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## Brant Gorton Completes Troop 97 Eagle Scout Project Unveiling of "The Commemorative Wall" at the Flagpole at the Town of Neversink Community Park

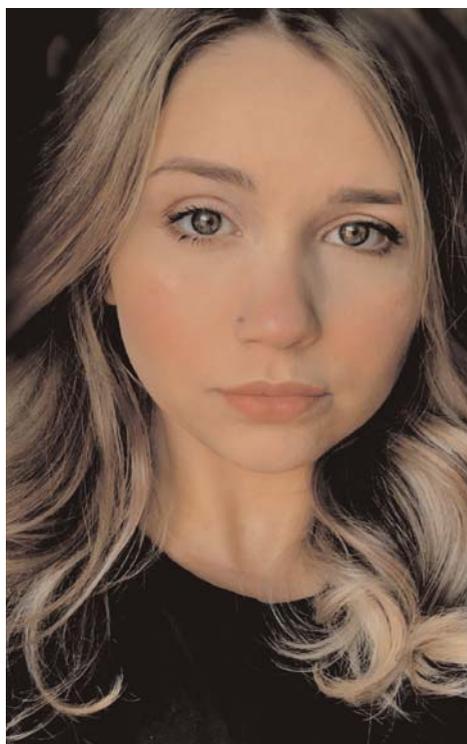


Saturday, a glorious day was very impressive to many folks who gathered at the Flagpole at the Town of Neversink Community Park on Route 42 in Grahamsville. It wasn't just the beautiful blue sunny sky, but the fact that a younger member of our local community took the time, over two years, to bring our attention to how he was able to express his gratitude and say 'thank you' to all of our Veterans. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Meet Our 2020 NF Ambassador: Brianna Worden

-submitted by Rebecca Harris

New York, NY Nov 12, 2019 - Brianna Worden was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1 when she was two months old. She has a plexiform fibroma that encompasses her entire left side (excluding her leg). Brianna also has renal artery stenosis and hypertension, bone disfigurements, chronic pain and fatigue, learning disabilities, scoliosis, and has endured over 10 surgeries, including three spinal fusions, a wrist stabilization, and three tumor debulkings to her left arm where, each time, three pounds of tumor was removed. She was diagnosed the first time with a Malignant neurosarcoma (MPNST) when she was a freshman in high school. The cancer returned two more times after that. When she had one of the cancerous tumors removed from her throat, her vocal cord was paralyzed for six months. As of now she no longer has a malignant neurosarcoma.



Unfortunately, her doctors are fearful that she may have thyroid cancer as nodules were found on her thyroid. Currently, the tumors have grown back in her left arm, and she cannot have any more surgeries as her skin is not strong enough and she would be at risk of an infection. Brianna is on a chemotherapy treatment in hopes to shrink some of her plexiform.

Now 22 years old, Brianna's role as an ambassador for neurofibromatosis awareness began many years ago, at the age of eight, when she first began advocating for neurofibromatosis with the Children's Tumor Foundation. She traveled with her mother to Washington DC, New York City, and Las Vegas to symposiums and forums to help others with neurofibromatosis and share her story.

In 2013, Brianna competed for and won the title of Miss Teen New York International with NF awareness and body positivity as her platform. She has always felt that those with NF are often put in a category of outcasts and she wanted to break that stereotype.

Before transferring to and graduating from Boston University, Brianna held NF Walks at her local community college. Brianna is an avid fundraiser, most recently at the Shine a Light NF Walk in Westchester, NY. Additionally, as a Patient Advocate, Brianna is using her voice and her story to contribute to all phases of the research process; already, Brianna has addressed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) twice. (Contd. Pg. 8)



Brianna recently addressing the FDA

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## November No-Shavers' Update



We're nearly two weeks into November and our No-Shavers have already raised \$1,200! Thank you for all of the generous donations. Would you like to help support our efforts? You can do so at:

<https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>

## Congratulations to the TV FBLA Officers Welcome to all the New Members



Tri-Valley FBLA has been off to a very busy start this school year! FBLA has already participated in two events and one fundraiser, with many more things on the way. On September 21st and 22nd, several members assisted as parking attendants at the tractor show in Grahamsville. We completed our first fundraiser, selling Yankee Candles and raised over \$2,000. (Contd. Pg. 3)



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Colossians 3:17**OBITUARY****George J. Elias**, 89, of Inverness, FL, passed away on November 2, 2019. He was born on February 26, 1930 in Queens, NY, son of Frank and Louise Elias.

George worked as an engineer at Grumman Aerospace on Long Island for 27 years. He was involved in the Apollo Space Landing on the moon. He was a veteran of the US Army.

He was a member of St. Mary-St Andrew's Catholic Church in Ellenville, NY and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness, FL.

In the 1960's he built a small house in his beloved Catskill Mountains and spent every weekend there for many years.

He enjoyed hunting with his dear friends that stayed in the house with him and he did all the cooking. He also skied and fished and loved to read about World War II and airplanes.

George was an avid hiker. He was a Forty-Sixer, a member of the Long Island chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, and Catskill Club, where he maintained hiking trails in both the Adirondacks and Catskills. He completed the Catskill 3500 peaks on May 18, 1970. He became the trails Chairman, then Vice President and then President during his involvement of 15 years. His spirit has kept the Long Island chapter involved with The Brother Trail through the present time.

In 1981, he and his good friend, Herb Coles, went on a hiking trip to the Uinta Mountains in Utah where he met his wife, Helen Ryan. In 1983, they began their 35 year peaceful and loving marriage. George and Helen traveled all over the United States in their camper. They took trips to see a lot of the world from Antarctica to China. He had a small boat, loved his Jeep and his "Far Nuff" house in the Catskills. They built a home in Florida and spent winters there. George and Helen volunteered at the "Time &amp; the Valleys" Museum in Grahamsville, NY and at the Daniel Pierce Library. They wrote a small treatise on early Red Hill, the area they lived in the Catskills. They spearheaded the renovation of a NY state fire tower in Red Hill, NY.

George was a quiet man, a thinker, a kind and generous man much revered by his first cousins, Bill &amp; Lorraine Elias and their children, Dustin cousins, Chebusky cousins and Ryan in-laws, nieces and nephews and many friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Robert. Survivors include wife, Helen Elias of Inverness, FL.

**Patricia E Hamilton** (Potter) Willow Spring, NC passed away at the age of 84 peacefully on November 11th, 2019 with family surrounding her. She is survived by her son Keith Hamilton and wife Dea, Her daughter Gail Woolbright and husband Mark, 4 grandchildren, Jason, Lorin, Daniel and Alyse, along with 3 great-grandchildren.

She had many happy years in Grahamsville, NY. Patricia graduated from Tri-Valley School in 1952. Was married to Clinton A. Hamilton in 1954 at the Methodist Church in town. In lieu of flowers Donations in her memory can be sent to SECU Hospice Home-Johnston, 426 Hospital Road, Smithfield, NC As per her request, a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****November 23, 1949**

In spite of the rains of recent days, local concern over the ever-decreasing supply of water from wells and springs is mounting by the day. The latest case of a rapid depletion of a source of water occurred this week, when the springs that supply the lower limits of Grahamsville failed to provide any more water. Officials of the Standard Water Company, which owns these water sources, reported that there exists only a trickle of water in the springs, and that it will be necessary to regulate the use of whatever water remains. It also is known that the springs which supply the upper reaches of the village are critically low, too.

**THANKSGIVING, 1949**-by Joseph Auslander from the New York Herald TribuneWe thank Thee for our daily bread;  
For faith by which the soul is fed;  
For burdens given us to bear;  
For hope that lifts the heart's despair.We thank Thee, Lord, for eyes to see  
The truth that makes, and keeps, men free;  
For faults-and for the strength to mend them;  
For dreams-and courage to defend them.We have so much to thank Thee for,  
Dear Lord; we beg but one boon more;  
Peace in the hearts of all men living,  
Peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving.

Several from here were laid off when the Healy job closed down for the winter months.

The tracks have been laid at Lows Corners for the tunnel and there are four locomotives and twelve cars. The channel is being completed and the work on the tunnel will begin in a week or ten days. The bridge over the channel is being begun. It will be a concrete bridge, reinforced by steel. The office building is well under way. The sewage disposal plant is in process of building. A well have been drilled 250 feet deep for drinking water and whatever purposes good water is required. The superintendents say the work is proceeding well and is up to schedule.

**November 18, 1959**

Private James R. Terwilliger, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Grahamsville, recently arrive din Korea . He entered the Army in March 1959 and completed basic training at Fort Dix , N.J. Pvt. Terwilliger was a student at Tri Valley Central School

Al Einert has recently been promoted to Airman 2nd class. He is graduating this week from the Aircraft Radio Maintenance School at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi , and expects to be sent to McDonnell Air Force Base near Wichita , Kansas soon. He graduated from Tri Valley High School and while in Grahamsville he lived with the Sam Messingers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grey and son Scott Keith of Albany , Georgia , are home with their parents Mrs. Russell E. Grey and family of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson VanWagner of Claryville for a months leave. Mr. Grey is in the Air Force.

The Pilgrim's turkey dinner

Took several days to make.

All of that fuss and feathers

Made it tough for Mom to take,

But today's plump well cleaned turkey

Is fun to stuff and bake!!

KUM TO KRUM'S

**November 19, 1969**

Sunday marked the 125th year for the Reformed Church in the Chestnut Valley . 185 members and friends joined to celebrate. An interesting Historical Sketch, dedicated to the memory of Reverend William Coombe and Charlotte LaMoree Coombe, was presented to each person in attendance.

Many homes are filled with hunters during this season of the year. Some of the lucky hunters were Wanda Terwilliger, Roger Banta, Harold Knight, Ralph Hornbeck, Robert Stirk, Philip Moore, Earl Moore, Vincent Robinson, and French Harris.

**November 15, 1979**

On December 6th the Grahamsville AARP is holding their annual Holiday dinner dance at the Woodbourne Fire Hall and the Sweet Adelines Chapter will be singing for them.

