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Passion Procession Re-enacted in Ellenville

Through village streets and city squares across the globe, actors and penitents reenact the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ in Passion Plays and parades on Holy Friday, leading into Easter weekend. For hundreds of years, the Passion Procession and Play has been an Easter ritual honoring the suffering of Christ.



On Friday, traffic was stopped in Ellenville as members of St. Mary's and St. Adrews's church participated in this year's annual reenactment of the Passion Play in a procession that traveled through the streets, then on to St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Church. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Fallsburg Children and an Army Veteran Share a Day of Gratitude



Zackery Jones with sister Khloe under his left arm and Gabriela Moto Archer standing next to her in the middle of classroom. Teacher Scott Persten is in the background.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School welcomed a special visitor on Friday morning, March 23. Twenty-year old Zackery Jones returned to the Fallsburg School District, where he graduated just a few years earlier, to visit his little sister Khloe Jordy and her kindergarten classmates. He wanted to thank them for the beautiful card and letter that came inside a gift package the children put together and sent to where he was stationed in the U.S. Army.

Khloe's teachers are Scott Persten and Veronica Serrano. They teach in a Dual Language Program (English and Spanish) in two nearby classrooms since September. The idea to honor veterans came about during Veterans Day and Thanksgiving when the children learned that two classmates, Khloe and Gabriela Moto Archer, had older brothers in the military.

Zackery was thrilled to receive the caring words from the card and letter, and he could not wait to thank the children in person. On leave home for just a few days before deployment to the Middle East, he was greeted with cheers, smiles and loud applause. Mr. Persten asked them if they had any questions for Zack. One little girl raised her hand and, in a barely audible voice, said, "Thank you for your service." Zack smiled and humbly said, "Thank you." (Contd. Pg. 4)

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After 32 years of Serving our Community Local Postmaster Karen Gorr Retires



"It is with heavy heart that I am leaving my job – 28 years in Grahamsville." Postmaster Karen Gorr, her team and her supervisor.



A bitter sweet moment – Karen's husband Edward and daughter Nicole waited as Karen left work on her last day of serving our town as Postmaster for 28 years – a total of 32 years for the USPS!

Back in 1986 when the Grahamsville Post Office was considered the 'new' post office, there was also a new postal worker who not long after, in 1990 became the new Grahamsville Postmaster, Karen Gorr. Times changed. As the community grew, so did the post office. Karen moved into the present new facility and continued to serve as Postmaster of our community until her retirement a little over a week ago. Karen worked a total of 32 years for the USPS – 28 as Postmaster.

Karen, we will miss your smiling face and pleasant way behind that counter (or in the back picking up *The Townsman's* bags).

This is not the end for Karen, but a new beginning – the passage into retirement. For some retirement becomes the busiest years of our lives. Karen is one of those 'busy' people who will continue to give time and self to volunteer as she has in the past for community organizations including the Neversink Agricultural Society. Karen is presently serving as Vice-President of the growing Neversink Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the many people who know you and who you have helped over the years

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES KAREN!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. Job 27:7

OBITUARIES

Robert Zitto, 85, of Hellertown, and Grahamsville, N.Y., passed away under hospice care at the home



of his niece, Bonnie, on March 11, 2018. Born in Paterson, NJ, he was the son of the late Fred and Mabel (Patterson) Zitto. Robert was a 1966 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University and he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a retired insurance adjuster. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at his home in the Catskills. He was a friend to many a man and many a dog. Survivors: Twin Brother, Hobart Zitto and his wife, Theresa; Nieces, Bonnie Rubino and her husband, Gene, and Maria Zitto, widow of nephew, Ropert Zitto; Great Nieces and Nephews. Robert was predeceased by his brother, Fred.

Services: A Celebration of Life took place on Tuesday, March 20 at the Gristmill at the Hellertown Historical Society, 150 W. Walnut Street, Hellertown. Arrangements by Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Homes, Emmaus.

His family asks that donations could be made to the Daniel Pierce Library, P O Box 268, (328 Main St.) Grahamsville, NY 12740.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Marena Clunie will perform in the Choral Concert I

SUNY New Paltz student Marena Clunie of Ellenville, N.Y. will perform in the Choral Concert I as part of the spring 2018 Department of Music Concert Series.

The event includes performances by the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and College-Community Chorale in a program spanning five centuries, with music by Lassus, Michael Haydn, Morton Lauridsen, and Hindemith's charming Six Chansons.

This event will take place on Tuesday, April 3 at 8 p.m. in Studley Theatre.

Ticket prices are \$8 for the General Public, \$6 for Senior (62+) and Faculty/Staff, and \$3 for Students. All tickets are available one hour prior to each concert in the venue's lobby (no advance tickets available).

Visit this link to learn more about the SUNY New Paltz Concert Series.

Sophie James of Napanoch interns through SUNY Oswego

Sophie K. James of Napanoch took part in an internship in spring 2018 through SUNY Oswego's Center for Experiential Learning. A senior majoring in psychology, James interned with Counseling and Healing Arts in Fulton.

The Center for Experiential Learning at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness opportunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable life experience.

During the last year, more than a thousand Oswego students took part in experiential learning while working at hundreds of businesses, nonprofit agencies and government offices and on campus in dozens of departments and programs -- not counting the hundreds of student teachers working in area schools.

Days of Yore ...Today's History

April 14, 1948

KUM to KRUMS SPECIAL
Campbell Tomato Soup – 10 cents.
Snowball Evaporated Milk – 3 for 39 cents

FISHING FACTS:

The Rainbow trout was originally a Westerner found only on the Pacific slopes of the Sierras. He has now been successfully introduced to all sections and is apparently here to stay. The Brown Trout was introduced from Europe in 1882. It can stand much warmer water than the Rainbow or Brookie.

April 9, 1958 -

Lows Corners: the news from the tunnel is that they have cut the channel for the railroad through the bridge and out and will soon be routing the trains that way. They are now 9,000 feet into the mountain and have been filling in and dressing up the area about the tunnel and buildings.

Sundown: Word has been received that Sundown is going to retain the post office.

April 10, 1968

In keeping with the policy of the Town of Neversink to "Keep Neversink Beautiful", the Town Board has fixed the last week in April as Annual Clean-Up Week. The work will be performed by the Town Highway Department, under the direction of Superintendent Wilson VanWagner. It is hoped that all residents will cooperate to help make our town the cleanest and most beautiful in Sullivan County.

The second annual roast beef dinner given Saturday night by the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department was attended by many and enjoyed by all.

April 13, 1978

Volume 11 of Bill Winters' book, "Years and the People" has been released recently. It will be available locally within the next week. The book continues the recording of the way it was in an area stretching from Grahamsville to Ellenville. It includes many rare photos dating back to 1897, and an account of the assassination of President Lincoln from the ELLENVILLE JOURNAL of April 1865.

The Tri-Valley Chapter of AARP extended a helping hand to their community kindred, the Tri-Valley Lions, by contributing over 50 pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions' Eyeglass Drive.

Sullivan County Philatelic Society

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society is April 14, 2018 at 1 pm in the Ted Strobele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY.

We will have a ten lot auction of U.S. and foreign stamps plus a trading session to follow. All members are asked to bring in at least fifty stamps to trade.

We are also asking for those who collect post cards to bring some in.

Last month's meeting went well even though not many attended. Hoping April will be snow-free so more members come. Our regular door prizes, giveaways and refreshments will take place during auction and anyone who wishes to sell stamps is invited as this meeting is open to everyone.

30th Anniversary and Conservation Dinner

Just a friendly reminder that the chapter's 30th Anniversary and Conservation Dinner will be held April 14th at the Boiceville Inn. The event is a significant fund raiser for chapter activities throughout the year. This year features a sit-down dinner with a choice of three different entrees: prime rib, salmon, or eggplant parm.

Dinner reservations are requested by April 7th; please use the attached form to indicate your choice of dinners and reserve your place at this chapter celebration of thirty years of stewardship on regional Catskill trout waters.

*If you See Something Nice...
Say It!*

Larry, who frequently passes through Sundown on the Peekamoose Road and was the first to report to us that a black dog, who appeared to be lost was sited up near the campgrounds, wants to thank everyone for taking care of the dog over the winter, and especially the Hnatiw's for adopting Blackie Dog.

Larry first saw the dog when he was coming through Sundown with his four huskies who were about to go for a sled ride.

Also, thank you to Brianna and Joe for adopting the black cat that was also roaming Sundown over the winter. He too is now a happy Sundown resident!

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Every once in a while I run into a week when my Townsman article is due and I find that I have very little news to report. That's when I go to my bookshelf and pull out several of my old **Alchemist** poem books. The poems in these booklets contain wonderful reflections from local poets, many of whom are no longer with us. I selected two to write about. April 1st, fishing season opened, so I selected a poem by the late Esther G. George entitled: *Recipes From a Non-Gourmet Cook*. Just let me savor the simple flavors Of fresh young garden things, Of fruits that ripen in the spring, The woodland's gift of greens And trout just caught from streams.

New garden peas are cooked with ease,
There is no substitute for these.
They need no onions, herbs nor lettuce.
To bring out flavor, tender, precious.
The speckled trout is no problem dish,
But simply cooked, it's above all fish,
Do not bake it, poach, nor boil it,
Herbs and sauces, spices, spoil it.
Crisply golden, butter fry it;
All the wealth of kings can't buy it.

