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## Time and the Valleys Museum Participating in Hudson Valley Gives Virtual Fundraiser on May 20th



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum will join with many other non-profit organizations throughout the area for the annual virtual fundraiser, Hudson Valley Gives on Wednesday, May 20. (Contd. Pg. 13 )

## Spreading Hope in Fallsburg



Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been creative during the time of Covid-19. Since the closure of schools, two staff members, Ms. Kristen Meyer and Ms. Lynn Colavito, started gathering toiletries donated by fellow staff members or paid for themselves. They put together bags filled with toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste. They met the Rolling V School Buses in the early morning to have the drivers and monitors distribute them to students along the routes with delivery of breakfast and lunch meals provided by FCSD. The monitors handed out over 200 bags. Additionally, the women packed up fifty bags that were brought to Bread of Life Food Pantry at Hurleyville's Methodist Church. These bags also contained masks for the families.

A few weeks ago, JSHS Librarian Ms. Livia Sabourin, joined the crew. Just in time to assemble activity bags filled with crayons, coloring books, sketch pads, comic books and school supplies. After this delivery, FCSD, along with all other Sullivan County School Districts, received hundreds of spring planting kits from Bethel Woods. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

Proverbs 14:29

**OBITUARY****Keith Kristoff**

of Napanoch, NY passed away on Monday, May 14, 2020 at Kindred Hospital in Dover, NJ. He was 60 years old. Keith was born on November 22, 1959 in Liberty, NY; he was the son of the late Ronald and Alfreda (Sheley) Newman.

Keith served his country in the United States Marines Corp. and was honorably discharged in 1985. Keith had worked as a landscaper running his own business "Keith's Lawn Service." He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt. Keith was an all-around sports fanatic. He enjoyed watching football, basketball, baseball and NASCAR. Keith was an avid NY Yankees fan and Richard Petty racing fan.

Keith will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his sisters, Danita Kristoff and her companion Albert Spence, Cora Newman and her companion Ron DeGraw and Ronda Newman; his niece, Danielle Graham and her companion Anthony Schick; his nephew, Brandon Vogler as well as many cousins.

In addition to his parents, Keith was predeceased by his biological father, Joseph Kristoff Jr. and his beloved dog Bandit.

Due to the strict guidelines regarding the current health crisis, services will be held privately for immediate family only. Burial will be in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contribution's may be made in Keith's name to the American Heart Association.

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****May 17, 1950**

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford are the proud parents of a daughter, Linda Sue, born on May 7th at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

Census enumerator O'Neill from Middletown is at work in Neversink Township counting noses left unfinished when Mrs. Dorothy Slater sustained a fracture and was forced to abandon her career as census taker. Mr. C.M. Dayton has completed the census in the territory assigned to him. Taking the agricultural census has been a slow undertaking in Sullivan County due to the road conditions

throughout April. Reports from Census Supervisor Prince last week showed Sullivan to be behind other counties in territories under his supervision.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart were given a skimmelon on Thursday evening.

Mothers Day and the fourteenth anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Harris was fittingly celebrated at the Lows Corner Church Sunday. The Willing Workers and the Sunday school furnished carnations for every father and mother present. The eldest mothers present were Mrs. Florence Burch and Mrs. Flora TerBush and the mother of the most young children present was Mrs. Andrew DuBois.

**May 18, 1960**

Today the Senior Chorus of Tri Valley Central School will travel to Radio City Music Hall in New York City via Monroe-Woodbury Central School where they will sing. They will leave at 9:45 AM by Short Line Bus and are expected to leave New York City for home at 5:30 PM.

At the Town Board meeting of the Town of Neversink held on Wednesday, May 4th, Mrs. Inez George Gridley of Grahamsville was named Town Historian.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dexheimer of Neversink are the proud parents of their fourth daughter, Alice Aletta, seven pounds, two ounces, born Tuesday, May 10th at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlsen are parents of a son, Keith Allen, born at the Loomis Hospital on May 10th, weighing eight pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur TerBush are parents of a second son, Garry Brian, born at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Saturday, May 14th, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

The Tri Valley Stock Car races got underway on Sunday, May 15th but the paper did not receive any report on the race results. Form an out-of-town paper it was learned that Mr. Howard Bernstein, Bradley, N.Y., was awarded the refreshment concession and he plans to have a variety of food and beverages served in the pit area as well as in the grandstand area.

Sullivan County's growing list of attractions will get still another in a large scale amusement, offering fun and diversion to adults and youngsters. The park will be named Fun-Fare and will be located on 130 acres of land along Route 17 at Ferndale, between that place and Harris. (Contd. Pg. 7)

## Tri-Valley Students' Pandemic Journaling

### This week's featured student:

4/8/20: Today I had my first class at 8am and I wasn't happy. Then, I realized I didn't have a Chromebook. I borrowed my sister's MacBook when she was sleeping. When I finished class I waited for my Chromebook to come. So, I went to the bottom of my driveway and to make things worse it was raining. I waited and waited and it never came. Then I emailed my teacher and she said, "The school will call when there are more available."

4/10/20: Today I woke up and I had no school so I thought I could sleep in. Knowing that never happens, I got out of bed and got straight to chipping wood. Knowing there was more, I went to my grandpa's and I had to put 5 wheelbarrows of wood into his basement. Then after we got done with wood at my grandpa's, I had to go and chip wood, so that took 2 hours. Then we were almost done but no, there was still one whole tree down so we chipped that. Then, we hit the limit on the chipper.

4/22/20: Today is Wednesday and I had to wake up for my only 8 am class - what a joy. When I was done with class, I went and did more school work. After I was finished with all of my work for the day, I went outside and rode my bike. Then I wanted to go play basketball for a while. After that, I came inside for dinner and then after dinner I went to go play Xbox with my friends.

4/26/20: Today I woke up at 4am to go turkey hunting with my friend. We were turkey hunting for a while, for about 4 hours, and got nothing. Then I came home and went to ride my bike for a while. When I was done riding my bike I went in to eat lunch. After I was done with lunch I went outside and played around with my dog and helped my parents do work around the house. When I came inside I went and ate dinner.

Colin Pavese, 7th Grade, Tri-Valley CSD

### Household Hints:

#### Get Rid of Crayon Stains

Somehow or other, kids often manage to get crayon marks on their clothing. You can easily get these stains off by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them.

### 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.*

#### 'Toadily' A Frog Day!

When our children were growing we had a big pond in the front of the house. Once every year in mid-spring it seemed that all the frogs and toads woke up at once. This day was always signaled by a chorus of continual croaking followed at night by the peeping sound of toads. The children believed that the frogs and toads announced the arrival of warm weather, barefeet and wading in the brook. When we moved to Sundown 20 years ago, we made sure that we took some of our 'froggy friends' with us and put them in their new home near the Benekill (pond). Since that time, the frogs have adapted to the colder water in Sundown, and multiplied quite rapidly.

Today was "Froggy Day" in Sundown!

Our son, Joe and I counted over 24 frogs in a mud puddle! Not only did the frogs wake up, so did the toads! Our 14 month old granddaughter, Aurora, got to see and carefully touch a toad that paid them a visit this morning.

I sure hope that our old belief comes true again this year and that the croaking of the frogs and the peeping of the toads are announcing warm weather!

While reminiscing about the frogs and toads, I thought about a story that Peggy DeWire wrote about her friend Fred, the Toad! Here it is:

#### TICKLE A TOAD By Peggy DeWire

I flipped on the porch light that warm summer evening and there sat my pet toad Fred, as he had every night for the past twelve years. I recognized him by the missing toe on his left foot. Toads have four toes in front and five in back.



- American toad, *Bufo americanus*.

He didn't hop after insects attracted to the light but just sat there. I crouched down over him and tickled him gently with my finger between his eyes, careful to avoid the small calloused bumps behind his eyes. These carotid glands that secrete a milky film that is highly irritating to his enemies. He never did this to me nor did

I get warts from handling him

"What's up Fred? Are you okay?"

That night he responded with a giant yawn and began to shed his skin! First it split down the back as he stretched and wriggled his whole body in amazing contortions. Finally, he pulled his legs free, packed the cast-off skin into a neat little bundle with his front feet and popped it into his mouth.

As he swallowed, his bulgy eyes sank down and backwards, pushing the morsel farther along toward his stomach. The whole episode took twenty minutes. Beautiful Fred in his bright new skin could breathe easier now. A toad's skin provides back-up breathing as it pulls in some oxygen and pushes out some carbon dioxide along with the lungs.

Fred began life like all thirteen kinds of toads in the U.S., in a pond where his mother had laid two thousand eggs side by side in two ropes of clear jelly. Frogs lay eggs in balls of jelly.

On contact with water, the jelly swells and gathers dirt. About two weeks later, the eggs hatch into tiny black tadpoles which eat algae.

It may be at this stage of life that the worldwide decline in toads and frogs happens. Scientists feel that it's due to increased ultra violet light coming through our tattered ozone layer and wreaking havoc on amphibian eggs.

By July of that long ago year, Fred changed into a toadlet that hopped away from the pond along with his hundreds of brothers and sisters. Somehow he avoided enemies such as birds, snakes and animals. I often wonder how he lost his toe.

He foraged mostly at night for insects, slugs and snails. (A carnivorous diet befitting a landlubber).

What an appetite! Fred could eat 80 flies in ten minutes, several thousand insects in a month, two thousand cutworms in a summer. Talk about a gardener's best friend!

Toads and frogs catch all this food with their wonderful tongue which is attached in the front and folded back on itself. When an insect comes within range, the whole length flicks out on the target.

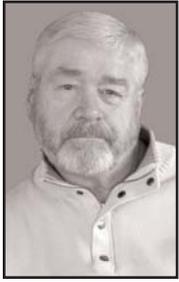
You can bend your tongue back and forth but it can't flick out too far because it is attached to the back of your mouth.