Mrs. Peggy DeWire, Kindergarten teacher at Tri-Valley Central School , is currently writing four film scripts for Coronet Educational Films in their science series for children in elementary grades. She has written five previous scripts for the same film company, which is based in Chicago .

Before you receive another TOWNSMAN Thanksgiving will have come and gone. In a world torn by strife and discontent, pause a moment and be glad we live in the quiet peaceful Tri Valley area and give thanks for family and friends.

Count your garden by the flowers,

Never by the leaves that fall,

Count your day by golden hours,

Don't remember clouds at all.

Count your night by stars, not shadows,

Count your life by smiles, not tears,

And with joy in each tomorrow

Count your AGE by friends, not years!

## A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Two weeks ago I wrote that Maureen Harris, formerly of Neversink passed away. Now her husband, Walter Harris, has passed. He died at the age of 88, just ten days after his wife, Maureen. Walter had been in poor health. Thoughts go out to the Harris Family. Thanks again to Violet Kortright for letting me know.

A beautiful 60th wedding celebration was held at the Daniel Pierce Library on November 10th for some of Phil and Carolyn Coombe's closest friends. The beautifully catered affair was organized by their children.

Unfortunately, the Tri-Valley eight-man football team lost to Ellenville 46-36 in the sectional play-offs at Dietz Stadium on Saturday, November 9th. Just wait until next year! Sundown's Sherri Reynolds is still sending photos to the *Record*, and her picture of a beautiful sunflower appeared in the "Best Reader Photos" on November 9th.

The Orange County Arts Council held its annual gala in October, and former Times Herald Record executive editor, Barry Lewis, was saluted for his many contributions to the arts. Barry is a Town of Neversink resident and we are proud that he was honored. Marilyn Rogerson from the Ulster Heights United Methodist Church asked if I would invite the Townsman readers to their Bake Sale, Luncheon and Church Fair on Saturday, November 23rd. The Fair will run from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm and lunch will be served from 11:00 - 2:00. There will be a bake sale and many holiday gift items for sale.

It was a nice day on the 10th for the Colby Costa Run to raise money for our wounded warriors. Thanks, Colby, for taking on this project.

Don't forget the Claryville Fire Department Spaghetti Dinner on November 30th from 4:00-7:00. Fifty dollars from each dinner is donated to the Claryville Food Pantry. A big THANK YOU to the Tri-Valley Lions Club for donating \$500. to each of our local churches for their food pantries. Their kindness will certainly benefit many needy families! While reading "The Best of Nellie" in "While The Kettle Boils" in the Democrat on November 12th, I got a kick out of the beginning of an article Nellie Stabbert wrote in November of 1965. Nellie wrote, and I quote, "Now is the season of great tales which cometh forth from the mouths of men when they meet after a day of deer hunting. Each potential Daniel Boone weaves a story of adventure, of the big buck that got away (through no fault of the hunter), of the one they got or of some past triumph. It's as much a part of the hunting season as the hunt itself." Now that "gun" season is well underway, I'm sure some of you will also be hearing many deer stories just as Nellie did back in '65!

**Words of Wisdom:** In 1789, President George Washington called on the people of the United States to acknowledge God for their safety and happiness by observing a day of thanksgiving. However, it wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Lincoln asked his fellow citizens to set apart the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise. In 1941, Congress officially designated the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, thus creating a federal holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!!

### TV Lions September/October News

The September 9th member meeting was held at Nardi's.

Our Soda Booth was open for the Youth Sportsman Day on September 14.

A \$500 donation was made to the LCIF for Disaster Relief.

The Soda Booth was open for the Antique Machinery and Snowmobile Clubs on September 21st and 22nd.

Our Soda Booth was open October 5th for the Giant Pumpkin Party for the Daniel Pierce Library. This event finished our season for 2019 for the Booth. Cleanup was done until another year starts in 2020.

We made donations to the Claryville Reformed, Grahamsville Methodist and Grahamsville Reformed, Woodbourne Immaculate Conception and Ulster Heights Methodist Churches for their food pantries.

Thank you to all who donate their eyeglasses. Our boxes are located in Catskill Hudson Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink Town Hall and Neversink General Store.

### Congratulations to the TV FBLA Officers Welcome to all the New Members

(From Pg. 1) October 1st we held the Installation of Officers, New Member Induction, and Emblem Ceremony. Twenty-six new members were inducted into the chapter; the officers officially took their positions and conducted the Emblem Ceremony.

Led by advisors, Nancy Peters and Jessica Shafer, 45

members of the Tri-Valley FBLA will be attending the FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference at the end of this month in Washington DC, where they will participate in workshops and engage in networking with students from throughout the country.

Congratulations to the officers and welcome to all the new members!

2019-2020 Officers of the Tri-Valley FBLA: President, Benjamin Smith, Vice President Victoria Swett, Secretary, Collin Mentnech. Treasurer, Heather Winters, Reporter, Thomas Houghtaling, Historian, Samantha Houghtaling, Photo Historian, Reanna McGregor, and Parliamentarian, Patrick Kelly.

2019-2020 new members were inducted: Armaan Butler, Reanna McGregor, Gavin Clarke, Collin Mentnech, Mackenzie Closs, Sierra Mickelson, Phailyn Countryman, Kaitlyn Miller, Brooke Delaney, Brianna Mulholland, Melanie Drobysh, Jocelyn Mungeer, Jessie Eherts, Austin Hartman, Paige Ottino, Kaylee Poppo, Emily Hornbeck, Alexandria Roach, Thomas Houghtaling, Anna Streimer, Noah Jucha, Cole Terwilliger, Zachary Kitaychik, Dayne Wall, Brianne MacPherson, and Daniel Winters.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Thomas Houghtaling, FBLA Reporter

### TESSA: Smitten for Mittens

The Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA) is sponsoring a TESSA Giving Tree of winter mittens, hats, and scarfs to benefit members of the Neversink community at large. The TESSA Giving Tree will give gifts of warmth and protection beginning Sunday December 15, 2019 through the end of the winter season. The TESSA Giving Tree, donated by The Gotsch Tree Farm, will be located at Bicentennial Park, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, across from the Neversink Town Hall.

In the spirit of giving, TESSA member Jenny Yager has been working diligently to mobilize support for the Giving Tree. Standing in for Yager, the idea was presented to the Neversink Town Board, during their monthly November meeting by TESSA President, Leslye Stryker. Stryker reported back that all Board members in attendance unanimously agreed to support the TESSA Giving Tree.

Collection boxes for donations of mittens, hats, and scarfs will be placed throughout the Neversink community, at local businesses and government buildings. Look for the drop boxes marked TESSA: Smitten for Mittens.

TESSA members are the dedicated School Related Professionals (SRPs) that make our public school run smoothly. SRPs help educate and keep our children safe in school. We are school attendants, aides, monitors, secretaries, cleaners, maintenance, and buildings and grounds workers.

### Red Hill Fire Tower News - Autumn 2019

The Red Hill Fire Tower Guide Season ended for this year on Columbus Day, October 14. The weather was beautiful that weekend bringing out record numbers of people to the area and to the Red Hill Fire Tower to enjoy the fine days and the changing leaves.

The fire tower experienced record numbers of visitors this year mostly due to a state tourism initiative called the Catskill Fire Tower Five Challenge. This Challenge encouraged people to hike to the five Catskill Fire Towers, take a "selfie" by each tower, then submit the photos in order to receive patches, pins, and certificates as well as other items marking their accomplishment. The "Challenge" also brought with it challenges for the volunteers, but was considered very positive by most people who visited the tower. It is yet to be determined whether the Challenge will continue next year or not.

Once again we had the "Lighting of the Fire Towers" on August 31, 2019, the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Volunteers put bright lanterns in the cabs of the fire towers and sent light signals to each other and members of the surrounding communities. We would like to thank the following community members for taking part: Charlie Clark, Mike, Lorraine and Penny Dean, the Bobick Family and the Monforte Family. The night was crystal clear and we were able to signal the Balsam Lake Mt. Fire Tower and communicate with them by cell phone. This was the first year Balsam Lake Mt. had a powerful spotlight that we saw easily from 10 miles away.

Many thanks go out to all the faithful and dedicated Red Hill Fire Tower Volunteers who give so much of their time every year at Red Hill. Thanks also to the NYSDEC, the NYCDEP, The Catskill Center, The Daniel Pierce Library, Town of Denning staff, The Claryville, Neversink and Grahamsville Fire Departments & Rescue Squads for their support.

Remember, that even though the cabin and tower are closed for the season, you can still hike up to the tower and enjoy the fine views from the highest landings. Safe hiking and hope to see you next year at the Red Hill Fire Tower!

*The Red Hill Fire Tower Committee*

### 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.*

*Our Thanksgiving issue would not be the same without remembering Peggy and her American Wild Turkey story.*

*Keeping with tradition, as no one could describe the American Wild Turkey better...*

### ... American Wild Turkey

By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."

He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.

We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across.

All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped out little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans.

All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, Meleagris gallopurva.

### Household Hints

#### If Candle Wax Drips on you Linens

If you have a beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece with candles and wax drips on your linens, heat the wax with a hair dryer and soak up as much as you can of the melted wax with a cloth. Then with a 1:1 mixture of vinegar and water, remove the rest of the wax and have a Happy Thanksgiving!





## Forgiveness Dies

### Mysterious Book Report No. 396

by John Dwaine McKenna

Serial character Trevor Galloway is a former Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania narcotics detective, an unlicensed private investigator and an ex-mental patient who's just been released from three years in a psychiatric hospital for being a serial killer in author J.J. Hensley's newly released crime thriller entitled *Forgiveness Dies*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$16.95, 234 pages, ISBN 978-1-64396-038-8).

Zonked out on doctor-prescribed mood enhancing drugs as part of the terms of his release, Galloway shuffles through his days in a walking coma as he tries to pick up the pieces of his shattered life. His biggest problem: he hallucinates, imagines people and objects, as well as events, that aren't there . . . all of which makes him a totally unreliable witness.

