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Neversink Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Business



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Two new businesses have recently opened in the Town of Neversink – Heartbeat Music Hall, located at 304 Main Street in Grahamsville and Dollar General located on Route 55 in Neversink.

Leo Giannini, President of the Neversink Chamber of Commerce said of the two openings, "The Chamber of Commerce welcomes Dollar General and the Heartbeat Music Hall to the area. We are pleased with the increase in the town's business development."



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Neversink Farmers' Market - New Vendors and Fun for All!



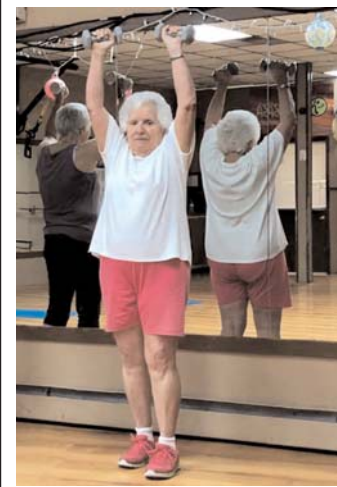
For the younger set, there is something new at the Neversink Farmers' Market! Mark Moore will be there with his popular colorful bounce house! And the BBQ Shack is opened serving some of the best BBQ baby back ribs, beef brisket, pulled pork and chicken north of the Mason Dixon line! There are new products and new vendors every week - and of course, we are now into the harvest season and there is a variety of local produce available.

This Saturday, August 11, there will be a Native American Inter-tribal Gathering at the Neversink Farmers' Market. There will be authentic Native American crafts, stories, drumming, dancing and more.

If you have a story to tell, stop by the Pit Stop Gallery where Jenny will do your portrait while you tell your story. This program, spearheaded by Keiko Sono, is sponsored by the Rondout Neversink Stream Program.

There is something for everyone at the Neversink Farmers' Market!

Ann Higgins Holds a Plank for Over 90 Seconds!



According to Karen Holden, RN, BSN who is currently working towards Indoor Cycling Certification and Senior Fitness Specialist, "The first time I mentioned to Ann Higgins that we would be building towards holding a plank for 90 seconds on her 90th birthday, she laughed as if I was kidding. This was in January of 2018, shortly after taking a sabbatical from my RN career and changing to a focus of wellness. Ann is currently holding a plank for almost 2 minutes now. For those who are unfamiliar with a plank, (also called a front hold, hover, or abdominal bridge) is an isometric core strength exercise that involves maintaining a position similar to a push-up for the duration. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Kate's Herbs - Natural Health and Beauty Products



Kate Damestoy has been coming to this area of the Catskills since she was 6 years old, spending two and a half months here every summer, she continued to do so since then. She moved up here full time 4 years ago, and hasn't looked back. Kate's love of everything in nature lead her to the business that she now has – **Kate's Herbs**. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Public Health Director Re-elected To Influential Statewide Group



SCs Public Health Director Nancy McGraw

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County's Public Health Director has been re-elected to the board of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) for a 3-year term (2018-2020) and will serve as both chair of the Finance Committee and a newly formed workgroup to explore issues and challenges facing county health departments which continue to operate Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs).

"I am deeply pleased in this vote of confidence and support by my public health colleagues across the state, and I'm excited to continue advocating for local health departments in New York, including Sullivan County," affirmed Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. (Contd. Pg. 2)

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OBITUARY

Hilda Tillson, of Woodbourne, passed away on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at Achieve Rehabilitation Center, she was 91.

She was the daughter of the late Herman Cypert and Madeline Muthig, born on February 14, 1927 in Liberty, NY.

Hilda loved animals, especially cats. She enjoyed reading but most of all she loved spending time with her daughter.

She is survived by her only child Naomi Tillson, her sister Laverne Black, niece Rebecca and other family and friends.

She is predeceased by her husband Clarence L. Tillson and her siblings; Catherine Gerry, Freddie Cypert and Harold Cypert.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 5th from 9:00 am - 10:15 am at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788. Funeral Service was held on August 5 at the Colonial Memorial Funeral home Father Romano officiating. Burial followed at Woodbourne Cemetery.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit colonialbryantfuneralhome.com**Mary T. Dymond** of Neversink passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at home. She was 69.

She was the daughter of the late Daniel and Rose (Cronin) Sullivan, born on February 28, 1949 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mary was always willing to lend a helping hand and knew she wanted to help people; this lead her to a career in nursing. She received her BSN from Niagara University and later received her FNP from Pace University. She was a nursing professor at Orange County Community College. For many years she served as the school nurse for Tri-Valley Central Schools. She took care of countless patients at a variety of medical facilities in the Sullivan and Orange Regions for more than four decades. She touched the lives of many people and didn't know much of an influence she truly had. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend to all that knew and loved her. She will be deeply missed.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children Mary Rose Dymond and her husband Jeff McGregor of Shelton, CT, Calvin Dymond and his wife Michelle of Bloomingburg, Daniel Dymond and his wife Kristen of Mickleton, NJ, Timothy Dymond of Grahamsville, Ellie Cassidy and her husband Chris of Bloomingburg, her grandchildren Anna, Callum, Calvin, Josh, Ava, Bryce, Liam, Reese, Rory, Jordan, Addison, Timmy, Izzy, and Jackson, her sister Doreen Williams and her husband Bob, her brother Daniel Sullivan. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Calvin Dymond.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, August 6, 2018. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Donations in Mary's name can be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral home for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.**To the Family of Kaythrine LaHanko**

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Kaythrine Mae LaHanko of Napanoch who passed away on July 1st. Kay will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Days of Yore...**Today's History****August 25, 1948**

During the summer months many changes have been made in the Tri-Valley School buildings. In the main building the class rooms have been rearranged to better house the increased number of pupils in that building this year.

The former Child's property, which is now a part of the school system is being converted into class rooms for the first, second and third grades, a music room, homemaking room, library and stock rooms. Grant Sheeley, School Engineer expects everything to be ready by opening day of the school, September 7th.

A verse written over a hundred years ago by James Russel Lowell:

"Who does his duty is a question.