Fred has sharp vision in a wide field, important because he has no neck and can't turn his head.

His sense of hearing is sharp, especially at mating time when male toads sing to attract females.

Fred lives in a deep burrow by our garden where he hibernates during the winter.

Saying, "I'll leave the light on, Fred, but I'm going in." I bent down to tickle the toad.



## Gone To Darkness

### Mysterious Book Report No. 406

by John Dwaine McKenna

In the soon to be released fourth episode of her popular, bestselling Sydney Rose Parnell series, award-winning thriller writer and fan favorite Barbara Nickless leaves no doubt that she's on the fast track to A-list stardom.

*Gone To Darkness*, (Thomas & Mercer, PB, \$15.95, 384 pages, ISBN 978-1542092869) by Barbara Nickless will be released June 2, 2020. It finds Iraq war veterans Sydney Parnell and her Belgian Malinois K9 partner Clyde, have moved on from being railway cops to the Denver Police Department. There, she's the youngest homicide detective in the Major Crimes Unit . . . and partnered with Len Bandoni, an old adversary who's now her mentor and the sole judge who'll determine if she'll stay in the elite division.

The story begins when a prank by Sydney's old supervisor on the Denver Pacific Continental Railway – a man named Greg Heinrich – goes awry at her farewell party and he inadvertently leaves with her badge. When she attempts to retrieve it in the early morning darkness, she finds Heinrich lying beside the railroad tracks with a head wound after being clubbed, a confusing report of a murdered woman . . . but no body . . . a blood splattered dress and a mysterious shrine, also bloody. Acting only on a hunch prompted by gut instinct, Sydney tracks down the train engineer who first spotted the missing mystery woman, and much to the displeasure of Bandoni, who tells her to "Start thinking like a cop." If no one's reported a crime or found a body, there is no case as far as the grizzled old veteran detective is concerned. But she persists, and finds the savagely beaten dead body of a young man in an open railcar full of boxes of defrosted, and rotting frozen chickens. Her discovery sets off a terrifying hunt for a savage killer through the local underbelly of homeless rail riders, criminals and punk runaway teens. And, as if that's not enough, all the publicity she's received has generated a demented stalker who's determined to capture Sydney Rose Parnell and keep her . . . for always, if he can just figure out what to do about the damned dog . . .

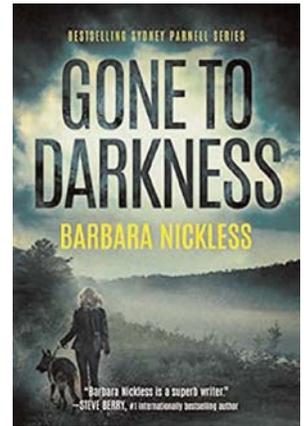
The action never slows and the suspense ratchets up in every chapter of this delightfully twisted and energetic page-turning thriller from the mind of a budding superstar!

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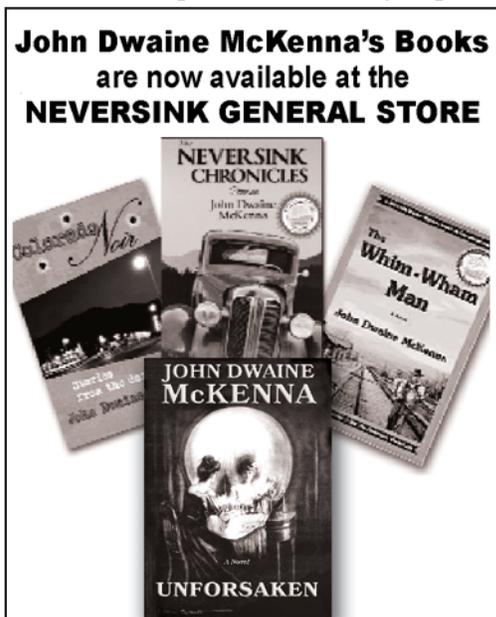
SUNY Sullivan would like to recognize all of our graduates for their hard work, dedication and accomplishments. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we are unable to host an in-person commencement ceremony this year. Alternatively, we have decided to create a Virtual Commencement Event to celebrate the Class of 2020! Please join us here at this web address or on Facebook for our Facebook Watch Party! Invite your friends and family!

Joel Lerner, Trustee Emeritus, will be the principal speaker.

Sarah Yousef, Winner of the 2020 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence will be the class speaker.

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\*\*This photo will be used during the virtual event, as your name is called to announce your degree, your photo will be shown on the video.

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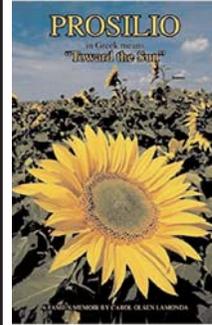
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



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## The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda The Candy Store

The Pandemic is altering the lives of us all. Children and teenagers who would normally be hanging out in classrooms, on play dates, and playing sports are home with their parents doing Face Time with their classmates. Lamenting their lost social life (and the loss of my granddaughter's in particular) led me to consider what I was doing during those school years in Long Island. A big part of that era was spent at "the Candy Store" and a bigger part was being with the group of friends who would hang out there too.

Here in exurbia, a candy store in each neighborhood just doesn't exist. Candy involves a trip to a pharmacy or grocery market usually in a family car. Not back in my day. And the place was not about the candy. It was about the hangout. There we could be one of the gang far from the watchful eyes of adults. It was our transition to being something between kid and adult.

The candy store, named Chick's, was a destination of independence and sociability. We would walk there to and from school, walk from home and back, or ride our bikes to gather at this tiny store that was probably the forerunner or a luncheonette, fountain, pharmacy store. Chick's had penny candy, a juke box, and egg cremes, and the owner let all of us Laverne and Shirley and Fonzie types congregate inside or on the double-wide sidewalk that stretched to the curb.

It was here that we splurged our meager allowances on cokes in glass tapered bottles or bought egg cremes. Egg cremes, spelled "creme" in Brooklyn, had neither egg nor cream in them. They were a fountain drink made with chocolate syrup, milk and seltzer to bring their sweetness to a frothy head. They were served in a glass and cost a dime or less. They were just what was needed to wash down some jaw breakers, circus peanuts, or Bonomo's Turkish Taffy. We were tween-agers safely let loose with those mom words, "Don't be late for dinner."

How fortunate to think back to those germ-free, carefree days between World War II and Vietnam in that period we now dubbed "Happy Days." Here is hoping for some happy days ahead when these isolated kids can hang loose with their friends. Perhaps, in the meantime, we need to design an app for a Virtual Candy Store for their iPhones or Chromebooks.



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Hello Neighbors!

I am Brianna, the 2020 Children's Tumor Foundation National Ambassador. May is National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month, and May 17 is specifically WORLD NF1 DAY and May 22nd is WORLD NF2 DAY.

Due to COVID our fundraising and awareness efforts have been dramatically affected. I am asking for your help during this difficult time. You can support patient's like me by lighting up your home or business BLUE & GREEN for the Month of May! If you are willing to take pictures, you can share them with me on social media (Facebook: Brianna Christine or Instagram: @Brianna\_Christine97), if not we appreciate your support within our hometown community!

My goal is to light up Grahamsville and Neversink! I would be eternally grateful if you join our family in spreading NF Awareness and Support!

Please visit CFT.org for further information about me, all that we are doing to find a cure for Neurofibromatosis and how you can help!

Sincerely,

Brianna Worden and Family

CTF 2020 National Ambassador



## 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.

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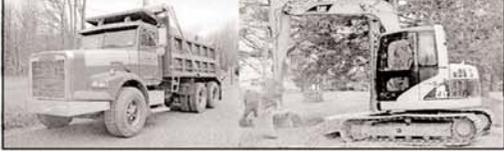
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**DAYS OF YORE...  
 Today's History**  
 (From Pg. 2)

**May 20, 1970**

Grahamsville Boy Scout Troop 187 was presented "The National Camping Award" at the Scout Leaders Roundtable meeting held in Eldred on May 14th. Accepting the award for the troop was Scoutmaster Tom Marshalek and Asst. Scoutmaster Bob Costigan.

Mrs. Marion Robinson has been elected President of the School Nurse-Teachers Association of the Southeastern Zone. The election was held at the Sky Top Restaurant in Kingston on May 14th.

"Elementary School Expo" will be held in the Tri-Valley Central School gymnasium on Thursday, May 28th. The public is invited. The purpose of the "Expo" is to give both students and parents the opportunity to see some of the activities, accomplishments and areas of study that elementary students participate in during the school year.

**May 22, 1980**

Walter F. Garigliano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano of Grahamsville, graduated from Syracuse University College of Law, Magna Cum Laude, on May 11, 1980. He received word that same day that he had passed his bar exams.

John E. Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley of Grahamsville, has been named valedictorian of the class of 1980.

Earl Kortright of Neversink died Friday at the Ellenville Community Hospital at the age of 84. A local farmer, he was a lifelong resident. He was born August 31, 1895 in Divine Corners to Mark and Josephine Yapple Kortright. He was married to Bertha Muthig Kortright who predeceased him.

Carl and Jane Houghtaling were making plans to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on Friday, May 16th by going out to dinner well, the Houghtalings went out to Community General Hospital in Harris where Jane presented Carl with a 6 lb. 11 oz. son whom they have named Kevin Chris. Congratulations to them all and may Kevin's timing improve!!!

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### Spreading Hope in Fallsburg



(From Pg. 1) In the bag were a seed packet, soil, tiny ceramic pot, paint and a paintbrush. Each bag had a beautiful drawing of a pair of hands together holding a peace symbol made of daisies. Below that was a message: "For painting inspiration, growing journals from our participants & more activities to do while you are at home. Visit: [https://www. BethelWoodsCenter.org/AtHome.](https://www.BethelWoodsCenter.org/AtHome)"

All of the bags sent home for the kids have a sticker that says " We love and miss you! #FallsburgStrong". On Monday, May 11, the three women met the buses at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School at 9:00 AM to hand over the activity and plant bags. A special surprise gift went to each driver and monitor-a travel mug, filled with candy, with the message, "Thank you for going the extra mile for our students!"

