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Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes the Daniel Pierce Library



TVTA President April Kackos (left) and TVTA Secondary School Vice President Matt Haynes (right) present a certificate of recognition to DPL Director Jessica Dymond.

This year our Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is making it a point to reach out and recognize organizations and businesses within our community who are our "partners in education." (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association No-Shavers Still Growing Strong



After two weeks were in the books and the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association No-Shavers raised \$835! By week #3, Tri-Valley Teachers' Association No-Shavers raised \$995! As a reminder, you can support their endeavor by visiting <https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>. All donations go towards cancer research and are greatly appreciated! As a reminder, you can support their endeavor by visiting <https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>. All donations go towards cancer research and are greatly appreciated!

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Melana Quick-Lepke Recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award



On Saturday, November 17th, Melana Quick-Lepke was a recipient of the Girl Scout Silver award, the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can earn and the second highest award of the Girl Scouts. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Time and the Valleys Museum receives "Make a Difference" Grant



[Grahamsville, N.Y] The Time and the Valleys Museum is honored to receive a \$2,000 Make a Difference Fund Grant from the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan. At the Foundation's annual reception at Anthony's Pier 9 Restaurant in New Windsor Wednesday night, Richard Coombe, President of the Time and the Valleys Museum and his wife, Phyllis Coombe, Chairperson of the Museum's Program Committee, received a check from Foundation President and CEO Elizabeth Rowley.

This important grant will be used to fund the cost of field trips for schools in Sullivan County to one of the Museum's two educational programs:
1. Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: Upstate Water and NYC: Students explore the interactive exhibition on NYC's Water Supply System, see water contaminants, make water dirty and then clean again, understand the importance of watersheds and experience the losses of those who had their lands taken to build the water system.
2. Water Through History: Students identify fossils, discover the importance of waterwheels for early industries, handle native artifacts and learn about the importance of clean water through history. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. Jerehiah 10:12

OBITUARIES

John Farley Rexford, 60, of Hasbrouck, NY, died Tuesday, November 13th in Frankfurt, Germany. He passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was recently diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease and Motor Neuron Disease (MND).

He was the youngest son to Virginia E Rexford and the late Leo N. Rexford. He was born April 5, 1958 in Liberty, NY.

He graduated from Tri-Valley in 1976. He was a United States Coast Guard veteran, a US Diplomat, Attaché, Foreign Service Officer, Facilities Manager for US Embassies and US Consulates globally. He had 20 years of distinguished US Federal Government service.

John was a proud father, a sailor by blood, an engineer by study, an outdoorsman by nature, enjoyed golf, and was a born leader. On September 11, 2001 he safely led his entire team out of The World Trade Center. It was that experience that led him to want to serve his country further. He managed facilities in several overseas locations. He was a team member for Habitat for Humanity in foreign countries where he worked in US Embassies helping out with housing projects, school builds and school renovations.

He leaves behind his wife, Bella Rexford, his three sons, Apollo Rexford, Amani Rexford, and Ahadi Rexford, his daughter, Alesia Kuratnick and her husband Michael Kuratnick, his mother Virginia E. Rexford, his four granddaughters, Emma Rexford, Ailey Rexford, Arianna Kuratnick, and Kylie Kuratnick. He also has several nieces and nephews.

John is predeceased by his brother, Leo Rexford, III, sister, Francine Rexford, several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

John L. Clark, age 87, of The Villages, Florida, and Parkville, New York, passed away November 15, 2018 in Leesburg, Florida. John was born on August 27, 1931 to Frank M. and Maude (Heaney) Clark in Liberty, New York.

John married Carol Gottman on October 22, 1960 in Lockport, New York.

John was a member and treasurer of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liberty, New York and attended the Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Wildwood Florida. He was a long-time active member and treasurer of the lion's club and a member of the local Snowmobile Club of Parkville, NY.

John is survived by Carol, his wife of 58 years, daughter Sandra (Ed) Bahr of The Villages Florida, granddaughter Aimee (Rick) Canby of Santa Fe, New Mexico, granddaughter Melissa (Will) Bahr of Calera, Alabama, grandson Edward Christopher Bahr, and granddaughter Renee (Troy) Risch of Frisco, Texas. Five Great-grandchildren Alexis, Mackenzie, Eva, Gabrielle, and Grant. John is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. John is preceded in death by his parents and sister Muriel.

James J. Gorman II, a long time resident of Neversink, New York, passed away at his home on the family farm on November 16, 2018. He was 62.

James "Jimmy" was born in Staten Island, New York on June 1, 1956 and moved to Sullivan County with his parents and siblings at a young age. He spent his childhood hunting, fishing, and helping on the farm that he and his family built on Aden Hill. He graduated from Tri-Valley in 1974, where he freely dedicated his time to the FFA in various leadership roles. He went on to earn his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY New Paltz and achieved his long-time dream of becoming a Police Officer. James was fondly remembered for working with the Liberty Police Department for nearly 20 years and retiring in 2000.

In his later years, Jimmy remained passionate about the family farm where he happily worked for the remainder of his life. As a man of God, he was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Parish in Liberty where he dedicated his time as a head Usher and continued to serve his community and the Lord.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents, James J. Gorman, I and Irene Gorman. Survivors include his four children and their spouses, James Gorman III (Michelle), William Gorman (Sarah), Jennifer Zierden (Bo), Victoria Gorman and Elena Mir; two grandchildren, Mason Gorman and Luke Gorman; his four siblings, and their spouses Kathleen Erath (Bruce), Patricia Fletcher (Wayne), John Gorman (Marti), and Patrick Gorman; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Liberty, NY. Burial will be in the Hodge Hill Cemetery in Neversink, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tri-Valley FFA, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Rose F. Parrow passed peacefully on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, surrounded by family.

Rose was born in Winooski, Vermont on April 10, 1924 to Frank and Mary (Abruzza) Franze.

She leaves her loving, devoted husband, Calvin Parrow, of 71 years. She also leaves her children; Greg and Donna (Enns), daughter, Gail (Parrow) Farrell and partner, Donn L., Jay Parrow, Susan (Parrow) Newbury and husband Roger, and Jon and Nancy (Raymond) Parrow. She is predeceased by her son, Gary Parrow. Rose and Calvin have eleven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren who love and adore her.

Rose loved reading, gardening, art and setting off on day trips and adventures. Since moving to Sundown in 1955, Rose was a devout parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, NY, where she was involved in many aspects of the church. Rose loved to read and became active on the Daniel Pierce Library Board, developing long-time bonds with many friends of the library. She was an integral part of the annual Giant Pumpkin Party, and other library fundraising efforts. More recently, she thoroughly enjoyed and participated in the library's monthly book club, and was not shy in sharing her thoughts and opinions with the members of the group. Art was also a big part of Rose's life and she loved looking at art, as well as making art. Family and friends are familiar with her detailed little drawings and sketches on slips of paper and cardboard, the backs of envelopes that she send personal notes on. She was a member and volunteer of the Catskill Art Society and participated in shows, events and museum trips. Most of all, Rose found her greatest joy in spending time with her family, and they cherished their time with her.

Acquaintances of Rose, knew her to have great wit and a wonderful sense of humor, a deep sense of curiosity and love of learning. Fond memories of Rose will be in our hearts forever.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, November 24th at Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

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

Days of Yore...
Today's History

December 1, 1948

County Highway Department is doing some work on the road extending from the Curry Post Office to the Anthony Rojt place. The road is being widened and will be resurfaced.

Exceptionally mild fall weather makes possible the continuation of construction work at the Lackawack. At present the two large earth-screening plants are being torn down for removal to Neversink. Work on the effluent chamber is under way and rocks are still being placed upon the great slopes of the Merriman Dam. The rolled earth fill of the dam, a job started late in July of 1946, was completed October 29th of this year. Below this hard-packed mound of earth is a core wall of concrete reinforced with steel and the sloping sides will be completely covered with stones. Much of the vast surface has already been covered. The dam is 2500 feet long, and rises to a maximum height of 200 feet above the valley floor. Its width is 1500 feet at the bottom and 60 feet at the top. Approximately 5,000,000 cubic yards of earth have been already covered. Engineers estimate that the work at Lackawack should be completed in the fall of 1950. Excavation for the spillway is a future objective there, in addition to the completion of the effluent chamber and the rock covering. Work will continue this fall as long as weather permits. The reservoir project was begun in 1937 and came to a halt during the war years for lack of materials and manpower. It is said the final construction will probably require another five or six years.

December 4, 1968 - Not available

December 7, 1978

Airman Thomas K. Barkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Barkley of Woodbourne and Airman Richard W. Schmitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorence W. Schmitz, also of Woodbourne, have been assigned to Keesler AFB, Mississippi after completing Air Force basic training. Airman Schmitz and Airman Barkley will now receive specialized training in the administrative field. Both airmen are 1978 graduates of TVCS.

For the first time ever in the history of soccer at TVCS a total of six players on the 1978 squad were selected by league coaches and players to positions on the W.S.I. All-Star Soccer teams.

