is that I'm easy to find. The hard thing is spelling it and pronouncing it properly. I've finally figured it out: Carson. Scott Carson.

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project. And if you have any suggestions for improvements or other questions we might ask-put them here. God knows, we can always use all the help we can get!

Thank you! It was a true pleasure.

## Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle



**Drawing- June 1, 2021**

*(Winner does not need to be present to win)*

**Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket  
or \$10 for 3 tickets.**

Tickets will be available from:

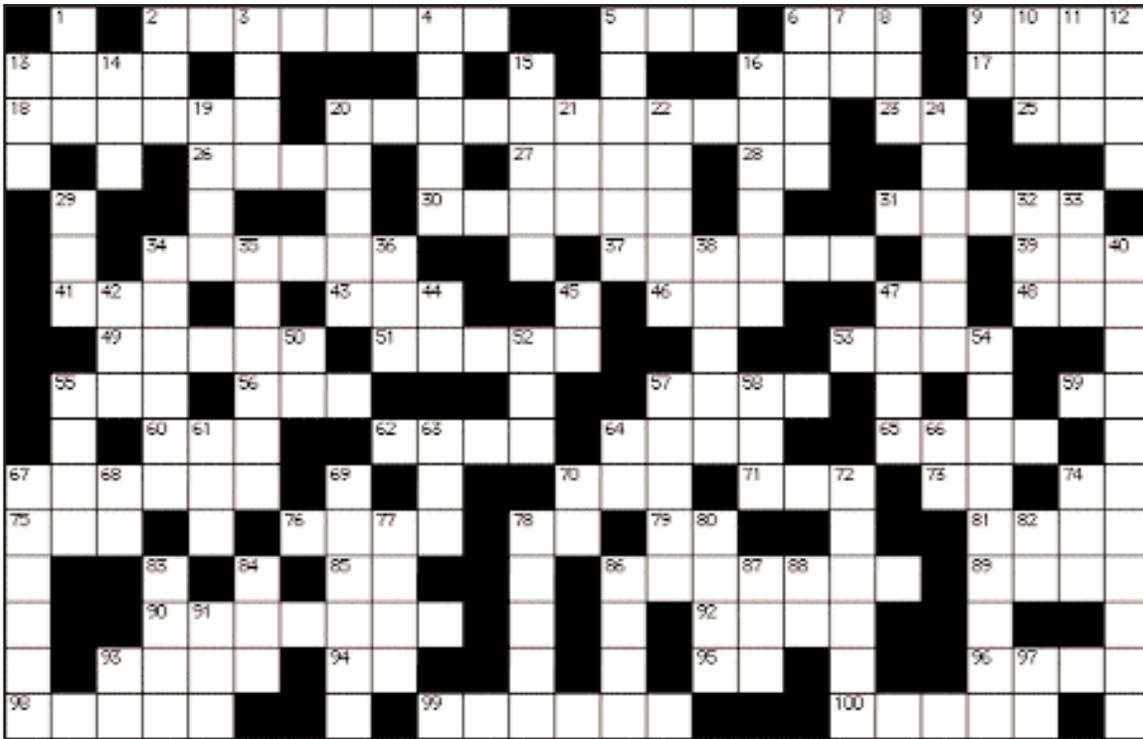
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**Mary Lou Vernooy 845-434-7781**

**Terry Delaney 845-434-8696**

All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

Celebrate with the Saints - L. Comando



**ACROSS**  
 2 Clover-like plant associated with St. Patrick  
 5 Pelt  
 6 Swish  
 9 Emcee  
 13 Forbidden practice  
 16 Uttered farewell  
 17 Lowest female singing voice  
 18 One of the colors of the Irish flag  
 20 Tournament  
 23 First person singular pronoun  
 25 Colorant  
 26 Saint who drove the grasshoppers from Finland  
 27 Extremely  
 28 South Dakota  
 30 Give

something as a favor  
 31 Embedded parts of a plant  
 34 Civic  
 37 Accomplished unaccompanied  
 39 Petroleum  
 41 Grade  
 Point Average  
 43 Persuade  
 46 Prioress  
 47 Exist  
 48 Single unit  
 49 People of Ireland  
 51 Extraordinary  
 53 Scottish girl  
 55 Leguminous round vegetable  
 56 Clue  
 57 Cinematographic  
 59 Either  
 60 Single dice  
 62 Pain  
 64 Journeyed on horseback  
 65 To reduce or limit food intake  
 67 Clergyman  
 70 Friend  
 71 Type of hat

73 District of Columbia  
 74 Alternating Current  
 75 Automated Teller Machine  
 76 Strip of leather at the back of a shoe  
 78 Move from one place to another  
 79 Mystic syllable  
 81 Technician  
 85 Regarding  
 86 The Emerald Isle  
 89 Region  
 90 Day of festivity  
 92 Former Hindu funeral practice  
 93 Aromatic annual green herb  
 94 Extraterrestrial  
 95 Exclamation  
 96 Portent  
 98 For the gift of persuasive speech you might kiss the

Blarney  
 99 Inhabitant of New England  
 100 Center of something  
**DOWN**  
 1 Not near  
 2 Center of our solar system  
 3 State the case  
 4 A celestial object  
 5 Attracting someone without serious intention  
 6 Baton  
 7 Advertisement  
 8 Precious stone  
 9 Used to express surprise  
 10 Aged  
 11 Pigpen  
 12 Foot digits  
 13 Highest point  
 14 Prohibit  
 15 Uniform  
 16 This city is home to the first public St. Patrick's Day

Celebration in the US  
 19 Spiritual teacher  
 20 Comedian  
 21 Hot brewed beverage  
 22 U S heavy-weight boxing champion  
 24 Secretly marry without consent  
 29 Old world fruit with many seeds  
 32 Also  
 33 Immoral act  
 34 A St. Patrick's Day event  
 35 Creel  
 36 A projection on a wheel  
 38 Expressed clearly  
 40 Small Irish mischievous sprite  
 42 Fruit-filled pastry  
 44 Near  
 45 That thing  
 47 Lacking hair  
 50 Used to refer to a man  
 52 Consumed food  
 54 Observer  
 55 Harbor

57 Hue  
 58 Meshwork  
 61 Distinct philosophy  
 63 Lutfefisk  
 64 Egyptian sun god  
 66 Part of the human psyche  
 67 Applies color with a brush  
 68 Contraction for I am  
 69 Guardian  
 70 Post Office  
 72 German city  
 74 First-rate  
 77 Tidy  
 78 St. Patrick's

Day color  
 80 Flat-topped hill  
 82 Emergency Room  
 83 Slim  
 84 Everything  
 86 Small island  
 87 Rule  
 88 Arrive at a particular place  
 91 Folk lingo for old  
 93 Perform  
 97 Mountain

**Traditional Irish Soda Bread**

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 5 tablespoons sugar, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter, chilled, cut into cubes
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup raisins

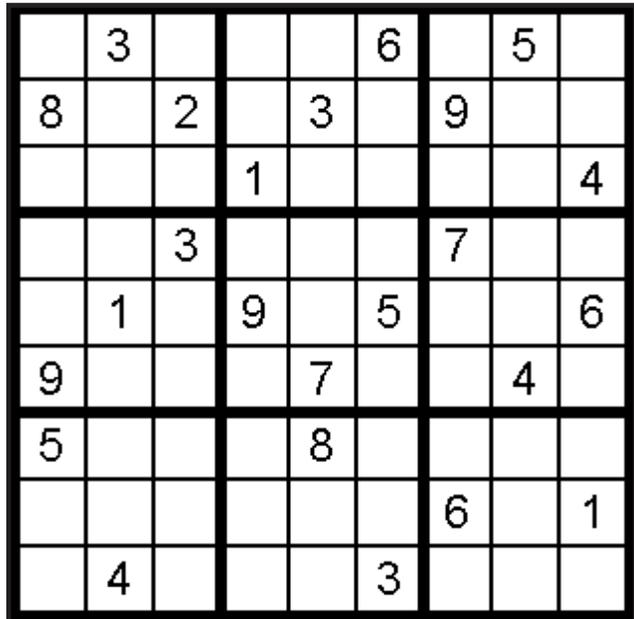
Preheat oven to 375°F. Butter a cookie sheet pan with butter or margarine. Whisk flour, 4 tablespoons sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in large bowl to blend. Add butter. Using fingertips, rub in until coarse meal forms. Make well in center of flour mixture. Add buttermilk. Gradually stir dry ingredients into milk to blend. Mix in raisins.

