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Yasgur' in Concert at the County Museum!

Hurleyville, NY - The Woodstock 50th Anniversary is over, but the music, the message, and the songs are alive and well in Sullivan County. And one of the bands keeping that spirit alive is the roots rock and blues group "Yasgur."



"Yasgur" is a powerful 4-piece guitar and harmonica-driven band, playing danceable swing, jump and Chicago-style blues. The band covers tunes by Muddy Waters, Tom Waits, Bruce Springsteen, The Grateful Dead, Chuck Berry, and many others.

Named after the legendary Max Yasgur of Woodstock fame, three of the members met at a jam session just up the road from the original Woodstock site. Band members include Rich Johansen, vocals and guitar, Mike Moss, drums, Dan Berger, harmonica, & Steve Suresh, bass. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Eric Nystrom (third from right), District Grand Lecturer, Order of the Eastern Star, Delaware-Sullivan District, State of New York and a member of Sullivan-St. Tammany Chapter #298 in Livingston Manor, recently presented this orthopedic hip chair to the Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency, a result of the District's veterans-oriented project for 2019. The donated chair will help veterans visiting our office to enjoy more convenience and comfort while waiting. Accepting the donation were, from the left, Veterans Service Officer Pablin Santiago, Director John Crotty, Veterans Service Officer Stephen Walsh and Veterans Service Officer Howard Goldsmith, who is also the chairman of the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition.

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Howard Goldsmith, who is also the chairman of thePowerful theatre, Mental Health
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Lori Schneider the Executive Director of NAMI Sullivan County Friends of the Mamakating Library is sponsoring a performance of a funny, moving play -"Every Brilliant Thing" by Duncan MacMillan with Jonny Donahoe - a powerful piece of theatre about Depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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ECO Walraven with injured Barred Owl at the wildlife rehabilitation facility On August 8, ECO Jon Walraven responded to a call from the New York State Police seeking an ECO to assist with locating and recovering an injured owl in Sullivan County. ECO Walraven located a Barred Owl with a severely injured left wing and unable to fly. The owl was safely captured, and ECO Walraven transported the bird to a local wildlife rehabilitator for treatment and recovery.

."From Montauk Point to Mount Marcy, from Brooklyn to Buffalo, the ECOs patrolling our state are the first line of defense in protecting New York's environment and our natural resources, ensuring that they exist for future generations of New Yorkers,"said Commissioner Basil Seggos. "They work long and arduous hours, both deep in our remote wildernesses and in the tight confines of our urban landscapes. Although they don't receive much public fanfare, the work of our ECOs is critical to achieving DEC's mission to protect and enhance our environment."

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THE TOWNSMAN

ON THE FRONT BURNER: Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. Ecclesiastes 9:7

Louella J. Franson of Napanoch, NY passed away in the comfort of her home on Monday, August 19, 2019. She was 78 years old. Louella was born on March 25, 1941 in Napanoch; she was the daughter of the late Donald and Frieda

(Green) Wright. She married the love

of her life, Robert Franson, on May 8, 1971.

Louella had worked as a receptionist for Dr. Tsai in Monticello, NY for many years. In her down time she

spending time with her family. Louella's children and her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Surviving are her children, Erik Franson and his wife Melissa and Kathleen Warren and her husband Dale; seven grandchildren, Summer Franson, Kaitlyn Franson, Erik Franson Jr., Andrew Franson, Aurora Cardenas, Justin Startup and Sam Warren; two great grandchildren, Payton and Carter Barkan; her brothers, Donald, David and Ralph Wright and her sister, Mary Wright.

Louella was predeceased by her husband, Robert Franson and her brother. James Wright.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 25th at Furman Cemetery

Thank You

All of us at Superior would like to thank all who responded Wednesday when a customer went down. I want to especially thank Joe Comando, a customer in the store at the time, who jumped right in to perform CPR.

We are proud to have these first rate responder's in our community, 1st was here with in minutes of 911 call, to respond and serve in time of acute need.

Again Thank You Neversink Ambulance Corp, Mobil Medic, NYC DEP Officers and NYS Troopers.

Arden & Collin Dean

The Family of Sandra Edwards thanks everyone that phoned, sent cards and well wish-

Chris and Julie Holmes

Mr. James O'Neil is repainting the Myers Groo apartment for occupancy next week. Mr. O'Neil is the Industrial Art teacher at the local school.

Joseph Irwin and Bob VanAken put on a Clam Bake for about 40 people at the Lewis DePew place Sunday. Those attending were employees of the Healy Const. Co. and their wives.

The Samuel Rosoff construction firm has started suit for \$1,794,213 against the City of New York for money allegedly due on construction of the Delaware Aqueduct. In its complaint, the Rosoff firm said that on February 21, 1939, it entered into a contract with the city for the construction of part of the Rondout-West Branch tunnel of the Delaware Aqueduct in the vicinity of Gardiner, Ulster County. It said that it had 'duly completed' the terms of the contract and city subsequently certified that the value of the work and material amounted to \$21,092,218. This amount was paid according to the company's attorney. However, the company alleged in its complaint the city failed to pay the \$1,794,213 for addi-tional material and labor. The complaint points out that in the plans the tunnel was supposedly to be cut through solid rock but that at one point soft and disintegrated rock allowed water to enter and that the design was then change by the city. The company had to install concrete bulkheads and work 13 months instead of 1. The city said it had performed its part of the contract and asked that the complaint be dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheeley entertained guests at dinner at the Beaver Dam Club on Sunday, the occasion was Donald Ter Bush's birthday.

Mr. Bert Wright is digging the foundation for Mr. Brown's new garage.

August 26, 1959

Fifty-two members of the Many family met on the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Saturday for their annual reunion. All the surviving children of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. B. many were present. The reunion was started in 1923 and has been held every years since. Descendants of Mrs. And Mrs. Eli Bennett many now number more than 150.

The Little Red Tea House Tea Room will be open on Sundays, but closed through the week except for such as make reservations in advance.

Birthday Congratulations to Jane Ackerley, Mrs. Daniel Meyer and Vernon E. Stratton, Jr., Mrs. Adella Herman, and Donald TerBush.

August 27, 1969

Over 8,000 people attended the 90th Annual Little World's Fair in spite of the heavy rains which made it necessary to postpone exhibits from Saturday to Monday.

On Wednesday, September 3rd over nine hundred stu-dents are expected to report to Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville. Fifty-five teachers will be on hand to begin the school year.

Blue Hill Lodge was host to some 22 members of the Mycological Society this past weekend. Other members have been camping on Red Hill. Few people enjoy our rainy days, but the Mycological Society does, they hunt mushrooms.

Sgt. Dwayne Smith and his friend, PFC Robert Thurn are home on leave. Sgt. Smith is stay with his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Smith.

The Golden Age Club meets today, August 27th at the home of Mrs. Mildred Dunn.

A very impressive dedication service was held on Sunday morning at the Baptist Church in Lows Corners when the new door in the church was dedicated to the Memory of Ronal Gockel. Ronald was in the Navy for four years and served on the destroy Sperry and traveled all over the world.