On November 30, 1978 the Democratic Club of Neversink held its 3rd meeting at the First Aid Squad Building. Thirty interested townspeople were present.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

We have lost several of our friends and neighbors recently. They are Robert "Bob" Drown on 10/31, Kevin McKeon on 11/9, John Rexford on 11/13, John "Jack" Clark on 11/15 and James Gorman II on 11/16. Condolences to their families and friends.

Tri-Valley elementary school art teacher, Lisa Conger, was recently named a Regional Art Educator of the Year by the New York State Art Teachers Association. Congratulations, Lisa!

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce recently announced their recipients of their 2018 Sullivan County Pride Awards. Glenn Smith, a municipal engineer for Monticello, Bethel and Neversink was selected as this year's "Business Person of the Year". Glenn, who has an office in Monticello, is highly thought of by all who have worked with him. Neversink's Walter Gariglano received the Chamber's "Distinguished Service Award". Walter, who has an office on Broadway in Monticello, has served as the Town of Neversink attorney for 32 years and as general counsel to the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) for the past 20 years. Walter founded the Catskill Mountain Sugar House in Grahamsville several years ago. The Sugar House is now run by his son, John. Congratulations to both Glenn and Walter on their accomplishments!

After a hard fought game, the Tri-Valley Varsity Football Team lost 36-38 to Notre Dame of Elmira. They played in Binghamton on a cold and rainy day. The Tri-Valley community is extremely proud of the varsity team and their coach for their amazing accomplishments!

The Grahamsville Reformed Church served 190 at their roast pork dinner on November 17th. Thanks to all who supported the Church and we hope to see you again in the spring! I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and that the weather was clear for your travels. P L E A S E, let us not have anymore snow until after Christmas!

Grandma & Computer

by Eileen Lowry

The computer's swallowed Grandma. Yes, honestly, it's true. She pressed "control" and "enter" and disappeared from view. It devoured her completely. The thought just makes me squirm.

Maybe she's caught a virus or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind.

I've even used the Internet, but nothing did I find.

In desperation I asked Jeeves, my searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative, not a thing was found "online" So, if inside your "In Box" my Grandma you should see, Please "Scan", "Copy" and "Paste" her in an e-mail back to me.

Words of Wisdom: Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto a freeway.

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes the Daniel Pierce Library

(From Pg. 1) For our very first recognition, we chose to thank the Daniel Pierce Library for its continued commitment to the Tri-Valley community and its students.

Through its programs, willingness to collaborate, and overall desire to make our community a better place, the Daniel Pierce Library truly is a one of a kind organization. Our TVTA recognizes all that the Daniel Pierce Library does. We are grateful for all the support they give to us and our students.

Thank you, Daniel Pierce Library, for being our partner in education. Together, we make a difference!

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club held it's monthly meeting on November 6th with a great turn out. The club received a Thank You card from "Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation", which offers hunting and/or fishing adventures for terminally ill children. Enclosed in the card was two letters from children that had trips sponsored by the foundation. One went moose hunting and the other went spearfishing in Hawaii and they both had a great time. This was the first year the club made a donation and plans to continue in the future, because this is what the club is all about, giving outdoor sporting opportunities to children. The club also received a thank you from the Neversink - Rondout Antique Machinery Association for the support at the tractor show. Congratulations to Jonathan Allison on winning the Kayz Kidz Fishing Contest and receiving a \$50.00 Gift Card for the Neversink General Store, from the Federation of Sportsmen Clubs. The Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County is planning their annual youth ice fishing contest for January 26, 2019 and are looking for old or used tip-up that can be donated to be used for boy scouts from NYC to use during the contest, to earn their Fishing Merit Badge. The Federation of Sportsmen's Club of Sullivan County with the help of the club is stocking panfish and walleyes in local lakes this week.

Our club sold the most raffle tickets for the Federation this year and that earned us 50% return on our sales. This extra money will be used to stock more fish in our local streams this spring.

Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be Held

On Sunday December 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

Refreshments will be served. Come on down and join the fun. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

The regular deer season is opening on November 17 th, please watch for deer running across the roads because they are in rut and won't watch for you "AND REMEMBER" be sure of your target and what's beyond before you shoot.

The club wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe hunting season. Please visit our FACEBOOK page at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

Melana Quick-Lepke

Recipient of the Girl Scout Silver Award

(From Pg. 1) This achievement represents a girl's commitment to her community and to herself as she focuses on her leadership skills, creative thinking, and ingenuity while she completes a lasting project for her community. The ceremony was held at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater in Peekskill, New York. Melana is a member of Troop 730 and has been an active Girl Scout for the last nine years.

Melana has also been a volunteer at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville for the last two years. The museum opened the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm this past September. It includes full-size local period buildings, artifacts, tools and exhibits for visitors to explore. There is also an audio tour and exhibit that was created by Melana for her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. A visitor can listen to the audio script reflecting a ten year old girl's perspective on everyday local farm family life and our farming history before the reservoirs were built. Melana worked for over 60 hours on this project and is excited to have people come enjoy the audio tour and exhibit.

In addition to being a Girl Scout, Melana is an active participant in her school community. She is a member of the Tri-Valley Junior National Honor Society, FBLA, Yearbook Club, Pep and Jazz Band, a student council representative, a secretary and a writer for the Newspaper Club and the Co-president of Rachel's Challenge. Congratulations to Melana for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award and for her contributions to her community and school.

Time and the Valleys Museum receives "Make a Difference" Grant

(From Pg. 1) Both of these programs have significant science and technology components which include using mathematical equations, learning how to determine the amount of water in their body, the water cycle, and what a watershed is. Students learn about the engineering behind building NYS water system reservoirs and tunnels, and have the opportunity to build their own tunnel with sand! The cost of each program is \$3 per student, with teachers and chaperones FREE. A \$,2000 grant from the Make a Difference Fund will enable 666 student from around Sullivan County to visit the Museum for no cost at all!

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

Current exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.
- 80s farm house.

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

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

The Magic of the Christmas Tree

For early Christians evergreens symbolized everlasting life because their boughs stayed green all year. Thousands of years before Christianity, in the Northern hemisphere, as the Winter solstice approached, the ancient people observed the air becoming colder, the days getting shorter and the deciduous trees, bushes, and crops dying. They became afraid as they believed the sun was disappearing and that the Earth would eventually freeze. Noticing that some plants and trees remained green all year long and they believed that such trees and plants had magical powers that allowed them to withstand the cold of winter.



Norway Spruce from Walkill, NY was chosen as the 2018 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree

Once evergreens covered the whole world and over millions of years perfected three magic tricks on behalf of all trees to come. The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll. All trees use light to make food through photosynthesis. Trees can only photosynthesize when water is available in a useful form. Botanists long ago discovered that needles are actually regular leaves that are rolled up very tightly. This shape is an adaptation that allows evergreens to conserve water. Evergreen needles also have a very waxy coating that also helps save water. Photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll is important for the evergreen. Changing sunlight into chlorophyll is nature's technology, that we call photonics. Each sunbeam is composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each little photon has zero rest mass and a charge spin of one. Photosynthesis occurs when a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water; the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle or leaf looks green.

Evergreens store little packages of carbohydrate as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. This is the second magical trick performed by evergreens - transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody side walls thicken in winter weather. The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress who do drop their needles each fall, keep sap flowing through needles year around. Evergreens have been performing this magic for over 50 million years! No wonder they have become a popular symbol of Christmas and the Yuletide season.

Those who will be going on the Neversink Parks and Rec trip to New York City this Saturday will have the opportunity to see The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree, a worldwide symbol of the holidays in New York City. This year's tree, a 72 foot tall 12-ton Norway Spruce comes from Walkill, NY. It will be decorated with 50,000 LED lights on approximately 5 miles of wire topped with a 900-pound Swarovski crystal star. If you don't get to Rockefeller Plaza, an equally important event will take place on Sunday evening at Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville - the Annual Christmas tree Lighting and Celebration at 5 pm.

And most important of all will be the perfect Christmas in our own homes decorated with our cherished ornaments that remind us of our faith and our family. We will also be reminded of friends that we hold dear and family and friends that we have loved and lost. The ornaments each will tell a story and after they are all carefully placed upon the tree, while standing in a mess of papers and boxes, we will fall in love again, with each other, our family, our life and our purpose as we gaze upon our own Christmas Tree.

Yes, there is magic in a Christmas tree!

Household Hints

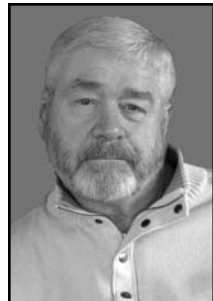
Freshen and Clean an Artificial Christmas Tree

To clean an artificial tree (not prelit) use 1/2 cup of white vinegar to 1 gallon of warm water. Use a lint free cloth, wring it out and wipe off branches. Once dry, the vinegar smell disappears, and the tree will smell fresh and clean!

