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Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Continues to Keep the Spirit of Small Town America Alive!



For over twenty years, members of the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association have gotten together to share their passion - antique tractors.

This past weekend, the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association again celebrated their two-day annual event beginning with a Poker Run on Saturday. The cavalcade of well-kept antique tractors drove through Grahamsville, then up to Big Hollow Road, then over South Hill, and back to the fairgrounds where they began their journey to complete the Poker Run. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Neversink History Afternoon



[Grahamsville, N.Y] Neversink History Afternoon will be held on Sunday, November 3 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Hudson Valley Honor Flight

The Olive Jar
By Carol LaMonda



My friend and neighbor, Gina Kothe, who is an Army veteran and injured fire fighter, accompanied Al Moses, retired Onteora Auto Shop Teacher, on the Hudson Valley Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Al was Army Air Corps, later called the Air Force once other branches of the military were established. He and Gina are members of Olive Memorial American Legion Post 1627. Gina, an Onteora alumnus, has volunteered for Honor Flights as a driver for the past three years. This one was special because she got to go with a friend and neighbor. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Legendary Music Star and Local Resident Honored with Distinguished Citizen Award



Larry Chance (center) of the legendary doo wop group Larry Chance and the Earls was honored by the Sullivan County Legislature with its Distinguished Citizen Award. Joining him were, front row from the left, Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz and District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy; and back row from the left, Deputy County Manager John Liddle, District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, District 5 Legislator Terri Ward, District 4 Legislator Cathy Owens and County Manager Josh Potosek.

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators today bestowed the Distinguished Citizen Award on Liberty resident Larry Chance, lead vocalist in the legendary doo wop group Larry Chance and the Earls and a talented solo artist and songwriter.

"Larry's songs - like 'Remember Then,' 'Never,' 'Life Is But a Dream,' 'I Believe' - are American classics, representing the distinctive sounds of 1950s and '60s popular music," remarked Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "Larry and his 'Earls' continue to share those cherished tunes with millions around the world. We are blessed and privileged to call him a local neighbor."

Born in 1940 in the Bronx and raised in Philadelphia, Larry attended school with another icon of the era, Frankie Avalon, before moving back to New York City, where he formed his first group, the High Hatters, at age 17. The band's name, however, didn't stick.

"We each had a different idea about what to call ourselves," Larry remembered. "So I told them whatever word my finger lands on in the dictionary, that will be our name. I landed on 'Earl'."

"A little farther down," he joked, "and we could have been the 'Ears'!" (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalm 1:6

OBITUARY

Frank J. Amore, Jr. September 16, 1944 - October



14, 2019 Hurleyville, NY Frank J. Amore, Jr. of Hurleyville, passed away on Monday, October 14, 2019. He was 75. He was the son of the late Frank J. Amore, Sr. and Marie Grego, and raised by his Aunt Anna and Uncle John "Uncle Mike" Kieron, born on September 16, 1944 in Brooklyn, NY. Prior to working as an electrician who owned and operated Sullivan County Electric, Frank worked for the Town of Fallsburg Sewer Department as well as the Town of Fallsburg Parks Department. In his free time he enjoyed collecting stamps, bowling on Monday nights with the Men's League and Friday nights with the Mixed League. He loved most things mechanical especially trains and trolley cars. He was also a grand master of martial arts of Bahl Soo Shim Jang. He was an incredibly generous man; he often played Santa, giving out gifts to underprivileged children, all of which he purchased himself. Frank leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 31 years, Tina; son, Michael Amore; daughter, Frankie Amore; nieces: Karen Gaffney, Doreen McLarney, and Cheryl Aiola; nephews: Gene Gaffney and Guy Amore; his mother-in-law and father-in-law as well as his many great-nieces, nephews and many friends. He is predeceased by his sister, Phyllis Gaffney. A funeral service was held on October 20th at the funeral home with Rev. Roy Schaffer officiating. Interment will take place at a later time at Hillside Cemetery, Woodbourne, NY. Arrangements under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Paul Arthur Irwin, Jr., of Neversink, NY and New Smyrna Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2019 surrounded by family. He was 87.

He was the son of the late Paul Irwin, Sr. and Clara Bell Brown McGovern, born on September 26, 1932 in Middletown, NY.

Paul worked a multitude of jobs throughout his life including tunnel work during the construction of the Neversink Reservoir. He spent most of his career working as a telephone engineer where he dedicated 30 years. In his retirement, he worked for DJM Dealers as a truck driver. Paul had a strong love for the outdoors and enjoyed a passion for hunting throughout his entire life. He was tough as nails on the outside, but had a soft heart towards the ones he loved, and he was a genuine friend to all. Paul had a John Wayne spirit in his quiet nature but when he spoke, everyone listened. He had an endless sense of humor and could make anyone smile. Family was the most important part of his life and he touched the hearts of many.

He is survived by his wife JoAnne Irwin of 67 years; his siblings Beverly Purpura, Elizabeth Bard, Richard Irwin, and Ken Irwin; his children Wayne Irwin (Joy), Carolee Larsen (Warren), Debbie Glinski (John), Tom Irwin, and John Irwin; his grandchildren Jason Turman, Steven Burton, Kristen Clauser, Kyle Carson, Ryan Irwin, Michael Glinski, Tim Glinski, Adam Larsen, Andrew Larsen, Bill Irwin, Priscilla Heildingsfield, Paul Irwin, Jonah Irwin and Nicole Fogle; his adopted grandson Josh Borozny; his close friend Anthony Crozelli; and 19 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his grandchildren David Irwin and Justin Burton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Paul's name to the Grahamsville Fire Department, P.O. Box 331, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 2:30 on Monday, October 21, 2019 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. A funeral service was held on October 21 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Rev. Chris Bloyd officiated. Burial followed at Claryville Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU

The families of Myrtle Kortright wish to thank everyone for all of their gestures of kindness and condolences during our recent time of loss. -The Kortright's, Kelly's and Kackos's.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

October 26, 1949

All of us who have had occasion to call at the store of Krum Bros. for our mail are saddened by the passing of our beloved Postmaster Clarence Krum. Constantly cheery and friendly, he made us happier by his greeting. In 1907 he entered business in the present Krum Bros. Store with his brother Sumner. On July 1st 1943, he was appointed Postmaster, which position he retained until the time of his death.

Certificates of Literacy shall be issued to "new voters" as follows: 1. To applicants whose credentials show that they have successfully completed the work prescribed for the 6th grade of the Public Day Schools of the State.

2. To those passing the Literacy Tests to be given November 1st, 3rd, and 8th, 9 a.m. to p.m. at the School Library, Grahamsville.

The Centennial of the Claryville Reformed Church is being observed by special services. On Sunday, October 23rd, at 2:30 p.m., Mr. Geo. Erts spoke on the subject "One Hundred Years of Claryville History". Next Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Mr. William Coombe will preach the Anniversary Sermon. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Water will fall 500 feet, three times the height of Niagara, to generate electricity in a new \$2,700,000 hydroelectric plant at Grahamsville, the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. of Poughkeepsie announced. Company officials stated that construction work has actually begun at the plant site. When placed in service in 1952 the plant will generate 25,000 kilowatts of electricity which will flow at 66,000 volts into Central Hudson's main transmission system and thus to all parts of the Mid-Hudson Valley. The plant will be at the outlet of a giant underground tunnel ten feet in diameter and five miles long, which will carry New York City drinking water down from the City's new Neversink Reservoir to its new Rondout Reservoir. The powerhouse will be equipped with a 41,000 horsepower water wheel and generator as well as apparatus for by-passing water when the wheel is not in operation or is not using all the water available. It is estimated that the average annual output of the plant will be 48,000,000 kilowatt-hours. Jay Zanetti left for North Dakota last Friday where he has employment on an irrigation dam under construction.

Eighty-nine people have signed a petition for daily mail service on the Greenville-Yeagerville route between Sundown and Lackawack.

The Democratic Club of Denning will hold its second Annual Dance at Small's Shop in Claryville on Saturday, October 29th, at 8:30. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge.

Mr. Al Baum, Yeagerville's only chicken farmer, has a new Chevrolet truck. Now that Guy Curry has finished painting his house, a new chimney is the next project.