Using floured hands, shape dough into ball. Transfer to prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle dough with remaining 1 tablespoon sugar.

Bake bread until brown and tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool bread on baking sheet for 10 minutes. Transfer to rack.

Serve warm or at room temperature with Irish butter.

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**Cryptogram**

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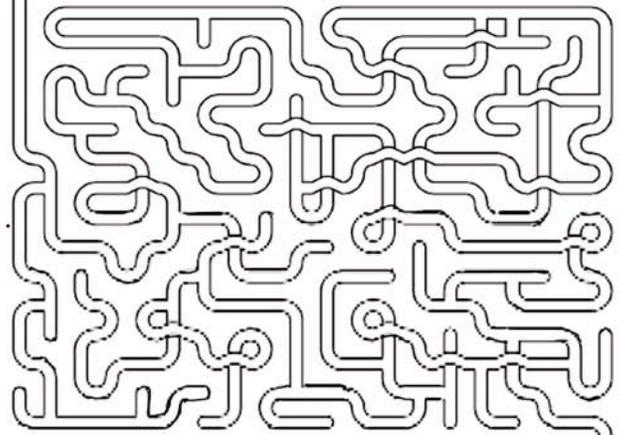
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Start

Can you get through the maze to help Joe turn the clock ahead?



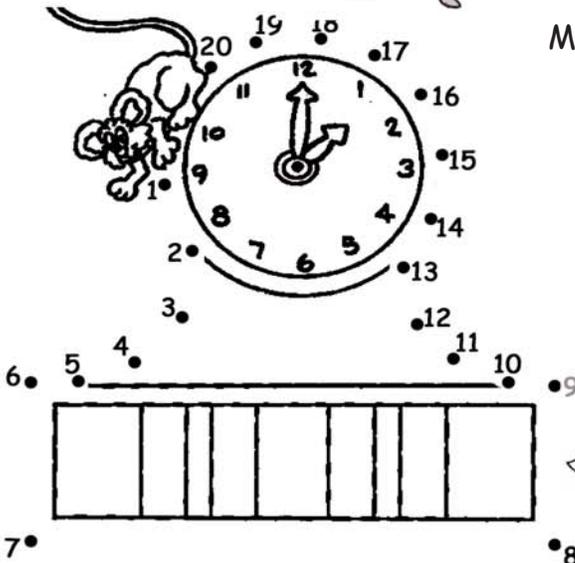
**Kids' Fun**  
**Page**

L. Comando

It's time to turn the clocks ahead. Follow the dots so the mouse can set the clock.



Help celebrate St. Urho's Day March 16. Find five differences between the two pictures?



**WORDSEARCH**

- TIME
- CLOCK
- SPRING
- FORWARD
- MINUTES
- HOURS
- SECONDS
- FACE
- HANDS

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A	X	K	T	R	V	W	O	Z	U	W
R	X	Y	G	C	P	Q	Q	C	T	K
D	H	O	U	R	S	V	S	N	E	Q
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S	P	R	I	G	Z	I	E	D	V	

**Cryptogram Key**

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# Daniel Pierce Library

The library is open for browsing, computer use, and more.

Curbside pickup is still available by appointment!

## Visit the Library!

You can browse for books and movies or use the internet on one of our computers.

Computer use is limited to 30 minute sessions.

## Curbside Pick Up

Call to make an appointment!

Monday  
10:00 - 1:00

Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 - 6:00

Wednesday & Friday  
10:00 - 4:30

## Lobby Hours

Monday  
11:00 - 1:00

Tuesday - Friday  
11:00 - 4:00

## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

### Fallsburg School District 2021-2022 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration / 2021-2022 Registración de Prekinder y Kinder

- Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2021.
  - Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2021.
  - Kindergarten Registration will take place from March 1st through March 19th.
  - Pre-K Registration will take place from April 6th-April 23rd.
- Registration will take place online. Please visit <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> for instructions and to reach our online registration form  
\*Please note: ALL incoming Kindergarteners MUST register, even if registered for Pre-K last year.

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- Los estudiantes de Kinder deben tener 5 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
  - Los estudiantes de Prekinder deben tener 4 años el 1 de diciembre de 2021 o antes
  - La registración de Kinder se llevará a cabo desde el 1 de marzo hasta el 19 de marzo.
  - La registración de Pre-K se llevará a cabo del 6 al 23 de abril.
  - La registración se realizará en línea. Por favor visite: <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/parents/registration> para instrucciones y acceder a nuestro formulario de registro en línea
- \* Tenga en cuenta: todos los estudiantes nuevos de Kinder DEBEN registrarse, incluso si se registraron para Prekinder el año pasado.

### CFFCM Opening Weekend Celebrations

The Center plans to reopen its doors on April 2, 2021 just in time for the start of fly fishing season here in the Catskills and we can't wait for you to see what we've been working on. While a lot of our education programs will continue online, we are excited to roll out our in-person programs for this year as well. Sign up to be a 2021 member and stay up to date with our latest Castabout Newsletter for program updates!

**News & Updates - Opening Weekend Celebrations:**  
Foraging Program & Gift Shop Restock Saturday  
April 3 10am-4pm

#### Free Museum Entry All Day!

- Casting clinic in the field • Guest Fly Tyer in Museum
- Opening of the Dave Brandt exhibit in Museum •
- Weekend-long raffle with great prizes

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In addition to the benefit package your business/organization receives, your contributions go a long way...  
Fly fishing/fly tying programs, environmental and conservation programs, youth education & ecology and history presentations

## Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

**Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
Anticipated Executive Session, 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting #19.

If meetings are still being conducted virtually,  
they will be broadcast on YouTube Live:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8nAWHR6NVao24w/live>

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# DEC Teacher and Educator Winter Newsletter

Greetings Educators!

As we move from Black History Month (February) and into Women's History Month (March), we have the chance to reframe science by exploring scientists often removed from history and pushed aside. Whether it is looking at natural history and environmental knowledge by enslaved people as they sought freedom or looking at the works of scientists their coworkers disavowed and refused to credit due to their sex for over 200 years, we can empower youth to see they belong in science and environmental careers.

Below, you will find resources for celebrating women in science, a new environmental justice curriculum focusing connecting Freedom Seekers, Great Lakes, and science literacy, and information on the DEC's School Seedling Program to build environmental stewardship in youth.

