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Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce the installation of "A History of Health Care in Ulster County," a new exhibit for 2021 now on display in the 2nd floor Archives Gallery located in the Ulster County Office Building. The exhibit features records from the 1600s through the present and showcases medical professionals from the past 350 years. In conjunction with this exhibit and celebrating Women's History Month, the "Historical Profile" of prominent physician and suffragist Dr. Alice Divine is on display for the month of March on the 1st floor of the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston. Both exhibits are also available online at

https://clerk.ulstercountyny.gov/archives/online-exhibits.

With the current pandemic ongoing, now is a better time than ever to examine how far we have come in improving our health care. From the early barber surgeons of Wiltwyck to our amazing professionals today, the evolution of health care has been nothing short of astounding. This exhibit gives the viewer a look at the medical field in Ulater County starting health in the late 1600s and then o

Ulster County starting back in the late 1600s and then a glimpse into each century's advancements through current times. (Contd. Pg. 8)

# DVAA's Salon Series | On Location Third Episode: Mixed Media Artist Laurie A. Guzda At Work

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 2021 Salon Series features a series of short-form documentaries spotlighting three local female artists as they create new works of art. Narrowsburg-based filmmaker Oriel Danielson directs the series. Part documentary, part artist talk and demonstration, the third video in the series features a visit to the Hawley, PA studio of mixed media artist Laurie A. Guzda (Hawley, PA).

Laurie A. Guzda is a mixed media artist, photographer, and writer who resides in the northeast Pocono Mountains. She is a storyteller that uses a variety of mediums and has a particular passion for using found objects. "As a storyteller my favorite form for creating art is mixed

"As a storyteller my favorite form for creating art is mixed media. It is irresistible to me to find an object and build a story around it. That's been the source of my art in recent years. And often, I try to include humor," says Guzda.

View this episode of "Salon Series | On Location" starting at 2 pm on Saturday, March 20 on DVAA's newly redesigned website delawarevalleyartsalliance.org. (Contd. Pg. 10)



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cult times. Wishing everyone well.

# **ON THE FRONT BURNER**: Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy

commandments are truth.

# **OBITUARY**

Harry M. McIntosh of Hudson, Florida formerly of Liberty passed away on Tuesday March 9, 2021, he was 71 years old. He was the son of the late Dwight McIntosh and Ida Wells, born on July 22, 1949 in Liberty, New York. He graduated from Tri-Valley High School and joined the United States Army thereafter. Serving his country in Vietnam in food services for the 14th Aviation Helicopter Unit. Harry then worked 30 years for New York Dept. of Corrections Food Service as Head Cook. He was a member of the VFW and worked up in ranks to be membership chairman for the State of NY. After retiring to FL he joined the Toy Makers of New Port Richey to build and paint over 3000 wooden toys. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and being with his family. He is survived by his wife Glenda, son James and daughters, Lorrie, Tammy and Keri, six grandchildren, one great grandchild and brothers Dwight, Lenny, Tim and sister Margaret. Visitation will be held Friday, March 19, 2021 from 12-2pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788. Interment will follow at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery Sunset Lake Road, Liberty, NY with full military honors. Guidelines set forth by the State of New York will be followed, masks and social distancing are required at all times. Arrangements made under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com

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# DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

#### March 14, 1951

Wayne Botsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Botsford of Grahamsville, and Miss Thelma Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cypert of Woodbourne were married Sunday, March 11th at St. Mary's Church in Ellenville. The couple is taking a week's honeymoon trip through the New England states.

Mrs. Harold Moshier and her infant son. Wesley Earl, came home Friday from Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

Claude DePew and Preston Kortright have tapped more than 100 sap trees. They "syruped off" 18 gallons on Saturday.

Psalm 120:151

The new Tri-Valley School building can now be said to be in the final stages of construction. With plastering to be finished at the end of this week, only a small crew of men will remain on hand to complete the finishing touches of the project.

The final "holing through" on the Grahamsville-Neversink tunnel is expected to occur sometime Thursday unless unforeseen difficulties cause delay. On Wednesday morning only 42 feet of earth and rock separated the two crews of workers.

#### March 15, 1961

Among the students listed on the Dean's List issued by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, NY was the name of Dale Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.E. Ross of Grahamsville. Dale was the Valedictorian of last June's graduating class and is intending to receive his degree in electrical engineering.

The Rev. Louis Carlsen and the church thank the members of the Men's Fellowship who are painting the Lows Corners Church hall and also Mr. Walton Hamilton and Mr. Floyd Bevier for building an extension on the platform in the church.

On March 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. John George celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

O'Smith, O'Jones, McSchultz, McKrum All Irish on St. Patrick's Day Corned beef and cabbage is in style KUM TO KRUM'S

#### March 10, 1971

The first flights of Canada geese and red-winged black birds arrived ten days to two weeks ahead of normal. They may be caught by a bad storm or two before winter is finally put away.

Sullivan County's participation in the annual Sport and Camping Show at the New York Coliseum is again being well received. The first two days, Saturday and Sunday, saw an estimated 12,000 persons stop at the county's exhibit, the old grist mill. (Contd. Pg. 3)

# **DAYS OF YORE....**

*Today's History* (From Pg 2) March 10, 1971

Members of the Sullivan Co. S.P.C.A. will witness the achievement of their goal on Friday, March 12 when a formal ribbon cutting ceremony will open the door to the first animal shelter in the history of Sullivan County. The construction of the shelter was supervised by George Ratner, George Stailing and Charles Cross. The late Chris Holmes was also on the committee.

#### March 12, 1981

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday, March 8th for the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. It is expected that this new addition will be used for community meetings and reading rooms.

Congratulations to Michael John Schulte! Mike has been advanced to Eagle Scout. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schulte of Grahamsville. Mike will be the 29th Eagle Scout of Troop 187. His brother, Billy is also an Eagle Scout.

On Sunday, David Nyhof, Michael Buley and Danny Everett received their God and Family Awards during a special Cub Scout level God and Country Program at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. At the 11 o'clock service at the Grahamsville Methodist Church, Keil Hornbeck and Karl Haag received their God and Family Award.

# **Household Hint:**

Deodorize your trash can with vinegar and bread! Soak a slice of bread in vinegar and put it in the bottom of your smelly trashcan overnight. Remove it and toss it and those nasty smells should be gone. This works for any container!

This also works if you have a musty smelling garage or basement.

# THE TOWNSMAN

# 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.

# **Faithful Little Snow Drops**

After reading Carol LaMonda's column I decided to check to see if enough snow had melted to expose our little patch of Snow Drops. It has become a tradition on St. Patrick's Day to pick a small bouquet of Snow Drops from the patch planted near the Benekill by my father over 50 years ago.

Yes, we will have a little bouquet of Snow Drops for St. Patrick's Day! The snow near the pond has melted!

Plant taxonomy classifies common snowdrops as Galanthus nivalis. The genus name refers to the white color of the flowers (gala is Greek for "milk," while anthos is Greek for "flower"), and nivalis is Latin for "snow-like." They are classified as spring bulb plants and



belong to the amaryllis family.

Common Snow Drops are tiny plants only about 3 to 6 inches tall. They produce one small (1 inch or less), white flower, which hangs down off its stalk like a "drop" prior to opening. When the bloom opens, three outer petals arch out over three inner petals and a single small white drooping bell shaped flower with six petal-like tepals in two circling whorls appears. The smaller inner petals have green markings.

The leaves are shaped like narrow blades,

growing about 4 inches long. The leaves are basal, emerging from the bulb initially enclosed in a tubular membranous sheath of cataphylls (reduced smaller leaf).

The scape (flowering stalk) is erect, leafless, and compressed.

Snow Drops are hardy herbaceous plants that remain alive, although inactive for a period of time, by underground bulbs. They are among the earliest spring bulbs to bloom. In colder climates, they will emerge through snow. They naturalise relatively easily forming large drifts that are often found near human habitation, and also former monastic sites.

The leaves die back a few weeks after the flowers have faded.

Galanthus plants are relatively vigorous and may spread rapidly by forming bulb offsets. They also spread by dispersal of seed, animals disturbing bulbs, and water if disturbed by floods.

Some Snow Drops species are threatened in their wild habitats, due to habitat destruction, illegal collecting and climate change. In most countries collecting bulbs from the wild is now illegal.

This low-growing plant tolerates partial shade to full sun, a variety of soil types, and requires almost no maintenance. It is toxic to animals and humans, which offers the benefit of being virtually immune to feeding by deer and other wildlife.

The Snow Drops flower has several meanings depending on the context. The most common meanings are: Purity; Hope and Rebirth. This little flower has enjoyed a rich and varied history that includes several legends about how the flower came to be.

There is a German legend that tells when God created snow, he gave it the task of visiting the flowers of the earth to gather colors. All the flowers refused, until the snow visited the gentle snowdrop. Seeing that the Snow Drops was a kind and generous soul, the snow decided to make a deal. In exchange for her color, the snow agreed to allow the snowdrop to bloom first every spring. The delicate snowdrop agreed and cheerfully blooms amid the snow each spring.

And according to a Moldovan legend, a fight between the Winter Witch and Lady Spring gave birth to the Snow Drops. One year, the Winter Witch decided that she would not give up her reign of the earth when Lady Spring arrived. During the ensuing battle, Lady Spring pricked her finger and a drop of her blood fell to the earth. The blood drop melted the snow and up sprung a tiny snowdrop, a sign that Lady Spring had won the battle with the Winter Witch.

The practice of having symbolic meanings for flowers began many years ago and it continues to entertain us even today.

It is a fact that Snow Drops have the ability to melt the snow around it as it produces its own heat. The hope for new warmth becomes apparent during its blossoming time. As the Snow Drops emerges from its winter sleep, it pushes its way right up through the snow. And especially this year, these little white blossoms are certainly a delightful sight for any winterweary eye.

# The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry

The Community Pantry, housed at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, has remained a strong presence in our community during the past Pandemic year. In 2020 during the months of June, July, and August the Pantry was able to arrange weekly (rather than monthly) distributions.

The weekly food donations from the Hudson Valley Food Bank made it possible for our local Pantry to distribute huge quantities of fresh produce, dairy products and meat, as well as other food items.

During those months 103 families totaling 385 people were blessed to receive the food. This was a time consuming and energetic endeavor for all who helped make this happen. Our generous community of individuals, organizations and businesses have made it possible, with their gifts of food and money, for this important ministry to continue for many years.

A huge thanks goes out to Mary Lee Haag, the Pantry Manager, and her numerous volunteers.