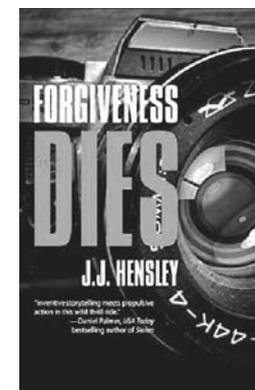
Then, an old acquaintance reaches out to the beleaguered ex-cop and offers Galloway a job. With high praise for his investigative skills, he's hired to check out the threats being made against a local business tycoon who's making a credible run for the Presidency of the United States. The only clues are a stack of photographs that may or may not hold any real evidence in what soon becomes a race against time as Galloway dodges gun-runners, mercenaries and vicious drug gangs who are all out to kill him . . . or are they just more hallucinations? Only the reader will know for sure as Trevor Galloway, a detective who can't always trust his own perceptions, struggles to unravel the complex and deadly case.

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### Blue Mountains Trout News

**November Meeting:** Our November meeting was one week earlier than normal, due to Thanksgiving. It was held Nov. 20th, at 7 PM at the Boiceville Inn on NY 28. Our guest speaker is Robert J. Romano, Jr. who will present a slide show titled Flyfishing the Rangeley Lakes Region of Western Maine.

Bob Romano and his wife, Trish, have owned a camp in the Rangeley Lakes Region of western Maine for more than thirty years. This is a region of the country where it is not unusual to come across a beaver, otter, black bear or moose while canoeing across a pristine lake or wading one of the many free flowing streams and rivers inhabited by native brook trout and wild landlocked salmon as large as you'll find south of Labrador.

His program includes information on where to fish, what flies to use, and when to use them. He'll also share proven techniques to take the brook trout and landlocked salmon of this region that is known for its rich sporting tradition. He is the author of the Rangeley Lakes series of novels including *North of Easie*, which won second place in the 2010 New England Outdoor Writer's Best Book Contest. Romano's essays and short stories have appeared in various anthologies, including *Christmas in the Wild*, *Fresh Fiction for Fresh Water Fishing*, and *Wildbranch: An Anthology of Nature, Environmental, and Place-Based Writing*. He writes articles for various magazines and newspapers and does his best to keep up electronically either here: <https://www.facebook.com/forgottentroutr/> or [forgottentroutr.com](http://forgottentroutr.com). The tenth-anniversary edition of *Shadows in the Stream*--- a book fly-fishing essays, as well as his latest book, *The River King* will be available for purchase. With each book sold, Bob will provide a free hand-out outlining all the information one needs for a trip to the region.

Our December meeting will also be one week earlier than normal, the third Wednesday, on Dec. 18th due to year-end holidays. At this meeting, the chapter will host its year-end Holiday Party, watch for details in next month's newsletter.

In the event of bad winter weather, and a meeting needs to be cancelled, watched for an email notification on the day of the meeting, or call the Boiceville Inn after 5 PM on 845-657-8500 for meeting status.

**East Branch Delaware River:** Catherine Skalda, CSBI Coordinator of the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, arranged an Oct. 19th Trees for Trout planting with BSA Troop 80 from Margaretville along the Vly Creek in Fleischmanns. The planting took place in a flood plain with some dozen-and-a-half volunteers planting some 150 trees and shrubs. Chapter members assisting included: John Hoeko, Dave Kingsland, Peter Marx, and myself. Thanks one and all.

**Esopus Creek:** If you noticed, in late October NYC DEP shut down the Portal for planned work on the Shandaken Tunnel as reported in this press release: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/news/19-080/dep-shuts-down-shandaken-tunnel-repair-work-intake-chamber-alongside-schoharie-reservoir#0> This was done after consulting with NYSDEC, and given all the wet weather, the closure shouldn't have been any impact to the Esopus Creek fishery at all. It is anticipated in 2020 DEP will have to shut down the Tunnel several times again to continue efforts on this restoration project. Once we know these dates, future chapter newsletters will report them.

NYSDEC Region 3 has a newly appointed Esopus Creek Aquatic Biologist--- Robert Adams. In his prior position, Bob worked on the Hudson River for Region 3.

We wish Bob well and look forward to working with him. **NYS inland trout fishery management:** NYSDEC recently conducted a series of public meetings--- follow-ups to 2017 public information sessions--- regarding future fishery management plans for inland trout streams. These plans exclude lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and tributaries to the Great Lakes, and essentially deal with streams open to public fishing. On Nov. 4th DEC held a meeting at Orange County Community College in Newburgh, NY. Chapter president Mark Loete, VP Tony Cocozza, and I attended from our chapter.

The essence of what we heard thus far includes the following. Trout streams will be managed/classified as reaches, that is, depending upon biological and other factors, stream sections can have different regulations. DEC hopes to classify stream reaches as either wild or stocked, and currently there are two distinct stocked classifications and three wild classifications. Stream reaches classified as wild will no longer be stocked, while stocked reaches will be stocked slightly differently, essentially spreading stocking out over longer periods of time on some waters, and less on others. Trout season--- where anglers can keep fish--- will run from April 1st through Oct. 15th, while Oct. 16th through March 31st of the following years anglers will be allowed to participate in "catch and release" angling on all public waters, using artificials--- lures/flyies only. Additionally, all existing Special Regulation sections, like the Beaverkill and Willowemoc No Kills will remain intact, but no new special regulations will be created. An overriding DEC goal is to reduce the number of statewide fishing regulations while managing trout streams using a different approach.

DEC plans to make these plans available for public comment in early 2020 and it's DEC's goal to have current trout management plans updated and revised in time for April 2021. When DEC announces their plans are available for public comment, the chapter newsletter will make members aware of such and we would encourage all folks to review and comment on these. Eventually DEC plans to provide an online App that identifies particular regulations for a specific reach of all trout waters.

**Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP):** Several chapter members participate on various AWSMP Working Groups including the Stream Ecosystem Working Group, which met a short time ago, and Stakeholder Council which met today. It's a vital means of working on activities important to the health of the Esopus Creek watershed.

At today's meeting, AWSMP honored Town of Olive Supervisor Sylvia Rozzelle with their Friend of the Creeks Award for her work advancing stream and floodplain management as town supervisor. Sylvia has served the Town of Olive for thirty-seven years as Clerk and then Supervisor. She has been an crucial friend to the watershed, as well as a chapter member. We wish Sylvia the best in a well-deserved retirement.

**Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP):** If you missed RNSP's 6th Annual Anglers Symposium on Nov. 1st, you missed a fine event as there were excellent program speakers. Several chapter members were able to attend. When a podcast of such becomes available, a link will be included in a future newsletter.

Catskill heritage brook trout study: Future activities on this project will probably be on hold, pending the outcome of NYSDEC's inland trout fishery management plans. In the meantime, we have received a PDF copy of the "Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Surveys in NYSDEC Region 3, 2016-2018." The report was authored by DEC

Region 3 Aquatic Biologist Mike DiSarno, and an electronic PDF copy is available to any chapter member who requests one. It's nineteen pages long, with text, charts, and maps. Email me at: [Tailwaters@hvc.rr.com](mailto:Tailwaters@hvc.rr.com) (Contd. Pg. 12)

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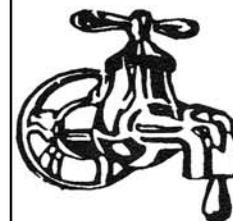
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Above is the formal invitation to meet Kate McGloughlin whose exhibit, REQUIEM FOR ASHOKAN, adorns the Olive Library Community Room. Below is my informal introduction to the Kate I know and love. I respect her for her sobriety and wisdom. She is Olive's ambassador to the world through her trips and art adventures to Venice, Tuscany, Oaxaca, Chiapas Barcelona, Ireland, Greece and Orkney. She speaks fluent "Spatalian" a mix of Spanish, Italian

and Catskill chatter, and her smiles are understood in every language. She plays the uke and sings alto harmony with gusto and abandon. She is a hugger. She can swim the crawl for an hour straight. She tears up if Mimi and Michael, her twin, is mentioned. She laughs with a hearty belly laugh. She electrifies a room. Her graduation speech to the graduating class of Onteora had students laughing, crying and applauding with respect. She paints with a philosophy of simplifying the landscape to its essence. She supports her partner Sarah in her fashion career. She would rescue every beagle, or mutt, that came her way. She has a nickname for everyone making even acquaintances feel like long lost buddies. Her roots go deep into the rock bottom of the Ashokan Reservoir, and she has dedicated her talents to sharing her love for this very special town of Olive. Go meet her.



## First-Ever UC Veterans Week

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan proclaimed on Veterans Day the first-ever Ulster County Veterans Week to acknowledge the extraordinary service of the 13,000 veterans and their families that call Ulster County home. As a part of Ulster County Veterans Week, County Executive Ryan honored five veterans for their outstanding service and contributions to the community. The veterans were selected by a county-wide call for submissions to highlight the work of individual veterans who were nominated by community members to be recognized for their selfless service to our country and our county.



Right to left: Ray Cocks, John Rylewicz, County Executive Ryan, Nicole Langlois, Tom Cruet, Rich Gohl

"As the County Executive and as a combat veteran, it is a privilege to recognize the hard work of these veterans who have served our country and continue to serve Ulster County," County Executive Ryan said. "Their continued work is a humbling reminder of what it means to be a servant leader and the importance of working to enhance one's community."

The nominees were featured across Ulster County Government social media and were honored by County Executive Ryan and newly appointed Ulster County Veterans Services Agency Director Mark Cozzupoli to discuss their service and how the County can continue to support our veterans. Honorees also received generous gift certificates to Frank Guido's Little Italy.