Once again the patients of the Sullivan County Home & Infirmary give thanks to the kindness and understanding of fair superintendent Robert T May and the Grahamsville Fair Association. Thirty-five of the patients enjoyed the trip to the fair and are eagerly looking forward to another year. They not only were allowed to enter free of charge, but they were provided with their own booth in which to exhibit their artistic creations.

August 23, 1979

The Grahamsville Reformed Church has been busy having their organ renovated and restored. It is believed that this organ was commissioned and built in 1872 or 1873 by Hall and Lebach for the Clinton Avenue Reformed Church in Newark, N.J. The Grahamsville Church bought it in 1904 from Louis F. Hohr & Co. in New York City, who had serviced it for the Church through 1943. Since then nothing has been done to the organ until the present time. Rev. Hauser was assisted in the purchase of the organ by Prof. Ashmal, the organist of the largest Reformed Church in Newark, N.N and Mr. Alexander Milliken, an elder of the same church. This Newark Church also gave the rods, rings and curtains enclos-ing the organ. On Monday, August 6th, 1979 the Organ Historical Society, Inc. was here in Grahamsville to inspect and play the organ and have verified the historical authenticity of this beautiful old instrument. There will be an organ recital in October to commemorate the 135th Anniversary of the church and its restored organ - a treasured discover indeed!!!

Tri-Valley Central School will open on September 5th with an estimated enrollment of 1010 students.

Airman First Class Brian Krisel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Krisel of Woodbourne, recently participated in Global Shield 79, an Air Force exercise conducted by the Strategic Air Command. Airman Krisel is an operations systems management specialist with a SAC unit at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburg, NY.

Global Shield 79, which involved bomber, tanker, missile and reconnaissance forces and associated Air Force Reserve units, was the largest and most comprehensive test of SAC forces in more than 20 years.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to rising prodution and postal costs, as of September 1, 2019 our subscription rate for The Townsman will increase to \$40 per year. The newstand price will increase to \$1.

enjoyed reading, gardening, crocheting, doing crossword puzzles and





A Round About Tri-Valley - Carol Furman

Sympathy to Ann and Ken Bivins of Neversink on the passing of Ann's sister, Marie Sonneschein of Monticello on August 16th.

They say 100,000 flocked to the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts last weekend. This 50th anniversary celebration of "Woodstock" apparently was well-attend and went off without a hitch. The John Fogerty concert on Sunday night, however, was delayed an hour due to the bad thunder storm that passed through the area. My daughter, Karen, and daughter-in-law, Julie, went to the concert that evening. They told me a dead tree had fallen across the road due to the storm and blocked one of the the roadways. People jumped out of their vehicles and together removed the tree so that concert- goers could get to the show on a timely basis. The storm that passed through our area on Sunday evening left our hill and probably some in Sundown without power for about 20 hours. Power wasn't restored until around 1:00 pm on Monday.

On August 17th, the annual Summer Meeting and Luncheon was held at Frost Valley for FV Directors and guests. At that time, Charles and Marie Kremer, who resided in Claryvillle, were posthumously inducted into the Frost Valley Hall of Fame. Both employed at Frost Valley for many years, they were a generous, realistic, self-starting, tough and an independent couple. Charles worked on the maintenance crew and Marie worked has a camp chef, and later an office manager. The couple had seven children who also participated in various aspects of the Frost Valley program over the years. Charles and Marie were highly respected in the Neversink/Claryville community and would have been proud to know that they had been inducted into the FV Hall of Fame.

I read that Rolling "V", Tri-Valley's school bus carrier, purchased some brand new school buses from Leonard Bus Sales. The new buses are equipped with an advanced crash mitigation system. Phil Vallone, Rolling V" Bus Corp president, is committed to student safety and the buses will be assigned to local routes in school districts serviced by Rolling "V". Tuesday evening around 5:00 pm, we happened to be sitting outside on our porch. All of a sudden, the air was filled with myriads, and I mean hundreds, of flying insects. At first, we thought they were humming birds, however, after capturing one in a net, we determined that they were dragonflies, or as some call them, darning needles. I have seen dragonflies around ponds or moist meadows, but never had I seen hundreds flying in all directions all at once. The air was filled with them. These insects, some with green thoraxes and blue abdomens, had clear wings and continued to fly around our yard and pasture fields for some time. After reading about them, I learned that these harmless insects are attracted to smaller insects, which they eat on the wing. In all my years, I have never seen so many of these fast-flying insects throng together in such a large group.

Words of Wisdom: : Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they do not need to impress people they do not like. (Reader's Digest)

Yasgur in Concert at the County Museum!

(From Pg. 1) The concert will be held on Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. and is part of the Sullivan County Historical Society's Sunday Afternoon Music and History concert series (usually held on the first Sunday, but changed because of the Holiday weekend). The Americana band Little Sparrow will host the event.

The program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Call 845-434-8044 for more info, or visit the website at www.scnyhistory.org.

Cardiac Wellness at Ellenville Regional Hospital

The Ellenville Regional Rural Heath Network (RHN) partners are pleased to announce that they have secured a three-year, \$600,000 grant through the US Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA). The grant funding will allow the RHN partners to implement several evidence-based community outreach and clinical improvement strategies to reduce population cardiovascular risk. Over the 3-year period, the Cardiac Wellness project will combine clinical prevention screenings, nutrition counseling, and physical therapy, utilizing an evidence-based model to create lasting lifestyle changes that will improve and sustain good cardiovascular health in a cohort of patients. The project will offer Calcium Scoring CT's and Carotid Screening Ultrasounds to at-risk patients at no cost to the patient. Patients whose clinical screenings indicated they are at elevated risk will be eligible to receive nutrition counseling and Cardiac Wellness physical therapy to create lifestyle changes that reduce their risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

"Over the past year, many community members have expressed to the Rural Health Network staff that they wished for a nutritionist who they could speak to about their diet plans." Said Victoria Reid, Ellenville Regional Rural Health Network. "We are very excited to be able to offer nutritional counseling and more free nutritionbased programs in the community as a result of being awarded this grant. Our nutrition counseling is free to all community residents, and will not be billed through insurance. Additional on-going nutrition counseling is available to those signed up for the cohort." She added, "The Rural Health Network strives to ensure that the programs we are offering align with the community needs and wants. We are hosting a Community Conversation on September 18, 2019, from 5:00-6:30pm at Tony and Nicks in Ellenville. We would love everyone to come out and tell us more about what they think we can do to improve the health of our community, so we can continue implementing projects like this one

How should potential patients be considered for the program?

Those who have risk factors for cardiovascular disease are eligible for this program. If you are interested in learning more about eligibility, please call the Rural Health Network Community Health Worker, Brandon Bogert, at 845-647-6400 ext.205. If you have diabetes, are taking medication for hypertension, have elevated blood pressure, use nicotine products, or are overweight, it is likely you are eligible for this program. The Rural Health Network also offers a number of free community programs open to anyone, regardless of eligibility status.

Boater Safety Class - FREE

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit will host a one day (8 hour) New York State Boater's Safety Course on Sunday September 1, 2019. The class will be held from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Tennanah Lake Golf and Tennis Club 100 Fairway View Drive Roscoe, New York 12776. You must be at least 10 years old to attend and must pass a written test at the end of the session.