Next week, the staff angels will be giving the cafeteria workers a travel mug when they meet the buses once again with more goody bags. The food staff has been active every weekday morning putting together the boxes of food for over 650 families (that is 1300 meals a day because each package contains breakfast and lunch!).

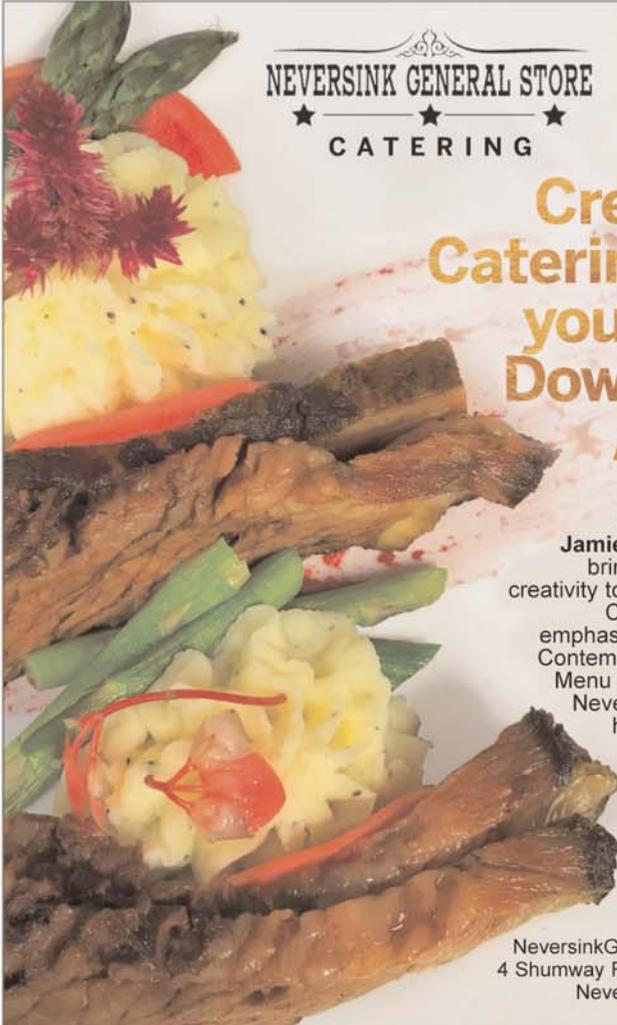
Kristen, Lynn and Livia thank all the staff members that donated money and toiletries and Bethel Woods for the plant bags. What a creative community we have in Fallsburg and Sullivan County. The seeds of love and hope will soon be sprouting in each child's home.

### Walk Around the Care Center to Celebrate Mother's Day

The Family Council of the Care Center at Sunset Lake joined with other family members of residents to celebrate mothers as well as staff on the afternoon of Sunday, May 10.



Over 40 people including children and a dog staged a "Walk Around the Care Center" - The posters were two sided and were flipped to show two messages: One side was for Mothers; One side was to thank the facility's staff.

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### Kit Rescue

On May 10, ECO Eric Templeton responded to the town of Nichols to investigate a report of a young fox kit stuck in a window well. Upon arrival, ECO Templeton was informed the baby fox had fallen into one of the homeowner's window wells and had been there since the previous day. The homeowner



had placed a board into the window well, but the baby fox was unable to climb out. ECO Templeton put on his protective equipment, recovered the fox, and transported the animal, unharmed, to a wildlife rehabilitator in Ithaca.

### Striped Bass Poachers Caught with Gill Net

On May 7, a retired New York State Trooper fishing on the Hudson River near the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge observed a gill net with several striped bass being hauled into a small vessel. As the boat returned to Charles Rider Park Boat Launch, the retired Trooper relayed the information to the Town of Ulster Police Department (UPD). UPD Officer Michael Miller



identified the vessel and interviewed the boat operator until ECO Jason Smith arrived on scene. The two officers located a gill net hidden in the boat that contained 24 striped bass, 12 herring, three white perch, and two yellow bullhead. The gill net operator was issued tickets for taking fish by means other than angling; taking striped bass out of slot size; taking striped bass over the allowable limit; taking herring over the allowable limit; and failing to carry a marine registry, returnable to the Town of Ulster Court.

### Wayward Bear Gets Stuck in City in Poughkeepsie

In the early morning hours of May 4, a young male bear wandered into the city of Poughkeepsie near Mansion and North Hamilton streets. The bear was likely in search of food after hibernating and the urban environment provided plentiful sources.

Poughkeepsie City Police Officers and ECO Charles Eylar surrounded the bear, which was up in a tree. The officers contacted DEC's Bureau of Wildlife and technicians arrived to anesthetize the animal. The bear slid down the tree onto a pad without injury and they weighed, aged, and tagged it.

ECO Eylar and the officers lifted the 165-pound animal into DEC's bear transportation trailer and took it to Cranberry Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Putnam County, where it was released back into the wild without incident.



### Duckling Rescue

On May 6, ECO Don Damrath and Geddes Police Officer Mike Sheppard reunited 15 Mallard ducklings with their mother after the ducklings fell into a storm drain at a busy intersection.

A local business employee and Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection staff retrieved 12 of the



ducklings, but three ducklings swam deeper into the drainpipe and refused to come out. ECO Damrath coaxed the three stragglers from the pipe using recorded duckling sounds. ECO Damrath and Officer Sheppard then secured the trio and reunited them with their siblings and mother at a nearby pond.

### Red Phase Screech Owl Rehabbed and Released



On May 3, ECO Jeff Hull returned a Red Morph Screech Owl back to its habitat. The owl had been struck by a car on March 2, injuring its eye and affecting its ability to fly. Cornell Wildlife Clinic medicated and released the owl to Oneida County wildlife rehabilitator Judith Cusworth. After two months of rehabilitation, the owl was returned to its natural habitat in the town of Verona. Red Phase Screech Owls are uncommon, making up only one-third of the screech owl population

### Raccoons are Not Pets



On April 29, ECOs Alexander Shea and Brendan Dickson responded to a complaint about raccoon cubs being kept in an apartment in Manhattan. When the ECOs arrived at the address, the officers spoke with a couple caring for the raccoons. The couple alleged the raccoons were dropped off at their doorstep. After educating the couple that raccoons are a rabies vector species and prone to several diseases, a written warning was issued to the pair for possessing the raccoons without a Rabies Vector Species Wildlife Rehabilitator License. The raccoons were taken to a licensed rehabilitator where they are being

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**CCE Adapts Chronic Disease Program for Virtual Graduation**

MONTICELLO, NY- The Caregiver Resource Center, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) has adapted to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing pro-active education to those with an ongoing chronic illness.

Sixteen participants started the “Living Healthy, Living Well” program at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello just before the coronavirus outbreak forced stay-at-home orders. The program's trained leaders, Bonnie Lewis, RN/CCE dependent care educator and Shawn Comfort from Action Toward Independence, resumed the class on April 7 as the virus progressed. With guidance from the National Self-Management Resource Center the curriculum was modified to provide over eight hours of class time via virtual ZOOM meetings, with smaller group phone and video calls.

“It was even more imperative during this health crisis that we reach out to these now isolated at-risk adults to manage their chronic health conditions,” said Lewis.

“It was a big learning curve for many in the group. Not everyone has a computer and explaining how to use ZOOM was an initial hurdle. But these meetings helped the participants share their concerns, learn new skills, and identify actions they could use to improve their quality of life and provide a stable health status.”

Each participant received the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Tool Kit which included the book, Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions, CDs with exercise routines and relaxation techniques, and more.

“For someone like myself who has chronic pain, this information that was presented gave me greater knowledge,” said a graduate.

To learn more about this and other Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County programs, contact [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu) or call 845-292-6180 and leave a voicemail. For the latest CCE resources on public health and Covid-19, visit <http://www.sullivancece.org>.

This co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging, National Library of Medicine, and University of Pittsburgh.

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# The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

The anniversary of month two of my self imposed stay-at-home passed with barely a blink. While many are chomping at the bit to get 'back out there', I am not. Back to normal has not yet come back into my vocabulary and won't for the foreseeable future.



This virus hasn't gone away. It hasn't even abated or slowed down in this little county.

My heart goes out to restaurants, bars and all music venues because they will still be hurting even though their openings are imminent. The rules of masks and social distancing will still be in effect...and rightly so. It's my understanding that the first that will be allowed to open will be those with outside facilities. Even so, if there were four tables, because of social distancing, only two will be available. That hurts.

There is one venue, however that just might thrive (barring rain) with these restrictions in place and that's CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. They have always had abundant outside seating. They have an outside stage. And the music they have always brought in is always above and beyond the expected. How they will manage the food and drinks, I don't know but it seems that half the battle has been already won.

I'll be talking to the major venues about their plans for this summer and this will be yet another in the series of how we all are coping.

### So what have I learned this week:

That used to be my dining table. Each laptop represents a portion of my work-at-home new normal.



I ventured out twice last week, once for staples (milk, almond milk, butter etc.) and one more trip to the laundromat, this time with two months of dark clothes (I can walk around my bedroom now!!!) On the first trip I made a side trip and grabbed the brightest colored flowers I could find. A little 'normal' and I can use a little normal.

Two trips out in one week is too many.

I ordered six ordinary things online from Walmart. Each is being delivered from a different place. I won't be doing that again.

I still have toilet paper. (and no, I didn't buy ten- 30 packs)

When you drop a stitch on the lace leg of your 'pandemic socks' or (ahem!) a kitty drags it out of the knitting bag and off the knitting needles unraveling an entire section, you can't just 'fix it' without unraveling the whole thing past the offense. No update on the socks \*sigh\*.