Too complex to be solved by me

But he, I venture the suggestion,

Does part of his Who plants a tree"

August 20, 1958

Sullivan soon will have a stock car race track, it was disclosed last week by Chandler Curry of Neversink, a Justice of the Peace. The track will be constructed along Route 55 just west of the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, site of the Little World's Fair. Associated with Mr. Curry in the track, according to reports are Harry and Leslie Krum, the latter Town of Neversink Highway Superintendent. The track possibly will be done in time for the Grahamsville Fair, August 27, or later this Fall.

On August 18, 1858 (note year!!) a terrible tornado hit the Town of Denning; its path was near the tannery of Johnson and Low. It destroyed every building in its path.

August 21, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walter took honors at the 89th Little World's Fair for the couple longest married with 56 years. The Middletown Record on Monday, featured pictures of Mrs. Ivan Sheeley, 87, who has attended most of the 89 Little World's Fairs.

August 24, 1978

The Claryville Ladies Aid Quilters once again demonstrated their art of Quilting for Fair-goers. While they all enjoy their usual Tuesday quilting sessions, they really appreciated the opportunity of letting the public see them in action at the fair.

Missy Stratton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton, placed 2nd in the Women's Marathon at the Empire State Games in Syracuse on Sunday. Her time of 3:13.22 has qualified her for the Boston Marathon, to be held next April. Missy is a Tri-Valley graduate now attending Cortland.

We of the Community are proud of Dave Parker coming home from State Games at Syracuse with a Silver Medal and a Bronze Medal.

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McGraw continued, "We have critically important topics to tackle."

The role of the Finance Committee is to review policies, practices, and program initiatives related to the administration, operations, financing, and accreditation of local health departments, including the funding of local public health services; grants management; time and activity reporting; audits; and local health department workforce issues.

McGraw, LCSW, MBA, has served on NYSACHO's Board of Directors since June 2017, when she was elected for a one-year term to fill a vacancy. She served as the vice chair of the Finance Committee during that time.

The mission of NYSACHO is to support, advocate for, and empower local health departments in their work to promote health & wellness and prevent disease, disability and injury throughout New York State.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Kaythrine Mae LaHanko of Napanoch who passed away on July 1st. Actually Kay lived in an area some use to call "In-Between", because it was in-between Grahamsville and Napanoch. Years ago, Kay and her late husband operated a garage in Grahamsville. I believe Earl Sheeley bought it in the late 60's.

The Times Herald Record held their 6th annual Readers' Choice Awards and it was nice to see that Bob and Beth Mickelson of Grahamsville were voted "Best Custom Garage and Shed Builders". Bob and Beth are committed to quality work and today's customers can custom design their storage sheds and have them be whatever they want them to be - kennels, pool houses, fishing cabins, home offices or garages. Congratulations, Bob and Beth!

A Coombe family memorial service was held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church for Philip Walter Coombe, a cousin of Grahamsville's Phil Coombe Jr. and his siblings, on Saturday, July 28th. The late Philip Walter Coombe passed away on January 12, 2018.

Time and the Valley's Museum's 1930's Hoedown was extremely well attended. You couldn't have asked for a nicer evening. The food, prepared by the Neversink General Store, was delicious and Barry Lewis was very entertaining as the pie auctioneer. It was nice to see so many locals and summer residents showing support for the Museum!

I went to the Hurleyville Arts Centre on July 28th to see the acclaimed documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" The documentary about Fred Rogers, famous for his long-running children's television show, was just wonderful. During the presentation and following the showing of the film, I could see folks wiping tears from their eyes. If you haven't see it, catch it when it comes out on Netflix or DVD. You won't be disappointed. And by the way, the Hurleyville Arts Centre is just beautiful! Watch your newspaper to see what films are up and coming.

Dates to include on your calendar:

Aug. 11th Chicken BBQ - Neversink Fire Department
Aug. 14th and 28th - Grahamsville Methodist Church Luncheons
Aug. 17th, 18th, 19th - Little World's Fair
Sept. 15th Grahamsville Reformed Church Supper
Sept. 15th and 16th Neversink Rondout Tractor Show and Swap Meet
Sept. 29th Boy Scout Fish/chicken and Chips Dinner

I said I would let you know if the plastic baggy half-filled with water and a few pennies would work to deter flies. Well, I hung one on my backdoor and believe it or not, I think it may work. I don't see flies sitting on the screen door waiting to come in and not as many flies have come in during the kid traffic into the house. Of course I have had some "non-Townsmen" readers ask, "How come you have a baggy with water hanging on your door?" Some think it's a trick, while others think it's some religious practice. Some think I'm just plain crazy, and just maybe they're right!

WORDS OF WISDOM: People are funny; they want the Front of the bus, the Middle of the road and the Back of the church.

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us

Kate's Herbs - Natural Health and Beauty Products

(From Pg. 1) Kate has worked in the Natural Health field for 25 years, and decided she wanted to share her knowledge of natural things with others, and started making product to sell at the local farmers' market in 2016. She started with wildcrafting and drying herbs, and her signature Rose Geranium Bug & Tick Repellent. Her inventory has since grown to include facial serums, lip balms, dream pillows, salves, oils and natural fragrances - and so much more. Kate keeps it interesting by making some limited edition products - depending on what she forages for and finds in the wild! She can usually accommodate custom orders, which may be dependent on the ingredients and their availability.

Kate is at the Neversink Farmer's Market most Saturdays, 11-3, and you can look to her at her website-www.katesherbs.com for her great lineup of products. You can look to the website's Events Page, which will tell you where you can find Kate and when.

Two Stream Projects Underway in Denning

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is working with the Town of Denning and adjacent landowners this summer to launch two stream restoration projects on the East Branch of the Neversink River. Like similar sites up and down the river, water flows against steep, unstable banks creating a number of issues identified in the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation analysis for the hamlet of Claryville ranging from inconvenience to serious property damage.

The two projects follow a series of smaller remedies completed by the Soil and Water District's Rondout Neversink Stream Program that were recommended in the plan adopted by the towns in 2016, including removal of large trees blocking water flow through bridges on Frost Valley and Denning Roads, prevention of a breach from the West to East Branch rivers at Claryville Church Hall, and clearing of the channel through a box culvert at Bungalow Brook.

Eroding hillslopes at the two project sites rise over 50 feet above the channel. Groundwater flowing through the hillslopes freezes and thaws in spring, unraveling the bank and turning the river turbid with fine sediments that can travel suspended in stream water all the way to the Neversink Reservoir, polluting the drinking water supply for upstate communities and New York City. Larger sediments from these eroding hillslopes settle in the river channel just downstream, filling it in and raising flood elevations.

