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## News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec



Spring is HERE! Snow is melting (finally!). Crocuses are starting to pop thru the frozen ground. And the days are getting warmer! As we say goodbye to the long cold winter, we also say goodbye to our Community Ice Rink! The ice rink officially closed for the season on Saturday, March 20. We pulled the plug on the chiller, started melting the ice and will be taking down the walls and storing our rink in the town closet until next season. I cannot end this season without some BIG thank you's. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## SC Deputy Sheriff Patricia Costa honored by the Monticello Rotary Club



Photo by  
Rotarian Orshii Boldiis

Left to right: Rotarian Doug Muller, Rotary President Todd Grodin, Deputy Pat Costa, Sheriff Mike Schiff and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

On Tuesday March 16, 2021, Sullivan County Deputy Sheriff Patricia Costa was honored by the Monticello Rotary Club with the T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. Award. The ceremony took place at Albella's Pizza and Restaurant in Monticello.

T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. stands for Thank A Cop That Is Compassionate and Laudable.

Deputy Costa was recognized for her 15 years of work managing the Sullivan County Sex Offender Registry. The Sheriff's Office monitors sex offenders in the 14 towns and 3 villages of the county that do not have a police force. Currently there are 110 offenders on the list, down from 140 a few years ago. In order to protect the public, convicted sex offenders are required to register their address, report any internet or social media accounts and meet any other requirements under what is known as Megan's Law.

The concept for this award was realized by Monticello Rotary member Carmine Ribauda, who believes that police officers who uphold their oath to protect the public should be recognized. The name of the award (T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L.) was coined by Rotarians Jeff Weinstein and Todd Grodin. This month's T.A.C.T.I.C.A.L. award was sponsored by Monticello Rotarian Doug Muller.

Sheriff Mike Schiff thanked the Rotary Club for their continued support of Law Enforcement.

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More than ever, thank you for your support during these difficult times. Wishing everyone well.

**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Colossians 3:15

**OBITUARIES**

**Brian Lee Van Aken** of Grahamsville, NY passed away on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at



Garnet Hospital. He was 49 years old.

Brian was born on May 28, 1971 in Kingston, NY; he

was the son of Charles R. Van Aken and Romalda F. Van

Aken of Grahamsville, NY.

Brian graduated from Grahamsville High School in 1989. He enlisted in the United States Army shortly after and was honorably discharged in 2000. Brian worked as a Butcher for Shoprite in Monticello for 21 years. He was a hard worker and devoted family man. Brian enjoyed smoking meats and barbecuing. He never passed up a yard sale, enjoyed thrifting and picking. Brian found great joy in working with and recycling metal with his family. He also was a bee keeper.

In addition to his parents, Brian is survived by his wife, Alisa Berteau Van Aken whom he married on August 28, 1999 in Louisiana; his children Sunsaree Van Aken, Quintin Berteau Van Aken, Gaibrul Van Aken and Alexandria Van Aken; his brothers, William and family of Sundown, NY; Robert and family in Michigan, and Emmet and family of Palmetto, Florida as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

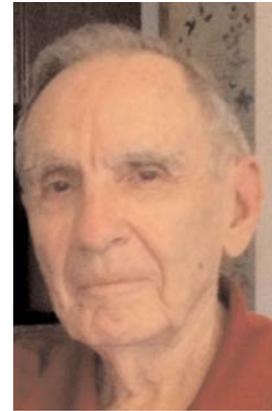
Brian was predeceased by his sister, Pamela C. Van Aken.

Visiting was held on Monday, March 22nd with a celebration of his life immediately following at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville, NY. Burial took place in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Brian's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a Cancer Society of one's choice.

To send a personal condolence to Brian's family please visit <http://www.loucksfh.com>

**Robert Thomas Burnich**, 88, of Liverpool passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday March 13, 2021.



Bob was born on November 17, 1932 to Thomas Burnich and Mary (Galvin) Burnich. He was raised in Hell's Kitchen, 51st St., Manhattan,

NY where he attended Sacred Heart School and Cardinal Hayes High School. He served his country as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps from 1949 to 1956 during the Korean War. After his active duty in the Marines, he started engineering school, attending South Dakota School of Mines and Louisiana Tech on the GI Bill. Bob followed this with a lengthy career with the City of New York as a licensed Professional Engineer, starting in Staten Island and then transferred to Grahamsville, NY.

He was an extremely devoted husband and father and raised a family of 4 with Sarah in South River, NJ and Grahamsville, NY. Bob was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of Corpus Christi Church of South River, NJ, Immaculate Conception Church of Woodbourne, NY, and Corpus Christi Church of St. Augustine, FL. He loved to serve others and spent many years coaching sports, helping with scouts and spent over 20 years volunteering with Meals on Wheels.

He loved to spend time with family, golf, travel, take walks and did a lot of genealogical research on the family. He hit the links in all 50 states, traveled to 65 countries worldwide, and was a lifelong Green Bay Packers and New York Yankees fan. Bob is predeceased by his parents, his wife of 40 years Sarah Elizabeth Burnich, and Erin McGinley.

Surviving to cherish Robert's memory are his four children; Michael (Lindy) Burnich, Karen (Thomas) Walsh, Edward (Elizabeth) Burnich and Stephen Burnich, (Contd. Pg. 4)

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### March 21, 1951

The Slater homestead on Thunder Hill was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker of the Concord Hotel. It is reported that the Parkers will turn the 300 acre farm into a model stock farm with ranch style buildings where they will raise race horses and saddle horses.

In the family for over a hundred years, it is believed the land was cleared by Israel Sluyter, grandfather of the present owner. James Slater, father of the present owner, was born in the old log house on the place over 90 years ago. Some members of the family recall the days when the road was opened with oxen and a bob sleigh, something forgotten in these days of mechanical snow plows.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raffa of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Ardith, to Edward W. Langton of Nyack and Oneonta where they both are students at the State Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hornbeck observed their 40th Wedding Anniversary Saturday. A turkey dinner with all the fixings was served by Mr. and Mrs. Lee McArthur and attended by the daughter and her husband, Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie.

#### March 22, 1961

Last Thursday proved a busy day for the firemen from Grahamsville. At about 6:30 a.m. they were called to extinguish a fire in one of Robert Many's chicken houses and in the evening a call to put out a chimney fire at the home of Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill.

C. Norman Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen of Neversink, has been promoted to First Lieutenant in the Air Force. He is a navigator bombardier in a B-47. Norman was a 1956 graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

James Cameron Telfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Telfer was christened on Sunday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Woodbourne by the Rt. Rev. Wm. J. Guinan. The God parents were Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Eugene Ross.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ward DuBois who became parents of a daughter born February 20 at Kingston.

Walter J. Herman, 63, of Lackawack, died on Monday, March 13th at home on the Sholam Road, Lackawack. Mr. Herman was born March 11, 1898 in Lackawack, to John and Dora Grimm Herman.

#### March 17, 1971

Services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Madelene H. Adams, 59, of Route 55A in Napanoch who died Saturday in Liberty Community General Hospital. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Household Hint:

### If Fluffier is Better...

If you want fluffier rice, add 1 tablespoon of vinegar to rice as it is cooking.

For fluffy meringue: beat 3 egg whites with a teaspoon of vinegar.

## 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.

### This Bird with the Word - Spring!

There haven't been any reports of sightings of Red-winged Blackbirds in Sundown or Grahamsville yet, however this past week while shopping at Shoprite in Ellenville, we saw quite a few Red-winged Blackbirds in the swampy grass area near the parking lot. A welcome sign of spring!

According to Peggy, as she wrote several years back, "I saw a robin but it wasn't spring. I found peepers but it still wasn't spring. Then I heard a Redwing blackbird singing O-ka-lee down by the pond and it was spring!"



Male

These birds, who herald spring over the whole country, belong to a large family, *Icteridae*.

The male is about about 8" long with a 12-14" wingspan. He's glossy black all over except for red shoulder epaulettes with yellow trim at the bottom.

The female Redwing looks like a bird from a completely different family because she's dark brown with flecks of black and gray across her back and



Female

buff streaks on her under parts. A conspicuous tan stripe runs along her cheeks just above the eyes. It takes two years for a male Redwing to mature and during his first year he looks more like a female with rudimentary reddish shoulder patches.

Redwing blackbirds are found near wetlands - both fresh and saltwater. Males usually return a couple of weeks before the females to establish nesting territories as they sing O-ka-lee and display their red shoulder patches. They control these feathers by raising or flattening them to make the patch brilliantly conspicuous or not. As a male checks out a possible territory, he probably won't display shoulder patches as it goes quietly along. When he finds a suitable spot where it isn't challenged by another male and decides to claim it, then he flashes the red epaulettes over and over.

If still unchallenged, he will fly to a nearby higher open limb -and sings O-ka-lee triumphantly. Territories are about 1/8 acre and stoutly defended. If a male strays into another's claim he avoids confrontation by concealing his redwing patches.

Male and female Redwings establish a pair bond through ritual displays and songs. When there are more females than males, he will have several mates.

Each female makes her own nest without help, usually near water. She weaves dry grass and cattail leaves among several standing reeds and suspends her nest between them. The cup is several inches in diameter, lined with soft fibers and very well camouflaged from marauders like raccoons and heron!

The female Redwing lays 3-4 blue-green eggs an inch big which hatch about eleven days later into chicks born naked, blind and helpless.

For the next two weeks the mother bird will go non-stop to raise her brood by herself. Once the young are feathered, they still are unable to fly and will wander around in the dense vegetation near the nest. If they should fall in the water, they're good swimmers and scramble back up into the cattails safely.

Baby Redwings eat a high-protein diet of insects, spiders, glass hoppers and weevils. Once they can fend for themselves they add plant food like seeds, berries and grain. Adult Redwing diet is 73% plant seed and 25% insect.

Now that Spring has officially arrived and you wish to attract Red-winged blackbirds to your back yard, they can be lured to your feeders with bread and seed mixtures and suet. There is something to say about the Red-winged Blackbirds' song - it announces Spring has arrived and is filled with hope that warm sunny weather is here to stay.

## OBITUARIES (From Pg. 2)

**Robert Thomas Burnich**, – five grandchildren; Brian, Megan, Connor, Karl, Jason, many nieces and nephews and by his beloved friend, Teresa Lopez of St. Augustine FL.

A Calling hour was held on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Christ the King Church, 21 Cherry Tree Circle, Liverpool, NY 13090 where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. The Rite of Committal and burial will be held at a future date in San Lorenzo Cemetery, St. Augustine, FL.

Donations in Bob's memory may be made to Meals on Wheels.

Please sign the funeral home on-line guest book for Robert to express your condolences to his family.

<https://www.maurerfuneralhome.com/location/liverpool>

**Michal Heron** - Surrounded by family and friends, Michal Heron passed peacefully in Sarasota, Fla. on March 6, 2021, after a brief battle against cancer. Born Virginia



Michal Heron on April 28, 1936 to William J. and Virginia Heron (nee Lemrow) in New York City, Michal grew up in West Orange, N.J.

She graduated from Manhattanville College and became a highly-regarded photographer. Her work had an emphasis on the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky and her friends in Kings Creek. Native American Pueblo culture in the Southwest, and training textbooks. She traveled the globe, including assignments in Europe, India, and Peru. She lived much of her life in New

York City and on her beloved farm in the Catskills.

Michal was a vibrant, loving stepmother, sister, and friend. Known for being exceptionally kind and caring, Michal's impact on those around her was profound. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her long-time partner, Bob Richards. She is survived by her beloved stepsons, Paul Richards (Jennie), Keith Richards (Caroline), and Theo Chewiwi; grandchildren Katie, Molly, Emily, and Sara (Kevin); and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings William J. Heron, Jr., (Vicky), Ann Heron (Tom Prendergast), and Molly Heron (Bill Hampton); niece Alexandra (Gustavo), nephew William (Sonya), and two great-nieces.