The contact numbers are 985-2283 and 985-2455.

# **Callicoon Farmers Market**

We will be having a special Saturday Easter Market on April 3rd | Mark your calendars

We will not have a Sunday market on Sunday, April 4th

Keeping with the March National Nutrition Month theme: Did you know that almonds are seeds, not nuts?

Some more fun nutritional facts for you if you click the line below

https://www.eatthis.com/mind-blowing-food-facts/

# Universal Pre-Kindergarten Story Hour at Daniel Pierce Library

The Daniel Pierce Library is happy to continue our collaboration the Tri-Valley Central School District and offer our "Story Hour on the Road" program to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes. During the school year, in the Fall and Spring we will visit the three UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central School and read stories to them, do an interactive felt story with each class and bring books for each child to check out and take home with them.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade 2021

There will be an extremely small but symbolic St. Patrick's Day parade somewhere in Manhattan on March 17, organizers say, but the vast majority of celebrations will take place online.

WNBC, the parade's long-time TV broadcast partner, will air a half-hour special on the parade on the night of March 17 at 7 pm. It will include footage of whatever symbolic march takes place earlier in the day, and footage from past parades.

The parade's social media operation will produce a one-hour special that will be available throughout the day on its Facebook and YouTube pages. The special will feature interviews with members of the armed services, leaders from the Irish community and other entertainment.

According to chief administrative officer Hilary Beirne, t he virtual march will include photos of the groups that were on Fifth Avenue in 2019."We will try and engage as many people as possible throughout the world with the social media campaign," Beirne said. "And for next year, I can assure you, we are going to have the best and the largest parade ever."





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# **The Ghost Moths Mysterious Book Report No. 440** by John Dwaine McKenna

The Ghost Moths, (Blackstone Publishing, \$27.99, 368 pages, ISBN 978-1-5384-6923-1) by Harry Farthing, is a painstakingly researched, carefully plotted and well-written issues-driven thriller that takes place among the towering eight thousand meter peaks of South Asia's Himalayan Mountains.

The novel is about the occupied nation of Tibet . . . and it's long struggle for freedom. It begins with the discovery of a sacred object by a young boy in the mountains of Southern Tibet, just as the Chinese Communist Army comes in and

claims the tiny country as its sovereign territory in the early 1950s, setting off a conflict which rages to this very day, with no ending in sight.

The focus then switches to the year 2014 and introduces a man named Neil Quinn. He's an Englishman, a climbing guide with many years of professional experience leading groups of high alti-



tude summiteers to the tops of the world's highest peaks . . . and the protagonist of the story. As he's leading a group back from the top of Mt. Shishapangma, he observes some Chinese soldiers machine gun three Tibetan yak herders to death. Quinn records the massacre on his cell phone and forwards it to a woman named Henrietta Richards in Kathmandu, Nepal — the home of large numbers of expatriate Tibetans, Sherpas and Chinese spies. She's the acknowledged record keeper of all recognized full ascents of the world's highest mountains, and a retired British Embassy aide who's lived in Kathmandu for forty-plus years. Together, Quinn, Richards and an American freelance journalist named Elizabeth Waterman team up to publicize the truth about the plight of Tibet and the ongoing search — in the face of ruthless and often deadly Chinese Communist opposition-for the next Dalai Lama . . . as well as the ongoing hunt for the Pachen Lama . . . who was chosen by his Holiness the Dalai Lama, at age six in 1995. The boy disappeared in the Chinese mainland shortly thereafter.

Could the mysterious and ghostly images of a simple moth that keep appearing at critical times and in crucial places have a role to play in the ongoing conflict? Are they somehow related to the shadowy group of climbers who called themselves 'The Ghost Moths,' and fought to save Tibetan culture and sacred objects during the so-called "Cultural Revolution" back in the 70s? Is there any hope of escaping the attention of a sadistic Chinese army officer nicknamed 'Yama' . . . for the Tibetan Lord of Death? The answers to all of those questions, and more, can only be found by reading The Ghost Moths. It's one of the most engaging, propulsive, and, dare we say it, educational novels to come along since The Great Wall was built. The Ghost Moths is fiction with a bite ... and a story the whole planet should sit up and take notice of ... because in a just world this novel would go viral. It's that good!

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And Hey! Check out our combined website that's simple to use and easy as pie to leave your comments! We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

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# Interview With The Author: Harry Farthing John Dwaine McKenna

Harry Farthing is English by birth, American by choice, an adventurer, world traveller, mountain





climber, journalist and outstanding thriller writer whose dazzling debut, Ghost Moths is discussed in Mysterious Book Report No. 440. He's a man on the go who slowed down long enough to do an in-depth and comprehensive interview with us that details some of his secrets-along with hard work, perseverance and talentfor success. With many thanks Mr. Farthing, here's our first question:

#### Who inspired you to write? How many books do you read in an average year?

Reading has always fuelled my interest in travel, histo-

ry, and adventure. Raised in the West of England I attended some fairly remote boarding schools where the library quickly became a place of sanctuary and a wall of old National Geographic magazines inspired an escapist interest in equally remote places around the world. Every journey or mountain climb I subsequently made was thoroughly re-searched as I was as interested as much by the history of a place, its early exploration and the tribes and religions encountered, as in the physical geography itself. This has translated into reading upwards of fifty books a year for nearly as many years and seen me travel to the Sahara, the Amazon, the Arctic and the Greater Ranges as well as living in Portugal, Italy and the USA as well as the UK over the years. (Contd. Pg. 13)



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# The Olive Jar By Carol Olsen LaMonda Telegram from Spring

When I was born, my father was overseas. My mom sent a telegram announcing my spring arrival. Today, the concept of a message being sent by telegraph in a system of tapped out dots and dashes, then tran-

scribed, typed, pasted onto paper, and hand delivered by messenger



seems bizarre and archaic. We live in a world where we can communicate in an instant with almost anyone on the planet.

Spring delivers messages, like a telegraph, in dribs and drabs to keep reminding us that spring is a process. It is a process that involves some sunny days, some rising temperatures, some balmy winds, lots of mud, and the slow blossoming of the earth. Why, just today I saw a few Snow Drops and the green

# The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... 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 gift! *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a

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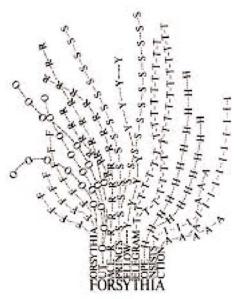
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heads of the purple, pink, and white crocuses that will bloom in the next few weeks. A sure sign of spring is the Forsythia. Right now the branches have buds that will be a mass of yellow in no time at all. Sometimes, like now, I get anxious and cut a few branches to put in water to force into an early bloom.

Here is a poem I used to use in eighth grade every spring. Even kids who did not appreciate poetry would find joy in discovering that the picture itself is a telegram message.

Each branch spells out the shrub's name in Morse Code in a concrete poem that also is an acronym for Forsythia.

> "Forsythia Out Race Spring's Yellow Telegram. Hope Insists Action."







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Records of the Ulster County Medical Society c.1860 from the Ulster County Clerk's Archival Collection.

medical professionals in Ulster County and worldwide have proven that their dedication and commitment to the well-being of our communities is of the highest importance," stated County Clerk Postupack. "It's often difficult to recognize history being made in the moment, but we hope that this exhibit acts as a tribute to the truly historic and heroic efforts of our medical professionals."

Recognizing a local physician and celebrating Women's History Month, the historical profile of "Dr. Alice Divine - Woman Pioneer" showcases a leader in our community, who advocated for women's rights and child welfare. Alice Divine was an active participant in the suffrage movement, serving on committees and canvassing She received her the community. medical degree from Cornell University in 1900 and practiced for almost 50 years in her hometown of Ellenville.



Photograph of Dr. Alice Divine from the Ellenville Public Library & Museum's Collection

For further information about these or other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please contact County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040, visit the archives online at ulstercountyny.gov/archives, or find us on Facebook.

# MARCH 18, 2021

# Frolic in nature's playground Four ways to experience Ulster County with the whole family

The snow has melted, the temperature is slowly rising, and nature is in bloom! As spring returns, now is the perfect time to plan a family vacation to Ulster County, located just 90 miles north of NYC in the heart of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Here are four ways to make the most of it.

#### 1. Learn the science behind the sweet.

Give your kids a fascinating chemistry lesson and a naturally sweet treat at one of Ulster County's 10 maple farms, many of which offer lessons and demos in the storied art of sugaring (the process of converting raw maple sap into delicious syrup). It's a tried-and-true trade-off: Learn science, get a treat. Only here, there are no additives, preservatives, or high-fructose corn syrupjust the pure, unadulterated sweetness of Mother Nature.

#### 2. Farm-to-table. Petting zoos. All-inclusive dude ranches.

Ulster County's rich agritourism continues to be an enticing draw for visitors of all ages. If you have children, you'll find plenty of opportunities to bond with them over the breathtaking beauty-and mouth-watering flavors-of nature. Indulge in delicious, farm-fresh cuisine at one of our local farm-to-table restaurants, make a new furry friend at one of our animal sanctuaries, or spend a week (or weekend) playing, relaxing and learning the basics of cowboy horsemanship at a bustling dude ranch.

3. Explore mountains, rivers, and forests-by foot, bike, or horse-back.

Situated between the New York Catskills and the western shores of the Hudson River, Ulster County is an irresistible playground for lovers of the great outdoors, whatever your age. Take a leisurely stroll around the scenic Ashokan Rail Trail or Walkway Over the Hudson, or spend the day snapping the best selfies ever in the Mohonk Preserve. Marvel at the epic sunset from Sam's Point in the Minnewaska State Park Preserve, or spend twilight on a two-hour sunset horseback ride. There are so many trails to explore-and ways to do it-we couldn't possibly list all of them here, but you can find more inspiration in our Hiking and Biking Guide.

