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Remembering our Military Every Day of the Year



Town Clerk, Donna Akerley and Deputy Clerk, Elizabeth Malve-Santos, show support for our military in a unique way.

Wanting to make sure the true meaning of Veterans' Day and Memorial Day is not forgotten, that we continue to support the troops and make people aware of the sacrifices they make every day throughout the year, in appreciation for our nation's military, Donna Akerley, Town of Fallsburg Town Clerk set up a basket in her office and filled it with toy soldiers along with a note that completes the display.

It asks, "Please take a soldier home and place it somewhere that will remind you to pray for the men and women of our Military, Past, Present and Future."

What an awe-inspiring but sincere way to make certain that we keep our military in our prayers every day of the year!

Community Members Put On a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Students



Mr. Glenn Horton and students pose in the basket of a hot air balloon!

Tuesday, November 20 was another very special day for 7th and 8th grade students at Tri-Valley. On the last day before Thanksgiving break, the 7th and 8th grade teachers decided to plan something unique for students. The teachers reached out to several local community members about coming into school for the day and their efforts were met with great enthusiasm from the community. Together, a "workshop" day was planned that focused on career exploration, community service, and hobbies.

Butch Kortright from the Sullivan County Long Beards shared his knowledge about the importance of the wild turkey. Nathaniel Viningre-2017 Sullivan County Jake of the Year-presented with Mr. Kortright, sharing his turkey and deer hunting experiences. Glenn Horton, a commercial pilot and owner of Woodstock Winds Balloon Company, talked to students about the history and intricacies of hot air balloons. The balloon basket was in the hall for students to experience. Students also received samples of the specially designed balloon fabric. (Contd. Pg. 9)

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

-Jamie Brooks



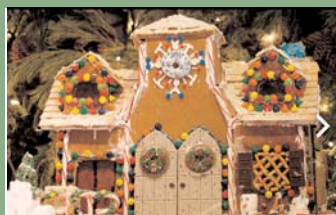
One hundred and nineteen people attended the Elf Workshop at the Daniel Pierce Library on Sunday, Dec 2. The Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board is thankful that the Daniel Pierce Library allowed us to use the community room this year to host our annual event to help the little elves in the community make one of a kind gifts for their loved ones.

We are so thrilled that so many folks came out to attend the tree lighting that was so very special this year with Cher Woehl at the helm.

We loved the 20 gingerbread houses that were created and on display at the library during the event. Each person who attended voted on the four categories established.



Town of Neversink Supervisor Chris Mathews and his wife, Karyn share some holiday fun with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Annual Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park



The winner for the 3 to 10 year olds was John Botsford who had a clear Merry Christmas message displayed across the front of his gingerbread house! For the 11 to 18 year old segment Jordon Dymond was the winner with a barn creation with animals including the cutest pig ever! (Contd. Pg. 3)

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TVTA and TESSA Members Raise \$1,481 Towards Fight Against Cancer"



Throughout the month of November, twelve members of the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA) participated in No-Shave November.

The goal of No-Shave November is to grow awareness by embracing hair, which many cancer patients lose, and letting it grow wild and free. Participants are encouraged to donate the money they typically spend on shaving and grooming to educate about cancer prevention, save lives, and aid those fighting the battle.

Through their efforts and the many generous donations, the No-Shavers raised \$1,481! All of this money will be donated to the fight against cancer.

Over the course of three years of participating in No-Shave November, TVTA and TESSA have raised nearly \$6,000! The participating No-Shave November members would like to thank everyone for their support!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
Revelation 2:7

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Anne Rottkamp Gruenfelder (formerly Conti) a resident of Grahamsville, passed from this world to eternal life on the morning of November 29, 2018 in the comfort of the home she loved, surrounded by her family.

Dottie was born on May 14, 1948 at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Queens, to her loving parents John and Wilma Fliieger Rottkamp. One of four children, she spent a joyful childhood in Queens Village, where she attended Saints Joachim and Anne Grammar School, graduating in 1966 from St. Michael's High School in Brooklyn. As a young woman, she worked for Metropolitan of New York. After moving upstate, she was employed as a Secretary for Community General Hospital, before leaving her job to dedicate herself to the full-time care of her aging mother.

Dottie's greatest joy was in caring for her family and creating a home filled with warmth, tradition and memories. Her faith in God, complete devotion to her family, and unsurpassed example of sacrificial love will be the legacy that will live on in each of us. A woman of deep Catholic Christian faith, she was a longtime communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne.

Dottie leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband of 21 years, Robert Gruenfelder at home, her two daughters, Lisa Conti Malone and her husband, Tom of Neversink and their son Mason, and Christy Conti Hernandez and her husband, Pedro of Liberty and their children Matthew, Grace, Christian, Maria, Pedro, Joseph and Robert, as well as her stepdaughter Elise Gruenfelder Pantino and her husband, Tom of East Northport and their daughter Julia. She is also survived by her two brothers, John Rottkamp and his wife Carmel, and Raymond Rottkamp, her uncle, aunts and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including her friend of 57 years, Barbara Armstrong and her former husband and friend, Charles Conti. Among those who have gone before her are her parents, her stillborn daughter and son, her sister and best friend Cecilia Rutkowski, and her stepson Rob Gruenfelder.

Our family wishes to thank the countless relatives and friends who have walked alongside our Dottie on her journey. A heartfelt thank you to Father Edward Bader for lovingly ministering to our family's spiritual needs these past few months, and to Father John Lynch for the friendship and spiritual support he offered to Dottie over the years. We also wish to thank the dedicated medical professionals who have attended to her needs during the 27 years she battled cancer, especially Dr. Manuel Perry and the nurses and staff of the Oncology Department at Catskill Regional Medical Center, and Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties for the compassionate care they offered us, especially Brandi, Jessica and Robin.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Monday, December 3rd at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, 264 North Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754. Father Ed Bader was the Celebrant.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Way Pregnancy Center, 481 Broadway, Suite 3, Monticello, NY 12701, or Ride2Survive Sullivan County, PO Box 282, Youngsville, NY 12791.

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

COLLEGE NEWS:

Chana Silber graduates from Fairleigh Dickinson University

Chana Silber, of Fallsburg, NY, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus, located in Teaneck, NJ, graduated with an MS in Accounting as of May 2018.

Days of Yore... Today's History

December 15, 1948

The New York City Board of Water Supply has awarded to the Frazier-Davis Construction Company of St. Louis, Mo. a \$15,641,740 contract for the construction of the Neversink-Rondout tunnel. The tunnel is to be 5,680 feet long, with a tunnel shaft at its midpoint near Paradise Lake. The contract also provides for intake works, effluent chamber, the control works, and the foundation structure for a powerhouse here at Grahamsville. The powerhouse itself, and general equipment will be supplied and operated by Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation.

Funeral services for 2nd Lieutenant John Dickmann, son of Rev. & Mrs. H.R. Dickmann, will be held on Wednesday, December 15th.

Part of the lumber for the new Fire Department building is now on the grounds in Grahamsville.

A new pipeline is being laid connecting the main building of the Grahamsville School with the Annex.

December 10, 1958

Two Sullivan County men are on the varsity basketball squad of 11 men at the Agricultural and Technical Institute, Delhi. They are Ward Blade, Liberty - 6 feet 1 inch and Richard Walter, Divine Corners, -6 feet, 2 inches. Richard Walter is the son of Mrs. Rachael Walter and graduated from Tri-Valley in 1957.

E1 Phillip Coombe of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, has been assigned to E Company of the First Training Regiment at Fort Dix, NJ for eight weeks of infantry basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Parrow and family were tendered a house warming at their new home in Sundown on Friday evening by teachers and friends.

Harold Smith has been taking photos of the Lows Corners Church and of the Rev. and Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Harry Knox was guest of honor at a stork shower in the Neversink Firehouse Wednesday night hosted by Anne McGuire, Peg Greehall and Florence Raffa.

December 17, 1958

An old lunger of a brown trout, 12 pounds and 9 ounces taken from the Neversink Reservoir by George Raymond, RFD, Middletown - was the third grand prize winner in the 13th annual statewide Louis A. Wehle Fishing Contest.

The latest report is that the Tunnel is now in four miles. James Mathis, the foreman, has been granted a vacation.

A Christmas Gift Suggestion - Your local post office has a real bargain for you, a brand new United States Savings Stamp in patriotic red, whit and blue at the same old price of 25 cents. The new stamp, a successor to the old 25 cent green Savings Stamp, went on sale in Post Offices all over the country November 18. It marks the first major change in design since the present series was begun in 1942. Savings Stamps are accumulated in a special album available free at all post offices. Filled albums may be exchanged for Savings Bonds at any bank.

The Annual meeting of Dairymen's League Local and their oyster supper was held at the Methodist Church Hall on Friday evening.

December 11, 1968 - Not available

December 14, 1978

At the December 7th Board of Education meeting, Mr. Kelz reported that the door-to-door census for 1978-79 school year has been completed and shows the school population will continue to show a decrease in the elementary grades until 1984.