The Stream Program worked with engineers to design a project to stabilize the base of the hillslopes with rock and tree rootwads, and lower the floodplain to keep water velocities and flood elevations at or below current levels while creating greater capacity for flood flows. The channel will be graded and sized based on the natural channel geometry of stable reaches of river nearby.

The stream channel will be adjusted slightly and stabilized with rock structures. After construction begins, the site will look raw for several weeks. Stream water will be diverted around the construction area to maintain flow. Residents can expect to see trucks carrying large rocks and trees to the site for installation, as well removing the excess streambed material.

The channel and floodplain are being restored to a more naturally stable condition that should improve the health of the stream. Based on plant surveys from the surrounding area, native vegetation including trees, shrub willow, grasses, and wildflowers will be carefully planted and monitored to ensure successful growth.

Similar small projects by the local Rondout Neversink Stream Program team have helped stabilize riverbanks throughout Denning and Neversink to improve stability and prevent further erosion (see www.rondoutneversink.org/projects). The full list of project partners includes the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, Town of Denning, Blue Hill Lodge, adjoining landowners and NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP). LaFever Excavating from Bovina, NY is the general contractor. Stream Restoration Coordinator Brenden Wagner will oversee the project which is funded by NYC DEP.

DEC Seeks Pool Owners for Citizen Science Survey of Invasive Beetle-Finding Infestations of Asian Longhorned Beetles Early Saves Money and Trees

State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today encouraged New York pool owners to participate in DEC's annual Asian Longhorned Beetle Swimming Pool Survey during the month of August. This is the time of year when Asian longhorned beetles (ALB) emerge as adults and are most active outside of their host tree. The goal of the survey is to look for and find these exotic, invasive beetles before these pests cause serious damage to our forests and street trees.

"The majority of invasive forest pest infestations are found and reported by members of the public, making citizen science a vital component for protecting our urban and rural forests," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Pool monitoring offers a simple, economical approach to surveying for Asian Longhorned Beetles and gives the public a chance to take an active role in protecting the trees in their yards and communities."

DEC is requesting that people with swimming pools periodically check their pool filters for any insects that resemble ALB and either email photos to foresthealth@dec.ny.gov or mail insects to DEC's Forest Health Diagnostics Lab for identification, Attn: Jessica Cancelliere, 108 Game Farm Road, Delmar, NY 12054.

People without pools can also help by learning how to recognize the beetle, as well as the signs it leaves behind: ALB are about 1.5 inches long, black with white spots and have long, black and white antennae. These pests leave perfectly round exit holes, about the size of a dime, in branches and tree trunks; and Sawdust-like material called frass will collect on branches and around the base of the tree.

ALB is a wood boring beetle native to Asia that was accidentally introduced to the United States through wood packing materials. These pests attack a variety of hardwoods, including maples, birches, and willows, among others, and have caused the death of hundreds of thousands of trees across the country. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM) has worked diligently to manage the ALB infestations in our state and succeeded in eradicating the invasive beetle from Staten Island, Manhattan, Islip and Eastern Queens.

For more information on ALB and the Pool Survey, visit DEC's website.

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 and Karen Curry.

Asian Long-horned Beetles

The Asian long-horned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), is an invasive insect that feeds on a wide variety of trees in the United States, eventually killing them. It is native to eastern China, Japan, and Korea, and was accidentally introduced into the United States, where it was first discovered in 1996. Adult beetles are large, distinctive-looking insects measuring 1 to 1.5 inches in length with long antennae. Their bodies are shiny black with about 20 white spots on each wing cover and long antennae conspicuously banded black and white. The upper sections of the legs of the adults are whitish-blue.

Adult females chew depressions into the bark of various hardwood tree species. They lay an egg-about the size of a rice grain-under the bark at each site. Within 2 weeks, the egg hatches, and the white larva bores into the tree, feeding on the living tissue that carries nutrients and the layer responsible for new growth under the bark. After several weeks, the larva tunnels into the woody tree tissue, where it continues to feed and develop over the winter. As the larvae feed, they form tunnels or galleries in tree trunks and branches. Sawdust-like material, called frass, from the insect's burrowing can be found at the trunk and branch bases of infested trees.

Adult females lay 45-62 eggs in their lifetime. By chewing a small pit through the bark of the host tree to the cambium, they will lay one 0.20-0.28 in long egg underneath the bark in each pit. Eggs hatch in 13-54 days depending on temperature.

Larvae are cylindrical and elongate and can be 2.0 in long and 0.21 in wide. Larvae first create a feeding gallery in the cambial region, but more mature larvae tunnel to the heartwood as they feed. Larvae go through at least five instars over 1-2 years; which can vary due to host or temperature conditions. Larvae expel frass from their tunnels near the original oviposition site. A larva can consume up to 1,000 cubic cm of wood in its lifetime. Asian long-horned beetle larvae do not pupate before they reach a critical weight, so additional larval instars can occur.

Pupation usually occurs in spring at the end of the larval tunnel in the sapwood. eclosion occurs 12-50 days later, and adults will chew out of the tree approximately one week after they emerge as adults. Adults feed on leaf petioles and can chew through bark on small branches to feed on the vascular cambium. Eggs, larvae or as pupae can overwinter within the tree. In their overwintering phase, pupae are inactive and development does not occur. They resume their life cycle when temperatures are above 50 °F.

Upon emergence, adult females can copulate, although an obligatory maturation period is required for feeding after emergence for ovarian maturation.

Due to high tree mortality caused by larval feeding outside its native range, Asian long-horned beetles can change both forest and urban ecosystems.

What to watch for to identify Asian Long-horned beetles: Exit holes - In the warmer months the adult beetles chew their way out of the tree leaving, 1/2 inch or larger, perfectly round exit holes; Egg sites - Adult female beetles chew up to 90 oval depressions, called oviposition sites or egg sites, into the bark of the host tree. She lays a single egg beneath the bark at each site. These look like little wounds on the tree, and you can sometimes see the chew marks on the edges; Frass - As the larvae tunnel and feed, it often pushes sawdust-like material or excrement, called frass out onto the ground around the tree or onto the tree branches; Tunneling - After the egg hatches, the larva tunnels into the growing layers (phloem and cambium) of the tree and eventually into the woody tree tissue (xylem). If you have a fallen branch or are cutting wood, you may see this tunneling.