(When Esther spoke of "woodland's gift of greens", it made me remember Richard Van Wagner from Sundown. Each spring Richard would bring us some leeks, which he had gathered from the woods, and we would make a delicious cream of leek soup.)

The second poem I thought was especially timely was one written by the late Evelyn Hill Huntsberger and entitled **Eagle**. The Eureka eagle has been setting for some time and each time I pass by I see interested by-standers observing the nest. It seems that the eggs should be hatching soon, if they haven't already. That eagle deserves a lot of credit as she has continued to set during some very cold and nasty March weather!

Wild wings have come back to the green valley;
Wide wings, catching the air currents,
soaring over blue waters, riding the paths to the sun.
Fierce, proud eyes scan the shallows;
fix the meadows;
while fish, mice and moles dart and cower
beneath the shadow.

Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2018

Spring Cleanup will be held on May 5, 9 & 12, 2018. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Pink 2018 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

First Friday Book Discussion Group

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m. New members welcome!

Refreshments are served by the members.

This month's book discussion: "The Art of Racing in the Rain", a novel by Garth Stein.

NYC's Water Supply System Talk

Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m.

At the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A presentation on New York City's Water Supply System will be held on Sunday, April 8th at 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.



Adam Bosch, NYC DEP Director of Public Affairs will talk about the operation, protection and maintenance of New York City's water supply - the largest municipal drinking water supply in the country. He will also share information and photos from the Delaware Aqueduct Bypass Tunnel, a project to repair the longest tunnel in the world, along with a preview

of the upcoming Ashokan Century Program. The program is FREE for members and \$3 for non-members. Light refreshments and Museum admission are included.

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

Current exhibitions:

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

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

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Utterly Delectable Leek

After reading Carol Furman's column today, I decided to go out and check our wild leek patch. Sure enough, they are just starting to poke their way out of the still cold soil and last fall's decaying leaves.

Leek have broad, smooth, light green leaves, often with deep purple or burgundy tints on the lower stems that begin to make themselves known in small troops as soon as the snow disappears.



They have scallion like bulbs that are strongly rooted just beneath the surface of the soil. If you tear a leaf or stem and take a sniff you will recognize the strong and distinctive onion/garlic-like scent of the Wild Leek

This herbaceous perennial plant produces basal leaves 4-9" long and 1 1/2 -3 1/2" across on short petioles (leaf stalks that joins two or three leaves to the stem). The basal leaves are ovate-oval to ovate-elliptic, light to medium green, hairless, and smooth along the margins. Their petioles are reddish, hairless, and wrapped in a basal sheath below. The leaves develop during the spring and wither away by early summer. During early to mid-summer, a flowering stalk about 1/2-1 1/2' tall develops. This stalk is cylindrical and slightly tapered, smooth, and reddish to pale green; at its base, there is a papery sheath. The stalk terminates in a single rounded umbel (flower cluster) of flowers spanning 1-2" across; there are typically 20-40 flowers per umbel. At the base of this umbel, there is a pair of deciduous bracts. Each flower is about 1/4" across, consisting of 6 white to translucent white tepals (a segment of the outer whorl in a flower that has no differentiation between petals and sepals), a light green to pale yellow ovary, 6 stamens with pale yellow anthers, and a single white style. At the base of each flower, there is a slender pedicel that is white to greenish white. The blooming period occurs during the summer and lasts about 2 weeks. Both the flowers and foliage exude an onion-like odor.

After the blooming period, the ovary of each flower matures into a 3-celled seed capsule; each cell contains a single globoid seed that becomes black at maturity. The root system consists of an ovoid bulb with fibrous roots at its base. Offsets often develop, producing clonal colonies of plants.

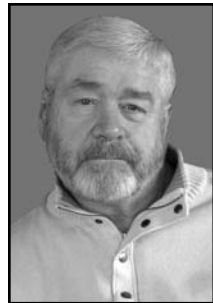
They like rich, moist, loose soil high in organic matter and low in pH, which makes mountain hardwood forests perfect. Ramps grow in small sparsely populated patches up to densely populated areas of several acres. They are usually ready to harvest by late March through April depending on the region and only last a month or so before wilting and disappearing. It is extremely important to think conservatively when considering ramp harvest. In many areas where ramps were once abundant they are now rare and populations continue to be decimated by over-harvesting for ramp festivals, fundraisers, farmers market sales and by individuals who gather as much as they can for their own use. Please be gentle and use good judgment. The most sustainable way to harvest ramps is by using a knife to gently move the soil from one side of the bulb. Then, taking care not to dislodge the bulb and roots, cut the base off of the bulb leaving it with the roots in the ground. This will ensure new ramps will grow the following season.

This charming woodland herb should not be underestimated. The leaves provide lavish greens for any salad. Their delicate flavor surpasses even that of scallions or chives. The entire plant is more than simply edible: it is utterly delectable.

Household Hints

Remove odors from your hands

It's often difficult to get strong onion, garlic, or fish odors off your hands after preparing a meal. But you'll find these scents are a lot easier to wash off if you rub some distilled vinegar on your hands before and after you slice your vegetables or clean your fish.



The Bomb Maker

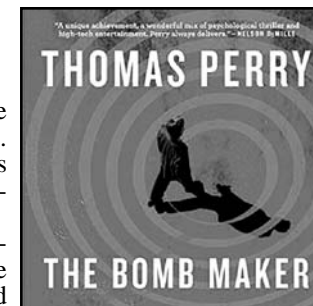
Mysterious Book Report No. 328

by John Dwaine McKenna

One way to judge the character of a hero is by assessing the nature of his or her adversary. The wickeder the villain, the more courageous the protagonist will appear to be, because conflict creates drama, and it is the following sequence of events . . . emotional, turbulent or tragic . . . which keeps readers turning the pages. We've gotta see what comes next because all humans are curious and emotional. Now, one of America's most psychologically astute thriller writers has come up with a novel that covers all of the above, and then some.

The Bomb Maker, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 372 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2748-8) by Thomas Perry, has the reader looking over the shoulder of one of the most diabolic, evil, uncaring, solipsistic and murderous characters to come skulking down the pages of a novel since Hannibal Lecter scared the bejesus out of all of us. He's known simply as the *Bomb Maker* and his stated goal is to kill every member of the Los Angeles Police Department Bomb Squad. When a bomb call is made in the first chapter of the novel, the LAPD responds to the threat, which soon evolves at 27,000 feet per second into a world-class tragedy. That's when the deputy chief of police calls upon the retired former leader of the bomb squad to come back to work on an interim basis in order to help rebuild the department. The hero's name is Dick Stahl. He's been running his own security consulting firm and has just returned from a life-threatening mission in Mexico. His sense of obligation to the members of the bomb squad that he's tutored and mentored as captain overcomes his reluctance to get involved, and Stahl agrees to step in as the temporary commander. The frequencies of the calls, and the sophistication of the trigger mechanisms convince him that this is no ordinary malcontent building amateurish, unreliable, simplistic devices. The bombs are massive, complex and deadly—the work of a brilliant, though demented mind—and they're coming with increasing persistence because the bomb maker is being pressured by his terrorist backers who want ever bigger bombs as they ramp up to an unknown doomsday scenario. At the same time, Dick Stahl runs afoul of departmental policies and gets caught in the crosshairs of public opinion, due to the twenty-four hour news cycle in this hair-raising, propulsive and electrifying novel from the pen of America's best thriller writer. It'll keep you reading and thinking about it long after the last page is turned. Thomas Perry is at the top of his game in *The Bomb Maker*.

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Fallsburg Children and an Army Veteran Share a Day of Gratitude

(From Pg. 1) During the next fifteen minutes, Zack stood with Khloe holding on to his waist and answered questions, such as do they sing in the army, why he wears a camouflage uniform, what the insignias are on his chest, and did he like the gum that was in the package. He told the class that everybody in his group shared some of the great goodies that the children sent to him.

The meeting with Zack ended with him crouched down with Khloe, Gabriela and both kindergarten classes eager to get as close to him as humanly possible. It was with reluctance but great appreciation that Zack Jones had to leave. Before he left the class, children and teachers shouted to him to stay safe.

U.S. Army serviceman Zackery Jones coming to Benjamin Cosor Elementary School to thank his little sister Khloe Jordy and her kindergarten classmates for the gift package and letter that they sent to him and another active serviceman, Ross Archer over the Christmas holidays.

Weekly Story Times for Children at Monticello Library

Swing by the library at 479 Broadway in Monticello and enjoy a story time! The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library has weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers. Spring Story times will start Monday, April 9th at 11am.

Story times are every Monday at 10am and Friday at 11am. This is an early literacy program for little ones and their caregivers. This program uses rhymes, movement, songs, books, crafts, and music to develop skills that will help children develop the early literacy skills they will need when they begin to read. Story times are appropriate for ages 2-5. We also offer Baby Brain Time for younger children. For more information on any of our children's programming visit our website at ebcpl.org.

All story times are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are always welcome and registration is not required. For more information or to register for story times, call the library children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5, visit the library website: ebcpl.org, or follow the library on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the handle @ebcplibrary.

Yoga for Kids at E.B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello

The Ethelbert B. Crawford library offers free Yoga Class for Kids & Teens every month. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress & get some exercise. This monthly class is for ages 7-14 will take place April 11th at 4:30pm.. We will have a limited number of yoga mats available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have your own please bring it.

Grab some friends and stop by for some zen fun at the library. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, or for more information, call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.