This week's coping musician is good friend JEFF ENTIN from the ACQUAINTANCES. This unique group includes LARRY BALESTRA and BOB BLUM and normally split their performing schedule between the Woodstock/Accord area in New York and Massachusetts where Bob lives. On occasion, they make it down into this area. Boggles the mind! Jeff had kindly sent a few of the songs he his working on and they are quite impressive.

JEFF ENTIN

"Well, I'm kind of lucky, I guess. We live in the Catskills (and Woodstock), so it's easy to just escape into nature and still be far away from those pesky humans. Sandra is a college professor, and she's doing online teaching. It's a major headache but it keeps her occupied. And I have the home recording studio, which I love. So, I've been in there every day! I've been working on a solo cd, and now I have enough material prepared to release a boxed set:) Not playing with other musicians live, and not being able to see my grandkids really stinks. But it's easy to count your blessings these days:)"

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### 3 Strange Habits Picked Up in Asia

Travel changes you. It changes everything about you, from the smallest of things (still can't get over that ph\_ is typically \$10 or

more here when it costs maybe \$1 in Vietnam) to the biggest of things (existential crisis anyone?). Naturally, I'm no exception. Traveling for the past several years has altered me- my personality,



my outlook on life, what's most important to me, everything. Even when returning home, the changes reverberate through me. I can't do much to stop it- even the strangest of habits I picked up along the way.

Some of the oddest of them all I picked up from my time in Asia. Among the many, here are just three of my favorites.

- 1. Never being without toilet paper/tissues and hand sanitizer

From an outsider's view (and from one's view not during a pandemic), this may sound silly.

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**Her Quirky Journey:**

(From Pg. 11) I mean, why would I need to bring toilet paper with me everywhere I go? Bathrooms almost always provide them. And most places have soap, too!

Yes, typically, in the US, they do. But, while I was in China, Vietnam, Korea, Indonesia, and other such countries, I'd wager that 5% of bathrooms supplied toilet paper- for free. I'd say 40% offered toilet paper for a price, but the rest? No such thing as toilet paper. Instead, a lot offered a hose! Satirically, this mechanism has a great nickname among travelers: the "bum gun!" And soap?! Keep dreaming.

2. Head-on-a-swivel on sidewalks

In places like Thailand, Vietnam, China, and Indonesia, the locals absolutely adore motorbikes- but they hate traffic. So, where do they often drive their motorbikes? On the sidewalk. And, no, they don't much care if you're in the way. They'll honk at you until you move because, of course, you're in their way! Due to this fact, no matter where I am in the world, I am constantly looking over my shoulder for motorbikes while walking on sidewalks! I must look like a neurotic person whenever I'm walking outside.

3. Uh... Hell-o?

I have been experiencing this one a lot lately. Whenever interacting with humans (albeit rarely as of late) here in the US, my mind bounces back and forth much like a ping-pong ball on how to greet people. Xin Chào? N\_h\_o? Hola? Hello? What do you speak!? Not only that, but the way in which I speak to people has drastically changed. Since I've grown used to having to converse with people whose first language isn't English while abroad, I've also become accustomed to speaking slower, using very simple sentences, and using simple vocabulary. You can imagine the odd looks I've been getting at places like gas stations when I say, "How...are...you?" And then, "Thank...you" accompanied with a weird bow (also customary in a lot of Asian countries I've visited). Freak much?

It's been said that "travel changes you," but, I certainly didn't expect these awkward alterations to me and my life

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## Time and the Valleys Museum Participating in Hudson Valley Gives Virtual Fundraiser on May 20th

(From Pg. 1) Because of the current crisis, the Museum is experiencing a significant financial loss of shop, grant, admission, program and field trip income. At the same time, in this era of stay-at-home orders and social distancing, the Museum strives to reach out virtually and continue on its mission to engage people of all ages about the importance of water, people and the Catskills.

A donation to the Time and the Valleys Museum on May 20th through Hudson Valley Gives will create:

- o fascinating webinars
- o k-12 teacher training webinars
- o engaging on-line materials for all ages
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Donations can be made through midnight on Wednesday, May 20th, by going to <https://www.hvgives.org/organizations/time-and-the-valleys-museum>. Donation can also be sent any time to Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York, 12740.

About Hudson Valley Gives: The COVID-19 outbreak has left many nonprofit organizations in the Hudson Valley with uncertain futures since key revenue-gathering events like galas and walks had to be cancelled due to social distancing. That's why the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan (CFOS) is moving forward with its fifth annual Hudson Valley Gives on May 20, a completely online fundraising opportunity for nonprofits in the region.

Over the last four years, Hudson Valley Gives has supported hundreds of nonprofits in seven Hudson Valley counties. "Nonprofits are facing unprecedented financial challenges due to the pandemic and are simultaneously tasked with delivering services to the most vulnerable populations," said Elizabeth Rowley, President and CEO of CFOS. "It's important for the fabric of our communities that these organizations have an opportunity to raise needed funds to keep their doors open. Hudson Valley Gives provides that opportunity in an entirely safe, online fashion."

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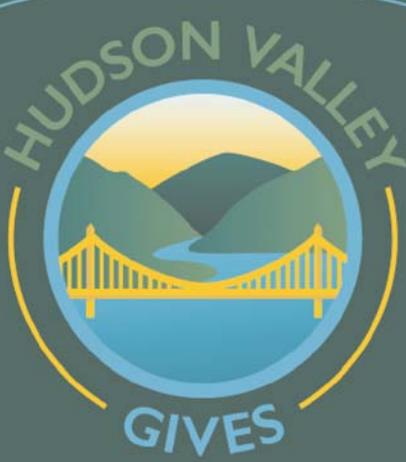
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About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Current exhibitions when reopening:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School. Scheduled to open 2020.

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



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**Commissioner, Senator to Join Upcoming Sullivan County Town Halls**

Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty announces that Sullivan County Health & Family Services Commissioner Stephanie Brown and NYS Senator Jen Metzger will join Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potosek and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw for Live Town Halls this coming week.

Commissioner Brown will be the guest presenter at Monday's Town Hall, while Senator Metzger will speak at Thursday's Town Hall. Both programs will begin at 1 p.m.

"Stephanie is deeply vested in the health, safety and welfare of the people of this County, where she grew up," Doherty stated. "She will share the latest interesting and useful info on coronavirus, while Jen will give us updates from the State level, and I encourage the public to submit questions for both of them to answer."

Questions can be submitted via either email at [sctownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:sctownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us) or private message to [www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov](http://www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov) by 7 a.m. the day of the particular Town Hall (May 18 and 21). They should be related to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) concerns and issues, phrased respectfully and apolitically.

The Town Halls will begin at 1 p.m. May 18 and 21 at [www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov](http://www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov). The videos will also be made available to view afterwards on the Coronavirus info page on the County's website, [www.sullivanny.us](http://www.sullivanny.us).

**Want to Be a Contact Tracer?**

**Sullivan Helping State Assemble Team**

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw announces that the State of New York has launched a new and urgent effort to curb the spread of COVID-19.

New York State plans to hire a team of 6,400 to 17,000 staff Statewide, depending on the projected number of COVID-19 cases, to support the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) and local health departments to perform contact tracing in communities across NYS. To meet the scale and scope of this program, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Vital Strategies: Resolve to Save Lives and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will support building the team through a three-step process: recruitment, interviewing and training.

"The aim of this initiative will be to call every person diagnosed with COVID-19, establish all contacts of this person, and proceed to call and maintain ongoing communication with every contact," McGraw explained, based on guidance from NYSDOH. "In addition, the team will support the isolation and quarantine of individuals, as appropriate, in cooperation with Public Health Services. This includes virtual needs checks and referral to community resources as needed."

"This contact tracing initiative is in tandem with Statewide efforts to increase testing, improve communication and knowledge of effective strategies to reduce transmission, and implementation of isolation and quarantine," added District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, who chairs the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "This will fortify efforts to control the pandemic in NYS."

The first goal is to help the State identify and recruit a robust Contact Tracing team. To be considered, candidates must be a New York State resident 18 years of age or older; meet the position description requirement; go through an interview process; and complete a training and certification program.

New York State is looking to immediately fill the following paid roles:

- o Contact Tracers: reach out to the contacts of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 to assess symptoms, ensure compliance with quarantine and determine social support needs.

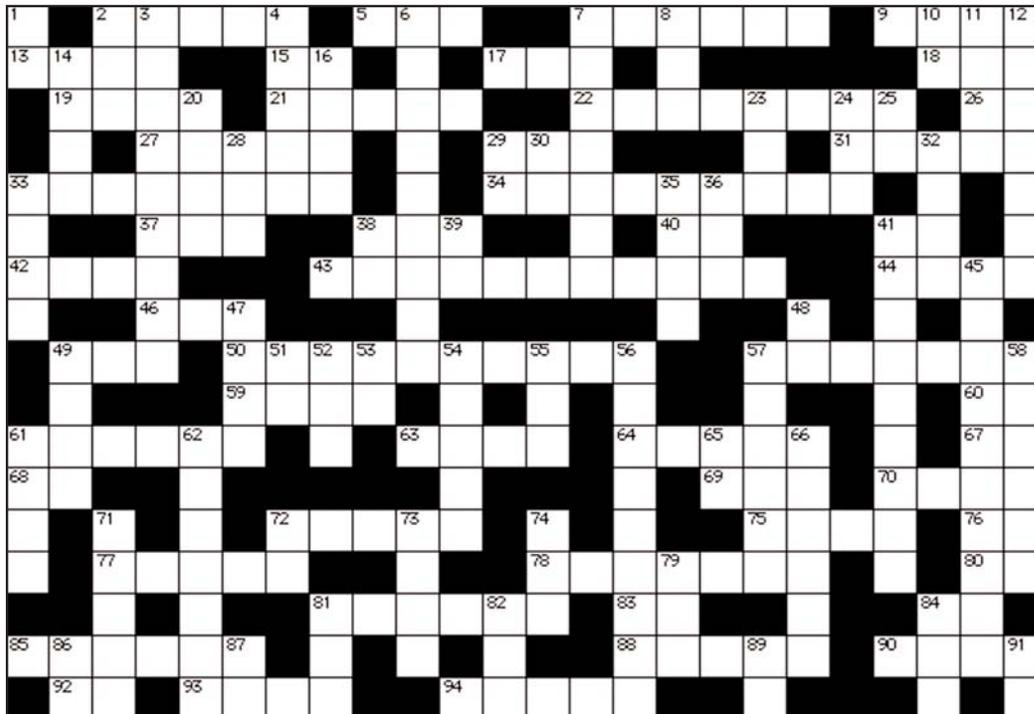
- o Team Supervisors: lead a team of 20 Contact Tracers, and one Community Support Specialist who are working remotely using digital tools.