Her family wishes to thank the kind, caring, and professional staff at Tidewell Hospice who eased Michal's last days. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Michal's name to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238

## DAYS OF YORE....

*Today's History* (From Pg. 3) –**March 17, 1971**–

She was born in Eureka January 20, 1912 to Grover C. and Nellie Sheeley Hornbeck. She married Ralph S. Adams in New London, Conn. July 12, 1942. She retired December 4, 1970 after 35 years of teaching.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon when Miss Mary Ellen Bevier of Napanoch became the bride of

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Slater 13 years on the 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bailey 15 years on the 25th.

**March 19, 1981**

Peter Furman, outgoing President of the Neversink Agricultural Society, was honored by the Board of Directors and guests at a dinner last Friday night at the Sandstone in Ellenville. Richard Strangeway presented Pete with a plaque on behalf of the Association in appreciation for his time and effort during the past three years as President.

Nancy Seaman, the oldest resident of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, died Tuesday at the Sullivan County Infirmary. Nancy was the daughter of the late Lorenzo and the late Mahala Porter Tillison. She was born May 13, 1871 near Grahamsville. Her family history in the Town of Neversink goes back to pre-Revolutionary War days. Mrs. Seaman married Charles Seaman, a farmer, on May 17, 1899. They had no children of their own but raised several homeless children in their younger days.

Susie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis, was awarded a bronze medal for her part in the third place finish by the Section 9 relay team at the New York State Intersectional Cross-Country Ski Championships held near Lake Placid recently.

Happy birthday to Carol Newman on March 16th and to Grace Ann Newman who was 20 on March 15.

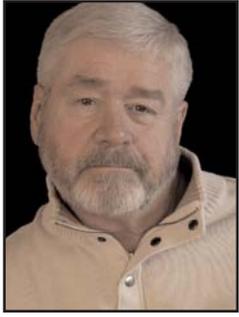
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## Bobby March Will Live Forever

### Mysterious Book Report No. 441

by John Dwaine McKenna

A heatwave in Glasgow, Scotland during the summer of 1973 is the setting for Edgar Award finalist Alan Parks's third crime novel featuring a troubled, hard-drinking and morally challenged . . . yet brilliant police detective named Harry McCoy.

*Bobby March Will Live Forever*, (World Noir, PB, \$17.00, 320 pages, ISBN 978-1-60945-685-6) finds McCoy tasked with resolving the circumstances of the overdose death of a rock star named Bobby March in a local hotel room . . . while a less competent but better connected peer is put in charge of finding a little girl who's been abducted and possibly murdered. It's a case that has the city on edge and the public demanding answers as the days pass, the heat wave continues with no relief in sight and no answers about the missing child. When the case is botched and an innocent, developmentally, disabled man is wrongfully accused of the crime . . . tempers reach the boiling point and Harry McCoy is put in charge in an effort to save face.

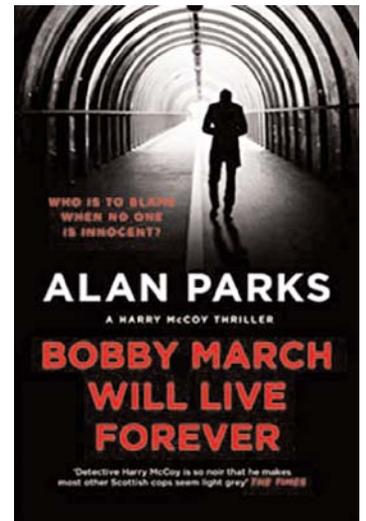
In the meantime, between the overdose and the abduction, McCoy is asked to covertly locate the police chief's missing fifteen year old niece, who may be living with an up-and-coming drug-dealing young thug, who's a promising gangster wannabe and probable killer.

The simultaneous searches grind on through the heat, abject poverty and unending serial violence in this outstanding Scottish Noir thriller and build to a powerful conclusion that will have readers looking for the next installment of the antihero detective named Harry McCoy. Author Alan Parks has a knack for description and an ear for dialect that will leave you almost sweating from the heat, hearing the sounds of the city and smelling the smoke from the dope being smoked, as well as the incense being burnt to cover it up!

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## New Dropbox Available at Department of Family Services

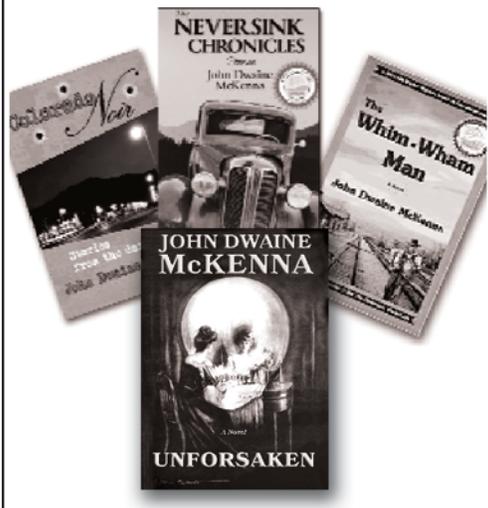
Liberty, NY - Since it can often be hard to get to the Sullivan County Department of Family Services' (DFS) offices during normal business hours, DFS has installed an outdoor dropbox at the Travis Building, 16 Community Lane, Liberty.

"Anyone can use it to drop off applications and documentation after hours (from 5 p.m.-8 a.m.) Monday-Friday and on weekends and holidays," explains Social Services Commissioner John Liddle. "However, it is not for cash, checks, or money orders, as we don't want it to become a target of theft."

During regular business hours, DFS maintains a dropbox inside the Travis Building for the convenience of those who don't need to visit an office.

"Our team at Family Services is always looking for ways to better serve the people who need us, and even 'little things' like this dropbox can have a major positive impact," says District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajasz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "I applaud and support their ongoing attempts to make it easier for folks to get the benefits and assistance they deserve."

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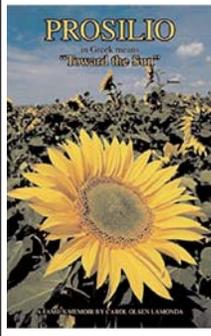



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## The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



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## The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

### How Old Are You?

Bruno Bettelheim, an Austrian psychologist, says in *The Uses of Enchantment* that the reading of fairy tales and fables by children form what he called "the collective unconscious." In other words, the stories shared by most children throughout the world for a common basis of information, morals, and values. These stories create a common past. During one staff development day, meant to develop an awareness of diversity, we experienced this effect when we were broken down into age groups. We were then asked to share our music, fashion, interests, and activities with a similar cohort. The imprinting from our shared past formed an instant bond with those who experienced a similar past. We realized how shaped we were from the time frame and consequent events of our formative years. When we reshuffled into other age groups, we realized we had to understand other backgrounds. It was not as comfortable as the cohort group. Someone recently asked me how old I was. Reluctant to give a numeric answer, this is what I said:

I am "metal roller skates with a key" old.  
 I am "no-wheel drive" old.

I am "pogo stick" old.  
 I am "new Easter outfit with gloves and hat" old.  
 I am "sir and madam" old.  
 I am "write thank-you notes" old.  
 I am "circle pin and high-school ring on a chain" old.  
 I am "pony-tail" old.  
 I am "eat-all-on-your-plate or no-dessert" old.  
 I am "fifty cents allowance" old.  
 I am "Elvis and American Bandstand" old.  
 I am "black and white television" old.  
 I am "bobby-socks and saddle-shoes" old.  
 I am "party-line telephone" old.  
 I am "forty-five speed records" old.



I was about to close with "I am 'go to bed at nine' old.", when I realized I am still that old. Somethings never change.

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Liberty, NY - As coronavirus descended upon the world last year, evictions were frozen by executive order and later by law in New York State as part of efforts to keep people safe in their homes during the pandemic.

"While these actions were an important part of broader public health efforts, it is also well understood that continuing to provide housing to tenants who cannot or will not pay rent is unsustainable for landlords and the local economies they are a part of," noted Sullivan County Social Services Commissioner John Liddle. "As we prepare for life after COVID, the emergency rental assistance provided for in the CARES Act and the just-passed \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan will enable a smoother transition from public health crisis response to our post-pandemic routine."

As guidelines and distribution are sorted out at the State and Federal levels, the Sullivan County Department of Family Services is reaching out to landlords across the County to learn the extent of the support landlords and tenants need.

"Because evictions are not proceeding through the courts as they normally would, we are asking landlords to participate in a ten-question online survey to help us prepare for the job ahead," explained Liddle.

The survey is online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PV8N2TV>. Information landlords provide will not be shared with other entities, and those landlords who share their contact information will be given additional information on rental assistance programs as they become available. Deadline for responses is close of business on March 25.



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# News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

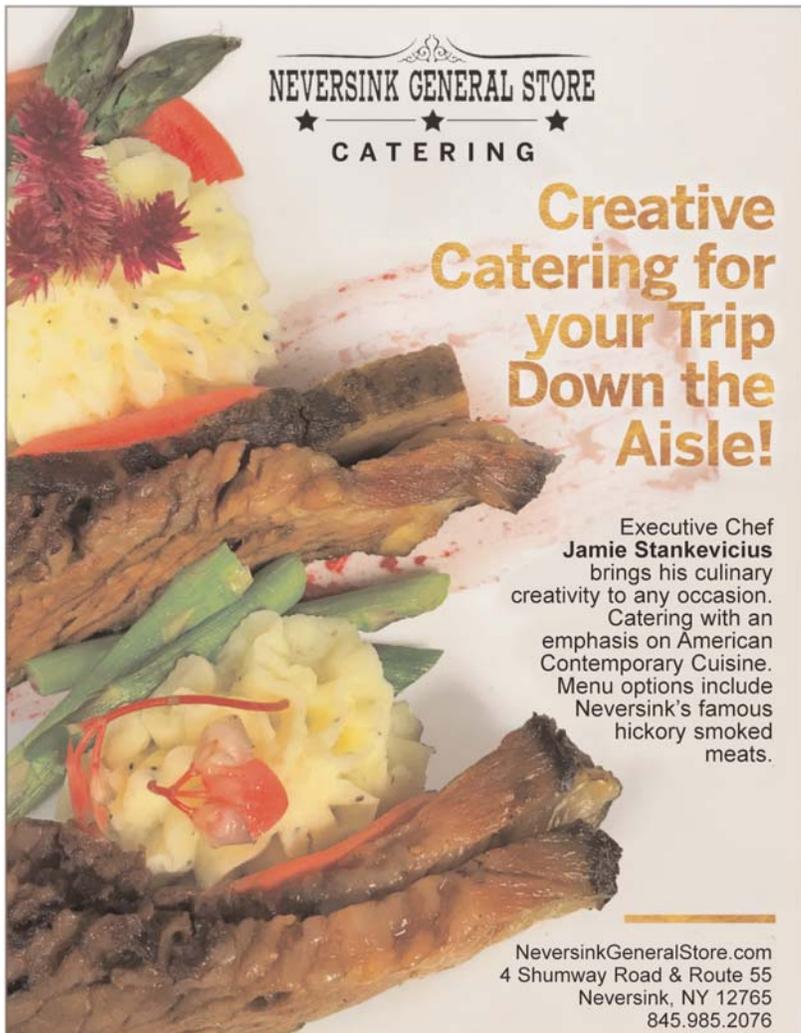
(From Pg. 1) First and foremost, THANK YOU to everyone that came out to the ice rink. We were so glad to have given you this "winter escape" which was much needed during this time. THANK YOU to all

the people who donated equipment for use at the rink. We definitely put them to good use. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us maintain the rink. It was always so much fun watching the youngest skaters to our oldest skaters line up at the end of the session to grab their tools and clean the ice for the night! A very big THANK YOU to Cory Dame and Stu Alexander, who gave their time to be our monitors during skating sessions. And finally, there are two especially important people that, without them, the Community Ice Rink would not have been such a special place for everyone. Ric Coombe always made sure the ice was perfect for skating. He was there on the coldest mornings and evenings running the Zamboni machine to make sure all the "skate tracks" were leveled.