Other Signs of Damage

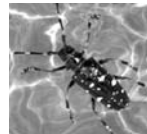
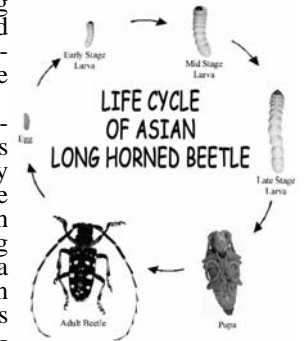
Weeping sap - Tree sap may be seen flowing from the wounds or egg sites; Unseasonable yellowing leaves - Seeing leaves turning colors sooner than they should could indicate the tree is under stress; or Branches dropping or dying - If the tree has lost a branch or has a dead branch showing it could be a sign that something is wrong.

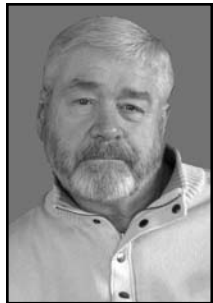
If you suspect or find Asian Long-horned Beetles, please email photos to foresthealth@dec.ny.gov or mail insects to DEC's Forest Health Diagnostics Lab for identification.

Household Hints

Put the shine back in your porcelain sinks

Put the shine back in your porcelain sinks and bathtubs by giving them a good scrubbing with full-strength white vinegar, followed by a rinse of clean cold water.





Flight of the Fox

Mysterious Book Report No. 343

by John Dwaine McKenna

An electrifying, propulsive and timely thriller was just released that, by all rights, should shoot to the top of every bestseller list in the country. If ever an author stepped up to the plate, took a swing, hit it right on the sweet spot and out of the park . . . this is it.

Flight of the Fox, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$18.95, 381 pages, ISBN 978-1-946502-61-2) by Gray Basnight is a tour de force of a government agency that's so out of control it will do anything to protect itself and its secrets. It's a story that could have been ripped right out of yesterday's, today's, or tomorrow's headlines . . . and no matter which side of the political divide you're currently on . . . this gripping yarn about a black-ops unit within the Federal Bureau of Investigation will keep you enthralled to the very last page.

The novel begins in Bethel, New York. It's the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock, and near the world-class Bethel Performing Arts Center—which is on the old Yasgur Farm where the now-legendary festival took place, Professor of Advanced Mathematics Samuel Teagarden, is resting his once-broken-and still mending-knees on the deck of his vacation home. He's in mourning over the death of his wife, who was killed in the same accident that damaged his legs. As he watches the hummingbirds at their feeder and reminisces, a strange, baseball-sized mini-drone flies up and tries to kill him. It's followed by a cluster of three more, each one programmed for assassinating him. All of this happens because a government archivist – the son of another math professor who's a personal friend – sent Teagarden an old, handwritten file that's in code, along with a notation explaining, *This has been kicking around the archives, apparently lost and ignored, for decades. Perhaps you could have some fun decoding it . . .*

And so begins the innocent math professors terrifying run for his life, as teams of FBI hitmen try to stop any publication of the explosive file that their superiors have been hunting for more than fifty years. From Bethel to New York City, Washington D.C. to the Florida Keys, the chase, the dead bodies, and the near-misses just keep on coming in this dark and realistic thriller that will keep you nailed to every word on every page from start to finish. Simply put, if you like Robert Ludlum, you don't want to miss this novel. *Flight of the Fox* is one for the ages and bound to become a cult classic!

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Gray Basnight Interview

– John Dwaine McKenna

Here's our next author interview with Gray Basnight, writer of *Flight of the Fox*, along with an excerpt to whet your appetite for more of this timely and thrilling novel.

Interview With The Author

1. Why do you write?

It's an important question that, in some ways, is unanswerable. Why artists and writers are compelled to create is elusive, but I feel compelled to do it and with all that said here's why I write . . . *Damned if I know - but I can't seem NOT to!*

2. Where do you write?

The one-bedroom apartment where I live in New York City has a small, four-foot by seven-foot walk-in closet I converted into an office. I call it my *in utero* work chamber.

3. Who's your favorite literary character?

I have two, Robinson Crusoe and Moll Flanders, the central protagonists in their own novels by Daniel Defoe. Both books are beautifully written, life-enhancing stories about people playing the hand they were dealt.

4. Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I do not outline in the traditional sense, but I do outline in my own way. For me, the story idea arrives with the full arc of the narrative. I do not yet know all details, but can see the beginning, the middle, and the end. And I know the sentiment I want the reader to feel when the book is closed for the last time.

This method seems to help limit overly long and time-wasting digressions, while at the same time, it preserves the opportunity for more discovery along the way.

5. How can we, as writers, encourage more people to read?

I like the word “entertainment,” but I also like the word “enrichment.”

In “Flight of the Fox,” Sam Teagarden is named in honor of my Shakespeare professor at N.C. Wesleyan College, who also taught freshman English. He demanded dedication to the fundamentals of reading and writing from all his students - most of whom were no older than 18. During one lecture, a student objected that he was “Teaching over our heads.” Dr. Tea's response was: “Raise your heads!”

That worked for me then, and it still works now. As writers, agents, editors, publishers, and reviewers we all need to do as much as we can to offer entertainment as well as something enriching that makes us raise our heads, and think.

We all need to raise our heads . . . a profound sentiment. I couldn't agree more.

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

The primary rule is: butt in chair. If you're not sit-

ting at the keyboard several hours a day, you're not going to be a writer.

Excerpt from *Flight of the Fox*: Chapter Three – Saturday Afternoon, July 20, 2019 Sam Teagarden's House, Bethel, NY

Sam Teagarden mistook the tiny drone for a hummingbird.

Sitting on the sundeck near the bird feeder filled with sweet red liquid, he was accustomed to the motorized sounds of ruby-throated visitors. Yet there was something about the revved-up buzz of this particular bird that was not natural. Whatever it was, that unnatural-something-drew his attention from the unopened manila envelope at the top of the snail-mail pile he'd picked up at the rural post office an hour earlier. Glancing at the dangling feeder, he saw that the muted mechanical whirr was not coming from a hummingbird at all. It was a compact helicopter about the size of a baseball, hovering just beyond the railing.