#### 4. Journey into the wild by railway.

The historic Ulster & Delaware Railroad cuts deep into the Catskills alongside Esopus Creek, where no car and only the most serious hikers can venture. Thanks to Rail Explorers, you and your family can witness the hard-to-reach deep wild of Ulster County up close from the comfort of a custom-built, pedal-powered electric rail vehicle. Think the world's most relaxing go-kart-you don't even have to steer, just ride the rails and enjoy the view. **UPCOMING EVENTS** 

# March 1-31Women's History Month Kingston

March 20-21, and 27-28 Maple Fest Weekend Activities: Seed Song Farm (good weather weekends only)

March 27, 28 & April 3 Catskill Mountain Railroad Easter Bunny Express - Shake off that winter chill and celebrate spring with a visit from the Easter Bunny! Due to Covid-19, we will be using our open-air flat cars which will be festively decorated - so bundle up and dress warm. Passenger count will be limited to 60 passengers to allow for distancing. We will NOT be stopping or getting off the train. Each passenger will receive an individual bag of candy. Passengers will visit with the friendly Easter Bunny before returning to Kingston. Please allow up to one hour from the complete train ride experience. ALL ABOARD! Catskill Mountain Railroad; 55 Plaza Rd., Kingston 12401 845-332-4854

http://catskillmountainrailroad.com/event/easter-bunny-express/ April 8 Ulster Performing Arts Center Frankie Valli

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# Virtual Maple Sugaring Basics with the Ellenville Library

Tune in virtually to watch Sam's Point Educators teach all about maple syrup, our favorite sweet treat. We will learn about the complete process of maple sugaring from identifying the correct trees, to using traditional tools to tap a tree and collect sap, to processing the sap until it becomes the delicious treat that we desire most. This program will be held on Zoom, Presented by the Ellenville Public Library. Pre-registration is required by emailing the Ellenville Library at epl@rcls.org Registration: Required

https://ulstercountyalive.com/calendar/virtual-maple-sugaringbasics-ellenville-library Thursday, March 18, 2021 - 10 a.m. to 11:30am Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragsmoor 12420

# Corey's Sugar Shack Weekend Maple Tours

2021 Maple Weekend Tours: Sat.-Sun. March 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment needed and the tours are free. In addition to our maple tours, you can find us at events across the Hudson Valley throughout the year. Visit us on our website to purchase syrup and try some of our newest creations. Saturday, March 20, 2021 - 10 a.m. to Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 4 p.m. Corey's Sugar Shack, 105 Hawleys's Corner Rd., Highland 12528; (845) 943-8013

# When do the flowers bloom? When do the leaves fall? We are very curious to find out!

In this program, you will learn all about phenology, the study of how plants and animals change throughout the seasons, while working as a citizen scientist to collect information about the plants in our park. We will be offering this hike once a month at Sam's Point to monitor seasonal changes in plants along the Loop Road. Along this roughly one-mile route, you will encounter a variety of flowers, ferns, shrubs, and trees which change as you move up in elevation. This program is recommended for children over the age of eight, but everyone is welcome to join us. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is\_limited\_to fifteen individuals. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required by calling

Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?pk=193

Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragsmoor 12420



# DVAA's Salon Series On Location Third Episode: Mixed Media Artist Laurie A. Guzda At Work

(From Pg. 1) **About the filmmaker:** Oriel Danielson's filmmaking journey started in Israel and continued in Stockholm and NYC. He's directed and edited dozens of short documentaries about art, culture and nature. Today, Danielson lives in Narrowsburg, makes films, reads theater, and writes poetry. Regarding his participation in the series, he notes "I am interested in the tactile relationship between artists and their work. My goal is to capture the process of creating an art piece in an authentic and intimate way."

#### DVAA celebrates Women's History Month.

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.

#### **Drop-in Feed the Birds! at Sam's Point** Saturday, March 20, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area

Birds use a lot of energy to keep themselves warm in the cold winter months. Join a Sam's Point Ranger to make a snack that will help energize the birds in your backyard. We'll use pinecones,

peanut butter and birdseed to make a delicious treat for the birds that you can hang in trees near your house. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is **limited to fifteen individuals at a time.** All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is Not Required.

#### Drop-in Animal Tracks for Kids at Sam's Point Sunday, March 21, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM

Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area Join us to make your very own plaster track of one of the many types of animals that live at Sam's Point. After making your tracks, stay

types of animals that live at Sam's Point. After making your tracks, stay at the Park to enjoy a family hike and look for signs of animals along the way. Pick up your tracks before you leave and report any tracks you see to a Ranger! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is **limited to fifteen individuals at a time**. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is NOT required.(845) 647-7989

# The Scene Too

-Jane Harrison

It's amazing the freeing aspects of having just one dose of the vaccine. I am just as careful as I have been for the last year and will continue to be. But it's my mind that's jumping for joy.

I spent Sunday afternoon in Kingston with my best friend picking through the picked over stock still on the shelves at the Barnes and Noble there. That location is closing and it makes me very sad. I have had coffee there over the years with notables. I have always spent a fair amount of money there. I LOVE books!! The staff is telling everyone that it will open in a new location in Kingston, but they don't know where. I'll believe it when.....

Friday, I decided I needed to get out of the house on the last of the "fools spring" nights. The amazing above normal temperatures of the last few days had me out on the porch in between my spring cleaning frenzies and I deserved someone else to cook for me! And who better than RJ at CABERNET FRANK'S. Both he and partner Wade, have received both doses of the vaccine. And it turns out one of the two Incidental Music providers CASWYN MOON had received both as well.

Joe Peters, the neighbor that has been harassing them for years, and was sentenced to jail for ignoring the many orders of protection granted, was out after serving only 25 days of his 45 day sentence. The day he was released, he stood in the street yelling at the top of his lungs. Anyone who knows this area knows there isn't much of an audience, so who was he trying to reach? What he was doing was starting again with the harassing behavior.

My first experience with this guy was on my first ever trip to CABERNET FRANK'S shortly after I began writing about live music in the area. I parked at the end of a long line of cars in front of BEAVERKILL STUDIOS and as I get out, some guy behind a chain link fence yells "Those people kill cats with antifreeze!" To a cat person, this was as unsettling as some guy I don't know saying this to me. I have this little voice inside my head that I always listen to, and it told me to go inside, get my article and meet 'those people' and I would know for sure. I'm glad I did.

This was not my only encounter with Peters. It seemed every time I went to CABERNET FRANK'S there was something. Sometimes it was just the sandwich board declaring they kill cats. Sometimes he would be engaged in a heated conversation with a young man in the second floor window across from his house, who I later learned is his son, a one sided conversation. And sometimes he would just be standing in the middle of the street. But the most unnerving was what could have been totally coincidental. I arrived one evening and as I got out of my car, he started going on about the cats from his lawn chair. It was the first time I ever engaged him, saying something like "Dude, I don't want to hear it." This was a few days after the pellet gun incident. I had gone inside to ask permission to photograph the window and did so. That night I left after the first set. The car just felt weird like the new tires I had just put on weren't balanced. The next morning, my rear passenger tire was not quite flat but almost. Coincidence.

But what I learned after speaking with Wade about the timeline of the harassment really shattered all my preconceived understanding of what and when this all started.

To be continued.

Stay safe, stay strong, stay masked. Until next time.....

# Governor Cuomo Announces New Guidance from the Department of Financial Services for the Fair and Prompt Payment of Health Insurance Claims

Insurers Directed to Follow New Standards for the Prompt, Fair, and Equitable
Settlement of Claims for Healthcare Services
Guidance Developed in Collaboration with Insurance Industry and Hospitals Part of Governor's 2021 Enacted Budget

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the issuance of new guidance by the Department of Financial Services alerting insurers of new protections for patients and healthcare providers that limit health insurance claims denials and inappropriate payment reductions or delays related to medically necessary services.

"Claim denials and payment delays for administrative reasons are the last things New Yorkers need in the middle of a public health crisis," Governor Cuomo said. "This action speeds up access to healthcare for all New Yorkers and gives them some measure of peace as we continue to build back from the pandemic."

These protections outlined in the circular letter, which were included in the Governor's enacted 2021 budget and became effective on January 1, 2021, prohibit insurers from denying hospital claims for administrative reasons, require insurers to use national coding guidelines when reviewing hospital claims, and shorten timeframes for insurers to make medical necessity determinations.

Superintendent of Financial Services Linda A. Lacewell said, "DFS will continue to remove roadblocks to New Yorkers receiving the healthcare they deserve. DFS commends the insurance industry for its collaboration on today's guidance."

The circular letter advises insurers of the following important new requirements:

o Insurers must not deny a payment for medically necessary services based on a hospital's noncompliance with an insurer's administrative requirements.

o Insurers must make a determination on a preauthorization request for inpatient rehabilitation services following an inpatient hospital admission within one business day from the receipt of necessary information.

o Insurers must make a determination with regard to a nonexpedited appeal of an adverse determination within 30 calendar days of receipt of the necessary information to conduct the appeal.

o Insurers must not deny a preauthorized service on retrospective review using different standards than used for the preauthorization review.

o Insurers must pay claims, submitted through the internet or electronically, within 30 days of receipt when the insurer's obligation to pay the claim is reasonably clear and, if additional information is needed, payment must be made within 15 days of a determination that payment is due.

Read a copy of the circular letter on the DFS website.

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# DEC Warns Aquarium Owners About Invasive Zebra Mussels Found in ''Moss Balls''

Consumers Encouraged to Follow U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Disposal Directions to Prevent Spread of Harmful Invasive Species

# Pet Stores Urged to Remove Moss Balls Immediately

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is urging pet and aquarium stores and consumers to immediately remove and properly dispose of commercially purchased "moss balls" for aquariums after invasive zebra mussels were discovered inside and on some of these products, as reported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Consumers should be advised that moss ball products purchased from PetSmart and Petco may be subject to a voluntary product recall.

Zebra mussels are an aquatic invasive species (AIS) that can cause environmental and economic harm. Several species of algae comprise moss balls, which are two to five inches in diameter. Zebra mussel larvae are so small that people cannot see them. If released, these larvae

can cause great harm to waterbodies. Consumers are advised to remove and properly dispose of any moss balls purchased within the last year by following these steps:

Dispose of moss balls removed from tanks in a sealed garbage bag. Other aquarium plants should also be disposed of as they may harbor zebra mussels;

To disinfect a tank after safely removing any animals, apply household bleach - one cup of bleach per gallon of water - and let it sit for 10 minutes before disposing of water down the sink or toilet;

Disinfect filters, gravel, and structures with a solution of bleach. Water from filters must also be treated with household bleach before disposing of water down the sink or drain;

For larger tanks that cannot be easily drained, email isinfo@dec.ny.gov for instructions;

If zebra mussels are in a tank or on a moss ball, take a photo if possible and report the observation via email isinfo@dec.ny.gov, or by phone, 518-402-9405; and

Be advised, just because zebra mussels might not be seen does not mean their larvae are not present.

Zebra mussels can quickly take over once established in a waterbody. These invasive pests will disrupt the food chain, change water chemistry, and clog water intake and delivery systems for drinking water, irrigation, and hydro power. Live mussels released into a storm drain or flushed could be introduced into a waterway, starting a new population and causing significant damage.