Kingston Winter Farmers' Market

Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurring every other Saturday, December through April. Vendors offer locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Gruenfelder of Grahamsville who passed away at the age of 70 on November 29.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Marjorie Cole Morgans Bogan formerly of Claryville who passed away on December 1st at the age of 85.

Wow! Bicentennial Square is certainly beautifully decorated this year! I especially like the large star on the top of the tree! Thanks to all who contributed their time to help make the Square look so festive! A special thank you to Cher and Jamie for the time and energy they spent helping to coordinate the decorating of the Square and the tree lighting events.

The *Sullivan County Democrat* named Tri-Valley sophomore, Keegan Streimer, the "2018 Football Player of the Year". Congratulations, Keegan, on a remarkable season!

Tri-Valley's Daniel Rush, Sean Rush and Andrew Coddington were honored as the *Democrat's* 1st Team Cross Country Boys All-Stars and Macy Shamro and Rachel Brooks were named to the *Democrat's* 1st Team Girls All-Star Team. Kudos on a great season!

Did you ever wonder if there was a real Saint Nicholas? I dug around in several books I had and found out that Saint Nicholas was actually a fourth century bishop of Myra, which is now part of Turkey. He was said to have great courage and to have performed miracles. His popularity grew and churches were named for him around the world. He arrived in America with the Dutch settlers. They called him "Sinter Klaus" and he was depicted wearing a robe and bearing gifts for well-behaved children.

In 1664, the English renamed him Saint Nicholas. It wasn't until 1809 that Washington Irving described Santa as an old man wearing robes and riding a horse. Probably most of us like to think of Santa the way he was described by Clement Moore in 1823 when he wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" or as some call it "Twas the Night before Christmas".

Today most of us picture Santa as having a snow-white beard, twinkling eyes, rosy cheeks, a round belly and dressed in a red suit... and, of course, riding in a reindeer-drawn sleigh full of gifts made at the North Pole by his elves. Is Santa real? Yes, of course he is! All you have to do is read the *New York Sun's* editorial answer to young

Virginia O'Hanlon, which was written some time ago. It stated that "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"! You will surely see reprints of the *Sun's* response in many newspapers around this time of year. As Van Vainer, a long-time magazine editor-in-chief of *Guideposts* states, "We may have given Saint Nicholas a secular make-over, dressed him up in a bright red suit and transformed his simple kindness into roistering jollity, yet the gifts he brings down the chimney to good children still echo God's gift to us all of his only son."

Words of Wisdom: I learned the value of hard work by working hard. (Margaret Mead)

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

(From Pg. 1) The Krier family stole the show with their log cabin made of pretzels with Santa's legs in the chimney. Christie Allison with her attention to detail and walking paths on her creation won for adult entries. We hope this event will grow. Please consider entering a gingerbread house next year. The Neversink Parks & Rec Dept. Advisory Board was blown away by the light displays that were viewed and judged on Friday, November 30. We have to acknowledge the families for their hard work and fighting the rain and bad weather to get these displays up and running in order to be judged for the tree lighting. Our Facebook page exploded with activity as each entry was posted. The light displays were enchanting and even the biggest Grinch would find complete peace and comfort within these backdrops.

First place was the Moore Family who lit up the night sky at 10 Cherrie Lane. The pictures posted on Facebook don't even do it justice. It is beyond magical with music and something to make everyone smile. The runner up was the Kelly Family at 173 Myers Road with a beautiful mixture of Santa and trees and even the Grinch making an appearance. The McGuire Family, Mickelson Family, Kaplan Family, Bivins' Family, Cintula Family, Feliciano Family and Monell Family all have homes that are worthy of recognition with lights and blow ups and all sorts of delights for your eyes. Check out the Facebook post for addresses or stop by the Parks and Rec office for a list. Take the children out for a ride they will love every minute of it, I promise.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Returns to Cragsmoor

It's not every year that Charles Dickens, (aka Gregg Shults) makes his way up to Cragsmoor's Stone Church to present *Mr. Dickens Tells a Christmas Carol*, his timeless tale of loss and redemption. This year, however, when the world is so in need of his message, he will return by popular demand on Saturday evening, December 22 at 7 p. m.



Since its publication in 1843, *A Christmas Carol* has been enjoyed by generations in numerous countries throughout the world. Between 1843 and 1857, Dickens himself toured throughout England and the U.S. performing public readings from his books, particularly this holiday classic, which was his favorite piece. His readings were so popular that people camped overnight in the street to buy tickets at the box off. A newspaper wrote at the time, "He gave to every character a different voice, a different style, a different face."

Shults brings the same spirit to this work, personifying Mr. Dickens as he opens the performance by reading the story from the book. Gradually, he applies his impressive acting skills to transforming himself into each of the the 23 characters, from the endearing Tiny Tim to the selfish Ebenezer Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and all the supporting characters in between. Shults brings this work to life by recreating Dickens' tour of the US in 1876.

Confronting universal themes of greed and generosity, fear and love, life and death, this timeless tale touches the hearts of all who have read or seen it performed. Shults' legendary performances have established a tradition which draws audiences from throughout the Catskills and the Hudson Valley.

It will take place on December 22 at 7 PM in the historic Stone Church which will be festively adorned with traditional decorations, candlelight and a towering Christmas tree. Hot cider and holiday

treats will be served. Cragsmoor is on the Shawangunk Ridge off of Route 52 between Pine Bush and Ellenville. Follow the signs to the church. Admission is by donation; proceeds will be shared by the Cragsmoor Historical Society and Gregg Shults.

Check the CHS website for postings regarding inclement weather. www.cragsmoorhistoricalsociety.com or call 845-647-6487.

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.

Are Reindeer Really Deer?

We are familiar with the white-tailed deer that is common in the Catskills and perhaps the most iconic of deer as people associate it from the movie "Bambi". Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer actually was around a few years before Bambi. Rudolph first appeared in 1932 by author Robert L. May.



Both Bambi and Rudolf are actually deer. The difference between deer and reindeer is that the term "deer" refers to a family and reindeer is a particular species.

Although the term "deer" usually refers to a common species such as the White-tailed Deer and not reindeer – technical reindeer or caribou are a type of deer.

Rudolph is not the only reindeer with a special nose. All reindeer have special noses that warm the air they breathe in before it reaches their lungs. Another attribute of the Reindeer that allows them to withstand the cold, they have two layers of fur; a thick woolly undercoat and a longer-haired overcoat which consists of hollow hairs that trap the air. This not only provides them with excellent insulation, it also keeps them buoyant in water when they have to travel across massive rivers and lakes while migrating. Reindeer travel the furthest of any land mammal.

Reindeer hooves adapt to the season. During summer when the tundra is soft and wet, the reindeers footpads become sponge-like and cover a larger surface area which allows them to walk on the damp ground. In the winter, the reindeer's footpads shrink and tighten, exposing the rim of the hoof that cuts into the ice and crusted snow to stop the reindeer from slipping. This also enables the reindeer to dig down through the snow to their favorite food, a lichen known as reindeer moss.

Reindeer can be found in the Arctic tundra, forests, and mountains in Russia, Northern China, Canada, Alaska, and Scandinavia. They are very well adapted to the cold and harsh arctic tundra where they migrate great distances each year.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, there were two major types of caribou that were separated during the last glacial period. One group, the caribou was the reindeer that became domesticated in Europe and Asia. Reindeer, one of the earliest domesticated animals, have been tamed for over 3,000 years. A baby reindeer, called a fawn, weighs between 10 and 14 pounds at birth. Reindeer usually grow to 4-5 ft tall not including their antlers that add another 3 feet to their height! Both male (bull) and female (cow) reindeer grow and shed their antlers annually. Their antlers grow as much as an inch a day. The antlers of the males drop off in early winter while the female does not lose her antlers until later in the winter. Like a human's fingerprint no two reindeer antlers are exactly the same.

Just recently, researchers at University College London discovered reindeer are the only mammals that can see ultraviolet light. While human vision cuts off at wavelengths around 400 nm, reindeers can see up to 320 nm. This range covers the part of the spectrum we can see with the help of a black light. For the reindeer it helps them see things in the glowing white of the Arctic that they would otherwise miss like white fur, and things that are impossible for humans to see in the snow. For reindeer, they show up in high contrast.

Until Clement C. Moore wrote "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" in 1823, no one in the United States thought about reindeer coexisting with Santa Claus. Moore introduced the world to Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder and Blixem (the last two of which were later changed to German, becoming Donner and Blitzen). While the first six names all make sense in English, the last two actually mean "thunder" and "lightning," respectively. The word Reindeer comes from the Old Norse word "hreinin," which means horned animal.

Since Europe's Reindeer Age, 16,000 years ago, reindeer have been a symbol and a way of life for Northern Europe's oldest surviving indigenous people, spanning parts of Norway, Finland, Sweden and the Kola Peninsula of Russia, in an area that is known as Sapmi – also called Lapland. Primitive humans relied heavily on them for their skins to keep them warm, meat to sustain them, and bones to create tools.