Keep learning and sharing knowledge!

## -DEC Environmental Education staff Celebrating Women In Science

We have assembled several resources for you and your students to learn about and explore Women in Science across the United States and here in New York.

The Natural Enquirer has Science and Engineer cards featuring USDA Forest Service employees in a variety of Science and Engineering disciplines. The cards are available in English and Spanish. Several lesson plans are included to easily engage students to think about STEM careers. Students can create their own card (PDF) or use critical thinking skills to assemble a team of scientists to solve a particular problem. A student attends the NYS Museum Women in Science Event, 2019.

DEC's YouTube channel has several videos of female scientists and engineers working in conservation careers throughout New York State. Join Biologist Kristen Dieterle as she monitors pollution by studying fish in the Hudson River. Learn about monitoring air pollution in Albany's South End with Research Scientist Marilyn Wurth. Watch Environmental Engineer Sarah Saucier as leads a team in cleaning up pollution on Lake Flower in the Adirondack Mountains. Observe and band Peregrine Falcons in Buffalo with Wildlife Biologist Connie Adams.

Visit DEC's Women's History Month page to explore current and historic women in the outdoors. Read about Dr. Emmaline Moore, a fisheries biologist and the first female scientist to work for the New York State Conservation Commission (the organization that came before the DEC)!

The New York State Museum has a Women of Science program that allows your students to explore careers virtually. The program features videos from scientists studying geology, archaeology, anthropology, and paleontology. Your class can safely "meet" a scientist, learn about their work, and email their questions directly to the scientists.

### Climate Connections: The discoveries of Eunice Foote

Eunice Foote was a 19th century scientist who discovered the science behind climate. Students play a climate focused game from Project WET. Because she was a woman, she wasn't credited for her contributions to the field until nearly 200 years later! You can read more about her and her contributions in National Audubon Society's article "The Female Scientist Who Discovered the Basics of Climate Science and was Forgotten by History" and "Happy 200th Birthday to Eunice Foote, hidden climate science pioneer" from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA also provides many resources for teaching climate literacy, including "The Essential Principals of Teaching Climate Literacy", lesson plans, videos, experiment demonstrations and tools like a



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- 1) Spouse with children or
- 2) Couples living together
- 3) Second marriages

[must personally meet and discuss your ideas, plans & options]

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carbon calculator.

Investigate Climate Change with your students with DEC's Conservationist for Kids magazine. Downloadable PDF copies of all issues with teacher supplement are easy to use for both virtual and in person learning!

Diversity Resources in the Outdoors, Science, and Environmental Justice

Visit DEC's collection of diversity resources for current articles, studies, and links to organizations focused on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) experiences with nature.

Be inspired by DEC's Black History month page that explores current and historic efforts by African Americans to conserve and protect New York's environment. On that page, you will also find biographies of notable DEC Environmental staff who are working to protect the wildlife, woods, and waters of New York State. (Contd. Pt Resources for Educators

### Edutopia: "50 Years of Students Drawing Scientists"

It used to be that when students were asked to draw a scientist, nearly all students would draw a male. Although this article shows this trend is shifting, there are factors, such as age, that affect which gender the student will draw. By incorporating a few suggestions into your classroom, you can help influence your students' perceptions. (Contd. Pg. 26)

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

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

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

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

9:00 am to 12 noon  
To be Announced

**Thrift Sale**  
9am-12 noon  
Luncheon  
11 am - 12:30 pm  
To be Announced



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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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

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



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
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Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

**Regular Office Hours**  
Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

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

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
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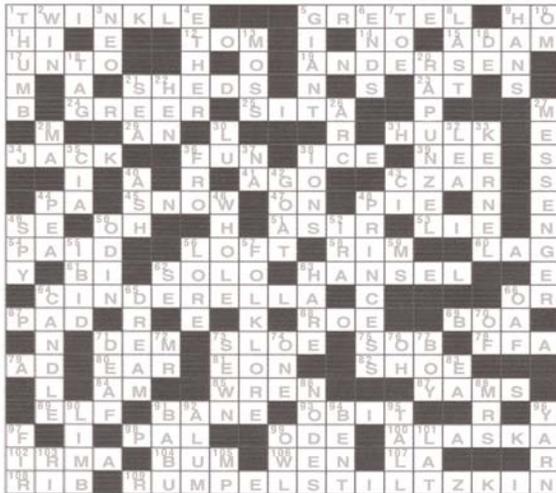
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 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170  
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Ans to last week's Crossword



# Happy (early) Passover/Pesach!

Please join Congregation Agudas Achim by Zoom on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for social time and continue through until 7:30 p.m. when Rabbi Fred Pomerantz will lead us in our Shabbat services and our early Passover celebration. The magical voices of our cantorial duo, Ira and Julia Levin, will fill your home with uplifting music!

Pesach, one of the most important Jewish holidays begins on March 27, 2021 and is an eight-day holiday that celebrates the achievement of freedom from slavery some 3,000 years ago. At that time, the people of Israel lived in Egypt and had become slaves of the ruthless Egyptian Pharaohs for several hundred years.

According to scriptures, the leader of the Jews, Moses was instructed by G-d to lead his people out of Egypt to Israel.

Please call our president, Judy Siegel at (845) 798-0783 or email [virtualshabbat@gmail.com](mailto:virtualshabbat@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

## SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

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

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

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

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at [sullivanswdc.org](http://sullivanswdc.org). The order deadline is April 12, 2021.

## SCDW is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is calling for original plays to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre May 7 through May 16, 2021. In the event that theatres are not allowed to open due to New York State covid restrictions, SCDW will present these plays in a virtual format. All plays chosen must meet the following requirements:

- o Running time must be no longer than 10 minutes from curtain to curtain (strictly enforced)
- o Plays must be presented in a black box format with minimal set and prop needs (the Executive Director reserves the right to determine if the chosen plays meet this requirement)
- o Vulgar language and topics will not be accepted for submission

Play submissions must be in an electronic format and submitted to the Executive Director no later than April 1. Plays submitted after that date may not be given consideration. Scripts must be double spaced and use Calibri 12 or Times New Roman 12 fonts. Authors will be notified of their play being selected for performance no later than April 8.

SCDW reserves the right to present the selected plays without payment of a royalty to the author. 12 to 16 plays will be selected at the discretion of the Executive Director and Reading Committee. Each selected play will be performed three times either the weekend of May 7 or the weekend of May 14 at the discretion of the Executive Director.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Harold Tighe at [haroldtighe50@gmail.com](mailto:haroldtighe50@gmail.com).

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## Governor Cuomo Announces Event, Arts and Entertainment Venues can Reopen at 33% Capacity Beginning April 2

- *Venues Will Be Able to Host Up to 100 People Indoors and Up to 200 People Outdoors; With Testing, Up to 150 People Indoors and Up to 500 People Outdoors; Social Distancing and Face Coverings Required*
- *Domestic Travelers No Longer Required to Quarantine or Test-Out Within 90 Days of Full Vaccination; International Travelers Must Continue to Follow CDC Guidance*
- *Beginning March 22, Outdoor Residential Gatherings Expanded to 25 People; Non-Residential Social Gatherings Expanded to 100 People Indoors and 200 People Outdoors*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo also announced that beginning April 2, event, arts and entertainment venues can reopen at 33 percent capacity, up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors. If all attendees present proof of negative test prior to entry, capacity can increase up to 150 people indoors and up to 500 people outdoors. Social distancing and face coverings will be required by all attendees, as well as strict adherence to all applicable Department of Health guidance.