As a part of Ulster County Veterans Week, County Executive Ryan toured the Patriot Project and attended the City of Kingston's Veterans Day Ceremony, Ulster County Veterans Services Agency Veterans Luncheon at Golden Hill, and the NYSEDA Clean Energy Veterans' Mini Job Fair. Ryan also announced the appointment of retired Command Chief Mark Cozzupoli to be the new Director of the Ulster County Veterans Services Agency. After over two decades of service, Cozzupoli recently retired as the highest-ranking enlisted person in the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y. County Executive Ryan also recently announced plans for the creation of a Memorial Pavilion at the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery located at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery. Ryan is a graduate of West Point and served two combat tours in Iraq.

The honorees include:

### Rich Gohl

Rich served in the Army from 1983-1985 as an Army 91 Bravo Combat Medic. He now lives with his wife in Saugerties. He is a Senior Crisis Intervention Specialist at the Rondout Valley High School. He is the President of the American Cruisers Motorcycle Club Worldwide, Chapter 123, and has worked with the Rondout Valley

Food Pantry to create events and programs that help feed children in the community. As noted by his nominator, "He is an incredible role model, mentor, and support to the students he works with."

### Nicole Langlois

Nicole, a resident of Lloyd, served in the Navy for six years where she was awarded medals in Overseas Service. Nicole owns a business, One EPIC Place, that aims to foster a community where local entrepreneurs can work, play and thrive. She is a Wellness Warrior and helps support and empower others to foster a sustainable healthy and healing way to live their lives. Nicole currently serves as the President of Board of Directors of the Arts Community and Chair of the WOW Committee of the New Paltz Chamber of Commerce. As noted by her nominator, "She is fueled by a desire to help others, to create awareness about so many things that are not in populous mainstream cultural consciousness, to create community, and to inspire others to take control of their own lives."

### John Rylewicz

John proudly served our Country in the United States Army from 1965 - 1967 during the Vietnam War. While deployed in

Vietnam from 1966-1967, John earned a Bronze Star Medal, multiple service medals, and a Combat Infantry Badge for his meritorious service in a combat zone. John resides in Port Ewen and is the first generation in his family to serve in the military. He leads by example in his unwavering dedication to his Country and County.

### Tom Cruet

Tom, a Phoenicia resident, served in the United States Army for over 37 years. Tom is a Green Beret and Vietnam Veteran. After serving his Country in Vietnam he went on to continue his service as a judge, lawyer, scoutmaster, mentor, volunteer with Shandaken ambulance, and has hosted foreign exchange students. As noted by his nominator, "He has dedicated his life to our country and its citizens. He has never asked for anything in return, he is humble and generous. A true representation of Service to country."

### Ray Cocks

Ray is a Phoenicia resident who served 18 months over two combat tours during the War in Vietnam. Ray has been actively attending retreats and seminars for veterans since and now spends much of his time assisting other veterans. He recently attended a retreat in Philadelphia where he attended a training to become a Warrior Writers facilitator. He plans to bring this program back to Ulster County through the Hudson Valley Center for Veteran Reintegration to help veterans express themselves through writing.

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Appoints Retired Air Force Command Chief Mark Cozzupoli to Lead the UC Veterans Services Agency

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the appointment of retired Command Chief Mark Cozzupoli to be the new Director of the Ulster County Veterans Services Agency. After over two decades of service, Cozzupoli recently retired as the highest-rank-

ing enlisted person in the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y.

As the Command Chief, Cozzupoli reported directly to the Wing Commander on enlisted personnel issues, to include professional military education, enlisted promotions, mentorship, morale, family readiness, community relations, and esprit de corps. Cozzupoli has deployed on five occasions, which includes tours to Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2005 and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in 2011. Prior to his current assignment, he was the 105th Logistics Readiness Squadron Superintendent at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, N.Y.

"Mark Cozzupoli possesses both the experience and passion needed to successfully lead our Ulster County Veteran Services Agency," County Executive Ryan said. "As the County Executive and as a combat veteran, I have complete faith that we will not only continue to meet the needs of our veteran communities but expand our reach to ensure that that we recognize the selfless service of the thousands of veterans and their families here in our County."

"It's truly an honor and a privilege to be appointed to this position by County Executive Ryan," Mark Cozzupoli said. "I've served my country and my community for the last 26 years at Stewart Air National Guard Base, and I am looking forward to continued service in this new capacity. I will do my best to improve the lives of all of our veterans."

"Command Chief Master Sergeant Mark Cozzupoli performed his job as the 105th AW Command Chief, the highest enlisted rank at the 105th Airlift Wing, with aplomb and distinction," Major General Tim LaBarge, Commander of the New York Air National Guard said. "In an era of extraordinary turbulence and change, Chief Cozzupoli provided leadership on a level that was commensurate with the trying times. Graced with an amazing educational credentials, experience, job skills, communication skills and work ethic, Mark is an incredible leader who is certain to provide visionary direction and guidance to the Ulster County Director of Veterans Services Agency."

Cozzupoli enlisted into the United States Air Force in October of 1993. After serving more than four years on Active Duty, he transferred into the New York Air National Guard with the 105th Airlift Wing, February of 1998. Chief Cozzupoli graduated from Manhattan College in 2002, with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and later graduated from Mount Saint Mary College in 2007 with a Master of Business Administration. He currently resides in Ulster County in the town of Lloyd.

The Ulster County Veteran Services Agency (UCVSA) provides support to County veterans and their families in obtaining medical, disability, pension, and education benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the New York State Department of Veteran Affairs. The UCVSA also helps veterans with issues such as homelessness, burials, tax exemptions, employment, transportation, and the FAVOR discount card program, and performs outreach to local communities and service organizations.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature.

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**SC BOCES Announces plans to Relocate Several Departments and Divisions**

Sullivan BOCES announces plans to relocate several departments and divisions from 6 Wierk Avenue in Liberty, to the Liberty Mall. Formerly Sullivan's Department Store, the Liberty Mall, is located at 15 Sullivan Avenue in Liberty, New York. BOCES anticipates that its curriculum and instructional supports services, management services, adult education, administration, grant funded programs, and its conference center facilities will be moved to the new location.

According to Robert M. Dufour, Ed.D. District Superintendent of BOCES, "The relocation will allow BOCES to accommodate the expansion of the management and support services offered to our component school districts. The new facility will be more accommodating for individuals attending meetings and professional development workshops with everything located in one

contiguous space on the ground floor. In addition, more parking will be available."

It is anticipated that the move will take place at the beginning of 2020, with the staggering of office relocations to accommodate optimum workflow and minimize downtime for the school districts that the BOCES serves. All offices are expected to be at the new facility by June 30, 2020. "Additional information about the schedule of moves will be shared as the project progresses," added Dr. Dufour. "The good news is all of our telephone numbers will remain the same, and our offices will be maintained in Liberty, which is central to all of our component school districts."

Specific offices affected by the move include the district superintendent's office, the BOCES business office, the central business office, human resources, model schools, arts in education, school improvement, telecommunications support, school library system, health & safety services, adult education, technology, communications, CAP grant and the Sullivan County Teacher Center.

**Singing Out for Hunger Collects Food and Donations at Dutch's Tavern**

On Monday, Nov 11th Singing Out for Hunger AND Steve's Music Center held their annual event to help the Federation for the Homeless continue to assist those in need in Sullivan County. Steve's Music Center ([www.stevesmusiccenter.net](http://www.stevesmusiccenter.net)) and Chakullah & the Hunger Bus ([thehungerbus.com](http://thehungerbus.com)) held sway as they sang for the Federation's supper. With generosity of Dutch's Tavern in Rock Hill, NY ([www.facebook.com/rockhillnewyork](http://www.facebook.com/rockhillnewyork)) and the gathering of music lovers, they were able to collect fifteen bags of food and more than \$200 in donations.

Federation Director Kathy Kreiter said "It's community members like Steve Schwartz, the folks at Dutch's Tavern, and Chakulla from The Hunger Bus have made this an annual event that the Federation

looks forward to every year. It's another example of the Sullivan County community and dedicated individuals like Chakulla and Steve that help the Federation help those that are in need. I can't thank them enough."

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless operates the only full-time soup kitchen in Sullivan County, providing breakfast and lunch five days a week to local residents. In addition to several housing programs, they also operate two food pantries, one exclusively for Veterans. For more information on Federation services, please call Kathy at (845) 794-2604, visit their website at [www.scfederation.org](http://www.scfederation.org), or their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/scfederation](http://www.facebook.com/scfederation)).

**Federation Hosts Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will be hosting its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. The event will take place at their 9 Monticello St location in Monticello and all are welcome.

The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is committed to developing individualized and community wide plans for disadvantaged people to break the cycles of poverty that cause homelessness and hunger. For more information on the dinner or any other services the Federation provides, please call Kathy at (845) 794-2604.



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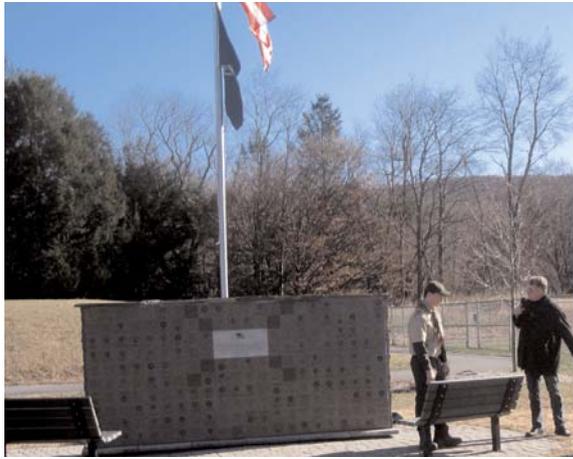
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**Brant Gorton Completes Troop 97 Eagle Scout Project  
Unveiling of "The Commemorative Wall"**

(From Pg. 1) According to Brant Gorton, "This Project consisted of three phases. Phase one was installing the flag pole. Phase two was selling the tiles and the third and final phase was building the wall, putting the veneer on the wall, laying the pavers and putting the tiles on the wall. I would like to thank the following people for all of their help: Tom Mitchell for donating the flag pole from the City Field and Joe and Devin Bagley for helping me install the flag pole. My grandfather, Peter Conti for donating the cinder blocks. Mike and Chris Mickelson, Jason Stephenson, Steve Smith, Walter VanVleet, Preston Kelly, Dev VanSleet and Brian O'neil for helping me build the wall. Joe and Brett Bagley and Keith Stryker for



*Town of Neversink Supervisor, Chris Mathews addresses the audience and speaks directly to Brant as he praises him on his merit and accomplishment*

helping with the stone veneer and tiles. The Scouts and their families, Jonathan and Jim Allison, Van Furman, Jamie, Joyce and Jarrett Brooks for helping with laying the pavers. Marty Carmody for putting the



topper on the flag pole.