AIS are non-native aquatic plants and animals that can cause environmental and economic harm, as well as harm to human health. New Yorkers can help protect the state's waters by preventing AIS from entering lakes, rivers, and ponds from aquarium releases. To find more information about DEC's guidelines for aquarium and pet owners, visit DEC's website.

Invasive species are plants, animals, insects, and pathogens that are not native to an area and cause harm to the environment, agriculture, the economy, or human health. All New Yorkers can support the fight against invasive species by helping to locate and map infestations, using only local firewood, using Clean Drain Dry techniques to properly clean watercraft before and after boating, making informed choices for aquariums and aquatic gardens, and removing invasive species from the yard. To learn more about AIS, go to the DEC website.

For more information regarding moss ball product recalls, visit Petco and PetSmart.



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# Interview With The Author: Harry Farthing (From Pg. 5)

# How did your first book get published? How long did it take?

My first novel, SUMMIT, was written when I moved to the USA and had the time and space to try something that I had always wanted to do. It was a very spontaneous process and, facing the inevitable raft of rejections for what I naively thought was a finished product, I self-published the weighty manuscript in a rather bull-headed way. The book did however gain some traction and through the assistance of a former Editor-in-Chief of Time Inc. who considered it a story with potential if properly edited and nationally published, I gained representation by Will Roberts at the Gernert Literary Agency, an excellent editor in Madeline Hopkins, and a three book publishing deal with Blackstone starting with THE GHOST MOTHS.

#### Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from? Do you use long, detailed and in-depth descriptions of your characters and their environs?

I think Kirkus nailed it in their review of THE GHOST MOTHS by saying that I was 'equally interested in adventure, mystery, spiritualism, and history and the symbiotic relationships among them.' These are indeed my interests with the odd old motorcycle thrown in for good measure. For the story ideas I then target these interests with what I call my five Ms - mountains, mystery, magic, mayhem, and murder - to build a hopefully thrilling and intriguing adventure story. I tend in my writing to give more detailed descriptions of places and conditions, particularly in the climbing scenes, to try and transport the reader to the scenes of the action. For the characters I focus less on physical description but build them instead through their back-stories, dialogue and behaviour, particularly under pressure.

# Do you plot-outline or wing it? What method do you use to keep track of plot details?

At the outset I have a fairly clear idea of where the story going even if like the best-laid travel plans I will then get off track, take wrong turns, and sometimes breakdown. As in actual adventure travel, such events often lead to the unexpected and sometimes produce better ideas and opportunities for the story. I do however keep close attention to the overall results as my plots are quite multi-faceted and all the elements included need to interlink. I edit heavily myself as I work and, in doing so, will follow each of the main themes separately through the manuscript in long hand notes to try and pick up any non-sequiturs or plot holes, a process that looks like this:



# Are any of your characters autobiographical? What makes a character compelling? What makes a character despicable?

I have been asked this many times and the answer is yes and no. some of my characters are definitely influenced by my own experiences, particularly in visiting the places and climbing the mountains that I write about. The characters themselves are however actually amalgams of people and personalities I have either read about in the history of the places I mention, might have met in my travels or perhaps would like to have met, and pure invention. I test my characters a lot in my stories and how they respond is what I think makes them compelling. My bad guys are very bad but perhaps not as inflated or far-fetched as some of my reviewers would like to believe. The Himalaya have seen a fair amount of despicable behaviour over the years. . .

## What's your next project?

I am currently exploring some ideas around the last days of Lawrence of Arabia and the lead up to World War 2 in England.

# Do you write under another name? If so: Why?

No. I was once told that if I couldn't sell books with a name like Harry Farthing then I simply wasn't trying hard enough! Wow! Is all we can think of to say. All best wishes for continued success, and please, keep 'em coming!

For more information: http://www.harryfarthing.com

## **BIO:**

Harry Farthing is an Englishman born in 1964 in Lynton, North Devon, and raised in the West Country. He was educated at St. Michael's Preparatory School, near Barnstaple, Allhallows Public School, near Lyme Regis, and at the University of the West of England in Bristol. From 1987 he enjoyed a successful career with one of the world's largest commercial real estate consultancies. During this period, he lived and worked in the City of London, Lisbon, Portugal and Milan, Italy, becoming Managing Director of the company's Italian operations and European Board Director with responsibility for activities in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bahrain and Qatar. In 2010 he took early retirement to move with his American wife to Charleston, South Carolina, and pursue a career in writing.

Harry Farthing has had a lifelong interest in exploration, archaeology and world history, both published and alternate. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and has travelled widely to extreme environments such as the Sahara Desert, the Himalaya, the Amazon and the Arctic North. An experienced mountaineer, he has climbed extensively, including Mt Blanc and the Matterhorn in the Alps, Mt McKinley in Alaska, Shishapangma, the highest mountain in Tibet, and Mount Everest itself. In 2010 he successfully led all thirteen members of a charity climb to the summit of Kilimanjaro in Africa. In 2011 he made a solo 7,500 mile journey across North America by BMW Motorcycle that linked the Atlantic, Arctic and Pacific Oceans and travelled 2,000 miles of unpaved roads above the 60th Parallel. That trip was the latest in a series of extreme motorcycle journeys that started with a ride from the UK to the Moroccan Sahara when he was just nineteen.

# Gillibrand Urges New Yorkers to File Electronically to Quickly Access American Rescue Plan's Child Tax Credit and EITC

 Expansion of CTC AND EITC Are Sharpest Tools We Have to Dramatically Cut Poverty in New York
 The Child Tax Credit Will Benefit 87% of Children Across New York State

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging New Yorkers to file their taxes electronically to quickly access major anti-poverty provisions in the American Rescue Plan like the now fully refundable Child Tax Credit, which will provide annual payments of \$3,600 for children under 6 years old and \$3,000 for those between the ages of 6 and 17, and an expanded Earn Income Tax Credit (EITC) available to more low-income earning families. Across New York state, 87% of children under the age of 18 would benefit from the expansion of the Child Tax Credit alone.

"Finally, everyone can get the full value of the Child Tax Credit, including low-income families who have shouldered the worst of the pandemic and need relief quickly," said Senator Gillibrand. "The American Rescue Plan's expansion of the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit together form the sharpest and timeliest tools we have to arm families against poverty. I am urging New Yorkers to take advantage of the newly available financial boost they need to take care of their children and themselves during a major public health crisis."

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Child Tax Credit alone will help 3.5 million New York state children under 18 years old.

Background on available help for New Yorkers:

• Free tax filing assistance sites are available to help people prepare and file tax returns. In addition to the VITA Locator Tool, which searches for free return preparation sites by Zip Code, you can search for free tax preparation sites by State and County or Zip code using this link - VITA / TCE / AARP Sites (irs.gov). The VITA Locator Tool can also help New Yorkers find free online appointments for tax preparation help. Some locations

are online and others are in-person, depending on the location.

• If a VITA or TCE site is not available in your area, IRS encourages people to try the IRS Free File program. The Free File program allows most people to use commercial online software, at no cost, to prepare and electronically file their tax return. On the Free File home page, users can browse the full list of online offers to pick the one that best fits their needs.

• Free online tax help for military service members, families & some veterans: Military OneSource's tax service MilTax, provides online software for eligible individuals to electronically file a federal return and up to three state returns for free.

# Tri-Valley Lions Calico Geese Quilt Raffle



Drawing- June 1, 2021 (Winner does not need to be present to win) Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 3 tickets.

Tickets will be available from: Gene Froehlich 845-439-4921 Mary Lou Vernooy 845-434-7781 Terry Delaney 845-434-8696

All funds raised from the sale of the raffle tickets will go right into the Tri-Valley Lions Charity Account so our group can continue its mission to support Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Lions Cancer Awareness, 5 local food pantries, eye tests and glasses for those in our community who are unable to afford these on their own due to lack of insurance, assistance to those in our community that have had catastrophic illnesses, or the misfortune of loss due to fire, The Heart-A-Thon, Diabetes awareness, and so many more causes.

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# Mother Goose is Back in Town - L. Comando

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# **Spinach Quiche**

1/2 cup butter 3 cloves garlic, chopped 1 small onion, chopped 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained 1 (4.5 ounce) can mushrooms, drained 1 (6 ounce) package herb and garlic feta, crumbled 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese 4 eggs, beaten 1 cup milk Salt and pepper to taste 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).

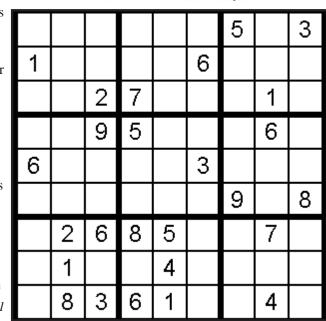
In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Saute garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, feta and 1/2cup Cheddar cheese.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Pour spinach mixture into eggs and milk and mix thoroughly.

Pour into the pastry shell.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle top with remaining Cheddar cheese, and bake an additional 35 to 40 minutes, until set in center. Allow to stand 10 minutes before serving.