The evolution of the reindeer has provided some incredible solutions to the dark cold of their habitat. The ability to continually change its body functions surely make the reindeer one very magical creature ... and that is according to science!

Household Hints

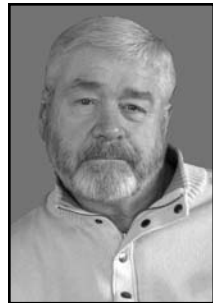
Keep the Kitty Out from Under the Christmas Tree

If you want to keep "Kitty" from walking through your Dickens Village, or gifts under the Christmas tree, sprinkle some full-strength distilled white vinegar around the area or onto an object itself. Cats don't like the smell of vinegar and will avoid it.

The Golden Havana Night

Mysterious Book Report No. 356

by John Dwaine McKenna



One of the most interesting new private investigators to come to the MBR's attention is a Denver-based ex-convict named Gus Corral. He's the creation of Manuel Ramos, a life-long resident of the Mile High City, as well as an acclaimed, award-winning author and astute observer of the changing nature of Colorado and its capitol city, Denver.

In his newest adventure, *The Golden Havana Night*, (Arte Publico Press, PB \$17.95, 196 pages, ISBN 978-1-55885-8671) Gus is hired by a man named Joaquin "Kino" Machaco, a Cuban defector and the all-star center fielder for the Colorado Rockies baseball team. The job is simple. All Gus has to do, is deliver a bag of money to a Cuban gangster in Havana, which is intended to pay off the gambling debts of Kino's brother, and then convince the man to leave the Machaco family alone . . . never accepting any more bets from the degenerate gambler and black sheep of the family. Oh yeah . . . and he also has to keep the gambling brother away from the cash long enough to make the money transfer. Gus dreams of an easy job and then a few days of rest and relaxation on a nice sunny beach, with a rum concoction in hand and some female company to help while away a pleasant afternoon or two. Nice dream. But like most dreams, it goes poof, almost as soon as Gus makes his way to the island dictatorship. That's when the bullets start flying, the blood-letting begins, the bodies pile up and all kinds of old animosities reignite again. Then, Gus finds himself running for his life, just hoping to get off the island in one piece in this fast-paced and electrifying noir adventure. Read it for yourself and find out why Gus Corral is a Mysterious Book Report favorite.



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Interview With The Author: Manuel Ramos

by John Dwaine McKenna

The Mysterious Book Report would like to extend a warm welcome to Denver native and acclaimed award-winning fellow crime fiction writer Manuel Ramos,



who's put a Hispanic twist to the hard-boiled genre with an ex-con turned private eye named Gus Corral, whose sardonic voice narrates his stories. It's a pleasure and an honor to speak to you Manuel, so let's get right to the first question:

When do you write?

I write whenever I can. Mornings, evenings, vacations, sitting in the car waiting for my wife to finish her shopping. I most often

use a laptop, but I also scribble notes, dialog, and ideas in a notebook. I don't "make time for writing." When I am in a long-term writing project, writing becomes a part of my daily ritual, like breakfast. It's not an afterthought, hobby, or time killer.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

For the most part, I'm what is called a pantsler, a writer who writes by the seat of his pants. I prefer to say that my writing is organic, i.e., it develops and grows along the way, taking on its own identity. I also think that since I write crime fiction, which usually involves a mystery of some kind, I should write stuff that surprises me. If it doesn't, how can I surprise the reader? Surprises are more likely if I go with the flow, let her rip, as they say. Of course, it still has to make sense and not cheat the reader. That's often a difficult balancing act.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

The best advice I've received is simple but true: to be a good writer, be a good reader. Read, read, and then read to succeed. Read everything, and while you're reading, pay attention to what the writer is doing, or trying to do. A very successful writer once said in a public talk that good writers steal good habits and techniques from other writers. And then make those habits and techniques your own, in your own way. To do that, read.

What makes a character compelling?

Fictional characters are compelling for the same reasons that real people are compelling. They lead interesting lives. They're three-dimensional, not stereotypes or prone to clichés. They exhibit traits that make the rest of us care about what happens to them, even if we don't approve of their behavior, or, often, like them. As a reader, I am drawn to characters that are unique in some way, and that uniqueness may be positive or negative. I don't want the same old thing.

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

A great place for ideas is my neighborhood, the

place I've lived in for forty years. I've seen tremendous change, especially in the last few years as the remaining traces of the old neighborhood are destroyed, bulldozed, and built on by the gentrification of what used to be a diverse, working-class neighborhood, several blocks around my house have morphed into a homogeneous, expensive, and rather challenging place. But the changes have created conflict between the old and new, and that conflict is loaded with human drama, which makes a perfect backdrop for my crime fiction and noir stories. My character in my most recent work, Gus Corral, is a guy raised in these streets, and he has to deal with the changes at a level that, I hope, creates plots and capers that will attract readers. So to get ideas, often all I have to do is go for a walk and pay attention to the people, dialog, and situations I encounter.

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

I most often write in the first person, although I've also written in the third. I prefer the first person mainly because it puts me in direct contact with my main character. It's limiting, of course, because the reader can only know what the main character knows, and the story often has to be moved forward through dialog involving the main character. But I think first person is the most effective and affective way to get to a reader's heart and mind. The reader sees the world from the perspective of the main character, and that's one of the main things I want to pull off as a writer -- the ability to transport a reader to another world, to put the reader in someone else's shoes.

How can we, as writers, promote and encourage more people to read?

First, write the best possible books we can. Don't shortchange readers, and they will read your books. Use proper grammar, avoid useless tropes and outdated stereotypes. Come up with new types of characters and settings. In other words, be creative. At the same time, participate in library events, book festivals, book store happenings. Visit schools if the students are in your reader demographic. Finally, don't be shy about letting folks know you are a writer. Talk up your books, and books that you like. Inform people that there is more to entertainment than cell phones, Netflix, and craft beers.

After writing, which is our main and most important job, I think that the promotion of reading is the most significant thing we can all do. And in that vein, here's an aphorism from Confucius that's 3500 years old, but just as relevant now as then:

"You must read or surrender yourself to ignorance."

Thanks Manuel for sharing your thoughts, insights and tradecraft with our audience today, as well as making the time to do so. And please, keep us informed about your next project-we can't wait to see what Gus Corral does next . . .

Manuel Ramos is the author of ten novels and a short story collection. He has received the Colorado Book Award (twice), the Chicano/Latino Literary Award, the Top Hand Award from the Colorado Authors League, and Honorable Mentions from the Latino International Book Awards. His first novel, *The Ballad*


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The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

Rosalie Burgher, Olive's Matriarch

Rosalie Marie Burgher, nee Bryan was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother and a beloved member of the Town of Olive. Born September 11, 1926 on her grandfather's ranch in Fairfield, ID, the second of Edward and Ida Bryan's five daughters. She grew up in Gooding, ID and later in Boise, ID where she met the love of her life, Robert. After marriage, she and Robert resided in Boulder, CO and Harrisburg, PA before moving in 1954 to her husband's hometown of West Shokan, NY where they raised their family of five children. Rosalie will be greatly missed by her children, Deborah (William) Schwartz, Edward (Cynthia) Burgher, Patricia (Robert) Cherry, Mathew Burgher (Cathi Hughes), Robert Andrew Burgher (Mary Carroll), and former daughter-in law Susan Henderson, her grandchildren, Jenny, Elijah, Richard, Nicholas, Timothy, Olivia, Samantha, Robert, and great grandchildren, Colden, Willow, Layla and William (Liam). Rosalie delighted in having her home filled with the sounds of little voices! In addition to being a wonderful mother, grandmother (Grandma Rosie) and great grandmother (GG), she devoted a great amount of her time and energy to the community. She held leading roles with the local school PTA, the American Legion Auxiliary, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and many more.

As anyone that knew Rosalie can attest, she was an avid reader and supporter of the Olive Free Library. One of her greatest contributions to the community was helping found the Olive Free Library, selling books to stock its shelves and raising funds for the construction of the current library building. She held just about every role in the library, and served as its director for more than 20 years until she retired at the age of 86. One of her most cherished roles in the library was conducting Story Time for kids of all ages. In recognition for her work in the Olive community, Senator James L. Seward and the NYS Senate honored Rosalie as the 2013 Senate "Woman of Distinction" from the 51st senate district at the 16th annual senate Women of Distinction.

All that knew her would say that a kinder, gentler and more inclusive person than Rosalie would be hard to find. She will be missed by everyone that had the good fortune to know her and enjoy her cheerful, optimistic outlook on life. Rosalie was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Robert, Sisters Ida Mae Bryan and Billie Claudene Schweyen and Granddaughter Jacqueline Schwartz. Rosalie was loved by all who knew her. The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind words and prayers. In lieu of flowers, her family would appreciate commemorating her devotion to the development of young minds through contributions made to the Olive Free Library, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 for the benefit of Rosie's Room and the children's programs. A service in celebration of Rosalie's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 at Lasher Funeral Home, 100 Tinker Street, Woodstock, NY. After the service, Rosalie's family invites all her friends to join her family for a luncheon celebration at the Olive Free Library.