Thank you to everyone who bought a tile and thank you to Gary Frear, Gary Hill and all the other veterans that helped spread the word about the project. I would not have been able to do this project without all of your help.

Now I would like to present the project to the Town of Neversink." (Contd. Pg. 11)

**Meet Our 2020 NF Ambassador: Brianna Worden**

(From Pg. 1) On Wednesday, November 20 at the Children's Tumor Foundation National Gala in New York City, Brianna will be honored as the 2020 NF Ambassador. This award is bestowed upon an individual with NF to recognize their courage living with the disorder and their personal efforts to further the Foundation goals of research, public awareness, and patient support. We asked Brianna to tell us more about her journey.

**How did you first learn about your diagnosis?**

At birth my mom knew something was wrong. She noticed I had spots all over my body. She took me to my pediatrician, and he said they were just birthmarks. While she was giving me a bath she felt a lump on my left arm, and then one lump became two lumps. She took me back to my doctor, and he said "There is this disease called Von Recklinghausen's disease, but it's impossible because neither you nor your husband have it."

My mother continued to fight and express that something was very wrong. I would not crawl, and I would cry whenever you laid me on my left side. They decided to x-ray my left arm, and what they saw was abnormal. My mom then took me to an orthopedic, where he diagnosed me. As soon as he took off my onesie and saw my "spots" he instantly knew. After a few blood tests we received the official diagnosis of NF1. I am a spontaneous mutation, meaning I am the first person in my family to have neurofibromatosis.

It's always been a fight for my mom and me. Where I am from, doctors don't understand my disorder, so we have traveled to multiple states to find the best doctors for my disorder, that fit me best. Luckily, while we were traveling home from an early hospital that told me I would never be able to function normally or survive past the age of seven, a pilot on Angel Flight told us about Boston Children's Hospital. That's where I've been receiving my treatments since I was two. Honestly, I don't ever want to leave Boston Children's. I truly enjoy being a patient there.

**How does living with NF impact your life?**

With neurofibromatosis every day is a gift and every day is a mystery. It can impact me negatively, but there are positive aspects, too, to this disorder. Yes, there are days when I can hardly get out of bed and I don't want to see my friends because I don't want them to see how much pain I'm in. But, I don't think I would be who I am today if I didn't have NF. I don't even think my family would be as strong as they are today if I didn't have NF.

This disorder has taught me to enjoy the little things in life, to be positive, and live my life to the best that I can. I want to help others, whether they have NF or a different disability. I want to save lives, I want to inspire, and while NF doesn't define who I am, it has helped me be the strong person I am today.

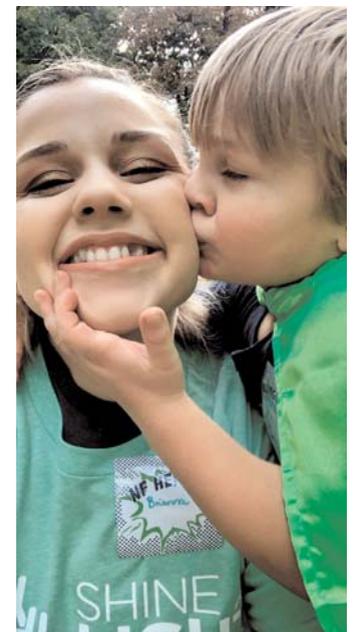
**What's the most difficult obstacle you've faced? How did you overcome it?**

I have dealt with many obstacles with NF. I had to learn how to walk again at 7 years old, when I was told I had a 25% chance of ever walking. I was hospital-bound for 3 months, and we had to celebrate my brothers' 6th birthday party in the hospital. I felt so guilty. I wanted them to have a grand and happy birthday.

But what really broke my spirit and caused a great deal of depression was the second and third times I had cancer. When I was diagnosed with cancer again, of course I was scared. Deep down I knew it was back, but this time it felt different. I didn't know how hard this journey would be after they removed the cancer. I thought it was going to be like the last time they removed the neurosarcoma, when I had one of the cancerous tumors removed from my throat my vocal cord was paralyzed. (Contd. Pg. 11)



*Brianna with step-father, "Papa" Dan Walter and mom, Janna Walter at Boston Children's Hospital after a surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her throat..*



*Brianna and 4 year old brother Jayce at the Shine a Light NF Walk this past summer*



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**Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp Takes Place**

**December 27th, 30th, and 31st**



Claryville - Winter break is an exciting time for children to relax and play while school is not in session, but it can also be stressful for working parents who need to find childcare. Frost Valley YMCA will be offering a Winter Break Day Camp for children between the ages of four and sixteen on December 27th, 30th, and 31st from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Winter Break Day Camp will be held at Frost Valley, which is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville. Children will enjoy snow tubing, cross-country skiing, and broomball depending on the weather conditions. They will also participate in arts and crafts, games, and may take an offsite trip to a local

indoor pool.

Tuition for Winter Break Day Camp is \$165 per child. Lunch and snacks are included. Local busing is available for an additional \$75 fee and includes stops at the Monticello Government Building, Ideal Food Basket in Liberty, the Tri-Valley School, the Neversink Bus Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church.

"Winter is an ideal time for children to explore the beauty of nature, be active outdoors, and make new friends," says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. "Winter Break Day Camp engages and delights children with exciting activities while also giving working parents peace of mind, knowing that their children are well cared for by our professional-trained staff."

Limited spaces are available for Winter Break Day Camp, and interested parents are urged to register their child right away to ensure their spot. Please call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or email registrar@frostvalley.org for more information or to register your child.

**Claryville Pottery Annual Holiday Show & Sale**



Everyone is invited to Claryville on Thanksgiving weekend, to see new work in stoneware and porcelain for the holidays by Neversink potters Anne-Marie Kremer and Chris Parrow. Shopping for memorable gifts for the people on your list has never been easier.

The exhibit has become an annual tradition that offers a wide variety of handmade functional and decorative ceramic art including vases, mugs, bowls, plates, platters, berry bowls, teapots and more. Gift certificates are also available.

Anne-Marie's work combines classical techniques and glazes with stylish, contemporary forms. Chris's functional stoneware is inspired by traditional American pottery, and her mountain-landscape designs reflect the colors and views of the Catskill Mountains.

The show is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 29th, 30th and December 1st from 10 AM to 5 PM. Claryville Pottery is located at 982 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY, by the intersection of Frost Valley Road, just four miles from State Rt 55. For further information, call 845-985-7564 or 845-985-2016. We look forward to seeing you!

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## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

When a musician of the caliber of Carol Smith of LITTLE SPARROW tells you that this is one of the best bands they've ever had, you need to pay attention.

Last Friday night I was at the Downtown Barn in Liberty for WJFF's Barn Dance fund raiser. And I was in very good company too! Just at my table I had John and LaVerne Black and potter Kathy Jeffers. Behind me were DeeDee and Edwardo Casto...fantastic musicians in their own right and parents of the amazingly talented guitar man Greg Casto formerly with the now defunct LION ZEN and most recently part of THE ELECTRIC CHORDS.



The band was LITTLE SPARROW, but not like you're used to seeing them with just Carol and Aldo. This was a truly full band of outstanding musicians! The bass man, JEFF ANDERSON, is most recently with SLAM ALLEN but if you can name some of the greats, he's most likely performed with them. JAY GANZ, one fine pedal steel player. No drummer but they didn't need one, not with ELLEN IOVANA out of Hartford Connecticut on the congas and percussion! And then there was the superb 'pickin' of VAN MANAKAS whose discography has him on CDs and albums from everything from big bands to jazz.

This was the first night I've ventured out. I had planned only to stay a little while since I'm still recovering and tire



easily. But this music was so good and the musicians so amazing in their own right that I just couldn't tear myself away. And my reward for this? I and the audience were treated to a few songs by the great Country singer MICK-EY BARNETT. I don't know what he sounded like live when the hotels were flourishing, but I do know that Friday night his voice was as rich and full and should be the envy of most songsters. There's only one other "show" voice in Sullivan County that has that kind of depth, and that's JOANNA GASS...who you can catch Tuesday nights at BREW in Rock Hill.

That being said, here's what's coming up this week:

Tuesday: THE GREATER SULLIVAN COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA (Joanna Gass, Steve Schwartz, Kenny Windheim, and Eric Neis), BREW, 280 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, 6:30pm

Thursday Nov 21: CABERNET FRANK'S, (38 Main Street, Parksville) OPEN MIC; 7pm (hosted by SULLIVAN CATSKILLS). Tonight's Open Mic host is LITTLE SPARROW

Friday Nov 22: ALBI at THE RUSSIAN MULE BREWERY, 1465 Denning Road, Claryville (in the Claryville Arts Center); 6pm

BJ & GREG at the ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145 Rockland Road, Roscoe; 6pm  
BROTALITY at CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; 8pm

Saturday Nov 23: TALKING MACHINE (Modern Acoustic Rock) at THE PICKLED OWL, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6pm-9  
JUSTIN SUTHERLAND at CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St., Parksville; 8pm

Until next time....

## Country/Bluegrass Dance Group Headed for County Museum

Hurleyville, NY - The Country Travelers are a classic country/bluegrass dance band whose repertoire includes square and round dance tunes, and longtime dance caller Patty Legg will actually call a dance during their show at the Sullivan County Museum on Sunday, December 1, starting at 2 p.m. Wear your dancing shoes!