His second mistake was to assume it was a toy.

“Well, hello there,” Teagarden said. It held steady, as though watching him.

He leaned from the round table to peer through the gaps in the sundeck floorboards. He expected to see the shadowy outline of the boy who lived on the other side of the wooded lot.

“That you Billy? You down there playing a trick on old Abe?”

Eleven-year-old Billy Carney enjoyed sneaking up, squirting a water pistol, and calling him “Old Abe,” because he had a beard similar to President Lincoln.

“C'mon up here, Billy. Let's chat some more about the great mysteries of mathematics.” But there was no answer. “Hey, Billy the Kid-you down there with your remote control?”

Still no response.

The glare of the afternoon sun made it difficult to see. He scanned the yard's edge and tree line of the adjacent undeveloped lot. No Billy out there either.

His voice, however, did cause movement. It awakened Coconut, Teagarden's old and overweight yellow Lab who had the good sense to be lounging in the shade of the screened-in porch adjacent to the sundeck. Hearing his owner call Billy, and knowing perfectly well who Billy was, he rose and lumbered to the screen door where he, too, took interest in the hovering device.

“Oarff.” His tone held more idle curiosity than canine threat.

Beyond the railing, the drone appeared to hear Coconut's languid bark and reacted by climbing to a higher angle at the edge of the table's umbrella shading Teagarden's papers and laptop. It was almost as though it were trying to gain a view without glare.

Teagarden watched it glide back and forth. He saw then that it couldn't possibly belong to Billy Carney because it was certainly no toy. It was a complex device, delicate but substantial, engineered with metal parts affixed by miniature rivets. As a mathematics professor and numerical analyst, he couldn't help admiring its perfect geometry. The body was little

more than the open frame of a three-dimensional diamond, nearly like a lighter-than-air box kite. A camera lens hung in the geometric center that looked like a manic little techno-fetus as it feverishly spun 360°. Short twin antennae protruded at the front and a trio of rotor blades held it aloft, each tilting independently to adjust for wind or, in this case, the afternoon sun.

“Oarff,” the Labrador complained again, more forcefully than before, his tail vigorously wagging.

“Don't ask me Coco, I've got no idea what the damn thing is.”

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

graybasnight.com

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Writing is like music . . . you have to get the rhythm right if you want the reader to dance with you.

--Lee Child

Meeting of Long Term Care Council

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, August 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, Sullivan NY Connects, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

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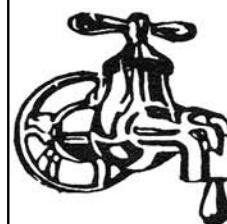


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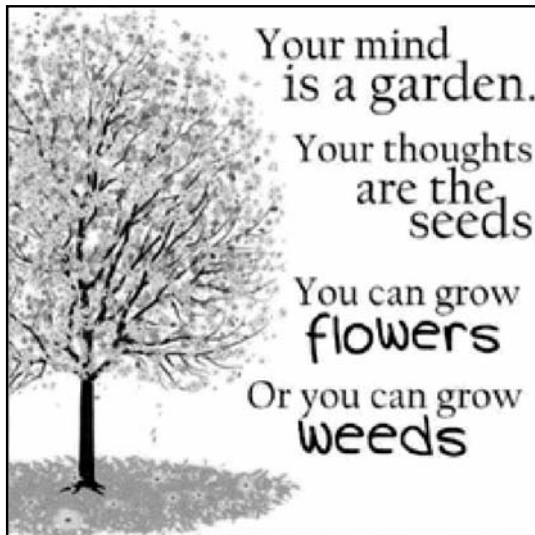
The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

Weeds or Flowers

It is a bit longer, but we take the back roads home from the Great Sacandaga Lake through Schoharie, Gilboa, Lexington, and Shandaken. The scenery is breathtaking, and the traffic moves smoothly unless a farmer decides to move his hay baler from one field to another. Today was a kaleidoscope of wild flowers: Blue Bonnet, Joe Pye Weed, Ragweed, Queen Anne's Lace, Brown-eye Susies, daisies and milk weed.

I was reminded about a time we watched a gardener on the Island of Oahu pulling red, white, and purple Impatiens and throwing them in a wheel barrow. I asked if he was transplanting them. "These?" He replied, "These are nothing but weeds." Then and there I realized that the only difference between weeds and flowers is the gardener.

A poem I used in eighth grade English came to mind. I would have the students decide, in a short journal writing, if they would prefer to be a weed or a flower. There were many more weeds than flowers. Here is that poem so you can decide which you might be.



Identity

- Julio Noboa Polanco

Let them be as flowers,
Always watered, fed, guarded, admired, But harnessed to a pot of dirt.

I'd rather be a tall, ugly weed,
Clinging on cliffs, like an eagle Wind-wavering above high, jagged rocks.

To have broken through the surface of stone,

To live, to feel exposed to the madness

Of the vast, eternal sky.

To be swayed by the breezes of an ancient sea, Carrying my soul, my seed,

Beyond the mountains of time or into the abyss of the bizarre.

I'd rather be unseen, and if

Then shunned by everyone,

Than to be a pleasant-smelling flower, Growing in clusters in the fertile valley, Where they're praised, handled, and plucked By greedy, human hands.

I'd rather smell of musty, green stench Than of sweet, fragrant lilac.
If I could stand alone, strong and free, I'd rather be a tall, ugly weed.

Leadership and Law Academy Outreach - Orange County



ECOs Wood and Hornicek with K-9 Deming conducting a take-down demonstration

On July 16, ECOs Ricky Wood, Lucas Palmateer, and Corey Hornicek attended the Leadership and Law Academy at Pine Bush High School, an elective program for students that allows them to focus on government, economics, and criminal justice. The 14-day program is taught by social studies teachers, town of Crawford police officers, United States Army personnel, and an array of law enforcement agencies that provide instruction from their respective areas of expertise. During the academy, ECO Palmateer set up a booth displaying confiscated items from different cases in Region 3, and spoke about an ECO's typical work day. ECOs Wood and Hornicek, along with K-9 Deming, demonstrated striped bass detection, spent shell casing detection, and obedience and bite demonstrations for students. During the academy, students learn about various first responder and law enforcement careers throughout New York State.