Starting in 2025, all boaters, regardless of age, will be required to pass an approved course in boater education in order operate a motorboat in New York State. Currently, all operators of personal watercraft (jet skis/wave runners) must be at least 14 years old and possess a boater safety certificate.

Seating for the class is limited and pre-registration is required. There is no charge for the course. New York State does charge a fee of \$10 for the boater's certificate which does not expire. The fee is waived for students less than 18 years old.

To sign up for the class call the Sheriff's Patrol at 794-7100, press option 1, and speak with the deputy on the desk.

Town of Denning Wilderness Rescue

On August 17 at 4:45 p.m., Ulster County 911 received a call reporting a 41-year-old male hiker having difficulty breathing on the Table Trail on Peekamoose Mountain. Forest Rangers Howard Kreft, Robert Stratton, and Callee Baker responded to assist.

A crew led by Forest Ranger Stratton and members of the Grahamsville Fire Department proceeded to hike in on the Peekamoose Trail and made contact with the hiker, his son, and sister-in-law at 6:20 p.m. The hiker was medically evaluated by an EMT with the crew and treated for dehydration and exhaustion. The group proceeded back down the trailhead and he was further evaluated by a mobile medic once they were out of woods.

The incident concluded at 7:30 p.m.

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

All that Glitters May be More Valuable than Gold

Many butterfly chrysalises glimmer in the sunlight with golden studs or gold leafing. Rather than looking like something living, these delicate pupa decorate the surrounding foliage like miniature ornaments. Last week I had observed what looked like a jade pen-

Last week I had observed what looked like a jade pendant with a gold corona encircling the top hanging off the white siding of the back of our cabin., making it vividly stand out and wanted to know what it was. So I

out and wanted to know what it was. So I got Frank, Joe and baby Aurora to go on a 'nature walk' and take a look at this beautiful chrysalis. As soon as Joe saw it, he remembered one of his first assignments in school – finding a chrysalis on a milkweed plant. It was a Monarch Butterfly chrysalis.

This delicate pupa looked more like a miniature ornament than a living creature. After a picture today, I headed to the books and internet to do a little research and found that the beauty and stunning brilliance of the Monarch, and other butterfly chrysalises have been noted throughout the ages. In

fact, word "chrysalis"is derived from the Greek word "chrysos" meaning "gold." I also learned the crown of golden points - the diadem -

I also learned the crown of golden points - the diadem doesn't sparkle until after the first 24 hours of the formation of the chrysalis. The shimmer of the diadem suggests that it's at least partially created by a structure. The fact that after the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis and the diadem appears yellow suggests that there's a pigment at play as well. The gold on the pupae are broad band reflectors that are produced with the help of a wide spectrum of light.

with the help of a wide spectrum of light. But why the shiny gold and what is the purpose? Until recently scientists had many hypothesis. One idea was, for camouflage – the gold made the pupa look like dew droplets. Another idea was that the gold helped protect the insects from harmful sun rays, and another thought - it was just an accident and serves no purpose. Nothing could be proven except that the gold on the monarch butterfly's chrysalis was created by a coupling of a carotenoid pigment and a hill-like structure that reflected light from the peaks.

It wasn't until recently when a butterfly enthusiast, Richard Stringer, decided he would look inside the chrysalis. Stringer's scans showed that some of the organs of the butterfly are formed by the time the caterpillar

hy are formed by the time the caterphiar has completed the chrysalis. Stinger went on to study the dramatic changes that go on inside a chrysalis. He did this using day-by-day MRI scans. The scanning did not harm the chrysalids. Observers were amazed to see that the butterfly's brain was visible from day one!

He reported his observations. Even before the caterpillar changes, the cellular structure, precursors to different organs, were evident. Flight muscle and reproductive tissue mature during the roughly 10-day metamorphosis. Even though the caterpillar's head disappears, the eye tissue remains to become the butterfly's eyes.

And he was able to give purpose for

the telltale gold spots on the outside of a chrysalis - they are ports of entry for oxygen. Stringer's images revealed hundreds of tracheal tubes inside a chrysalis that bathe each cell of the insect with oxygen as the organs develop. Stringer is continuing his research and points out,

Stringer is continuing his research and points out, "Often, the owners of the various technologies have done the work for free,." Stringer is quick to point out that his probes into the mysteries of the chrysalis are only possible "due to the generosity of curious people."

"Metamorphosis: The Beauty and Design of Butterflies," is a DVD released last year by Illustra Media. The film recently created some controversy because of its underlying "intelligent design" message, "the miraculous transformation of butterflies can originate only from "an intelligence that transcends the natural world."

Asked about this, Stringer says, "I'm not interested in Creationism. I'm interested in the biology of amazing things occurring in nature." He adds, "I'm a biologist, but I think there can be forces that we're not in touch with that make all these incredible things a butterfly can do possible...You can call it magic or anything you want." The film begins with Stringer's statement, "As you watch

The film begins with Stringer's statement, "As you watch a butterfly, to describe what you are looking at – you can't really put it into words. That's biology, and it's also magic."

Household Hints

Lost Sock Sense

What a great idea! When you polish your silverware, put a sock on each of your hands. Use one to apply the silver cleaner, and the other to buff the shine back.



THE TOWNSMAN

The Korean Woman Mysterious Book Report No. 386

by John Dwaine McKenna



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Mi-Hi Abrahams is living the American dream. She's the mother of two children; a boy age five and a girl age two and a half, married to a Wall Street lawyer, and living a privileged, wealthy lifestyle on Manhattan's upper east side where she's a doting mommy and actively involved in the PTA and community charity events. But it's all a lie. The woman's real name is Song Sun Young, and ... what's known as a sleeper ... for the NKPR, the North Korean People's Republic in author John Altman's electrifyshe's a spy ing new thriller: *The Korean Woman*, (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 261 pages, ISBN 978-1-4708-2697-0)

Song Sun Young barely managed to survive a brutal childhood in North Korea after her parents were killed, by engineering two escapes from the harshest imaginable prison camps before she turned eleven years old. Instead of being shot, the authorities recognized her brains, beauty and talent and decided to utilize her abilities to advance the aims of the state. She was plucked out of prison and began a decade long training course in spycraft. With her younger brother still held by the regime as insurance, Song applied herself with diligence, efficiency and ruthlessness. Showing no remorse after her first kill, she's infiltrated into South Korea with a new identity, then into the United States under still another false identity. There, she settles in, gets married, has kids . . . and waits for the call she hopes never comes. But just six years later, it does. She's tasked with stealing the inner workings of America's financial system.



Unbeknownst to the North Koreans, the NSA, National Security Agency, using newly developed secret computers, has broken into the NKPR's cyber systems. The American CIA has been watching Song Sun Young for two years. The covert team leader calls upon retired Israeli operative Dalia Artzi, (a character introduced in Altman's last thriller, *False Flag, MBR No. 322*), who's a world-class expert in the history and tactics of warfare and a professor at Princeton. Her role is to figure out what the Koreans are attempting, as they observe Song's behavior while she relentlessly goes about her mission. What she sees convinces Dalia that Song is an unwitting dupe in a larger game, watching in horror as the nuclear-armed antagonists start their countdowns to the unthinkable in this teeth-gritting, pulse pounding and searing, all-too-real scenario that will leave you panting for more as Altman shows us once again, why he's fast becoming one of the top thriller writers in the world!