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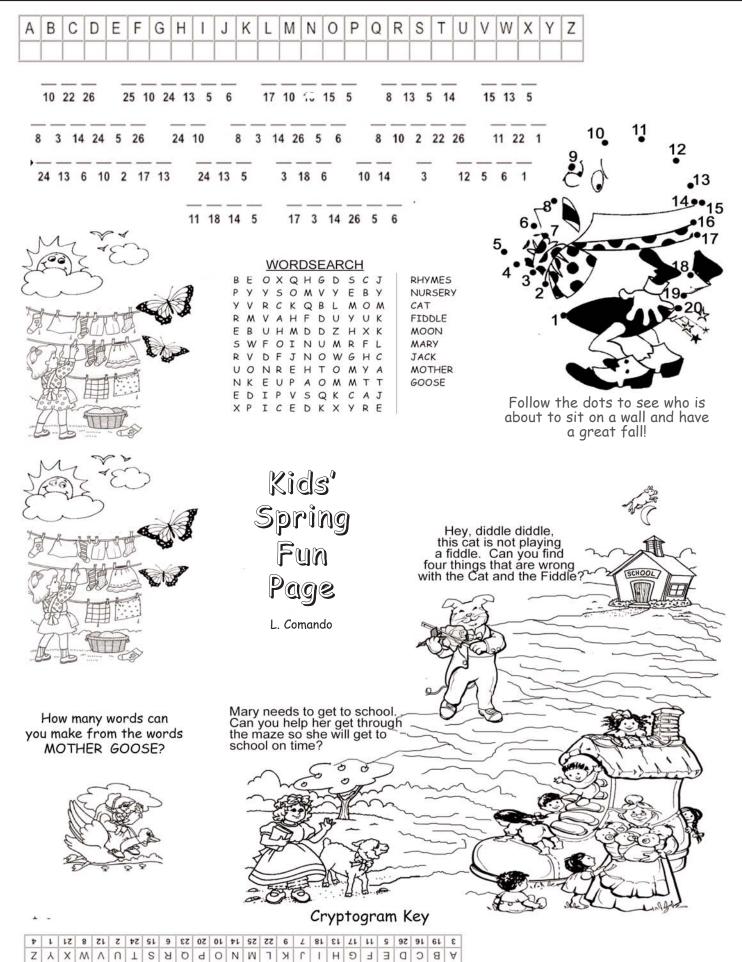
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# March-April Activities Planned for Sam's Point

# Hike to Verkeerder Kill Falls at Sam's Point

Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:30 AM - 03:00 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

Join Alexa Maione, Student Conservation Association /AmeriCorps Education and Stewardship Assistant, for a hike to Verkeerderkill Falls. Falling 187 feet over a dramatic rocky ledge, Verkeerderkill Falls is the highest waterfall in the Shawangunk Mountains. We'll walk through a dwarf pitch pine forest and enjoy views of the Hudson Valley below. While this five-and-a-half-mile hike does not have significant elevation gain, it does include some steep, rocky terrain and a stream crossing. Please bring a lunch, water, and appropriate clothing for the weather including sturdy footwear and traction devices. If enough snow is present, participants are welcome to use snowshoes. Snowshoes are available for rent at the Sam's Point Visitor Center at the rate of \$5 per person for the program. Early arrival is requested for snowshoe rental. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is limited to twelve individuals. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989.

Registration: Required

# Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons at Sam's Point Preserve

Saturday, March 20 & March 27, 2021 11:00 AM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

This opportunity is being offered at 11:00 a.m. every Saturday in December, January, February, and March, weather permitting. It is designed for people who are beginners, interested in trying snowshoeing as a new winter activity. Each session will be run by a Sam's Point employee who will provide instruction on how to properly wear and adjust the snowshoes, as well as work with you until you are ready to head out on your favorite trail with confidence. The lesson may last up to one hour. Snowshoes are available to rent for this program at a discounted rate of \$5 per person at the Sam's Point Visitor Center.

# Early Spring Tree Identification at the Cragsmoor Library

Saturday, March 27, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:00 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-4611

How can you tell trees apart when they have no leaves? Join Environmental Educators from the Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve for this exciting, hands-on program at the Cragsmoor Free Library to learn how! We will explore and learn about different types of bark patterns, and tree identification basics. During this program, we will walk around the library to look at our local trees. This free, family-friendly program is recommended for children over the age of seven and up, accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Pre-registration is required by calling Nancy Krum, Library Director at 845-647-4611 or by emailing nancy@cragsmoorfreelibrary.info Registration: Required

#### **Citizen Science Plant Hike at Sam's Point**

Sunday, March 28, 2021 01:00 PM - 03:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

When do the flowers bloom? When do the leaves fall? We are very curious to find out! In this program, you will learn all about phenology, the study of how plants and animals change throughout the seasons, while working as a citizen scientist to collect information about the plants in our park. We will be offering this hike once a month at Sam's Point to monitor seasonal changes in plants along the Loop Road. Along this roughly one-mile route, you will encounter a variety of flowers, ferns, shrubs, and trees which change as you move up in elevation. This program is recommended for children over the age of eight, but everyone is welcome to join us. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is limited\_to fifteen individuals. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center. Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989.

Registration: Required

# Guided Loop around Lake Maratanza at Sam's Point

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:30 AM - 01:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

Join us for this three-mile hike to view magnificent Lake Maratanza. On our way back to the Visitor Center, we will stop at the Sam's Point Overlook, where on a clear day there is a great view of the Wallkill Valley, the Catskills, and much more. If enough snow is present, participants are welcome to use snow-shoes. Snowshoes are available for rent at the Sam's Point Visitor Center at the rate of \$5 per person for the program. Early arrival is requested for snowshoe rentals. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is\_limit-ed\_to fifteen individuals. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center.\_Pre-registration is required\_by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required

# Geology Hike around Lake Maratanza at Sam's Point

Friday, April 2, 2021 10:30 AM - 01:30 PM Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point Area (845) 647-7989

Join Becca Howe-Parisio, Interpretive Ranger, for this threemile loop walk to view the magnificent Lake Maratanza. On our way to the Lake, we will stop at the Sam's Point Overlook, where we will discover some features left by the last glaciers. At the Lake, we will discuss the geologic process of how it was formed. Pack a lunch and sit on the shore to enjoy a mid-day picnic. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Due to COVID protocols, the total number of participants for this program is limited\_to fifteen individuals. All participants must wear face coverings or keep a minimum six-foot distance away from others who are not part of your immediate household. Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center Pre-registration is required by calling Sam's Point at 845-647-7989. Registration: Required

Vist the website for details: https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?pk=193

# THE TOWNSMAN

# **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES** PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st, 2021.

A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411, during normal business hours. Failure to file as required will be subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Monforte, RMC Denning Town Clerk February 24th, 2021

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# TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT O PPORTUNITY - (2) TEMPORARY SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORKERS

This temporary position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks including flagging, road patching, raking, painting, mowing, weedwacking and general maintenance throughout the Town. Applicant must be at least 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. Experience with various mowing equipment a plus. Drug and alcohol testing is required.

The position is open May 1st to September 30th at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly.

Applications must be received by April 9, 2021. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845)985-2281.

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# **ATTENTION:**

#### PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

**The Tri-Valley Central School District** in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2021-2022 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2021.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, New York 12740

By Order of the Board of Education.

Norma Peña District Clerk March 4, 2021

# District Opening Tri-Valley Central School

# School Nurse

LPN/RN License Required Variable Hours w/ Competitive Salary

Please forward resumes & Tri-Valley's application (located at www.trivalleycsd.org) **ASAP** To: tri-valley-recruitment@scboces.org Attn: Nurse Search EOE

# Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Anticipated Executive Session, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting #19.

If meetings are still being conducted virtually, they will be broadcast on YouTube Live: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkl224vKQ8 nAWhR6NVao24w/live

**The Neversink Fire District will be holding a Workshop** on Insurance Coverage for the District's Property on Tuesday March 16th, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Hall. The Workshop is open to the public. Please follow Covid-19 regulations if you plan on attending. Thank you.

The Neversink Board of Commissioners

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# PETITIONS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

FALLSBURG, NY-Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education of the Fallsburg School District will be available in the Central Office on Monday, March 15, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district. They must be returned to the District Clerk before 5:00 PM on April 19, 2021.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Ms. Jennifer Reinhardt - 3 year term Mr. Michael Weiner - 3 year term Dr. Sean Wall-Carty- 3 year term

Each vacancy is a separate office and separate petition is required to nominate a candidate to each separate office.

If you have any questions, please call Sarah Satz, District Clerk at 434-6800, ext. 1215.

# The Village of Monticello Planning Board Meeting

The Village of Monticello Planning Board will be having a meeting by video conference and in person on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:00pm. There will be two (2) Public Hearings at this meeting. The first one is for Yeshiva Beth Joseph Zvi Dushinsky-102 Waverly Ave (SBL#121-1-16), the applicant is proposing to add an additional structure to an existing place of worship. The second one is for Monticello Mews LLC f/k/a Castle Heights West LLC- West Broadway between Dollard Drive and Dunbar Road (S-B-L 109.-1-1.2 & 109.-1-25.11), the applicant is proposing a housing complex consisting of 187 attached Townhouse units in 24 separate 2-story buildings. For those that desire to view the meeting via the ZOOM app and the following information will be needed to access the meeting:

## **Topic: Planning Board Meeting**

Time: Apr 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84578143405 Meeting ID: 845 7814 3405 <u>One tap mobile</u>

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Meeting ID: 845 7814 3405

Find your local number:

https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k2Gn9nITe

All are welcomed to view this meeting at the said date and time.

Village of Monticello

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

# Please Be Advised:

The Village of Monticello Board of Trustees will be holding their Regular Village Board Meeting by video and teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, and applicable COVID guidelines, Executive Orders of the State and Resolutions of the Village, the public will not be permitted to attend in person on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be available to the Public via the ZOOM app and the following information will be needed to access the meeting:

There will also be three (3) Public Hearings at this meeting to discuss the following proposed local laws, Local Law #1 of 2021, entitled, "E-Codes Codification", Local Law #2 of 2021, entitled, "the Continuation or Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses" and Local Law #3 of 2021 "Parkland Fees in the Village of Monticello"

## **Topic: Village Board Regular Meeting**

Time: Mar 17, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting : https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83379330790

Meeting ID: 833 7933 0790

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# Please Be Advised:

Please be advised that Waverly Avenue will be closed from Mill Street to Spark Drive on Monday, March 15th and Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 for construction repairs of the bridge in that area. Please find an alternate route of travel during these two days. Village Clerk

Janine Gandy-McKinney

# **Fallsburg School District**

# 2021-2022 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

# 2021-2022 Registración de Prekinder y Kinder

• Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2021.

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• Kindergarten Registration will take place from March 1st through March 19th.

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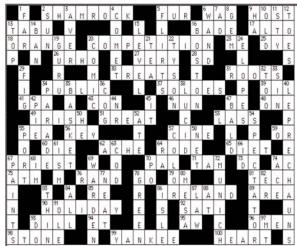
If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Liberty, NY please go to: *stpeters/bulletin*  As New York begins to open allowing churches to once againhave services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.



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. Immacu-late Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

## Ans to last week's Crossword





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**ARTISTS • CRAFTERS** Need a place to show and sell your crafts? Call us at 845-985-0501 email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or visit our Virtual Mall http://gnomehomeinc.com

# SC Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly, and perennials. Seedling varieties allow for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is April 12, 2021.

# SCDW is calling for original plays

to be presented at the Rivoli Theatre TheSullivan County Dramatic Workshop is calling for original plays to be present-ed at the Rivoli Theatre May 7 through May 16, 2021. In the event that theatres are not allowed to open due to New York State covid restrictions, SCDW will present these plays in a virtual format. All plays chosen must meet the following requirements: Running time must be no longer than 10 minutes from curtain to curtain (strictly 0

enforced) Plays must be presented in a black box format with minimal set and prop needs 0 (the Executive Director reserves the right to determine if the chosen plays meet this requirement)

Vulgar language and topics will not be accepted for submission

Play submissions must be in an electronic format and submitted to the Executive Director no later than **April 1**. Plays submitted after that date may not be given consideration. Scripts must be double spaced and use Calibri 12 or Times New Roman 12 fonts. Authors will be notified of their play being selected for performance no later than April 8.