October 21, 1959

Qualified voters in the Town of Neversink will decide on Election Day, November 3rd, whether or not the Town of Neversink will build a Town Hall on Town property located in Grahamsville between the North and Sherman residences, at a cost not to exceed \$27,500.00, payable out of Capital Reserve Funds of the Town. This property is part of the former Moses Kortright property and particularly described in a deed from Theda Taylor and others to the Town dated February 10, 1959.

An article about the local "Townsman", written by staff member, Inez Gridley, was featured in the current American Agriculturist. Illustrations show a former Townsman crew at work; news correspondent Rev. Milton J. Harris; and Mrs. Ethel Hornbeck folding the paper for the Townsman.

The fame of the Grahamsville and Peekamoose Shortline Model Railroad has now spread Nationwide. The November issue of the Model Railroader Magazine features in a special foldout section, some of the scenic details to be seen on the G. & P. (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Condolences to the Scott Grey family of Grahamsville on the recent passing of Diana's mother.

Feel better wishes go out to Carolyn Coombe, who was briefly hospitalized, and to her daughter, Cathy Coombe Bender, who was recently diagnosed with Lyme disease. Those darn little ticks seem to be everywhere and one must be especially careful when cleaning out gardens or working in the wood lot.

The October 12th turkey dinner held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church was a great success with 217 dinners served. Their next dinner is on November 16th.. roast pork. Thank you to the Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Group for donating 35 pairs of sweatpants in various sizes, dozens of pairs of socks and numerous pairs of underwear to the Tri-Valley Elementary School. Occasionally children have accidents and are in need of the donated clothing. Once used, the donated sweatpants and socks should be washed and returned to the Elementary School, however, too many times this does not happen and the supply must be replenished.

Columbus Day weekend turned out to be nicer than I expected. I was able to get the bulk of my flower gardens cleaned up and we mowed our lawns for the last time until spring. Most of the geese seemed to have gone south for the winter, with only a few still swimming in the Rondout and occasionally walking around our pasture fields. I took a little walk down the lane near my house on Monday and saw several squirrels scampering around collecting nuts. Black walnuts, acorns and hickory nuts seem to be in plentiful supply this year and will provide wildlife with an abundance of food. Squirrels, deer, turkeys and a variety of birds all seem to be enjoying nature's bounty. I did find that while walking near nut trees it pays to be careful or you'll get hit on the head with a falling object. Special care must be taken, especially when walking near black walnut trees. The nut, which is presently wrapped in a green husk, is rather large and can really hurt if one happens to hit you on the head. Years ago, when Pete's mother, Emma, was still alive, she and the grand kids would gather up the black walnuts and put them into an egg basket. They were hung in the barn to dry during the winter months. In the spring, after the green outer covering of the nut had dried and turned brown, grandma and the kids would sit on the stone wall and crack the nuts with a small hammer to break the shell and retrieve the nut inside. What weren't eaten at the time of shelling were saved to add to the batter when making brownies. Cracking the nuts was a nice family activity and both Grandma and the kids had a good time. (Don't try to remove the green outer covering of the nut until it has dried and turned brown or you will stain your fingers.)

This year's fall foliage seemed to be mostly yellow, orange and gold with a red tree mixed in here and there. I have seen more vivid colors in past autumns. They are predicting heavy rain and some winds over the next few days and that will probably cause most of the leaves to fall off the trees

Words of Wisdom:

(Closing lines of a poem entitled, November, by the late Delia Merritt of Grahamsville)

Autumn is when "Nature lies down and goes to sleep, Leaving her future in God's hands. May I have her peace of mind when my spirit roves to other lands."

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2) The story, primarily a photo coverage, with photos by our "Own Sam Anderson", shows various trestles and mountain scenes; the Grahamsville Depot; the Peekamoose Depot and many other views of scenic interest.

October 22, 1969

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Krum were hosts of a trail ride. There were 38 riders who covered a total of 38 miles. The ride took them from Trails End to Lundys, back through Sholam and to the Krum's ranch again where everyone enjoyed a spaghetti supper.

Those on jury duty are Fernald DuBois, Rex Sessions, Kenneth Myers and Ray Curry.

A special birthday wish to Mr. Frank VanKeuren who is 86 today, October 22.

October 18, 1979

Voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District elected Mr. George Knox of Neversink, as Trustee. Mr. Knox ran unopposed to fill the unexpired seat of Mrs. Betty Murray.

Troop 187 of Grahamsville is proud to announce that another Scout is to be added to the growing rank of Eagle. Mike Rennison will hold his Eagle Scout of Honor on Saturday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Tri-Valley Elementary School. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rennison of Grahamsville.

Congratulations of the community go to Roger and Don Ackerley of Ackerley Farms. They were recipients of a Trophy for the Highest Producing Holstein cow in N.Y.S. for the 1978-79 year. The Trophy was presented to them at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association held at Lanza's in Shandalee this past Monday evening.

Neversink History Afternoon

(From Pg. 1) The Museum's rich collection of historical records, photographs, books and artifacts will be available to visitors and researchers, bringing to life the history of the Town of Neversink. A special program at 1 p.m. - Michael Kudish, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of Paul Smith's College Division of Forestry will give a program on Catskill Bog Land. Dr. Kudish has sampled hundreds of bogs in the Catskill area, and will talk on his interesting findings from several local



bogs.

Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the Town of Neversink or has historical items or photographs to share is encouraged to attend. Admission is FREE for all, and includes admission to two floors of Museum exhibitions.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm which includes a 1870s barn, milk house, outhouse, electric plant, workshop with working water wheel and 1880s farm house.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday.

As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

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.

Crows or Ravens?

How do you tell whether that black bird you will be displaying for Halloween is a crow or a raven? Ravens and crows are closely related and are of the same family - Corvidae. These two species overlap widely throughout North America, and they look quite similar. But with a bit of practice, you can tell them apart.

Ravens are larger - the size of a red-tailed hawk. Ravens often travel in pairs, while crows are seen in larger groups. Also, watch the bird's tail as it flies overhead. The crow's tail feathers are basically the same length, so when the bird spreads its tail, it opens like a fan. Ravens, however, have longer middle feathers in their tails, so their tail appears wedge-shaped when open.



Raven

Listen closely to the birds' calls. Crows give a cawing sound. But ravens produce a lower croaking sound.

Also, a crow flaps along with wingtips turned up. A raven soars on wings held horizontal. Ravens soar more than crows. If you see a "crow" soaring for more than a few seconds, check it a second time. Crows never do the somersault in flight that Ravens often do. Ravens are longer necked in flight than crows.

Another overall distinguishing feature is feathers. A crow's are round-tipped and make a smooth body covering whereas a raven's are pointed and lie jaggedly, ending up around the neck in a spiky mane called a "ruff".

Ravens have an exceptionally heavy and powerful black beak. Crows have a proportionately smaller bill.

Both crows and ravens belong in the Corvid family (which includes jays and magpies). Neither the crow nor the raven can be considered bird brains. In fact, they are among the most adaptable and intelligent birds.

Ravens have the intelligence to solve problems. A German researcher Bernd Heinrich who was studying ravens hung a piece of meat on a string from a platform perch. Some crows and other birds attacked it without success. However, one raven surveyed the tempting scene for an hour before solving the problem. As recorded by Herr Heinrich, it flew to the perch carrying the meat in its beak, put its foot on the string and with each pull kept it secured. Finally success and dinner!

Native American and Eskimo legends tell how ravens trail sick moose by hovering and calling - knowing they'll soon feast on a gut pile.

No wonder that ravens are totems and "Trickster" spirits in some legends and folklore.

In Norse mythology Huginn and Muninn are two ravens that fly around the world watching everything that goes on and then they fly back to the shoulders of Odin and whisper the deeds of the mortals into his ears. A flag that was commonly used by Norse seafarers, including Leif Ericsson was the Raven Banner.

In 1845 after Edgar Allen Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published a new generation of fears and anxiety of ravens was ushered in that survives to this day as portrayed in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds".

Crows and ravens have been given a bad rap as death-eating evil black creatures, but they are actually some of the most intelligent birds even capable of mimicking human voice like parrots. Also, they aren't just carrion eaters as some may think. Much of their diet is devoted to berries, fruit, and insects.