Nadia Rajsz Named to Statewide Public Employee Relations Committee

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz has been appointed to the New York State Association of Counties' (NYSAC's) Standing Committee on Public Employee Relations.

"NYSAC's standing committees play an important role in helping us shape our policies and positions on legislative issues," NYSAC President MaryEllen Odell wrote to Rajsz in a letter confirming her appointment. "Your experience and knowledge will add to the quality of our deliberations, and I hope you are able to serve."

"I am honored to be selected for this important committee, which shapes advocacy and policy for public employee relations issues," Rajsz remarked. "I'm the chair of the County Legislature's Personnel Committee, chair of SUNY Orange's Clinical Laboratory Science Department, and I've worked as the assistant manager of a hospital lab. Coupled with my former tenure as Town of Lumberland Supervisor, I have a deep interest in the concerns of public employees and how we deal with them. Yes, these issues can be complicated, full of many variables and diverse opinions and emotions, but I enjoy trying to come to consensus."

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Forest Rangers Recognized for Outstanding Service in Protecting the Environment, State Lands, and Recreating Public

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the awards for the distinguished actions of 40 DEC Forest Rangers from across the state.

"DEC Forest Rangers are the state's first line of defense in protecting the environment and safeguarding our natural resources, and I am honored to present these distinguished awards to recognize the incredible efforts of our law enforcement personnel," said DEC Commissioner Seggos. "Their knowledge of land navigation, wildfire firefighting, first aid, and technical rescue techniques are critical to the success of their missions, which take them from remote wilderness areas and rugged mountainous peaks, to white-water rivers and vast forested areas ravaged by fires."

DEC's Division of Forest Protection awards are presented every three years and recognize the courageous acts and outstanding service of this state law enforcement branch tasked with wilderness search and rescue missions, forest fire suppression, state land patrols, and backcountry public education efforts.

In 2017, DEC's 140 Forest Rangers conducted 346 search and rescue missions, extinguished 55 wildfires that burned a total of 191 acres, participated in 29 prescribed fires that burned and rejuvenated 564 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 2,100 tickets or arrests.

In 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo sent three teams of DEC Forest Rangers, staff, and volunteers to help battle and contain wildfires in Montana, Oregon, and California. Five Forest Rangers were also dispatched to Texas to help

in the rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

In addition to helping contain the national wildfires and minimize damage, these crews also gain valuable experience that can be utilized fighting wildfires and managing natural disaster incidents in New York.

This year's awards were presented to 40 Forest Rangers for actions that include:

- o Rescuing a couple stranded in blizzard conditions on Algonquin Mountain for three days
- o Saving the life of a man caught in a brush fire;
- o Saving the life of a man severely injured in a motorcycle accident;
- o Saving a woman stranded in a kayak in dangerous rapids; and
- o Saving two unresponsive, capsized canoeists from frigid water.

A New York State Trooper was also honored at the event for his efforts working with Forest Rangers in the Adirondacks.

Director of Forest Protection Eric Lahr said, Director of Forest Protection Eric Lahr said, "Today, we recognize the outstanding service of our Forest Rangers who have demonstrated bravery and leadership in the performance of their duties. In the finest Ranger tradition, each of these honorees has risen above expectations in the protection of our natural resources and the public."

In 1885, the New York State legislature established the Forest Preserve of New York State, setting aside land in the Adirondacks and Catskills to be protected as "forever wild," thus marking the establishment of what were then called Fire Wardens. In 1911, the Conservation Department was formed and the new title Forest Ranger was born.

Please see the Forest Ranger Awards document (PDF) (336 KB) to view a detailed list of award winners and citations.

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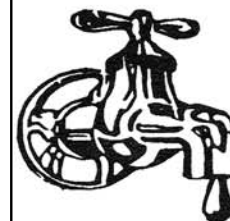
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Catskill Vogue

I am so ready for spring. Psychologically, not physically. I am ready to pack away my winter coat, hat and boots. However, I fear that my winter hibernation does not have me ready to reveal my lighter layers of clothing.

I live in a house with a woodstove in the living room, and my bathroom is half a football field away with a temperature drop of one degree per meter of distance. I have not seen my entire body since last August. The desperate leap from hot shower to warm clothing does not leave time to gaze in a mirror. I am a woman on a mission to pile on enough flannel and fleece to stop shivering.

Winter wardrobe consisted of knee socks, jeans, long sleeve tee shirt, and a sweater or sweatshirt. I am not quite ready to bear legs and arms for the spring fashion of a dress. Yes, the dress is back. It has been out of fashion long enough for me to jump a dress size, so whatever hangs in my closet will continue to hang there until it can be bundled up and deposited in a clothing recycling bin.

With weather in the forties and the sky in fifty shades of gray, I don't even want to shop. I need some green leaves, daffodils, and grass under a cerulean sky to encourage me to shed my wardrobe of warmth for some colorful, flimsy dress.

Only in the Catskills does winter last a full six months with summer and spring sharing three months. That leaves the three remaining months in a season we New York "Upstaters" call "late fall."

Hudson Valley Volunteers Assist Amphibians with Road Crossings During Annual Breeding Migrations

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today that the annual breeding migrations of salamanders and frogs are underway. Visit the DEC website for more information about this annual event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHRbsAsnQi8>.

"New York hosts an incredible array of amphibians, and an even more amazing volunteer network that helps ensure their survival each spring," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "As the State's Wildlife Action Plan identifies road mortality as a significant threat to frogs, toads, and salamanders, I encourage all New Yorkers and visitors traveling through our state to keep an eye out for amphibians, and our committed community of volunteers helping them cross the road."

In the Hudson Valley, community volunteers are documenting their observations as part of DEC's Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project. Wood frogs and spring peepers got an early jump on migration during the unseasonably warm weather in late February, but the subsequent Nor'easters and cold temperatures delayed further activity. With the arrival of warm spring rains, migration is back underway and amphibians are on the move. The Hudson Valley provides habitat for 85 percent of New York's amphibian species, and these volunteers are helping ensure this significant regional biodiversity remains part of the state's rich heritage.

Typically, after the ground starts to thaw in late winter and early spring, species such as spotted salamander and wood frog emerge from underground winter shelters in the forest and walk overland to woodland pools for breeding. In New York, this migration usually occurs on rainy nights in late March and early April, when the night air temperature is above 40F. When these conditions align just so,

there can be explosive, "big night" migrations, with hundreds of amphibians on the move, many having to cross roads.

Volunteers of the Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project document Hudson Valley locations where migrations cross roads, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count the salamanders, frogs, and toads on the move. The volunteers also carefully help the amphibians to safely cross roads. Now in its tenth year, more than 300 project volunteers have assisted more than 9,000 amphibians cross New York roads.

Recently, suitable migration conditions have returned. On March 29, in many parts of the Hudson Valley, volunteers moved hundreds of amphibians, including spotted salamander, four-toed salamander, northern redback salamander, eastern newt, wood frog, American toad, and spring peeper. DEC expects the migration will continue and expand to northern parts and higher elevations of the region in the coming weeks.

Drivers on New York roads are encouraged to proceed with caution or avoid travel on the first warm, rainy evenings of the season. Amphibians come out after nightfall and are slow moving; mortality can be high even on low-traffic roads.

For more information, visit Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings on DEC's website or contact woodlandpool@dec.ny.gov. Project volunteers are encouraged to use the hashtag #amphibianmigrationhv in their photos and posts on social media.

Platte Clove Art Residency 2018 Call for Applications

The Catskill Center is accepting applications for the 2018 Platte Clove Artist-in-Residence Program. Applications are due by Friday, April 6. Selected residents are invited for a one week stay at the peaceful cabin to focus on their work.

The residency, the only one in the country situated in the historic landscapes which were the inspiration for the Hudson River School, provides a tranquil and rustic workplace. A retreat for artists, working in a variety of disciplines, located in the living landscape where American art began.

The residency is open to artists who have an affinity for the natural world. The residencies run from July through September. The work produced should foster an appreciation for the environment and participants are encouraged to submit works for the annual Platte Clove art exhibit at the Catskill Center's Erpf Gallery.

Participants stay in a rustic cabin in the Platte Clove Preserve - 208 wild, pristine acres full of hiking trails, multi-tiered waterfalls, and old growth forests. Hiking trails to Indian Head and Overlook mountains begin near the cabin and the 60-foot Plattekill Falls is a short walk from the cabin.

Artists are selected by a jury comprised of representatives from local arts organizations as well as the Catskill Center.

Artists working in all fields of art are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Friday, April 6. For more information and an application, please visit the Catskill Center website at <http://catskillcenter.org/plattecloveartresidency/> or contact Katie Palm at kpalm@catskillcenter.org

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Governor Cuomo Announces Excelsior Scholarship Application Open for New Applicants for 2018-19 Academic Year

53% of Full-Time SUNY & CUNY In-State Students Now Attend Public College Tuition Free

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the application for the Excelsior Scholarship for new applicants in the 2018-19 academic year is now open. SUNY and CUNY students whose families make up to \$110,000 annually can now apply for tuition-free college here. The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other aid programs, allows eligible full-time students to attend a SUNY or CUNY two-year or four-year college tuition-free.

"The Excelsior Scholarship program makes the dream of higher education a reality for many New Yorkers who once felt a college degree was out of reach," Governor Cuomo said. "Access to higher education has become essential in today's economy, and I encourage all eligible New Yorkers to apply for this program that will help open the door to opportunity and equip students with the skills they need to succeed now and into the future."