SCDW reserves the right to present the selected plays without payment of a royalty to the author. 12 to 16 plays will be selected at the discretion of the Executive Director and Reading Committee. Each selected play will be performed three times either the weekend of May 7 or the weekend of May 14 at the discretion of the Executive Director.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Harold Tighe at haroldtighe50@gmail.com.

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EXTENDED

HOUSE
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Starting March 8th

MONDAY - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm TUESDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm WEDNESDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm THURSDAY - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm FRIDAY - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm SATURDAY - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Curbside pick up will continue to be available every day from 9:00 am until a half hour before closing time.

# Governor Cuomo Signs The COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Businessess Act of 2021 Establishing Eviction and Foreclosure Protections for Small Business

• Legislation (S471A/A3207) Establishes Eviction Protections for Small Businesses That Demonstrate a Financial Hardship

## • Legislation Establishes Foreclosure Protections to Small Businesses with 10 or Less Units

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed the COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Businesses Act of 2021 (S471A/A3207) establishing eviction and foreclosure protections for small businesses. These new protections build-off of the Governor's Executive Order and commercial eviction and foreclosure moratorium that has protected businesses in New York State from eviction or foreclosure since COVID-19 first arrived in New York in March 2020. The legislation will initially apply to small businesses with under 50 employees that demonstrate a financial hardship, as well as small businesses with 10 or less units.

"New York has gone to extraordinary lengths to protect and strengthen our economy throughout the war on COVID, and it is critical that we continue to provide support as we ramp up our vaccination efforts across the state," Governor Cuomo said. "By signing the COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Business Act of 2021 we are strengthening the backbone of our economy - our small businesses that have faced unprecedented hardships - and this legislation will be instrumental in helping build New York's economy back better than ever before."

The Governor has reached an agreement with the Legislature to expand the protections in the original legislation to additional business owners and landlords suffering financial hardship. When the new legislation is signed into law, the agreement will expand protections to small businesses with 100 or fewer employees, and to any business with 500 or fewer employees that was closed to in-person operations by executive order or department of health directive for two or more weeks between May 15, 2020 and May 1, 2021.

The COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Businesses Act of 2021 builds on a number of other measures the Governor has taken to protect residents and businesses facing financial hardship. Governor Cuomo first announced a State moratorium on residential and commercial evictions on March 20 for a period of 90 days to ensure no tenant was evicted during the height of the public health emergency. The commercial eviction and foreclosure moratorium was extended multiple times by Executive Order.

The COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (S.9114/A.11181), signed into law by the Governor in December, prevented residential evictions, foreclosure proceedings, credit discrimination and negative credit reporting related to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also extends the Senior Citizens' Homeowner Exemption and Disabled Homeowner Exemption from 2020 to 2021. The Act added to New York State's efforts to protect tenants and homeowners from the economic hardship incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor signed the Tenant Safe Harbor Act on June 30, which became effective immediately and extended the eviction moratorium for tenants until the Emergency expires. Additionally, Governor Cuomo signed legislation to provide financial assistance to residential renters to provide relief during the public health emergency. Governor Cuomo also has provided additional protections for residential renters from charges for late payment of rent, and allowed tenants to use security deposits to pay rent for residential tenants by Executive Order.

Senator Anna Kaplan said, "Our small businesses have been hit hard by the pandemic, and they need our help if they're going to survive these challenging times. The COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Businesses Act, which I'm proud to have introduced, will hit the pause button on eviction and foreclosure proceedings for small businesses that are struggling, giving them a shot at survival, and giving them the opportunity to get back on their feet without the looming threat of being closed down for good just because they've fallen behind during the pandemic."

Assemblymember Harry Bronson said, "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and equally important the backbone of our communities. These small businesses, especially those in economically disadvantaged communities, or those owned by people of color, have been even more disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. This legislation seeks to give these small businesses a fighting chance to emerge from this pandemic by helping both the business and their small business commercial landlord."

# Please Wear a Face Mask



Out of respect. When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect my neighbors. When you wear a mask you are saying, I respect nurses and doctors. When you wear a mask you are saying,

I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

# THE TOWNSMAN

# CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

3/16/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

3/18/21 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall

4/6/21 Claryville Fire District 6:30 pm Warren Cole Hall in Claryville

- 4/7/21 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (App submission Dt. 3/24/21)
- 3/9/21 Town of Denning Town Board and Business meeting at Denning Town Hall 6:00 pm (Please note: 2nd Tuesday)

4/2/21 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY

4/4/21 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - Regular

4/20/21 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

#### Save the Date!

#### Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021 Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

## 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.

#### PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS Town of Denning - http://www.denning.us Town of Neversink - https://townofneversink.org

# **Ulster County Legislature Weekly Update** for the week of March 15 - March 19, 2021

#### Monday, March 15

o 6:00 PM - Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 876 6071 2554, Passcode: 663305, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656 o 6:00 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 921 5590 1327, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 7:00 PM (or immediately following Laws & Rules, Governmental Services) -Caucus: Democrats Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 987 1140 6636, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

#### Tuesday, March 16

o 5:00 PM - Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 933 5807 0789, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 6:15 PM (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) - Caucus: Republicans Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 949 5827 3810, By Phone Dial: (646) 558-8656

o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2020 A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law

o 7:05 PM - Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 15 of 2020 A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter And Article XXX Of The Ulster County Administrative Code To Eliminate Amend The Term Limit Imposed On Commissioners

o 7:10 PM - Public Hearing on Application for US Department of Housing CDBG Funds Administered by NYS Office of Community Renewal - Housing Activities

o 7:15 PM - Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of Agricultural Markets Law, Regarding The 8-Year Review Of Agricultural District No. 1

o 7:20 PM - Public Hearing on Application for US Dept. of Housing CDBG Funds Administered by NYS Office of Community Renewal - Economic Development & Small Business Assistance

o Immediately Following the Public Hearings - Legislative Session

Powered by Zoom Meeting and available via vimeo livestream at https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203

Public Comment administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to vfab@co.ulster.ny.us

# **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.

Wednesday, March 17 o 9:00 AM - Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone (646) 558-8656

o 10:30 AM (or immediately following the UC IDA) Ulster County Capital Resources Corporation Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 4111 9687, By Phone (646) 558-8656

#### Thursday, March 18

o 5:30 PM - Youth Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 997 2737 2088, Passcode: 178045, Dial in Number: (646) 558-8656

#### Friday, March 19

o No Meetings

Regards,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk Ulster County Legislature -

# Spring Online Spring Storytime 2021

Storytime is a fun learning experience that parents and children can share together. These classes are filled with stories, songs, movement, and crafts for pre-school children of all ages. We truly hope you can join us for our 8 week virtual storytime via Zoom, from the comfort of your home.

Give your child a head start by enrolling him/her in one of these valuable programs today and help your child get ready to read!

Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, April 14th

- Toddler Time (24–35 months) Beginning Thursday, April 15th
- Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, April 16th

All programs will begin at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and run through Friday, June 4th. After registering your child for their program, we will email you information specific to your program; including dates and times for curbside pick-up of program material and weekly Zoom invitations.

> Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents. Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

These programs are free and made possible through the generosity of our wonderful community!

# With Nearly all Ulster County Teachers Vaccinated – UC Dept of Health Says that Schools Can Open with Safety Measures Put in Place

• Through a series of public health measures and safety and recommendations, Ulster County has created a path for schools to open for in-person learning safely and responsibly

• Ulster County has prioritized the vaccination of educators and school district staff to allow for reopening, with over 95% who requested it vaccinated

# • Individual districts will ultimately make the final decision on reopening with parents being afforded the opportunity to keep their children at home should they choose

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced that the Ulster County Department of Health has introduced new guidance for schools to safely re-open for in-person learning. Ulster County prioritized vaccinating teachers, and school staff, with over 95% who requested it vaccinated, to facilitate full-time in-person learning, allowing schools to reopen safely. Outlined as a part of the reopening procedures are continued testing and contact tracing, the inclusion of sneeze guard barriers, and several other public health measures. Parents will continue to have the option to hold their children from in-person learning if they choose.

"Safely reopening schools is critical for our parents, our students, our educators, and our economy," said County Executive Ryan. "My top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our residents and we are 100% committed to working with our school districts to ensure a safe reopening process. We will continue to provide any and all resources to our schools and we will closely monitor the public health situation in order to proactively respond to any potential public health scenario."

"The Ulster County Health Department believes it is possible for a safe return to full-time in-person learning. Ultimately, it is a decision that must be made by each school district with consultation with all stakeholders including teachers, parents, and others in the school community," said Ulster County Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith. "Factors of overall health, including mental health impacts, socialization, and additional resources for students with disabilities must be weighed against the risks of a possible increase in local in-school transmission. Ulster County stands ready to assist the districts in whatever way necessary to ensure that those that choose to resume full-time in-person schooling can do so in the safest way possible."

Ulster County school districts adopted a hybrid model of learning during the fall and winter season with some students opting for remote only and some students learning exclusively in person. Due to the efforts of the school administrations to keep students and teachers safe, little evidence of local transmission within the schools was noted.

" I'd like to thank Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith for issuing these scientifically based recommendations as a guide for our local school districts to consider as they decide how and when to bring our students back to in-person education on a more regular basis," said Ulster County BOCES Superintendent Charles Khoury. "The decision by the County Executive to prioritize the vaccination of all K-12 staff when vaccines first became available for this group in January has led to the reality that all K-12 staff who wanted the vaccine will be fully vaccinated no later than mid-April. This will allow us to reach our mutually desired goal; bringing all students and staff back into our buildings to participate in the education programs with their teachers and classmates."

"I would like to thank Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Ulster County Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith, for making the necessary changes to allow students to attend more days of in-person learning while keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe," said Wallkill Central School District Superintendent Kevin Castle. "I want to thank the efforts of the Ulster County Department of Health and County Executive Pat Ryan for taking the time to listen and collaborate with the local schools," Saugerties Central School District Superintendent Kirk Reinhardt. "Our families and community have faced many hardships since last March, the ability to increase in-person instruction is going to dramatically help and support our children."