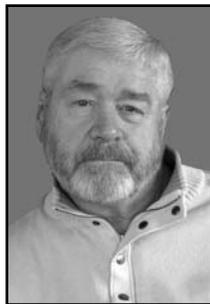
Crows and Ravens have been part of Halloween folklore long before Hitchcock or Poe. They were often depicted with witches - who in a sense, got a bad rap for their exceptional skills, too.

Should you decide that Ravens and Crows will be the theme of your Halloween decorations this year, you won't have to look far - you can even get them in the dollar stores! And if you are still among the superstitious, and don't want either of the black birds as part of your holiday fare, you might want to hang a wreath of dried apples or heather above your front door!

Household Hints

Prevent Discoloration of Peeled Potatoes

Prevent discoloration of peeled potatoes by adding a few drops of vinegar to water. They will keep fresh for days in fridge.



The Warehouse

Mysterious Book Report No. 392

by John Dwaine McKenna

Seldom, if ever, does a genre novel manage to hit as many hot topics at once as *The Warehouse*, (Crown, \$27.00, 355 pages, ISBN 978.1.9848.2379.3), by Rob Hart. The story is altogether plausible, frighteningly real, and a possible roadmap to where the world is heading if we don't do something to corral the corporate monsters that are gobbling every small business in sight, growing fatter and fatter in our midst...while Congress does nothing. The prescience of this enjoyable and very readable novel is breathtaking.

The story begins when a broke young man named Paxton applies for a job at a Mother Cloud facility. It's a shipping center for an on-line company called the Cloud Corporation...commonly "The Warehouse". It's only one of many such facilities, a place so large that once inside, it's impossible to see where the walls begin or end, while outside, the fleets of delivery drones are so massive that they blot out the sun.

Paxton is hired as a security guard and becomes one of three narrators who'll tell the tale. The other two are a young woman on a secret mission, whose name is Zinnia. She works as a picker...someone who retrieves items throughout the voluminous building... and sends them on for shipping. The third, and last of the protagonists is Gibson, the founder of the Cloud Corporation. He's writing his memoirs as he travels the country in a luxury custom-built bus, visiting various Mother Cloud centers and polishing his image...as he's dying of cancer.

Together, the three disparate points of view reveal the whole account of a turbocharged Amazon-like company on steroids. It's one that has first readers, other writers and commentators of all kinds raving... while at the same time scaring the rest of us out of our shorts, because it appears to be so close to actuality. Read *The Warehouse* for yourself and see why Publisher's Weekly calls it "Rob Hart's break out book". The MBR agrees. It's the most thought-provoking of all the dystopian thrillers we've ever reviewed!



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Legendary Music Star and Local Resident Honored with Distinguished Citizen Award

(From Pg. 1) Larry Chance and the Earls went on to become best-selling, top-performing artists in both the live radio and recording industries, earning legions of fans for their warm, infectious songs and lyrics, much of them written by Larry himself.

"I write and arrange all my songs in my head," he acknowledged. "I've created 100-150 over my career - many of which are awful, but I've written some good ones!"

Some, like those in friend Chazz Palminteri's "A Bronx Tale," weren't sung by Larry, but most have become indelibly linked to his voice and style. And not all of them are doo wop.

"We've done everything up to (and not including) rap," he explained. "And we still record!"

He became famous to another generation for his memorable voiceover work on the "Imus in the Morning" radio show in the '80s, where he'd play comedic foils to host Don Imus as "Vice President in Charge of Editorial Opinions Geraldo Santana Banana" and streetwise entrepreneur "Rainbow Johnson."

Having travelled the world during his career, Larry ultimately found the Liberty area attractive both personally and professionally.

"I moved here 40 years ago because I was doing a lot of work at the hotels, opening for Red Buttons, Joan Rivers and Alan King," he shared. "I fell in love with my property and built a home. I still love the area."

He continues to travel and perform, most recently returning from a particular favorite locale: Barcelona, Spain (though his favorite venue is New York's own Radio City Music Hall - and he's performed there!).

"I'm working on a solo album, mostly jazz and standards," Larry affirmed. "Though doo wop, even in this day and age, is huge in Europe and Japan."

A fixture at the Liberty Diner, Larry loves sharing stories of his incredible career with fellow patrons, particularly the one about the glee club advisor in his elementary school in Philadelphia.

"Two years in a row, I was turned down for the club," he recalled with a grin. "In 1960, we released 'Life Is But a Dream,' which got me on 'American Bandstand with Dick Clark.' Afterwards, I went to see that teacher, and I said, 'I don't think you remember me, but watch American Bandstand.' I gave him my latest 45 [record] and walked out. That felt very good!"

He's as good a listener as he is a storyteller, however. "I love hanging out at the Liberty Diner," he said. "The owners are sweethearts, the food is terrific, and the company's even better!"

He regularly sees his family in Florida, where his son, daughter and three grandchildren live, but you can be sure he always returns home to Sullivan County - and inevitably finds himself recording more material with people he's known all his life.

"My drummer and I have been working together for 56 years," he related. "I still get my jollies in the recording studio, and as long as I can keep recording, I'm happy!"

For the full details of this legendary musician and his colleagues, visit www.larrychanceandtheearls.com or head to their Facebook page.

CAPTION: Larry Chance (center) of the legendary doo wop group Larry Chance and the Earls was honored today by the Sullivan County Legislature with its Distinguished Citizen Award. Joining him were, front row from the left, Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs and District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy; and back row from the left, Deputy County Manager John Liddle, District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, District 5 Legislator Terri Ward, District 4 Legislator Cathy Owens and County Manager Josh Potosek.

Delve Into the Controversial Life of Sullivan County's Polar Explorer

Hurleyville, NY - Dr. Frederick Cook, the world-renowned Arctic explorer, was born in 1865 into a small family in Hortonville, right here in Sullivan County. His fame came from his discovery of the North Pole, but he was also a physician, an entrepreneur, an ethnographer and an author. One of Dr. Cook's books in particular, "Return from the Pole," remains a powerful and beautifully written work that affirms the highest values of the human spirit.



And yet his life was defined by controversy.

In 1909, Dr. Cook's discovery of the North Pole was maliciously challenged by Robert Peary, another explorer claiming to have reached the Pole first. Peary, who initially befriended Cook, was described by polar historian Fergus Fleming as "undoubtedly the most driven, possibly the most successful and probably the most unpleasant man in the annals of polar exploration."

The story of these two men has been widely debated. The Frederick Cook Society was born out of this controversy, and today it is housed in the Sullivan County Museum in

Hurleyville. An entire gallery on the second floor of the Museum is dedicated to Dr. Cook's life and work.

On Sunday, October 20, at 2 p.m., the Cook Society will host a talk by Arctic researcher Douglas Bonoff, who will discuss Dr. Cook's early travels, the Mt. McKinley climbs, and some of Cook's contemporaries, notably Matt Henson and Roald Amundsen.

He will also discuss Robert Peary and the Greenland meteorites, stolen from the northern Inuit and now housed in the Museum of Natural History in New York. According to Mr. Bonoff, "Mr. Peary will come in for some praise but also some round condemnation for his theft of the meteorites and general abuse of the northern Inuit - and likewise, the American Museum of Natural History for complicity in acquiring grave artifacts, as well as the Eskimos that Peary brought back to New York, who then promptly died."

Bonoff has a career that spans five decades of mountaineering across North and South America, including the 1998 first ascent of a 12,000-foot Alaskan spire. He has been studying and researching the polar controversies for much the same length of time.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Everyone is welcome, and the lecture is free. For more information, call 845-434-8044. For directions, visit the Sullivan County Museum website www.scnyhistory.org.

For more information on Dr. Frederick Cook, visit www.frederickcooksociety.org.

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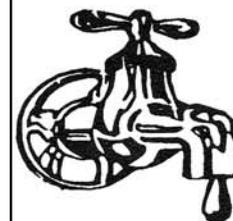
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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Hudson Valley Honor Flight

(From Pg. 1) In her own words, Gina Kothe described the experience accompanying Al Moses to the full honor flight, tours, and ceremonies.