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Interview With The Author of Below the Radar (Last week's MBR - #385): Dana Ridenour



by John Dwaine McKenna

The MBR is honored to speak today with author, and retired FBI agent, Dana Ridenour, who spent the majority of her 20 year law enforcement career as an undercover operative. It is some of the most dangerous work in the world. and a testament to her dedication. courage and bravery. Here then, is Ms. Ridenour, and the most compelling interview we've ever done. Our first question is:

Why do you write?

The FBI is hardly ever portrayed factually in novels, television, or movies. I wanted to write a realistic FBI undercover novel. My firsthand knowledge of undercover work allowed me to write an FBI undercover series that not only has a thriller element, but also delves into the psychological impact that undercover work has on the agent. After three novels, I can't imagine not writing. I'm the happiest when I'm in writing mode.

What do you write about?

I'm a retired FBI agent. I spent most of my twenty-year career working in an undercover capacity. All three of my novels are fiction, but loosely based on real cases that I worked. I spent several years infiltrating domestic terrorism cells, many like the ones portrayed in my novels. My mother encouraged me to keep a journal when I became an FBI Agent. I started keeping a journal when I began work-ing undercover. I kept the journals hidden in the ceiling panels of my undercover apartment. I documented feelings and experiences along the way. These journals were a big part of formulating my Lexie character.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

The main character in my series is Lexie Montgomery, a female undercover FBI agent. The character of Lexie came about because of emotions that I experienced as a new undercover agent. Undercover agents have to learn to compartmentalize their emotions. When an agent is new to working undercover, it can be difficult to not get lost in the role. The dangers that I faced in my career made me the person that I am today. Those experiences make up the character of Lexie Montgomery. So, even though the books are fiction, the characters and cases are based on many of my real-life experiences. At this point it would be impossible to separate Lexie's emotions from my emotions. She has in a sense become my alter-ego. I'd like to think that Lexie is a better version of me.

Who's your favorite author?

I'm a huge Pat Conroy fan. I fell in love with the South Carolina Lowcountry from reading his lyrical prose. I've read all of his books -- many times.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

nothing detailed. I like my characters to surprise me and I date about Lexie's next adventure !!

don't want to be tied to a detailed outline. When the books morphed into a series, I had to develop a character bible to keep the characters straight from book to book.

Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from? Because of my experiences in the FBI, I have a wealth of information to draw from when I sit down to write. During my twenty years as an FBI agent I was assigned to four different Field Divisions and had the opportunity to work a wide variety of cases to include multi-faceted narcotics investigations, domestic sex trafficking of minors, and violent crime. Eight years into my career, I was selected for the FBI's prestigious undercover program. My first long term, deep cover undercover case required me to infiltrate a radical animal rights group, which served as the basis for both Behind The Mask and Below The Radar. I had the rare experience of working a long-term undercover investigation with my husband who is also a retired FBI agent. We were a couple playing a couple. It was an incred-ible experience and became the inspiration for my new novel. Below The Radar.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

It's a long and sometimes rough road to publication, so be patient. You want your novel to be perfect when it is published, so don't rush through the editing process and don't make any rash publishing decisions. Make sure your manuscript is as clean as you can get it before you pitch your project to literary agents. I would also recommend attending writers conferences. I've learned so much from conferences and workshops and have made some great connections. Attend conferences, meet people, and pass out your business cards. Even if you don't have a novel ready to pitch now, you probably will in the future. It never hurts to make and nurture those connections. Some of them will turn into lifelong friendships

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

I'll share an interesting detail that not many people know. All of my manuscripts have to be approved by the FBI before I'm allowed to publish. This pre-publishing review process protects trade secrets. I'm also held to a different standard because of my affiliation with the FBI. For example, I was not allowed to use a photo of the FBI seal on any of my book covers.

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you plot-outline or wing it? Wow! Many thanks for sharing your time and For the most part, I wing it. I do a loose outline, but thoughts today Dana. And, please, keep the MBR up-to-

Biography

Dana Ridenour is a retired FBI agent and author. She spent most of her career as an FBI undercover operative infiltrating criminal organizations including the Animal Liberation Front, an organization of domestic terrorists. Dana's first novel, Behind The Mask, is fiction but based on her personal experiences working as an undercover agent. Behind The Mask won numerous literary awards and was named one of the best indie books of 2016 by Kirkus Reviews.

Dana's second novel, Beyond The Cabin, was released on August 1, 2017. Beyond The Cabin, the second novel in her FBI undercover series, is set in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Beyond The Cabin was awarded the 2018 Royal Palm Literary Award for Best Thriller or Suspense.

Dana's third book, Below The Radar, was released on August 13, 2019.

Dana lives in Beaufort, South Carolina where she is working on her fourth novel.

Please follow Dana on the following sites:

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The ©โive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda Summer's End

There are signs that summer is coming to a close. You don't need to consult a calendar; there are subtle and some not-so-subtle reminders. Here are the ones that I notice as we approach Labor Day weekend:

- 1. Listening to katydids at night
- 2. Seeing "Back-to-school" ads bombarding the internet
- 3. Teachers getting their "welcome back" letters
- 4. Grandkids getting their teacher assignments and schedules
- 5. Noticing the annuals are spectacular and feeling sad they won't last too long
- 6. Seeing Joe Pye Weeds towering above all other weeds along back roads
- 7. Discovering bathing suits on clearance racks
- 8. Seeing signs for Olive Day all over town (September 7th)
- 9. Feeling like pastels are a little too pastel
- 10. Overdosed on hot dogs and hamburgers and craving a pot roast

Town of Hardenburgh-Larceny Investigation

Larceny Investigation: On August 13, Forest Ranger Robert Stratton received a call from DEC Central Dispatch about a possible larceny at Alder Lake within Balsam Lake Wild Forest. A camper's table, chairs, firewood, and food were stolen during the previous two days when he left his campsite to tend to family business. When the camper returned, he went to a neighboring campsite to ask if they saw anyone take his things. While speaking to the people at the adjacent campsite, he saw his table and chairs, and when questioned, the campers told him they were borrowing them. He then hiked to cell phone coverage and called 911 to report the incident. At roughly 9 p.m., Forest Ranger Stratton and New York State Police arrived on scene. One of the campers denied taking any material from the complainant's campsite in the initial interview, but upon further investigation, it was determined that the individual had taken firewood, food, and the table and chairs from the complainant. Forest Ranger Stratton then issued the camper a ticket and evicted him from the campsite.

Rebecca Andre's "Catskills Light" at the CWC in Margaretville

Catskill seasonal photographs by Rebecca Andre are now on display at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in Margaretville. The public is welcome to view the display "Catskills Light," at the CWC, 905 Main Street, weekdays from 8 to 4:30 (closed September 2). The show will be up through September 13.

This show includes 19 photographs, woven with poetry inspired by the images Andre captures with her lens. Her poetry demonstrates her deep love for the Catskill Mountains and the people who live here. All of the work is for sale.