Members of The Country Travelers come from Ulster and Sullivan counties. They include Patty Legg, guitar and lead vocals; Bob Hunt, banjo, guitar and vocals; Paul Lounsbury, fiddle, guitar and vocals; Dave Trestyn, bass and vocals; and Bill Angell, autoharp and hammered dulcimer.



The Americana band Little Sparrow will host the event, and the concert is part of the Sullivan County Historical Society's annual Open House and Theme Tree Exhibit. The Historical Society Board will be on hand to welcome members, perspective members, and anyone who would like to join in the fun.

Both events are free (donations gratefully accepted)! Music starts at 2 p.m., but the open house runs from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Call 845-434-8044 for more info, or visit [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org).

## Meet Our 2020 NF Ambassador: Brianna Worden

(From Pg. 8) As soon as I woke up from my surgery it was hard to breathe, I could not talk, I felt like I swallowed knives. When I heard the sentence, "You won't be able to talk, eat normal, or sing..." my heart sank. I felt like I was drowning. This was the most difficult obstacle I have ever faced. Singing has been the only normalcy in my life and because of the paralysis, I wasn't allowed to do the one thing I loved. I was on a liquid-based diet and I had to learn how to talk and swallow again. In a way I felt guilty that I was so depressed over not having my voice, or the ability to swallow normal. NF had taken so much from me, and I felt like it was taking the only normal part of my life. I wasn't going to let it win. I went through speech therapy, where I learned how to swallow again. It took about six months for me to learn how to swallow foods, and talk. While I have my voice now, my vocal cord has partial paralysis.

### What's the best piece of advice you've ever gotten?

The best piece of advice that I've ever gotten is a quote my mom has always said to me before every surgery, "It's not brave if you're not scared." I forever stand by this. Going through surgery after surgery and living with NF is scary. But when you conquer something you're scared of, it doesn't make you a scaredy-cat, it makes you brave. Just because you're afraid of something doesn't mean you shouldn't fight. Always continue to strive for your dreams or your goals. Never give up.

### What does being a Patient Advocate mean to you?

Being a patient advocate is so important to me. It's what I've done my whole life. My dream is to be a spokesperson where I can advocate for many people. I will do everything in my power to advocate for those in need. No one should feel alone. Everyone needs someone to talk to you that helps them feel uplifted.

### How does art (photography, singing, writing, performing) help you cope?

I absolutely love performing. When I'm on stage I forget about all my troubles. What's fun about acting is I get to be someone else. For a moment all my pain and all of the struggles I've gone through fades. Being on stage and the feeling you get while performing is so incredibly hard to explain. But it's the best feeling in the whole world. Art has been such a big part of my life and I want to use it in my field of study or future careers.

### What gives you hope?

What gives me hope is my family and their support. Without them I would not be able to succeed, they are my world. But, what also gives me hope is CTF and the NF community. Hearing them say that I've helped change lives

helps me know that my goals of inspiring and advocating are coming true. We all need a little hope in our lives.

## Congratulations on graduating from Boston University! What's next?

Thank you! While on chemotherapy I wanted to focus on myself and the healing process. I've decided I want to get a master's degree in drama therapy or theater arts. My goal is to use my psychology background to implement theater arts to help people cope with various disorders – just like theater has helped me.

## What were you thinking/how did you feel when you found out you were the 2020 NF Ambassador?

So many thoughts ran through my head when I found out I am the 2020 Ambassador. I am completely honored and forever thankful. I instantly thought of all the people I met along the way who have helped me get to where I am today. My goal is to be the best I can be, and inspire and help as many people as I can. With NF we each have our own journey and stories that can be scary. I know that firsthand. But, I don't want people to see me just for having NF. I want them to see me as a bright person trying to make a difference and share positivity not only in the NF community, but the world.

**Ed Notes:** When I received Rebecca's (Senior Manager of Public Relations CTF) email asking me if I was interested doing a story about a local girl who has overcome many complications from a birth defect, I immediately knew it was my grand daughter, Brianna. Rebecca ended her note with, "...if you wish, I could introduce Brianna to you." Of course it didn't take but a moment and I answered her email, "Brianna is my grand-daughter," and I did want to publish her story and interview.

On Saturday, we attended Brant Gorton's "Commemorative Wall" Unveiling. His story was totally different from Brianna's.

Both of these young people have a spirit that deserve recognition and to have their story told. It is appropriate especially during this Thanksgiving Season to say I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to share each of their stories with our readers and to thank them both for their bold and brave choices that will make a difference in our world.

## Brant Gorton Completes Troop 97 Eagle Scout Project Unveiling of "The Commemorative Wall"

(From Pg. 8) This was Brant Gorton's speech at the unveiling of his Eagle Scout Project on Saturday at the Town of Neversink Community Park on Route 42 in Grahamsville.

When we asked Geri Gorton, Brant's mother, why he had chosen this overwhelming project, this was her reply.

"Brant has always had a deep respect for the military and veterans since he was little. I want to say at least 6 yrs old in Cub Scouts. My husband's Uncle Robert Janusz, a Vietnam Veteran, was a big part of his life at that time and when he passed away Brant was deeply affected. He was very impressed by the Funeral Services at the Cemetery with the Marines in uniform performing the service. He never missed a Flag Exchange ceremony since then. He also ran the flag retirement ceremonies with the Boy Scout Troop 97 for the past couple of years. He cannot tolerate when people are disrespectful to veterans or the flag. I guess you can say he is patriotic."

"When he was 14 he said "I know what I want to do for my Eagle project and it has to do with veterans". So he thought out the entire idea and finally in 2017 at 15 yrs old he went to the town board to request the project. He did not ask the Town for money for the project and decided to raise the money to build the wall by selling the tiles through a website set up by the tile company, since he was not allowed to handle the actual money end of the fundraising. When tile sales were slow Brant went to a Sullivan County AM Vets meeting and gave a speech to pitch the project and from there Gary Frear and Gary Hill were his biggest advocates, which helped lead to him selling over 200 tiles.

When it was suggested that this project continue, adding more tiles to "The Wall" there was an overwhelming applause from the large crowd of guests attending the ceremony. What a wonderful way to keep Brant's idea alive and allow the community to continue to honor all veterans, whether family members, friends or neighbors.

Brant Gorton is 17yrs old. He goes to Tri Valley and Sullivan BOCES in the Public Safety Program. He will pursue Criminal Justice in his career path to become a Police Officer.

*Congratulations Brant! We join your family and are very proud of you and your great accomplishment on this project and for bringing your vision to fruition.*

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## NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

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More about our warrior Nick....

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

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

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## Sullivan BOCES Honors Veterans

Liberty: On November 7, Sullivan BOCES honored veterans from across Sullivan County with a free breakfast at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty.

This special day welcomed veterans of all ages to show appreciation for their service to our nation. Students and staff worked hard to create a special welcome for their honored guests. Veterans were greeted with fire engines from the Liberty and Youngsville fire companies, and students ready to escort them through patriotic hallways.

Robert M. Dufour, Ed. D, district superintendent of Sullivan BOCES and Linda Blanton, executive principal of the alternative/special education division, gave the welcome address. "We must never forget what you have done for us, whether it was overseas or stateside, you kept us safe. We would not be here if it weren't for you, and we thank you every day for what you have done for our nation," said Dufour.

Dylan Campbell, career & technical education (CTE) public safety student from the Eldred CSD, followed with a heartfelt welcome. He expressed how students and staff were honored and privileged to serve breakfast as a small token of gratitude for all the veterans who sacrificed for Americans and our country.

According to Mike Knack, a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Army and Navy, "Today's event makes us feel good. Today shows us that the students appreciate our service."

During their visit to BOCES, students talked with the veterans to learn more about them and find out what branch of the service and where they served. After breakfast, which the CTE culinary art students prepared and served, representatives from the middle and high school showered the veterans with student-made patriotic gifts.

Although students and staff at BOCES feel all veterans are heroes, Gene Weinstein, US Navy, WWII, and Koran War veteran stated, "The real heroes are the people who sacrificed their lives for our nation."

## Letter to the Voters in SC Legislative District 3

Dear Voters:

On election night my campaign for Sullivan County Legislator was successful by a margin that truly humbles me, and I want to thank everyone who helped along the way, making it possible for me to represent District 3.

Sullivan County's momentum is on the upswing, but a lot of work remains to be done. I'm a common guy who decided to get involved and to do my best to effect positive change for my community. This is my sixth successful election, and each time I get a deeper sense of appreciation for the people I represent.

Again, I thank you and I look forward to working for you for the next four years.

Gratefully,

Michael Brooks  
Grahamsville

## Where Did

### The Country Go Wrong

Submitted by Barbara Barkley

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Joe has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Veteran died today .

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Veteran died today .

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young,  
But the passing of a Veteran  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Some jerk who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran,  
Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Veteran,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Veteran's part,  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline  
In the paper that might say:  
"OUR COUNTRY IS  
IN MOURNING,  
A VETERAN DIED TODAY ."

It is Thanksgiving  
Be thankful for all the veterans who have  
served to keep our country free

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

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**Blue Mountains Trout News** (From Pg. 4) Trout in the Classroom (TIC): Hank Rope reports that Jane Wolfrom's brown trout at Phoenicia Elementary School are doing well, growing to be about one inch long. However, sadly a Halloween power outage claimed the lives of all of Ingrid White's fish except one, as Phoenicia was without electricity from 2 AM Friday until 6 PM Saturday. She plans to acquire more sac fry from the hatchery for her tank.

Recently both teachers received replacement filters from TU National to support their TIC tanks, and rumor is both might be considering retirement at school year's end. We're very fortunate to have dedicated teachers, like Jane and Ingrid--- plus helpers like Hank, willing to devote extra classroom time to TIC; it does take work above and beyond required expectations.

West Point Cadet Esopus Creek outing: Chapter members continue to receive favorable mail from West Point members, thanking them for helping with the Sept. 22nd Esopus Creek outing. Chapter members involved in this were more than happy to help.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported during October there were 8 measurable events with 9.40 inches of rain having a 5.8 weighted average as measured in Boiceville. By comparison in October 2018 there were 9 events with 4.54 inches of measureable rain, including 0.3 inches of sleet/snow, and a 6.5 weighted pH.