The 2018-19 Excelsior Scholarship application, which became available this morning, is open to students first entering college in the fall 2018 term and current college students who have never applied for the Excelsior Scholarship. Current Excelsior Scholarship recipients should not complete this application. For students who first received an award in fall 2017 or after, no additional action is needed for 2018-19.


To be eligible for an Excelsior Scholarship, students must be New York State residents, plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college, take 30 credits per year (including Summer and Winter sessions), and be on track to graduate on time with an Associate's Degree in two years or a Bachelor's Degree in four years. For the 2018-19 academic year, household federal adjusted gross income can total up to \$110,000 to be eligible. In 2019-20 and beyond, New York State families can earn up to \$125,000. Recipients must also plan to live in New York State for the length of time they received the award.

Approximately 53 percent of full-time SUNY and CUNY in-state students, and more than 210,000 New York residents, now attend school tuition-free thanks to the addition of students receiving the Excelsior Scholarship. (Contd. Pg. 7)

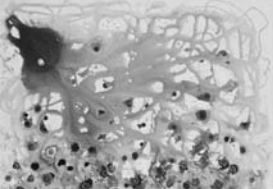
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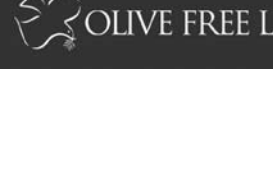
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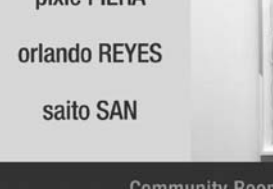
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(From Pg. 6) Dr. Guillermo Linares, Acting President of the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, said, "Last year's launch of the first-in-the-nation Excelsior Scholarship program enabled an unprecedented number of New York's students access to a college education. This year, with Excelsior Scholarship's expansion, we can truly say that a college degree more attain-



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At seven years old, her list includes things like ice cream, being allowed to stay up past your bed time and things with stripes. As the little girl grows up, the entries mature along with her and as the list grows, she learns the deep significance it has on her own life. "Every Brilliant Thing" has been performed around the world and comes to Sullivan County

in the way of a fundraiser and awareness raiser for NAMI Sullivan County, NY, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness for a limited engagement in various venues around the County. Its premiere local performance will be co-sponsored by SUNY Sullivan and held on the Loch Sheldrake campus on April 15th with subsequent local performances on May 1st at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and on July 29th at the Sullivan County Museum.

The show shines hilarious and compassionate light in dark corners of the human condition, and the way in which the creators have constructed the performance is refreshingly theatrical. A reminder that hope is never truly lost, the show is a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one character show, the audience is given snippets of the list to help tell the story. There are no bright lights with the people sitting in the dark - it's an immersive experience; the lights are kept up all the way through and the audience shares in something meaningful as a room full of people becoming a community. "Every Brilliant Thing" is directed and performed by Lori Schneider who is the Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan County, NY and has been involved in local Community Theatre for over three decades as an award-winning director and actress. She combines her passions for mental health advocacy and for theatre in bringing this important show to local audiences.



The Passion Procession Re-enacted in Ellenville



(From Pg. 1) The crowd followed while many others remained on the sidewalk and observed the solemn commemoration on this day.

Once they reached St. Mary's and St. Andrew's church, the pageant continued with the crucifixion and then burial in the tomb as observers continued to watch with reverence the somber re-enactment of this tradition, the prelude to Easter.

The Passion Play originated as a ritual of the Church, during medieval times. The Passion Play made its appearance, first in Latin, then in vernacular languages; contents and forms were adapted more and more to audience expectations, until, in the fifteenth century, when the popular religious plays had developed. Thus, the Benedictbeurn Passion Play (thirteenth century) is still largely composed of similar ritual sentences in prose and of church hymns, designed to be sung to resemble an oratorio.

The SUNY Sullivan performance will be held on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 pm in the Kaplan Student Union, 112 College Road in Loch Sheldrake. Seating is limited and general admission is \$20. Admission for SUNY Sullivan Students is discounted to \$5 (the first 25 students will be admitted free of charge). Tickets will be available at the door, but reservations are suggested. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16. All proceeds stay local and go to hands-on initiatives. Come out and support NAMI Sullivan County, NY and experience an afternoon of theatre you won't soon forget. "Every Beautiful Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. For information/reservations, phone (845) 794-1029.

Donations and After School Grant Benefits BCES Trail

During the past few weeks, children in the After School Program at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School have been able to enjoy the abundance of snow with snowshoes, warm gloves and hats donated by businesses and individuals or purchased through a grant that supports the Program. All these items will enhance the inventory for students and families to enjoy the BCES Trail behind the school building. The Trail will be completed as soon as the weather breaks and final clearing and safety measures are finished.

Well over seventy students put on the new snowshoes, many



Fifth Grade Teacher Jennie Kohler and the far left and Physical Education Teacher Katherine Santoianni on the far right of a group of fifth graders using the newly purchased snowshoes behind the school as part of the After School Program.

Mrs. Leah Exner, second grade teacher and in charge of the BCES Trail Project, and Ms. Suzanne Lenzian, Head of the FCSD Wellness Committee and Administrator of the After School Program, acknowledge the great community spirit that has supported the health and wellness of Fallsburg's students. They also want to thank the school Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and the second and fifth grade staff that helped coordinate getting so many children getting properly outfitted and enjoying the snowshoe experience that made winter more enjoyable.

with the help of Volunteers in the Classroom. The assistance was most helpful for those youngsters wearing Tykers, the smallest size available. In all, the District purchased 15 pairs of Tykers, 20 pairs of Shift for older students, and 10 pairs of Evo for adults and high school student. Ms. Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor helped with the sizing and ordering. Warm hats and gloves came from donations by Michele and Layla Herman of Rock Hill Pharmacy. Friends of Sullivan donated snowsuits.



Volunteers in the Classroom helping second graders put on Tykers before going out in the snow. Top to bottom, the Volunteers are Sunny Smith, who spent many hours fitting shoes on Fallsburg children in her South Fallsburg Shoe Store, in the middle is Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian, and at bottom is Volunteer Shelby Jakaitis.

TOWNSMAN FORECAST

SUNRISE: 6:37 AM SUNSET: 7:22 PM

AVERAGE HIGH: 50°F

AVERAGE LOW: 30°F

THURSDAY



HIGH: 42°F LOW: 28°F

FRIDAY



HIGH: 44°F LOW: 25°F

SATURDAY



HIGH: 38°F LOW: 24°F

SUNDAY



HIGH: 42°F LOW: 30°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 45°F LOW: 30°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 44°F LOW: 35°F

April Hunter Safety Courses Offered at Frost Valley

Frost Valley YMCA is again offering free hunter safety courses to beginners as well as seasoned hunters who may be looking for a refresher course. Offered at Frost Valley YMCA on April 21, 2018, this Hunter Education course is required for first-time hunters to learn the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities using a gun, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow to pursue big game, small game, turkey, waterfowl and migratory game birds. If you wish to hunt during bow season, you must register for both hunter education and bowhunter education courses. Frost Valley also offers the bowhunter course on the following day - April 22, 2018. Please note that classes fill quickly! Those interested must register in advance for this course through the NY State Department of Conservation (DEC).



The course will cover: firearm and crossbow handling and safety techniques, history of firearms, knowledge of firearms and ammunition, proper gun handling and storage, marksmanship fundamentals, specific laws and regulations, principles of wildlife management and wildlife identification, outdoor safety, hunter ethics, and hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, landowners and the general public.

Participants must be 11 years or older to take this course (Note: In New York State, the minimum age to hunt is 12 years old). Students 11 to 16 years old must have the proper DEC permission slip signed by a parent or legal guardian to allow for the handling and shooting of a firearm during this course. If you are unable to attend these courses, they will again be offered October 27 and 28, 2018.

No Foolin' - First Catch of the Season



Scott and Laura with his 'first day of fishing season' catch

According to Scott Hynsen, he was up with the birds to watch the sunrise early Easter morning. He then headed to his favorite fishing spot on the Rondout Reservoir where he spent the next several hours fishing in solitude. Not another human. No fish. Not even one bite!

By 10 am, he was ready to call it a day. One more cast changed his fate. As he pulled fish number one in, he again was a bit

disappointed. When the fish jumped over the waves so he could see it, he thought it was a large mouth bass – out of season.

The second jump – maybe a brown trout. It was time to get serious as the line grew shorter as he reeled in his catch. Once the fish was close enough to identify, he knew it was a trophy Lake Trout! Could he put his pole away now? No way! Within the next 15 minutes Scott caught two more beautiful Lake Trout.

Scott certainly did not have to follow the old April Fool custom of wearing a fish on his back. His story was more akin to the loaves and fish! He had about 15 pounds of fish!

His fish tale for the day ended at 10:15 a.m. as he had caught his limit, 3 Lake Trout and headed home to be with family for Easter dinner. While the ham and fixings all looked great - we know what was on Scott's mind and what he and Laura will be eating for dinner tomorrow!

It is not that usual for Lake Trout to be caught in Scott's favorite spot, which he was gracious enough to let us know, was down near Lackawack Road. He explained, "They usually don't bite down there this time of year, but with the first full moon in April, large schools of smelts begin to run upstream to spawn ." These three Lakers had hearty appetites and found themselves feasting on the smelts and Scott's favorite lure.