The memo from the Department of Health stated that all schools should use multiple strategies to mitigate transmission. Five key mitigation strategies are outlined as essential to safe delivery of inperson instruction:

• Universal and correct use of masks

- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

• Testing and contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the health department

Ulster County has also worked with the school districts to provide PPE and COVID-19 rapid tests. Ulster County believes that if the following measures are taken, schools should be able to operate full-time in person 4 or 5 days a week during the balance of this year and continue to keep in-school transmission low like it was in the fall prior to the holiday season. Ultimately, it is the choice of the local school district to make the decision on how and when to return to full-time in-person school. These measures, which serve as the foundation for safe school reopening, are as follows:

• All relevant stakeholders should be involved in this decision process

• Intense preparation should take place prior to school reopening to ensure that all feasible, practical, and acceptable migration measures are in place.

• It is also critically important to develop strategies that can be quickly revised and adapted, depending on the level of viral transmission in the school and throughout the community, as this may change rapidly.

• Social distancing of 6 feet is still considered by the CDC and the NYSDOH to be the best measure to reduce virus spread, however, if 6 feet of separation is not attainable, then the installation of barriers such as sneeze guards and partitions may be considered, however the spacing must be at least 3 feet.

• Add physical barriers, such as plastic flexible screens, between bathroom sinks especially when they cannot be at least 6 feet apart.

• Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that staff and children remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times (e.g. guides for creating "one-way routes" in hallways).

• Close communal use shared spaces such as dining halls and playgrounds with shared playground equipment if possible; otherwise, stagger use and clean between use.

• Turn desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other), or have students sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart.

• Modify learning stations and activities as applicable so there are fewer students per group, placed at least 6 feet apart if possible.

• Create distance between children on school buses (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) when possible.

• As the weather gets warmer, classes should only take mask breaks outdoors and with students more than 6 feet socially distanced.

• Continue to offer remote learning and allow parents to opt out of in-person learning

In the memo, the Ulster County Department of Health offered support to help implement mitigation measures and to discuss the safety plans that a school district wishes to put in place.

By Saturday, March 13, 2021, all teachers and school staff members who requested the COVID-19 vaccine will have been vaccinated with at least one dose and will have completed both doses by the time they return from Spring Break.

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# MARCH 18, 2021

# Time and the Valleys Museum Scholarship Available for Graduating Tri-Valley School District Seniors

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A \$500 scholarship is now available for graduating Tri-Valley Seniors from the Time and the Valleys Museum. To help raise interest in the history of our community and the importance of the connections between water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum has created a scholarship for Tri-Valley Central High School's graduating seniors.

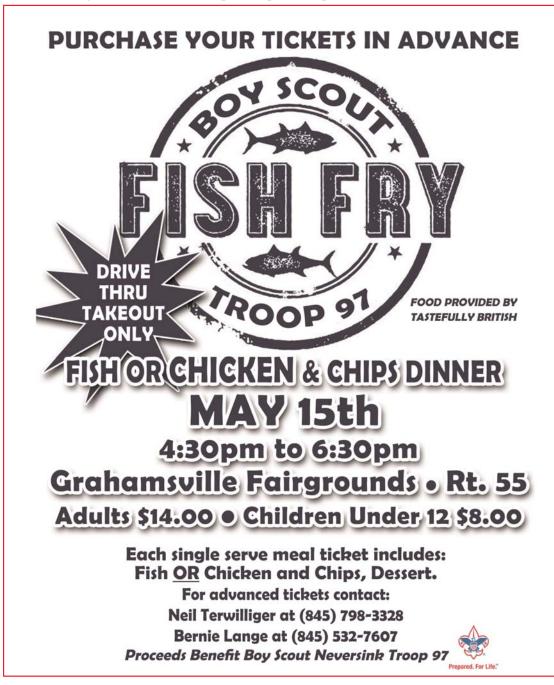
Interested students should be in good academic standing, with an average of 80 or above and plan to pursue a post sec-

ondary course of study at a two or four year college or technical school. They need to complete and submit the following: application form, transcripts and a one page essay about the importance of water, people and the Catskills. The essay and attachments must be submitted to the Tri-Valley CSD Guidance office by **May 15th.** Applications are available from the TVCSD Guidance office and the Time and the Valleys Museum. For more information, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

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, (2021 days and hours still to be determined) and weekends in September.

# **Current exhibitions:**

o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout



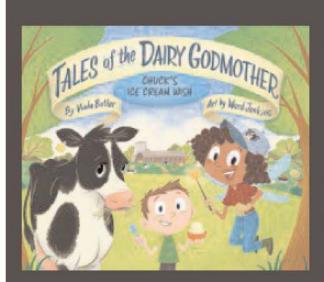
and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

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

• 1930s Lost Catskill Farm (open weekends only)

• NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening May, 2021.

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.



# Celebrate Agriculture Literacy Day with the Daniel Pierce Library

Virtually on Friday, March 19th at 10 a.m.

People say, "be careful what you wish for," but what harm could wishing for endless ice cream be? With the help of his Dairy Godmother, Chuck is taken—poof!—on a memorable and delicious adventure to a dairy farm. He finds out exactly where ice cream comes from and gains an even deeper love and appreciation for his favorite food. Have YOU ever wondered where ice cream comes from? Let's find out!

> Tri Valley Residents only. Advanced online registration required @ danielpiercelibrary.org for Zoom Link and Ice Cream Recipe!



# Daniel Pierce Library

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# Sullivan Democrats Endorse Judicial Candidates

Sullivan County- March 10, 2021 -At its virtual convention on March 3rd, the Sullivan County Democratic Committee unanimously endorsed Ulster County attorneys Kevin R. Bryant and David Gandin for the New York State Supreme Court, 3rd Judicial District.

Mr. Bryant currently serves as Corporation Counsel for the City of Kingston and has practiced law for over 20 years. Mr. Bryant said 'I'm honored to earn the Sullivan County Democratic Committee's endorsement for Supreme Court Justice in New York's 3rd judicial district. I want to thank their members for taking the time to consider my candidacy, the qualifications and experience I'll bring to the bench and look forward to sharing that with Sullivan County and the 3rd judicial district voters.'

Mr. Gandin has practiced law since 1995 and currently serves as Principal Court Attorney for the Supreme Court Judge, the Honorable Maria G. Rosa. "I am grateful to the Sullivan County Democrats for their endorsement and support. Along with my experience working in the Supreme Court as Principal Court Attorney for Justice Rosa, I bring to my candidacy a determination to provide equal justice for all, the expertise to justly and effectively adjudicate the wide range of matters that come before the Supreme Court and a commitment to public service." said Mr. Gandin.

The Sullivan County Democratic Committee also unanimously endorsed ten delegates and alternates who will attend the judicial nominating convention in August. The 3rd Judicial District encompasses seven counties - Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021. To volunteer with the Sullivan County Democrats, please visit our website at Get Involved - Sullivan County Democratic Committee (scnydc.org). or send an email to scdcsecy@gmail.com.

The mission of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee is to inspire and encourage the greatest number of Democrats to participate in the affairs of the Democratic Party of Sullivan County, to insure the continuing success of the Democratic Party and to elect Democratic Candidates to provide the best possible responsible government for the people of Sullivan County, its Towns and the State of New York.

# UC Office of Economic Development Announces New Information Regarding How Busineses Can Start to Reopen

The Ulster County Office of Economic Development has shared new information regarding how businesses can start to reopen.

Ulster County businesses will be able to open more fully in the coming weeks, thanks to new state regulations that will permit weddings to occur and arts and entertainment venues to reopen, as well as restaurants to host patrons at 75 % capacity. Specifically:

• Beginning March 15th: Weddings and Catered Events Can Resume Statewide following guidelines HERE.

• Beginning March 19th: Restaurants can move to 75% Indoor Capacity. The Food Services guidelines will be updated with this information.

- Beginning March 22nd:
- Non-residential Social Gatherings

- Indoor maximum will increase to 100 people
- Outdoor maximum will increase to 200 people

• Beginning March 26th: Indoor Family Entertainment Centers Can Open limited to 25% capacity though guidelines have not yet been issued.

• Beginning April 2nd: Event, Arts and Entertainment Venues Can Reopen, though guidelines have not yet been issued

• Restricted to 33% capacity, up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors

• With proof of a negative COVID test prior to entry, capacity can increase up to 150 people indoors and up to 500 people outdoors

• Beginning April 9th: Outdoor Amusement Parks Can Open at 33% capacity though guidelines have not yet been issued.

# Join Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Presentations: Maranda Nemeth from the Atlantic Salmon Federation

*This month's free virtual conservation program!* We are excited to partner with ASF this month to bring you another free virtual program! Maine has over 1,000 dams that have directly caused the decline of Atlantic salmon and other native sea-run fish, plus over 25,000 road stream crossings with over half likely undersized or inadequate for effect fish passage.

PLUS! A feature of ASF's all new video with glimpses of rare footage of wild Atlantic salmon documented last summer in Maine. You will see about a dozen of the 1,700 adults that returned to the rivers of Maine in 2020. A small fraction of the historic runs but an uptick from just a decade ago and a result of Atlantic Salmon Federation's Maine Headwaters Project successes.

#### Removing Barriers To Fish Passage In Maine's Headwaters

With Maranda Nemeth from the Atlantic Salmon Federation Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Time: 6pm est

35 minute presentation & 15-minute Q&A

**Opening Weekend Celebrations** 

Saturday April 3 10am-4pm

Free Museum Entry All Day!

Casting clinic in the field

Guest Fly Tyer in Museum

Opening of the Dave Brandt exhibit in Museum Weekend-long raffle with great prizes

All New Business Sponsorship Rates & Benefits!

In addition to the benefit package your business/organization receives, your contributions go a long way...

Fly fishing/fly tying programs, environmental and conservation programs, youth education & ecology and history presentations

## **Renewing Your Membership for 2021**

At the museum we are working hard to become a vital hub for the community of fly fishers, and we need your support. If you are unable to donate and you haven't renewed your membership, we hope you'll consider doing so now. Your membership means a lot to us and will go a long way for our organization now as we continue to build for the future in times of uncertainty.

Now more than ever we need your help. We rely on membership dues, daily admission and our annual in-person event fundraising to help sustain our monthly expenses and to expand our fly fishing programs. Thank you for your continued support!