Andre was born and raised on farms outside Baltimore. She is now a Halcottsville resident and owns Mountain Girl Photography and Design. She has worked as a reporter for the Watershed Post, as food and lodging writer for Kaatskill Life, and other Catskill travel guides, along with being published in Catskill Made and Chronogram. Rebecca is also the Social Media Marketing Director for Verglas Media.

In 2013 Rebecca settled in Delaware County with her husband Mark and their daughter Isabella. Since then she has combined poems with images, as in her 2017, "In Bloom" exhibition at the Commons Gallery in Margaretville, where her works shared the walls with painters Alix Hallman Travis and Mary Davis. During the 2018 AMR Studio Tour, Rebecca again presented her photography woven with poetry.

More CWC News:

On August 6 The Catskill Watershe Corp. (CWC) Board of Directors awarded \$176,912 to Windham Mountain Partners, LLC and \$135,650 for Whistler Partners, LLC to design and construct new stormwater control measures to control runoff from a new condominium, parking areas, roadway and ski slope. These organizations each own a portion of the area where the project will take place and jointly applied for funding. In the Town of Denning, Frost Valley YMCA was approved for \$36,185 to design and construct new stormwater control measures to control runoff from new cabins, a parking lot and road. More CWC Board actions:

o Funding was approved to Bovina Farm & Fermentory LLC for a full State and City approved stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) o Additional funding of \$10,960 to the Village of Delhi was approved to treat existing surface runoff from businesses and private parking lots. o Five septic system replacement program reimbursements were approved throughout four counties. o Two additional cost septic reimbursements were approved for Delaware and Ulster Counties.

Delaware and Ulster Counties. o David Donnelly of 1546 Denning Road in Claryville

was approved \$5,000 for a feasibility study for the best flood hazard mitigation property protection.

o Corbett Industrial Cleaning Services was approved \$11,950 to remove an underground fuel oil tank and relocate a stack of railroad ties at a flood buyout property in the Town of Hunter.

o Funding of \$2,340 to Rock Mountain Farms, Inc. of Ellenville was approved to provide additional stone and compact it on the Upper Cherrytown Parking Area driveway in the Town of Rochester.

Cleanups In the DEP Reservoirs

T here will be a number of cleanups on the DEP Reservoirs both East and West of Hudson. We're planning to hold the event on Sunday, September 15th and target our cleanup efforts at Pepacton, Ashokan, Muscoot, Lake Gleneida, New Croton, Kensico, as well as a stream site. We'll be firming up the details for these sites over the next month.



o a date-stamped photo from your boat looking back at the launch site

o a photo/scan of your DEP access permit

o a photo/scan of your boat rental/steam-cleaning receipt Email your proof, along with an address where the badge should be mailed, to scosta@cwconline.org.

If you have any other photos of you and friends out on the water, or scenic pics, send them as well and you may see them in a future newsletter, brochure or social media.



Peek in the Creek



The Sullivan County Soil and Water conservation district in partnership with the Town of Neversink put on a fantastic event on Friday, August 9 in Chestnut Creek by the Neversink Town Hall. The snorkeling was instructed Keith Ŵilliams of Freshwater Journeys and it was absolute blast for all. The

kids were able to get into the creek and explore life just below the surface.

Hidden Trout Found by a DLE K9

On August 10, ECO Ricky Wood responded to Livingston Manor to investigate a complaint of a person fishing for trout with live bait and possibly keeping the trout illegally in the no-kill section of the Willowemoc Creek, which only allows artificial lures and catch-andrelease fishing.

The fisherman denied that he had caught any fish, but unbeknownst to him, the officer and K9 Deming observed him catch at least one trout.

K9 Deming, who is trained in the detection of fish, located two trout that the fisherman had caught and unsuccessfully hidden in the bushes.

He was issued tickets for fishing contrary to regulations in specially designated waters and taking protected fish except as permitted by law.

Both tickets are returnable to the Town of Rockland Court.



Powerful theatre, Mental Health awareness - last local encore of "Every Brilliant Thing"

(From Pg. 1) After being told that her Mum can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world; everything worth living for. At seven years old, her list includes 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 this local production is being done as a fundraiser/awareness raiser for NAMI Sullivan County, NY - the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The performance will be held at the Town of Mamakating Town Hall, 2948 US-209 in Wurtsboro on Sunday, September 8th at 2 pm (plan on arriving no later than 1:30).

The show shines hilarious and compassionate light in some of the darker corners of the human condition. It's a reminder that hope is never truly lost and a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one character show, audience members are given snippets of the



last Fall. Seating for "Every Brilliant Thing" is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. The show is being offered free of charge, with a Suggested Donation of \$20. All proceeds go to benefit NAMI Sullivan County, NY. The produc-tion is not recommended for children under the age of 16. Come out for afternoon of theatre you won't soon forget. For information and/or reservations, phone (845) 794-1029. "Every Brilliant Thing" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Clearing the Way this Summer

Livingston Manor, NY On Sunday, August 25th, the public was invited to help out on two trails in Mongaup State Park, Livingston Manor so they becomes welcoming again!

Local volunteers of the Willowemoc Trail Crew offered

Sullivan County Soil & Water **Conservation District**

The District is now starting their annual Trout Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with trout, fathead minnows, or crawfish this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 23, 2019. The pick-up date is Saturday, September 28th. Rainbow and Brook trout are being offered for sale. Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds. Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY. For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswcd.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application.

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A Peaceful, but Busy Weekend in Sullivan County



The photo was taken by a State Police drone over the site of the original Woodstock festival in Bethel.

Bethel, NY - Sullivan County welcomed an estimated 100,000 people to events and activities across the region this past weekend. Looming largest was the 50th anniversary of the famous Woodstock Music and Art Fair, a multi-venue celebration of the Bethel rock festival that impacted the nation and the world.

With other events like the Little World's Fair in Grahamsville and Porchfest in Callicoon occurring simultaneously with the 50th anniversary in Bethel, Sullivan County and State and local partners opened the County's Emergency Operations Center for the duration of the weekend. But other than a few arrests, power outages and medical calls, emergencies and traffic backups proved fewer in number than a typical summer weekend.

'Peace and love prevailed yet again in Sullivan County, 50 years after the example was set in Bethel," said Sullivan County Public Safety Commissioner Rick Sauer. "That was a direct result of a team that had planned for this for more than a year - and the general public, who were here entirely to enjoy the fun and camaraderie.'

"The coordination between the local, State and Federal agencies during all phases of the planning was instrumental in the weekend being a complete success," agreed Captain Christopher Zaba, who led the New York State Police contingent assigned to this weekend. "Our traffic plan was a success, and this was in part due to the public honoring our request to avoid unnecessary travel in the area of Bethel Woods. I'm pleased to have been part of the exciting and historic weekend in Sullivan County.'

I want to thank everyone who spent this weekend working to ensure people had the best experience possible," stated Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "Together, we defined Sullivan County as a very special place in the minds of thousands, spreading good will and good cheer around the world. It doesn't get any better than that!"