"This was a Welcome Home many did not receive and truly a must-do for our senior veterans that came before us to vow service to this great country. Al Moses is a WWII veteran, my friend, neighbor, and fellow American Legionnaire. He normally does not use a wheelchair... like ever, but he's not very steady on his feet or has much endurance at 92 years young. It was a very long but very special day. He was a bit nervous the morning of, but boy... did he ever wake up once we got on that bus! He was suddenly 22 again with eyes as big as saucers and excitement in his voice. It was such a rewarding experience for me, but surely him as well. I picked him up Saturday at 4 a.m. and got him home just after midnight, and there was a LOT of walking. It was a tough but rewarding day

on so many levels... but I'd do it all over again for any of these fine men and women I met today. I am so grateful to have shared this and met some fine servicemen, each with their own amazing stories and history to share. If you've never volunteered with the Honor Flight, I highly recommend it."



Blue Mountains Trout News Newsletter of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559 -



Brook Trout

The October meeting was held next at the Boiceville Inn on Route 28 on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd with Mike Flaherty, NYSDEC Region 3 Fisheries Manager as our guest speaker. Mike's always a chapter favorite. His thoughts on the Esopus and proposed changes to inland trout management regs should be of interest to all members. Don't miss it.

Our November meeting will be held Nov. 20th, one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving. Our guest speaker is Robert J. Romano, Jr. author of several fine books including *Fishing With Faeries*--- a favorite of mine, and *Shadows in the Stream*, the later about fishing for native brook trout and landlocked salmon in the Rangeley Lakes region of Maine. Bob owns a camp in the Magalloway River Valley, one of the best brook trout streams in the lower forty-eight and put together a show consisting of photographs of the rivers and streams, and the fish that inhabit them including when to go, where to stay, what flies to use, plus techniques that work. I recently visited this region as a guest of Paul Nute, it was quite the experience so don't miss the November meeting. If you do Facebook, you might find this of interest: <https://www.facebook.com/forgottentroutr/>

Rainbow Trout Award: At our September meeting, past president John Hoeko was presented the Rainbow Trout Award for his tireless efforts, decades of conservation activities and leadership in preserving our Catskill Rivers. Congratulations John for all you have done, and continue to do.

East Branch Delaware River: Lenny Millen reports that 16 of the 17 stream temperature data loggers were removed from the East Branch Delaware, and the data collected will be analyzed in the future. One logger was missing from its instream rebar. This marks the fourth consecutive year of this activity and we owe a debt of thanks to our East Branch Restoration committee of: Lenny, Pete Marx, and George Markos plus Tracy Brown of TU National, and others.

Catherine Skalda, CSBI Coordinator of the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, arranged for a Trees for Trout planting with local Boy Scouts, and Cubs, on a previous floodplain restoration site on Mill

Street, right in downtown Fleischmanns. Our chapter has worked closely with Catherine on several spring plantings along the East Branch.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): AWSMP held an eventful Ashokan Watershed Month during September. Many chapter members participated in several of these activities. On Sept. 20th Mark Loete, Tony Coccozza, Kevan Best, and Chris Hensley participated in an Esopus Creek Fish and Fly Fishing Demonstration at the Catskill Visitors Center. On Sept. 28th, some dozen folks, including Jody Hoyt, Tom Frankel, and myself planted some 350+ trees and shrubs along the upper section of the Beaverkill in Mink Hollow.

This month, on Oct. 21st, AWSMP hosted Dave Rosgen, a national expert in applied fluvial geomorphology at the Belleayre Ski Center. Dave will discuss "Living with Mountain Rivers in a Changing Climate."

Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP): As reported last month, the RNSP 6th Annual Anglers Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 1st, from 1 to 4 PM at the Claryville Event Center, 1471 Denning Rd. Claryville, NY. Speakers will address a wide range of topics relating to snow pack and cold water stream health. Guest speakers include geographer Andrew Reinnmann of CUNY, Dianne Galusha, USGS biologists Barry Baldigo and Scott George, plus others. For more information on this upcoming event, please email info@rondoutneversink.org

Catskill heritage brook trout study: As reported in prior newsletters, we collected caudal fin clippings from 33 brook trout and the DNA of these were analyzed by Spencer Bruce, PhD, University at Albany. Dr. Bruce noted the following in his findings.

"Given the degree to which humans have altered regional landscapes by transforming local watersheds by either intentionally or unintentionally enhancing the mobility of non-native species, conserving diversity at all hierarchical levels, from genetic diversity within populations to the diversity of assemblages across aquatic drainages is essential to the continued livelihood of cold-water fish species. In the absence of major adaptations to policy, the ongoing influence of anthropogenic disturbances will continue to have a pronounced effect on biodiversity across the globe (Chapin et al. 2000).

Through Trout Unlimited's involvement and the use of current genetic techniques, we have demonstrated that the Brook Trout population [sampled] (i) does not exhibit signs of population structure within the sampled stretch, suggesting that landscape features within this watershed may be isolating the population from other distinct strains and/or stocked fish, (ii) That the [brook trout] population is genetically unique compared to other native New York strains, although it is more closely related to nearby native strains rather than fish from other geographically distinct regions, and (iii) that [the brook trout] exhibit no signs of mixing with stocked strains despite historical stocking in the wider region. This leads us to conclude that the [brook trout] population is composed of native fish likely uniquely suited to their regional habitat and should therefore be considered for the same level of protection as other 'heritage' strain Brook Trout present in the Northeastern United States, in order to ensure their future viability and protect their novel genetic constitution."

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The chapter will work with AWSMP, who helped fund this study, and NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries to determine what steps we should take next, giving these findings.

West Point Cadet Esopus Creek outing: On Sept. 22nd nine members of the Mid-Hudson, Catskill Mountains, and our chapter: including Mark Loete, Tony Coccozza, BJ Leifeld, Jr., and John Hoeko, assisted West Point Cadets fish the Esopus Creek. LTC Ron Hasz, US Army, noted there were 9 cadets and 2 officers present, supported by the three noted TU chapters. A few cadets fly fished for the first time, or first time for trout; most caught fish and a great day was had by all attending. A big round of "Thanks" to our service men for their unselfish commitment to our country and those assisting with this activity.

NYS Inland Trout Fishing Management: As a follow-up to a series of 2017 public information sessions NYS DEC conducted, DEC will host another round of information sessions this fall. These were announced in this DEC press release: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/118165.html> Region 3 will host a meeting Nov. 4th at Orange County Community College in Newburgh, NY.

In early July I attended a DEC sponsored "focus group" to listen to proposals to manage inland trout streams, as formulated at that time. I would encourage members to attend a session to listen to what DEC has to present. I for one, as an individual, support DEC's approach to manage inland trout streams as either wild or hatchery fisheries. There might be some details still to be flushed out, but I think as an organization, TU members are most concerned with wild trout fisheries.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt provided the following reports for the months of August and September. During August there were 8 measurable events with 6.93 inches of rain having a 5.6 weighted average pH while during Sept. there were 5 events with 1.40 inches of rain and a weighted average pH of 6.5, as measured in Boiceville. By comparison in August 2018 there were 8 events with 12.08 inches of rain and a 5.4 weighted pH while in Sept. 2018 there were 7 events with 11.17 inches of rain and a 5.3 weighed pH. Thanks again Jody for your tireless effort on this activity.

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports as of the end of September the chapter had \$15,253.55. These funds were distributed among the following accounts: General operating - \$14,115.87 and Conservation Fund - \$1137.68.

Phoenicia Library - Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection: The Phoenicia Library will host Ed and Judy Van Put on Oct. 26th from 1 to 3 PM. The Van Puts require little introduction. Both are avid flyfishers, ardent conservationists, while Ed authored a couple classics dealing with our Catskill Rivers. They will do a presentation on artists who fished the Catskills and the art found in fly-fishing. Don't miss it!

Membership: As of Oct. 16th chapter membership stands at 104 members. This month we welcome Jake Fronckowiak from Margaretville as a new member. New TU members can join at half the "regular" membership fee for \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from TU National. Applications: http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Newsletter of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559

(From Pg. 6) Annual meeting: The chapter's Annual Business meeting/election of officers and board members was conducted at the September chapter meeting. Chapter officers and board members are as follows:

President: Mark Loete Vice Pres: Tony Coccozza
 Secretary: Thom Frankel Treasurer: Jody Hoyt
 2019-21 board of directors: BJ Leifeld Jr., Victoria Lawrence, Russell Martin, Roy Meyerhoff.
 2019-20 board of directors: Chris Hensley, Chet Karwatowski, Ed Ostapczuk, Todd Spire.
 The chapter's Ex-Facto Past President Director is John Hoeko.