Congratulations Scott! Good catch.

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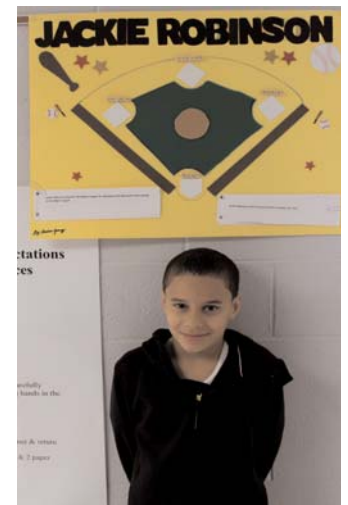
DEC Proposes New, Day Use Permitting System for Visitors to the Blue Hole



No-Cost Permits Will Protect Popular Blue Hole Area and Reduce Overuse Issues

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced a proposal to establish a no-cost, day use permitting system requiring visitors to obtain a permit to access the Blue Hole, located in the Sundown Wild Forest of the Catskill Park in the town of Denning, Ulster County, on summer weekends and holidays. This proposal is designed to allow DEC to strike a balance between ensuring State lands are open and accessible to the public, reducing environmental damage, and enhancing public safety. DEC is accepting comments on the proposed permitting system through May 28, 2018. (Contd. 11)

BCES Third Grader's Poster Honoring Jackie Robinson



As Major League Baseball prepares for Opening Day, it is appropriate to present Xavier Young's contribution to honor Black History Month in February. Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School third grader, Xavier Young created this fantastic poster honoring baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson. Xavier is standing beneath the poster across from his classroom.

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(From 9) "The Blue Hole is a unique and special place in New York and the proposal released today is designed to keep it that way for future generations," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC encourages the use of our state lands, but this tiny area has been drawing up to 1,000 visitors a day. This is simply too much traffic for this postage stamp-sized area. DEC is actively working to preserve the Blue Hole and protect visitors while reducing trash, damage to vegetation and trees, and soil erosion. We want visitors to continue to enjoy this incredible resource safely and responsibly for generations to come."

Under the proposed, no-cost permit system, visitors to the Blue Hole would need to obtain a permit on weekends and holidays from May 15 through October 15. DEC would issue up to 40 permits per day and each permit would allow entry for up to six individuals, including children, allowing for a maximum of 240 people to access the Blue Hole each day. DEC is proposing the new permit system by amending the Peekamoose Valley Regulations, and as the regulations are finalized, DEC will share additional information about how to obtain permits with the public.

Existing State Regulations to address overuse at the Blue Hole will remain in effect and include: restricting hours the area is open to one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset; requiring the use of portable restroom facilities; prohibiting all fires and grills and the use of portable generators; limiting parking to designated parking areas; and prohibiting glass containers, radios, and other audio devices.

Despite these regulations, visitor use and interest in the Blue Hole has continued to increase and necessitated DEC to propose this new permitting system.

Additional actions taken by DEC to address overuse include using social media to notify the public of the issues and recommend alternative areas and maintaining a law enforcement presence on weekends. DEC continues to work with Leave No Trace and other partners to reduce overuse impacts at the Blue Hole. The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is a national organization that protects the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly.

Comments on the proposed day use permitting system are being accepted until May 28, 2018, and may be submitted to DEC by email R3.UMP@dec.ny.gov or in writing to: NYS-DEC, Attn: Blue Hole Comments, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561.

Visitors can find out more information on these and other destinations in the Catskills by contacting or visiting the Catskill Interpretive Center at 5096 Route 28 in Mt. Tremper, NY, 12457 - phone: 845.688.3369 or visit Catskill Interpretive Center website.

Tusten Theatre Spring Cultural Series

Local talents will shine during Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's Tusten Theatre Spring Cultural Series, which was announced this week.

"Last spring, we brought an incredible lineup of out-of-town performers to Narrowsburg for the very first time," said DVAA program director Bizzy Coy. "This spring, we decided to spotlight the impressive talent in our own backyard."

The series will kick off on Saturday, April 28 at 8 pm with Glen Spey playwright and actor Richard Hoehler's solo show, "E." In the style of Spalding Gray, this new one-man play celebrates Hoehler's longtime mentor and friend Edith (E.) Speziali. Their remarkable relationship is explored with irreverent wit, dark humor, and a few choice cuss words.

On Saturday, May 12 at 8 pm, DVAA will present the world premiere of "Standards & Classics & Starsky (No Hutch)" starring Cochection's David Driver and featuring Dana Lyn and Matt Kanelos. The freewheeling multimedia performance riffs on Driver's childhood obsession with the character of Detective David Starsky from the 1970s TV show "Starsky & Hutch."

North Branch-based group Lard Dog & The Band of Shy will perform on Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm. This all-ages musical extravaganza promotes positive messages of creativity, acceptance, and frivolity, with massive amounts of absurdism thrown in. The show isn't just for families-Lard Dog has earned New York street cred for late-night shows at venues like CBGB, Joe's Pub, and Symphony Space.

On Sunday, June 10 at 2 pm, DVAA joins forces with Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra for their season finale: "The Carnival's in Town." The classical program will include Camille Saint-Saëns' The Carnival of the Animals, the famous work with fourteen movements, each representing a different animal. Special guest musicians will participate, including students from Nesin Cultural Arts in Monticello.

All performances will take place at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door, kids twelve and under, free. Purchase at 845-252-7272 or www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are supported in part by public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Gardening Across the Seasons

Free Gardening

Seminars

[LIBERTY] - "Gardening Across the Seasons"; a series of free seasonally based gardening seminars for beginners and enthusiasts alike will take place April, June and September.

The series kicks off April 4 with "Spring into Planting!" a workshop on garden design and selection basics to help you choose the best plants for your site. Soil preparation, soil testing, seed sowing and perennial plant division will also be explained. Feel confident in your gardening endeavors by learning about flower, tree and shrub choices; and garden prep and planting.

"Spring is here! After all the snow we will be ready to start digging and planting. Get some great tips and learn some great tricks to grow the best garden yet!" said Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Program Manager.


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The series continues on June 6, with tricks and tips for caring for plants to produce the best garden yet. On September 5, learn that fall is for planting, renovating and rejuvenating many plants while making room for spring flowering bulbs.

Cornell Cooperative Extension -Sullivan County (CCESC) Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand at each session to demonstrate horticulture basics and garden skills.

Classes will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center and Teaching Garden, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited and pre-registration is requested. To register, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook and Twitter pages. Participants may register one or all three sessions.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, and the Times Herald Record. For information, contact 845-295-2445 or www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Fall in Love with Where you Live

From the edges of the Shawangunk Mountains to the foothills of the Catskills; between the Delaware River and the Neversink Reservoir, you will find the revitalized main streets, hamlets, beautiful, active public spaces that make up Sullivan County.

Throughout, there are projects dreamed of and created by grassroots volunteers. They are attractions on their own, hosting events and activities that draw people from throughout and outside Sullivan County. Love of Place Matters. That's the focus for Sullivan Renaissance in 2018 and the theme of its annual conference the weekend of April 27-28. Love Where You Live will be set against the beautiful backdrop of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

The conference weekend will feature Dr. Joel Fuhrman, renowned author and family physician who has appeared on "Dr. Oz" and who will speak about nutrition and eating your way to good health.

Community development strategist Peter Kageyama, author of the book "Love Where You Live," will talk about bottom-up community development and the amazing people who make change happen - amazing people like those we have here in Sullivan County, who are working every day to make our communities better.

A Spring Market will offer a variety of products from the County and the surrounding region. Health screenings and an afternoon walk of the Bethel Woods grounds will be worth looking forward to as we transition from this tough winter into spring.

Recipients of the 2018 Sullivan Renaissance Beautification, Municipal Partnership and Community Development Grants will be announced. Learn about ways that you and your family can participate and be involved in the grassroots work of these projects. There are hundreds - thousands - of reasons why we love living here in Sullivan County. What's yours?



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Note From Former Congressman Chris Gibson

Greetings everyone,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to reach out to give you a quick update. First, thank you to all who have reached out to inquire how we are doing and to express well wishes. I'm really enjoying teaching at Williams College and our family is well. Our girls, Katie and Maggie, are thriving at College and growing with the experience. Connor is a Junior at Ichabod Crane High School and enjoying his musical pursuits. Mary Jo continues to work supporting veterans mental health at the VA hospital in Albany. We are blessed.

Second, thank you to everyone who has read my new book, Rally Point: Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream, and provided feedback. I share your passion for this exceptional country and felt compelled to write it. Glad you enjoyed it!

I wanted to let you know Amazon is running a sale on the book right now. If you wanted to get a copy for a friend, or for others who haven't picked it up yet, you can get it for \$19 (24% off) at this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/Rally-Point-Country-Revitalize-American/dp/1538760584>

I also will be doing some book-signing events over the next few months if you wanted to link-up in personally to discuss. Here's the list:

- April 19 - Northshire Books, Saratoga, 6:00pm
- April 21 - Colonie Barnes & Noble, 1-4pm
- May 30 - Ulster County Chamber Breakfast at the Best Western in Kingston, 7:30am
- June 5 - Capital District Prayer Breakfast at the Desmond Hotel, 7:15am

Finally, for those interested, we can also stay in touch via Twitter. Here's my handle: @ChrisGibsonNY

Best wishes from Kinderhook. Chris and Mary Jo Gibson

Marketing a hidden treasure: the Sullivan County Airport

The timing is right for a sustained return on taxpayers' investment from the Sullivan County International Airport, and County leaders are working on achieving that goal by attracting ... what else? ... investors.