"Nothing can surpass those three extraordinary days in the summer of '69, but we certainly came close in the summer of '19," observed District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, who lives in and represents the Town of Bethel. "I hope all who visited us experienced the best our residents and businesses offer, and I welcome them to return!"

"The Town of Bethel is grateful to all the agencies that participated in the planning of the Woodstock 50th Anniversary this past week-end and all year long," said Bethel Town Supervisor Dan Sturm. "Their great work together allowed thousands of visitors from around the country and the world to see all we have to offer here in Bethel and Sullivan County - and we showed that we can have top-notch, wellattended events with hardly any disruption to our local community as well. Our hope, too, is that people return again and again." "The word from residents and visitors was that the experience was incredible," affirmed Roberta Byron-Lockwood, president and CEO

of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA). "All were happy - and all were left with a fond memory for the next 50 years. We are delighted with the results of this historic event!"



In collaboration with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Sullivan County, the SCVA coordinated a dedicated bus run to the Woodstock monument at the corner of Hurd and West Shore roads, next to the site where half a million people gathered in August 1969. Dozens of visitors, many from outside the United States, enjoyed riding the Rolling V buses to and from the site, accompanied by local volunteer tour guides who shared memories, history and unique tales of Woodstock with passengers.

Of course, the prime focus was on Bethel Woods, where Arlo Guthrie, Ringo Starr, Carlos Santana and John Fogerty delivered performances that nearly 45,000 ticketholders won't forget.

"After months of planning and preparation, it was incredibly rewarding to see the masses gather on these historic grounds in the name of peace, love and music once again. We maintained the best parts of the monumental event that happened 50 years ago: powerful musical performances, excited guests, the all-important sense of togetherness. With the support from state and local law enforcement, traffic pile-ups were a thing of the past. Though Anniversary Weekend has concluded, Bethel Woods is proud to continue this legacy of community and civility for years to come," said Darlene Fedun, Chief Executive Officer of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Elsewhere in Bethel, Hector's welcomed all to the annual "Hippie Thanksgiving," while original Woodstock performer Melanie entertained an affectionate audience at the Dancing Cat Saloon. And the man who dreamed up the 1969 festival, promoter Michael Lang, himself made an appearance at the annual Yasgur Road Reunion just down Route 17B.

No deaths related to Woodstock anniversary events were recorded this weekend, and arrests were limited to one domestic-dispute felony, four misdemeanor drug charges, and four violations for trespass and disorderly conduct, according to the State Police. The weather was hot and humid but only occasionally threatening, and the envisioned traffic jams did not materialize.

"We planned for the worst and hoped for the best," said Sauer. "We got the absolute best!"





HIGH: 76°F LOW: 56°F

Frost Valley YMCA Invites Families to Participate in 3D Archery Shoots on September 29th



Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA will host family-friendly 3D Archery shoots, which include a tasty lunch, on August September 29th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The event take place at 2244 Frost Valley Road in Claryville.

The 3D archery course consists of a half-mile loop trail with 28 three-dimensional targets along the way, including deer, bears, turkeys, and even a stegosaurus! The events are included at no additional charge for Frost Valley Outdoor Sporting Participants. For non-participants, adults and teens 16 years of age and older are \$20, children 7-15 are \$8, and children 6 and under are free.

Guests are asked to bring their own archery equipment for shooting the course. Shots for various skill levels are marked with colorcoded stakes. Archers will receive a score based on where their arrows land.

After some friendly competition, participants and their families can enjoy a picnic together, which is included in the participation fee for Frost Valley Outdoor Sporting Participants and the entrance fee for non-members. For more information, please call 845-985-2291 ext. 217.

Frost Valley YMCA offers many community events and activities that promote health and wellness. Archery, whether for sport or hunting purposes, has many proven benefits. Archery improves hand-eye coordination, strengthens arm, core, chest, back and shoulder muscles, and improves confidence and social skills.



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The Three Bears



At the Grahamsville Little World's Fair, master carver and custom woodworker, Eric Polick of Liberty, NY with his "Stump Devils" woodcarving display of three musi-cal bears playing guitar, banjo and drums. The banjo bear found a new home sittin' and a strummin' at the entrance of Dave Trestyn's Heartbeat Music Hall on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

Has anyone else had a weird week? Things that were supposed to happen, didn't but it was OK, because really amazing things DID happen?

I was SUPPOSED to be out of town this last weekend seeing Santana. Obviously, that didn't happen. What DID happen was one terrific weekend of music locally.

One of my new favorites, DAVID MILNER, was scheduled to be at the Pickled Owl Friday. For whatever reason, that was cancelled but the last minute substitution



was....THE JOHNNY JULES BAND. Even though I've seen them a lot this month, I never get tired of hearing them. We speak the same language: Blues. And each of their gigs are different, so you're not hearing the same songs each time. Now, this probably doesn't mean much to most people but to me it means the band has a large repertoire and that means they can tailor their perform-ance to whatever audience they are in front of. With the addition of fiddle player Paul Štark, this edged a bit more toward country than I've heard before and I have to say they made it surprisingly engaging. Especially with the arrangements of songs from the late 1960's with that country flare. Most interesting. I can see them crushing a full country gig. I've known Johnny for a long time and it's fascinating to watch the base band of he, Dave D'Arcy and Bobbie D continually evolve.



night was a double header starting out with Grahamsville's favorite son ALBI at the Pickled Owl (again). I do not see enough of this man, and I told him so. It seemed like everytime I found out he was playing somewhere, I was committed elsewhere. For a solo performer, he is one of the most engaging I've come across. As I sat there listening to him, I began doing something I rarely do and that is to analyze - not his performance, which is on the money, but what is it

That was only the beginning. Saturday

about him that draws in whoever is listening. The answer turned out to be simple. He spins everything he does into 'feel good' music. 'Even Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer" came off as "feel good", and that's pretty far from a happy song! Not sure how he does it but that, a full rich voice and a real understanding of how to use the microphone to its best advantage puts him a head above most.

And then on to Grahamsville itself and THE HEART-BEAT MUSIC HALL and JOSHUA TREE. I have not seen JOSHUA TREE in many years, and I have to say that



just envision what those old time halls must have been like. This winning combination of DEBBIE FISHER and STEVE VECHIOTTI just makes you want to dance, and clap in time to the music, and stomp your feet, and sing along. I didn't get the chance to speak with them, but I would guess they have been on the music festival cir-

cuit. I certainly can see them, in this form, being sought after especially around the border of New York and Pennsvlvania. Three totally different types of music, all top

notch....Santana who?

So, what did YOU do last weekend?

Until next time.....

Here's what's coming up:

Wednesday: Open Mic at THE HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville; 7pm

Thursday: ALBI at the DANCING CAT SALOON, Bethel; 7pm - 9pm Open Mic at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by LITTLE

SPARROW

Friday: BJ & GREG at the PICKLED OWL, Hurleyville; 6pm

Saturday: HANDSOME JOHNNY at the PICK-LED OWL, Hurleyville; 6pm

Monday: THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at the FAT LADY CAFÉ, Kauneonga Lake

Tuesday: Another OdD Tuesday featuring JOANNA GASS and THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHESTRA at BREW, Rock Hill; 6:30pm

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 6: SLAM ALLEN'S BIRTHDAY BASH, The HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville; Tickets still available \$15

September 7: SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL BAND, "BACK TO THE ***T", The HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville; Tickets still available \$20

TravelStorys Give Visitors and Locals a New Interactive Way to **Experience the Catskills** TravelStorys App provides free GPS guided tours that share the

stories of the Catskills LIVINGSTON MANOR and ARKVILLE, NY - The sto-ries of the citizens and settlers of the Catskills illustrate the uniqueness of the region, and today Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Center release new TravelStorys audio tours that allow listeners to hear the stories of the Catskills as they travel at the pace of their own curiosity.