Thanks one and all for serving.
 Newsletter: This issue of Blue Mountains trout news was sent a tad late as we were away. And it was only sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses..

Beyond our watersheds and other news: Per The New York Times, "Fly fishing is the New Bird-Watching": <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/14/style/fly-fishing-returns.html>

The Ashokan Rail Trail (ART) partially opened this past Friday, Oct. 18th: <http://ashokanrailtrail.com/>

The International Fly Tying Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 23rd and 24th: <https://internationalflytyingsymposium.com/>

Lest we forget, voices from the past--- Fly Fishing: Roger Menard's Tale of the Esopus: <https://upstatedispatch.com/2017/03/fly-fishing-roger-menard-tale-of-the-esopus/>

The Catskill Mountain Chapter is hosting its 55th Annual Conservation Dinner 6 PM, Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Stonehedge Restaurant in West Park. Tickets are available at: <https://cmtu-banquet2019.eventbrite.com>.

Useful links:
 Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>
 CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>
 Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.dcsowcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>
 Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>
 NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases: https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml
 Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Until November,
 Ed Ostapczuk

Ellenville Hospital November 8 Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Friday, November 8, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

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**Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
Autumn Tradition**



(From Pg. 1) On Sunday the group gathered again to ride up to Claryville and spend the morning enjoying a hearty breakfast at the 'famed' Claryville Fire Department's All You Can Eat Breakfast.

It certainly was a beautiful weekend to celebrate this long established tradition. The procession of tractors that are 50



While Jim Richardson's vehicle is not an antique, it is certainly a noted 'classic' around town. Jim followed the tractors along their route adding to the colorful spirit of the occasion.

years and older, and not only attractive but are in great running condition. The the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association participates in other local events including the Annual Antique Machinery and Tractor Show at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds held in September. They are an active group that meets monthly at the Neversink Firehouse. A big THANK YOU to all who participated for keeping the true rural American spirit alive!

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Opens the Ashokan Rail Trail

The historic opening marks the first public access in over 100 years to the North Shore of the Ashokan Reservoir

WEST HURLEY, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan kicked off the opening of the Ashokan Rail Trail today. The Ashokan Rail Trail (ART) is an 11.5-mile recreational trail extending from Basin Road in West Hurley to Route 28A in Boiceville. The \$16.5 million project follows the alignment of the former Ulster and Delaware Railroad Corridor and opens this County-owned right-of-way to the public without access permits for the first time since the Reservoir was constructed over a century ago.

"I am thrilled to open this trail and make this treasure accessible to the public for the first time in over 100 years," said County Executive Ryan. "This strategic investment positions us to bolster our reputation



as one of the most trail-friendly counties in New York State and accelerate economic growth linked to our expanding tourism industry."

The Ashokan Rail Trail was planned and constructed by Ulster County through an historic partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), which owns and operates Ashokan Reservoir and adjacent watershed lands. In addition to funding from the DEP, the Ashokan Rail Trail was also made possible through funding from Ulster County, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (EPF and WQIP grants), the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I am thrilled to join the County Executive in welcoming Ulster County residents and visitors to the Ashokan Rail Trail. Today represents the culmination of a shared vision, a historic partnership and a lot of hard work," said Ulster County Legislative Chairwoman Tracey Bartels. "For the first time in more than 100 years, the public will have ready access to this truly magnificent treasure now transformed into a recreational resource. I want to thank our partners at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Governor Cuomo, Former Executive Mike Hein, Deputy Director of Planning Christopher White and my colleagues in the Legislature for their commitment to this important collaboration."

"The Ashokan Rail Trail provides outstanding views of the Ashokan Reservoir and the surrounding Catskill Mountains in a setting that allows for plentiful outdoor opportunities for residents and visitors alike," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The trail complements the more ambitious hiking activities in the Catskill high peaks by providing an alternate destination that is both scenic and accessible to people of all abilities. DEC is proud to be a partner with Ulster County in this project, providing more than \$3.6 million from the state's Environmental Protection Fund and Water Quality Improvement Program to make this Rail Trail a reality." (Contd. Pg. 12)

Weather Forecast

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SUNSET: 6:05 PM
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THURSDAY

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- Worked with the State to address needs at Blue Hole
- Working to expand broadband
- Has worked diligently to understand the special issues facing Claryville and Sundown, representing us in Kingston
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Registration for Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp is Open

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 Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church.

“Winter is an ideal time for children to explore the beauty of nature, be active outdoors, and try new things,” says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. “Winter Break Day Camp fills children’s days with healthy activities while also giving working parents peace of mind, knowing that their children are well cared for by our professionally trained staff.”

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Frank B. Johnson passed in 2017, but left a legacy of amazing art. The Left Bank worked with his son, Scott Johnson, to create an exhibition which showcases Frank B. Johnson's long and unique career in the arts.

About Frank B. Johnson

The paintings of Frank Johnson developed over the years out of the concept of the inter-relationship between humanity and the environment. In this concept there becomes an intertwining of reality and fantasy so that we are often on two planes of consciousness accentuated by his use of various, unorthodox techniques and materials.

Frank Johnson takes us deep into his paintings and then creates a world of his own around it until that world expands and seemingly combines with the surroundings. There is constant movement as in all living things-and each grows into the other to become one, which makes more and unites with the past and the future.

His work was widely seen while he was an Art Director at the New York Post during the 1970's where he produced commemorative holiday sections and illustrations for the newspaper. Over the years his illustrations included a range of work from children's books to advertisements. You can see the progression in his personal works of art as his fine illustration work of the 70's gradually evolved to be more abstract as his eyesight waned in his later years. His fine art career spanned more than 50 years, from the 1940_s to 2010 and includes many of his fine illustrations in mixed media and reflects his time in both Southampton and Liberty.

The Left Bank is located at 59 N Main St, Liberty, NY 12754-1828

SC Chamber of Commerce & Industry Announces the 2020 Executive Officers and Board of Directors

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is pleased to announce the 2020 Executive Officers and Board of Directors: Congratulations to our New Board Members and thank you to all that ran for office. Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce = Your Partner for Success!

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We are thrilled for what the New Year will bring for Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and we look forward to an exciting and prosperous time for Sullivan County.

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Computer Class: Internet 101 Thursday, November 7 1:00 p.m.

Art Exhibition Opening: Kate McLoughlin Saturday, November 16 2:00 p.m.

Artist Talk and Reading: Kate McGloughlin & Friend Saturday, November 16 4:00 p.m.

Medicare Assistance Tuesday, November 19 11:30 a.m.

"Help Me Tell the Story" with Kate McLoughlin (a children's storytelling and mural making program) Saturday, November 23 2:00 p.m.

Vanishing Olive A Panel Discussion Saturday, November 30 2:00 p.m.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Signs Law Creating the First Ever Department of Economic Development

Outlines a New Direction for Economic Development in Ulster County

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed into law a bill establishing Ulster County's first ever Department of Economic Development. Ryan also outlined his vision for the new department as a part of his "Big Five" initiative to grow and diversify our economy for all.

Ryan recently announced the creation of a new economic development working group, Ulster 2040. Ulster 2040 has a goal to align and focus the County's economic, workforce and community development investments toward a set of targeted focus sectors, and to identify the necessary steps to ensure that all County residents will benefit from a



growing and changing economy.

Additionally, in his budget address earlier this month, Ryan proposed funding for the Department of Economic Development to deliver on his goal of inclusive economic growth that benefits all Ulster County residents. The budget includes a fully staffed department dedicated to developing, enhancing and promoting economic opportunities for all county residents. Ryan believes that the Ulster 2040 Working Group, the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, and the staff of the Department of Economic Development are each critical components to chart a course for the future and deliver on this goal.

"I'm confident we can position Ulster County to lead in the 21st century economy," said County Executive Pat Ryan. "This new department structure allows for robust leadership, transparent approaches to delivering economic development for all, while allowing us to meaningfully put funds behind our new approach to economic development in Ulster County."