Pushback

Mysterious Book Report No. 354

by John Dwaine McKenna



Serendipity is the ability to make a fortunate discovery by accident . . . which is just what happened to the MBR last summer, when an author we were interviewing asked if we had read or reviewed the work of a sci-fi writer named John Stith. "No," the MBR is crime fiction oriented was the reply. "Well, you should," she said, "because he just finished a psychological thriller that's being released in November. It's his first new book in eighteen years . . . and he's one of your nearby neighbors." Barbara Nickless gave us the contact info, and *voila!* We have a new writer friend just a half-dozen stone throws up the road with a compelling new novel to introduce and talk about.

Pushback, (Re-animus Press, \$15.99, 339 pages, ISBN 978-0-9672984-6-7) by John Stith is his tenth work of fiction, the first of what we can only hope will be a series of mystery crime thrillers after an award-winning run of off-planet sci-fi yarns.

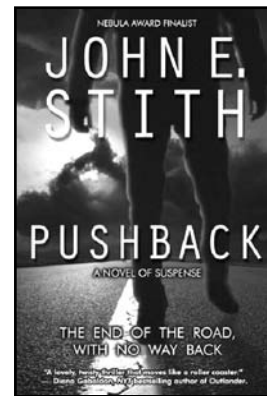
Pushback begins when a young investment advisor named Dave Barlow leaves work for the day and discovers that someone has put three bullet holes in the driver's door of his brand-new car and drawn a smiley face around them with a magic marker. Instead of going to the police, Dave covers up the damage with one of his employer's magnetic signs. He avoids confrontation of any kind, because he suffers from PTSD due to a terrible tragedy when he was a little boy which left him an orphan. With that revelation, the author peels back the first layer of an increasingly complex plot, as he makes one disclosure after another until the entire mystery is laid bare.

And just to whet your appetite, here's the next layer of this complex and mystifying whodunit . . .

The following week, when Dave takes his new girlfriend to his ten-year high school reunion, he doesn't know anyone in attendance. Then, someone tries to kill him . . . but who, and why? The only way to find out, is by reading this meticulously well-plotted and insightful novel of psychological suspense that plumbs the deepest depths of the human heart and soul.

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Interview With The Author: John Stith

by

John Dwaine McKenna

Our interviewee today is bestselling and award-winning author John Stith, whose newest thriller is reviewed in MBR No 354, along with a brief account of our own serendipitous introduction by Ms. Nickless. It's an honor to be able to speak with you, and please accept our sincere thank you for doing so. That said, here's our first question:



Who's your favorite author?

That's a tough call, but at the moment, Nelson DeMille and Lee Child. Both write about intelligent, resourceful characters who go their own way,

regardless of what law-enforcement officials say, and offer interesting insights into whatever location they're in. DeMille's *Up Country* has a fascinating portrayal of modern day Vietnam from the perspective of someone who was there decades ago in a much different capacity. DeMille's *The Cuban Affair* offers an intriguing tour of the new Cuba. Child's observations of various communities in America ring true and make me feel I've spent some time in each place.

I love DeMille's sense of humor, which really adds to his work. Child offers little humor and often passes my violence comfort level, but his plotting is wonderful and it's exhilarating to see Jack Reacher a step ahead of where he's supposed to be.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I'm an outliner, because I already have to do enough re-writing. Writing a book in which you place clues, and foreshadow where you're going requires a level of structure that either has to be baked in or kneaded back in after the cake is baked. I want the reader to have an opportunity to get where the protagonist is before the protagonist does. Too early and the protagonist looks dim. Too late, and the reader might think the author isn't playing fair.

That said, outlining should never preclude surprises along the way.

Do you read your reviews?

Yes, sometimes. Becoming a writer requires one to develop a thick skin or quit. Most writers get plenty of rejections along the way, and the notion that you can't please all the people all the time is one of the things we all learn early.

The internet brings out the nastiness in some people, but it's not too hard to distinguish a troll from a reader who just isn't in your target audience, or an instance where I could have been more skillful. If a troll gets under my skin, the best antidote for me is to read a few negative reviews of books I love. It's a reminder that even the most beloved works don't please everyone. Writing a negative but helpful review is a skill that's rare.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Make writing a habit. Read vociferously in the area you want to write in. Don't try to keep pace with trends.

Write what you love. Say only what you need to and then stop.

What makes a character endearing?

A save-the-cat moment is often a good start. By that I mean the character rescues an underdog, or takes an action that shows us he or she is a fundamentally decent person. (See *Save the Cat* by Blake Snyder.) A sense of humor can take the edge off a crusty character who might otherwise have less appeal. Doing the smart thing is always good, whether the character is brainy or average. (It's the characters who go down in the basement needlessly that I lose patience with, even though I know the writer is directing the foolish behavior.)

How did your book first get published?

I will boil this down to the essentials. I wrote a first draft. Then I wrote another half-dozen drafts. I sent it out and had it rejected a few times. I joined a writers workshop where we all gave each other feedback that helped us hone our craft. I did another major draft, and then a couple more drafts, and then tried contacting agents rather than publishers. The first agent said no. The second one said yes. A year later, he called with an offer from Ace Books.

How long did it take?

Start to finish about three years. I was reading my second novel to send to the agent when he called with the good news about the first.

Do you belong to a writers group?

I've belonged to several over the years. I found them all extremely helpful, thanks to having a fortunate mix of members. The Colorado Springs Writing Seminar was the group I was in the longest, from the early 80s until the late 90s. I also made the trek to the Northern Colorado Writers Workshop a few years. And finally, I participated in a series of workshops we called Milford Minor, and took an entire long weekend, every 6 to 9 months.

The monthly workshops met on a Saturday or Sunday for a few hours. In all the workshops, the basic format was that people would turn in manuscripts, usually a short story or a chapter or two of a novel, and each member in the group critiqued the pages, identifying what worked for them, and what didn't. We tried to offer insights that would help a writer tell the story, but not how we would do it. Sometimes, I would see the story in my head wasn't the one that made it to the page, and I'd find better ways of accomplishing what I wanted to say. The process shortened my learning curve, and served as informal writing classes. Membership in all the groups was capped at around 20, and people were required to submit their own work periodically in order to stay active.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

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Bio: John E. Stith is the author of nine novels, including *REDSHIFT RENDEZVOUS*, a Nebula Award nominee, and *MANHATTAN TRANSFER*, a Hugo Award Honorable Mention. Several of his works with Ace Books and Tor Books have been bought by the Science Fiction Book Club, optioned for film, and translated into numerous languages. He has optioned several feature-film screenplays, and has sold to television (Star Trek). Complete information on his works may be found at www.neverend.com. During 2016 and 2017 his backlist was re-released in trade paperback and all major ebook formats from *ReAnimus Press*. His latest novel is *PUSHBACK*, a mystery-suspense novel published in November 2018 by *ReAnimus Press*.

Bold Gold Media Completes Acquisition of Delaware County Station

Bold Gold New York invites you to celebrate and welcome Thunder 102 to Delaware County with the "Welcome to Thunder Country" launch party on Thursday December 6th at 5:30 P.M. at the Hancock House. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as giveaways, for listeners and potential clients and businesses. There will also be a ribbon cutting with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce to welcome Delaware County to Thunder Country.

Bold Gold Media Group has completed its acquisition of a Delaware County radio station in Hancock, NY. The station can be found at 104.5 and will operate under the new call letters WHNB. This extends the coverage of Thunder 102 further into the Delaware County Catskills and Eastern Binghamton region, as well as Northern Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

Bold Gold New York, General Manager, Paul Ciliberto notes the Upstate NY region between Binghamton and Sullivan County, and the Route 17 corridor, has long been an underserved area for local radio. Bold Gold Media Group officially completed its acquisition on the 1st of October bringing the company's total full-power station count to fourteen stations in the Sullivan Catskills, Pocono Lake and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre regions.



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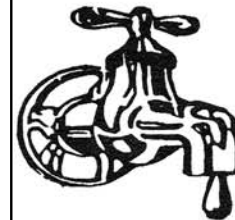
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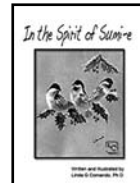
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The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

"First Storm of the Season"

Conversation between husband and wife on the night before the first snow storm of the season, and, yes, it was a doozy. The snow storm that is! We got upwards of nine and a half inches of heavy, wet snow when the weather forecaster showed a map with our area predicted to get one to three inches.

Husband: "I wonder if I should put the plow on."

Wife: "Didn't you say the ground wasn't frozen enough to plow?"

Husband: "Yeah, plowing will tear the driveways to pieces."

Wife: "So don't put the plow on, See what it is like in the morning."

Flash forward to the next morning....

Husband at 7:00 a.m.:
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The storm came: the snowblower was snowed in behind the doorway to the shed, and the new plow was buried in almost a foot of snow. The only one enjoying today's snow are the kids home from school and my lab Hudson who paced behind my husband as he snow blew the deck. Hudson made it harder than it already was by dropping his frisbee in front of the snowblower because he knew my husband would have to stop, pick it up and toss it out of the way. Fetching fun!

Me, I made chocolate chip cookies and vowed not to believe the weather forecaster again. I also will not comment on snowplowing protocol. Meanwhile, my husband is online looking at tropical beaches. I am packing my swim suit.