Don't forget, the International Fly Tying Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 23rd and 24th: <https://internationalflytyingsymposium.com/>

Leigh Melander and Chris Hensley have put together an extensive volume titled Catskills Trout Tales General Report 2018. Our chapter has supported Trout Tales since its beginning and if you like an electronic copy, contact Chris at: [Chrishensley@me.com](mailto:Chrishensley@me.com) As Chris Hensley noted, our chapter helped grow Catskills Trout Tales into a regional spring celebration now managed by the Catskill Center and the Catskill Visitors Center. We should all be proud of

Until December,  
*Ed Ostapczuk*

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING:**

**THE GRAHAMSVILLE  
FIRE HOUSE**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2019**

**11A.M. - 1 P.M.  
RAIN, SNOW, OR SHINE**

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- Santa will be Indoors**

**Claryville Fire Dept.**  
 1500 Denning Road \_ Claryville  
 All You Can Eat  
 Welcome Hunters  
 Spaghetti Supper



**Saturday, November 30**  
 Serving 4:00 until 8:00 PM  
**Adults: \$10**  
**Children Ages 5-11: \$6**  
**Under 5 Yrs. Free**

\$50 from the Dinner Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

**CHURCH FAIR  
 BAKE SALE**

**&  
 LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, November 23rd**  
 Ulster Heights  
 United Methodist Church  
 1264 Ulster Heights Rd., Ellenville, NY

**FAIR: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**LUNCHEON: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 (Homemade Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs,  
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- \*Home baked goods, jams and jellies\*
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- \*Holiday gift baskets\*

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 Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
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 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
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**Regular Office Hours**  
 Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
 Friday 3 pm to 6 pm  
 If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
 please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.  
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**Celebrate the Season in Ulster County.**

The holiday season is a wonderful time to be in Ulster County. Blankets of snow wrap the Mid-Hudson Valley in a soft white glow. Fraser and Douglas firs dot the hills of Christmas Tree farms, where visitors can pick and cut their own perfect holiday tree. The Kiwanis and Mohonk Mountain House ice arenas become festive gatherings for holiday-minded ice skaters. And the towns, villages, and hamlets come alive with celebrations and activities throughout December. Here are five community events that make the holidays in Ulster County so special.

**A Holiday on Huguenot Street**

Dec. 6-7, Historic Huguenot Street, New Paltz

One of the biggest celebrations of the season, A Holiday on Huguenot Street brings together the spirit of the holidays with living history through a series of events across the 10-acre Historic Huguenot Street, a National Historic Landmark District preserving the story of the area's first Huguenot settlers. Presented with the Reformed Church of New Paltz, the family friendly weekend will feature historical holiday-themed tours, a community tree lighting, a craft fair, horse-drawn wagon rides, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a Paper Lantern Light Parade, among other events.

**The Wawarsing Wassail**

Dec. 6-8 Ellenville, Wawarsing ewcoc.com

Hosted by the Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, this spectacular weekend of holiday revelry takes place throughout the Village of Ellenville and the Town of Wawarsing and features everything you could hope for in a holiday celebration: a fire truck parade, a parade party and town square lighting in Liberty Square, the Holiday Hustle 5k-ish walk/run, a winter windows decorating competition, and a holiday market featuring numerous local businesses, vendors, artisans, and food and drink. Net proceeds from the Holiday Hustle registration cost will benefit upgrades to the Rail Trail.

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent  
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 Comic Books, Baseball Cards, Household goods,  
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 "Something for everyone!"

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**Dish Supper**  
 Dec. 7, 2019  
 Covered Dish  
 Supper  
 5:30 pm  
 Covered  
 Dish Supper  
 Sundown  
 United Methodist  
 Church Hall

**Grahamsville  
 United  
 Methodist  
 Church**  
**Saturday  
 Thrift Sale**  
 Jan 18, 2019  
 9:00 am  
 to 12 noon  
  
**Dec. 7  
 Holiday  
 Craft Fair**

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
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 Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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## LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

Specifications & Instructions to BiddersPlowing 2019-2022 Season Neversink Fire District

The Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners require the following stipulations to be included in any bid submitted for plowing of the district parking lots.

1. Three year contract -  
Season November 1st 2019 through April 31st 2020  
  
Season November 1st 2020 through April 31st 2021  
  
Season November 1st 2021 through April 31st 2022
2. Hourly rate per each snowfall event
3. On demand salt and sand mix
4. No sub-contractors unless approved by the board of fire commissioners
5. Must submit proof of insurance with bid
6. Plow every two inches

Please include the above stipulations in your bid and pricing. Bids are due and will be opened and awarded on October 15th 2019 at 7:30 pm

If you have any questions or concerns please call 845-866-2525 and leave a message or email nfdtreasurer@gmail.com.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Delaney, Treasurer  
Neversink Fire District

10/24; 10/31; 11/7; 11/14; 11/21

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

LEGAL NOTICE  
ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE  
NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 10, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House located at 7486 St Rte 55, Neversink New York 12765, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2025. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections on or before October 12, 2019 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates of District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Neversink Fire District at the fire house at 7486 St. Rte 55, Neversink, New York 12765, no later than twenty days before the election.

11/21

## TOWN OF NEVERSINK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MACHINERY  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS SUBJECT  
TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on December 11, 2019, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a 2020 Tandem Dump Truck with Plow and Sanding Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: November 14, 2019  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

11/21

TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE:

## TWO ANTICIPATED POSITIONS:

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (BAR)  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)

The Town of Neversink announces one anticipated position available on the ZBA. It will begin on 01/01/2020 and will finish out a term expiring on 12/31/2022.

There is also an anticipated position available on the BAR. It will begin on 01/01/2020 and will finish out a term expiring on 09/30/2021.

Please send a letter of interest to: Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest for either position should be received by December 2, 2019. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

11/21

**Proposed 2020 County Budget  
Spends \$1M Less Than 2019's  
Major Service Enhancements**

**Still Part of Plan**

Monticello, NY - Balancing expenses versus revenues, Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potossek today presented a 2020 Tentative Sullivan County Budget to the Legislature that is \$1 million less than 2019's but still includes a number of innovative, citizen-oriented initiatives.

"As proposed by my office, the 2020 Tentative Sullivan County Budget invests in what's important to our residents: public transportation, broadband connectivity, sustainable living, cost-effective government, economic development, and recreational opportunities," Potossek said. "At the same time, however, it does not burden taxpayers with excessive and unaffordable tax hikes."

The \$233,129,442 budget, as currently proposed, stays under the State-mandated property tax cap with a 1.59% rate increase. That's below the average rate increase over the past four years.

Full details of the budget are available at [www.sullivanyny.us](http://www.sullivanyny.us) (click on "Sullivan County 2020 Tentative Budget Executive Summary" and "Sullivan County 2020 Tentative Budget Detail" under the "Helpful Links" tab in the lefthand margin).

Highlights include:

- o \$6.6 million for road and bridgework throughout the County
- o \$450,000 to purchase two buses and expand the service

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- o \$300,000 for local towns and villages to demolish unsafe structures via our RUS (Removing Unsafe Structures) Program
  - o \$300,000 for the Legislature's Discretionary Funds Program, assisting deserving nonprofits and community groups
  - o \$227,008 to complete a new Delaware River access point in Barryville
  - o \$200,000 to build a tower in Monticello in anticipation of expanding the broadband wireless pilot program (testing to commence in 2020)
  - o \$100,000 for the popular Plans & Progress Small Grant Program
  - o \$70,000 for trail enhancements along the former O&W railbed and at Lake Superior
  - o \$24,000 to purchase and install electric vehicle charging stations at County facilities
  - o \$10,000 to develop an Energy Code training program to bring local officials - especially building inspectors and code enforcement officers - up to speed on rapidly changing "green energy" technologies for residences and businesses
  - o Funding to add 7 new staff members to the Care Center at Sunset Lake
  - o A plan to restructure key divisions of County government
- The budget also provides the necessary funds to operate two jails for a month while personnel, inmates and equipment are transferred from the old jail to the new facility.
- Legislators now have until December 20 to review, discuss and adopt the budget. The public is welcome to comment on the proposed budget on December 3 at 5:30 p.m. and December 5 at 8:45 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello.

**TO THE VOTERS OF  
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK**  
**Thank you for your support on Election Day!**  
**We truly appreciate it!**

Chris Mathews - Supervisor  
Lisa Garigliano - Town Clerk  
Keith Zanetti- Councilman  
Nicole Gorr - Councilwoman  
Preston Kelly - Highway Superintendent  
Brent Gotsch - Town Justice  
Michael Brooks - Sullivan Co. Legislator - District 3



Town of Neversink  
Parks & Recreation  
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Grahamsville, NY 12740  
Call for info: (845) 985-2262 ext 312  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
**2019 Upcoming Events**

Sat., Nov. 30 **Transportation to Palisades Center in West Nyack** - Leave Town Hall at 8:30 am return approx 5 pm  
Dec 7 - **Transportation to NYC**  
Dec. 13 5 pm Judging for House Decorating Contest (**Submit form to Parks & Rec by Dec 10 to participate**)  
Dec. 15 - **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** 2-3 pm at the Neversink Town Hall; Elf Workshop 3:30 at Daniel Pierce Library & **Tree Lighting and announcing winners of House Decorating Contest at 5 PM at Bi-centennial Park**

Check out flyers on table outside parks & rec office door.  
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**Daniel Pierce Library**

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: Closed

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

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

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

**2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 10th	May 16th	September 12th
February 14th	June 13th	October 10th
March 14th	July 11th	November 14th
April 11th	August 15th	December 12th

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- 11/21/19 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 11/22/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/26//19 Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Meeting - 6 pm
- 11/28-29/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **THANKSGIVING**
- 11/30/19 Claryville Fire Department **Spaghetti Dinner** 4-8 pm
- 12/3/19 Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 6 pm
- 12/4/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 12/7/19 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm - Church Hall
- 12/7/19 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Craft Fair
- 12/10/19 Claryville Fire District Elections 4pm to 8pm
- 12/10/19 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 6 pm
- 12/11/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 12/12/19 Claryville Fire Dist. Meeting 6:30
- 11/23/19 Ulster Heights United Methodist **Church Fair, Bake Sale** 10 am - 3 pm & **Luncheon** 11 am to 2 pm
- 12/24/19 Town of Neversink 1/2- Day Holiday - **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- 12/25/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **CHRISTMAS**

**Save the Date!**

Nov 30 Claryville Fire Department **Spaghetti Dinner** 4-8 pm  
December 7 - **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Craft Fair & Luncheon** (See Pg. 13 for details)

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**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.