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"This is an important move to help accelerate economic growth and job creation through improved programs that help us retain and attract businesses, grow small businesses and expand job opportunities with family sustaining wages," said Lynn Archer, Deputy Chair of Economic Development Committee. "I look forward to working with the team."

"It has been an honor to work as the Director of the Office of Economic Development under County Executive Pat Ryan," said Lisa Berger. "I am excited to continue to serve the people of Ulster County as the Director of the first ever Department of Economic Development. I am looking forward to continuing to work to grow and diversify the County's economy in a sustainable, equitable way."

"Investing in economic development is of vital importance to Ulster County," said Ward Todd, President of the Chamber of Commerce. "The creation of the Department of Economic Development will put funding behind County Executive Ryan's vision of economic development that helps all members of our community."

Previously, Economic Development was housed under the Ulster County Planning Department. The Director of Economic Development is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature

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Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Opens the Ashokan Rail Trail

(From Pg. 8) "State Parks is pleased to support this important project, which provides the first unfettered public access to the incredibly scenic northern shores of the reservoir in more than a century. It will also be a key component of an interconnected rail trail system linking the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park to the Catskill Park," said State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid. "The Ashokan Rail Trail is truly a world-class recreational trail."

"Through a unique partnership between New York City and Ulster County, we have successfully built one of the most beautiful and enviro-friendly rail trails in the world," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "The Ashokan Rail Trail provides our watershed neighbors and visitors with easy access to the great outdoors, and an up-close setting to learn about the reservoir system that provides wholesome drinking water to 9.6 million New Yorkers. The trail also extends the DEP's commitment to expand recreation and improve public access to its water supply lands. The Ashokan Rail Trail is the 16th recreation path developed on City-owned property in the watershed by collaborating with local governments and non-profits. These trails - including our latest effort with Ulster County - advance our common goals of supporting tourism, improving public health, and promoting a steadfast appreciation for our region's scenic beauty and natural resources. We look forward to working with County Executive Pat Ryan and our Catskills neighbors on these efforts in the future."

Ashokan Reservoir was the first of six reservoirs built by New York City in the Catskills. It was constructed between 1908-1915. It began providing drinking water to all five boroughs of New York City in 1917. About 40 percent of New York City's drinking water comes from Ashokan Reservoir on a typical day. That water is conveyed to the City through the 92-mile Catskill Aqueduct. Along the way, the aqueduct also provides water to more than a dozen communities in the Hudson Valley, including High Falls and New Paltz in Ulster County. New York City's reservoirs, dams and aqueducts comprise the largest municipal water supply system in the United States.

The Ashokan Rail Trail is 10 to 12 feet wide with a compacted crushed stone surface that is ADA compliant and is fully accessible to persons with disabilities. The Ashokan Rail Trail is open for non-motorized uses, including hiking, bicycling, running, nature observation, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing and offers three large public trailheads from which the trail can be accessed.

"I am thrilled to be a part of bringing this trail to the public, including those with mobility challenges, and I look forward to using it with other residents of Ulster County and welcoming visitors from across New York State and beyond," said Ulster County Legislator Kathy Nolan. "Thank you to all the community leaders and to the thousands of volunteers who have worked together to create this incredible new way to appreciate and protect the Ashokan Reservoir!"

"A rail trail through the Ashokan Reservoir scenic northern shore lands has been part of Woodstock Land Conservancy's strategic vision and advocacy efforts for almost ten years," said Kevin Smith, Chair of the Friends of the Catskill Mountain Rail Trail. "On behalf of our hundreds of Ashokan Rail Trail supporters, we congratulate and express our deepest gratitude for the steadfast commitment and leadership in making this rail trail a reality by Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, current and past Ulster County Legislature members, and our many partners across all sectors."

The Ashokan Rail Trail project received a critical boost in the early planning stages through a Feasibility Study that was privately funded by the Open Space Institute, The Dyson Foundation, the Woodstock Land Conservancy, and several private donors. The County is also now partnering with the Woodstock Land Conservancy and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to recruit and manage volunteer "Trail Stewards" who will help ensure the trail is used responsibly and well-maintained.

The Ashokan Rail Trail is open from sunrise to sunset throughout the year. Today's event opens the vast majority of the trail to the public (9 miles). The remaining 2.5 miles of the trail are expected to open to the public before the end of the year.

For more information and images, please visit www.ashokanrailtrail.com.

SC Legislature Greenlights Buying Property for New Countywide Visitors Center

Monticello, NY - A majority of Sullivan County legislators this week agreed to acquire 21 acres for a new visitors center, to be located in Rock Hill and built without using local taxpayer dollars.

"As a prime tourist destination, the County needs a visitors

center that will show off the best we have to offer and will also adequately house our designated tourism agency, which is currently the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA)," said District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson. "The facility will be right off Route 17's Exit 109 in the heart of Rock Hill's downtown business district."

"Even in this age of digital access to information, it's important and useful to have a physical facility where people can find all the resources they need to access and improve tourism opportunities in Sullivan County - staffed by the people who know how to use and share those resources," remarked District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, chair of the Economic Development Committee, to which the SCVA reports monthly.

The approval granted by legislators authorizes the property purchase and the concept of a visitors center. Further approvals by the Legislature will be required to build, open and operate the visitors center.

"This authorization to purchase the land along Rock Hill Drive is an important first step," added District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, who lives in and represents Rock Hill. "Neither this Legislature nor the SCVA anticipates a new building will cost the \$4.5 million figure that's been the focus of so much inaccurate speculation - indeed, we expect it will be lower, and we will soon start seeing much firmer and more realistic numbers, now that we can confidently proceed with creating a design based on the property. I am excited to help bring this project to Rock Hill and will work to ensure space is retained on this site to accommodate our Farmer's Market and Summer Concerts."

The cost of constructing this facility (including the \$425,000 purchase of the property authorized this week) ultimately will not be borne by local taxpayers. While the County will front the bonding, all current and future County-designated tourism agencies will be legally obligated to reimburse the full amount, paid out of their share of the room taxes collected from the guests of every lodging establishment in Sullivan County.

"Through our ongoing promotion of every corner of the region and our support of businesses and attractions, the SCVA has brought enormous wealth to the Sullivan Catskills, including taxpayers, who otherwise would bear \$2,238 in increased taxes per household. In fact, in 2018 alone, tourism contributed \$33 million in sales tax," SCVA President and CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood noted. "We are deeply grateful to the legislators who realized this new visitors center will only enhance that wealth and our visibility to a regional, national and global audience who's eager to learn more about our world-class amenities and destinations. This center will be a place of which every Sullivan County resident can be proud."

While the final design concept is not complete, it is anticipated that the visitors center will include a building of up to 8,000 square feet, housing brochures and displays, with meeting rooms and space for pop-up venues, art and history exhibits, promotional events, vending machines and comfort stations. Outdoor features will include a farmer's market, picnic area, dog run, and nature trail highlighting the pristine beauty of the Sullivan Catskills.

Current plans include having the County's designated tourism agency - the SCVA - manage and operate the Visitors Center under a contract with County government.

"When tourists come to the Sullivan Catskills, they spend their leisure dollars throughout the entire County, which provides customers for our businesses, jobs for our residents and a continued financial growth of our robust local economy," said SCVA board member Dan Paradiso, Director of Sales & Marketing for one of the County's newest attractions, the Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark.

"This is a win-win for everyone," said Alan Rosenblatt, president of the SCVA board. "The expense of this project will not be borne by Sullivan County taxpayers because it is being financed through the occupancy tax paid by visitors to our hotels and B&Bs. At the same time, the center will help support the tourism industry, which significantly benefits local businesses and residents."

"The visitors center will enhance SCVA's tourism promotion efforts by providing a physical location from which travelers can connect to the County's tourism attractions and happenings," said Byron-Lockwood. "Working in concert with SCVA's electronic and social media campaigns, together with our marketing efforts, the visitors center will be an enormous



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THE FACTS ABOUT THE VISITORS CENTER

Info courtesy of the Sullivan County Visitors Association
 Sullivan County does not currently have a Visitors Center. Such a Center could provide community space and tourism support offices to increase tourism by attracting and welcoming visitors, directing them to our various communities and hospitality-oriented businesses. The Legislature has approved the concept and the process.