Black Friday

My good friend Marie got up at 4:30, circulars and coupons in hand, to begin her quest for Christmas bargains. Me, I slept past seven in a Turkey Tryptophan coma, and decided to go online. Even that adventure has had its pitfalls. My cart keeps removing items as fast as I can place them there. My coupon codes got rejected, and now I am on hold for upwards of ten minutes with a customer service rep who is probably on coffee break until December. However, the upside of this is I can do it all in my pajamas.

It is official. The day after Thanksgiving is the legal

beginning of the holiday season and everything orange and brown can be put away and replaced with green and red. Today I shall cut some evergreens and red berries and create a door decoration using the one old-fashioned snow shoe I found at the dump. I wonder what happened to the other one.

This is the official opening of the Chaotic Calendar season. I think all the boxes of my December planner have been filled in. December 1 will be the Olive Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan. Santa



arrives by fire truck and children of all ages are treated to cookies, hot chocolate, and cider. On Saturday, December 8, John and Barbara Parete will again host BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at the Boiceville Inn from 8:30 to 11. Kids eat free, and Santa has a gift for them. Pictured below are: Billy Bachor, Bruce LaMonda, Fred Perry and John Parete.

I will join the ladies: Jeannie Bachor, Barbara Parete, Linda Burkhardt and Ternice Winne as Santa's helpers serving a delightful breakfast.

Then it's off to the Olive Free Library Holiday Fair on Saturday from 10 to 4. There you can shop for gifts made by local artisans and purchase artwork from the Small Works Exhibit. The Library receives a portion of all sales.

Interspersed between holiday events are the ever present medical and dental appointments that seem to be the norm for the over-seventy crew.



Don't worry if you missed Black Friday. There is still Shop Local Saturday, Cyber Monday and a whole month more of un-named shopping days left. Enjoy the season, but try to remember the reason!

Performances and Ticket Information: The dates for the upcoming production of "A Christmas Carol" are Friday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 1st at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd at 2 p.m. at UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston, New York. Tickets are \$25 for adults; and \$22 for senior citizens, and Bardavon members; and for groups of ten or more, and children 12 and under, tickets are \$18. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000. The UPAC box office is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$18 to employees of HealthQuest; Health Alliance; Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center; Marist, Bard and Vassar Colleges; City of Kingston and County of Ulster employees, and members of the YMCA. Present your employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPAC box office when purchasing tickets. You must go to the box office in person in order to get the discounted price.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977, now in our 40th year! For additional information, visit our website at ulsterballet.org, or contact ulsterballet@gmail.com.

UCIDA Advances Transformation4 of Rondout Golf Club to Public Hearing

The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency ("UCIDA" or "Agency") and Ulster County Capital Resource Corporation ("UCCRC") members cleared INNESS NY, Inc.'s application for possible inducement to the public hearing stage today. The project owners, Taavo Somer, Charles Blauchman, Michael Barry, and Scott Shnay are looking to invest \$20 million to rejuvenate the now-closed Rondout Golf Club. Under the proposed plan, the new owners will transform the existing 137-acre property into "Inness" a full-serv-

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The board also received an update from the project owners for Star Estate Development a project approved in November 2016. Star Estate is re-purposing the Christian Brothers' West Park monastery into a craft distillery and event space with tasting & merchandise rooms.

The next regular meeting of the UCIDA is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 8:00 AM at the County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, 6th Floor, Legislative Chambers, Kingston, NY 12401.

The UCIDA'S mission is to advance the job opportunities, general prosperity and long-term economic vitality of Ulster County residents by targeting tax incentives, bonding and other assistance to foster the creation and attraction of new business and the retention and expansion of existing business. For more information, visit www.ulstercoun-tyida.com.

Falconer's Hawk Found - Greene County

On Nov. 6, ECO Anthony Glorioso was contacted by a resident in the town of Cairo who reported a hawk behaving strangely near his house. ECO Glorioso arrived and located a non-native hawk perched in a tree. A closer look revealed the hawk had a bell on its leg, leading the ECO to believe a licensed falconer may have lost their captive hawk. ECO Glorioso knows of a falconer living a few miles away, and upon arriving at the man's house, the falconer excitedly asked, "You found my bird?" The two drove to the location and safely captured the hawk, which had been missing for three days after high winds had blown it off course during a training flight. The Harris Hawk, a native to the southwestern United States, would have not survived the coming winter if it had not been found.

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Hurleyville, NY - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th, commemorates the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Many American servicemen and women lost their lives or were wounded on that date in 1941.



On Friday, December 7, 2018, at 12:30 p.m., Sullivan County Historian John Conway will delve into that history at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.

Conway has been the County Historian since 1993. He was born and raised in Monticello, New York, and has been in the vanguard of the

movement to chronicle and preserve local history for more than 20 years.

He is an adjunct professor at SUNY Sullivan and is a contributing editor for the Encyclopedia of New York State. He has written dozens of magazine articles and four books, three for Purple Mountain Press. He has also appeared on the Fox television series "Million Dollar Mysteries," talking about gangster Dutch Schultz and his lost Catskills' treasure, and on the BBC documentary, "Stand Up America," discussing the role of the Borscht Belt on American comedy.

The Dec. 7 talk will focus on the immediate impact of the attack on the residents of Sullivan County. According to Professor Conway, "many people did not know that within hours of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, which incidentally killed a member of the Liberty High School Class of 1939, Sullivan County had swung into high gear in mobilizing its machinery of defense. Guards were stationed at firehouses and along the railroad, air wardens were appointed, and there were less obvious measures designed to deal with 'fifth column' activities. This program features a quick look at the immediate local aftermath of the day that will live in infamy."

The event is presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society and is co-sponsored by the Beaverkill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

The Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. For more information, call 845-434-8044 or visit www.scnhistory.org.

Deputy County Manager Dan Depew Departing Sullivan for New Job


Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek released the following statement:

"Deputy Sullivan County Manager Dan Depew was offered and has accepted the Chief Executive Officer position with Orange MSO (Medical Services Organization), a newly formed healthcare agency in the Hudson Valley. He will begin his duties with that private company in the coming weeks, and so he has informed the County his last day with us will be Friday, November 23. We deeply appreciate his year-and-a-half tenure serving the citizens and employees of the County, and we warmly wish him all the best as he takes on this exciting leadership opportunity.

"The position remains, and shortly I will begin the process to recruit a new deputy county manager, as 2019 promises to be a busy, momentous year for Sullivan County."

Dan Depew stated, "I am very proud of what was accomplished in the County during my tenure as deputy county manager, but this opportunity was one I could not pass up. I look forward to serving the Hudson Valley through my new role in the private sector."

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

with a crossbow. By the time ECO Hameline arrived at the scene, the deputies had the responsible party in custody for the trespassing issue. An eight-point buck shot with a crossbow was found dead in an adjacent neighbor's yard. The officers determined that the responsible party did not possess the proper licenses to hunt in the early crossbow season and did not have permission to discharge a crossbow within 250 feet of the complainant's dwelling.

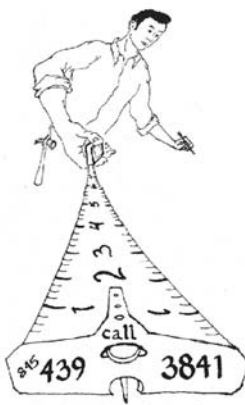
The individual was arraigned in Town of Thompson Court for the criminal trespassing and ECL violations, and the deer was seized as evidence.

Teamwork Makes Police Work SC

On Nov. 7, ECO Michael Hameline was contacted by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and asked to help with a case under investigation. The deputies had been called to an address in Rock Hill for a trespassing complaint, where they believed the responsible party had illegally killed a deer



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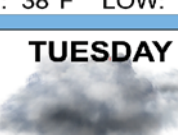
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Domesticities is open only on weekends until November 21st, after which times will be extended to include Friday and Monday call for hours or go online to: <http://www.thecuttinggarden.org/>.



Sunday, December 2, 2018

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Sunday, December 2

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 All entries must be delivered in complete form to the Town Hall on Sunday December 2 between 2 pm and 3 pm




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Kurpil Family Fiddlers Bringing Their History and Old-time Fiddlin' to the Sullivan County Museum

Hurleyville, NY -The Kurpil Family Fiddlers are bringing their history and old-time fiddlin' to the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m.



The Sullivan County band Little Sparrow will host the event and will join the Kurpils for several special holiday songs at the end of the performance. The free concert is part of the Sullivan County Historical Society's Annual Holiday Open House and Theme Tree Exhibit, which runs from 1-4 p.m. (The themed trees will remain on display for the rest of the month.) Refreshments will be served, and guests are also invited to bring holiday cookies or a snack to share. The Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville.

For more information, call 845-434-8044 or visit www.scnhistory.org.

Frost Valley YMCA Hosts Wilderness First Responder Certification Course at East Valley Ranch

Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA will host another Wilderness First Responder Certification Course through Wilderness Medical Associates. This extensive six-day course will be held at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch from December 27-January 2, 2019. The registration fee includes the course, as well as six nights of lodging and meals.