*One of our youngest ice cleaners, Miles Mc Carthy, age 4, doing a great job!*

Ric was always resurfacing the ice adding new layers of water so that it was so smooth and flawless. And Ric's knowledge of ice rinks and skating was invaluable to us. THANK YOU, Ric, for all you did this year for our rink. Your efforts behind the scenes brought so much joy to the skaters using the rink. And to Walt Zeitschel, my better half, I cannot thank him enough for everything he did to make the Community Ice Rink a success. He spent hours there making sure the rink was ready for the skaters. He took the time to help new skaters as they cautiously ven-



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*Walt with the Keller Family (Dan, Frank & Fred) taking a skating break*

tured on the ice for the first time. He taught all the kids how to clean an ice rink, thereby giving them responsibility for their Community Ice Rink. And he always helped me with any problem that came up! THANK YOU, Walt, for everything. I could not have done this without you. This was a tremendous first year for our Community Ice Rink. Contd. (Pg. 9)

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# News from your Town of Neversink Parks & Rec

(From Pg. 8) We had over 800 skaters during the season, which is surprisingly good considering we were governed by COVID restrictions.



*Miles (McCarthy) trying to clean the ice behind his sister Raegan (age 5)*



*Everyone had to wear a helmet on the rink. This little girl had a helmet for her toy piggie that she took skating !.tif*



*Cory Dame our Tuesday & Thursday night monitor talking with Eng-San Kho (a big supporter of the rink)*



We watched the littlest skaters learn to skate and the oldest skaters just come to enjoy the freedom of the ice. And no matter the age, our skaters took pride in their ice rink. They owned it. They maintained it. They made it a true Community Ice Rink. As one of our patrons said, "The ice rink created a community at a time when the kids and parents were hungry for friendships, connections, and activity." So, we say goodbye for this year and thanks

for the memories! We look forward to seeing you all next season when we hope our community ice rink is bigger and better!

Now on to other Parks & Rec news. The Advisory Board and I have worked hard on putting together a plan of fun events and activities for this year that can be enjoyed by all age groups. We are in the process of finalizing this plan and are hoping that COVID restrictions do not impact our ability to have them. And this year we are partnering with the Neversink Rondout Stream Program team on several of our events. Here is a sneak peek at what is on our list. Remember all of these are still in the planning stages and may be impacted by the COVID pandemic.

We are looking into fly fishing classes, karate classes and yoga classes. We want to hold Movie Nights at the Fairgrounds during the summer. We will be sponsoring the Scavenger Hunt and Superhero Run for the younger kids at the Grahamsville Little Worlds Fair. Yes, you read that right. The Grahamsville Fair is planning on happening this year and we all cannot wait! We miss our fair!

We will be sponsoring the Halloween Drive Thru, hoping to incorporate the Trunk or Treat into the event. We are looking into a fishing day on the reservoir, a kayaking day and a Kite Flying day. We will be planning a Nature Scavenger Hunt with children 12 and under searching for various bugs and things we find in nature. And of course, we will be having the big Community Yard Sale during the Antique Tractor Show scheduled for September 25 and 26.

Our hope is to build a Beach Volleyball court at the Rt 42 Park, which may lead to Neversink having its own Beach Volleyball league. For those that miss the bus trips, we are hoping to have the annual NYC Christmas Shopping Bus Trip in December.

We will have the Town Tree Lighting festivities, with a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, and filled with good food, great caroling and overall holiday fun. And our Ice Rink will start its season in late November-early December.

For 2022, we are planning a Winterfest to be held in February (dependent on the snow!) and a 5k Reservoir Run.

So, as you can see, we hope to provide the community with a wide variety of events and activities, close to home and hopefully at minimal to no cost. The Advisory Board and I are always open to ideas, suggestions, and general comments. We welcome them as they help us improve our program and provide you, the community, what you want from your Parks & Recreation. You can send them to our email at [cwparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:cwparksandrec@gmail.com). And keep reading your Townsman and



*Oden & Roman Kho and Sage McCarthy taking their final laps on the last day of the skating season*

checking your Parks & Rec Facebook page and your Town of Neversink website for updates on the events and activities.

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## UC Recruits Medical and Non-Medical Volunteers for County Vaccination Pod

*County Executive Ryan  
announces that the Health  
Department has put out a call to  
recruit more volunteers to ensure  
as many residents can be vacci-  
nated in a rapid and safe manner*

- *Medical and non-medical volun-  
teers will be provided a stipend*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the Ulster County Department of Health is now actively seeking medical professionals and non-medical volunteers to assist residents at the recently expanded County-run vaccination POD. From greeters, observers, to scheduling second-dose appointments, Ulster County has a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer and serve your community at this critical moment. Additionally, Ulster County is providing a stipend for medical and non-medical assistance.

“As we build out our vaccine capacity to serve our residents, we are also going to continue to need volunteers with medical and non-medical backgrounds to step up and serve our community,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “From Day One of the pandemic, I have been so proud of the resiliency and generosity of the people of Ulster County, and I am confident that members of our community will once again step up to assist us at this critical moment.”

This week, Ulster County shifted its main vaccination location from the Kate Walton Field House to the Hudson Valley Mall. The move will allow for up to 2,500 doses per day to be administered and will offer 300 parking spots for residents. Residents looking for an appointment can join the waiting list by visiting [vaccinateulster.com](http://vaccinateulster.com) or call 845-443-8888.

Additionally, in response to a request from County Executive Ryan to open a state-site in Ulster County, New York State has announced that a state-run mass vaccination site will open at the Ulster County Fairgrounds in the Town of New Paltz on Friday. Residents looking for an appointment can visit [am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov](http://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov) or call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX.

The expanded locations will be key to the county's efforts to ensure all residents can receive the coronavirus vaccine rapidly, safely, and equitably. In addition, the County is continuing to coordinate closely with other key partners -- including hospitals, health care facilities, pharmacies, and providers -- to add additional vaccination capacity throughout the county.

Those who are interested in non-medical volunteering can see a complete list of volunteer opportunities at: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-volunteer/>

Individuals interested in medical volunteering can see a complete list of volunteer opportunities at... <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-volunteer/>



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## The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

Ok, Sullivan County, what's up with you? New CoVid cases were hovering under ten a day for the longest time. I had speculated that was because more people were chasing the vaccine. Now suddenly new cases are hovering between thirty and forty a day!! That's roughly an average of 245 people a week spreading this thing BEFORE they are diagnosed.

Ninety percent of the people I know have received one or both doses of the vaccine. But as I've said before, this does not make you immune. It just gives you a better chance of not ending up on a ventilator and not dying. Everything you were doing before, continue doing...staying masked, hand washing, hand sanitizer, do not touch your face, sanitize everything. Who wants to get sick?!

Our tourist season is starting early again this year. We are already seeing the snow birds heading to their second homes here from Florida and parts South. Air BnBs are already seeing a rush of bookings. There's activity at the camps. None of this is responsible for the uptick in cases. It is us, Sullivan County, it's us.

In last Sunday's beautiful weather, I traveled out to Livingston Manor and Fare Haven Farmacy for my organic fruit and veggies. On my way out that afternoon, I noticed activity at CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville so I stopped on my way back. It was old home week as I saw people I haven't seen in a year enjoying the 'outdoors' at our favorite place.

### **The Parksville Saga** (continued)

When old 17 was bypassed around 2012, Parksville which actually had some businesses, died. All of the big promises made to the residents were forgotten faster than a New York minute.

There were, however, some that survived. The property that became BEAVERKILL STUDIOS, a multi-media studio, was one. The property, purchased 20 years ago, began to thrive and looked for all the world to be one of those bright spots of actual tax dollars flowing into the second poorest county in New York State, the Bronx being the first.

But it's hard to keep a forward momentum going when your neighbor threatens those who come to do business with you.

First, I was unaware that BEAVERKILL STUDIOS had been owned for that long. Second, I was under the impression that Joe Peters Sr was living in the 'old family home' as much of the Sullivan Counties old families do. This was not the case. Peters purchased his property only around six years ago.

One of the questions I put to Wade and RJ was "Was there ever a time when you and Peters were friendly?". The answer was 'somewhat'. Peters frequented CABERNET FRANK'S when it first opened in 2016. Then one day it must have dawned on him, this was a gay couple.

In addition to the homophobic slurs hurled at them whenever Peters saw them, he waged a campaign against them in Facebook groups. In his mind, I'm sure, he thought he would garner enough support to drive them out playing the religious angle. Well, that fell flatter than the proverbial. As one woman recounted to me later: "If Peters stepped foot in a church, he'd probably explode." This is when he decided on the cat-killers angle. He's kept this up for a few years now.

But to the credit of Sullivan County residents on this page, for every "That's terrible" there are five calling Peters out on his allegations that Wade and RJ poisoned the dead cat pictured with antifreeze. "How can you say that? Did you have a necropsy done?" was one comment I remember. "What did the vet say when you took this cat in because it looked sick?" was another. All were ignored as he just keeps ranting the same thing over and over again as if repeating it makes it truth.

Homophobia? Undoubtedly. But beyond that I see outright jealousy. Not only was BEAVERKILL STUDIOS making money

but a great many local businesses were reaching out to them. When CABERNET FRANK'S opened it immediately became a success as well. Peters Glass has a one star rating wherever you look.

Peters will be back in front of a judge for a hearing on Thursday. After being let out of jail recently, serving 25 days of a 45 day sentence for harassment, his first act was to pick up right where he left off thereby breaking the conditions of his release.

But don't take my word for anything. Google Joe Peters. You'll learn more than you ever wanted to know about he and his children.

Take care of yourselves.

Stay masked, stay well, stay strong

Until next time.....

## Galligan Highlights Importance of Additional Resources to Combat SC Opiate Crisis

District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan has allocated more resources to support Sullivan County's Opioid Epidemic Task Force and is seeking additional federal funding to combat drug-related crime in Sullivan County.

Galligan announced today that her Office has reallocated resources to support its leadership of the Task Force, and that the Federal Government has accepted her application for designation of Sullivan County as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("HIDTA").

Yesterday, the Sullivan County Legislature unanimously approved Galligan's proposal to restructure the assignments of her District Attorney's Investigators to dedicate more time to the implementation of pre-arrest intervention strategies and criminal investigation of higher-level distributors.

Galligan's HIDTA application seeks federal recognition that drug-related activities in Sullivan County are having a significant harmful impact on the area, and that an increase in allocation of federal resources is necessary to adequately respond to drug-related activities here. In addition to designation as a HIDTA area, her application seeks funding for a dedicated Sullivan County crime analyst to be stationed at the Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center and work on drug trend analysis and major investigations.

District Attorney Galligan stated, "I am pleased that our County Legislature supports my Office's dedication to the opiate crisis in our community. HIDTA designation and funding is an important piece of the puzzle in combatting Sullivan County's dangerous opiate crisis. As we have made clear through our work on the Opioid Epidemic Task Force, new approaches and new tools to support those already in place are necessary and overdue. I am proud of the progress we are making as a team and I am hopeful that, together, we can save lives."

Galligan thanked the following individuals for their support in the preparation, filing and sponsorship of the application: New York State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther; New York State Senator Michael Martucci; United States Senator Charles Schumer; Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff; Town of Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams; Village of Liberty Police Chief Scott Kinne; Village of Monticello Police Chief Robert Mir; New York State Police Investigator's Association President Timothy Dymond; New York State Police PBA President Thomas Mungeer; Sullivan County Director of Public Health Nancy McGraw Sullivan County Deputy Director of Public Health Wendy Brown; Sullivan County Public Health Educator Jill Hubert-Simon; and NY/NJ HIDTA Hudson Valley Drug Intelligence Officer Bernadette Wilton

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## Gillibrand Calls on USDA to Prioritize NY-Grown Healthy Foods in New Food Purchase and Distribution Program

- *At A Time When More Than 80% Of Americans Lack Sufficient Fruits And Vegetables In Their Diet, USDA's Farmers To Families Food Box Program Helped Americans Put Healthy And Nutritious Produce On The Table*
- *New Program Has Potential To Support New York's Farmers, Strengthen The Food Supply Chain, And Combat Food And Nutrition Insecurity*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand urged the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to prioritize New York-grown fruits and vegetables in the new food purchase and distribution program set to replace the Farmers to Families Food Box program.