Located in Rock Hill, the Visitors Center will be a County-owned facility, built and operated for the purpose of increasing tourism. Payment for the Visitors Center ultimately will be made through funds collected from the Room Occupancy Tax. The Visitors Center concept aligns with the purpose of a tourism program, which is to redirect visitors throughout all our towns and communities, generating wealth, commerce and visitation.

Presently, the Sullivan County Legislature has not committed to a specific building design or site plan for the proposed Visitors Center. However, there is a shared vision with the Sullivan County Visitors Association (SCVA) that the Visitors Center will be multi-functional, to portray the entirety of the County in a positive light.

SCVA will continue to aggressively promote the County utilizing all conventional and state-of-the-art means available to it. Building a Visitors Center - one of which we can all be proud and one that makes a lasting impression on visitors - will not be at the expense of other marketing efforts. The Visitors Center will supplement and support the marketing efforts and public relations that have already been deployed and are working well.

A Visitors Center located in the Sullivan Catskills with easy off/on access will be a state-of-the-art facility for millions of visitors traveling the Route 17/I-86 corridor. Visitors will be greeted by knowledgeable tourism professionals to assist guests looking to explore the Sullivan Catskills.

o The Center will promote and cross-market the natural assets, attractions, local agricultural and cultural events for the entire Sullivan Catskills.

o The Center will include limited vending with a picnic area landscaped with indigenous plants and artist sculptures from throughout the region. This location will be ideal for hiking trails and wildlife interpretation.

o The Center will feature dedicated space for pop-up venues, local food/culinary demonstrations, farm markets, and art and history exhibits as well as craft fairs of upcoming event promotions.

o It will serve as a one-stop physical location from which travelers and residents can connect to local businesses and services, to promote the vision that the Sullivan Catskills is visitor-friendly and encourages community ownership of the area.

o A great visitor/experiential center is valuable to local tourism. A warm welcome and knowledgeable assistance from a visitor center is the first impression for a traveler and can make all the difference in the economic impact of their visit. Small businesses get excellent exposure when professional staff recommend them to visitors.

o This is a partnership between Sullivan County and its designated tourism agency - the Sullivan County Visitors Association. Although the original funding will be bonded by the County, the bond plus interest will be paid back through an annual portion of the dedicated occupancy collection dollars (Occupancy Tax). Therefore, the funding will not be a burden to the local taxpayer. These funds are collected by accommodations on every visitor staying in the Sullivan Catskills.

o The budget for the project is based on a concept to include purchase and site preparation of a Center with office space, hiking and walking trails, community showcase area and more. The building itself is envisioned to be up to 8,000 sq. ft.

o The Center will also house the offices of the SCVA.

o The growth of tourism in the Sullivan Catskills is demonstrated by the latest NYS Tourism Spending Study. Sullivan County increased visitors spending by 14.5% in 2018 over 2017 with \$515 million. (Contd. Pg. 14)



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

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



Dish Supper
 Nov. 2, 2019
Covered Dish Supper
 5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
 Sundown
 United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Thrift Sale & Luncheon
 November 5
 Thrift Sales
 9:00a.m. - 12 noon
 Luncheons
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday Thrift Sale
 November 16th
 9:00 am
 to 12 noon

St. Augustine's Chapel
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



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

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

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

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified vendor to provide snowplowing services for the 2019-2020 winter season for 905 Main Street, Margaretville. And starting March 1, 2020 to end of winter season 2021 for CWC office at 669 County Route 38, Arkville. Proposals due by October 31, 2019 at 4 pm. Contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox for RFP at 845-586-1400.

10/10; 10/17; 10/24

NOTICE-
PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, SECTION 108; §5-11
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE PRELIMINARY
BUDGET;

NOTICE is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Denning for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Where it is available for inspection by any interested person during normal Town Hall hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE of a Public Hearing to be held at 6 PM prior to the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, at the Denning Town Hall. At such time any person or persons will be heard, in favor or against any item or items therein contained.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE of the proposed salaries for the following Town Officers, specified as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Supervisor | \$ 17,000.00 |
| Councilman | 1,500.00 |
| Supt. Of Highways | 51,518.00 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | 30,000.00 |
| Town Justice | \$7,500.00 |

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Denning
Joy Monforte, RMC, Town Clerk

October 9th, 2019

10/24;10/31

Specifications & Instructions to Bidders**Plowing 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 PUBLIC HEARING
2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FOR THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person(s) Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the Town Hall at 7:15 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 6, 2019. AT SAID PUBLIC HEARING** any and all persons will be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE TOWN LAW, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officers are hereby specified as follows:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| SUPERVISOR | \$31,083.00 |
| COUNCILMAN (4) | 6,301.00 each |
| SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS | 81,367.00 |
| TOWN JUSTICE (2) | 9,661.00 each |
| TOWN CLERK | 49,363.00 |

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2019

10/24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a **RECESSED MEETING** of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at **7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.**

The purpose of the meeting is to continue business from the October 17, 2019 Town Board Meeting, consider adoption of the 2020 Preliminary Budget and any other new business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: October 18, 2019

10/24

**NYSDEC Invites Public Comment About
Proposal for No Further Action at Brownfield
Site on Clements and Grossinger Roads**

This link opens a fact sheet that invites the public to comment on a proposal for no further action related to the Former Grossingers Resort, site ID #C353015 (Town of Liberty, Sullivan County) within New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/c353015nfaprop.pdf>

NYSDEC is accepting public comments about the proposal through November 30, 2019. Please see fact sheet for details about the proposal and how to comment.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the following web page on the NYSDEC web site to download the program: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/590.html>

Please do not respond to this email. Replies go to an untended mailbox. If you have questions about the contaminated site identified above, please use the contact information provided in the fact sheet.

**UC Clerk, Welcomes Harambee to the
Matthewis Persen House Museum**

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, October 19, Harambee will host a lecture and singing of African hymns at the Matthewis Persen House Museum located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. The Museum is open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On Saturday, October 19 at 12:30 pm, Harambee presents a special lecture by SUNY New Paltz Professor Reynolds Scott-Childress that will discuss enslaved persons in Kingston during the Revolutionary War and the colonial period. The lecture will be preceded and followed by singing of African hymns, and will conclude with a march to the Pine Street African Burial Ground where a ceremony will be held. This event is part of the 2019 Burning of Kingston, a fun two-day event that commemorates historical events that happened

in 1777 in Kingston during the American Revolutionary War.

"We are excited to welcome Harambee and Professor Scott-Childress to the Persen House for the first time," said County Clerk Postupack. "It is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with a cultural institution in Kingston whose primary goals are to educate and bring people together in our community."

Harambee is a Mid-Hudson Valley coalition that supports and promotes the strength of our community through cultural and educational events that enrich the lives of youth and adults. The organization is a primary partner in the founding of the Pine Street African Burial Ground as an historic site. Harambee also initiated the first annual Black History Month Kingston Gala in February and African-American Cultural Festival in August.

To learn more about Harambee and the 2019 Burning of Kingston events, visit their websites at www.harambeekingstonny.org and www.burningofkingston.com. For further information about the Matthewis Persen House Museum and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or county-clerk@co.ulster.ny.us or visit us on Facebook.

**SC Legislature Greenlights Buying Property for
New Countywide Visitors Center**

(From Pg. 12) THE FACTS ABOUT THE ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX

The State's Enabling Legislation:

In 1989 the New York State Legislature authorized the County of Sullivan to implement a tax on hotel and motel customers by enacting Section 1202-j of the Tax Law. The specific intent of the tax was to generate funds that can be used to promote tourism in Sullivan County. Importantly, the tax is not collected from, or a burden on, the local taxpayer. Instead, the tax is paid only by visitors to the area who book hotel rooms, motel rooms, bed-and-breakfast establishments and similar lodging arrangements.

The current State law provides that the amount collected from the tax can only be used to promote further tourism in the County. Specifically, the law requires the County to pay 85% of the funds generated from the tax to "a not-for-profit corporation under contract with the County for the promotion of tourism in the County." Pursuant to the statute, 15% can be used to offset the County's administrative costs in administering the County's Local Law.