The Governor also announced domestic travelers to New York State who have been vaccinated no longer have to quarantine or test out within 90 days of their full vaccination.

Governor Cuomo also announced that beginning March 22, residential gatherings of up to 25 people can be held outdoors. Indoor residential gatherings remain capped at 10 people to reduce the continued risk of spread. Also, non-residential social gatherings of up to 100 people can occur indoors and up to 200 people can occur outdoors.

"New Yorkers have done a tremendous job working to defeat COVID, and we're gradually loosening restrictions as the numbers reduce and the public health improves. It's clear that if we remain vigilant, we will reach the light at the end of the tunnel," Governor Cuomo said. "While we continue to expand access to the vaccine throughout the state, New Yorkers should double down on the behaviors that make such an important difference fighting this pandemic—washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing. This is a tough footrace, but the infection rate is down and the vaccination rate is up, and New Yorkers will get through this together as long as we stay touch and keep this momentum heading in the right direction."

## Governor Cuomo Announces \$29 Million Available to Support Essential Workers and First Responders Through the Empire Pandemic Grant Program

- *Up to \$1,000 Available per Household from Funding Made Possible Through Private Donations*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$29 million is available to support essential workers and first responders through the Empire Pandemic Response Reimbursement Fund program coordinated by the Office of Children and Family Services. The program is designed to reimburse out-of-pocket childcare, transportation, lodging and other qualifying expenses that enabled workers to perform their duties. The funding comes from private donations from individuals, charitable trusts and businesses made during the COVID crisis.

"From the early, dark days of this pandemic, our essential workers have been on the front lines risking their health and safety every day to keep this state running," Governor Cuomo said. "They took care of us and it is now time for us to take care of them. This grant program will provide critical funding to those individuals and families still struggling from the pandemic and help them get back on their feet as we continue our transition to a new normal."

Qualifying applicants include first responders, health care, and many multi-industry workers. Up to \$1,000 is available per household. Workers should be referred by employers, unions or social service providers who can verify employment during the COVID emergency.

Families who earn up to 500 percent of the federal poverty level - or \$125,470 for a family of four - are eligible to apply for the funds to cover expenses.

OCFS Commissioner Sheila J. Poole said, "We at OCFS are proud and honored to assist our first responder and essential worker neighbors by getting relief to those who honorably and tirelessly responded to the COVID-19 crisis. All New Yorkers owe a debt of gratitude to these everyday heroes who bravely served so others could stay safely at home and to the health care workers who courageously saved so many lives."

### About the Empire Pandemic Response Reimbursement Fund

The Empire Pandemic Response Reimbursement Fund is a non-competitive application. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria set forth below and who submit the required supporting documentation for eligible expenses will be awarded funds to reimburse out-of-pocket expenses they incurred to respond to COVID-19 that have not been reimbursed by another source. Awards will be made to eligible applicants for eligible expenditures on a first come, first served basis until funding is exhausted as stated below. The maximum reimbursement amount is \$1,000 per household.



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Out of respect.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
I respect my neighbors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
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I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 3/10/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 3/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm  
 3/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 4/6/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville  
 4/7/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 3/24/21)

**Save the Date!**

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

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

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

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

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

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>  
 Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

**Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update**  
**for the week of March 8 – March 12, 2021**

**Monday, March 8**

5:00 PM Community Services Board Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 936 9554 3061, Passcode: 948888, By Phone (646) 558-8656

6:30 PM – Ulster County Board of Health Powered by Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 995 2964 7493, Passcode: 763694, By Phone (646) 558-8656

**Tuesday, March 9**

4:45 PM – Special Meeting of the Public Health & Social Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 991 0412 2151, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

5:00 PM – Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 973 8844 8114, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

6:15 PM – Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2020 As Amended, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Departmental, Agency, Office Or Unit Estimates Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 955 5600 5135, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

6:30 PM (or immediately following Public Hearing) – Caucus: Democrats Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 913 9693 8927, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Wednesday, March 10**

4:00 PM – Special Meeting of the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 988 1042 6830, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656 6:00 PM – Commission on Reapportionment Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 956 1062 6098, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Thursday, March 11**

2:30 PM – Ulster County Housing Development Corporation Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 813 4206 0289, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656 6:30 PM – Caucus: Republicans Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 987 2673 5031, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

**Friday, March 12**

No Meetings

**Tri-Valley Elementary School**  
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# DEC Teacher and Educator Winter Newsletter

(From Pg. 19) Reflecting diversity through classroom media is one way to shift their awareness. Incorporate posters (see above for science and engineering posters from US Forest Service), books, and materials that represent a variety of race, gender, and abilities.

Be mindful of gender biases when addressing students. (I like to call my students explorers or scientists)

Read "50 Years of Students Drawing Scientists" from Edutopia.

How do you encourage students to think beyond stereotypes? Share with us at [EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov](mailto:EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov) for possible inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

## New Environmental Justice Education Curriculum: Freedom Seekers: The Underground Railroad, Great Lakes, and Science Literacy Activities

Freedom Seekers were environmentalists who learned to navigate the land as they escaped slavery. Songs like "Wade in the Water" and "Follow the Drinking Gourd" remind us that history has always been connected to the land we occupy. The lessons featured in this free curriculum, Freedom Seekers: The Underground Railroad, Great Lakes, and Science Literacy Activities, acknowledge the enslaved Africans who had to rely on environmental science principles in their quest for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These lessons provide educators with cross-curricular teaching opportunities for middle and high school students.

The Freedom Seekers curriculum project is a collaborative effort between several organizations and schools throughout the Great Lakes, including the DEC, Sea Grant Programs from NY, WI, IL-IN, and MI, Buffalo Niagara Waterkeepers, and the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center. It is part of a professional development effort for educators to increase their knowledge of the Great Lakes and environmental issues while incorporating Environmental Justice Education (EJE) approaches to K-12 teaching. These EJE approaches leverage cross-curricular connections that focus on increasing the awareness of local issues and history in the Great Lakes region.

## School Seedlings, a Free Program for Educators

Whether you are a teacher or a youth program leader, DEC's School Seedling Program from the Saratoga Tree Nursery is here to help you connect youth with environmental stewardship. New York schools and youth programs can apply to receive one order of 50 trees or 30 shrubs to plant. The School Seedlings program offers youth an opportunity to experience conservation stewardship.

Do not forget Arbor Day is just around the corner! Arbor Day falls on the last Friday of April (April 30, 2021) each year and combining it with the School Seedlings Program, makes it easy to showcase the many benefits of trees.

Apply Online until March 31st. If you need assistance, contact the Saratoga Nursery by email or call (518) 581-1439 for assistance and questions. Each school or organization may receive one order per year.

School Teachers and Youth Educators, Did You Know?

## Did you know there is a Grant to take youth on field trips?

The Connect-Kids-to-Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids) is designed to connect students in New York State with nature and history. Each grant provides reimbursement of up to \$40 per student (and \$80 for Special Education students) for field trips to state and federal parks, education and

nature centers, forests, historic sites, fish hatcheries and other outdoor recreation areas. Find out more about this innovative grant program at the [Connect Kids Grant Page](#).