The Gateway to the Catskills: Livingston Manor, Roscoe and more! and Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway audio tours are both available through the free TravelStorys app (available for download on smart-phones). TravelStorys bringsthe little-known stories about the land to life, and by using GPS technology, stories on the tours automatically play as listeners pass through each

The Scenic Byway tour follows the historic and beautiful Route 28 Scenic Byway. As drivers take in sweeping mountain views and charming small towns, they're serenaded with stories of the history, landscape, and culture of the Catskill region, told by the people that call it home. Listeners are introduced to Big Indian Mountain and the Legend of Winnisook: Big Indian's namesake, as told by MaryLou Stapleton whose family has deep roots in the Big Indian Oliverea Valley. The history of farming in the Catskills is told by Burr Hubbell and includes a stop at Hubbell Farm, where the Hubbells have been working the land since the American Revolution.

Gateway to the Catskills guides visitors to a region bordering the Catskill Mountains known as Rockland Township, focusing on two of the township's best-known communities: Roscoe and Livingston Manor. The tour explores some of the towns' most interesting historic land-marks, including covered bridges, while also pointing out the region's spectacular recreational opportunities. There are two parts to this tour: a walking section in downtown Livingston Manor and a 20-mile driving section that cir-cles from Livingston Manor to Roscoe and back. While on The tour, listeners will hear the Legend of the Two Headed Trout, the story of the Silver and Golden Ages of tourism in the Catskills, and take in an amazing vista of the Catskill

Park. Nearly 12 million people visited the Catskills last year and the region is growing as a premier destination. The Catskills TravelStorys Audio Tours invites visitors to interact with the region in a deeper way, and to get off the beaten track with audio guides that know the area inside



and out. To download TravelStorys and take the tours, visit Google Play or the Apple Store. To learn more about the tours, visit the *Catskill Scenic Byway* and the *Gateway to* the Catskills online.

The UC Community College Soccer Alumni to host a"Community Soccer Extravaganza" Celebrating an American Soccer Legacy Friday and Saturday,

September 6 and 7, 2019 Kingston, New York (August 23, 2019) The Ulster County Community College Soccer Alumni in conjunction with SUNY Ulster will host a series of community soccer events to celebrate the school's long history of soccer suc-cess both on and off the field.

The organizations main objective of the weekend is to recognize George Vizvary the "Hall of Fame" coach along with his National Championship Teams from 1977 & 1978. "What better way to celebrate the legacy of Coach Vizvary and Ulster Soccer by doing what we do best, shar-ing our love and passion for this wonderful game with the local soccer community. As we were all taught by George as young men right here at Ulster," said Joe Ulrich, Ulster All- American, Duke University and NCAA Hermann Trophy winner and Saugerties, NY resident.

The events will kick off Friday, September 6th at 6 PM with a Soccer Coaches Symposium led by alum Tom Byer, a world-renowned soccer clinician and author of "Soccer Starts at Home." Tom will be traveling to join us from his home in Japan (flyer attached).

Saturday's Events will kick off at 9:30 AM with a Soccer Skills Clinic for boys and girls ages 5 to 13. Participants should Bring a ball and come dressed to play. The skills clinic will be run by Tom "Soccer Tom" Mulroy a Ulster All-American, 13-year veteran of professional soccer and 1994 World Cup spokesperson. Joining Tom will be former professional goalkeeper and Ulster National Champion team member Kevin Clinton. The Clinic will also include various Ulster alumni, former professionals and soccer greats. (flver attached).

The coaching symposium and skills clinic are free and open to the public, please RSVP to TJ Derella at tdrella@gmail.com or call for info at 845-399-9700.

The official SUNY Ulster alumni game will kick off at

11:30 AM with players returning from all over the United States and world to celebrate the programs legacy. The 2019 SUNY Ulster team will take the field against SUNY Dutchess at 2 PM. This regional matchup of two fierce rivals will be a great game to watch. All the soccer events will be hosted at the beautiful

SUNY Ulster campus in Stone Ridge, NY. The Grand Finale of the weekend will be a banquet

held at Novellas, fine dining restaurant in New Paltz, New York. All alumni and friends are invited to attend. Banquet tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased from Joe Ulrich at jfacjn01@hotmail.com.

About SUNY Ulster SUNY Ulster is a public two-year college supported by Ulster County, New York and the State University of New York. The main campus is located in Stone Ridge, New York. The college also maintains facilities in Kingston at the Business Resource Center and the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster

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State Senator Jen Metzger Announces \$13,000 in State Funding For Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley Monticello Health Center State Funding Comes at Critical Time as Planned Parenthood Loses Title X Federal Funds



Monticello, NY....Today, State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) visited the Monticello Health Center of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley (PPMHV) to announce a \$13,000 grant that will help advance women's health in Sullivan County, which remains among New York's worst counties for health outcomes (the county ranked 61 out of 62 in a 2017 report on county health rankings conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute). Metzger, who represents Sullivan County and serves on the Senate Health and Women's Issues Committees, secured this funding as part of a 2019-2020 budget appropriation through the New York State Department of Health budget.

"A woman's access to quality, affordable, preventative, and reproductive healthcare should not depend on her proximity to a major metropolitan area or her income," said Senator Metzger. "The funding that we are announcing today for the Monticello Health Center will help ensure that underserved women in Sullivan County have access to the care they need and deserve."

Last year, the Monticello Health Center served 1,265 patients, 65 percent of whom are at or below the poverty level.

Planned Parenthood's work in Sullivan County began in 1975. The Monticello Health Center, which has been at its current location since 2001, provides area residents with affordable access to a variety of health services including cancer screenings, mammogram referrals, menopause care, mental health services, miscarriage care, screening for substance-use disorder with referrals for treatment, support for smoking cessation, pap tests, STD tests and treatment, and screening for cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. More than 90 percent of the health care Planned Parenthood provides is preventive.

Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, President and CÉO of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley said, "We are indebted to Senator Metzger and her support of our Monticello Health Center through the \$13,000 in funding she secured through the New York State Department of Health Women's Health Grant. This support will help us continue to be here for our patients. We will never stop fighting for everyone's ability to get affordable, quality health care."

Earlier this year, the Trump administration imposed a "Gag Rule," which prohibits doctors and other health providers who are participating in the Title X program from talking with their patients about how and where they can access abortion. On Monday, Planned Parenthood joined a number of other health organizations in announcing it would forego Title X federal funds to continue providing information about abortions to patients.