The Wilderness First Responder course is the ideal emergency medical training for leaders in remote areas. Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and

practical curriculum.

The course includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. This is the most current and cutting edge course of any first response medical training in the world!

Registration for the Wilderness First Responder Certification Course is currently open, but space is limited so anyone interested in attending should register right away. For more information or to register, please call 845-985-2291 ext. 240 or email egorman@frostvalley.org.

Don't forget that December 7, 2018 is Frost Valley's Annual Holiday Community Dinner from 5:30 - 8 p.m. For more information visit frostvalley.org/community days or call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 to make a reservation.

Thanksgiving Spirit Continues Strong in FCSD

For more years than present staff can remember, the Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been collecting and providing non-perishable food, turkeys and chickens for appreciative families in the Fallsburg community. This year the Student Government Association (SGA) in both the Elementary and Junior/Senior High School are busy collecting the food that will be delivered next week to the Hurleyville Food Bank and South Fallsburg Food Pantry at St. Andrew's Church.



Under the guidance of Advisors Peter Dworetzky at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and Co-Advisors Elisa Baum and Isabel Mejia at FJSHS, students, with the help of the school custodians, will be gathering all food at the High School. Rolling V Bus Company will be providing a bus and driver as they have from many



years for delivery by a group of the SGA students. And as they have generously done year after year, M&B Associates in South Fallsburg will be providing thirty fresh turkeys and thirty chickens to the Hurleyville Food Bank on behalf of the FCSD SGA.

School staff and the SGA in both buildings is proud to support the spirit of giving and spreading joy to the community.

We Are Loud Together



The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in its role as Arts Council for Sullivan County convened a meeting of arts organizations with the intent of exploring shared interests in fulfilling the organization's missions. The meeting was held at the Hurleyville Arts Centre in Hurleyville, NY.

Twenty-three organizations returned a survey and fifteen attended the conference. In attendance were representatives from Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Barryville Area Arts Association, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Catskill Art Society, the Delaware Valley Opera, Denniston Hill, ENGN, Gallery 222, Hurleyville Arts Centre, Hurleyville Makers' Lab, Nesin Cultural Arts, North American Cultural Laboratory (NACL), Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, SUNY Sullivan Theater Arts Program, Weekend Chamber Music.

Group discussions created energy around exploring at least three main areas of action: advocacy, audience development/group marketing and information sharing.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Saturday, though, I went out to the Pickled Owl to see The Acquaintances. This group is far better known in the Woodstock-Kingston and Boston area so it's a real treat to see them gaining fans here too. I've known Larry Balestra (the drummer) for probably seven years, back when he and a wonderful man and great guitarist Jeff Otis worked together as a Jazz Duo. After Jeff passed on, Larry became part of this new group with Jeff Entin and Bob Blum and it works beautifully. One of the things that keep me coming back to see them, aside from being friends with them all, is the diversity of music. In one set, you can hear everything from 'Folsom Prison Blues' to 'Cripple Creek', interspersed with originals that are just as memorable.

HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE will be an all day adventure on Saturday, Dec 1st. I personally will be starting out with the Historical Society's Train Display at 10am at the Hurleyville Museum. I have a dear friend in New Jersey who is quite famous for restoring toy trains to museum quality and he's the one who told me about this. Then to the alpacas and a stop at Fiber On Main and Pinwheels for a big "Hi" to friends Annie Cadden and Maria. Then on to give support to Lee and Friends who will be performing out in the cold behind the Pickled Owl. And then The History Hike, led by friends Historian John Conway and Master Gardener Eve Minson at 2pm on the Rails to Trails. Then I plan on catching MARK DELGADO's first set at the Pickled Owl then away from Hurleyville, out to Cabernet Frank's to see SLAM ALLEN. PHEW! (I'm sleeping all day Sunday!)

Lots and lots coming up:

Saturday, Dec 1: HOLIDAY IN HURLEYVILLE; roughly 10am through the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" beginning at 7:30 at the Hurleyville Arts Centre

Saturday, Dec 1: MARK DELGADO; The Pickled Owl, 218 Main Street, Hurleyville; 6:30pm

Saturday, Dec 1: SLAM ALLEN; Cabernet Frank's, 38 Main Street, Parksville; 8pm

Saturday, Dec 1: GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS; Staatsburgh State Historic Site, 75 Mills Mansion Drive Rd 1, Staatsburgh, NY; 12pm-4. Tour how the 'other half' lived during Victorian Times

Friday and Saturday, Nov 30 & Dec 1: Master guitarist AL DEFINO and saxophonist LARRY RAVDIN are at Sorella's in Kauneonga Lake

Sunday, Dec 2: MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT: The open mic at DiFillipi's Bakery, 506 Broadway in Monticello, 11:00am to 1:30 ish

Sunday, Dec 2: BARRY AND FRIENDS; Jazz Brunch at the Catskill Distillery (next to the Dancing Cat), 2037 State Hwy 17B, Bethel, 12pm to 3

Get out there and see something....while the weather is still permitting!

Until next time.....

Folk-rock duo Ryanhood Brings Virtuosity, Heart and Humor to the Holidays at The Cooperage

Named 'Best Group/Duo' in the 2014 International



Acoustic Music Awards, acoustic-duo Ryanhood got their first break more than a decade ago as street-performers at Boston's Quincy Market. It was there that they were spotted by a college booking agent and thrust into the college touring scene, where Campus Activities Magazine would name them "one of the most requested acts by college buyers all across the country." They've since gone on to perform more than 800 shows in 45 U.S. states over the past decade and have shared stages with Jason Mraz, Matt Nathanson, Train, and many more. Cameron Hood's rich and folksy lead vocals, Ryan Green's explosive guitar and mandolin riffs, and their airtight vocal harmonies prompted the Arizona Daily Star to call them, "a match made in radio heaven."

Ryanhood will be touring behind their holiday album On Christmas, which Zocalo Magazine described as having "just the right blend of lyrical reverence, good cheer, and their usual superior musicianship." Featuring a blend of reworked favorites - including their high-powered, two-guitar take on Sleigh Ride - and six original holiday songs that, according to music blog Cover Lay Down, "sound like instant classics".

Ryanhood will perform in the RiverFolk Concert series at The Cooperage in Honesdale on 12/2/18 at 3pm. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$20 reserved/\$25 at the door. To reserve, please call 845-252-6783 or email riverfolkconcerts@frontier.com. Snacks available for purchase, BYOB. For more information visit www.riverfolkconcerts.com

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Chosen to participate at TANYS Festival

Theatre groups from all around New York gathered the weekend before Thanksgiving, as they do each year for the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) Festival, a showcase of the best work in non-professional theatre that the State has to offer. This Season, 104 shows were adjudicated by TANYS - some for "learning" only, and 47 "for Festival" in the hopes of not only getting critique and pointers from some of the most knowledgeable theatre types around, but also for the opportunity to bring their shows to the TANYS Festival. Only nine shows were chosen - three long productions, and six short one-acts. This year, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop had the great honor of having not one, but two shows (both, long productions) chosen to participate at Festival. And did both productions ever represent our area well. David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, *Rabbit Hole* and Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe's *Every Brilliant Thing* (produced by NAMI Sullivan County, NY and co-sponsored for one performance by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop) took TANYS by storm.

In all, the company took home eight awards earned with their Festival performances. *Every Brilliant Thing* (directed and performed by Lori Schneider, Technical Director - Christopher O'Sullivan) opened the Festival on Friday night. The performance earned Schneider a People's Choice Award for Best Performance (one of four, chosen by the audience). *Rabbit Hole* opened the Saturday morning performance session (directed by Lori Schneider, Technical Director/Sound - Jim Schmidt, Lights -Julianne Porter, featuring Terri Mateer, John Neails, Taylor Lamerand, Carol MacAdam and Cole Phillips. Stage Manager - Emily Klucinec, Assistant Stage Manager - Jim Fedroff, Festival Crew - Jenny and Lou Silverman, Derk Vanderwolde, Kat Phillips, Harley Phillips). It was chosen Best Production of Festival and earned People's Choice Awards for Best Performance (two more of the four chosen by the audience) for John Neails and Carol MacAdam. Jim Schmidt earned the Festival Technical Director's Award - given to the company that the Festival staff most enjoyed working with, who took advantage of all the Festival site could offer and were well prepared. Emily Klucinec earned an Adjudicators' Discretionary Award for Props and Set Dressing. John Neails and Carol MacAdam earned awards from the three Festival Adjudicators for Outstanding Performance.

During the Banquet on Saturday night, Roving Adjudicator Awards earned during the 2018 Season were presented. These included for the One Act Play Festival (Excellence in Sound Design to Jim Schmidt, Excellence in

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The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has presented local audiences with quality, award-winning Community Theatre in our area since 1950. We look forward to bringing our audiences additional memorable productions with our Holiday show in December and an exciting 2019 Season.

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The library is located at 479 Broadway, Monticello. All programs are free and open to the public. Parking for this, and all of our events can be found in the lot on Prince Street, just behind the library building. To find out about all of the upcoming events at the library, keep up with us on facebook, twitter, and Instagram @ebcplibrary.