Police Conduct Active-Shooter Training Inside Former Local Elementary School

White Lake, NY - Close to 30 police officers from Sullivan County and surrounding areas participated in active-shooter training this week through a coordinated effort between the County's Office of Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office.

Utilizing the former Duggan Elementary School in White Lake (now a community center, but still owned by the Monticello Central School District), the officers honed their skills in tactical entry into and clearance of a building, teamwork and communications, and the treatment of wounds both serious and minor.

"The federal government offers this Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER) program through a national consortium of agencies and universities - at no cost to the County," noted Public Safety Commissioner Rick Sauer. "We requested this training in order to ensure our police officers are as well-trained and well-prepared for active-shooter incidents as any law enforcement personnel across the country."

"I would like to thank the Monticello School District for the use of the Duggan School," said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "The more realistic the venue, the better the training experience is."

ing experience is."

The 28 participants in this week's training are all instructors themselves who will take this program to their respective police departments, with the goal of having every law enforcement officer in the County LASER-trained.

Olive Library Director's Message

LocalFest at the Library was wonderful thanks in no small part to our volunteers. There was music, food, animals, crafts, and delicious maple syrup popcorn. Thanks again to all that helped and everyone who came to the first annual LocalFest at the Library.

Mark your calendars, the Summer Reading Program for kids and teens ends on Saturday, August 18 at 1 p.m. with an ice cream sundae closing party. We will also draw the winners of the raffle baskets at that time. The adult summer reading program ends Saturday, September 1, make sure to hand your book bingo card in to redeem your tickets. This year's prize is an Olive Free Library canvas tote filled with new books. Thank you again to our summer reading sponsors Community Bank and Reservoir Veterinary Hospital.

As many patrons have heard Barbara Johnson is retiring after working at the library for the past 7 years, please join us on Sunday, August 12, 1-3 in wishing her well. RSVP to director@olivefreelibrary.org With Barbara retiring the library has an opening for part-time library clerk.

Please forward a letter of interest, resume and three professional references to director@olivefreelibrary.org by Saturday, August 4.

We are in need of book donations for our annual Olive Day book sale. We are looking for newer fiction (2015-2018) and non-fiction, specifically cookbooks and gardening. Please call the library to schedule a drop-off time. We do not accept books that are dusty, moldy, have ripped covers, broken spines, or that smell like smoke. Please do not leave books outside of the library when we are not open. Donations need to be brought into the library and looked over by the staff. Thank you in advance for your donations and for following the guidelines.

Don't forget to visit the Bookmobile at the Shokan Plaza on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Return library materials, pick something up to read, sign-up for summer reading, or stop by and say hi. We have an excellent selection of fiction, non-fiction and mystery books to check-out and other items to purchase. Our last day at the Shokan Plaza will be on Wednesday, August 29. The first Tuesday of each month is Books on Wheels home delivery day. Patrons can borrow books, magazines, CD's & DVDs. If you or someone you know is home-bound (temporarily or permanently), please give us a call to schedule a delivery.

See you at the library!

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Sullivan County Completes Purchase Of Broadway Office Building

Monticello, NY - The former home of Middletown Medical and other doctors' offices is now owned by the County of Sullivan and will be transformed into the Board of Elections' new quarters.

Located at 518 Broadway in the heart of downtown Monticello, the 6,800-square-foot, single-story office complex has long served as a medical arts building, but its open floorplan makes it suitable for housing both the relocated Board of Elections and the County's electronic voting machines.

"We were seeking a solution that would alleviate overcrowded offices at the Government Center but not be too far away," explained County Manager Josh Potosek. "I'm happy to say we found that solution in a solidly built facility within walking distance of the Government Center, fronting the busy Broadway corridor, and right next door to the Village of Monticello's largest municipal parking lot."



The \$655,000 purchase - utilizing pre-existing tobacco settlement funds, not taxpayer monies - was completed on Wednesday, and renovations are expected to begin shortly. The Board of Elections should be relocated to that structure by next year.

County is growing, and we're growing along with it. This will allow us to not only provide a much-needed expansion of space for the Board of Elections but also the Veterans Service Agency and the Office for the Aging - three of the busiest offices in County government," remarked District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "The Veterans Service Agency will move into the more spacious current quarters of the Board of Elections in the Government Center, after which the Office for the Aging will essentially double their space by expanding into the adjacent Veterans Service Agency footage."

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Craft and Vendor Fair**

It is not too early to sign up for the Neversink Parks and Recreation Community Yard Sale, Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 15. The event will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 8230 State Route 55 in Grahamsville from 10 am to 3 pm.

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The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association will hold its *Annual Tractor Show & Swap Meet*; The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman will hold its *Annual Flea Market* in the Fair Building; and the *Neversink Parks & Rec Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair* will have a huge variety of vendors, crafters and yard sale tables that will include new and used items.

Mark your calendars now for this action-packed day, and don't forget, if you are planning on reserving a spot to show and sell your products or wares, it is not too early, September will be here before you know it!

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From Pg. 1) Starting at 30 seconds, and working weekly towards her goal, Ann has successfully planked at least three times before today – two times during practice in class, and one time most recently when she was showing her family what a plank was. After asking her daughter to keep time, Ann was surprised when 93 seconds passed. Ann is just one example of the many persons attending Liberty Fitness Center who, while falling into the category defined as geriatric, (age 6 and over) do not fit the picture that typically comes to mind of a frail and off balance individual. Simple yet structured classes help our local Baby Boomers/Seniors with modes of Cardio, flexibility, mobility, endurance, core training and making loads of friends while get-



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Catskill Waters is made possible in part with funds from Rondout Neversink Stream Program, a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, funded by New York City Department of Environmental Protection.



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ting fit together.

Research proves that maintaining an active life-style has both physical and psychological benefits, and that is evident in the positive progress of the members.

This is no news to Alicia Schwartz who has been teaching Silver Sneakers classes at the Fitness Center for many years. Her current most senior attendee is 93 years old and attends faithfully, driven by another member.

Alicia is just one of the talented instructors whose dedication to health and wellness across the ages shows in her every action.

After completing her goal today, Ann asked, "So now we don't go any higher?" When told that we would continue to add time and build strength, she asked what exactly our goal was. The answer? Living a long, strong, and healthy life.