What's available? Hangar space - existing & potential. The contract for fixed base operations (FBO), to provide services to meet a new era of growth. Room for flight schools, aviation mechanics schools and other aviation-related enterprises.

What's the airport have to offer? A 6,300-foot paved runway. Fuel, tiedown & hangar facilities. Instrument landing system.

What's nearby? Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (on the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival), Resorts World Catskills, Route 17 (slated to become Interstate 86), Catskill Regional Medical Center, an industrial park, and more.

Our request for proposals for the FBO is available at <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsNZ/Purchasing/RequestforProposals/R1816FixedBaseOperatoratAirport/tabid/4009/Default.aspx>. For more info, contact Airport Administrator Jim Arnott at 845-807-0326.

Raising Wages

In preparation for the State-required minimum wage of \$15 an hour, Sul-livan County this month raised all full-time em-ployees making minimum wage to \$14 an hour.

The full \$15/hour rate will be reached next year, in line with the State man-date.

"This goes beyond any mandate, however," said County Manager Josh Potosek. "This is a step in addressing the attraction and retention of valuable employees throughout our workforce."

New jobs require a new look

Have you checked out Sullivan County's new Job Opportunities page? Have a look: <https://sullivan-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Not only can you see what jobs we offer, you can apply on the spot! And you can learn all about the Civil Service

exams necessary for many of these positions.

"The design of this portal offers a hint of what's to come when we debut a completely revamped County website later this year," hinted County Manager Josh Potosek. "I encourage everyone to share this page with their friends and family."

Senator Gillibrand Announces Provision in Omnibus Appropriations Package that Would Prevent DOJ from Interfering with Implementation of State Medical Marijuana Laws

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the inclusion of a provision in the Omnibus Appropriations package that will prohibit the use of federal funds by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to interfere with the implementation of states' medical marijuana laws. Even though 29 states and the District of Columbia have made medical marijuana legal, marijuana in any form is still prohibited at the federal level.

"I am pleased that this provision is included in the Omnibus Appropriations package so that the Department of Justice cannot interfere with states' rights to implement their medical marijuana laws," said Senator Gillibrand. "Parents should be able to give their sick children the medicine they need without having to fear that they will be prosecuted. Veterans should be able to come home from combat and use the medicine they need without having to fear that they will be prosecuted. I will continue to urge my colleagues to pass my bipartisan legislation, the CARERS Act, so that the children and families who desperately need this medicine can finally access it without fear."

In December of last year, Gillibrand led a letter with a bipartisan group of Senators calling on House and Senate leadership to include a provision in the Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations package to prevent the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using any funds to interfere with the implementation of states medical marijuana laws. Senators Rand Paul (R-KY), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Steve Daines (R-MT) signed onto Gillibrand's letter

Senator Bonacic Invites Nominees for Veteran's Hall of Fame Honor

(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) invites nominations from the 42nd Senate District for induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame represents extraordinary New Yorkers whose heroism in the United States Armed Forces is complemented by their service to the people in their community.


The New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame was created to pay tribute and celebrate exceptional veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves, both in the military and civilian life.

"This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the efforts of men and women who demonstrated tremendous courage during their time in the military," said Senator Bonacic. "The Veteran's Hall of Fame recognizes their sacrifice and commitment to help secure the freedoms we enjoy today."

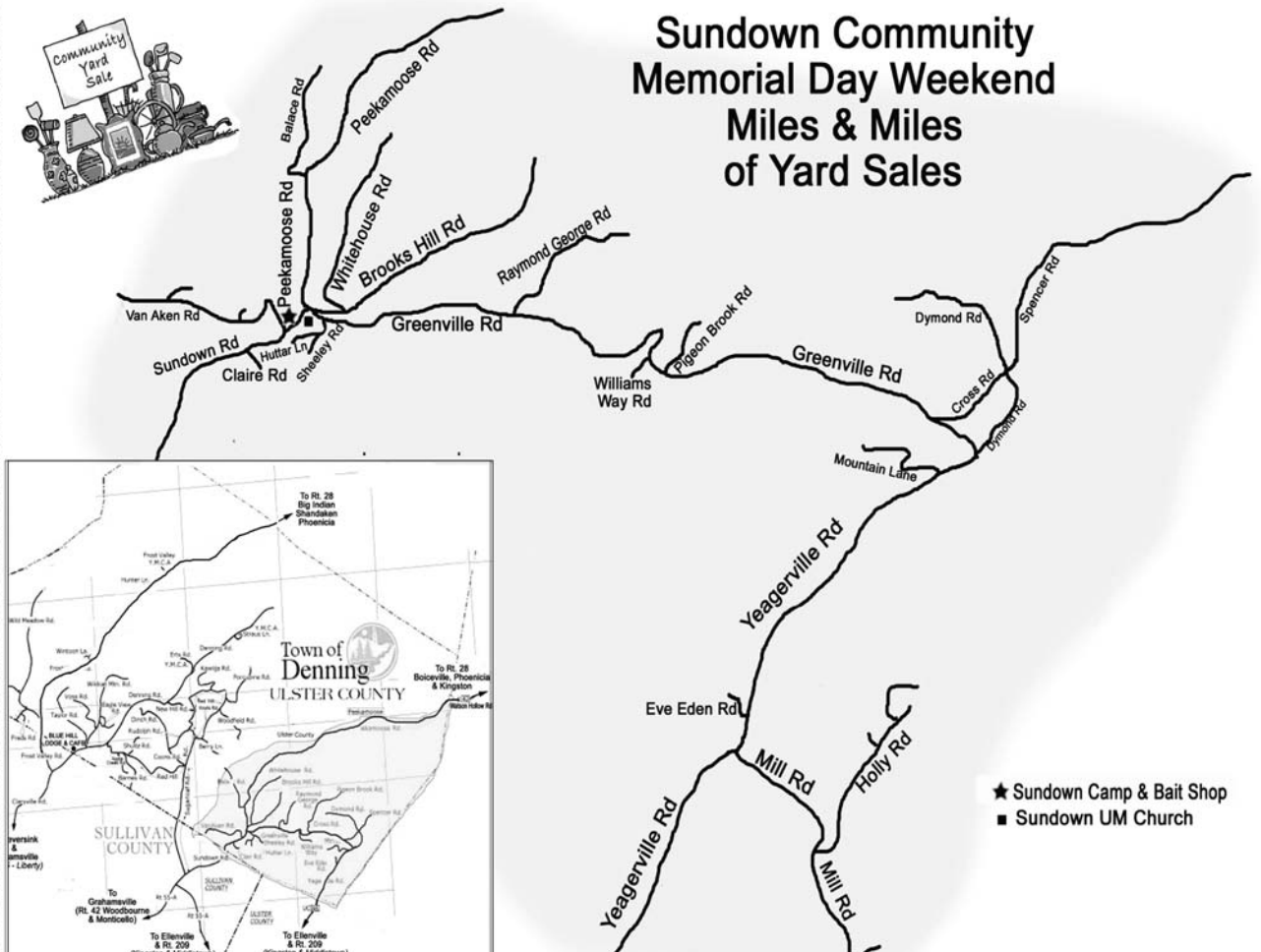
The selected veteran from the 42nd District will participate in a ceremony followed by a luncheon on Tuesday, May 16th in Albany. The photograph and biography of each honoree across the state will become part of a special online exhibit which tells the stories of the many contributions veterans make during and after their time in military service.

Veterans residing in the 42nd State Senate District are eligible to be nominated. The 42nd Senate District includes the following communities: all of Sullivan County; the following Towns in Delaware County: Masonville, Tompkins, Walton, Hamden, Delhi, and Colchester; the following Towns in Orange County: Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Mount Hope, Tuxedo, Walkkill, Warwick, Wawayanda; Cities of Middletown and Port Jervis; and Ulster County: the Towns of Denning, Gardiner, New Paltz, Rosendale, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing.

If you would like to nominate a veteran, please send an email to Senator Bonacic's office attdowns@nysenate.gov, or call 845-344-3311, explaining the reason your nominee should be inducted into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame. Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 250 words along with the veteran's rank and file at the time of discharge or end of military service. Please remember to include the town or city of residence and phone number of the nominee. Those making nominations should also include their own name and contact information. Nominations must be received no later than Friday, April 20, 2018.



Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales



★ Sundown Camp & Bait Shop

■ Sundown UM Church

NAME _____ TELE # _____

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If you are a Sundown resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the "Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" map that will be published in the May 10, 17 and 24th issues of *The Townsman* - send us the location of your yard sale. Spot it on the map and fill out this form and return it to: *The Townsman*, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in *The Townsman* 'Drop Box' on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building by **Friday, April 20, 2017.**

If you choose to have your yard sale only on certain days during the Memorial Day Weekend please indicate date(s) of your sale:

Only the location of your yard sale and date(s) will be indicated on the map unless otherwise noted. (e.g. Johnson Family Yard Sale; Antiques & More; etc.). If you have any suggestions - send them along, too.



The Grahamsville United Methodist Church

invites you to visit the Thrift Ministry in our recently improved building on the hill!

Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, and linens can now be found under one roof.

"The Boutique" which offers new and gently used items is now located on the first floor of the Thrift Building.