The coronavirus pandemic caused a breakdown in the food supply chain and left many farmers and hardworking families unable to make ends meet. As restaurants, hotels, schools, and other food service entities ceased or scaled back operations, millions of pounds of produce was dumped, plowed, or left to rot. Meanwhile, food insecurity soared when newly unemployed New Yorkers faced substantial financial hardship and struggled to put healthy and nutritious food-which is often more costly or unavailable in food deserts-on the table. The Farmer to Families Food Box program helped close that gap, by providing hungry families with fresh fruits and vegetables. Ensuring that the program's replacement continues to supply families with nutritious foods, including New York-grown apples, cabbage, onions, snap peas, and grapes, would combat food insecurity and help put Americans at lowered risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and obesity, all of which lead to higher incidence of severe COVID-19 symptoms.

"Affording a nutritious diet should not depend on your socioeconomic status, but the truth is that hungry families aren't just struggling to keep food on the table, they're also struggling to afford nutritious meals that can help keep them healthy during this public health crisis," said Senator Gillibrand. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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## Legislature Recognizes March as Red Cross Month Via Proclamation

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature today joined many other municipal bodies in celebrating March as Red Cross Month.

“I’d like to thank everyone who participates in the Red Cross. You’re constantly out there any time there is a problem,” affirmed Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty. “We really appreciate everything that you do.”



Doherty then presented a copy of the proclamation (pictured above) to Alan H. Turner II, Regional CEO of the American Red Cross' Western New York Region, of which Sullivan County's chapter is a part.



Appreciatively accepting the proclamation were (pictured from the left) Disaster Action Team Coordinator Lori Galen, Turner, Volunteer Partner of the Mass Care Leadership Team Debora Bausenwein and Community Outreach Leader Bette Popovich.

## Gillibrand Calls on USDA to Prioritize NY-Grown Healthy Foods in New Food Purchase and Distribution Program

(From Pg. 12) “The new food purchase and distribution program must connect farmer's supply with the heightened demand of New Yorkers in need, while also supporting diets rich in vitamins and minerals, which we all need for our health. New York farmers produce delicious and nutritious foods, such as apples, cabbage, onion, snap peas, grapes and more, and including these nutritious foods in this new program will strengthen our diets, our farms, our food system, and our economy at the same time.”

To replace last year's Farmers to Families Food Box program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is currently seeking comments on the development, coordination, and implementation of a new food purchase and distribution program. USDA has stated that this program is intended to provide additional aid to nonprofits serving Americans in need of nutrition assistance. (Contd. Gillibrand has expressed that the new program has the unique opportunity to boost America's fruit and vegetable farmers that have been hit hard by the economic crisis, combat food and nutrition and security, and potentially lead to better health outcomes for cash-strapped families. More than 80% of American's have dietary patterns that are low in fruits, and 90% are low in vegetables.

As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Senator Gillibrand has worked to protect farmers and reinforce the nation's food supply, especially throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Last year, Senator Gillibrand introduced the Food Bank Access to Farm Fresh Produce Act, which would address disruptions in the food supply chain caused by the coronavirus pandemic and directly connect farms to food banks by providing \$8 billion in block grants to food banks in the top vegetable and fruit producing states to purchase crops directly from farmers.

## Assemblymember Cahill Announces \$3 Million in Funding for Belleayre Mountain in Assembly Budget Proposal

(Shandaken, NY) - Released this week, the New York State Assembly Budget Proposal for upcoming fiscal year includes \$3,125,000 for Belleayre Ski Resort, with two million dollars toward upgrades to snowmaking capabilities, one million dollars for facility improvements and \$125,000 for expanded summer programming. The Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), the public benefit corporation overseeing the state-run ski resort, was allocated over nine million dollars by the Assembly.

“Belleayre is a valuable gateway to the Catskills, offering residents and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy winter sports. With these funds Belleayre can also expand their off-season programming for hiking, biking and gondola operations. Combined with the Catskill Visitor Center, many outstanding local amenities and some of the highest peaks in the region, the Belleayre/Shandaken region continues to reign as the center of Catskills recreation. It is my hope that we will see these proposals acted upon in the adopted budget after consideration by the Senate and Executive,” said Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess).

## Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle - June 1, 2021

The Tri-Valley Lions organization is pleased to announce a fund-raising raffle of a beautiful quilt donated to our group by Sally Abrams, President of the Calico Geese Quilters group, which has 45 talented members and meets at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Ferndale. Per Sally, the Calico Geese Quilters have donated their handmade, gorgeous quilts in the last year to the Sullivan County Veterans Alliance, Foster Children of Sullivan County, Ride to Survive, Allyson Whitney Foundation, The Liberty Fire Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and now to the Tri-Valley Lions.

Sally tells us that the quilt donated to the Lions for its raffle is a 60" X 70" Bed Topper, and she hopes "that everyone opens their hearts and wallets to support the Tri-Valley Lions."

The drawing will be held on June 1, 2021, and the 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 Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921; Mary Lou Vernooy (Membership Chairperson) at 845-434-7781 or Terry Delaney at 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.

The Tri-Valley Lions group was chartered in 1977 and has been serving our community for more than 40 years. While we have lost many members over the years, we are proud to say that we still have several members who have been with our group since its inception. To those members we lost over the years, we still think about them, miss them, and continue to acknowledge the dedication of all members, past and present, and we know our community is appreciative of the contributions we've made since 1977.

**Due to Covid 19, The Tri-Valley Lions group has been unable to perform our major fundraising efforts,** which include running the soda booth at the Fairgrounds, our Annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight and Tag

Day. We look forward to the day we can once again interact in person, open our soda booth, and do our Journey For Sight Walk, which will increase our Charity Account so we can be even more responsive to those who need our assistance. To help get there we hope that all will continue to be tested, get the vaccine when available, wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash or sanitize your hands frequently, and stay home when you are ill.

Thank you for your support and of course we are always looking for new members to join The Tri-Valley Lions. For additional information about the Quilt or raffles or becoming a member of The Tri-Valley Lions, please call Gene Froehlich at 845-439-4921.

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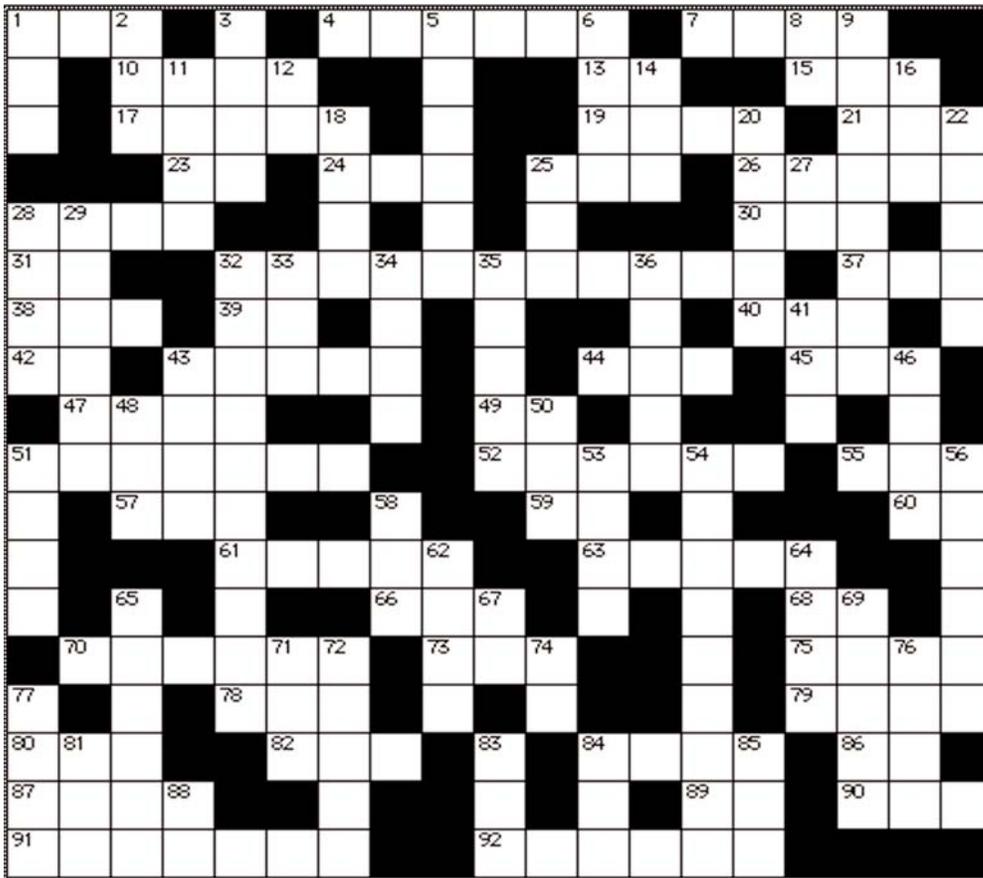
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- 10 Having considerable skill
- 13 Used to link alternatives
- 15 Flat rowing blade
- 17 Wooden timber
- 19 Fibrous material of a tree
- 21 Hard edible kernel
- 23 Registered Nurse
- 24 Material that valuable minerals are extracted from
- 25 No longer new
- 26 Condition of something already agreed

- 28 International standard serial number
- 30 Sweet potato
- 31 Egyptian sun god
- 32 Worth collecting
- 37 Viper
- 38 Mischievous child
- 39 Learning disabled
- 40 Warm color
- 42 Service Pack
- 43 Three-dimensional presentation
- 44 Descendant of the boar
- 45 Affirmative response
- 47 Stolen valuables
- 49 Title before a surname
- 51 State of the atmos-

- phere
- 52 Sole right to utilize an invention
- 55 Rocky peak
- 57 Clear space on a golf course
- 59 Father
- 60 Washing-ton state
- 61 Truth
- 63 Fundamental
- 66 Hearing organ
- 68 Advertisement
- 70 Attractively old-fashioned
- 73 Bite sharply
- 75 Plebiscite
- 78 Neither
- 79 Greek god of love
- 80 Take something as a means to accomplish a purpose
- 82 Cardinal

- number
  - 84 Used to hang things on
  - 86 Kiloliter
  - 87 Whirled around
  - 89 Galilean moon of Jupiter
  - 90 Year
  - 91 Large lidded laundry baskets
  - 92 "This is the day we wash our clothes!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Tavern
  - 2 Restaurant bill
  - 3 Interrelated families
  - 5 Gentle wind
  - 6 Large loose hood
  - 8 Colorado (abbrev)
  - 9 Made by hand
  - 11 Brought into existence

- 12 Chem. element
- 14 Slender straight stick
- 16 Regret
- 18 Small model of the human figure
- 20 Device for drying something
- 22 Stumbles
- 25 Tenth month (abbrev)
- 27 Iowa
- 28 Showy ornamental flower
- 29 Snippet
- 32 Wooden clip used to secure clothes to a line
- 33 Strange
- 34 Calm
- 35 Clasp
- 36 Seawater
- 41 Organ of vision

- 43 Speck
- 46 Atmospheric frozen water vapor
- 48 Cereal plant
- 50 Strike
- 51 Clean
- 53 Prohibited by social custom
- 54 Wishful

- affection for the past
- 56 Variation between specific limits
- 58 Consumed food
- 62 Be suspended
- 64 Underground chamber
- 65 Where cultural and his-
- torical objects are exhibited
- 67 Rhode Island
- 69 Slow witted
- 71 Emphatically negating a statement
- 72 Woody perennial plants
- 74 Post Script
- 76 Painted
- decorative tinplate
- 77 A shrub
- 81 Mineral spring
- 83 Mother
- 85 Leguminous edible Asian plant
- 88 Chemical element
- Neptunium

**Creamed Wild Leek Soup**

- 2 cups wild leek bulbs, halved lengthwise
- 1 cup wild leek leaves, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 Tbs. flour
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper
- Minced wild leek leaves

Saute wild leek bulbs and chopped leaves in butter over low heat. When tender, stir in flour, mixing well.