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Disc Golf Tournament to be Held at Frost Valley YMCA September 1-2, 2018



Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA is excited to announce that its disc golf course located at the year-round camp and retreat center at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville will once again be the venue for a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) level tournament. The tournament takes place from September 1-2, 2018.

The tournament hosted by Adam Harris, aptly named "Return to Frost Valley," is a two-round, two-day, tee time PDGA C Tier event. There will be one round per day with tee times made available Saturday by request. On Sunday, tee times will be based on the division and the scores given on Saturday.

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a set of flying discs. A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to an elevated metal basket, which is the "hole." The object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest throws.

Fees for the tournament range from \$40 to \$60 depending on the division of the player and whether or not a participant is a member of

the PDGA. For more information or to register for the event, go to <http://bit.ly/FVDiscGolf>.

Community members who would like to use Frost Valley's disc golf course outside of a tournament setting may purchase a day pass to use the course on Saturdays with the exception of summer camp session dates July 1, 2018 through August 24, 2018 and during the winter when it will be closed.

Disc golf is included at no additional charge for registered Frost Valley guests and Outdoor Sporting Program participants. For more information or to become a participant of Frost Valley's Outdoor Sporting Program, call 845-985-2291 or visit frostvalley.org.

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Nesin Cultural Arts Presents Two Recitals

(Monticello, NY) The Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) Summer Music Academy will present two



Nesin Cultural Arts Vice President and faculty member Jessica Nesin instructs NCA students in Group Piano Theory.

recitals featuring both students and faculty. The Student Works in Progress Recital is Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 3:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John Street, Monticello, NY. This free concert will feature NCA students performing solo pieces they've been working on throughout the week of lessons, coachings and supervised practice sessions. A culminating Faculty and Student Recital will be presented the following evening, Friday, August 24, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre at 22 St. John Street, Monticello, NY. This performance will include faculty, student ensemble and faculty/student side-by-side performances. Tickets are a \$10 suggested donation at the door. Students are always free.

The NCA Summer Music Academy is a weeklong intensive designed to raise student performance levels while increasing the enjoyment of their personal music making. The Summer Music Academy provides private les-

sons, music theory and history/style culture classes, ensemble experiences, and supervised practice. Students will perform as soloists and in ensembles alongside the faculty in the culminating recital. The faculty holds degrees from music institutions such as Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute, Manhattan School of Music and Purchase College Conservatory. They have diverse backgrounds including regular performances with professional ensembles such as New Haven Symphony, Stamford Symphony, The New York Philharmonic and The Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra as well as various chamber ensembles and solo recitals.

NCA Fall Registration for Art, Chorus, Dance and Aspiring Young Musicians (instrumental Lessons) will begin August 25th. To learn more about NCA programs or to become a supporter visit: www.nesinculturalarts.org. For questions contact Marina Lombardi at: marina@nesinculturalarts.org or: 845-798-9006.

NCA Education programs are funded in part by our community and grants from: New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, Episcopal Charities, New York Life, Stewart's Shops, M&T Bank and the NYS Office of Children's and Family Services through the Sullivan County Youth Bureau.

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Friends of the Mamakating Library
present Big Sky Productions in
"Women on Fire"
at Mamakating Town Hall



Sharlene Hartman



Constance Slater

WURTSBORO:
 Get ready for some fireworks in Wurtsboro on Friday, August 17 at 7 p.m. as the Friends of the Mamakating Library present Big Sky Productions in "Women on Fire."

The play, written by Irene O'Garden, will be performed as a reading by four actresses. Each emotionally charged monologue features a woman on fire in her own way - through passion, love, fear and self-discovery. "Women on Fire" explores the breadth of women's issues with humor and wisdom.

The show earned the highest rating for audience satisfaction from the Wall Street Journal-Zagat Theatre Survey, and received the following acclaim:

The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

On the blistering hot Sunday afternoon just passed, myself and enough other persons came out and filled the auditorium of the Sullivan County Museum to see and hear and ask questions of one of the Counties more famous sons, Slam Allen.

It was a lovely lively afternoon, with Slam answering questions from the audience interspersed with some of his wonderful original music along with covers of the likes of Otis Redding. The questions ranged from how he got the name "Slam" to who was his favorite guitarist. And there were many questions. Over half of the room had never

heard Slam play. One woman, who had lived in Sullivan County most of her life, confided to me that she had never heard of him before two years ago!

Slam has an easy manner which captivated the audience. He puts on no airs, which I'm sure endeared him to many who knew little about him, and I have to include myself in that. As most of you know, Blues is my thing and has been in short supply for me in "these thar hills"...until I went to see Slam Allen for the first time on a Monday night at the Double Top in the new Casino. I must admit, I sunk into those notes coming from his guitar and wallowed in them until I had to leave. I didn't really think about the man creating them until later.

From Sunday I learned his given name is "Harrison" (where have I heard THAT name before?). That most music has Blues roots. That he played classical music on an upright Bass with a bow. That he had perhaps the shortest career ever in professional wrestling. And that he is a very spiritual man.

So now to the music.

See a full Slam Allen show Friday August 10 at Heartbeat, the Music Hall of Grahamsville. Tickets are on sale in advance only through Heartbeat and the Catskill Hudson Bank across the street from the music hall and are \$20. This show was close to being sold out last Thursday but the Musical Hall will add another show if this happens. For more information, log onto heartbeatmusichall.com or call Dave at 845-985-5068. I'll be there, stop and say "Hi".

See Slam every Monday evening starting at 6pm at the Double Top in the Resorts World Catskills, or as better known around here as 'The Casino'

Or, if you are going to be in Switzerland at the end of this month, I'll find out where he's playing and you can see him there.

Until next time



Lori Schneider

will be gratefully accepted. Please call the Mamakating Library to register at 845-888-8004.

"Bewitching ... astounding ... heartbreaking." (N.Y. Times)

Big Sky has previously performed "Women on Fire" to great acclaim at both the Gardner Library and the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck.

This performance of "Women on Fire" will feature Sharlene Hartman of Middletown, Constance Slater of Hasbrouck, Lori Schneider of Hurleyville, and Big Sky's Artistic Director Carol Montana of Grahamsville.