For those who did not know Rosie, know that you missed out on a treat. She touched so many lives that I needed to share this with most of you on the Olive Jar Blog. I hope you have been blessed by knowing someone like Rosie. Carol

Olive Free Library will be presenting a staged reading of *A Christmas Carol*

Olive Free Library will be presenting a staged reading of *A Christmas Carol* directed by Linda Burkhardt. This will be the second year in a row that Linda has directed a live radio play at the library and we are thrilled to have her do it again.

The proceeds from the show will go towards funding a new elevator at the library. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this event:

Friday, December 14 at 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 15 at 8 p.m.
Sunday December 16 at 2 p.m.

For more information please call Linda Burkhardt at 845-657-6543 or the library at 845-657-2482.

Families Encouraged to Register Early for Camps

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that online registration for DEC's 2019 Summer Camps program will open Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Applications should be submitted through the online registration program available through the Summer Camps webpage. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register early since some of the weeks fill up quickly.

"For more than 70 years DEC's Summer Camps program has been introducing New York's youth to the outdoors to learn about the natural world and our place in it," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC's camps provide opportunities for adventure and an education that is preparing the next generation to become active stewards for our natural resources. Children can hike, canoe and camp overnight as part of their weeklong experience."

Now in its 72nd year, the Summer Camps program offers week-long adventures in conservation education for children ages 11-17. DEC operates four residential camps for children: Camp Colby in Saranac Lake (Franklin County); Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor (Sullivan County); Camp Rushford in Caneadea (Allegany County), and Pack Forest in Warrensburg (Warren County).

Introduced in 2017, camps Colby and DeBruce are offering two weeks of programming for children aged 14-17, and five weeks of programming for ages 11-13. Camp Pack Forest will continue to host children aged 14-17 for six weeks and ages 11-13 for two weeks. Camp Rushford will continue to offer two weeks of programming for children aged 14-17 and five weeks of programming for ages 11-13. The complete schedule of camp weeks and ages is available on the Summer Camps webpage.

Campers will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of outdoor adventures and are encouraged to try new things. Activities may include fishing, bird watching, fly-tying, archery, canoeing, hiking, camping, orienteering, and hunter safety education.

One hunter education program for either gun, bow, or trapping is offered at each camp each week. Class size is limited for hunter education programs and campers must sign up for it during registration and complete the homework in advance.

Along with adventure experiences, DEC campers engage in fun, hands-on activities and outdoor exploration focused on field, forest, stream, and pond ecological principles. Campers might collect insects in a field, use nets in a stream, investigate soil

composition, measure tree sizes, or practice taking field notes and writing in journals. Trips to nearby state lands might include kettle bogs, state parks, fish hatcheries, or nature museums.

Camp Pack Forest will once again offer "Outdoor Adventure Week 2.0" during Week 5 (July 21-26). DEC encourages teens aged 14 to 17 who love being outdoors to sign up for this popular program that will help deepen their enjoyment and widen their horizons while exploring environmental careers at Camp Pack Forest. During this week, campers will develop hands-on outdoor skills that go above and beyond the traditional camp week. Alongside canoeing, fishing, and games, campers will engage in forestry, citizen science, conservation science, and more. Guest DEC, higher education, and natural resource professionals will provide opportunities for campers to consider career paths.

All four camps will operate for seven one-week sessions (Sunday to Friday) beginning June 30, 2019; Pack Forest operates for eight weeks. Drop-off time is 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, and the closing ceremony and pick-up time is Friday at 4:30 p.m. One week of camp remains \$350 per child for the 2019 year, and includes meals, trips, and a camp t-shirt.

In addition to inviting parents to register their children to participate in the DEC environmental education Summer Camps program, sporting clubs, civic groups, and environmental organizations are encouraged to sponsor one or more children for a week at camp. Groups that deposit funds to sponsor six (6) paid campers in one transaction will receive a scholarship to send a seventh child to camp for free. The seventh camper will use a sponsorship code generated by the Albany Camps administration. Information about becoming a sponsor and managing sponsor accounts is available on DEC's website.

For more information, visit DEC's website, call 518-402-8014, visit "NYS DEC Summer Camps" on Facebook or write to DEC Camps, 3rd Floor, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-5256.

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

DEC 'On the Front Lines' Video Features Hudson River-Focused Environmental Educator Chris Bowser

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos is proud to present the latest episode of "On the Front Lines," the agency's video series profiling staff and their work to conserve the environment, protect New York's natural resources, and serve the public.

"We are proud of DEC's On the Front Lines series, which gives the public a behind-the-scenes look at the great work our dedicated employees do every day across the state to preserve and protect the environment for genera-

tions to come," Commissioner Seggos said. "It's an opportunity for New Yorkers to learn more about the issues we tackle in their communities so that we can all reap the benefits of a healthy environment. A special thanks to Environmental Educator Chris Bowser for his work to protect and revitalize the Hudson River."

The latest episode featuring Bowser (link leaves DEC's website) can be viewed on DEC's YouTube channel.

A graduate of Rutgers University in New Jersey, Bowser went on to receive his Masters of Environmental Science and Policy at Clark University in his home state of Massachusetts. Now a Hudson Valley resident, he works as the Education Coordinator for DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and National Estuarine Research Reserve through Cornell's Water Resource Institute. As an educator, Bowser often gives students of all ages their first encounter with the estuary and teaches them about the importance of restoring and protecting it for both public enjoyment and to provide healthy habitats for wildlife.

DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program works to ensure clean water, support more resilient communities, and safeguard vital estuary ecosystems and recreational opportunities.

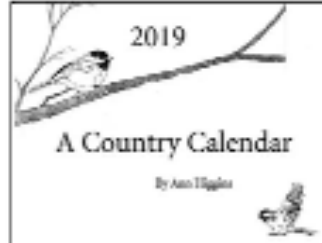
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Max loved the surprise present. His mother, my daughter, worries about his practicing in the house.

Have a story about our (your) dump? Mail it to William A. Brenner, P.O. Box 369, Grahamsville, New York 12740. FAX (845)985-0274; E-Mail: williamabrenner@hotmail.com

Tip Leads to Seizure of Multiple Big Bucks - Sullivan County

On Nov. 20, ECO Ricky Wood received a tip that a hunter had shot two bucks on the opening weekend of rifle season in Sullivan County. ECO Wood and State Trooper D'Angelo interviewed the suspect, who claimed that he had only shot one buck and provided ECO Wood with the exact location. ECO Wood and D'Angelo then hiked several miles into the property, where they observed another hunter's vehicle. ECO Wood deployed K-9 Deming, who successfully tracked several miles to a baited treestand occupied by a hunter. Another hunter was located a short distance away. Through extensive interviews, the officers determined that four large bucks had been shot on the baited property in the past few days. All four were later found hanging at a hunting camp in the town of Thompson. ECO Wood contacted ECOs Tom Koepf and Corey Hornicek along with State Troopers Drown and Reimer for assistance in the investigation. One of the hunters who smelled strongly of alcohol failed field sobriety tests and a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT). Koepf and Drown processed this hunter at the State Police Barracks in Liberty, where he registered a .12-percent Blood Alcohol Content. That hunter was charged with hunting while intoxicated and two counts of hunting deer with the aid of bait, possessing tags of another hunter, and illegal taking of protected wildlife for the buck he had shot a day earlier on the baited property. Wood, Hornicek, D'Angelo and Reimer conducted multiple interviews that confirmed that all of the bucks had been killed with the aid of bait. All four deer were seized, and six more tickets were issued to the hunters at the camp for hunting deer with the aid of bait and illegal take of protected wildlife. All the charges are returnable to the Town of Forestburgh Court.


Deer Jacking - Ulster County

On Nov. 20 at approximately 2:30 a.m., ECO Lucas Palmateer was contacted by the New Paltz Police Department about a shot being fired on Plutarch Road. A NPPD officer had responded to the scene and located a vehicle shining a light into the woods. He stopped the vehicle and interviewed the driver. The driver admitted to taking a shot at a deer, but wasn't sure if he hit it. A large 9-point buck was located deceased 30 yards from the road. The driver told ECO Palmateer that he knew there was a big buck in the area, so he just couldn't resist and went out that night to try to shoot it, firing a .30-06 rifle from his vehicle when he spotted it. The subject was charged with five misdemeanors, including discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, illegal taking of protected wildlife, taking deer with the aid of artificial light, discharge of a firearm from a public highway, and possessing a loaded firearm and artificial light in a motor vehicle. Two violations were also issued, hunting big game with the aid of a motor vehicle and using artificial light within 500 feet of a dwelling. The light, gun and deer were seized as evidence and the case will be heard in the Town of New Paltz Court.

Know Your Surroundings - Ulster County

On Nov. 21, ECO Lucas Palmateer was contacted by a complainant who stated that an individual had shot a deer on their front lawn in the town of Rosendale the previous evening. The complainants had heard a loud gunshot, looked out their window and saw a large buck collapse on their front lawn. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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Story #1

My fourteen-year-old grandson Max lives in Marietta, Georgia. In school he is taking up fencing. He is excited to be in a fencing tournament.