## Did you know there is a Kids' Magazine your fourth-grade class can get for free all about NY's environment?

*Conservationist for Kids*, the nature and environment magazine for kids in New York State. Every issue contains information and activities about New York State's environment, and ways to explore outside. If you are a fourth-grade teacher in New York State and are not already receiving *Conservationist for Kids* for use in your classroom, you can email the editor. To see back issues, lesson plans, and other activities, including Educator resources and Family Resources, visit the *Conservationist for Kids* magazine site. Please note: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the impacts on the state budget, classroom packets of *Conservationist for Kids* will not be sent out for the October 2020 and most likely February 2021 issues. The issues will be available as PDF downloads from DEC's website and included in *Conservationist* magazine. We anticipate resuming distribution of classroom packets with the April 2021 issue, although plans are not yet finalized. If you are currently on the distribution list, you will receive packets once they resume, and you will remain on the list unless we are notified to remove you. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to be added, please email the editor.

Fourth Grade Teachers! Did you know NYS honors the federal Every Kid in a Park Pass?

New York State Parks will accept the National Park Service's Every-Kid-in-a Park pass upon presentation for free entry for into all State Parks and for tours at Historic Sites. For more information on activities 4th graders can do at NY State Parks & Historic Sites with this pass, and how to receive it, visit the [Connect Kids page](#).

## Did you know DEC's Environmental Education Centers and Programs offer School Programs?

To learn about public programs, Guided School Programs, and how to receive the 5 Rivers Environmental Education Center newsletter (focused on the Albany and Capitol District area), email [5rivers@dec.ny.gov](mailto:5rivers@dec.ny.gov) or visit the 5 Rivers page.

To learn about public programs, school programs, and how to receive the Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve & Environmental Education Center newsletter (focused on the Buffalo & surrounding areas), email [reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov](mailto:reinsteinwoods@dec.ny.gov) or visit the Reinstein Woods page.

To learn about school programs on Long Island, contact the LI Regional Educator at [education1@dec.ny.gov](mailto:education1@dec.ny.gov) or visit the LI Environmental Education page.

To learn about school programs in New York City, contact the NYC Regional Environmental Educator at [r2ed@dec.ny.gov](mailto:r2ed@dec.ny.gov) or visit the NYC Environmental Education page.

Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in the Hudson Valley and Rogers Environmental Education Center in Central NY also still offer programming through their friends of groups. Visit Stony Kill Foundation to learn more about programs offered at Stony Kill Farm and Friends of Rogers to learn more about programs offered at Rogers.

## For more info...

About this newsletter and sharing your educator tips, research, and workshops, contact us at [EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov](mailto:EdProfDevel@dec.ny.gov).

About educator workshops offered by DEC, visit the [Upcoming Workshops Schedule](#),

About more of DEC's resources for educators, visit the [Teacher Info page](#).

About getting youth outside, including fun activities to do, visit the [Kids GO \(Get Outside\) page](#).

## Rockland County Marine Veteran Helps Salute America's Purple Heart Heroes

*Marine Corps Veteran, Author, Businessman Makes Donation in Support of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission's 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project*



*Vietnam War veteran Barry Fixler presents a \$5,000 check in support of the 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project to Tom Basile, senior advisor for the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. (Photo courtesy of Scott Waters, Rockland Report)*

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(NEWBURGH, NY) - A Rockland County Vietnam War veteran, businessman and author of "Semper Cool," Barry Fixler added his name to those paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of more America's Purple Heart heroes by becoming a sponsor of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission's 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project.

Fixler, who served in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, made the donation to support his fellow

Marine Corps veterans who will be making the trip to the Hudson Valley.

"Our local veterans community knows Barry Fixler as a longtime supporter, and we are tremendously grateful to have his support of the 2021 Patriot Project," said National Purple Heart Honor Mission Executive Director Col. Russ Vernon (Ret.) "These brave men and women personify what it means to be a hero. Now it is our chance to say 'thank you' to our Purple Heart heroes across every generation on behalf of a grateful nation. Barry's generosity helps ensure, during these challenging times, that we can continue to bring these Purple Heart heroes together and pay tribute to their courage and sacrifice."

Purple Heart Patriot Project missions bring Purple Heart recipients from across the nation to the Hudson Valley for a multi-day salute to service that features visits to historic Washington's Headquarters where the Badge of Military Merit originated in 1782, a private tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor - the museum dedicated to paying tribute to our nation's combat wounded, and other special events. Honorees for the 2021 event were announced on Veterans' Day 2020. The event was recently rescheduled from April to September with an eye to public gathering restrictions related to the COVID pandemic.

This 'Honor Flight' style, salute to service will bring together Purple Heart heroes from WWII to the present day. Along with Fixler, this year's event is also sponsored by Orange County hotel operator Martin Milano, who owns the Hampton Inn Woodbury-Harriman where honorees will stay, and LendingTree. Past Purple Heart recipients who have participated in the 2019 Patriot Project, sponsored in part by ShopRite Supermarkets, have been moved by the outpouring of gratitude from the public and the immediate sense of camaraderie they felt with their fellow honorees.

The National Purple Heart Honor Mission is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to paying tribute to our nation's combat wounded and those killed in action through outreach and educational programming. Those wishing to help pay tribute to these brave honorees can learn more about the organization and make a donation at [www.PurpleHeartMission.org](http://www.PurpleHeartMission.org).

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HONOR MISSION**  
The National Purple Heart Honor Mission is an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which supports a variety of programs to promote the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, pay tribute to our Purple Heart recipients, and educate all Americans about our combat-wounded veterans to ensure those who sacrificed for freedom are never forgotten. Learn more and support their efforts at <http://www.PurpleHeartMission.org>.

## Beware of Malicious COVID-19 Phishing

Protect yourself from identity theft and fraud during pandemic recovery.

Confirm any SBA disaster assistance emails by contacting **(800) 659-2955**, TTY **(800) 877-8339**, or **[disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov)**.

Avoid scams and fraud, visit **[sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert](https://sba.gov/COVIDfraudalert)**



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## Find Your Adventure: Catskills Visitor Use Survey Open Now Through March 19

Do you love getting outside in the Catskills? If so, we want



to hear from you! DEC and our partners that make up the Catskill Advisory Group invite the public to take part in a short survey in which you can share your thoughts on visitor use challenges faced by the region and

potential solutions. This survey is open now through March 19.

Last fall, DEC and partners developed the Catskill Advisory Group to promote the sustainable management of public use in the Catskill Park. The organizations, entities, agencies, and elected officials of the Advisory Group will collaboratively provide recommendations to achieve actionable solutions that will help address issues associated with the increased public use of the Catskill Park and protect the park's resources for future generations.

For survey go to:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catskill\\_Public\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Catskill_Public_Survey)

**En español:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Encuesta\\_Publico\\_de\\_Catskills](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Encuesta_Publico_de_Catskills)

## Survey of Fire Departments Sheds Light on Largest Challenge They Face: Membership

*County's Bureau of Fire Aiming  
at Recruitment, Retention*

Monticello, NY - While at a Fire Districts Association of Sullivan County meeting, Kauneonga Lake Fire District Commissioner Jill Holland asked a simple question that has no simple answer: what can be done to help get new members into local volunteer fire departments?

"Recruitment and retention are a problem here in Sullivan County, as well as across the nation," acknowledged Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild, himself a longtime Jeffersonville FD volunteer. "As Fire Coordinator, I quickly jumped in with some of my ideas, offering assistance from the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire. Jill, myself and Public Safety Commissioner Rick Sauer met and gathered information about what we would like to see in a survey about Countywide recruitment and retention - with an eye toward mounting an initiative to encourage signing up."