Slowly whisk in 6 cups of broth then simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Whisk together egg yolks and 2/3 cup cream until blended then slowly whisk mixture into soup, a little at a time. Raise heat and bring to a near boil. Stir until thickened. Salt and pepper to taste. Whip remaining 1/3 cup cream; top each serving with a generous spoonful and garnish with minced wild leek leaves.

Serves 6.

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## Catskill Glacier Webinar with the Time and the Valleys Museum *Glacial History of the Catskills: The Ice Ages of the Rondout & Neversink Watersheds*

On February 21, Watershed Planning Coordinator of RNSP, Haley Springston, offered a live webinar with the Time and the Valleys Museum. The presentation focuses on the history of Catskill glaciers and addresses the effects of glacial deposition on our present-day Catskill waterways.

Over 115 people registered for this webinar event. In case you missed out on the live webinar, don't worry! You can check out the full recording of the webinar at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBw2Qfb7WWo&t=2s>

Let us know what you think!

Stay updated on upcoming webinars through the Time and the Valleys Museum website, <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/>

For further questions on the webinar, contact RNSP Watershed Planning Coordinator, Haley Springston, at [hspringston@rondout-neversink.org](mailto:hspringston@rondout-neversink.org)

## Accepting Applications for SMIP Grant Funding

Rondout Neversink Stream Program is accepting grant funding applications for 2021 Stream Management Implementation Projects (SMIP). Applications are due by April 5th. SMIP funding is available for the following application categories:

- Educational Programs
- Research Projects
- Highways & Town/County Public Infrastructure Projects
- Stormwater Management
- Flood Hazard Mitigation

RNSP offers funding to qualified projects, educational programs, or management services that work towards protecting water quality across the Rondout and Neversink Watersheds.

For further information on SMIP funding applications, contact RNSP Watershed Planning Coordinator, Haley Springston at [hspringston@rondoutneversink.org](mailto:hspringston@rondoutneversink.org)

Accepting Applications for 2021 Streamside Plantings

Do you own streamside property? Interested in enhancing your streamside property with Catskill-native trees and shrubs? Contact our office at [info@rondoutneversink.org](mailto:info@rondoutneversink.org) or give us a call at 845-985-2581 to schedule a site visit and see if your property qualifies for a Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative planting project. Applications are due by April 31st.

For those who qualify, CSBI provides landowners with FREE: trees, shrubs, wildflower seed mix (locally sourced, Catskill-native species)

- planting installation services, deer protection materials
- technical advice, design plans
- follow-up project monitoring/maintenance
- invasive species management recommendations

## March-April Activities Planned for Sam's Point

**Early Spring Tree Identification at the Cragmoor Library**  
Saturday, March 27, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-4611 - How can you tell trees apart when they have no leaves? Join Environmental Educators from the Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve for this exciting, hands-on program at the Cragmoor Free Library to learn how! We will explore and learn about different types of bark patterns, and tree

identification basics. During this program, we will walk around the library to look at our local trees. This free, family-friendly program is recommended for children over the age of seven and up, accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Pre-registration is required by calling Nancy Krum, Library Director at 845-647-4611 or by emailing [nancy@cragmoor-freeibrary.info](mailto:nancy@cragmoor-freeibrary.info) Registration: Required

**Citizen Science Plant Hike at Sam's Point** Sunday, March 28, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989- When do the flowers bloom? When do the leaves fall? We are very curious to find out! In this program, you will learn all about phenology, the study of how plants and animals change throughout the seasons, while working as a citizen scientist to collect information about the plants in our park. We will be offering this hike once a month at Sam's Point to monitor seasonal changes in plants along the Loop Road. Along this roughly one-mile route, you will encounter a variety of flowers, ferns, shrubs, and trees which change as you move up in elevation. This program is recommended for children over the age of eight, but everyone is welcome to join us. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is **limited to fifteen individuals**. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required

**Guided Loop around Lake Maratanza at Sam's Point** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:30 AM - 01:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989 Join us for this three-mile hike to view magnificent Lake aratanza. On our way back to the Visitor Center, we will stop at the Sam's Point Overlook, where on a clear day there is a great view of the Wallkill Valley, the Catskills, and much more. If enough snow is present, participants are welcome to use snowshoes. Snowshoes are available for rent at the Sam's Point Visitor Center at the rate of \$5 per person for the program. Early arrival is requested for snowshoe rentals. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is **limited to fifteen individuals**. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required

**Geology Hike around Lake Maratanza at Sam's Point** Friday, April 2, 2021 10:30 AM - 01:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

Join Becca Howe-Parisio, Interpretive Ranger, for this three-mile loop walk to view the magnificent Lake Maratanza. On our way to the Lake, we will stop at the Sam's Point Overlook, where we will discover some features left by the last glaciers. At the Lake, we will discuss the geologic process of how it was formed. Pack a lunch and sit on the shore to enjoy a mid-day picnic. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is **limited to fifteen individuals**. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required

Visit the website for details: <https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?pk=193>

## LEGALIS/PUBLIC NOTICES

## Change in Polling Hours for Budget and BOE Votes at FCSD

March 18, 2021 - Fallsburg, NY 12733:

At the Board of Education Meeting on March 17, 2021, the Fallsburg BOE amended the polling hours for budget votes and board member elections to 11 AM to 8 PM. The location is still the Fallsburg Junior Senior High School Library.

## Governor Cuomo Announces New York Yankees and New York Mets to Start the Season with Fans in the Stants Beginning April 1

- *Professional Sports in Large Outdoor Stadiums Reopen at 20 Percent Capacity; Attendees Must Show Proof of Recent Negative Test or Immunization; Venues and Events Subject to Strict State Guidance*
- *Regional Sports Venues That Hold 1,500+ People Indoors or 2,500+ People Outdoors Can Reopen; Capacity Limited to 10 Percent Indoors and 20 Percent Outdoors*
- *Large Outdoor Performing Arts Venues That Hold 2,500+ People Can Reopen at 20 Percent Capacity*

Governor Cuomo: "'The crowd makes the ball game,' said Ty Cobb. I believe that, we went through that with the Buffalo Bills. They said it was a totally different experience when you have the crowd and you have the noise and you have the people cheering. So we're going to play ball and we're going to play ball with a crowd which I tell you is just so good for the psyche. I was talking to Michaela about it on the way here this morning. Getting out of the house, getting out of the apartment, getting out of this entrapment that we've been in and going to a game and getting outside and seeing a new season start and just hope springs eternal, right, it's the beginning of the season, we're going to win, it's going to be better than next year, so I feel great about it. The Yankees' home opener is April 1, April 8 Mets' home opener. Yankees take on the Blue Jays, Mets take on the Miami Marlins, but I'm very excited about the news today."

Cuomo: "How do we renew New York? We're not just going to rebuild what was there before. Now is an opportunity to build back better. When you go through a tough situation in life, what do you do? You learn from it and you get up better and you get up stronger. That's what we have to do. We've done it before as New Yorkers. We went through 9/11. I remember during 9/11 all the naysayers. Remember all the people after 9/11? Oh, New York will never be the same, we're a terrorist target, nobody will come back - I heard the naysayers before. I hear them today. I'm worried about New York City, I'm worried about the crime and the homeless, I'm worried about this, I'm worried about that. Nobody is stronger than New Yorkers. Nobody is more resilient than New Yorkers. Nobody bounces back like New Yorkers."

Earlier today, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York's Major League Baseball teams, the New York Mets and New York Yankees, can resume play with spectators in the stadiums, beginning April 1. Professional sports in large

outdoor stadiums that hold 10,000 people or more will be allowed to reopen at 20 percent capacity. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing, and health screening. The New York State Department of Health will re-evaluate the testing and vaccination entry requirements in May, and if the public health situation continues to improve, they may be discontinued in mid-May. Vaccinations will continue to be administered at Yankee Stadium and Citi Field during the MLB season.

Building on the recent reopening of large professional sports arenas, the Governor also announced that smaller, regional sports venues that hold 1,500 people indoors or 2,500 people outdoors can also reopen, beginning April 1. Initial capacity will be limited to 10 percent indoors and 20 percent outdoors. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing, and health screening.

Governor Cuomo also announced that large outdoor performing arts venues, including stadiums, that hold more than 2,500 people can reopen at 20 percent capacity, beginning April 1. Venue capacity will continue to increase as the public health situation improves with more New Yorkers receiving vaccinations and fewer COVID-19 cases in the community. Attendees must show proof of a recent negative test or completed vaccination series prior to entry and are subject to strict state guidance on face coverings, social distancing, and health screening.

## 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.

## DEC and Volunteers Prepare for Annual Salamander and Frog Migration— Spring Thaw and Warm Rains will Soon Lure Amphibians to Woodland Pools for Breeding

Community volunteers throughout the Hudson Valley are getting out their flashlights, reflective vests, and raingear in anticipation of annual breeding migrations of salamanders and frogs, which typically begin in mid-March, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. Volunteers in the Hudson Valley will record their observations as part of DEC's Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project, coordinated by the Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University.

"Amphibians contribute to a healthy, functioning ecosystem and during this time of year, road mortality poses a significant threat to forest species that migrate to woodland pools for breeding," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "DEC is grateful to the many volunteers who venture out each year to assist salamanders and frogs that encounter roads during their migration. I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling the state's roads to be on the lookout for these vulnerable amphibians and the dedicated volunteers keeping them safe and remind our volunteers to practice social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

The timing of this migration is weather-dependent. In the Hudson Valley, activity typically starts on the first warm, rainy nights in mid-March to mid-April, after the ground has thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The suitability of migration conditions varies locally throughout the Hudson River Estuary watershed, but when just right, can result in explosive "big night" migrations with hundreds of amphibians on the move.

In the coming weeks, as temperatures rise and snow melts, forest species like wood frog, spotted salamander, and Jefferson blue-spotted salamander complex will emerge from underground winter shelters and walk to woodland pools for breeding. Woodland pools are small, temporary wetlands in the forest that are critical breeding habitat for this group of amphibians. The pools hold water until summer, so the adult amphibians gather, breed, and deposit eggs early to ensure their aquatic young can hatch, grow, and leave the pools before they dry up. On the journeys between upland forest habitat and breeding pools, the amphibians often need to cross roads, where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project volunteers document Hudson Valley road locations where they observe migrations, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count the amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians to safely cross roads. Due to COVID-19, DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program held virtual training programs in February and March for 115 participants. New volunteers can also train themselves by using materials on the project website.

Safety is critical, and volunteers are expected to take all necessary precautions. Volunteers should wear reflective safety vests and headlamps to increase their visibility on dark roads, and should not interfere with passing vehicles. By participating with members of the same household or COVID-19 "pod," or by wearing a mask and maintaining a six-foot distance from others, volunteering can be a safe, socially distanced activity. Amphibian safety is also important, and frogs and salamanders should only be handled with clean hands free of hand sanitizer, lotion, and other substances that can be toxic to amphibians' skin.



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Now in its 13th year, DEC's Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project's 552 volunteers have counted 20 species of amphibians and helped more than 17,000 amphibians cross roads. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, spring peeper, and wood frog. To a lesser degree, volunteers have also observed Jefferson blue-spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander, species of greatest conservation need in New York, as well as more common species like American toad and redback salamander.

DEC supports programs like the Amphibian Migration and Road Crossings Project to educate New Yorkers about the importance of wetlands and healthy, connected forests, and encourage proactive conservation planning. These habitats are carbon storage and sequestration powerhouses, making them an invaluable tool in New York's nation-leading fight against climate change. These habitats are also critical for maintaining the state's rich diversity of plants and animals, and especially the woodland-pool breeding amphibians that are of conservation concern throughout their range.

Since the project started in 2009, volunteers have counted more than 21,000 live amphibians and 9,500 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. For more information, including a short video about amphibian migrations (leaves DEC's website), visit DEC's website.

Project volunteers are encouraged to use the hashtag #amphibianmigrationhv in their photos and posts on social media

## Statement from NY State Budget Director Robert F. Mujica, Jr.

"At the Governor's direction, the Department of Tax and Finance will be extending the New York State income tax deadline to May 17 to align with the federal decision to do the same. This 30-day extension provides New Yorkers still coping with the complications of the COVID-19 pandemic ample time to file. This will shift approximately \$6 billion of revenue from April to May and the State will make any necessary adjustments to cash-flow."