Upcoming Saturday sales from 9:00 am to noon: April 21

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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985-2283

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 15th



Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

A "Knight" to Remember Tri-Valley PTO Father/Daughter Dance

Kindergartners through 6th grade and 6th through 8th grade elementary school students are encouraged to bring their father, step-father, uncle, grandfather, or any important male figure, to enjoy an evening of dancing and light refreshments on April 21st from 6 to 8 pm in the Elementary Gym.

We will have face painting, a photographer, and an ice cream station. Cost is \$5 per family.

Calvary Baptist Church 12th Sportsmen's Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake is having it's 12th Sportsmen's Dinner. This event will be held on Saturday April 7th 2018 4pm-8pm at the Fire Department Located on Rte 52 in Loch Sheldrake NY 12759.

Tickets are \$12 donation for ages 12 years old and up. This includes a game dinner, door prizes and speaker Steve Little shares hunting tips and stories.

Please call 845-985-7410 for tickets and info

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

April 7, 2018 5:30 pm Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

April 17th Thrift Sale 9-12 & Luncheon 10:45-12:30
April 21st Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 13, 2018. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE 3/22; 3/29; 4/5 9x3

Residents and Tourists Encouraged to Catch Wild and Stocked Trout throughout State - DEC to Stock 2.26 Million Catchable-Size Trout in New York Waters

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that this year's trout fishing season in New York opens on Sunday, April 1. Supporting the State's growing sport fishing industry with an estimated \$1.8 billion in economic activity each year, DEC will stock 2.26 million catchable-size trout in 315 lakes and ponds and roughly 2,845 miles of streams across the state. Anglers should visit DEC's website for a list of stocked waters and the 2018 Coldwater Fishing Forecast for recommended trout and salmon fishing locations.

DEC Commissioner Seggos said, "Good stewardship and improved water quality has resulted in an increase wild trout abundance in many waters across the State. Learning the habits and needs of wild trout contributes to angling success and a deeper appreciation of the resource and I encourage anglers to experience these fisheries."

DEC's spring stockings will include 1.72 million brown trout, 377,500 rainbow trout, and 158,500 brook trout. Approximately 97,000 two-year-old brown trout 13 to 14 inches in length will also be stocked into lakes and streams across the state. These fish will provide enhanced angling experiences for the estimated 647,000 anglers that fish for trout in New York.

Although fishing conditions can be less than optimal during the early season, conditions will improve as the weather warms. As always, the best early season fishing can be found on Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley, and Western New York, which tend to warm up earlier than other portions of the state.

New York also provides some of the finest backwoods brook trout fishing in the northeast. These opportunities are most abundant in the Adirondacks, where more than 500 waters are managed for brook trout. Fish in these waters can weigh more than three pounds. In 2018, more than 310,000 brook trout fingerlings will be stocked in 345 lakes and ponds in the Adirondacks during the spring and fall to restore or enhance brook trout populations. Anglers new to brook trout fishing should look to the Guide to Brook Trout Fishing in Adirondack Ponds for assistance.

As part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative, which is aimed at increasing outdoor recreational opportunities in New York, the State is making significant improvements to DEC's fish hatchery system and waterway access facilities. Since 2014, \$14 million in NY Works funding has been budgeted for hatchery improvements. Under the 2018-19 Executive Budget Proposal, New York's Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative provides \$19.5 million for state land access projects and an additional \$4 million for fish and wildlife infrastructure.

NY Open for Fishing and Hunting hatchery improvement projects completed in 2017 include:

- o Well rehabilitation projects at both Bath and Adirondack Hatcheries, improving water quality for rearing fish;
- o Reconfiguration of the hatchery water outfall at Caledonia Hatchery;
- o Installation of secure hydrogen peroxide storage at multiple hatcheries as required by the Department of Homeland Security;
- o Purchase of four, one-ton stocking trucks and two sludge trucks to clean hatchery ponds;
- o Rehabilitation of the feed storage building at Rome Hatchery; and
- o Extensive improvements to the visitor center and grounds at the Salmon River Hatchery.

From stream habitat protection to the maintenance of public access infrastructure, a variety of management strategies are required to protect and enhance the diverse selection of trout and salmon fishing opportunities in New York State. Guided by recent studies on angler behavior and input from trout stream anglers in 16 public meetings held statewide last fall, DEC is revisiting inland trout stream management to identify strategies to support an assortment of trout stream angling experiences. Visit the

DEC's Trout Stream Management in New York web page for more information.

DEC also provides maps of its public fishing rights easements. Anglers are reminded to observe special trout regulations on waters noted in the current fishing guide. Additional information on places to fish for wild and stocked trout is available on DEC's website.

For beginning or youth anglers, ponds are easiest to fish, particularly during the early season. Information about where and how to fish, including a new highly effective technique for early season trout, can be found on the DEC's website.

Fishing License Required

Anyone 16 years of age and older must have a current State fishing license to fish in New York. Fishing licenses are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. More information on purchasing a fishing license can be found on DEC's website.

License purchasers are reminded that by law, every dollar spent on a fishing license helps fund fish stocking and other programs conducted by the Bureau of Fisheries. Please also consider purchasing a Habitat/Access Stamp which helps fund important access and habitat improvement projects. For more information on the Habitat/Access Stamp program visit DEC's website.

\$2.5 Million in Restore NY Funding Awarded to Projects in SC Grants will transform long-vacant properties in three municipalities

Monticello, NY - Five long-vacant historic properties will be rehabilitated and restored as a result of three Restore NY grants secured by the Village of Liberty, the Town of Liberty, and the Town of Rockland.

Last week, Governor Andrew Cuomo's office announced the recipients of nearly \$81 million from Round 5 of the Restore New York Communities Initiative. Of the 10 awarded funding in the seven-county Mid-Hudson Region, three are in Sullivan County.

The call for applications was released in October, when the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development worked with eligible municipalities to identify projects. Program funds could be used to cover the costs of demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings in projects that would result in new businesses.

The Village of Liberty was awarded \$1 million to support the continued restoration of the former Liberty Theater at the corner of South Main and John streets. An important anchor project in the revitalization of downtown Liberty's historic core, the restored theater is expected to feature music and live performances, as well as feature films. Additional retail and commercial office space will also be integrated into the final project.

The Town of Liberty was awarded \$500,000 which will be directed at revitalizing Main Street in Parksville. Plagued with vacancy since the State rerouted Route 17 around the hamlet over a decade ago, Parksville has recently seen positive development due to new investors seeking to create hospitality and artisanal food and beverage businesses there.

The Restore funding will help Randy Makiej complete development of a coffee roastery and gallery space at 32 Main Street, as well as a second project at 857 Parksville Road to launch a beer and sausage garden with partner Todd Perlmutter. The third component of the Parksville project is the rehabilitation of 19 Main Street by Sol Kleinberger for an inn and café.

Makiej, who has been actively advocating for the return of Parksville's vibrant Main Street, stated, "We are humbled and beyond thrilled to receive this grant for Parksville which will help us continue the efforts already in motion to revitalize the hamlet, create jobs, and build community."

On the receipt of the transformative grants for the Town and Village, Liberty Town Supervisor Brian Rourke said, "These grants mark the beginning of a new era for Liberty. For decades we have reflected on the glorious past, but with this new opportunity and other renewed energy, it is time to enthusiastically embrace our future. I cannot thank the Governor's office, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and the Sullivan County Division of Planning enough for its belief and support of our community. To the great people of Liberty, this is a signal to come together, get to work and to begin to transform our town into the community that we all deserve."

The Town of Rockland received \$1 million which will go toward the continued restoration of the historic Antrim Lodge in Roscoe. Owners and developers Diane and David Beveridge have been working to restore the lodge to its original purpose after a fire in 2006 which destroyed most of the building. The new Antrim Lodge will feature 14 guest rooms, a 75-person dining room, as well as a bar on the ground floor.

"We are thrilled and honored to be chosen as a grant recipient and look forward to revitalizing the Antrim Lodge and attracting more people to beautiful Sullivan County," remarked Diane Beveridge.

"The fact that we scored not one but three grants - covering five projects - is testament to the hard work and skill of our Planning Division," noted Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "This proves that if you have a dream that stands to benefit the County economy and citizenry, you need to contact our professional planners to tap into funding

sources which can make that dream a solid reality. I particularly want to thank Governor Cuomo and the Restore NY team for recognizing the need in our corner of the Catskills."

DEC Announces Results of National Archery in State Schools Tournament Number of Participating Students and School Districts Continues to Grow Each Year

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the results from the 10th annual New York National Archery in the Schools (NASP) state tournament, hosted by DEC on March 9, at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY. The event included 485 students from 25 school districts and is the third NASP state tournament where all of the participating archers were together on the same day.

"This year's National Archery in the Schools state tournament was a huge success and we're excited to see the program continue to grow," DEC Commissioner Seggos said. "The NASP program is a great way to introduce young people to archery, and by extension, outdoor activities, which will strengthen their connection to nature. The dedication and commitment of the teachers and students who participate in the program are integral to its success."

NASP is designed to engage students in the educational process and improve participation in outdoor activities by students of all athletic abilities. DEC is involved in the program to introduce young people to archery, a common way to become interested in hunting and the outdoors.