Holland created the survey, which was then distributed through the Bureau of Fire to the County's fire chiefs and fire

district commissioners. They were told that the data gathered from the survey would be used to form an action plan for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters in Sullivan County.

"We had excellent responses, with 36 out of 40 fire chiefs and 17 out of 36 commissioners participating," Hauschild said.

**Some of the more interesting results:**

- Sullivan West Central School District is covered by 20 different fire departments, while Monticello features 15 departments offering coverage, followed by Fallsburg at 10, and so forth. Schools will be one of the target areas to recruit new members.
- 67% of the fire departments do not have a formal recruitment program in place, though some do host open houses, put up signs, use social media, and engage by word of mouth and Recruit NY.
- 98% of the departments are interested in participating in a Countywide recruitment and retention project.

"A task force will be formed by the Bureau of Fire to review all the results of the survey, provide workshops and put together programs to recruit new members," affirmed Hauschild. "We have also been in contact with EMS Coordinator Alex Rau to include our volunteer corps, as recruitment is just as much a problem for them."

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Delivers 51 Thank You Bags to County Farms

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - After an extremely volatile year, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County applauds the consistent work of Sullivan County's agriculture professionals, providing food for our communities while adjusting operations, increasing workloads, and donating product and time throughout the county. CCE proudly delivered 51 "All for Ag Thank You Bags" to farm operations across Sullivan County, filled with gifts and messages from staff and partner organizations.

"We enjoy what we do here on the farm, and we're glad that we have people like the staff at Extension to support the community," said Tom and Deborah Bose of Bose Dairy Farms.

"At times like these it is important to help people and let them know they are valued. I hope everyone you gave these bags to appreciate it as much as I have," said Amy Erlwein of Erlwein Farms and CCE board vice president.

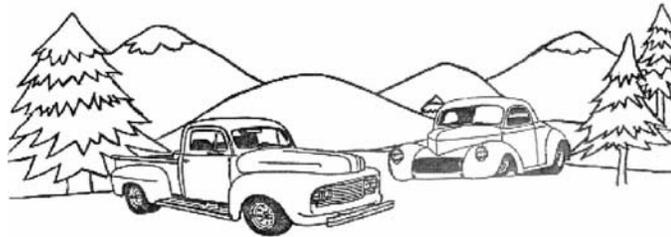
This winter, online nominations were open for community members to share their appreciation of their favorite local farming friends. Parents received kind words from children, children received thoughtful words from parents, and all types of neighbors throughout the community expressed their gratitude for the valuable work of Sullivan County's farmers.

"We know that a strong local food system is an investment in our well-being and security," said Colleen Monaghan, CCE executive director. "Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is here to support our farmers."

CCE thanks the following partners for their generous donations towards this effort: Jeff Bank, Sullivan 180, Sullivan Catskills Visitor's Association, Sullivan Renaissance, and Taste NY.

For more information, contact CCE Agriculture Program Coordinator Ashley Tully at 845-292-6180 Ext. 112 or [aet92@cornell.edu](mailto:aet92@cornell.edu). #ALLforAG

# The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



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## Ulster County – NOW TRENDING... TOP EVENTS FOR MARCH 2021

**March 1-31: Women's History Month** Kingston

**March 5-17: Shamrock Run** (virtual event) Kingston

March 14: 34th Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade, Kingston (postponed to 2022)

**March 20: SIRENS & SUPERSTARS**-Live Online Event Celebrating Women's History Month, Kingston

**March 21: Kingston Model Train and Railroad Hobby Show,** Kingston (CANCELLED)**March 21: 38th Annual Festival of Dance,** Ulster Ballet Company, Kingston (CANCELLED)

**March 26: Shamrock Scramble 5K,** Wallkill (postponed to 9/19/2021)

**March 16, 23, 30 - ONLINE EVENTS - Spring 2021 Concert Series:** The Department of Music at SUNY New Paltz presents "Listen Forward," a series of virtual concerts designed to showcase diverse forms of music making taking place on campus and in the broader New Paltz community. Free. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive,

New Paltz. 845-257-2700; [newpaltz.edu/music](https://www.newpaltz.edu/music);

<https://www.newpaltz.edu/fpa/music/concert-series/>

**March 12-13, 19-20, 26-27- Hudson River Maritime Museum** - Timed Museum Admission: Hudson River Maritime Museum is open for small group, timed admission on Fridays and Saturdays, noon-4pm. Admission must be purchased in advance and by 3pm the day prior to the visit. Each timed admission will be limited to 4 people. Rates: All visitors \$12. This special admission rate helps the museum cover costs while maintaining small group size. Read more and register at [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org). Woodworking classes: <https://www.hrmm.org/woodworking.html> Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; [hrmm.org](http://hrmm.org)

**March 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 - Maple Fest Weekend Activities:** Seed Song Farm: Good weather weekends only. Rekindle your relationship to the land this winter-- join us for the \*Atharhacton Maple Project. Tap a maple tree collect sap. Educational and cultural experience for all ages. Pancakes will be served, and songs will be sung. Gather, socially-distant, around the steamy sap boiler. Visit our sheep and other farm animals. Engage in tree-centered activities. Live music from the Seed Song Farm-ily Band. Admission structure: Sliding Scale Admission. Registration required. \*Atharhacton is the Lenape name for the Kingston area. This project honors our native "first people" and one of their greatest gifts to all future immigrants: the wisdom, method, and gratitude for making Maple Sugar. Reservations required. 845-383-1528; [seedsongfarm.org](http://seedsongfarm.org)

**March 13, 20, 27 - Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons at Sam's Point Preserve:** This program is designed for people who are beginners, interested in trying snowshoeing as a new winter activity. Each session will be run by a Sam's Point employee who will provide instruction on how to properly wear and adjust the snowshoes, as well as work with you until you are ready to head out on your favorite trail with confidence. The lesson may last up to one hour. Saturdays at 11 a.m. through March, weather permitting. Snowshoes are available to rent for this program at a discounted rate of \$5 per person at the Sam's Point Visitor Center, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; [parks.ny.gov/parks/193](http://parks.ny.gov/parks/193)

**March 13 - Drive-Thru Maple Sapping:** From the safety of your vehicle, experience the traditional process of maple sapping — from collecting the sap to boiling it down — and taste the final product. 1-5 p.m. Free. Register for a time slot. Maple Ridge Community, 10 Hellbrook Lane, Ulster Park. Facebook: Drive-Thru Maple Sapping

**March 13, 27 - Kingston Winter Farmers' Market:** Every other Saturday through April, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 10-10:30 a.m. reserved for 65+ and immunocompromised. New winter location: Senate Garage, 4 N. Front St. between Clinton and Fair streets, Kingston. [kingstonfarmersmarket.org](http://kingstonfarmersmarket.org)

**March 19-21- Winter Family Weekend:** A relaxing weekend with your family in the Catskill Mountains. Breathe in the fresh mountain air on a self-guided hike and discover the restorative power of nature, recharge with a good book by a toasty fire, or challenge your family to a rousing board or card game in your lodge. Freshly prepared meals will be available in our dining hall with social distancing in place or you have the option to pick up your meals at the dining hall and eat them in your lodges or at a picnic table if the weather permits. Meal locations are subject to change based on state regulations. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291, ext. 450; [frostvalley.org](http://frostvalley.org)