- o Community Support Specialists: work with the team and the local health departments to address the physical/mental health and social/human service needs of those contacted, especially those who are under isolation or quarantine.

If you or someone you know in New York State is interested in applying to be a part of the Contact Tracing team, visit:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help>.

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Easy Crispy Fried Chicken

- 4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 tablespoons garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 3 teaspoons pepper, divided
- 2-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 2 large eggs
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 broiler/fryer chickens (3-1/2 to 4 pounds each), cut up
- Oil for deep-fat frying

In a large shallow dish, combine 2-2/3 cups flour, 2 tablespoons garlic salt, 1 table-spoon paprika, 2-1/2 teaspoons pepper and 2-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning.

In another shallow dish, beat eggs and 1-1/2 cups water; add 1 teaspoon salt and the remaining 1-1/3 cup flour and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Dip chicken in egg mixture, then place in the flour mixture, a few pieces at a time. Turn to coat.

In a deep-fat fryer, heat oil to 375°. Working in batches, fry chicken, several pieces at a time, until golden brown and a thermometer inserted into chicken reads 165°, about 7-8 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels

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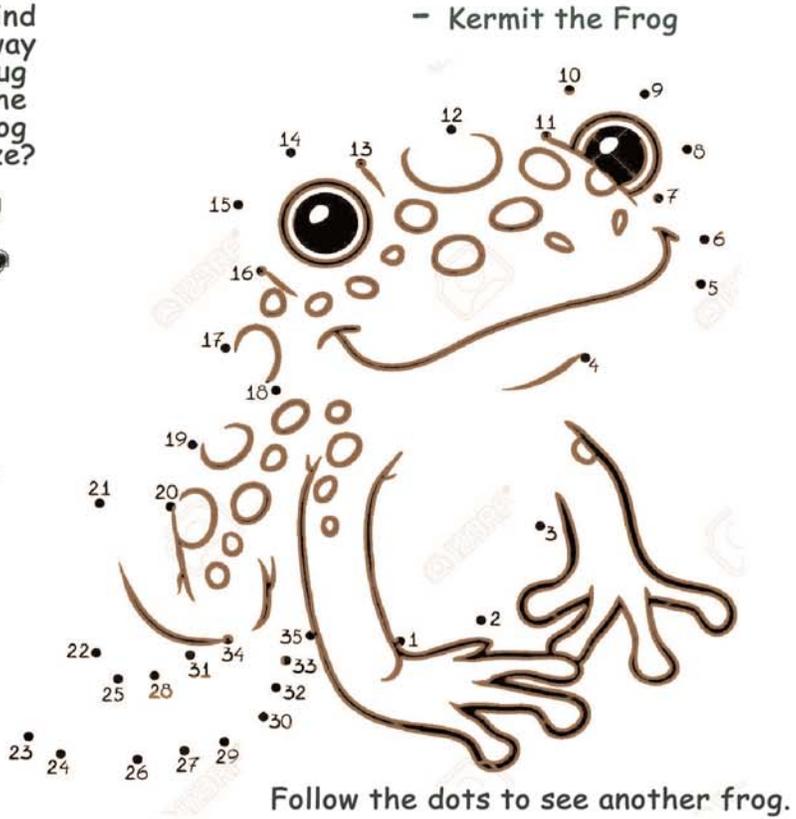
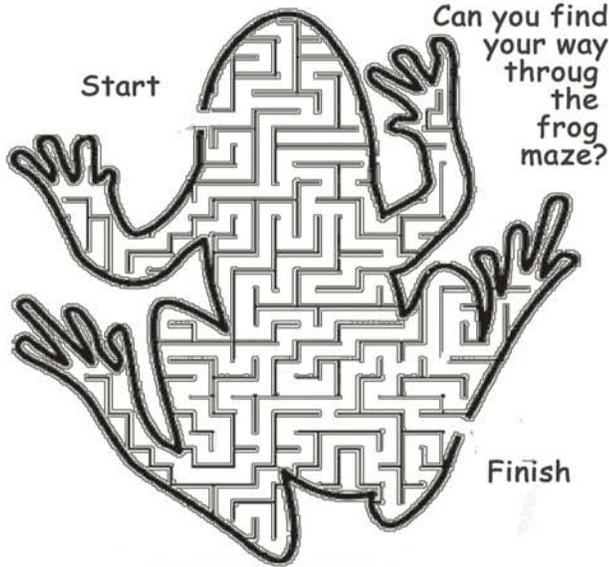
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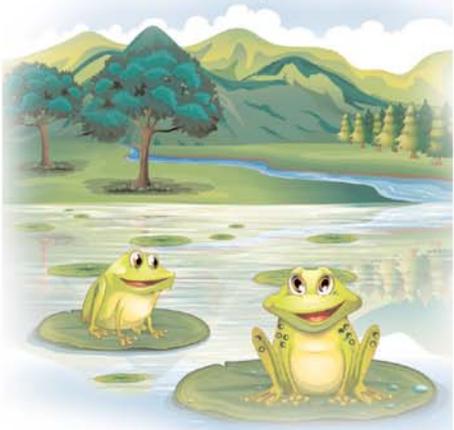
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## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,  
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AT GRAHAMSVILLE  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

MAY 5, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held virtually via YouTube Live on:

May 28, 2020  
At 6:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, will be posted on the District's website and may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the **VOTE** upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2020-2021 school year budget and the **VOTING** for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot only. Absentee ballots will be mailed to every qualified voter of the District on or before May 29, 2020. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that self-nominating petitions of candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 2020. Self-nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2020, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Patrick Kelly  
Christopher Gozza  
Randy McGregor

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing virtually on May 28, 2020.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for June 2, 2020 and June 3, 2020 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 4, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 19, 2020. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote. Potential voters who are concerned about appearing for personal registration due to COVID-19 risks, may register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles voter registration website at the following URL: <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Potential voters may also register by downloading a Voter Registration Form from the New York State Board of Elections website (<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm>), completing it, and mailing it to the Sullivan County Board of Elections at the address listed on the second page of the form.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk at (845) 985-2296, ext. 5102 and [normapena@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:normapena@trivalleycsd.org). For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 14, 2020. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The School District will transmit military ballots to military voters on May 15, 2020. Completed military ballots must be received by the School District by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted.

A list of persons to whom absentee voter ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the District Office until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Such written challenge will be transmitted by the District Clerk to the inspectors of election on the day of the vote.

Please be advised that due to the ongoing and dynamic nature of the response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the dates and procedures relating to school elections may be subject to change pursuant to the Governor's executive authority or through legislative enactments.

By order of the Board of Education  
Norma Peña, District Clerk

## LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE TO THE TOWN HALL BEING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CORONA (COVID19) VIRUS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK PLANNING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
MICHAEL DEAN, CHAIRMAN

NOTICE

Unfortunately, due to Governor Cuomo's COVID 19 regulations of no large gatherings, the Memorial Day flag exchange ceremony scheduled for May 25, 2020 will be CANCELLED. This is a very difficult break in tradition but we will all see each other on Veteran's Day in November.

As we drive by the cemetery on Memorial Day, we can honor the Veteran's that have passed either in time of war or at home in this great country by keeping them in our hearts, minds and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Geri Gorton

## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law, Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:

**LOW ABRASION CRUSHED STONE** in the following sizes:

1A - 1/4 inch

#1 - 1/2 inch

1ST - 3/8 inch

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#3

Surge Stone - Light Stone Fill up to 16 Inches

Surge Stone - Medium Stone Fill up to 600 Pounds

**FINE DRY SCREENINGS**

**COURSE 1B SCREENINGS**

**CRUSHER RUN - FINE & COARSE**

**GRAVEL CRUSHER RUN - FINE & COARSE**

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays. Please call 845-985-2262 x 307 to make arrangements for pickup.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, June 8, 2020** at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK  
May 18, 2020

Please be aware that the **STOP-DWI Program's Victim Impact Panel** scheduled for May 19 at the **Sullivan County Government Center** has been **CANCELLED**.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**FREE NOTARY, PHOTOCOPIES, & FAXING**

William A. Brenner, attorney in Grahamsville, has a sign on his office lawn stating: "Due to crisis, FREE Notary, Photocopies, and FAX."

The Neversink Town Hall, Daniel Pierce Library and Tri-Valley School (where these services are normally provided) are all currently closed. The Catskill Hudson Bank is open, but doing business behind locked doors due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

This free community service is to assist older townsfolk and families without computers affected by new federal and state assistance forms and pension and Court forms requiring notarized signatures and immediate filing.

WILLIAM A. BRENNER  
Route 55 at Route 42  
T: (845) 985-7411  
F: (845) 985-0274

**Message from Olive Free Library:**

The Olive Free Library is closed until further notice. All in-person programs, events, and meetings have also been cancelled until further notice. The Olive Free Library is closed until further notice. All in-person programs, events, and meetings have also been cancelled until further notice.