With their kids in college, while cleaning out the room, some parent brought to the dump a double sword display with a copper faceplate for the swords to cross in the middle. The display is meant to hang on the wall. At the end of each sword is a small bump to prevent accidental piercing,



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Tri-Valley Theater Department put on a fantastic production of Rick Abbot's "Play On!"

On Friday, November 30th and Sunday, December 2nd The Tri-Valley Theater Department put on a fantastic production of Rick Abbot's "Play On!" The student actors did an amazing job. Many others contributed to make this play an incredible success. Ms. Regina Hartman directed the play. Christopher Barr provided piano music. Mr. Phil Pompeii was Technical Director and Ms. Tara Berescik did sets and props. Mr. Cory Turner did Sound Management. Ms. Hartman recognized junior Kira Ambrosi for her outstanding efforts as Assistant Director. The Stage Manager was Alex Schultz, assisted by Devin Simon, Joseph Poppo, and Michael Babcock. Congratulations to everyone involved for making this a stand-out production!



The "Play On" cast from left Christopher Morgan, Emma Edwards, Caleb Edwards, Lorna Bragg, Jasmine Irwin, Erin Markle, Christopher DiToro, Juliette Nero Eddings, Jenna Donovan & Gabe Bragg.

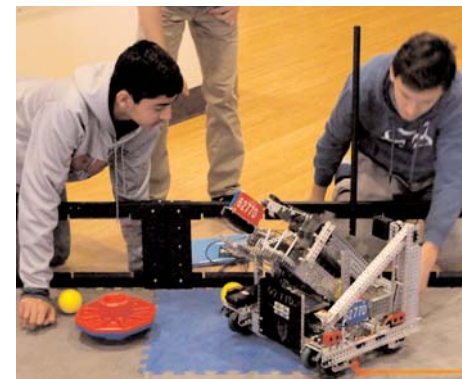
Fallsburg High School alumni that Came Back to teach at the FCSD



Left to right are Ms. Yadira Granados, Mrs. Elisa Baum, Mrs. Suzanne Rada-Yates, Mr. Jonathan Gose, Mr. Matt Jonas, Mr. Darren Kenney, Ms. Christine Justiniano, and Ms. Isabel Mejia.

Fallsburg High School alumni that came back to teach at the FCSD are holding a banner that commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Fallsburg High School Building. The first class in the building entered in September 1958.

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and SUNY Sullivan Co-Host Robotics Battle



Two competitors practicing for the event

The Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and SUNY Sullivan Robotics Teams will be co-hosting the Third Annual Catskills Bot Battle on Saturday, December 15 at the SUNY Sullivan Paul Gerry Fieldhouse. This event is open to the public and will feature over 25 New York State Robotics Teams. Local businesses who would like to help sponsor this event, or students who would like to get involved and earn volunteer time should contact Don Thomas at dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net or (845) 434-6800.

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**Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp Takes Place
December 26-28 and 31st**



Claryville - Winter break is rapidly approaching. While it's an exciting time for children to relax and play while school is not in session, it can also be stressful for working parents who need to find child-care. Frost Valley YMCA is holding a Winter Break Day Camp for children between the ages of four and 16 on December 26-28 and December 31st from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"Winter is an ideal time for children to explore the great outdoors, get some much-needed exercise, and try new things. Winter Break Day Camp at Frost Valley fills children's days with healthy activities while also giving working parents the peace of mind that their children are well cared for by professionally trained staff," says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. (Contd. Pg. 11)

**Community Members Put On a Special Day
for 7th and 8th Grade Students**

(From Pg. 1) Other local community members to put on workshops during the day included Karen Coombe and 11th grade student Becky Coombe, who brought their show rabbits in and discussed their care. Amy Carey brought her ponies to school and discussed the importance of human and animal interaction. Jeanne Fiedler-retired Tri-Valley teacher-did a journaling class where students were able to learn about the benefits of journaling. Each student even received his or her very own journal!

Tri-Valley special education teacher Gayle Burger led a "color me calm" activity where students learned about the calming influence of coloring. Deb Swett-Tri-Valley special education teacher-put on a holiday craftivity workshop where students were able to make their own holiday crafts. Local Emergency Medical Technician Rich Jones (and Tri-Valley science teacher) also brought an ambulance on campus to show kids what happens when a medical emergency arises. Robert Hayes-Tri-Valley agriculture teacher-talked about the importance of keeping your dog healthy. He had plenty of giveaways that he sent students home with too!

Joining the day to put on a workshop about martial arts were Tri-Valley students Kaylee Poppo, Brandon Huggler, and Mathew Huggler, along with Liberty's Moo Duk Kwan Academy instructor Ian Constable (Owner/Certified Instructor). Finally, Kathy Poppo-culinary instructor at Sullivan County BOCES-and several of her culinary students talked to Tri-Valley students about their culinary program and even had our Tri-Valley students decorate their own cupcakes.

In the afternoon, students participated in an assembly put on by Town of Fallsburg Detective Travis Hartman, K-9 Officer Chris Rosa, and Trooper Esther Suarez.

Fallsburg Detective Travis Hartman spoke about how he became a police officer, and worked his way up to a detective. He also talked about cyber safety

and thinking before you send or post something.

Chris Rosa and Mouse-his K-9 dog-have been partners for six years. Officer Rosa talked about he became a K-9 officer and the training he has had to do. He also described ways that Mouse is used in investigations. After that, they wanted to do a demonstration to let Mouse show his talents. Detective Hartman put on the training sleeve, and once he had that on and K-9 Officer Rosa let Mouse go, Mouse showed us what he does on the job.

Once they were finished, Trooper Esther Suarez took over. Her presentation was very informative in making the students aware of all of the things that are out there that are dangerous. She started off discussing caffeine and how it is addicting. She then worked her way onto vaping, which is a common activity among teens, and how marketing has targeted teenagers. She even showed what some of the dangerous chemicals involved are. Finally, Trooper Suarez talked about synthetic drugs, as well as the dangers of edible drugs and how the common person needs to read labels on packages carefully. What you think is something innocent, could easily not be.

As students left school there was a buzz in the hallway and the excitement was evident. The range of careers and opportunities certainly had to be eye-opening for students. The 7th and 8th grade teachers want to give a big thank you to all of the presenters for volunteering their time. We are blessed to live in such a caring and generous community. Thank you for all you do-together, we're continuing to make a difference!



Mr. Robert Hayes talks about the importance of keeping your dog healthy.



Students decorate their own cupcakes with help from SC BOCES students.

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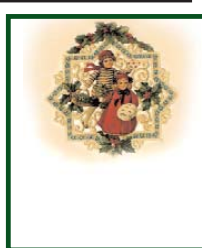
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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

We will miss Jane this week, but she will be back next week!

Democratic Women celebrate with Senator-elect Metzger!



(Kauneonga Lake, NY) - It was a victory party and a holiday celebration all in one when the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) gathered at the Local Table and Tap in Kauneonga Lake on Tuesday, November 27.

The holiday party was made even merrier by the attendance of Senator-elect Jen Metzger, the first female Democrat to ever represent the 42nd New York State Senatorial District.

During a very brief speech, Metzger mentioned how the DWSC were with her from the very beginning of her campaign, and how grateful she is for their support.

DWSC President Janet Lybolt welcomed the crowd of nearly 40 before they got down to the serious business of celebrating. Attendees also brought pet food and treats as donations to local shelters.

A re-organizational meeting for the DWSC will be held in late January. For additional information on membership or the upcoming meeting, call Vice-President Carol Montana at 845-985-7783.

Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp Takes Place December 26-28 and 31st

(From Pg. 9) 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.

Parents can choose to register for three days (December 26-28th) for \$125 per child or all four days for \$160 per child. Both rates include transportation from select locations, lunch, and snacks at no additional cost. Local busing is available from the Monticello Government Building, Ideal Food Basket in Liberty, the Tri-Valley School, the Neversink Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church.

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

Catskills Named Best in Travel 2019

Lonely Planet reveals The Catskills as one of the Top 10 Regions to visit in 2019. This beautiful mountainous region west of the Hudson Valley has been a popular getaway since the 19th century. The romantic image of mossy gorges and rounded peaks, as popularized by Hudson Valley School painters, encouraged a preservation movement: in 1894 the state constitution was amended so that thousands of acres are 'forever kept as wild forest lands.'

In the early 20th century, the Catskills became synonymous with so-called 'borscht belt' hotels, summer escapes for middle-class NYC Jews. The vast majority of these hotels have closed, although orthodox Jewish communities still thrive in many towns - as does a back-to-the-land, hippie ethos on numerous small farms. In the fall, this is the closest place to NYC with really dramatic colors in the trees.

Lonely Planet's Best in Travel is an annual guide ranking the hottest, must-visit countries, regions, cities and best-value destinations for 2019. Drawing on the knowledge and passion of *Lonely Planet's* staff, authors and online community, LP presents a year's worth of inspiration to take visitors out of the ordinary and into the unforgettable.