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  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

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*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

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e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

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Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

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

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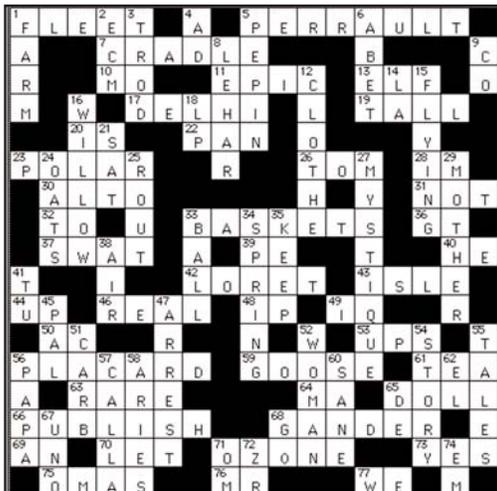
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**VETERANS** always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword



## 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 [sullivanswcd.org](http://sullivanswcd.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).

## DNA Head Case - Ulster County

On March 10, ECOs wrapped up an extensive poaching investigation with a guilty plea in the Town of Rochester court. On Nov. 19, 2019, DEC Central Dispatch received a trespass complaint about a ground hunting blind on private property. ECO Johnson and Lt. Buckley responded to the property, found the hunting blind with bait around it, and an arrow stuck in the ground. The arrow had DNA material on it, which the ECOs collected for evidence. A few days later, ECOs Johnson and Palmateer returned to the blind and found an individual hunting with the aid of bait. The Officers issued a summons to the hunter, who provided information about the owner of the blind.



During the investigation, the Officers learned the owner might have shot a deer from the blind earlier in the season. The ECOs interviewed the owner of the blind at his residence, where he admitted to placing the bait and killing a buck during archery season. The head of the buck in question had the suspect's regular season deer tag, but the date of kill written on it was the last day of archery season. The Officers seized the deer head as evidence to compare to the DNA samples collected at the bait site. DEC's Wildlife Health Unit performed a full necropsy on the deer head and determined the deer was killed by multiple small caliber bullet wounds to the neck, not an arrow, indicating the deer was killed with a firearm during archery season. Officers and investigators executed a search warrant of the suspect's residence and charged him with illegally taking protected wildlife, taking deer with an illegal implement, unlawful possession of protected wildlife, failing to tag deer as required, hunting deer with the aid of bait, and failing to report deer harvest within seven days. The defendant accepted a plea agreement for one of the misdemeanors and multiple guilty pleas for the violation-level charges. He was ordered to pay more than \$1,200 in fines and surcharges

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Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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# EXTENDED HOURS

Starting March 8th

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MONDAY - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

TUESDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

FRIDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

SATURDAY - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from 9:00 am until a half hour before closing time.

## Governor Cuomo Announces Discovery of First Brazilian Variant in NYS Resident

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the discovery of the first case of a COVID-19 P.1 variant, commonly referred to as the Brazilian variant, in a New York State resident. The case was identified by scientists at Mount Sinai hospital in New York City and verified by the Department of Health's Wadsworth Center Laboratories. The patient is a Brooklyn resident in their 90's with no travel history. DOH is working with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to learn more information about the patient and potential contacts.

"The detection of the Brazilian variant here in New York further underscores the importance of taking all the appropriate steps to continue to protect your health," Governor Cuomo said. "While it's normal for a virus to mutate, the best way to protect yourself is to continue to wear a well-fitted mask, avoid large crowds, social distance, wash your hands and get vaccinated when it's your turn."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "This is a race between the vaccine and the variants, and we continue to make tremendous progress of getting shots in the arms of eligible New Yorkers. In the meantime we remind New Yorkers to do everything they can to protect themselves and their neighbors as we continue to manage this pandemic."

The P.1 variant was first detected in the United States at the end of January, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is currently reporting 48 cases nationwide. The P.1 variant has been designated a "variant of concern," which means there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease and the potential for reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines. However, while additional research is warranted, researchers at the University of Oxford recently released non-peer reviewed data that indicates the P.1 variant may be less resistant to the current vaccines than originally thought.

Wadsworth Center is currently sequencing COVID-19 virus specimens at a rate of approximately 90 per day and has sequenced more than 8,200 virus samples statewide. Most specimens have been selected at random from throughout the state to ensure geographic representation.

### Ulster County Department of Health Seeks Volunteers

Whether you're a medical professional or not, you can help end the COVID pandemic in our community. The Ulster County Department of Health needs your help to run ongoing public COVID-19 vaccination events. Stipends provided!

Please click on the links below for descriptions of the volunteer roles that we need help with. Click on the specific volunteer role you choose and are qualified for and it will take you to a secure online form where you can enter, upload and submit the information needed to get you signed up.

NON-MEDICAL VOLUNTEER FORM:

<https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-non-medical-form/>

MEDICAL VOLUNTEER FORM:

<https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/vaccine-volunteer/>

WMCHHealth seeks volunteers to assist with COVID-19 vaccine program

As the coordinator for the Hudson Valley Regional HUB, WMCHHealth is seeking volunteers to support the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Volunteers are needed to assist with operations and activities at vaccination sites, such as registration and check-in, data entry, greeting and routing participants, traffic flow, and other administrative tasks. Volunteers with specific clinical credentials to administer the vaccine are also needed.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age in good health and proficient in English, with bi-lingual skills also being important. Those working at the vaccination site will be provided with training and PPE.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the following sites:

Middletown: SUNY Orange  
New Paltz: Ulster County Fairgrounds  
White Plains: Westchester County Center

Multiple shifts are available. Volunteers are asked to commit to one shift a week during a 90-day commitment.

To register to be a part of this historic vaccine program, please visit <https://bit.ly/3bMmUqI>. (Contd. Pg. 25)



## Why wear a mask?

Out of respect.

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

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
I respect nurses and doctors.

When you wear a mask you are saying,  
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

- 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)  
 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)  
 4/2/21 **Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY**  
 4/4/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular  
 4/20/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm  
 4/15/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall  
 5/9/21 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am until noon

**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 22 - March 26, 2021

### Monday, March 22

- o 7:00 PM - Climate Smart Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 941 7494 7702, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Tuesday, March 23

- o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Audit Committee, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 811 5206 2867, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 4:45 PM - Special Meeting of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 864 3676 1759, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Wednesday, March 24

- o 9:30 AM - Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, at 271 Main Street, New Paltz, NY 12561
- o 3:00 PM - Electrical Licensing Board, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 0647 2563, By Phone Dial (929) 436-2866
- o 4:30 PM - Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 988 1042 6830, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656
- o 7:30 PM - Fire Advisory Board, Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 872 4705 1095, Passcode: 024538, By Phone Dial (646) 558-8656

### Thursday, March 25

- o No Meetings

### Friday, March 26

- o 12 Noon - Resolution Deadline

Regards,  
 Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
 Ulster County Legislature

## Tri-Valley Elementary School **WANTED:**

**Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

## Help your local business grow Advertise locally in *The Townsman!*

Classified ads - \$6.00 for the first 20 words/

20 cents each additional word  
 1" Boxed ad (1" x 3")  
 - \$7.50 per week

Business card ad ( 2" x 3")  
 \$15.00 per week

(3" x 4") - \$30.00 per week

(3" x 6") - \$45.00

(4" x 6") - \$60.00

1/4 pg (4" x 5") - \$50.00

(6" x 8") - \$120.00

1/2 pg (4"x8") - \$80.00

Full Page - 8" x10" - \$160

**Low Rates - High Visibility!**

## Ulster County Department of Health Seeks Volunteers

(From Pg. 23)

### Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative (KEFC)

The KEFC is a grassroots coalition of area organizations and individuals working to ensure our community has access to food. We initially arose to address food insecurity in the community which was exacerbated by the pandemic shut-down in March. We continue to serve our community, delivering more than 85 prepared meals daily to folks living in motels and boarding houses plus groceries to 60+ households on a weekly basis. Currently, we are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to assist with a variety of tasks: food deliveries, handling the food request hotline, scheduling volunteers and other needs as they arise. Complete the Volunteer Interest Form here. For more info about KEFC, visit our website. If you or someone you know is in need of food, call and leave a message at the 24-hour hotline (888) 316-0879.

**SAFETY NOTE:** It's our goal to support containment and to prevent further infection. Please only volunteer if you are: 1) symptom free, and 2) have not been exposed to anyone expressing symptoms of COVID-19. We will provide volunteers, to the best of our knowledge, with the best practices to avoid spreading infection while volunteering.

Center for Creative Education seeks volunteers & interns

We are seeking energetic, responsible interns and volunteers to join our growing organization. In this position, you will be expected to learn the ins-and-outs of our daily routines and procedures. You will focus on learning how our organization runs.

### Intern Duties and Responsibilities

Work under the supervision of program staff for any of the following but not limited to the following duties:

Answer phone inquiries, direct calls, and provide basic company information; oversee mail deliveries, packages, and couriers

Perform clerical duties, maintain files, and organize documents; photocopy, fax, etc. as needed

Run general errands within the building

Data and records entry

Set up, break down, organize, and maintain all rooms and offices in the building.

If possible, attend company functions and networking events.

Shadow multiple office and all other programs positions and train in a variety of tasks

Work with youth in a variety of different programs offered by the center

### Volunteers/Intern Requirements and Qualifications

High school degree or equivalent; must be enrolled in an accredited university/college program to receive internship credit

Proficient computer skills, including Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel)

Must be 18 years of age or 16 years old with parental approval

Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Self-directed and able to work without supervision

Energetic and eager to tackle new projects and ideas

Attend orientations and required trainings

For more information, contact Sue at 845.338.7664 or email outreach@cce4me.org

### Angel Food East

Angel Food East is looking for dedicated chefs, prep cooks and dishwashers, various shifts, hours and days can be flexible and meal delivery drivers on Thursdays from 11:30-1pm.

We are also HIRING a part-time kitchen assistant/housekeeper. If you can help out, or to learn more, please email [contact@angelfoodeast.org](mailto:contact@angelfoodeast.org) or call (845) 331-6538.

### People's Place Thrift Store Volunteers

We, like you, are very eager to open our Thrift Store once again. Projects like this one have been keeping our staff and the limited number volunteers busy.

If you are able to commit to volunteer one day a week M-F 9-11 visit our website [peoplesplace.org](http://peoplesplace.org) and fill out an application. You could be apart of the Thrift Store reopening!!! (date to be announced soon).

### Wallkill Valley Land Trust seeks Education Committee volunteers

Seeking volunteers to be part of the Education Committee of the Wallkill Valley Land Trust. Your willingness to help, share your ideas and pitch in are all that is needed. Some education or interpretation background, formal or informal, is helpful but not required. The committee meets monthly, virtually for now. A one year commitment is suggested.

Some ways that committee members participate: program research, write or edit articles for our newsletter, plan events, conduct workshops, support or lead our educational programs. We typically host a number of events such as natural history walks, writing workshops, and historic tours. We are hoping to expand the variety of programs that we offer and increase participation by underrepresented groups. We especially welcome new members with experience in outreach through online platforms.

Help us fulfill our mission "to enhance the quality of life in Ulster County by conserving lands of scenic, agricultural, ecological, recreational, and cultural significance." Our organization is based in New Paltz, but our events and conservation lands are throughout Ulster County.

Interested or have questions? Please contact us at [info@WallkillvalleyLT.org](mailto:info@WallkillvalleyLT.org)

### Dwyer "Vet2Vet" of Ulster County Program seeks Volunteers

The Dwyer "Vet2Vet" of Ulster County Program that is under the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration (HVNCVR) is seeking volunteers. We provide peer support, advocacy, and other services to our military community. Our office is located within Tech City and through these difficult times we have our doors open. We are able to provide essential services which allows participants and community members to address their mental health.