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Governor Cuomo and Mayor De Blasio Announce Amazon Selects Long Island City for New Corporate Headquarters

New Campus Represents the Largest Economic Development Project in New York State History

Amazon Will Create 25,000 to 40,000 New Jobs with an Average Salary of More than \$150,000, Invest More Than \$3.6 Billion Over 15 Years and Create \$27.5 Billion In Tax Revenue Over 25 Years

238 Cities Across North America Competed for Multi-Billion Dollar Project that Provides Over 900% Return on Investment to New York

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that Amazon will establish a new corporate headquarters in Long Island City, Queens. The decision followed a comprehensive, year-long selection process during which 238 cities across North America competed for the multibillion-dollar project.

In 2019, Amazon will occupy up to 500,000 square feet at One Court Square while working to construct four million square feet of commercial space on Long Island City's waterfront over the next 10 years, with expansion opportunities for up to 8 million square feet over the next 15 years. Through a \$3.6 billion total investment, Amazon will draw from the diverse and talented workforce in New York State to fill at least 25,000 new jobs by 2029 and up to 40,000 jobs by 2034 with an average salary of more than \$150,000. The construction is expected to create an average of 1300 direct construction jobs annually through 2033. Overall, the project is estimated to create more than 107,000 total direct and indirect jobs, over \$14 billion in new tax revenue for the State and a net of \$13.5 billion in City tax revenue over the next 25 years. The project provides a 9:1 return on investment.

"When I took office, I said we would build a new New York State - one that is fiscally responsible and fosters a business climate that is attractive to growing companies and the industries of tomorrow. We've delivered on those promises and more, and today, with Amazon committing to expand its headquarters in Long Island City, New York can proudly say that we have attracted one of the largest, most competitive economic development investments in U.S. history," Governor Cuomo said. "With an average salary of \$150,000 per year for the tens of thousands of new jobs Amazon is creating in Queens, economic opportunity and investment will flourish for the entire region. Amazon understands that New York has everything the company needs to continue its growth. The State's more than \$100 billion infrastructure program - the most ambitious in our history - combined with our education initiatives like K-12 tech education and the first-in-the-nation Excelsior Scholarship program, will help ensure long-term success and an unrivaled talent pool for Amazon."

"This is a giant step on our path to building an economy in New York City that leaves no one behind. We are thrilled that Amazon has selected New York City for its second headquarters. New Yorkers will get tens of thousands of new, good-paying jobs, and Amazon will get the best talent anywhere in the world. We're going to use this opportunity to open up good careers in tech to thousands of people looking for their foothold in the new economy, including those in City colleges and public housing. The City and State are working closely together to make sure Amazon's expansion is planned smartly, and to ensure this fast-growing neighborhood has the transportation, schools and infrastructure it needs," said Mayor de Blasio.

Read the Memorandum of Understanding between the State, City and Amazon here.

Last year, Amazon released a Request for Proposals to select one or more locations for additional headquarters operations in North America, leading to an unprecedented competition among more than 230 metropolitan areas. The joint New York City-New York State proposal focused on New York's unparalleled talent and the capacity of its academic institutions, public schools and workforce training programs to fill the jobs Amazon will create at the pace the company's rapid growth demands. New York State and New York City economic development officials collaborated to submit a robust response and have worked closely with Amazon over the past year on the winning proposal.

According to an economic impact study by REMI, Inc., a world leader in dynamic forecasting and policy analysis, the Amazon project will generate over \$186 billion in Gross State Product for the New York State economy over the initial 25 years. REMI also projects over \$14 billion in total new tax revenue for the State (in 2019 dollars), with annual revenues growing from \$10.8 million in 2019 to nearly \$1 billion in 2043. The City forecasts \$13.5 billion in total new tax revenue.

The City-State agreement with Amazon includes commitments to build a jointly-funded 10,000 square-foot onsite employment center to connect local residents with jobs and training. A \$15 million investment will expand the JobsPlus program to Queensbridge Houses and expand tuition-free tech training to its residents-serving nearly 1,800 residents over the next 10 years.

The agreement also secures a new approximately 600-seat intermediate public school, a 3.5-acre waterfront esplanade and park, and the establishment of a Long Island City Infrastructure Fund to invest 50 percent of the project's PILOT proceeds to deliver on transportation and other neighborhood priorities that will be identified in collaboration with the local community.

"This is a huge win for New York," said Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen. "Amazon locating here demonstrates that New York City is now a global center for innovation and technology, drawn here by the amazing diversity of our workforce, our neighborhoods and our economy. Amazon's \$3.6 billion investment, as well as the investments it will make in job training, open space, education and infrastructure, will establish Long Island City as one of the region's most vibrant commercial districts."

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zensky said, "This is an enormous win for New York. Having supported all the cities in the state that submitted proposals, we are extremely proud to have brought the largest deal in ESD history to New York State. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is a tribute to our world-class colleges and universities across the state, and most importantly it's a testament to our extraordinarily talented and diverse workforce. New York is a leader in so many disciplines and industries that align with Amazon's business - including digital media, film production, merchandising, fashion, advertising, ag and food processing, fintech and many more. With a shared history of innovation, New York and Amazon will grow faster and smarter, together."

"New York City is proud to be the new home of Amazon's second headquarters. We feel the same today as we did on day one of the company's national search: there is no city in North America better equipped for HQ2 than New York," said NYCEDC President and CEO James Patchett. "We have the best, brightest, and most diverse workforce, and are home to virtually every industry. From our leading academic intuitions to our celebrated diversity, which defines our rich history as a cultural melting pot, New York is unmatched in all we have to offer. We look forward to continuing working with our State partners, local elected officials and members of the community on ensuring Amazon's arrival in New York City will benefit everyone."

To bring this transformational, multibillion-dollar project to New York, the State offered a package of performance-based incentives totaling \$1.705 billion. The package includes a \$1.2 billion in tax credits through the Excelsior Jobs Program, which is directly tied to Amazon's commitment to create 25,000 new jobs and no less than \$2.3 billion investment over ten years as well as a \$505 million capital grant that is directly tied to Amazon's commitment to invest \$3.6 billion and create up to 40,000 new jobs over 15 years.

Additionally, the company, State and City are committing \$15 million - \$5 million each - to create new workforce development programs focused on technology training and recruitment specific to New York City and targeted toward underrepresented segments of the workforce. Programs supported by this initiative may include community-based accelerated technology training programs, internships, and work-based learning opportunities for high school students. Under pre-existing as-of-right programs authorized by law, Amazon is eligible for a partial property tax abatement through ICAP and an annual credit of \$3,000 for twelve years per eligible employee under REAP, a program avail-

able to all companies to encourage job growth outside of Manhattan. REAP benefits for Amazon's 10-year expansion are projected at \$897 million through 2038, and ICAP will abate approximately \$386 million.

Long Island City is one of the fastest-growing neighborhoods in the five boroughs. To meet the needs that come with new residents and new jobs, the City has steadily increased its investment in the area's infrastructure. All told, there is more than \$2.4 billion of planned infrastructure investments across the neighborhood, including a \$180 million investment that was recently announced by the City for new schools, open space and transportation.

The State and City will collaborate with the company and local community to conduct an environmental review and develop a General Project Plan, as is typically done for large City-State development projects, including nearby Queens West. A Community Advisory Committee will be established, which will include representatives of the State, City and local elected officials. In addition, longtime community developer Plaxall will advance development on adjoining waterfront sites that will include planning that complements Amazon's new headquarters. The project is subject to the State's minority and women-owned business enterprise laws and utilization goals. New York State has set the nation's highest goal - 30 percent - for utilization of MWBEs.

Amazon has already made several key investments in New York City. The company has a sizable presence throughout the five boroughs, including existing corporate offices, a distribution and fulfillment center on Staten Island, and retail space in SoHo. Earlier this year, Amazon signed a lease for 360,000 square feet of commercial office space on the far West Side of Manhattan. In addition, Amazon recently purchased the 83,000-square-foot building in Woodside to develop a second fulfillment center, substantially expanding its New York City footprint and creating over 2,000 jobs.

Work Week with Congressman Faso Fighting to Enhance Nutrition Education Programs

This week, I partnered with my colleague Representative Alma Adams (D-NC) to introduce the Long-Term Investment in Education for Wellness (LIVE WELL) Act. Eating disorders affect 30 million Americans of all body types and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Federal nutrition education programs help establish a lifetime of healthy eating and lifestyle choices for thousands of families across Upstate New York. Including eating disorder prevention activities as part of the framework for nutrition education is a logical step towards promoting overall health and well-being. The LIVE WELL Act utilizes evidence-based, long-term health practices into existing USDA grant programs to improve the lives of people with eating disorders and to more broadly improve health outcomes for children.

Advocating for Fair and Effective Trade Policies

The undue impact of recent trade actions by China has reverberated in industries across our state, especially in the forest-based sector of the economy. Retaliatory actions coupled with unnecessary and burdensome import requirements on logs exported from the U.S. have severely damaged the ability of local family-owned companies to compete globally.