On Planned Parenthood's withdrawal from Title X funding, Metzger shared, "Today, we're here to share some good news for the Monticello Health Center but it is against the backdrop of very bad news for women's health. The Trump administration has essentially forced Planned Parenthood to withdraw from a nearly 50-year-old program that serves millions of mostly young, uninsured and underinsured people across our country, with the aim of preventing women from considering a reproductive health option that is both safe and legal. I will continue to stand with Planned Parenthood and the millions of women that are put at risk and denied their rights by this administration."

New Yorkers to Vote for Favorite Among Five Proposed Designs

Winning Design Will Become NY's Official License Plate and Be Made Available April 2020 -Kicks Off New 10-Year License Plate Replacement Program

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today launched a statewide survey to select New York State's new license plate design. The voting - which opened today on the Governor's website - runs through Monday, September



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP

2nd and will allow New Yorkers to choose their favorite among the five proposed designs. Voting will also be available to the public at the Governor's exhibit at the Great New York State Fair starting August 21st. The license plate with the most votes will become the State's official license plate and will be available to customers beginning April 2020. "License plates are a symbol of who we are as a

"License plates are a symbol of who we are as a state and New Yorkers should have a voice and a vote in its final design," Governor Cuomo said. "As the life span of the old plates comes to an end and we develop new ones that are as easy to read as possible, I encourage all residents to take part in choosing this piece of our state's history and the State Fair is a perfect place to do that."

The new plates will replace the aging Empire Blue & White plates, most of which are more than 10 years old. Once the new plates become available, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will also stop issuing the Empire Gold plates and begin fully transitioning to the new design.

Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Mark J. F. Schroeder said, "The time has come for New York to have a new license plate, which is why we worked hard to create design options that not only capture the heart of the Empire State, but also that our customers will be proud to put on their vehicles. I hope everyone across the state will take a few minutes to view the options and vote for their top pick."

The contest kicks off a new 10-year license plate replacement program to ensure all New York license plates on the roadways are reflective and easy to read. Currently, over 3 million vehicles in New York State have aging plates that are 10-years-old or older. Because of their age, many of them are damaged, oxidized and peeling, making it difficult or impossible to read the license plate number. Having a license plate that is legible reduces a motorist's risk of being pulled over and cited for having an illegible license plate.

The program also supports the Governor's efforts to modernize New York's expansive transportation system. Replacing aging plates will eliminate legibility issues that hinder License Plate Readers, which are used by law enforcement, red light cameras and cashless tolling systems, from correctly identifying the registered vehicle owner.

Beginning April 2020, through the plate replacement program, as customers renew their vehicle registrations over the next two years, those with license plates that are 10-years-old or older will be issued new plates. The current \$25 license plate replacement fee will be added to the cost of the vehicle owner's registration renewal. Customers may also keep their current license plate number for an additional \$20 fee. Plate issuance begins for both original issuance and renewals on April 1, 2020.

In addition to the State's official license plate, the DMV offers more than 200 custom license plates, many of which support charitable causes. A complete list of available custom plates can be found on the DMV's website at https://dmv.ny.gov/plates/plates.



State Senator Jen Metzger Statement on Plan for New License Plates

I am not thrilled about the added expense for New York households that this license plate replacement program imposes, as well as the unnecessary waste it generates. From an environmental perspective, we should be using every product for its full useful life, and license plates are no exception. This license plate plan is an unnecessary financial and environmental burden on our communities. - Senator Jen Metzger

Background: Governor Cuomo announced this week that people can vote online on five designs for a new license plate which will be mandatory to purchase for anyone with a license plate that they have had for ten or more years.

UC Executive Pat Ryan Breaks Ground on Public Safety Training Center Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, members of the Ulster

Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan, members of the Ulster County Legislature, members of organized labor, and representatives of the volunteer firefighter community today broke ground on the new Public Safety Training Center on Ulster Landing Road in the Town of Ulster. This ground breaking signifies the start of construction of the new three-story concrete building that will house the state-of-the-art burn facility. The Public Safety Training Center will also provide additional hands-on training equipment that has previously been unavailable within Ulster County which have led to local volunteers having to travel to other facilities throughout New York State. It will also be available to other first responders and law enforcement personnel for training on a growing range of emergency scenarios that they confront in the line of duty.



Building contractors from Profex and members of several unions involved with the facilitation of the project were in attendance, including Carpenters Local 279, Hudson Valley Building Trades Council, and Laborers' Local 17. Ulster County Director of Emergency Services, Steve Peterson, Fire Coordinators, members of the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board and Ulster County Fire Chiefs Association were also in attendance.

"Ulster County's firefighters and first responders risk their lives to protect the lives of others," said County Executive Ryan. "Thanks to the hard work of our partners in organized labor, I am proud that we have taken that next step towards providing our courageous local firefighters with essential services and resources that will help them get the proper training to perform their duties safely and better serve all of Ulster County residents."

"I am thrilled that we are one step closer to The Public Safety Training Center becoming a reality. This project has been a long time coming and is critically important. Every day across Ulster County volunteer firefighters and first responders respond to calls of need and put themselves in harm's way to assist their neighbors," said Ulster County Legislative Chairwoman Tracey Bartels. (Contd. Pg. 14)





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Knarf's Classic Movie Starting At 7:30 AM Wednesday September 4, 2019 On TCM, Drama, Romance, Adventure, Crime THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HENRY VIII (drama, 1933, B/W - 94 m TV-PG) The famed English monarch suffers through five of his six disastrous marriages. Sweeping historical chronicle of 16th-century English monarch, mag-

tifaceted performance. Elsa Lanchester (Laughton's wife) fine as Anne of Cleves, with top supporting cast. D: Alexander Korda. Cast: Charles Laughton, Binnie Barnes, Robert Donat, Elsa Lanchester, Merle Oberon, Miles Mander, Wendy Barrie, John Loder. • 10:45 AM *THE PRISONER OF ZENDA*, (adventure, 1937 B/W - 101 m TV-PG Closed Captions) **D: John Cromwell. Cast: Ronald** Colman, Madeleine Carroll, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., C. Aubrey Smith, Raymond Massey, Mary Astor, David Niven, Montagu Love, Alexander D'Arcy. Lavish costume romance/ adventure with excellent casting; Colman is forced to substitute for look-a-like cousin, King of Ruritanian country, but commoner Colman falls in love with regal Carroll. Fairbanks nearly steals the show as villainous Rupert of Hentzau. Screenplay by John L. Balderston, from Anthony Hope's novel. Also shown in computer-colored version. • 4:15 PM OF MICE AND MEN (Drama, 1939 B/W-107 m TV-14 Closed Captions) D: Lewis Milestone. Cast: Lon Chaney, Jr., Burgess Meredith, Betty Field, Charles Bickford, Bob Steele, Noah Beery Jr. Chaney gives best performance of his career as feeble-brained Lennie who, with migrant - worker Meredith, tries to live peacefully on ranch. John Steinbeck's morality tale remains intact in sensitive screen version. The film's action begins before the main title credits – an artsy innovation for 1939. Script by Eugene Solow. Music by Aaron Copland. Remade in 1992 and for TV in 1981 with Robert Blake.

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1. In "OF MICE AND MEN" Who played Mae? 2. Who played George [Milton]?

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