Please keep any library materials you still have at home. Our return box is not being emptied every day. Due dates for items have been extended until June 30th. If you have any questions about this, please email [director@olivefreelibrary.org](mailto:director@olivefreelibrary.org).

DONATIONS...

Thank you for thinking of us, but we are not accepting any donations during this time.

Please do not leave any items in the book return or on top of it!

Thank you!

**SUNY Sullivan Offers Non-credit Community Learning Classes Online**

SUNY Sullivan is pleased to offer non-credit Community Learning classes online. This personal enrichment class can be accessed through Zoom on your PC, laptop computer or phone. Participants must register to confirm their space.

Please Note: An email invitation link will be sent 24-hours prior to the class. The same link should be used for both sessions.

To Register Go To: <https://sunysullivan.edu/job-searching-in-pandemic-times>

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For more information contact: [hmorse@sunysullivan.edu](mailto:hmorse@sunysullivan.edu)



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*Due to the recent extension of NY on PAUSE, we are postponing this year's Wings & Wheels for Warriors to Saturday, June 20th with a rain date of Sunday, June 21st. It is our hope that this highly anticipated event will be a bright spot for our community. We are watching the Covid-19 situation carefully and will continue updates on the event as this new date approaches.*

## **Senator Metzger Joins with Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Sullivan and Ulster Counties to Distribute Protective Supplies to Farms and Farm Workers**

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...This past week State Senator Metzger (SD-42) joined Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan and Ulster Counties to distribute sanitizer solution and face-coverings for farms and farmers' markets as part of a State initiative to assist farms, which are essential businesses, to continue to operate safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Friday in Liberty, Senator Metzger joined CCE Sullivan to distribute NYS Clean, a 75% alcohol solution, to Sullivan County farmers who responded to a survey put out by CCE Sullivan's Ag and Food Systems team. The following day, Metzger, who chairs the Senate's Agriculture Committee, joined CCE Ulster to distribute face-coverings and sanitizer to farmers and farm workers as they set up for the Kingston farmers' market.

"I was happy to work with CCE Sullivan and Ulster staff in distributing hand sanitizer and masks for farmers and farm workers in Sullivan and Ulster County who continue to labor during this pandemic to contribute to our food supply," said Senator Metzger. "As Senate Agriculture Chair, I have been pressing for increased assistance to our farms during this crisis, and was pleased to see this commitment of critical supplies. I want to thank CCEs across the state for distributing these supplies, and for all the work the Extensions are doing to support our farms in this challenging time."

Getting COVID-19 information and resources to the public has been a major priority of Senator Metzger's, and she has put together informative materials in Spanish and English for the communities she represents.

In early April, Senator Metzger sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to swiftly aid New York's dairy farms, which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The joint letter with the State Senate's Rural Resources Commission, signed by six Senators, requested that the USDA immediately direct to the New York dairy industry a portion of the \$9.5 billion set aside for agriculture in the \$2.2 trillion federal relief package, known as the CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27. In late April, Metzger joined five New York State lawmakers in urging federal representatives to prioritize rural communities in the next federal economic stimulus bill.

Colleen Monaghan, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County said, "CCE Sullivan is pleased to work with New York State to ensure our local farm operations have access to all the tools they need to keep their workers and patrons safe as the 2020 season ramps up. Thank you to Senator Metzger for partnering with us on distribution!"

Jared Buono, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Ulster County said, "It is heartening to know that so many recognize and support our farmers including Senator Metzger. People are more and more seeking local, trusted sources of food and they increasingly turn to our farmers who, in addition to producing some of the best food in the world, are the backbone of our food system and economy. It is an honor to be able to work alongside the Senator to distribute essential and hard-to-find supplies to producers in our area."

Matt Igoe, President of the Rondout Valley Growers Association, Inc. said, "Thanks to Senator Metzger for help with the heavy lifting on Saturday at the Kingston farmers' market! 50 mile per hour gusts and snow flurries in May couldn't stop the delivery of hand sanitizer to farm stands. Let's keep our farms' workers safe as they work to provide fresh, healthy, local food for our community."

Due to the Coronavirus, Church services have been cancelled. All local church information will remain as usual so that contact information will be available through this sad time. Some churches are providing services on-line. Check with your parish for updated information.

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

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



**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

9:00 am to 12 noon  
To be Announced

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



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

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

**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 3:45 to 4:15 pm  
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator  
(845) 434-7643



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

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

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

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

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
845-985-2283 • e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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Worship Service 9:30 am  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
845-985-7480

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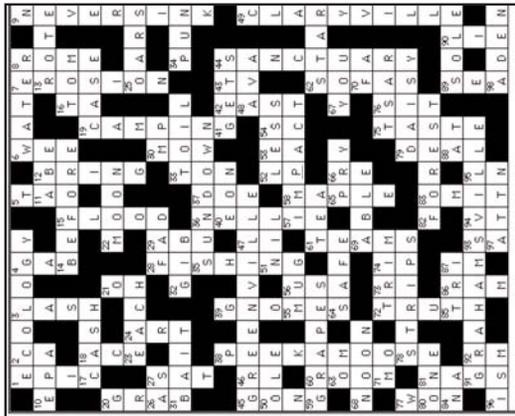
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

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

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



**All Aboard!** Canceled until further notice  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
**FREE FUN**  
 every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also  
**WANTED**  
 People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU  
 answer

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**Time and the Valleys Museum's Program in June is Cancelled; Two Programs in May and the 1930s Catskill Farm Hoedown in July are Postponed**

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Unfortunately, this press release is not asking to advertise one of our educational programs, but to announce two postponements and one cancellation.

Two programs in May are postponed:

1. **The Museum's annual opening date of Saturday, May 24th is postponed until further notice.**
2. **The opening reception of a new exhibit on one room school houses of the Tri-Valley area, schedule for Sunday May 31st is postponed until further notice.**

Also -

1. **The Lost Catskill Farm Afternoon on Sunday, June 7th is cancelled.**
2. **The 1930s Catskill Farm Hoedown scheduled for Saturday, July 25th is postponed.**

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Current exhibitions when reopening:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening summer, 2020.

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

# CLOSED

## DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

The library is closed until further notice due to the current public health crisis.

All library materials that are checked out are now due back June 1, 2020. We do not want to take a chance of anyone incurring fines during this time so we have changed the due dates for all patrons. We encourage you to hold on to your items and return them once we re-open.

DPL staff members are checking voicemails and emails daily (Monday through Friday) while we are closed to the public. We will do our best to return your call in a timely manner.

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates, online programming and educational resources. You can also access E-books, audiobooks, streaming media, and digital resources anytime.

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 or visit our Virtual Mall [gnomehome.net](http://gnomehome.net)

**PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO MAKE CERTAIN OF CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19**

Many organization and municipalities are now using the internet to conduct meetings and to communicate with members and the community.

We welcome all organizations and municipalities who will be utilizing the internet to to do so and to submit their contact information (URL) and we will post the information on our Calendar of Events.

Send your information to: [tvtownsmay@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsmay@yahoo.com).

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>

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

5/20/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

**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.

**COVID-19 ONLINE BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

This on-line support group is new and is for those who have lost a loved one to Covid-19.

The link below goes to our page with all information.

Go to:

<https://hospiceoforange.com/grief-symptoms-can-be-heightened-during-this-current-community-health-crisis/>

**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.

**Message from Neversink EMS**

I am the captain of Neversink EMS. As a community service, we are making and distributing fabric facemask to the community. We would appreciate your mentioning this in the paper. We will have them available at the Neversink post office, or I can be contacted directly on my cell 845-866-5660. There is no charge - this is a labor of love. We hope that everyone is staying safe.

*Ann Bivins*

**Claryville Volunteer Fire Department  
Seeking Help to Celebrate  
65th Anniversary**

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at [jkeesler1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkeesler1@yahoo.com) or 845-985-7879.

**Time and the Valleys  
One Room School Project  
Question??**

Does anyone in the community have info about a possible Beaver Dam or Curry school? If so would you please share with our researchers? 845-985-7012

The Staff is also looking forward to hearing from community families whose ancestors might have experienced schooling at one room schools. We are specifically looking for the following pre 1920 items: lunch pails or boxes; children's clothing and toys; two 48 star flags; ice skates; bikes; pictures or other memorabilia of former schools.

## Sullivan Part of Mid-Hudson Reopening Plan State Will Make Determination Based on Region as a Whole

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek today affirmed that the Mid-Hudson Region has reached five of the seven metrics the State has set to begin a phased reopening amidst the COVID-19 crisis. Those five metrics are a 14-day decline in hospitalizations, at least 30% of local hospital beds available, at least 30% of local ICU beds available, at least 30 tests per 1,000 residents per month, and a State-approved number of contact tracers.

"There are two metrics we haven't met," he explained during today's Live Town Hall (viewable on the County's website, [sullivan.ny.us](http://sullivan.ny.us)). "One is that new hospitalizations have to be under two individuals per 100,000. The region is at 2.38. The other indicator is a 14-day decline in hospital deaths. As of Wednesday, we were on day four of that decline, so hopefully that continues trending in the right direction."

Sullivan is in the Mid-Hudson Region, defined by the State to include Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties. That region remains under the "NY on Pause" restrictions.

"Our figures get rolled up into the region. At some point determined by the State's metrics, all of the counties in that region will proceed to Phase I of the reopening, even if one or two counties aren't meeting the full criteria," Potosek remarked.

The County Manager serves on the Regional Control Board for the Mid-Hudson, comprised of leaders from the aforementioned counties. Through that and other venues, he has expressed to the State the public's deep desire to know whether State-regulated summer camps will be opening this season.

"The State has acknowledged our concern about opening camps safely. We want them to open safely," Potosek stated. "But if they cannot open safely, we are hopeful the State will make a decision sooner rather than later, so there is clarity for all of us. In the meantime, we'll continue to prudently plan for their potential reopening, so that we're ready if the State decides they can open."