I've been working closely with local businesses and have been a leading advocate in Congress for trade policies that increase open and fair market access for small businesses and hold bad actors like China accountable for their actions. Earlier this week, I sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue expressing concerns about China's enforcement of antiquated and restrictive fumigation requirements on log shipments from the U.S. and the impacts these barriers are having on local companies.

Read the letter I sent to Sec. Perdue here: <https://bit.ly/2QNfTcm>

More on the impact China's trade policies are having on Upstate New York businesses can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2PtQnw9>

Continuing my Commitment to Fighting Climate Change

It has been a pleasure working with local advocates from the Columbia County and Mid-Hudson Chapters of Citizens Climate Lobby for the past two years on a variety of initiatives to address climate change. Together, we've worked to have my legislation - the Healthy Fields and Farm Economies Act - included in the 2018 Farm Bill to further support on-farm conservation practices, rejected anti-climate appropriations riders, and reduced CO2 emissions by transitioning to more efficient energy sources.

I always appreciate the thoughtful and productive conversations we have as well as their willingness to compromise. Through working together, we forged new pathways and identified bipartisan solutions to strengthen our rural economies and local communities, and to better protect our environment for generations to come.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The United Methodist Church in Grahamsville will not be accepting donations to the thrift ministry during the months of December, January and February. The red shed where items are dropped off will be closed during this time. We have struggled to manage the transferring and sorting of the ever-increasing donations and will be giving the dedicated workers a much-needed winter break. We hope to regroup and continue this ministry in the spring. Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com. We look forward to your donations again in the spring. We welcome donations of new or gently-used, clean clothing, clean and usable household items, complete games and puzzles and children's toys. We do not accept furniture, books, electronics, or stuffed animals. Books can be taken to the Read It Again Bookstore in Monticello. Unwearable clothing and stuffed animals can be placed in the recycle bins at the Tri-Valley Central School athletic field. Thank you for your understanding during this time and continued support through the years.

Sullivan County Manager Gains Credential

Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek has earned the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA's) prestigious Credentialed Manager designation.

ICMA is the premier organization of professional local government leaders building sustainable communities to improve lives worldwide. The organization provides technical and management assistance, training, and information resources in the areas of performance measurement, ethics education and training, community and economic development, environmental management, technology, and other topics.

Only 1,353 people have earned this credential. The designation indicates that a member is qualified by a combination of education and experience, adherence to high standards of integrity, and a commitment to continuous learning. To maintain the credential, members must submit an annual report describing 40 hours of professional development during the previous year.

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INDOOR YARD SALE

Nov 30 and Dec 1
10 to 4pm each day

First Presbyterian Church

81 South Main St.

Liberty NY

Contents of an old estate. Plus

Furniture, Glassware, Baby

items, Linens, Toys, Electronics. Baskets.

Tools, Fishing gear.

Something for everyone!

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The Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall · Route 55, Grahamsville, NY 12740

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon
Saturday, December 1, 2018 · 10:00 to 3:00

Local artists and craftsmen will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more. There will also be a bake sale and a lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available

For more information call 985-7427 or 985-7222.

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.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
(845) 434-7643.

Dec. 1, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered
Dish Supper

Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall

Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church

DEC. 1
**Christmas
Craft Fair**
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

*The Church with
a friendly welcome*

Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Sundown United Methodist Church

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Monforte, RMC
Town Clerk 11/29

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed Amended Zoning Law and updated Sub - Division regulations on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. The meeting will be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. At Said time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

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

November 19th, 2018

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Denning Residents Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Town of Denning Planning Board. Any and all interested person(s) please send letter of intent to the the Town of Denning, PO Box 277, Claryville, NY 12725.

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

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**District Opening
Tri-Valley Central School**

Elementary Teacher
Leave Replacement (Jan 1 – Mar 4, 2019)
NYS Elem. 1-6 Cert. Required

Please forward resumes by Dec. 7th
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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Governor Cuomo Announces \$27.1 Million in Rail Infrastructure Improvements Statewide

Grants Will Rehabilitate 14 Railroad Bridges, 26 Grade Crossings and More Than 32 Miles of Rail Track and Facilities

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$27.1 million to fund rail and port improvement projects across New York State. The grants, from the Governor's Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program, will support projects that strengthen infrastructure and economic development vital to the movement of goods throughout the state.

"New York's rail and port infrastructure is critical to local economies across the state, and these grants will not only support existing commercial activities but to help attract new business investments as well," Governor Cuomo said. "With these improvements, we can keep these economic engines running, and ensure safe and efficient

TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SEPTIC MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 14rd day of November, 2018, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, New York (the "Town") duly adopted a resolution following a public hearing, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7. If a permissive referendum is sought for this district formation, the petition requesting a permissive referendum must be filed with the Town Clerk within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The purpose of Resolution #23 of 2018 is to establish a Septic Maintenance District ("District") for the Hamlet of Claryville in the Town of Neversink. The general boundaries of said proposed district are as follows: those properties located in the Hamlet of Claryville located within the Town of Neversink delineated on the proposed Service Area Map on file with the Town Clerk.

The improvements and services proposed to be provided by the District are as follows: the repair, replacement and maintenance of the individual septic systems within the District. The Engineer's Report and Plan fully detailing the services proposed to be provided by the District are on file with the Town Clerk.

The Town will not incur any expense in the formation of the proposed District. The operation and maintenance of the septic systems will be funded with funds being provided by the Catskill Watershed Corporation as part of a District fund ("Fund"). The income earned each year from this Fund will be used for repair, replacement and maintenance of the septic systems within the District.

Dated: November 19, 2018

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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travel for both passenger and freight customers statewide."

"We're investing in infrastructure improvements to continue to strengthen communities across the state," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "These grants will fund railroad bridge repairs and rehabilitate tracks to increase commercial transportation, support new business, and boost the local economy."

New York State Department of Transportation Acting Commissioner Paul A. Karas said, "Governor Cuomo's continued investment in rail and port facilities will facilitate sustained economic growth across the state. Under his leadership, New York State has enhanced its position as a vital, competitive entity in the global marketplace."

"On behalf of the Railroads of New York, I applaud Governor Cuomo's commitment to enhance New York's economic competitiveness through the efficient movement of freight," Railroads of New York President Don Hutton said. "These investments not only reduce costs for shippers, but they will lead to lower commodity prices for consumers."

The list of grant recipients and awards include: Mid-Hudson - \$1.6 million - Middletown & New Jersey Railroad, LLC, Orange County - \$1.6 million for track rehabilitation and siding.

Youth Winter Workshops Feature Fun, Recycled Gift Ideas

LIBERTY, NY- Youth (age 5-18) are invited to learn new low-cost ideas to craft homemade gifts just in time for the holidays. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H program is offering EIGHT stations of make-and-take projects on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Extension Education Center located on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. A snow date is scheduled for December 2. Parents are welcome and children younger than 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

CCESC volunteers and Sullivan County community agencies will offer 8 experiential learning stations with highlights including mini snow globes, holiday pins, angel ornaments, festive cookie pops, make-your-own seasonings, upcycled button ornaments, community service cards, and more!

Cost is \$10 per child or \$5 per enrolled 4-H member. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance by visiting www.sullivanccce.org/events, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Any Sullivan County youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H for free, all year long. To learn more about 4-H, visit <http://sullivanccce.org/4-h-youth-development>.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program empowers any youth ages 5-18 to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University resources and gain career readiness skills through hands-on activities and "learning by doing".

Fridays are for Teenagers at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Fridays are for teenagers here at the library. Each Friday we host a program exclusively for 12-18 year olds. Check out the upcoming Friday plans, grab some friends, and join us for some fun.

December 7th at 5pm: Video Game Tournament Night

December 14th at 5pm: Nailed it! Holiday Gift Edition

December 21st at 5pm: Beat Shazam!

December 28th at 5pm: Anime Club w/ Japanese Snacks

Teen programs are for ages 12-18 only. They are free and do not require registration. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information on teen programs, contact Cheryl at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or by email to cshelton@rcls.org. To see a full list of library programs, visit our website: www.ebcpl.org or follow us on facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ ebcplibrary.

Chess Club to Begin at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The strategy and computational thinking that chess encourages can be useful in so many ways. Come join us at the library as we learn to play the game, play against friends, and even have chess competitions in the future! Our first Kid's Chess Club program will take place on December 8th at 12pm. All levels welcome, no prior chess knowledge necessary.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information children's programs or to register for any of our programs, contact us at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit our website: www.ebcpl.org or follow us on facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ ebcplibrary.

SUNY Sullivan Offers Tuition Discounts for Winter Session Classes

Loch Sheldrake, NY- Registration is open for SUNY Sullivan's "Let It Snow" Winter Session courses, which begin December 21 with more than 20 classes to choose from and in-state tuition reduced by 33%. All classes are online and end January 16, with the exception of Clinical Calculations, which is offered on-campus beginning January 3.

SUNY Sullivan's Let It Snow Session provides students with an excellent opportunity to get a jump on their Spring semester, fulfill their General Education requirements, or just catch up on college credits while home on their holiday break.

