



### 2019 is a year for change in Dillsboro.

After 20 years as the Town Clerk-Treasurer, Janice Sullivan is stepping down. Janice grew up in Farmers Retreat and moved to the big town after graduation from Dillsboro High School. She raised her family here. And spent a lifetime of service to our community. Before becoming full-time Utilities Clerk in 2006, Janice was a banker for both US Bank and Friendship State Bank. She looks forward now to spending time with grandkids, catching up on reading and having the whole house clean at once. Thank you, Janice, for your years of service!

### As Janice steps down, Rita Stevens

**steps up.** Rita is also a HOMETOWN lady. Rita is married to Floyd Stevens and they have a son, Floyd III. She is glad to be working close to home and loves seeing all the people. Rita previously worked at Mathews Aurora Funeral Solutions (Aurora Casket) for 24 years, The Purdue Extension Office for 14 years and most recently at the Aurora Elementary School. Longevity is the name of her game and we hope she spends many great years at the Town. Welcome to Rita and best wishes in her new position.



### Meet our new K9, Chase

Chase is a German Shepherd from Budapest Hungary and he's 15 months old.

Chase is currently bonding with his handler and will begin his training next week.

K9 Chevy will remain in service till Chase is certified. Once Chevy is retired he'll continue to live with his current handler.





One year, and what an amazing ride! **Dillsboro Arts – Friendship Gallery** came to life just before the beginning of 2018. Since then, we have hosted art exhibitions featuring local and regional artists in a variety of art media. ***Six Degrees - Dillsboro Connections*** in February and March allowed the town to curate itself with an exhibition of art from the homes and families of our own community. Other exhibitions concentrated on specific artists (***One Doctor, Two Teachers, Three Artists***) and specific art media (***Craft, the Real Stuff***). In addition, two ‘open call’ exhibitions offering judged cash awards showcased many local artists. The year ended with an exhibition of drawings by all the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders at Dillsboro Elementary School

The gallery spaces continue to evolve with newly-painted walls and purposeful lighting. In September the *Lowes Heroes* project provided materials and labor to build a new 16’ x 28’ deck outside, now dubbed “The Porch” and ready for future events. Money has been secured to provide a sound system for the entire area of Heritage Pointe and Dillsboro Arts’ Porch. We’re looking forward to lots of events. Along with paint and lighting the building is being improved with an upgraded HVAC system. Susan Greco, Dillsboro Economic Director, has been tenacious in securing funding for much of this work and deserves our thanks.

Musicians play and sing and writers discuss their words in regular gallery-sponsored programs. *Writers’ Group* meets first and third Tuesdays and *Music Circle* jams on Second and Fourth Tuesdays. These groups were well-attended throughout 2018, and a lively time ahead is guaranteed in 2019. All musicians and writers of any skill level are welcome to participate.

**Dillsboro Arts** began an in-school partnership with Dillsboro Elementary School, providing artists who work with students in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades. Rebecca Davies spent 12 weeks with students in the fall for observational drawing and idea-exploration activities, and Thom Maltbie will introduce students to clay and other craft media in the spring of 2019. This program is generously funded by the Ross Foundation.

Through sales of artworks and an exhibition catalog, commission payments to artists and stipends to exhibition judges, we have added nearly \$4000 to the local economy. In addition, we have been a part of activities securing thousands of dollars in grants and donations.

We look forward to great things in 2019 and we very gratefully acknowledge the support and generosity of the Town of Dillsboro, Friendship Financial Services and the Dillsboro Community Partnership, and thank them for sharing this adventure and our dream for the community. We thank the Ross Foundation for generously supporting the new Artists-in-Residence program at Dillsboro Elementary. We also thank all our volunteers, our new Board of Directors and everyone who comes in our door to see what we’re doing. We’re looking forward to another amazing year!

# CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY IN DILLSBORO

## Janet's Diner Valentine Dinner

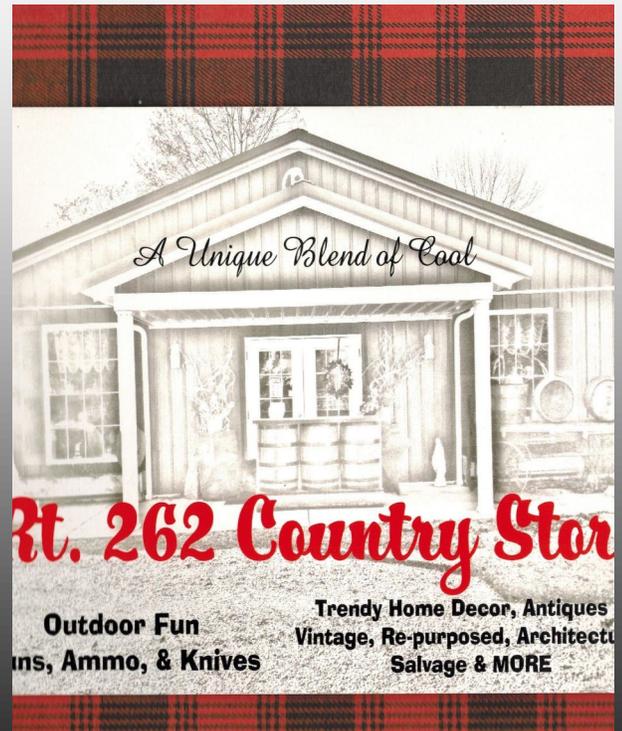
Join us for our big Valentines Dinner! Serving large Maine Lobster or King Crab Legs with fresh seared Steak!



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# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Civic Club Work Day 9:00 am
3	4 Fire Mtg 7:30	5 CARE Team 8:00	6	7 Council Working Mtg 6:30	8 2nd Friday In Dillsboro	9
10	11 Council Mtg 6:30	12	13	14  Curbside Recycling	15	16
17	18 Beautification 6:30 	19 CARE Team 8:00 am Park Board 7:00 PM Crafternoon 4:00	20	21 Civic Club 7:00	22 DES School Carnival 	23
24	25 Dillsboro Community Partnership 6:30	26	27 School Early Release	28 Curbside Recycling		

## Crafternoon: Make a Mini-Photo Album

Tuesday, February 19, 4:00 - 5:30 pm at Dillsboro Library

Adults and teens are invited to make a decorative mini-photo album, which is fun to carry in your purse or to give as a gift. Participants may bring photos to use in the album or make an album for future use. It is fun to decorate for any occasion. Space is limited, so stop by the library or call (812) 954-4151 to register.