The State's reopening map and dashboard are available at <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>.

## UC Executive Ryan and Congressman Delgado hold Live Facebook Town Hall on COVID-19

*County Executive Ryan and Congressman Delgado directly take residents questions and share federal and local resources for residents*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan held a Facebook Live Town Hall today with Congressman Delgado (NY-19) to update and inform residents on Ulster County and Congress' response to COVID-19. With over 6,000 viewers, County Executive Ryan and Congressman Delgado received over 200 questions from residents ranging from assistance for small businesses to support for nursing homes.

"This is how government should work. Leaders at every level cooperating and working to help people in moments of crisis," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank Congressman Delgado for joining us and speaking to our shared constituents. I am looking forward to continuing our work to protect the health and safety of our residents."

"For months, our state and local governments have been fighting on the front lines to support our communities' response to this pandemic," Rep. Antonio Delgado said. "I was glad to join Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan to discuss the urgent need to include assistance for local governments in future legislation, including my

bipartisan bill to ensure every community, regardless of size, receives federal coronavirus funding. Our government works best when we are synced and responsive to the needs on the ground. I'm grateful for the opportunity to join today's conversation and know we will continue to work together to advocate for upstate priorities."

In response to early projections showing a 10% decline in revenue for Ulster County due to COVID-19, County Executive Pat Ryan published an op-ed in the Albany Times Union calling for direct federal assistance to communities working to combat the pandemic.

Last week, Congressman Antonio Delgado announced new legislation, the Direct Support for Communities Act, which provides local governments with direct federal relief that can be used to pay for essential services and offset lost revenues and increased costs from the COVID-19 emergency.

There are currently 1,505 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 58 fatalities in Ulster County.

To watch the Facebook Live Town Hall, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/108553972524812/videos/679466972832159/>

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888

NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

## USDA to Host Webinar for Producers Interested in Applying for Direct Payments through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Producers new to Farm Service Agency programs are encouraged to participate

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) will host a webinar on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 1 p.m. ET, for farmers, ranchers and other producers interested in applying for direct payments through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

This webinar is an opportunity for producers to learn about the general application process and required documentation prior to the official beginning of signup. Producers interested in participating may register in advance for webinar at [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_SPWI7yOFSqaG6lJKzhEbjA](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_SPWI7yOFSqaG6lJKzhEbjA).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. We encourage participants to submit questions through the Q&A box or by emailing [CFAP.webinars@usda.gov](mailto:CFAP.webinars@usda.gov). While questions will not be answered live during the webinar, answers will be posted at [farmers.gov/CFAP](https://farmers.gov/CFAP).

USDA is hosting this webinar to share what information is needed to apply for direct payments through CFAP, once the application period begins. Producers who are new to participating in FSA programs are especially encouraged to join the webinar. More details about CFAP direct payments will be announced soon.

As part of President Trump and Secretary Perdue's April 17 announcement of a \$19 billion Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program, USDA will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted. Also, USDA will assist eligible producers facing additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.

A recording of the webinar, the answers to its questions, and other CFAP information can be found at <https://farmers.gov/CFAP>.

## UC Executive Ryan holds Fourth Small Business Town Hall

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today held his fourth small business Town Hall since the outbreak of COVID-19. He was joined by over 300 business owners to update them on the county's response to COVID-19 and how businesses can prepare to safely re-open. Ulster County Executive Ryan has also proclaimed this Saturday, May 16, as the second "Shop Ulster Saturday," in a joint effort with the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce to support business impacted by COVID-19 by purchasing online gift certificates.

"Running a business can be a challenge under regular circumstances and now more than ever we must help our business owners by providing them the tools needed to open their doors in a safe and responsible way once New York State allows us to," County Executive Ryan said. "I am proud of the progress Ulster County has made toward meeting Governor Andrew Cuomo's guidelines for Phase One opening, but the Mid-Hudson Region as a whole still has work to do before the State will permit anyone to reopen. My office and the Office of Economic Development are working non-stop to meet the needs of our business community and we stand ready to help ensure that our businesses can reopen in a safe and responsible way."

"Thank you County Executive Ryan for your commitment to local small businesses and helping them prepare to open once it is safe to do so," Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce President Ward Todd said. "While we wait for the safe moment to reopen, now is the time to roll out your virtual red carpets and welcome online shoppers, either through special incentives, BOGOs, or anyway you can make it easier for shoppers to buy your goods, products, or services."

Ulster County businesses are encouraged to reach out to the Ulster County Department of Economic Development and to visit NY Forward for updates about re-opening.

All businesses in New York State will be required to develop their own safety plans before reopening, in alignment with Governor Cuomo's NY Forward Plan. According to guidance released by the Ulster County Office of Economic Development, the 56 industry category sectors included in the Phase 1 reopening should begin preparing now so they may safely and legally reopen once the Pause is lifted in the Mid-Hudson region.

While plans do not have to be submitted to New York State for approval, they must be retained on the premises of the business and be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Safety plan templates are available by visiting <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase> and guidance and resources specific to Ulster County can be found at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/businesses/>

Earlier this week, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan relaunched the Ulster County COVID-19 Dashboard which allows users to see where Ulster County and the broader Mid-Hudson Region stand in relation to Governor Andrew Cuomo's phased reopening plan.

Currently, Ulster County meets 7 of 7 and the Mid-Hudson Region meets 5 of the 7. The Mid-Hudson Region includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Under Governor Andrew Cuomo's plan, regions that meet all 7 criteria are allowed to open certain businesses. The Phase One reopening plan would allow for construction, manufacturing, retail (curbside pickup), wholesale trade, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

For additional information about COVID-19 visit:

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## Orange and Sullivan COVID-19 Response Fund

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan is launching the CFOS COVID-19 Response Fund to address immediate and longer-term needs of residents in Orange and Sullivan counties.

This fund will issue grants to established nonprofit organizations that provide front-line services to our most vulnerable populations - food for our neediest families and essentials, such as prescription drug deliveries to homebound senior citizens and people with compromised immune systems. The impacts of the novel coronavirus are uncertain and continue to mount. The COVID-19 Response Fund will be a funding resource for those in need.

Through consultation with our community partners, we are gathering information about how to effectively provide immediate support, with the understanding that the impacts may be long-lasting and recovery for many will be a difficult process.

We are grateful for our initial funding partners including the Kaplan Family Private Foundations, Rowley Family Foundation, Ralph E. Ogden Foundation, Frommer & Spagnoli Families, Barbara Martinsons, RJ Smith & Family and Dominic & Amy Cordisco for committing quickly and contributing generously so that we can respond without delay. For those that are able, we hope that you, too, will donate today to help our neighbors in need. 100% of your donation will stay here in Orange and Sullivan counties.

Thank you for your spirit of generosity and commitment to help others in this time of heightened need and uncertainty. We are honored to provide our generous community members with a way to help their neighbors through this health crisis.

Apply here:

<https://sullivancatskills.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=539ccb5d38316ed0f8d1b5c2d&id=f1e519d53d&e=57c75669bf>

## Guess What's Coming Back? Litter Pluck! Popular Countywide Roadside Event Returned May 18

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature announces that the County's Annual Roadside Litter Pluck Event will take place from Monday, May 18 through Tuesday, June 30, 2020. During that time, the County will waive the waste disposal fee for roadside litter plucked bags, through the County's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Department and the Division of Public Works.

Parks, Agriculture & Sustainability Policy Committee Chair and District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez encourages County residents to check with their local municipalities, as there are several organized litter pluck events being planned throughout the County.

"Participation in a town- or village-organized litter pluck event is a great opportunity for our residents to help combat litter at a local level - and you can do it while still social distancing!" he affirmed.

"Even during this crisis, we need to look our best, and Litter Pluck is a hassle-free, cost-free way to spruce up our communities," added District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Public Works Committee.

Residents who wish to participate in the County's Roadside Litter Pluck event may pick up their free labeling stickers that adhere to clear garbage bags to identify the bag as roadside litter on or after March 23 at their town or village hall (if open) or County-operated transfer station. The Parks Office is also able to mail stickers to local addresses (use the phone number below).

While no coupons are required, all Roadside Litter Plucked refuse must be placed in clear bags and an event sticker adhered to the bag. Participants will be asked to register at the County-operated Transfer Station at the time of disposal.

For more information about Litter Pluck, please call Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beautification at 845-807-0287.

## Esopus Fire Department Throws Rowdy Parade Through Entire Town as "Thank You" Tribute to Medical Care Workers

On Saturday, May 9, 2020, the firemen of the Esopus Fire Department threw an intimate and very loud parade through the Town of Esopus in a "thank you" tribute to all Medical Care Workers. The parade was limited to the members of the Esopus Fire Department, with its four fire trucks filled with firemen; 2 ambulances, an EMT van, the Chief's and the Assistant Chief's car and a number of unidentified vehicles all with various colored lights flashing on top or in the grill. And the parade was sort of private and personal. The Coronavirus has caused cancellation of parades and other events due to crowd control, and the advising to stay indoors and away from crowds.

This parade went up and down virtually every road and street in the entire Town of Esopus. It crisscrossed Route 9W and railroad tracks.



The spectators looked out through windows or sat on the porch waving and applauding. Many homes had signs on the lawn reading "THANK YOU MEDICAL CARE WORKERS". And the parade was loud - very loud! At the County Volunteer

Fireman's parades, the engines are shiny, the uniform firemen proudly march in steps with bands, boy and girl scouts and community floats. By firematic regulations, Fire engine sirens are silent during parades. Well a different story can be told for this Esopus "thank you" parade!

The parade kicked off from the firehouse onto Route 9W at 3PM with the traditional siren. As the parade went North on 9W, then turned down a narrow two lane, curvy residential side street, the Fire Engine sirens continued; and the First Aid and EMT vehicle's sirens joined in. Then the car, van and truck horns started beeping. The spectators seemed to love the non-stop noise. The lead fire truck had a multicolored, lit, spinning pinwheel on the front grill of the fire truck. All the blinking, flashing and revolving lights on the fire trucks and first aid vehicles and the following vehicles kept flashing their lights throughout the parade.