At a time when the cost of a college education continues to increase, SUNY Sullivan is once again offering current and prospective students a financial break - a 33% discount on in-state tuition. Students who enroll in the Let It Snow winter session classes will do so at a cost of only \$450 for a 3-credit course, which includes a \$15 per credit online course fee. That amounts to just \$135 per credit. For students paying out-of-state tuition rates, discounts will bring the cost down to \$270 per credit, plus online course fees. Additional course fees may apply based on course selection. Students should check with the Office of Financial Aid to determine if classes are covered by aid.

Online classes include: Business Mathematics, Human Resources Management, Managerial Accounting, International Business, Macroeconomics, Composition I and II, Computer Applications, Fundamentals of Speech, Introduction to Literature, U.S. History and the Paranormal, Elementary Statistics, Intermediate Algebra, Physical Fitness & Wellness, Introduction to Political Science, General Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Statistics for the Social Sciences, Philosophy of Sport, Health Sciences Applied to Coaching, Theory and Techniques of Coaching, Contemporary Health, and Introduction to Sociology. Clinical Calculations will be offered on campus.

To begin the registration process online, students should visit My SUNY Sullivan or <https://www.sunysullivan.edu/offices/registration-services/>. For more information, call (845) 434-5750, extension 4302.



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

2018 Upcoming Events

- 11/30 Middletown Cinema
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice

Christmas Festivities here in Grahamsville!
 (See Pg. 8 for details)

- Pull out the lights and decorations and enter the House Decorating Contest
- Create a one of a kind gingerbread masterpiece to enter into the Gingerbread House Raffle
- Get the kids signed up to make crafts at the Town Hall at the Elf Workshop Sunday, Dec 2 before the Tree Lighting



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

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

PAYMENT BY:

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY — NO CASH OR CREDIT

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 12/1/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 12/1/18 **Grahamsville UMC Christmas Craft Fair** 10 am - 3 pm
- 12/5/18 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 12/11/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/2/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 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



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.



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
 BLUE HILL LODGE
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 ELLENVILLE CITGO
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
 PETER'S MARKET
 THORTON HARDWARE
 SHOPRITE
 IL PARIDSO

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.

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.

Daniel Pierce Library Annual Holiday Tea

Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville we will be holding their Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 8th 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Pastor Smith To Preach In Liberty

Pastor-Prophet Don Smith from World Christian Outreach Ministries (WCOM) will be ministering the Word Dec. 1-2 at the Liberty based Lighthouse Ministries Church at 23 Triangle Road, Liberty.

Pastor Smith will be ministering on Saturday December 1 at 6 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning December 2. He will also preach at a 6 p.m. service that night.

World Christian Outreach Ministries is located in Connellsville, Pa.

Pastor Smith entered into the ministry in 1957 and in January of 1958 at 16 years of age preached his first sermon.

Over the next three years he will be traveling the country and the world to share the message that "whosoever would" enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ would receive both abundant life here on earth, as well as eternal life in heaven in the life hereafter.

His travels to date include Africa, The Dominican Republic, Haiti, Canada, Mexico and India.

In 1992, and still traveling the world, he was called to Connellsville, Pa. to Pastor there.

He says of himself, "God did not just call me to be a local Pastor, but a World Pastor," and "that's why God instructed me to call our church World Christian Outreach Ministries."

Pastor Don and his wife, Ruth, have four children and reside in Connellsville, Pa. where he continues to remain Senior Pastor of WCOM.

At the Pennsylvania church location Pastor Smith noted that "we consider our church a training center and I am obligated to train anyone coming to the church for ministry."

"We help people to learn how to minister, according to their specific calling, Pastor Smith said.

Locally his church sponsors outreaches throughout the year, host a yearly meeting called "The Festival of Lights," and in November his wife hosts "Operation Christmas Child" where their mission is to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children all over the world.

Liberty Lighthouse Ministries Church, a Bible-Based Christ Centered Pentecostal Church is pastored by Rev. Dr. Rich Ienuso and his wife Rev. Kathie Ienuso.

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 7: Monticello Instrumental Chamber Ensembles

December 10: Livingston Manor Concert Band

December 12: Liberty Middle School Chorus

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



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Small Cabn on Rt. 55. \$500 plus utilities. Security, References. Dave 845-985-2737
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Quiet 2+ bedroom; enclosed porch with open porch to woods on 4 acres; central air; 62 Rocky Hill Rd. Handyman a plus. Call: Kay 602-705-3326
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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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WANTED: OLD & VINTAGE CB RADIO EQUIPMENT:
 Microphones; linear Amps; Power Supplies, Mobile or Base CB's.
 Call: Charlie @ 845-418-8793
 Interested in talking about CB Radio?
 Give Charlie a call.
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Shop Locally!

The holidays will be here before you know. Check out our local businesses for unique gift and holiday ideas:

- Chestnut Creek Baked Goods -845-985-5070 or 845-798-1724/Facebook
- 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

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Monday, December 10 Livingston Manor Concert Band	Monday, December 17 Liberty High School Band
Wednesday, December 12 Liberty Middle School Chorus	Tuesday, December 18 Liberty High School Honors Chorus and Orchestra
Thursday, December 13 Monticello 4th Grade Chorus and 4th/5th Grade String Orchestra	Wednesday, December 19 Monticello High School String & Vocal Ensemble
	Thursday, December 20 Rancocas Central School Band & Choir

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Sunday December 2, 2018
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PRESENTS "SOPHIA LOREN DAY"
Starting Wednesday 8:00 PM December 5, 2018
"MARRIAGE - ITALIAN STYLE (Comedy, 1964)
 Dir: Vittorio De Sica Starring: Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Aldo Puglisi. A businessman's discarded mistress refuses to tell him which of her three sons is his. - C - 102 m, TV-PG. And at 10:00 PM **"HUMAN VOICE,"** (Drama, 2014) An aging beauty tries desperately to win back a lover drawn to a younger woman. Dir: Edoardo Ponti Starring: Sophia Loren, Enrico Lo Verso, Alessandra Bonarotta, and at 10:45 PM **"DOCUMENTARY, SOPHIA LOREN"** (2016) Dir: Sean Cameron, Starring Sophia Loren. She discusses her career with her son Edoardo Ponti and a live audience. At 12:00 AM **"TWO WOMEN"** (War,1960) A widow tries to get her daughter to safety in World War II Italy. Directed by: Vittorio De Sica. Sophia Loren, Raf Vallone, Eleanora Brown, Jean-Paul Belmondo. Loren deservedly won Oscar for heart-rending portrayal of Italian mother who, along with young daughter, is raped by Allied Moroccan soldiers during WW2. How they survive is an intensely moving story. Screenplay by Cesare Zavattini from an Alberto Moravia novel. Loren remade this in 1989 as a two-part Italian TVM. At 2:00 AM **LADY L** (Comedy, 1965) A beautiful laundress rises through European society. Dir: Peter Ustinov Starring: Sophia Loren, Paul Newman, David Niven. Rogues, anarchists and lovers cavort in turn-of-the-century Europe in this madcap screen adaptation of Romain Gary's popular novel. At 4:00 AM **BRASS TARGET (War, 1978)** Who stole the \$250 million in Nazi gold? And who killed General George S. Patton to get away with it? A chilling suspense thriller Brass Target makes the convincing case, Dir: John Hough Cast: Sophia Loren, John Cassavetes, George Kennedy.
Quiz: In **"Two Women"** 1. Who played Rosetta?
 2. Who played Michele?
FOR "STAN LAUREL, AND OLIVER HARDY" Lovers, seven great films starting at 6:30 am to 6:30 pm on Thursday the 6th of December. On December 7th 11:30 AM- **HELL TO ETERNITY** (WAR, 1960); 1:45 PM **DECEMBER 7TH THE MOVIE (DOCUMENTARY, 1943)**; 3:15 PM **AIR FORCE** (War, 1943); 5:30 PM **THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO** (WAR, 1944). Look for reviews on these films December 6, issue.

What's Going on in
The Gnome Neighborhood™
GRAHAMSVILLE Christmas Festivities

- Dec. 1 **Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon**
- Dec. 2 **Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** (See Pg. 8 for details)
- Dec. 2 **Elf Workshop- 3 pm** (See Pg. 8 for details)
- Dec. 2 **Tree Lighting - 5 pm**
- Dec. 8 **Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea - 1 - 3 pm**

SUNDOWN

- Dec. 1 **Covered Dish Supper - 5:30** Sundown Methodist Church Hall

TOWN OF OLIVE

- Dec 1 **Olive Tree Lighting Ceremony** at the Town Meeting Hall in Shokan. **Santa arrives** by fire truck and children of all ages are treated to cookies, hot chocolate, and cider.
- Dec 8 **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** at the Boiceville Inn from 8:30 to 11. Kids eat free, and Santa has a gift for them.
- Dec 8 **Olive Free Library Holiday Fair** on Saturday from 10 to 4.

HURLEYVILLE

- Dec 7 at 12:30 p.m **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day-** Sullivan County Historian John Conway will delve into that history at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville.

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1. Eleanora Brown
 2. Jean-Paul Belmondo