Each competitor in the state tournament could achieve a maximum score of 300 points. There are three divisions: High School, grades 9-12; Middle School, grades 6-8; and Elementary School, grades 4-5. With a score of 291, the overall top female archer in the tournament was Victoria Yuknek of St. Joseph by the Sea High School in Richmond County. With a score of 289, the top male archer in the tournament was Daniel Hoffman of Holland Central School in Erie County. Both Victoria and Daniel received a trophy, a Genesis bow, NASP bow case, and a FeraDyne target. Awards were also given out in each of the three divisions for first through fifth places.

The first-place team in the high school division was St. Joseph by the Sea High School in Richmond County. The first-place team in the middle school division was Hinsdale Middle/High School in Cattaraugus County. The first-place team in the elementary division was Schroom Lake Central School in Essex County. Trophies were also awarded in each of the three divisions for first, second, and third places.

Individuals that placed in the top 10 in their division, and teams that placed first in each of the three divisions, qualify to compete and represent New York State at the national NASP tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky, May 10 - 12.

NASP continues to grow at the national level with more than 2.3 million students participating in the program during the 2016-17 school year. More than 13,000 schools in 47 states, Washington D.C., Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia have adopted the program. In New York, 333 schools from 178 school districts participate in the program and more than 34,000 students participated during the 2016-17 school year.

The New York State NASP Tournament is offered only to students who participated in the NASP archery program during in-school classes taught by certified NASP teachers. For more information on how schools can become involved in NASP and to view DEC's photo gallery, visit DEC's website. To learn more about the National Archery in the Schools Program, visit webpage.

Statement from Governor Cuomo Directing Department of Labor Investigation into Allegations of Threatening and Coercive Behavior at Albany Medical Center

"I am deeply disturbed by recent allegations of threatening and coercive behavior against nurses at Albany Medical Center. New York State is a union state and we believe in the fundamental right to organize. At a time when organized labor is under attack from President Trump and the federal government in Washington, I stand shoulder to shoulder with our union brothers and sisters and those seeking to organize, especially the men and women who serve our sick and elderly at hospitals across the state.

"Today I am directing the State Department of Labor to launch an immediate investigation into the allegations of threatening and coercive behavior at Albany Medical Center. The right to organize is paramount, and New York State will not stand for any attempts to intimidate, illegally prevent, or dissuade workers from unionizing."



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

2018 Upcoming Events

- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/9 - 7th-12th Grade Free Paint Ball Trip
- 6/16 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

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

- 4/7/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/7/18 **12th Sportsmen's Dinner** 4pm-8pm at the Loch Sheldrake Fire House 845-985-7410 for tickets/info
- 4/10/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/12/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 4/12/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4/13/18 Neversink Parks & Rec **Free Animal Embassy Presentation**
- 4/15/17 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
- 4/16/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 4/17/18 **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** - Grahamsville UMC
- 4/17/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 4/18/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm (No March Meeting)
- 4/19/18 Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm
- 4/21/18 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** - Grahamsville UMC 9 am - 12 Noon
- 4/21/18 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner**
- 4/23/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting. 7 pm Daniel Pierce Library Community Room
- 5/1/18 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 5/5/18 Tri Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk - Sign In 8:15am - Walk 9am

SAVE THE DATE!

- Apr 7 - **Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner** 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- May 5 - **Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight Walk**: Sign-in 8:15-9am First Aid Building - 9am Walk on Fairgrounds
- May 25-28, 2018 **Sundown Community 2nd Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!**
- Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic** June 6 - 5-7:30 pm Animals must be 3 months old. Horsebarn on Fairgrounds
- June 9 TV PTO **Fun Run/Walk for Kindness & Community Day Free** day of fun-filled activities: Jumpy house, obstacle course, dunk tank, batting cage, face painting, corn hole, can jam, touch a truck and many more activities. 9-2pm

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**Boy Scout Troop 97
 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner**

Neversink Fire House
April 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
 We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert.
Adults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00

Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from:
 Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328 or
 Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

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

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**Calvary Baptist Church
 12th Sportsmen's Dinner**

Saturday April 7th 2018 • 4pm-8pm
 Loch Sheldrake Fire House (Rt. 52)
 Tickets \$12 donation for ages 12 years old and up. This includes a game dinner, & door prizes
 Steve Little will share hunting tips and stories.
 Please call 845-985-7410 for tickets and info.

**Denning Democrats Open
 Invitation to Meet Jen Metzger, NY Senate Candidate**

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 11 am to Noon the Denning Democratic Committee will introduce Jen Metzger to our community. Ms. Metzger is the Democratic candidate for New York State Senate District 42, currently held by John Bonacic. All residents of Claryville, Neversink, and Sundown, are invited to the downstairs Community Room of the Daniel Pierce Library. Refreshments will be served.
 Ms. Metzger currently serves as a Councilwoman for the Town of Rosendale where she is a well-respected leader and has been described as a diligent, caring and effective. She has worked on the Public Service Commission, fighting to reduce utility-fixed charges that are among the highest in the country. She is dedicated to improving the lives of the people in our district.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Roast Pork Dinner**

April 21, 2018
4:00-7:00 pm
 Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Homemade App;lesauce, Salad, Bread,
 Drinks and Assorted Desserts
ADULTS: \$13.00
CHILD 5-12: \$8.00
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Ms. Metzger has been endorsed by: James Skoufis, NYS Assembly Member; Kevin Cahill, NYS Assembly Member; Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive; Sparrow Tobin, City of Middletown Alderman Elliot Auerbach, Ulster County Comptroller; Kathy Nolan, Ulster County Legislator; Frank Cardinale, Ulster County Democratic Committee Chair Donna Schick, Sullivan County Democratic Committee Chair; New York State Senate District 42 includes Sullivan County, parts of Ulster, Orange, and Delaware Counties.
 Ms. Metzger is running against John Bonacia (R) who is 76 years old and has been an elected official in Albany for 20 years

**Sixth Annual Eileen Haworth Weil
 Scholarship Brunch Coming April 15**

Monticello, NY - Eileen Haworth Weil was a tireless warrior for peace, human rights and environmental justice. For the sixth year, the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the Annual Eileen Haworth Weil Scholarship Brunch to be held in Eileen's memory. This event celebrates Eileen's life, honors those who continue in her tradition, and awards a scholarship to students who have demonstrated an interest in human rights.

The scholarship is open to graduating Sullivan County Community College students who will pursue a four-year degree.

The gathering will honor Martin Colavito, Bruce Ferguson and Elaine Williams for their dedication to human rights and environmental justice. Roland Ward, one of the original members of the Human Rights Commission, will also be honored.

The Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. Tickets are \$50 per person. For information or to make reservations, e-mail Judy Balaban at work4tolerance@aol.com.

The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Sullivan County Government Center's Hearing Room in Monticello. Meetings are open to the public. Visit the Commission website at: www.co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/HumanRightsCommission/tabid/3205/default.aspx.



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SUNDOWN COMMUNITY MILES AND MILES OF YARD SALES!

The 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sales will be held May 25, 26, 27 & 28. Keep watching *The Townsman* for details. A map and application form is on page 12 of this issue for those who wish to participate.

Just clip out the application – put a spot on the map where your Yard Sale will be held – then fill out the bottom portion of the form and either mail it or drop it in the Townsman Drop Box at the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

Like last year, there is no fee - just fun! We will be asking those who participate or anyone else who wishes, to donate a baked good item for the **Sundown Methodist Church's Bake Sale** that will be held on Saturday, May 26th at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall when they will hold their **BIG Annual Yard Sale**.

If you are not planning on a Yard Sale, but have gently used items you would like to donate to the Sundown UMC's Yard Sale – please arrange to bring them to the church hall by Tuesday, May 1st.

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:
The Townsman, P O Box 252, Grahamsville, NY 12740 along with \$1 for each item that you wish to have displayed on-line for one month in your own shop at the Gnome Home on-line mall




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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"

A Guy Named Joe
(Romance, 1943)



A downed World War II pilot becomes the guardian angel for his successor in love and war. Directed by Victor Fleming, and starring *Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Van Johnson, Ward Bond, James Gleason, Lionel Barrymore, Barry Nelson, Esther Williams, Don DeFore*. A great cast in a heart-warming film both in content and passion.
 WW2 pilot – Tracy – coming back to Earth to give young serviceman Johnson a hand in his romance with Tracy's girlfriend, Dunne. Remade in 1989 as ALWAYS. **Starting** at 9:45 AM B/W, 120 min. CC, TV-PG,
 Then at 10:00 PM *Stalag 17* (War, with some great comic moments, 1953) B/W - 121 m CC.

- QUIZ:**
- In *A Guy Named Joe*, Who played "Nails" Kilpatrick?
 - Who played Ellen Bright?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
April 7 - Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
 Residents of Sundown – when you start your Spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside all those things you want to sell at this year's **2nd Annual Memorial Day Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** Keep watching *The Townsman* for details.
P.S. Just in case you don't want to have a Yard Sale and are cleaning those closets and wonder what to do with all that 'stuff' – Sundown Methodist Church will be receiving gently used articles for their **BIG Annual Yard Sale** on Saturday, May 26. Articles will be received for the sale through now and up to May 1st.

GRAHAMSVILLE
 April - Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Thrift Sale and Luncheon**

April 7- Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** from 9 am to noon

May 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Club **Journey for Sight Walk:** Sign-in 8:15-9am Grahamsville First Aid Building - 9am Walk on Fairgrounds - To make a pledge to sponsor a 'walker' for this event contact any TV Lions Club member.

CLARYVILLE
All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 15th. Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon (See Pg. 13 for details.)
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 1. James Gleason
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