If a volunteer is able to dedicate at least one hour at our office weekly, it would permit us to keep our doors open during these difficult times. The office is open 10am-4pm Monday- Friday by appointments. There is inconstant foot traffic, so some days the office may be empty and others days there might be a few individuals.

In addition, we are seeking volunteers to assist HVNCVR with our technology needs such as website maintenance and social media as well as administrative tasks outside of the office.

Thank you for your time, I can be contacted by email or phone at 845-288-1951 and [Gavin.Walters@HVCVR.org](mailto:Gavin.Walters@HVCVR.org).

### Mohonk Preserve Volunteer Orientations

Are You Looking For A Great Volunteer Opportunity? Please join us for one or more of the virtual orientations listed below. All orientations take place online and will require advance registration to attend. Please check our Volunteer Opportunities Directory for descriptions and requirements for all volunteer activities. (Contd. Pg. 26)

## Ulster County Department of Health Seeks Volunteers

(From Pg. 25)

As a Mohonk Preserve volunteer, you can assist in our mission to protect the Shawangunk Mountains region and inspire people to care for, enjoy, and explore their natural world. Mohonk Preserve relies greatly on our team of volunteers, who share their skills, time, and enthusiasm. Some volunteers participate regularly in the Preserve's programs and day-to-day operations. Others help make annual events a success or assist with special projects. Whatever your interests and schedule, there is a way to get involved.

To RSVP or for more information, please click [here](#), or contact Andy Reynolds at 845-255-0919 x1269 or [areynolds@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:areynolds@mohonkpreserve.org).

## Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Announces Over 4,200 Residents Have Applied to Participate in UBI Pilot Program

*Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program. On April 1st, UPenn will notify residents who have been selected*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Ryan announced today that Ulster County's Project Resilience Universal Basic Income (UBI) Pilot Program has received over 4,200 applicants. County Executive Ryan announced the UBI Pilot Program as a part of his State of the County address last month. The program opened its application process on February 15th and officially closed its application portal on March 15th. Over the next few days, the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) will randomly select 100 qualifying individuals to participate in the program and 100 individuals who will participate in the control group of the study through a lottery system and have them submit a baseline survey by April 1st.

"I am very excited that Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale UBI pilot program, where we will provide much-needed economic relief directly to families across the county," said County Executive Ryan. "Enrolling these participants is a major milestone in this process. We look forward to seeing the impact on the lives of our residents and participating in the national conversation about the importance of creating this policy to help people in need across the country."

On April 1st, UPenn will notify the 200 people of the group that they have been placed in (control or participant) and UPenn will schedule individual check-ins with the control group participant to identify any impact on each person's current benefits. These will be conducted by Melida Dessalines who has been selected as UPenn's Local Research Fellow. Dessalines is a local Kingston Resident who has received her Master's in Public Health from the University of Albany and is a first-generation U.S. Citizen and first-gener-

ation college graduate. She will work alongside Kim Mapes, who runs the Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center, to conduct these initial check-ins.

By May 1st, each participant will have the ability to formally join the program or decline and have another participant chosen from a waitlist. Once the list is finalized and each participant has chosen a banking partner (either Ulster Savings Bank or Steady) then they will be ready to receive their first \$500 check on May 15th. Over the coming year, participants will submit quarterly surveys to track improvements in their mental health, physical health, and employment status. They will also have individual interviews with UPenn over the summer to document the stories of each participant.

Ulster County is the first county in the country to undertake a large-scale universal basic income pilot program. This program will provide much-needed economic relief directly to families throughout the county. Through a partnership between Project Resilience, the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Guaranteed Income, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Ulster Savings Bank, Ulster County will be providing 100 qualifying households with direct relief payments of \$500 a month for an entire year, all funded through the generosity of community donations.

## Statement from NYS Senator Mike Martucci

Albany, NY - State Senator Mike Martucci released the following statement today in response to the Senate and Assembly Democrat Majorities' one-house budget resolutions:

"The Senate and Assembly one-house budgets are a huge bait and switch on hardworking families. While seemingly full of things most New Yorkers support - like increased school aid and fair wages for home care workers, hidden just below the surface is a massive and unnecessary tax increase.

"The Federal Government's COVID relief package provided our state with \$12.7 billion. That is more than enough for us to meet all our priorities and then some. Why are Senate and Assembly Democrats piling on with tax increases on utilities and insurance which will end up being passed on to hardworking New Yorkers in the form of higher rates? The answer is simple. Their default position is higher taxes and more spending.

"To further illustrate that fact, the Majorities also include additional taxes on businesses who are still trying to recover from the COVID recession. Requiring businesses to pay more, especially at a time when they are still struggling, only serves to destroy our hopes of a strong and expedited economic recovery. They are using the cover of the Cuomo scandals and COVID to pull a fiscal fast one. I cannot support that, and therefore, I am forced to oppose the Senate's budget resolution.

"As we move toward a final budget, I'm hopeful that my Majority colleagues will step back from this ideological approach to governance and embrace bipartisanship and common sense instead. That's what my constituents want and that's what our state and our country need now

## National Grid's Downstate Gas Business Financially Hit for Failing to Protect Underground Gas Pipelines from Corrosion

### Company Penalized for Failing to Ensure Adequate Training for Pipeline Workers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a \$21 million settlement with National Grid regarding its two New York City gas distribution companies for failing to maintain appropriate protections for its underground natural gas distribution system and for failing to adequately supervise workers and contractors working on the gas lines.

"New York has zero tolerance for violations of its gas safety standards that are designed to protect people and property, and will continue to impose tougher, more significant penalties for violations," Governor Cuomo said. "Today's settlement is a major victo-

ry for New Yorkers and puts utilities on notice - the State will continue to hold utilities accountable when they do not comply with our safety rules and blatantly put lives at risk."

The settlement approved today by the State Public Service Commission with National Grid's New York City and Long Island gas businesses was for repeated violations of gas safety regulations that are designed to ensure that underground gas pipelines are protected from corrosion.

The settlement was a direct result of a Commission investigation that identified inadequate cathodic protection levels on pipes at National Grid's critically important Northport Regulator Station, along with other regulator stations on Long Island.

Cathodic protection is required on steel pipe to prevent corrosion; if corrosion occurs, the integrity of the pipe may be compromised, and, in a worst case scenario catastrophic failure could result. To compound the problem, while National Grid was in the process of correcting the cathodic protection problem at Northport, investigators learned of similar cathodic protection problems at the Commack Regulator Station, also on Long Island.

That investigation, which included a review of operations and maintenance records associated with delivery points for the Iroquois Pipeline system at the Northport Regulator Station, the Commack Regulator Station, and one, specifically identified pipeline segment, found that underground control lines and a pipeline segment, subject to specific cathodic protection requirements, did not demonstrate adequate or compliant cathodic protection levels.

In addition, a separate investigation determined that the company had failed to comply with the Commission's gas safety rules related to gas infrastructure work in their service territories. That investigation determined that the company failed to inspect work completed by its contractors during construction at sufficient intervals to ensure compliance, and that it allowed work to be completed by plastic fusers and plastic fusion inspectors who were not properly qualified to do the work.

Public Service Commission Chair John B. Howard said, "As a result of these Commission-led gas safety investigations, we will ensure that our gas utilities will focus efforts on ensuring that the gas distribution system is safe and reliable, and utilities that fail to do that will pay a steep financial price."

The actions taken today were made possible by reforms to the Public Service Law put in place by Governor Cuomo in 2013. The reforms strengthened the Commission's enforcement mechanisms to ensure that major electric and gas utility companies are held accountable first and foremost for ensuring the safety of New Yorkers before utility failures cause any damage.

The money will be used as a credit to offset the costs of National Grid's Commission-approved energy efficiency and demand response programs. Use of the funds will be subject to separate approval by the Commission in National Grid's currently pending rate cases, or in other future proceedings.

National Grid has about 1.8 million residential and commercial customers in the metropolitan area.

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE**



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**MAY 15th**

**4:30pm to 6:30pm**

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**For advanced tickets contact:**

**Neil Terwilliger at (845) 798-3328**

**Bernie Lange at (845) 532-7607**

**Proceeds Benefit Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97**





# Read to your pet or stuffed animal during the month of March...



*Curl up to your Reading Buddy today!*



post a picture of you reading to your Reading Buddy on our Facebook page and you could win...a book!)

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Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233  
[www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

## Governor Cuomo Announces Top Winners of the 2021 NY Wine Classic

*Governor's Cup Presented to Pindar Vineyards  
Paumanok Vineyards Named Winery of the Year*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the top winners of the 35th annual New York Wine Classic, a nationally recognized competition highlighting the best of New York's wine. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul made the announcement this evening during a special live virtual event hosted by the New York Wine and Grape Foundation. This year, the Governor's Cup, the most esteemed award given at the Classic, was presented to Pindar Vineyards for its 2019 Dr. Dan's Signature Collection, Gewurztraminer from the Long Island region. In addition, Paumanok Vineyards from Long Island was presented with the 'Winery of the Year' award.

"Congratulations to Pindar Vineyards and Paumanok Vineyards for not only the recognition they won in the competition, but also for showcasing why New York State is a premier wine destination" Governor Cuomo said. "Thanks to our strategic investments, New York's wine industry has seen unprecedented growth over these past few years, and as we reopen our state, wine enthusiasts can enjoy this unique part of the New York experience all across the state."

"The pandemic created extraordinary challenges for the wine industry, but New York's wineries and vineyards adapted, innovated and continued to create some of the country's best wines," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "From Long Island to Lake Erie, New York is now home to more than 1,200 wineries, breweries, distilleries and cideries that are finally being recognized for their preeminent products. Congratulations to Pindar Vineyards and Paumanok Vineyards for their well-deserved awards."

The Governor's Cup, a large silver chalice, recognizes the "Best of Show" or top prize of all entries in the New York Wine Classic. The "Winery of the Year" award is presented to the winery with the best overall showing based on the level and number of awards in relation to entries.

In addition to winning the Governor's Cup, Pindar Vineyards, based in Peconic, also received the only Platinum Medal of the competition for Best White Wine. Pindar Vineyards was founded by Dr. Herodotus "Dan" Damianos - a pioneer that helped create the winemaking industry on Long Island in the early 1980's-and continues today to be a family-run operation. Pindar produces over 70,000 cases of wine a year, making them the largest vineyard on Long Island.

Paumanok Vineyards, located in Aquebogue, also took home from the New York Wine Classic Gold Medals in Best Vinifera Red Blend; Best Traditional Method Sparkling Wine and Best Sauvignon Blanc. Paumanok's 127-acre estate is owned and managed by Ursula and Charles Massoud, and their three sons. At Paumanok, premium vinifera grapevines are planted, consisting of Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The traditional dense planting of the vineyards at 1100 to 1400 vines per acre produces more concentrated fruit and therefore higher quality wines.

Samuel Filler, Executive Director of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation, said, "We wish to extend our congratulations to all the winners, and recognize the two historic and important wineries that took home the Governor's Cup trophy and Winery of the Year award. We had a particularly strong showing from the North Fork of Long Island this year. The results of the Classic shine a spotlight on the fact that New York produces amazing wine worth exploring in every region across the state. We are looking forward to weather turning warm, and safe travel returning soon. Going on an adventure to visit the winners of the New York Wine Classic will be a perfect way to explore New York wines from corner to corner."

Pindar Vineyards Owner & General Manager Pindar Damianos said, "Pindar Vineyards is so proud to have won the 2021 Governor's Cup for our 2019 Gewurztraminer. This has been a true testament to our dedication to winemaking on Long Island. We're proud to release this wine with the Dr. Dan's label in honour of our founder, Dr. Damianos, to celebrate our 40th anniversary. We thank the New York Wine and Grape Foundation, the New York Wine Classic and the Beverage Testing Institute for this great award."

Paumanok Vineyards Winemaker Kareem Massoud said, "We are thrilled and honored to receive the 2021 Winery of the Year award at the New York Wine Classic. We thank the New York Wine & Grape Foundation for producing this event. Above all, we thank our entire hard-working team at Paumanok Vineyards for their commitment to producing outstanding, delicious wines. We congratulate all of our colleagues for their awards."