# The Catskill Mountain Classic Car



# The 36th Annual Car Show Sunday, June 27th 2021 Big Indian Valley Park

Route 28, Big Indian, NY 12410 "Special Awards "Fireman's choice, Presidents choice and Best of Show

# DJ, Food, 50/50 and just good old fun

Registration if your entering a car 8am to 12:30 Music, Food 50/50

The CMCCC is dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the vintage and late model automobiles. To be a member is \$10.00 a year

We invite any enthusiasts to join us for the show either as an entry or to enjoy seeing all the vehicles in our beautiful Park

For more information call Frank at 845-254-4238 or chiefrun@aol.com



# Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Making the Most of Your Doctor's Visit



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# Registration required in advance.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Contact CCE to request special accommodations.

To register go to: http://sullivancce.org/events/2021/04/08/making-the-most-of-your-doctors-visit

# Route 17 Planning and Environment Linkage Study

#### Project I.D. No. 8065.09, Contract Number D037863

New York State Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing a Route 17 Transportation Corridor Planning and Environment Linkages Study (Route 17 PEL Study).

The Route 17 PEL Study seeks to help accommodate transportation demands along the corridor between Exit 103 (Rapp Road) in Sullivan County and Exit 131 (I-87 - Harriman) in Orange County brought about by growth in the region - and to help accommodate future growth. The study will evaluate the environmental impacts and engineering feasibility of adding a general use third lane, in each direction, and improving key interchanges in Orange and Sullivan counties as recommended in previous planning studies.

A Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study is a collaborative approach to transportation decisionmaking that informs the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, such that results can be "adopted into NEPA" during project development. Pairing planning and environmental screening early on leads to value-added projects that have undergone stakeholder/public review with a collaborative interagency approach. Such a method lends itself to early problem identification and solutions, requiring less duplication of effort later in the NEPA process, and potentially accelerating project delivery and minimizing overall costs.

# **Attend a Virtual Public Workshop!**

NYSDOT would like your feedback during the development of the Route 17 PEL Study.

# Join us at our first virtual public workshop to:

Learn about existing planning, traffic, highway, structure, and environmental conditions

Provide input on the vision, goals, and objectives for the study Contribute thoughts on corridor needs Explore the PEL process

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Register at: https://rt17pel.eventbrite.com

For more information, visit site resources: https://www.dot.ny.gov/rt17pelstudy/Resources

## Accessibility

NYSDOT complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and federal Limited English Proficiency guidelines. If you require special accommodations or interpretation services to participate in this workshop, please contact (518) 732-6302 by March 12, 2021.

# Statement from Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan Asking for Governor Cuomo's Resignation

"New Yorkers must have full trust and confidence in our leaders, especially at such a critical point in our pandemic response. Governor Andrew Cuomo has fundamentally broken the public trust - violating and harassing his staff, misleading those he was elected to serve, and repeatedly putting politics ahead of the public good. Governor Cuomo should do the right thing and resign, enabling our state to begin to heal and move forward. I have full confidence in the integrity and steady leadership of Lieutenant Governor Hochul to guide us through this turbulent period."

# Senator Martucci Calls for Governor Cuomo's Resignation

"After the initial allegation of predatory sexual behavior against the Governor, I called for an independent investigation. The Governor had denied the allegation and only a thorough and independent investigation would determine the truth. Since then, two other accusers have bravely come forward.

"Notably, the Governor has not denied that these incidents happened. Instead, he has offensively written his behavior off as being "playful." His tone-deaf statement on these accusations is in fact an admission of guilt. Had the Governor taken the sexual harassment course mandated by his own administration, he would know that the key issue is not the intent of the harasser but the perspective of the victim. In this case, all three survivors have been clear that they felt scared, offended, and overwhelmed by the Governor's unwanted attention.

"Given all of this, Governor Cuomo must resign immediately and put an end to this - the latest in a long line of embarrassing Albany scandals."

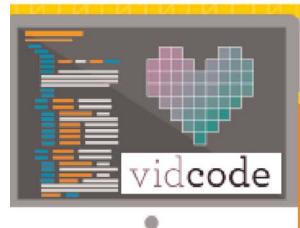
# Statement from Governor Cuomo on U.S. House of Representatives Passing \$1.9 Trillion America Rescue Plan

"I applaud Speaker Pelosi and the New York Democratic Congressional Delegation for their tireless efforts to pass the American Rescue Plan - a historic package that meets the needs of working class New Yorkers and is a crucial step towards revitalizing our nation's economy and helping us recover from the national COVID crisis. I again want to thank Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Senator Gillibrand for their work to secure the passage of the American Rescue Plan in the Senate.

"This legislation confronts the dual health and economic crises created by the war on COVID by providing much needed relief to lift New York families out of dire economic straits, critical funds to expand and accelerate New York's growing vaccination efforts, and targeted relief for state and local governments.

"It has been an incredibly difficult and challenging year for New York, but New Yorkers have responded with the same determination, perseverance, and love exhibited in our darkest days, and this legislation brings us closer to the light at the end of the tunnel."

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- Emails will be sent out once registered with link to join.

Open to Tri-Valley residents. Online registration is required at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Are you ready to see the light? Sunday marked the day to spring ahead to Daylight Saving Time A message from the Catskills Visitors Association

Since the practice of changing the light was first conceived and regulated, its pros and cons have been debated the world over. One thing we know for sure: from early March until early November, there's more time to play in the warm glow of daylight in the Sullivan Catskills.

Come on up. We've got your room ready! You can stay in a small inn or B&B creekside or high on a hilltop. Try a full-service resort with never-ending views of the mountains. Or you can bring your very favorite peeps with you and stay in a vacation rental surrounded by tall stands of pine, oak, maple and evergreen trees.

Seize the day(light) and set out for some adventure. We've had some warm days so the snow's melting and the ground's thawing. That tends to make things a little muddy so pack appropriate shoes if you want to head out for a long walk. Better yet, go shopping for new gear. Our shopkeepers have everything from waterproof hiking boots and fishing gear, to Tuscan-style cured meats, and alpaca drying balls. You can go gallery hopping, too and see contemporary art, woodworking, woodcarving and more.

You may get thirsty along the way, so grab a copy of our Beverage Trail map. There's over a dozen wineries, cideries, breweries and distilleries here. Just designate a driver, please. While you're touring around, make sure you have a copy of map detailing the Sullivan Catskills Dove Trail. It's a hit with everyone who visits. Make it a goal to see all 50 of them!



post a picture of you reading to your Reading Buddy on our Facebook page and you could win...a book:)

# DID YOU KNOW?

Reading to your pet or a reading buddy can boost reading skills in children as well as help with emotional and social skills. Reading Buddies can improve reading fluency, decrease anxiety in reluctant or stressed readers, and add a bit of cuddly fun to reading!



When your belly starts to rumble it'll still be daylight! Pick a restaurant with a view. Just make sure you have a reservation (seating limits still apply.) Or you can order a to-go meal and find your own special space with a view to enjoy your meal. Our restauranteurs love to serve up Catskill-icious culinary delights that make your tastebuds sing and leave you wanting for more. Of course, that just means you'll come back again, and again. But we wouldn't have it any other way.

Better get planning your trip so you can take advantage of the longer days. We've got more things to do here than the calendar has weekends. We promise to make you feel completely at ease, too. All our local businesses are following health and safety protocols designed to give you peace of mind. Check it out, it's called Catskills Confidence.

We're just 90-minutes from Manhattan. Close. Clean. Confident and always ready to spring ahead!

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We still have quite a bit of fishing, hunting and camping supplies. We also have a large chest freezer, glass cabinets and some peg boards for sale.

If you are interested in taking a look at what we have, please call Jim at 845-985-7560.

Thank you all for your many years of support for Sundown Camp and Bait!!

## 4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale! Good News!

There is a growing interest in having the 4th Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale

this year. If you are interested and want to be included on our Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Map in the May 27, 2021 issue please send us an email with your information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com



# THE TOWNSMAN



historical crime film that was **directed** by Martin Scorsese, set in the New York City slums, and inspired by Herbert Asbury's 1927

nonfiction book The Gangs of New York. The screenplay was written by Jay Cocks, Steven Zaillian, and Kenneth Lonergan. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis, and Cameron Diaz.



In 1863, a long-running Catholic–Protestant feud erupts into violence, just as an Irish immigrant group is protesting the low wages caused by an influx of freed slaves as well as the threat of conscription. Scorsese spent 20 years developing the project until Harvey Weinstein and his production company Miramax Films acquired it in 1999.

Made in Cinecittà, Rome, and in New York, the film was completed by 2001, but its release was delayed by the September 11 attacks. Released on December 20, 2002, the film grossed \$193 million worldwide against its \$100 million budget. Reviewers praised Day-Lewis' performance, Scorsese's directing, and the film's production and costume design, but criticized the story. The film received 10 Oscar nominations at the 75th Academy Awards.

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# (From Pg. 36) KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON AMAZON PRIME/NETFLIX

# FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY MICHAEL COLLINS

 $(R \cdot 1996 \cdot 2hr \ 13min \cdot Biography/Thriller)$ An epic film directed by Neil Jordan, *Michael Collins* tells the story of the Irish patriot, revolutionary, politician and statesman that was Collins.

The cast was lead by Irish actor Liam



Neeson and with stars such as Alan Rickman, Julia Roberts, Brendan Gleeson, Stephen Rae adding their combined talent to this biopic, all the ingredients for a great film were present.

However, the film was not a huge commercial success; a budget of twenty-five million only returned a marginal box office return of twentyeight million, it did receive exceptional critical and audience approval.

While there is some debate over minor historical discrepancies, in general, the film shows the grittiness and violence of the War for Independence and the subsequent Civil War in an honest and realistic fashion.

Since 2013 there has been a twenty-five per cent increase in every year on funding raised from Irish tax relief eligible projects; in 2014 alone €237m was committed to the country's economy from film production.

# KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE ON AMAZON PRIME/NETFLIX

# FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY The Magdalene Sisters



(2002 Rated R / 1hr 54min / Drama)

A really great film will have elements of controversy. When *The Magdalene Sisters* was first released it was condemned by the Vatican as being anti-religious. However, the storyline, a fictional composite of the two real stories of those who suffered at the hands of religious orders in Ireland during the sixties is more about abuse of power than anti-religion.



The story revolves around four "fallen women" sent to work in the Magdalene laundries and who suffered horrific mental, physical and sexual abuse. The actors give compelling performances; in particular, Eileen Walsh who played Crispina an intellectually challenged unmarried mother.

Written and directed by actor/director Peter Mullan, this harsh and gritty film does contain sufficient comic moments to somewhat lighten and lessen its horrific theme and has achieved its deserved global recognition.

> Stay safe and stay well, Knarf Odnamoc Gnome