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**Warming Centers Will Be Open All Winter in Liberty, Monticello**

Monticello, NY - As part of New York State's "Code Blue" mandate, Sullivan County will begin operating overnight warming shelters seven days a week with partner agencies in Liberty and Monticello.

"Our Department of Family Services is collaborating with the Federation for the Homeless, the Village of Monticello, and two churches in Liberty to ensure no one suffers one night out in the cold this winter," said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee, which yesterday passed the authorizing legislation.

The County will pay a total of \$119,000, reimbursable by the State, to the following partners to provide staffing, heat, shelter, cots, blankets, bathrooms, light food and water at these locations every night from November 18, 2019 to March 31, 2020:

- Ted Stroebel Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello - operated from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. by the Village of Monticello and the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

**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.

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Upon receipt of your order a greeting card announcing your gift will be sent to the person(s) to whom you are sending a holiday subscription. **Gift orders must be received by December 31, 2019** in order for a subscription to begin on January 9, 2020 .

Name of Person you wish to send a Gift Subscription to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

• United Methodist Church, 170 North Main Street, Liberty - operated from 7 p.m.-8 a.m. by the Liberty United Methodist Church and New Beginnings Community Worship Center  
"The warming centers are open to all," Health & Family Services Commissioner Joe Todora affirmed. "We are very pleased to be able to work once again with our community partners to provide this expansion of our program."

During daytime hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays), the Federation for the Homeless at 9 Monticello Street offers food and warmth, as well, and the Government Center and local libraries welcome folks during normal business hours.

A comprehensive and interactive map of these locations is available on the County website at [www.sullivanny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData](http://www.sullivanny.us/Departments/RealProperty/GISData). Click on the "Warming and Cooling Center Locator" app button at the bottom of the page.

In addition, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - which can provide funds for fuel and heating system repair/replacement - continues Countywide, including aid for emergency heating situations. For more information, call 845-807-0142.

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**Help Wanted - Experienced Only**  
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**The Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to hire a qualified building and grounds Maintenance Manager.** Responsibilities include but not limited to having an understanding of plumbing systems, electrical systems, and carpentry. Applicant must be able to develop maintenance procedures, carry out inspections of the facilities, resolve issues, and check electrical and hydraulic systems to ensure functionality. Plan and oversee repairs, monitor equipment inventory, monitor expenses and budget control, manage contractors and service providers and janitorial duties. Keep logs and daily reports. Ensure that health and safety policies are followed. Bachelor's degree and/or equivalent combination of education and experience required. \$45,000 to \$50,000 salary, - Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to Mr. Alan L. Rosa, P.O. Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455. EOE

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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

Answers:  
1. Anthony Quinn  
2. Omar Sharif



**Town of Neversink Parks & Rec**

**HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

Requirements:  
• Any residence in the Town of Neversink is eligible for entry  
• Use as many lights

and decorations as you would like on the exterior of your home and lawn

• Judging will take place on Friday, December 12 at 5 pm

• Winning residence will be announced at the tree lighting on Sunday, Dec 15 at 5 pm

• Winner will receive a stocking full of presents including: voucher for a pepperoni pizza & bottle of soda from Grahamsville Deli, oil change from Zanetti's Service Center & Maple Syrup from Catskill Mountain Sugar House.

Address of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 Holiday Events**

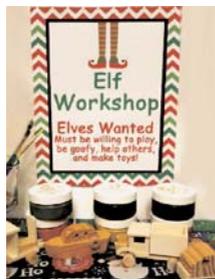


**HOLIDAY TEA**

Make a day of it and join in on the fun at the Daniel Pierce Library's Holiday Tea from 1 to 3 pm. Listen to TVCS students and community members as they sing and play instruments & join in on a sing along.

**ELF WORKSHOP**

Meet at the Daniel Pierce Library's Community Room in the basement at 3:30 pm to create a few one-of-a-kind holiday projects to take home and brighten a loved one's day. Please bring signed permission slips to the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3 pm and 6 pm or mail to PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by Tuesday, December 3 to partake in this free event. This will be limited to the first 100 children to sign up.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

Requirements:

- Any structure is eligible for entry
- No bigger than 11"x14" cookie sheet
- Entry must have all major components: walls, room constructed of Gingerbread or Graham Crackers
- All Components must be edible and all candies must be unwrapped
- All entries will be judged on popular vote

• Structure must be dominate feature of the entry  
• All entries must be delivered in complete form to the Town Hall on Sunday December 15 between 2 pm and 3 pm

Check which Entry  
Project made by Age 3 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Project made by 11 to 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Project made by Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Project made by Adult \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**TREE LIGHTING**

Join us at Bicentennial Park across from the Town Hall at 5 pm to enjoy some cheer with neighbors. Hotdogs, hamburgers, cocoa, cookies, s'mores & popcorn will be served. The winners of the House Decorating and Gingerbread House contest will be announced.

**Looking for a great Christmas Gift? Check out this Parks and Rec offer: 9 Sunday Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowmobiling at Holiday Mountain - Passes are only \$3 per person**



**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia ON TCM STARTING AT 8:00 PM WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 27, 2019, WE HONOR, WRITER DIRECTOR DAVID LEAN LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**

A consummate craftsman whose sweeping historical epics were with larger-than-life characters. Director David Lean helmed some of the grandest movies ever made. After receiving his start as an editor, Lean segued into directing with films like "Blithe Spirit" (1945) and "Brief Encounter" (1946), Lean followed with two faithful adaptations of Charles Dickens, "Great Expectations" (1946) and "Oliver Twist" (1948), both exemplary translations of the author's work. Unfortunately, Lean soon entered into a career lull of fourteen years, and his next three films, only docudramas, "Breaking the Sound Barrier" (1952), a fictional look at the titular historical moment. His rollicking version of the stage comedy "Hobson's Choice" (1954). Lean earned his third Oscar nomination for Best Director with "Summertime" (1955), a romantic drama about a lonely American spinster (Katharine Hepburn). But what followed was a series of three films that cemented his place as one of the greatest directors of all time, starting with "The Bridge Over the River Kwai" (1957), a WWII epic that displayed an unusual elegance. Next was "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962). Lean accomplished a stunning cinematic feat with "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962), presenting a sweeping historical epic that followed the real-life adventures of T.E. Lawrence (Peter O'Toole), a British officer who unified the Arab tribes to fight for independence from the Ottoman Turks in 1920. It also featured some of the most iconic images ever committed to celluloid, including the extreme wide shot of Omar Sharif emerging from the rising desert sun on a camel. This earned his second and last Academy Award for Best Director. While "Lawrence" won the Oscar for Best Picture, this film earned its place as one of the greatest movies ever made. Lean followed this cinematic triumph with, "Doctor Zhivago" (1965), a sweeping romantic drama set against the backdrop of World War I and the Communist Russian Revolution. Because of the success of "Zhivago," in his next film Lean made another sweeping romantic drama with "Ryan's Daughter" (1970) the story of an Irish pub keeper's daughter (Sarah Miles) whose loveless marriage to a local schoolmaster (Robert Mitchum) leads her to have an affair with a British officer. She was swept into a scandal involving IRA insurgents. Over time, however, critics softened their stance and came to embrace it as one of Lean's finer works. Rounding out his three greatest films. Lean returned to the epic that defined him, with the splendid adaptation of E.M. Forster's "A Passage to India" (1984). Set in the 1920s during the growth of the Indian independence movement. Hailed as another masterpiece, turned out to be the last film directed by Lean. Lean died on April 16, 1991 from throat cancer. He was 83. This weeks film, "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA" (adventure, 1962) A British military officer enlists the Arabs for desert warfare in World War I. **Dir: David Lean Cast: Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn.** This is David Lean's splendid biography of the enigmatic T. E. Lawrence, a portrait of the desert-loving Englishman who united Arab tribes in a battle against the Ottoman Turks. C-227 m, rated TV-14.

**Quiz:** 1. Who played Auda Abu Tayi?  
2. Who played Sherif Ali ibn el Kharish?

**What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™**

**SUNDOWN**

Dec 7 - **Covered Dish Supper** at the Sundown Methodist Church this month.

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Dec. 7 Grahamsville UMC **Holiday Craft Sale**  
Dec 15 - **Holiday Tea** at the Daniel Pierce Library 1-3  
Dec 15 - **Elf Workshop** at the Daniel Pierce Library 3:30 pm (See ad on Page 16 for all Parks & Rec Holiday Events)

**CLARYVILLE**

Nov. 30 - Claryville Fire Dept. **Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm**

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**Russian Mule**

**Tasting Room Calendar of Events**

Saturday, November 23- **Live Music: Albi 6-9 pm**  
Thursday, November 28- **Closed for Thanksgiving**  
Friday, November 29- **Cafe opens at 12 pm**  
Saturday, November 30- **Cafe closes at 12 pm** for private event, **Brewery still open**  
Friday, December 6- **Live Music: Albi 6-9 pm**  
Saturday, December 7- **Live Music: The Acquaintances 6-9 pm**  
Saturday, December 14- **Live Music: Bryan Gordon 6-9 pm**  
Saturday, December 21- **Live Music: BJ & Greg 6-9 pm**  
Saturday, December 28- **New Year Holiday Party with performance by Patrick Collins**



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