Read the full article on the Catskill from *Lonely Planet*. At <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/new-york-state/catskills#in-detail>

Charles Dicken: A Christmas Carol at Olive Free Library

On Dec. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. the Second Annual Radio Play performance of Charles Dicken: A Christmas Carol directed by Linda Burkhardt will be held at the Olive Free Library. Regular admission \$15, seniors and students \$12.

Olive Free Library is located at 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan .12494 For information call 845-657-2482 or email: olivefreelibrary.org

Shadowland Stages Presents "Winter Wonderettes"

For the Holidays, we'll be staging a family-friendly musical. This seasonal celebration features 60's versions of all the great holiday hits, like 'Jingle Bell Rock,' 'Run Rudolph Run,' and 'Santa Claus is coming to Town.' This energetic and glittering holiday package is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. Shows run November 30 - December 16. Evening shows: Thursday - Saturday, 8 p.m., tickets \$39. Matinee: Sunday, 2 p.m.; tickets \$30. Opening night December 1, 8 p.m.; Purchase tickets online.

Friday, November 30, 2018 - 8 p.m. to Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 2 p.m.

Shadowland Stages is located at 157 Canal St, Ellenville, NY 12428. For more information call: 845-647-5511

Blue Christmas at Phoenicia Playhouse

Holiday performance show featuring an evening of 1950's sketch comedy and pop music performances. Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Admission \$20, senior and students \$18.

Friday, December 7, 2018 - 8 p.m. to Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 2 p.m.

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Ulster Performing Arts Center is located at 601 Broadway, Kingston NY 12401. For more information call: 845-473-2072

Mendelssohn Club Christmas Concerts in Kingston

The 115th annual winter holiday concert featuring guest artists Kingston High School Choir and Brass Ensemble. 8 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$8. will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 15, 2018 - 8 p.m. at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston, NY 12401. Call 845-338-6759 for more information or email mckny.org

Met Opera: Live in HD Performance at SUNY Sullivan

(Loch Sheldrake, NY) The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Ticket pricing: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID).

Patrons can purchase tickets at Seelig Theater the day of the performance. For more information, contact 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

Schedule of Met Opera Live in HD Performances at SUNY Sullivan

LA TRAVIATA (Verdi Saturday, December 15, 2018 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 3 hours 7 minutes/2 intermissions

ADRIANA LECOUVREUR (Cilea) Saturday, January 12, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 3 hours 33 minutes/2 intermissions

CARMEN (Bizet Saturday, February 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 3 hours 21 minutes/1 intermission

LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT (Donizetti) Saturday, March 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 2 hours 25 minutes/1 intermission

DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner) Saturday, March 30, 2019 Start:12 noon ~ Run time: 4 hours 55 minutes/2 intermissions

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Governor Cuomo Announces Extension of Real Property Tax Exemption on Farm Buildings Extends Property Tax Exemptions for Next 10 Years on Buildings and Facilities Critical to Farming and Horticulture

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the extension of the state's Real Property Tax Law exemption on farm buildings, which will provide continued tax relief for New York farmers and growers. The Real Property Tax Law exempts agricultural producers from paying real property tax on buildings that are essential to the production of agricultural or horticultural products, such as temporary greenhouses, dairy barns and exercise arenas for horse-boarding

operations.

"New York's agricultural industry is a major sector of our economy, and it's critical that we continue to support local farmers and growers," Governor Cuomo said. "This tax exemption will help New York's hard-working agricultural producers invest in their farms and grow their businesses, and as a result increase competitiveness and productivity for years to come."

"Agriculture is an essential part of New York's economy, and we are working to remove barriers to growth for farmers across the state," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "This new law lowers the property tax burden on New York farms, helping them to stay competitive in the global economy."

The Real Property Tax Law exemption was extended for the next 10 years and applies to newly constructed and reconstructed agricultural buildings through January 1, 2029. Since it was last renewed in 2008, the exemption for farm structures is estimated to have saved New York farmers more than \$112.8 million. The exemption has helped support the growth of New York's agricultural industry by allowing farmers and growers to use the money saved to invest in their operations, purchase new equipment and modernize facilities, which increases the farms' competitiveness and profitability.

Agricultural buildings have been exempt from state taxation for decades, but the law granting the exemption was set to expire on New Year's Day 2019. The new law, sponsored by Assemblyman Bill Magee and Senator Patty Ritchie, amends New York State's Real Property Tax Law to extend the tax break and ensure it will remain in effect for the next decade.

New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "We thank Governor Cuomo for signing this bill into law and we thank the State Legislature for passing this legislation. It extends a crucial tax break to our farmers and growers, who have historically relied on the exemption to improve operations, expand businesses and offset other expenses."

Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Nonie Manion said, "Thanks to the extension of this property tax exemption, New York State farmers can now continue to receive this beneficial tax break. I applaud Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature for continuing to allow this valuable benefit."

Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Patty Ritchie said, "Our state's farmers work hard every day to produce world-class products that are enjoyed by their fellow New Yorkers, but sometimes they see minimal profit generated and, at times, can even experience losses, due to things like infrastructure costs. This vital legislation, which I was proud to sponsor, will deliver a property tax exemption for structures that play a key role to strengthen their bottom lines, which in turn will help bolster our state's agriculture industry for years to come."

Assembly Agriculture Committee Chair Bill Magee said, "This property tax exemption law is extremely helpful to our farmers who rely on it to lower production costs. That, in turn, helps them to stay in business by keeping their farms in operation, maintaining our state's open spaces, and growing food for New Yorkers."

New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher said, "This law, which keeps new farm buildings off the tax rolls for 10 years, is essential to encourage new farm investment, and it will make it more economical to grow family farm businesses. The tax savings is especially important in today's tough agricultural economy."

The law prohibits tax increases based on the value of construction or improvement of structures that are used for essential agricultural operations. That includes the cultivation,

harvest and storage of commodities; the feeding, breeding and management of livestock; and housing for farm employees. Housing for immediate family members is not covered by the exemption unless the family members are non-owners and critical to the commercial operation of the farm.

Congressman-elect Antonio Delgado names Amanda Boomhower to be NY-19 District Director

Congressman-elect Antonio Delgado is proud to announce that Amanda Boomhower will serve as his District Director in New York's 19th Congressional District. Boomhower will oversee all district offices and constituent services, including representing Congressman-elect Delgado at local meetings and events.

"With her deep ties to upstate New York and commitment to serving the people here - at state, congressional and local levels - Amanda brings experience and dedication to the position of District Director," said Delgado. "She knows what it takes to provide quality services and representation to our constituents and will lead a team dedicated to being accessible and transparent by serving everyone with accountability and integrity."

"I am honored and excited to serve the people of NY-19 as District Director," said Boomhower. "Upstate New York has always been my home and I am so grateful for the opportunity to give back through public service. I look forward to following through on Congressman-elect Delgado's commitment to be accessible to everyone by providing exceptional constituent services and outreach across all eleven counties in NY-19."

Boomhower brings a decade of public service experience and is an active community member and volunteer in Greene County. She most recently worked as special assistant in the New York State Office of General Services. She previously worked as federal liaison for Congressman Maurice Hinchey, handling constituent inquiries pertaining to the U.S. Departments of State, Homeland Security, Defense, Veterans Affairs and Education. Boomhower has also worked as Deputy District Director for Congressman Scott Murphy, a position that included managing his regional office in Hudson, having been promoted from regional representative and constituent representative. She began her career in the office of former Congresswoman and current Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, assisting with constituent services. Boomhower is a graduate of Skidmore College and Columbia Greene Community College. She lives in Athens, New York.

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill: Statement on Approved CVS-Aetna Merger

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill is reviewing the terms of the approval of the takeover of Aetna by CVS issued by the Superintendent of the Department of Financial Services today. The Assemblymember has previously raised concerns about the potential dominance of this horizontally merged behemoth in both health care delivery and insurance. "Even before this transaction was approved, providers, insurers and consumers raised serious questions including distortion of the marketplace, exclusionary practices, privacy and manipulation of the allowable ratio of profit to health costs," stated Assemblymember Cahill. "While it is already clear that the Department did not go far enough, we will be reviewing the finer details to determine what legislative action is necessary to protect consumers and to assure a fair and vital marketplace," concluded the Assemblymember.

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 Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission invites young people ages 3-13 and their families to an interactive celebration of the 70th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

Fun and educational, the celebration will run from 1-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 (the day before International Human Rights Day) at the Ted Stroebele Center, 10 Jefferson Street, Monticello.

"Come take a trip throughout the world of human rights, adding a sticker to your 'passport' for each activity that focuses on the 30 Articles of the Declaration," offers Executive Director Ari Mir-Pontier. "The first 100 children to complete all activities will get a 'goodie bag' to take home!"

Activities will include "Build Your Jumbo Jenga of Rights," "Express Yourself with Spoken Word and Rap," "Fish for Your Rights," "Hopscotch for Humanity," "Puppet Theatre for Respect and Kindness," and more. Music and refreshments will also be offered.