**March 20 - Women's History Month Event.** Sirens and Superstars is a "herstory" showcase that celebrates 70 years of women's contributions to the American Music landscape. The journey begins in the 1930s with the "Queen of Swing," Mildred Bailey, and the Boswell Sisters. It ends in the 1990s with songs by the powerhouse, genre-crossing hitmakers Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey. Join Rhonda Denét, a vocalist, songwriter and bandleader as she presents her unique interpretations of these classic songs. While music fans around the world are often aware of the work of these extremely talented women, this program will place their art in the larger context of the American music landscape and highlight the impact they have had on America's musical evolution. FREE. Sponsored by the Kingston Library; 845- 331-0507; [whmk.org](http://whmk.org)

**March 20-21, 27-28 - New York State Maple Weekend:** **Official celebrations cancelled due to COVID.** Check listings on the Ulster County Tourism website to find out where to purchase maple products and schedule visits throughout March. <https://ulstercountyalive.com/landing/farms>

**March 21- ONLINE EVENT - Dr. Herman Ash Tribute: German-born Rolf Schulte,** whom The New Yorker has called "one of the most distinguished violinists of our day," performed in the early years of Saugerties Pro Musica with Dr. Herman Ash, one of our founders. To celebrate our 25th Season, we invited Rolf back to our stage to share his reminiscences of Herman Ash the musician as well as his inimitable talent. He will take the stage with pianist, James Winn. 3 p.m. Free. Visit [saugerties-lighthouse.tv](http://saugerties-lighthouse.tv) and click on LIVE STREAM. 845-679-5733; [saugertiespromusica.org](http://saugertiespromusica.org)

**March 25 - ONLINE EVENT - "Beyond Susan B. Anthony," a virtual lecture by Dr. Susan Ingalls Lewis:** This talk will move beyond the well-known Seneca Falls Declaration of 1848 to introduce a new set of strategies and cast of characters. It will also reveal why the New York victory was so pivotal to the suffrage movement, and how the national victory was finally won in 1920. 7-8 p.m. Purchase tickets online. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255-1889; [huguenotstreet.org](http://huguenotstreet.org)

**March 30 - Mohonk Preserve - Lenni Lenape Lifeways: Children ages 7-10** with a parent can join Education Coordinator Kim Tischler on a hike to our recreated Lenape encampment and visit our replica longhouse at Spring Farm. This program is not appropriate for younger children. Children must always be accompanied by an adult. Free program. 100% outdoors. Registration is required and limited to 10, including adults. Dress for the weather with warm boots. Masks required. Mohonk Preserve, 3197 Route 44/55, Gardiner. 845-255-0919; [mohonkpreserve.org](http://mohonkpreserve.org)

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## Message from Jerry Huncosky, CEO Frost Valley YMCA

Dear Friends of Frost Valley,

Good afternoon. I wanted to reach out in response to the article that came out this morning in the New York Times regarding three YMCA camps operating under the YMCA of Greater New York shutting down. While we were deeply saddened to hear about the closing of Camps Talcott, McAlister, and Greenkill, we want to reassure you that Frost Valley YMCA will remain OPEN.

Frost Valley YMCA is independently owned and operated therefore the closing of these camps does not affect our ability to operate summer camp this year (as we are still planning to do) nor any of our family weekends or other programming.

I had been working diligently with the staff and Board of Camps Talcott, McAlister, and Greenkill over the past months trying to help them remain open. Although our collective efforts were not enough, Frost Valley is prepared to reserve spots for some of the displaced campers in our Overnight Camp for summer 2022.

In the year since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Frost Valley like many other non-profits has been dealt a devastating financial blow created by travel and gathering restrictions. In our emergency issue of Frost Valley Life, we shared with you those impacts both to our finances, as well as to the school children, campers, and families who were denied a Frost Valley experience during that time. Today, it's my pleasure to announce that while the rescue is not yet entirely complete; Frost Valley is in a much better financial position to serve future generations.

It is thanks to you that Frost Valley does not find itself in the same devastating position as Camps Talcott, McAlister and Greenkill who were forced by financial hardship to close their doors. We are deeply grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jerry Huncosky  
CEO of Frost Valley YMCA

## Statement from UC Chairman Donaldson regarding Governor Cuomo's Press Release

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-10-additional-state-run-mass-vaccination-sites-open-coming-weeks>

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, David B. Donaldson, stated "I am incredibly grateful to Governor Cuomo for recognizing the amazing potential and readiness of Ulster County to serve as a State Vaccination Site. I have every confidence that this site at the Ulster County Fair Grounds will provide Seniors, and other vulnerable populations in the greater Hudson Valley Region with access to life saving vaccines."

## New Email Addresses for Sullivan County Personnel

Monticello, NY - You may not have noticed it yet, but every County of Sullivan email address has changed - and that change will become permanent. "We have gradually moved away from the County's old domain of 'co.sullivan.ny.us,' starting in 2018 with the debut of our redesigned website, [sullivanny.us](http://sullivanny.us)," explained Information Technology Services Commissioner Lorne Green, whose team oversees, maintains and improves County government's massive technology infrastructure. "The latest step has been the transition of our email addresses, from [first name].[last name]@co.sullivan.ny.us to [first name].[last name]@sullivanny.us."

In addition to being easier and shorter to write, the new addresses pave the way for the County to migrate its system from Microsoft Exchange 2010 to Microsoft Exchange 2016.

"My team strives to ensure every piece of technology scattered across our campuses is working as it should - a task that has become even more important (and complicated) during the COVID-19 pandemic," Green remarked. "Amidst that enormous task, however, we also have to plan for the upgrades and advancements necessary to keep pace with the industry and the kind of services taxpayers expect us to provide."

The "co.sullivan.ny.us" addresses will continue to accept emails through February 2022, but everyone is encouraged to immediately update their address books to the new "sullivanny.us" domain.

## Gillibrand Urges New Yorkers who Lost a Job or Added a Dependent in the Past Year to File 2020 Taxes in Order to Qualify for \$1400 Stimulus Checks

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging New Yorkers who added a dependent or whose income dipped under \$80,000 in the past year to file their 2020 taxes as soon as possible, in order to qualify for the \$1400 stimulus checks allocated under the Senate-passed American Rescue Plan. Under the American Rescue Plan, individuals that make under \$80,000 and couples that make under \$160,000 qualify for stimulus checks and will receive additional \$1400 checks per child and adult dependent. In addition, filers must be under the income threshold to qualify for the dependent checks. Because the IRS determines eligibility using an individual's most recently filed federal taxes, it is critical that individuals file their federal taxes as soon as possible, especially if a drop in income level has dropped them into the qualifying range for checks, or if they have had a child or added a dependent.

"I am urging New Yorkers who added a dependent or whose income dipped under \$80,000 last year to file their federal taxes as soon as possible to ensure they receive every cent allocated to them under the American Rescue Plan," said Senator Gillibrand. "If your income level dropped you into the qualifying range, or you had a child or added a dependent, you may qualify for stimulus checks, even if you didn't qualify last time around. File your taxes and receive relief-it is both simple and extremely important."