"Best in Category" winners were also announced today. They are:

**Governor's Cup and Best White Wine** - Pindar Vineyards - Dr. Dan's Signature Collection - Gewurztraminer 2019

**Best Sparking Wine** - Paumanok Vineyards - Blanc De Blancs 2016

**Best Pink Wine** - Ryan William Vineyard - Pinot Noir Rose 2019

**Best Red Wine** - Paumanok Vineyards- Assemblage 2015

**Best Dessert Wine** - Boundary Breaks - Riesling Ice Wine

"Best of Class" winners of the New York Wine Classic were announced February 24, 2021. The results can be found here.

Judging for The New York Wine Classic took place from November 1, 2020 - February 15, 2021 and included 607 entries from 96 wineries from across the state. A total of 1 Platinum, 138 Gold, 355 Silver, and 104 Bronze medals were awarded. For the first time ever, the NYWGF partnered with the Beverage Testing Institute (BTI) to judge wines submitted from across New York State.

New York State Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Congratulations to the Governor's Cup and Winery of the Year winners, as well as all of the winners and participants of the New York Wine Classic. We are fortunate to have been able to continue the long-standing tradition of the New York Wine Classic, thanks to the New York Wine and Grape Foundation. This esteemed annual competition exemplifies the very best of the State's world-class wineries and our agricultural community that produces the ingredients used to create these outstanding varietals."

New York State Liquor Authority Chairman Vincent Bradley said, "We congratulate today's winners and all the participating wineries who are helping to showcase the outstanding quality of New York wines. Following the challenges the industry faced this year, the New York Wine Classic is a welcomed opportunity to celebrate our wineries, winemakers, and grape growers, who are producing world-class wines and spurring economic growth, driving tourism and creating jobs in every corner of the state."

Empire State Development Acting Commissioner and President and CEO-designate Eric Gertler said, "New York State's world-class vineyards and wineries continue to grow and produce wines that draw national and international acclaim. The annual New York Wine Classic showcases the best of the best, while recognizing the people, businesses and communities that support this vital industry. I thank them for their dedication to the craft."

Since taking office, Governor Cuomo has led the effort to grow New York's craft beverage industry and pave the way for unprecedented growth through new legislation, regulatory reform, groundbreaking initiatives, and promotional campaigns. Today, there are 471 licensed wineries across the State, including 374 farm wineries.

# The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



## The 36th Annual Car Show Sunday, June 27th 2021 **Big Indian Valley Park**

Route 28, Big Indian, NY 12410 "Special Awards

"Fireman's choice, Presidents choice and Best of Show

**DJ, Food, 50/50 and just good old fun**

Registration if your entering a car 8am to 12:30

Music, Food 50/50

The CMCCC is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage and late model automobiles. To be a member is \$10.00 a year

We invite any enthusiasts to join us for the show either as an entry or to enjoy seeing all the vehicles in our beautiful Park

For more information call Frank at 845-254-4238 or [chiefrun@aol.com](mailto:chiefrun@aol.com)

## Bold Gold Media partners with Sullivan 180 to Be Bold Choose Health

Bold Gold Media is proud to partner with Sullivan 180 on a yearlong campaign called Be Bold Choose Health. This initiative celebrates local Health Heroes and highlights local health and wellness programs through Public Service Announcements, Podcasts, Social Media, and Live Interviews on Sullivan Counties local radio stations; Thunder 102 & 104.5, 98.3 WSUL, and 95.9 VOS-FM.

Bold Gold Media New York Office General Manager Dawn Ciorciari says "The idea came about when I participated in Sullivan 180's Coach to 5K program with my friends and family, and I realized that I wanted to encourage others to work toward making small changes in their lives to benefit their health and wellness. If we can do this on a broad scale, we can really help improve the overall health outcomes of Sullivan County. Local radio is the perfect platform to do that."

Sullivan 180's partnership with this initiative is important because they are a vehicle to foster and support community efforts to improve the health of our residents. Amanda Langseder, Director of Sullivan 180 shared, "The healthcare heroes are deserving of every ounce of gratitude and respect we can give them right now. They need our continued support, but they also need us to make changes in our communities to live healthier lives, build stronger immune systems and reduce chronic disease. We know there are unsung health heroes in Sullivan that are making grassroots changes in their communities to help the people around them live a little healthier each day."

The Be Bold, Choose Health campaign has been created to raise these heroes up, celebrate them and share their stories. Langseder continues, "our hope is that listeners hear how small changes like starting a walking club, creating a meditation space at work, encouraging friends and family to get cancer screenings, supporting co-workers with quitting smoking or inspiring kids to drink more water, all add up to big health gains for our county. And these are just a few examples!"

## Governor Cuomo Announces Launch of Connected NY Fund to Provide No-cost Internet Access for 50,000 Students in Economically Disadvantaged School Districts

*Program Supported By Schmidt Futures and the Ford Foundation in Partnership with New York State Students Without At-Home Connectivity in 210 School Districts Will Be Eligible for No-Cost Internet through June 2022*

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the Reimagine New York Commission today announced the launch of ConnectED\_NY, an emergency fund to provide approximately 50,000 students in economically disadvantaged school districts with free internet access through June 2022. Funding will be provided by Schmidt Futures and the Ford Foundation and the program will be managed by Digital Promise, a non-profit which is dedicated to closing the digital learning gap.

"Internet access is an essential utility in the 21st century - a new reality that has only been highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic - and we have a responsibility to ensure our students have the access they need to continue learning during this public health crisis," Governor Cuomo said. "We cannot build back better if we do not foster proper development and a promising future for our children, and this program will help students whose families have limited means to get connected so they can get the education they deserve. Last year, I asked the Reimagine Commission to make sure this pandemic wasn't just something we survived, but spurred real, creative solutions to intractable problems - and I want to thank Schmidt Futures, the Ford Foundation, and everyone on the Commission for stepping up to support our students."

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Open to Tri-Valley residents. Online registration is required at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

# Claryville Fire Dept.

1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast



## Sunday, May 9

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9

Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

**\*\*\*\*\*REMINDER Masks are required and limited seat capacity!**  
**\*\*\*All customers who are dining in will be required to sign the Covid-19 waiver form and have their temperature taken\*\*\***

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 We still have quite a bit of fishing, hunting and camping supplies. We also have a large chest freezer, glass cabinets and some peg boards for sale.  
 If you are interested in taking a look at what we have, please call Jim at 845-985-7560.  
 Thank you all for your many years of support for Sundown Camp and Bait!!

**4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**  
**Good News!**  
 There is a growing interest in having the **4th Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale** included on our Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Map in the May 27, 2021 issue please send us an email with your information to:  
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**KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIES & TRIVIA**  
 (ON AMAZON PRIME AND/OR NETFLIX)  
**APRIL FOOLS DAY, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO, YOU MAY**  
**INHERIT THE WIND**  
 (PG · 1960 · 2hr 8min · Biography/History)

The film is about the trial that focuses on the right of a teacher Bertrum Cates (John Thomas Scopes in real life) to teach the evolution theory of Charles Darwin in a state that has made it a crime to teach anything but creationism. The lawyers are played superbly by Spencer Tracy as Henry Drummond (Clarence Darrow in real life), Fredric March as Matthew Harrison Brady (William Jennings Bryan in real life), Gene Kelly as E. K. Hornbeck (NY Times reporter), Dick York as Bertram T. Cates (John Thomas Scopes), the film is directed by Stanley Earl Kramer.



This is the quintessential film about the *Scopes Monkey Trial* in the state of Tennessee in 1925, where then, as today, the right to think freely and to have freedom from that oppression that remains the reality of today's world for

the working and poorer classes who are being suppressed by the financial powers of the earth. Creating in their socialism – economic slavery by the kings and queens of the earth, and their rich merchants that are financing the oppression of the working and poorer classes to create a millenium of slavery by the rich ultimately putting an end to U.S. sovereignty.

NOTE: Darwin also wrote on the *Metaphysics of Spirituality*, and many other subjects, and publications.  
**KING JAMES VERSION;**  
 PROVERBS 11:29 KJV "He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool [shall be] servant to the wise of heart."  
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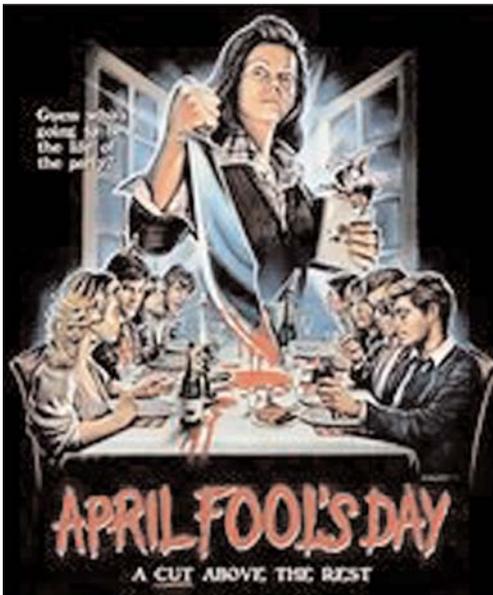
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FOR APRIL FOOLS DAY

OUR MOVIE  
**April Fool's Day**

( Rated R / 1h 29min / Horror, Mystery / 1986 / USA)

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0090655>



Directed by Fred Walton. With Deborah Foreman, Griffin O'Neal, Clayton Rohner, Jay Baker. Nine college students staying at a friend's remote island mansion begin to fall victim to an unseen murderer over the April Fool's Day weekend, but nothing is as it seems.

– A taste of Agatha Christie, and “Ten Little Indians”

## APRIL FOOLS 2007

Not Rated | 1h 10min | Horror

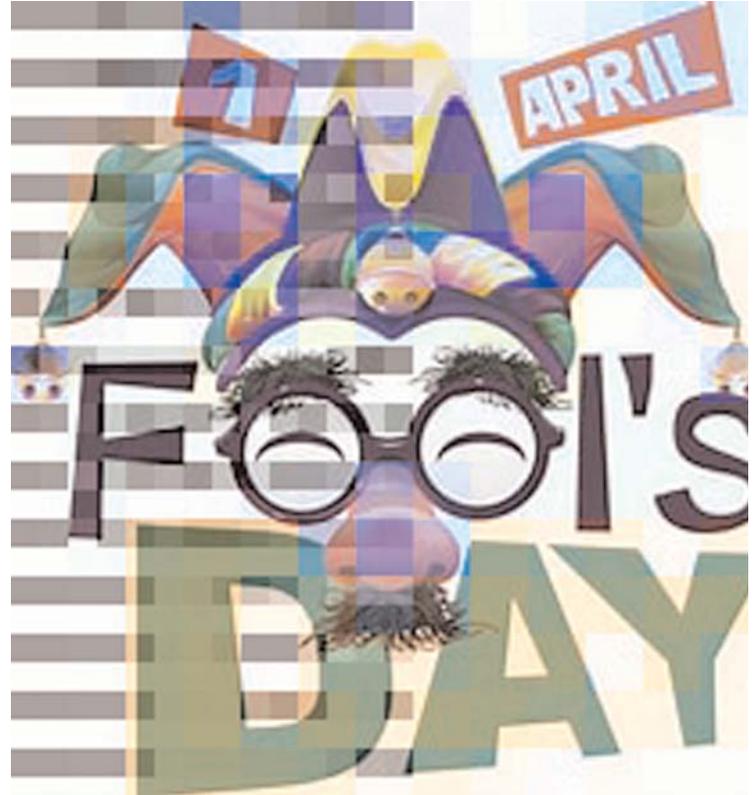
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Release date Sep 11, 2007 · Directed by Nancy Norman. With Obba Babatundé, Darrin Dewitt Henson, Aaliyah Franks, Daya Vaidya.



Deanna, 17, a young hottie, seduces Melvin the class nerd, only to set him up for a cruel April Fools' joke. She's joined in her prank by Missy, the goody-two-shoes; her boyfriend Malik, Eva the hip-hop diva; Scoop the jock; and Diego the bad-boy.

## APRIL FOOLS



Stay safe and stay well,  
**Knarf Odnamoc  
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