Adults won't be forgotten either, as a special "Cop Café" will allow grownups to discuss concerns with local law enforcement representatives.

The event is completely free. Hablamos español! For more info, the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission can be reached at 845-807-0189.

Claryville Reformed Church
 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
 Call - 845-985-2041 for information

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm); Tuesday morning: 8:50 am; Wednesday morning: No Mass; Thursday afternoon: 5:45 pm; Friday morning: 8:50 am; Saturday morning: 8:50 am.

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Celebrate Christmas Eve with the Claryville Reformed Church
 Celebrate Christmas Eve with the Claryville Reformed Church. The service begins at 7 PM. Reverend Ken Tenkinck, of the Warwick Center, will lead worship and John Bernstein will be at the organ. The service will conclude with candle lighting and singing "Silent Night". Everyone is welcome!

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Jan. 5, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered
Dish Supper

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 The red shed will not be open as we are not accepting donations to the thrift ministry during our Winter Break - the months of December, January and February.
 Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com.



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

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**Immediate Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

**Substitute
Math 7-12 Teacher (Per Dem)**

NYS Certification Required

Please forward resumes ASAP
To: recruitment@scbooces.org or
Sullivan BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754 or
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

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**Immediate Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

School Media Specialist

The candidate must have a strong record of integrating technology into instruction, with the ability to collaborate with teachers to design and implement lessons and units of instruction.
This is a Tenure-Track Position
NYS Certification Required

Please forward resumes by Dec 28th.
To: recruitment@scbooces.org or
Sullivan BOCES Recruitment Service,
6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754 or
Attn: Tri-Valley Search EOE

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ANNOUNCEMENT

IMMEDIATE OPENING

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018 - 2019:

**REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE
(SCHOOL)**

Candidacy subject to minimum Civil Service Qualifications and current license

Interested parties should apply on OLAS or submit letter of interest and application to:
Mr. Robert Whitaker, School Business Official
Tri-Valley Secondary School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
robertwhitaker@trivalleycsd.org

Deadline for receiving application materials:
December 21, 2018

Know Your Surroundings -

(From Pg. 7) ECO Palmateer located a blood trail, determined the location that the deer had been shot from and who the possible responsible party was. The suspect told ECO Palmateer that he had permission to hunt in a 1.5-acre property next to the home where the deer had been shot. He stated that he was sitting on a rock wall, approximately 375 feet from the neighboring house, when he saw a buck cross a road and make its way onto the neighboring property when he shot. ECOs Adam Johnson and Ricky Wood assisted with the investigation on Nov. 23. The subject was issued tickets for discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling and illegal taking of protected wildlife, returnable to the Town of Rosendale Court. The large 10-point buck was seized as evidence, and the meat was given to the venison donation program.

**Holiday and Winter Events Throughout
Ulster County**

Dec. 1 - 31 - The Wawarsing Wassail: Month-long series of fun, family, holiday events. Celebrated throughout the Town of Wawarsing including Ellenville, Napanoch, Cragmoor and Kerhonkson. Don't miss the Holiday Hustle 5k-ish Run or the Holiday Market. Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Firetruck Parade in Ellenville, Dec. 1. See website for event details. 845-647-4620; ewcoc.com; facebook.com/ewcoc

Dec. 6-30 "Adaptive Radiation:" Four millennials are catapulted into a whimsical chaos by a strange other-worldly spec of light in this romantic comedy. Wednesday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets \$24, under 30 \$15, students \$5. Purchase online. Denizen Theatre, Water Street Market, 10 Main St., Suite 501, New Paltz. 845-303-4136; denizen theatre.com

Dec. 14 - Light Up the Hamlet of Highland: Santa's Workshop will be open for a visit with Santa. Special performances, hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows, caroling with tree lighting. 6-8:30 p.m. Vineyard and Main Streets, Highland. 845-691-2144, ext. 100; townoffloyd.com/pages/floydny_bcomm/events/index

Dec. 14 "It's a Wonderful Life:" Film showing of the 1946 American Christmas fantasy drama film. Tickets \$6. 7:30 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-473-2072; upac.org or Ticketmaster 800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com

Dec. 14 - 16 Olive Free Library will be presenting a **staged reading of A Christmas Carol** directed by Linda Burkhardt.

Friday, December 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 15 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday December 16 at 2 p.m. For more information please call Linda Burkhardt at 845-657-6543 or the library at 845-657-2482.

Dec. 14-15 Mendelssohn Club Christmas Concerts: 115th annual winter holiday concert featuring guest artists Kingston High School Choir and Brass Ensemble. 8 p.m. Adults \$10, seniors and students \$8. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; mckny.org

Dec. 15 - Tuba Christmas: Traditional Christmas music from around the world with tuba and euphonium players of all ages. Participants register at 5 p.m., rehearse at 6 p.m. and perform the free concert at 7:30 p.m. Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. 1-800-724-0833; sunyulster.edu

Dec. 15 - Museum Mates: What to Do When the River Freezes: Come learn about the jobs and activities people did during the winter months, including ice harvesting, ice boating, skating and more. Geared towards children 5-12 years old. 2 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

Dec 21 & 22 - 69th Annual Living Nativity: A wonderful holiday tradition with the reenactment of the Christmas story with animals and local parishioners outside at the Old Dutch's churchyard. Three performances each evening at 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. 845-338-6759; olddutchchurch.org

Dec. 15 The Woodstock Byrdcliff Guild's Annual Winter Solstice: Tradition continues this holiday season with a performance by Happy Traum. Visit website or call to purchase tickets \$27-\$67. 8 p.m. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org

Dec. 18 Tea with Clara: Join Clara and her Nutcracker friends for a tea party in the Land of the Sweets. Family photos and The Nutcracker storybook readings. Assortment of sandwiches, desserts, teas and sparkling wine. \$50 adult, \$45 kids 18 and under. 2-4 p.m.

Wiltwyck Golf Club, 404 Steward Lane, Kingston. 845-339-1629; catskillballet.org; catskillballettheatre@gmail.com

Dec. 22 Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurring every other Saturday, December through April. Vendors offer locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org

Dec. 22, Mr. Dickens Tells a Christmas Carol. Gregg Shults returns to Cragmoor's Stone Church as Charles Dickens and all the 23 other characters in this legendary one-man performance. 7 pm, Festive decorations, towering Christmas tree, holiday treats. Donations to Cragmoor Historical Society. Cragmoor is on the Shawangunk Ridge between Pine Bush and Ellenville. Follow signs to Stone Church. www.cragmoorhistoricalsociety.com or 845-647-6487 for weather conditions



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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-2262 ext. 312
www.townofneversink.org
racerj12d@aol.com

2019 Upcoming Events

- * 9 Sundays Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn
- *Free Quinnz Pinz Escape Room & Bowling 1/11
- *Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn 1/25
- *CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall 1/2
- *Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall 2/8
- *Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time 2/22
- *Free Family Game Night & Pizza @ Daniel Pierce Library 3/22
- *Free Urban Air Adventure Park 3/29
- *Learn from a Ringling Brothers Clown @ Neversink Fire House 4/12
- *Day Trip to Pine Ridge Dude Ranch 4/17
- *Greenwich Village Food & Culture Walking Tour 4/28
- *Screen Free Week Learn about your community 4/29 to 5/3
- *Six Flags Great Escape, Lake George Overnight Trip 5/18 to 5/19
- *On Your Feet Westchester Dinner Theatre 5/30
- *Monster Truck Jam 7/14
- *Free Water Fun @ Grahamsville Fairgrounds 7/19
- *Hudson Valley Renegades with BBQ & Fireworks Date TBA
- *Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair 9/14
- *Tours Prohibition Distillery & Roscoe Beer Co & Dinner 9/21
- *Kartrite Hotel Indoor Water Park Sleepover 11/1 to 11/3
- *Transportation to NYC 12/7
- *Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting 12/8

Check out flyers on table outside parks & rec office door.

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Dec. 27 - Falling Water Preserve and Saugerties Lighthouse Hike: Easy hike, approximately 3.5 miles. Start at 11 a.m. at Falling Waters Preserve, 996 Dominican Lane, Glasco. Then go to lighthouse trail. Bring packed lunch to eat on lighthouse deck. Some hills and a few tricky spots. Bring usual winter gear. No bathrooms. Confirm with leader Carla Barrett

315-527-8478; barrettinclinnton@gmail.com; mhadk.org

Dec 31 - Fifth Annual Saugerties New Year's Eve in the Village: Stay local, stay safe. Stage on Main Street with performances 10:30 p.m.- 12:30 a.m. Music, countdown video and ball drop. Specials at many restaurants and bars. Some streets will be closed 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Village of Saugerties. 845-246-2321; village.saugerties.ny.us; facebook.com/saugertieschamberofcommerce

Dec. 31 Uptown Kingston's New Year's Eve Celebration: Fireworks and fun at the corner of Wall and North Front Streets in Kingston; Kingston-ny.gov; kingstontown.org; lgbtqcenter.org

Dec. 25-Jan. 1 Holiday Rates at Belleayre Mountain: Holiday rates in effect these days. Visit website for details. From beginner to expert.