The County's Local Law:

Having been empowered to create an Occupancy Tax by NYS Tax Law, the then-Sullivan County Legislature enacted Local Law 7 of 1999 that provides a legal process to collect and administer the Occupancy Tax on the local level. This Local Law is now codified as Chapter 182, Part 3, Article VIII of the Sullivan County Code.

Consistent with the State enabling statute, the County's Local Law requires at least 85% of the proceeds of the tax be turned over to a "not-for-profit corporation under contract with the County" for the promotion of tourism within the County. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Sullivan County Visitors Association (SCVA):

Since 1997, the County of Sullivan has contracted with the SCVA to promote tourism for the County. SCVA is the not-for-profit corporation contracted by the County for this purpose.

As a not-for-profit, the SCVA is governed by an 11- to 17-member board of directors who serve without compensation. The Board is comprised of a diverse group of individuals who are also stakeholders in the County's overall economic success. The Sullivan County Legislature approves all candidates to the SCVA Board of Directors and helps set the priorities and monitor the performance of the agency by regularly participating in meetings of the agency. The SCVA also reports to the Legislature's Economic Development Committee on a monthly basis.

SCVA's professional staff is led by its President/CEO, Roberta Byron-Lockwood, and employs four support staff. The professional staff carry out the vision and decisions of the Board of Directors and furthers the tourism policies of the County Legislature.

The SCVA is funded almost completely by the Room Occupancy Tax explained above. Additional revenue comes from membership fees, advertising sales, and grants. The SCVA does not receive funds from local real estate or sales tax.

The SCVA is responsible for marketing Sullivan County as a tourism destination and has regularly won industry awards for its efforts. Its efforts and the efforts of its member businesses have contributed to Sullivan County's re-emergence as an international tourism destination. One of the fruits of this success includes an increase in the Room Occupancy Tax receipts. In fact, the SCVA reports that in 2018, Occupancy Tax receipts demonstrated a 44.9% increase over 2017 numbers, and that visitors to the County have generated more than \$33 million in local sales tax, reflecting an approximate 30:1 direct return on investment. Because of this success, there are more funds to reinvest in tourism-related endeavors, including investment in a Visitors Center.



Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation
273 Main Street • PO BOX 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Call for info: (845) 985-2262 ext 312
www.townofneversink.org
2019 Upcoming Events

Nov 1 - 3 -**Kartrite Hotel Indoor Water Park Sleepover**
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**
Dec. 13 5 pm **Judging of House Decorating Contest**
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,
please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

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

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

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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| 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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10/26/19 **Claryville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner** 4 - 7 PM
10/29/19 Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Meeting - 6 pm
11/2/19 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm - Church Hall
11/5/19 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** (9am-12noon) **Luncheon** 11am-12:30pm
11/5/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **ELECTION DAY**
11/6/19 Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 6 pm (due to Election Day)
11/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
11/10/19 Neversink Ladies Auxiliary **Holiday Craft and Gift Sale** 10 am-3 pm - Neversink Firehouse
11/11/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **VETERANS' DAY**
11/12/19 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 6 pm
11/13/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
11/16/19 Grahamsville UMC Saturday **Thrift Sale** (9am-12noon)
11/16/19 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner** 4 - 7 PM
11/17/19 Claryville Fire Dept. All You **Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 - 12 Noon
11/19/19 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
11/21/19 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
11/22/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
11/23/19 Claryville Fire Department **Spaghetti Dinner** 4-7 pm

Save the Date!

Oct. 26 **Claryville Church Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm
Nov. 10 - Neversink Ladies Auxiliary **Holiday Craft and Gift Sale** 10 am-3 pm

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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.

Ellenville/Wawarsing
4th of July Committee

"Breakfast" for Dinner

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Saturday, October 26, 2019
5-7pm
Napanoch Fire House

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**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, Nov. 17**

Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
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**Nov. 23 -
Spaghetti Dinner
4-7 pm**

\$50 from the Breakfast is donated to the
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Tri-Valley Elementary School
WANTED:
Local establishments to display student **KINDNESS** artwork
Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office
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All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

**6th Annual Anglers Symposium
at the Claryville Event Center**

On Friday November 1, Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District will present the 6th Annual Anglers Symposium at the Claryville Event Center at the Blue Hill Lodge - 1465 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. With topics ranging from trout population health, to Catskill ski slopes and what goes on in our snow-covered forests, this year's presentation line-up has something for everyone.

Get the latest knowledge on current fish population health in the Neversink River and Rondout Creek from USGS fish biologists, Barry Baldigo and Scott George who have completed a three-year population count sponsored by Rondout Neversink Stream Program. Explore our community's place in Catskills ski lore with local historian, Diane Galusha. Find out how local snow fall impacts our streams and forests from ecologist, Dr. Andrew Reinmann. And learn from meteorologist, Glenn Horton, how NYC DEP scientists collect valuable snow pack data.

Presentations from 1 - 4 pm. Attendance is free. Refreshments provided. To register for this event please email info@rondoutneversink.org or call the Rondout Neversink Stream Program office at (845) 985- 2581.

Rondout Neversink Stream Program is a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with Denning and Neversink funded by NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

**NEVERSINK LADIES
AUXILIARY
HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT
SALE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department. Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
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This Week On TCM We Honor **BASIL RATHBONE**
“THE WOMAN IN GREEN”
IN
Arthur Conan Doyle’s tale of a master of deduction, Sherlock Holmes Starting At 5:15 PM Wednesday October 30, 2019



Basil Rathbone, – tall and lean – with an interesting, angular face that carried him through over 80 films, and a remarkable authoritative voice that lent considerable gravity to the most poetic of sentiments and the vilest of evil. Basil Rathbone's ability to excel at heroism and villainy kept him in demand for much of his career. The South African native had his start on the stage and thanks to acclaim from Broadway work like "The Swan" (1923-24), he soon graduated to motion pictures. He was an excellent choice to play period villains in films like "David Copperfield" (1935), "Captain Blood" (1935), "The Mark of Zorro" (1940), and "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938). Rathbone proved so effective, type-casting seemed inevitable. However, he staved off such a career fate with his indelible portrayal of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's master of deduction, Sherlock Holmes. From "The Hound of the Baskervilles" (1939) through "Dressed to Kill" (1946) and seven seasons on radio. Rathbone did a superb job of communicating Holmes' unmatched intelligence and sleuthing mastery. Rathbone eventually tired of the role and returned to the stage, which offered him a richer venue for his talents than acting as foils for comedians like Bob Hope and Danny Kaye.

Other memorable films like "The Dawn Patrol"(1938), "A Tale of Two Cities" (1935), "Romeo and Juliet, (1936). He once said, when asked, "How do you like playing villains opposite actors such as Errol Flynn and Tyrone Power?" – his answer was, "I work the sword three times a week, two hours each day. I take pride in knowing I can run them through anytime I like." Mr. Rathbone passed in 1967.

"The Woman in Green" (5:15 PM Wednesday) Directed by Roy William Neil. Starring Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, Hillary Brooke, Henry Daniell, Paul Cavanagh, Matthew Boulton, Eve Amber. Blackmail, hypnotism, and murdered women with their right forefingers missing are the disparate elements in this solid Sherlock Holmes outing, with sleek Brooke and suave Daniell a formidable pair of foes for Holmes and Watson. Also shown in computer-colored version. B/W - 67 m TV-G Closed Captions, (suspense, 1945)

Quiz:
In "The Woman in Green,"
1. Who played Roger Wendling?
2. Who played Professor Moriarty?

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Hosted by the Sullivan County Youth Bureau
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Free Event

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Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville.
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What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
Nov 2 - **Covered Dish Supper** at the Sundown Methodist Church this month.

GRAHAMSVILLE
Nov 16 – Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Saturday Thrift Sale – 9 am to 12 noon**
Nov. 16 - Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm**
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CLARYVILLE
Oct. 26- Claryville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner**
Nov 1- **6th Annual Anglers Symposium** at the Claryville Event Center, 1465 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.
Nov 17 -Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 - 12 Noon**
Nov. 23 - Claryville Fire Dept. **Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm**

NEVERSINK
Nov 10 - Neversink Ladies Auxiliary **Holiday Craft and Gift Sale 10 am - 3 pm** Neversink Fire House, Route 55, Neversink, NY

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