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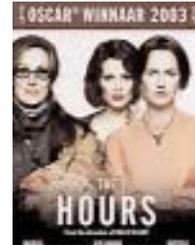


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*Some realities are stark in this world. If you like wonderful performances that seem above Academy Award superbness – although at first you may not recognize her – you will love the Academy Award winner for this film, Nichole Kidman in THE HOURS*

(Rated NR, Age 15+ suggested, 1HR 55 Min, HD)

*The Hours* is a 2002 psychological drama film directed by Stephen Daldry and starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore, and Nicole Kidman. Supporting roles are played by Ed Harris, John C. Reilly, Stephen Dillane, Jeff Daniels, Miranda Richardson, Allison Janney, Toni Collette, Claire Danes, and Eileen Atkins. The screenplay by David Hare is based on Michael Cunningham's 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same title. The plot focuses on three women of different generations whose lives are interconnected by the 1925 novel *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. These are Clarissa Vaughan (Streep), a New Yorker preparing an award party for her AIDS-stricken long-time friend and poet, Richard (Harris) in 2001, Laura Brown (Moore), a pregnant 1950s California housewife in an unhappy marriage with a young son, and Virginia Woolf (Kidman) herself in 1920s England, who is struggling with depression and mental illness while trying to write her novel.

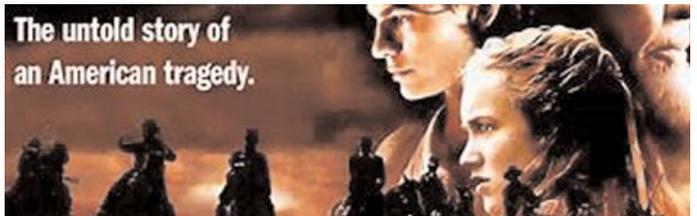


**OUR SECOND FEATURE THE TRUE STORY THAT STARTED WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SEPTEMBER DAWN**

(2007, Drama, History, Romance, 1 hr. 51 Minutes)

*September Dawn* is a 2007 Canadian-American Western drama film directed by Christopher Cain, telling a fictional love story against a controversial historical interpretation of the 1857 Mountain Meadows massacre.

Written by Cain and Carole Whang Schutter, The fictional love story between Emily Hudson, the daughter of the wagon



train's pastor, and Jonathan Samuelson, the son of the local Mormon bishop, plays out against the build-up to the tragedy itself. The film begins with the deposition of Mormon leader Brigham Young.

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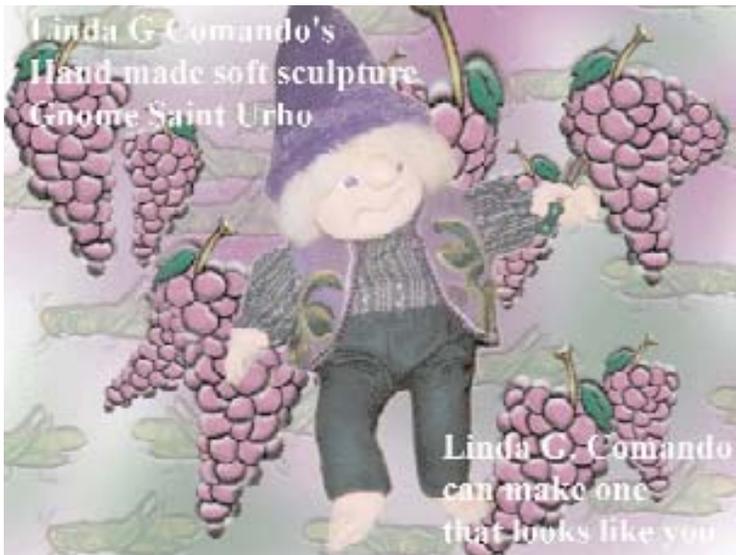
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**FOR ST URHO'S DAY**

**"MYSTERIES AT THE MONUMENT"  
ST. URHO; MYSTERY CASTLE;  
BAT BOMBS**

(43 minutes TV-PG)

*Mysteries at the Monument, - St. Urho: Mystery Castle; Bat Bombs* created on Jun 19, 2014 with Don Wildman, Mannie Bemis, Charis Melina Brown, Reta Dunham. Host Don Wildman investigates a sculpture of a suspicious saint with a dubious past; visits a fortress at the center of a strange tale of secrecy, discovery, and death; and explores spectacular caverns and its multitude of bats.



Saint Urho was the invention of a Finnish-American named Richard Mattson, who worked at Ketola's Department Store in Virginia, Minnesota in the spring of 1956. Mattson later recounted that he invented St. Urho when he was questioned by coworker Gene McCavic about the Finns' lack of a saint like the Irish St. Patrick, whose feat of casting the snakes out of Ireland is remembered on St. Patrick's Day. In fact, the patron saint of Finland (except for the Orthodox Church of Finland) is the bishop Saint Henry, whose feast day occurs on January 19.



According to the original "Ode to St. Urho" written by Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson, St. Urho was supposed to have cast "those rogs" (those frogs) out of Finland by the power of his loud voice, which he obtained by drinking "feelia sour" (sour whole milk) and eating "kala mojakka" (fish soup). The selection of the name Urho as the saint's name was probably influenced by the accession of Urho Kekkonen to the presidency of Finland in 1956. Instead, the beer restaurant St. Urho's Pub is also located in Töölö, Helsinki, which, despite its misleading name, has nothing to do with Saint Urho but is known to have received its name from Urho Kekkonen. The selection of the name Urho as the saint's name was probably influenced by

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Urho in the Finnish language also has the meaning of hero or simply brave.

The original "Ode to St. Urho" identified St. Urho's Day as taking place on May 24. Later the date was changed to March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day so the Finns could start drinking green beer a day before the Irish.

St. Urho's feast is supposed to be celebrated by wearing the colors Royal Purple and Nile Green. Other details of the invented legend also changed, apparently under the influence of Dr. Sulo Havumäki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College in Bemidji, Minnesota. The legend now states that St. Urho drove away grasshoppers (rather than



frogs) from Finland using the incantation "Heinäsiirikka, heinäsiirikka, mene täältä hiiteen!" ("Grasshopper, grasshopper, go from hence to Hell!"), thus saving the Finnish grape crops. Another version of the modern celebration of St. Urho's Day is that it was created by Kenneth Brist of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Brist, a high school teacher, was teaching in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the early to mid-1950s in an area largely populated by people of Finnish heritage. He and his friends concocted March 16 as St. Urho's Day so that they had two days to celebrate, the next day being St. Patrick's Day.

In honor of Methodius Gronroos, son of a Harbor Master at Helsinki, who at the age of eleven in 1882, became intrigued with the coming and going of the big ships into the harbor. His curiosity got the best of him and he climbed aboard a ship that was ready to set sail. For the next several months he was a stow-away on a square rigged sailing ship that was on its way to India. When the Captain of the ship, a friend of Methodius' father found him, he made Methodius 'work for his supper'. The young lad learned the art of mending sails as well as the art of a ship's carpenter. While he sailed around the world for the next 9 months, he learned to appreciate the world, different customs, and he learned to love and respect the sea.

Upon his return home he prepared for the worst, but his father and mother greeted him with great passion and understanding and were only too grateful to have their son return home. Methodius Gronroos, Adnils Odnamoc's grandfather - truly a legend of the saintly Finnish type Urho, passed his compassion down to his own sons and grand children, and they to their children and so forth. To this day *grandfather's message* is still put to task - "Remember, if your son or daughter doesn't do a dollars worth of damage in a day, she or he is probably ill. So be thankful and love them no matter what they do."

**Stay safe and stay well,  
Knarf Odnamoc  
Gnome**

**Happy St. Urho's Day  
March 16th... and Happy Birthday Aurora!**