Featuring the Catskills' only gondola. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 1-800-942-6904; belleayre.com

CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is now accepting Watershed Education Grant proposals from schools and non-profit organizations serving students and teachers in the New York City Catskill-Delaware (West-of-Hudson, or WOH) Watershed and within the five boroughs of New York City.

Applications are also available for projects intended for WOH adult or mixed-age audiences. All proposals are due by noon, February 1, 2019. Watershed Education Grants are offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

The application form and guidelines are available at cwconline.org (Programs/Education Grants). A short video about the Education Grant program is also viewable on the Resources page of the CWC website.

Potential applicants are also encouraged to visit watershededucators.org to find ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs.

Questions may be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306; galusha@cwconline.org.

Projects must focus on fresh water, the WOH Watershed and the New York City water supply system. They may use science or art, classroom exploration or outdoor experience, history research, hydrology experiments or any other teaching method that results in a greater appreciation for the critical role of water in our lives.

Applicants may also choose from among several Special Options, including trips to environmental education centers, Arm of the Sea Theater performances, Trout in the Classroom and classroom models for teaching about water quality. The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.



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

2019 Upcoming Events

Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn

- Jan. 11 - Free Quinz Pinz Escape Room & Bowling
- Jan. 25 - Free Snow Tubing trip to Holiday Mtn
- Jan. 26 - CPR & AED Training, Basic First Aid. Learn to save a life @ Town Hall
- Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
- Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time

Check out flyers on table outside Parks & Rec office door at Neversink Town Hall



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.

**2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

July 12th October 11th
August 16th November 15th
September 13th December 13th

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Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 12/13/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12/13//18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 12/17/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T meeting 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 12/18/18 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 12/18/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 12/20/18 Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners 7:00 pm
- 1/5/19 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.
Please remember to send us your **Events Calendar for 2019** so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.

You may email them to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com;
USPS Mail - The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740
or Drop them in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building



SAVE THE DATE!

Sat., Dec. 1 - **Grahamsville UMC Christmas Craft Fair** 10 am - 3 pm
Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea Sat., Dec. 8 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

TRI-VALLEY AREA
SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
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ZANETTI'S SERVICE STATION
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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.

Ring in the season!

The sounds of business in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center are about to be replaced with the sounds of the season, thanks to talented children, young adults and their teachers from all across the County.

"Our Holiday Concert series is a highlight of the year for many County staff, and the public is just as welcome to come hear the vocal and musical skills of our young peo-ple," invites County Manager Josh Potosek. "Join us in a heartwarming, joyful celebra-tion of the holidays!"

With the one noted exception, all concerts will begin at noontime:

December 13: Monticello Middle School Chorus & Orchestra

December 14: Center for Discovery Ensemble (plus Nesin Cultural Arts' Treblemakers at 4 p.m.)
December 17: Liberty High School Band

December 18: Liberty High School Honors Chorus and Orchestra

December 19: Monticello High School String & Vocal Ensemble

December 20: Roscoe Central School Band & Choir

December 21: Eldred Junior-Senior High School Key Elements and Chamber Ensemble

**VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION
COMES TO SUNY SULLIVAN!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

PAUL GERRY FIELDHOUSE
The Fallsburg Jr./Sr. High School and the SUNY Sullivan Robotics Team are co-hosts of the Third Annual Bot Battle Competition Saturday, December 15 • 9 am - 5 pm Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at SUNY Sullivan

Free Admission!

This competition features more than 28 New York Robotics Teams and is a must-see event! For more information about sponsoring or competing in this event, contact Don Thomas dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net.

Tri-Valley Elementary School

**WANTED:
Local establishments to display student
KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.

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

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 b12/22

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 b11/29rtf


House: On Lindholm Rd near the Neversink Reservoir. Tri Valley School District. **4 bedroom**, 2 full baths, large living room/ dining area/playroom + kitchen all on one level. Quiet neighborhood, fenced yard. Immediate occupancy. Clean credit report required. \$1200 per mo + security + first and last month - 1 year lease. Call John or Joy 845 292 7870.
 b 11/29

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Kate's Herbals - www.katesherbals.com
Harnett Woodwork - harnettdesigns.com
Story's Neversink Plant Co. (845) 985-5071
Standing Impressions -standingimpressions.com
Muthig Farms Maple Syrup (845) 292-7838
Claryville Pottery (845) 985 2016.
Thunderview Farms -thunderviewfarms.com
Ann's Booty - (845) 741-5467
Balloons by Art - (845) 701-2931
Neversink Chronicles by John D. McKenna at the Neversink General Store

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Pizza Chef at Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe. For interview call 845-985-0247 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted - Full time/Part time. Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.

JOIN US!
Holiday Concerts

Noontime at the Government Center, 100 North Main St., Monticello

Friday, December 7 <small>Monticello Instrumental Chamber Ensembles</small>	Monday, December 17 <small>Liberty High School Band</small>
Monday, December 10 <small>Livingston Manor Concert Band</small>	Tuesday, December 18 <small>Liberty High School Honors Chorus and Orchestra</small>
Wednesday, December 12 <small>Liberty Middle School Chorus</small>	Wednesday, December 19 <small>Monticello High School String & Vocal Ensemble</small>
Thursday, December 13 <small>Monticello 6th Grade Chorus and 7th/8th Grade String Orchestra</small>	Thursday, December 20 <small>Roscoe Central School Band & Choir</small>
Friday, December 14 <small>Northville Junior-Senior High School Key Elements and Chamber Ensemble</small>	Friday, December 21 <small>Eldred Junior-Senior High School Key Elements and Chamber Ensemble</small>


 Sullivan COUNTY CATSKILLS
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If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:

Gnome Home
 131 Peekamoose Road
 Sundown, NY 12740
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 (3" x 4") - \$28.80 per week
 (3" x 6") - \$43.20
 (4" x 6") - \$57.60
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 Flyer/insert 1,200 copies \$45 for one-side \$70 for both sides (you print)
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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"

GANGSTER CLASSICS
STARTING MONDAY DECEMBER 17TH AT 2:00 PM "THE GETAWAY," (Crime, 1972), A **Steve McQueen classic.** Steve as master thief will go to any lengths to get out of the state penitentiary. His wife will do anything to help spring him. When a bank robbery goes bad, an ex-con and his wife take it on the lam. **Dir: Sam Peckinpah Cast: , Ali MacGraw, Ben Johnson.** At 4:15PM **"HIGH SIERRA"** (Crime, 1941). An aging ex-con sets out to pull one more big heist. **Directed by Raoul Walsh; starring Ida Lupino, Humphrey Bogart, Alan Curtis, Arthur Kennedy, Joan Leslie, Henry Hull, Henry Travers, Barton MacLane, Jerome Cowan, Cornel Wilde, Donald MacBride, John Eldredge, Isabel Jewell, Willie Best.** Bogey is Mad Dog Earle, killer with a soft heart on the run from police, in rousing (if not exactly credible) gangster caper. Lupino, as the moll and Leslie, as the lame innocent Bogart, befriends offer interesting contrast. Screenplay by John Huston and W. R. Burnett based on Burnett's novel. Remade as I DIED A THOUSAND TIMES, and in Western garb as COLORADO TERRITORY. Also shown in computer-colored version. at 6:00 PM **"WHITE HEAT"** (Crime, 1949). Cagney at his best as psychotic criminal with a mother complex escapes from prison en route to the most famous scene in cinematic gangsterdom, **"I'm On Top of the World Mom!" finale, is now movie legend. Edmond O'Brien** is excellent as a government agent who infiltrates the gang run by a mother-fixated psychotic. Cagney returned to gangster films, older but forceful as ever, as the psychopathic hood with mother obsession; Mayo is his neglected wife; O'Brien the cop out to get him. **Directed by Raoul Walsh, starring James Cagney, Virginia Mayo, Edmond O'Brien, Margaret Wycherly, Steve Cochran.** Written by Ivan Goff and Ben Roberts, from a Virginia Kellogg story. At 8:00 PM **LADY ON A TRAIN** (Suspense, 1945) A young woman enlists a mystery writer to help her solve a murder when the corpse vanishes. **Directed by Charles David. Starring Deanna Durbin, Ralph Bellamy, Edward Everett Horton, George Coulouris, Allen Jenkins, David Bruce, Patricia Morison, Dan Duryea, William Frawley.** Excellent comedy/murder-mystery with Deanna witnessing a murder, then getting involved with nutty family of the deceased tycoon. You'll never guess killer's identity in neatly plotted yarn which even allows Deanna to sing a few tunes. Based on a Leslie Charteris story, B/W - 94 m TV-PG Closed Captioned
Quiz: In "WHITE HEAT"
 1. Who played Ma Jarrett?
 2. Who played Big Ed Somers?



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Answers:
 1. Margaret Wycherly
 2. Steve Cochran

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