Esopus Fire Chief Will Freer and Assistant Chief Michael Cormuto directed the logistics of the parade route, as well as handled traffic control, assisted by the driver of the Departments Rescue Vehicle (especially crossing Route 9W). Starting when the Parade first kicked off from the firehouse onto Route 9W, the Chief and his vehicle stopped northbound traffic, and the Assistant Chief held off southbound 9W traffic, while the Rescue Vehicle driver held back side-road traffic - all amid the sirens, horns and flashing lights. Even the stopped car and truck drivers waved and honked in appreciation of our medical care workers.

When the small, loud parade pulled onto a side street, the parade pulled to the side to let the three traffic control vehicles drive past to the next obstacle on the route. No road or street ends at the Town of Esopus border-line. So by pre-planning at each town border, there was a turn-around for the fire trucks. As supervised by the Chief's, each truck turned around and headed back up the side street, passing, waving, and honking to other vehicles still going down. This "turnaround"



situation occurred repeatedly along the narrow curvy side streets while the town residents sat on their porch, driveway or lawn, cheering and holding signs as the parade passed them. This explains why this parade, by necessity, was kept small and local. The only non-local permitted by vote of the members to participate was a one-year-old Dalmatian, fire-dog named "Cody", owned by Bill Brenner, a member of the Grahamsville Fire Department in Sullivan County. Brenner telephoned and said Cody loves parades. Cody rode with head and paws out the window in Brenner's car with a sign saying "Say Hi to Cody!". Dogs are usually terrified of loud sirens, but Cody quickly got into the spirit of the event and began barking above all other noise at the kids, parents, old folks and grazing deer.

After an hour of parading up and down roads and remote streets, the parade returned towards the firehouse, but suddenly turned onto "Old Post Road", a trail road leading steeply up into the Catskill Mountains. The parade wound up the hill past the maple tree sap tubes, a long fence lined with hub caps and old license plates; a sign saying "Keep out Shootin' Range"; and a sign at the top of the mountain saying "Road Narrows".

There were also beautiful secluded homes, and ponds with beautiful stone dams and artistic rockwork amidst cliffs and huge stone escarpments. The parade drove in cold weather and between occasional snow whiteouts. Near the top of one mountain, the parade drove past a small Ulster Park post office by a single railroad track before heading down the mountain. Halfway down, the parade got held up for about five minutes as a train rumbled past on that single railroad track. In the midst of nowhere was a road marker about Sojourner Truth, who lived in Escopus and would travel to the courthouse in Kingston, many miles away in her Crusade against slavery. Finally back on 9W, the parade went into the Trabajan Aquí Children's House of Poughkeepsie, driving past the 6 residential houses. All the children had left leaving a small support staff.

At 5:15PM, two hours after it started, the parade and its exhausted participants returned to the Esopus Firehouse. The members gave Bill Brenner an Esopus Fire Department t-shirt and a large homemade cupcake, which a swift Cody grabbed.

This was an enthusiastic, joyful, perhaps rowdy, and emotional demonstration of one of many communities expressing their deepest gratitude for the work and dedication of medical care workers and those performing essential services and the many contributing volunteers in this time of crisis. I thought it was worth mentioning.

## Town of Hardenburgh- Ulster County

### State Land Enforcement:

On May 7, Forest Rangers Richard Franke and Lt. Rob Morse were patrolling Alder Lake following a complaint about individuals picking ramps and leeks on State land. Rangers witnessed numerous individuals with packs and bags full of ramps/leeks throughout the day. The individuals did not have a DEC permit and Rangers determined the large volume was not intended for personal consumption, making the harvest illegal. Two tickets were issued for depositing trash on State land, six tickets for defacing, removing, and destroying plants on State land, and one ticket was issued for violating the penal law on State land. Forest Rangers seized approximately 100 pounds of ramps and leeks that the officers offered to local food banks.

### Statewide

New York State COVID-19 Response: DEC personnel from across agency divisions and regions statewide continue to support the State's response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Personnel from more than 20 New York State agencies are working on response efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. DEC Forest Rangers' expertise in the Incident Command System (ICS) and experience in applying ICS to wide area searches and large wildland fire have made them a key part of this statewide effort.

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**While the Grahamsville Deli is closed for now due to COVID-19, we hope you will soon be able to once again enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!**  
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8:00 PM SATURDAY (War, 1960)

The true story of a heroic Marine, who was fluent in Japanese language and customs. This is Marine, **Gary Gabaldon**. He was born in Los Angeles, California.



Gabaldon, who was of **Mexican descent**, was one of seven children. He was raised in East Los Angeles. As a ten-year-old, he helped his family by shining shoes on Skid Row. Gabaldon became a member of a multi-ethnic gang known as the "**Moe Gang**". At age 12, he moved out of his home to

live with the Nakano family, which was of Japanese-American heritage and whom he considered his extended family. He attended language school that helped him learn Japanese.



Guy Louis Gabaldon (March 22, 1926 – August 31, 2006) was a **United States Marine** who, at age 18, captured, and persuaded a Japanese General to surrender over 1,300 Japanese soldiers and civilians

during the battles for Saipan and Tinian islands in 1944 during World War II. Though Gabaldon was recommended for the Medal of Honor, he received the Silver Star, which was upgraded by the Marine Corps to the Navy Cross in 1960. (Contd. Pg. 27)

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**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia**

(From Pg. 26) Also in 1960, a friend of Gabaldon's with Hollywood connections influenced the industry to make a movie about Gabaldon's version of events on Saipan called "Hell to Eternity." He was called 'Gabby' by his friends, but he became known as "The Pied Piper of Saipan" for his heroism on that island. In 1964, he unsuccessfully ran for US Congressman in his Southern California district. In 1990, he authored a book entitled, SAIPAN: SUICIDE ISLAND. (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

**DONT MISS THESE GEMS ALSO;**

6:00 Am "REUNION IN FRANCE" (War, 1942); 8:00 AM "ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY" (War, 1943); 10:00 AM "CORNERED" (Suspense, 1946); 12:00 PM "THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO" (1944); 2:30 PM "THE WINGS OF EAGLES" (Adventure, 1957); 4:30 PM "THE SAND PEBBLES"(War, 1966); 8:00 PM "HELL TO ETERNITY" (War, 1960) 10:15 PM "PRIDE OF THE MARINES" (1945); 12:30 AM "WINGS" (silent, 1927); 3:00 AM



"WESTFRONT" 1918 (war, 1930); 4:45 AM "THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE" (drama, 1951) MONDAY MEMORIAL DAY

6:00 AM "BATTLE CRY" (War, 1955); 8:30 AM "WHERE EAGLES DARE" (War, 1968); 11:15 AM "THE GREAT ESCAPE," (War, 1963)



2:15 PM "THE DIRTY DOZEN," (1967); 5:00 PM "THE BATTLE OF

"THE BULGE" (War, 1965); 8:00 PM "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES" (Drama, 1946); 11:00 PM "TILL THE END OF TIME" (Drama, 1946); 1:00 AM "COMING HOME" (Drama, 1978); 3:30 AM "Homecoming" (Romance, 1948)

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**THE WILD ONE**  
SOME GREATNESS OF "THE METHOD"

(1953, biker drama) One of the best early motorcycle films. Dpictng the rise in oppisition to authoritarian government rule by wandering motorcycle clubs during the aftermath of WWII. The film is set from late 1940's - early 1950's, and is showing the termoids of people of different cultures intergrating into a new era. B/W, PG-14, 79 minutes, CC. Directed by Lasio Benedek, Starring MARLON BRANDO. An Actors tale;



Marlon Brando was in an acting class, they were told to act like chickens and that a nuclear bomb was about to fall on them. Most of the class clucked wildly, but Brando sat calmly squatted and pretended to lay an egg. His logic was chickens, don't know, about atomic bombs.

**MARLON BRANDO Jr.**

(April 3, 1924 – July 1, 2004) was an American actor and film director with a career spanning 60 years, during which he won the Oscar for Best Actor twice. He is well-regarded for his cultural influence on 20th-century film. Brando was also an activist for many causes, notably the civil rights movement and various Native American movements. Having studied with Stella Adler in the 1940s, he is credited with being one of the first actors to bring the Stanislavski system of acting and method acting, derived from the Stanislavski system, to mainstream audiences. Some of Brando's other films include; "On The Waterfront," "Last Tango in Paris," (Contd. Pg. 28)





## Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

(From Pg. 27)

**LEE MARVIN**  
*LAMONT WALTMAN MARVIN JR.*



(February 19, 1924 – August 29, 1987), better known as Lee Marvin, was an American film and television actor. Known for his distinctive voice and premature white hair, Marvin initially appeared in supporting roles, mostly villains, soldiers, and other hardboiled characters.



**MARY MURPHY**, was born in Lancaster, Ohio, the only daughter in a family of four children. Her father worked as an elementary school teacher and her mother, originally from Ireland, remained at home, looking after the family. Life with three brothers led Mary to see herself not as the only daughter in the Murphy household, but as the fourth brother. Murphy and Brando "The Wild One"



**Quiz**, In the film "The Wild One"

1. Who played Chino?
2. Who played Kathie Bleeker?

- Ans 1. Lee Marvin  
2. Mary Murphy

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## Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax"



(4,437, views) 86 min, 2012 XRay PG Director Chris Renaud Starring Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Zac Efron, Genres Adventure, Animation, Kids Subtitles English [CC] From the creators of *Despicable Me* comes this spectacular Dr. Seuss adventure about a twelve-year-old boy searching for

*The Lorax*: a grumpy, but charming creature who speaks for the trees.  
**DANNY DEVITO IS LOMAX**



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