Big Sky's last performance at the Mamakating Library was sold out, so to accommodate a larger crowd, "Women on Fire," which is sponsored and hosted by the Friends of the Mamakating Library, will be performed at the Mamakating Town Hall, located at 2948 Route 209 in Wurtsboro.

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Ellenville Regional Hospital being highlighted for its successful MAX Series Program!

On Wednesday, May 30, The New York State Department of Health hosted a MAX Series Symposium in New York City. Ellenville Regional Hospital was 1 of 10 institutions being recognized for its work in the MAX Series program. The competition included some of the largest hospital systems in New York State such as New York Presbyterian, and Montefiore to name a few. Ellenville Regional had the keynote time slot immediately after lunch. Out of all 10 projects throughout New York State, Ellenville Regional Hospital was the top project featured, and the ONLY hospital to be presented via video. You can watch the video of our amazing results below!

The MAX series has been an important part of supporting Performing Provider Systems (PPS) and partners as they work towards Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) goals. DSRIP's purpose is to reconstruct the health care delivery system by reinvesting in the Medicaid Program, with its main goal being able to reduce avoidable hospital use by 25% over the next 5 years. The results are in, and they are showing a successful outcome from over 100 action teams who have shown measurable reductions in avoidable hospital visits for the most vulnerable High Utilizer patient groups. The MAX series work has resulted in an enormous decrease in hospital utilization and 30-day readmission rates.



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DEC Accepting Applications for Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Funds Provide Assistance to Rural Fire Departments

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for federally funded "Volunteer Fire Assistance" grants, Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. The deadline for applications is August 10.

"The Volunteer Fire Assistance grants are a great way to help our local volunteer fire departments, which we rely on to help battle wildfires and forest fires across the state," said Commissioner Seggos. "Last year, we were able to help 319 fire departments across the state purchase much-needed firefighting equipment."

The Volunteer Fire Assistance grant program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. If awarded, fire departments receive 50/50 matching funds up to \$1,500. Last year, the program provided \$1,500 grants to 319 fire departments. DEC received a federal appropriation of \$514,215 for 2018.

Only expenses directly related to fire suppression efforts are eligible for funding. These include the purchase of portable pumps, portable backpack pumps, hand tools, hoses, light-weight fireproof clothing (Nomex), hard hats, turnout gear, portable radios, generators and dry hydrants. Expenditures not directly related to firefighting, such as search and rescue, acquisition of land, construction of buildings and facilities, major apparatus purchases and maintenance items are not eligible for funding.

Eligible fire departments include those that serve a single town with a population under 10,000; those that serve multiple communities, one of which is a rural town of less than 10,000 residents; and fire departments in towns with a population of 10,000 or more that meet the requirements listed on the application. Fire departments that receive a grant award must complete all required grant paperwork by Nov. 30, 2018.

For applications or further information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839, or write to NYSDEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12233-2560 or, visit DEC's website.

Senator Bonacic Named Most Productive Senator Nationally by FiscalNote

(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) has been named by FiscalNote, a provider of issues management services related to business and government, as the most productive State Senator based upon a review of his success at crafting legislation and getting substantive policy changes enacted.

"I have always been focused on delivering results for the residents of the 42nd Senate District and am appreciative of the honor of this recognition," Bonacic said. "However, this is not the achievement of a single individual. I want to thank my partners in state government and the advocates, local officials, and constituents my office has worked with over the years to develop and advance legislation to improve our state. I would not have been able to do it without them."

UC Executive Mike Hein Highlights Continued Growth in County's Tourism Industry Visitor Spending of \$587M Is Tops In Catskill Region, Up Nearly 6% Since Prior Year

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that a newly released state report shows that last year visitor spending in Ulster County increased by almost \$33 million from 2016. The county experienced a 5.9% rise in traveler spending, marking the seventh consecutive year that spending has increased. This exceeds the \$554 million visitors spent in 2016. Ulster represents nearly half, or 45%, of the region's tourism sales with \$587 million in traveler spending.

Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive

"Ulster County continues to grow as one of New York's premier travel destinations because there is something here for everyone," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "We are a year-round destination for visitors both near and far with many amazing places to explore, people to meet and things to do. From pre-Revolutionary historic sites to contemporary art, wilderness adventures to world-class cuisine - Ulster County's farms, forests, rivers, mountains and towns serve up an endless array of options for visitors. And Ulster County's proximity to the New York metro area makes it not only a con-

venient weekend destination, but a great location to seek and find unique adventures that are bound to create life-long memories."

Traveler spending accounts for dollars spent on lodging, recreation, food and beverage, retail and service stations, transportation and second homes. The data comes from a report produced by Tourism Economics, an Oxford Economics Company. The entire Catskills Region (Ulster, Sullivan, Greene and Delaware counties) grew traveler spending to \$1.3 billion in 2017. Tourism generated \$304 million in labor income in Ulster County including direct and indirect impacts. In 2017, tourism spending in Ulster County alone generated over \$71 million in local and state tax revenue, without which the average household in the County would have to pay an additional \$1,030 in taxes to maintain the same level of government revenue.

Richard J. Remsnyder, Ulster County Tourism Director

"In 2017, Ulster County launched its 'Seek for Yourself' campaign, a fresh, innovative approach to attracting tourism to the County," said Ulster County Tourism Director Richard J. Remsnyder. "This initiative has sparked an even greater awareness of Ulster County's premier attractions, farm to table eateries, distilleries and breweries and world-class accommodations. The increase in tourism spending validates the effectiveness of this new campaign. I would like to thank County Executive Hein for his continued support and commitment to strengthening and expanding this important sector of our economy."

The 'Seek For Yourself' marketing campaign was launched last summer by Ulster County Tourism and Ulster County Alive as a comprehensive effort to attract more visitors from all over the world to the County. Ulster County has become a favorite for vacationers due to its proximity to the Catskill Mountains and New York City with thousands of acres of natural areas, varied recreational opportunities, fine dining, a variety of lodging options and its diverse arts, culture and history.

Things to do in Ulster County

Aug. 12 61st Annual Saugerties Antique Auto Show, Saugerties

Aug. 17-19: 14th Annual Hudson Valley Ribfest, New Paltz

Aug. 19: 23rd Annual Kingston Artist Soapbox Derby, Kingston

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Aug 1 - 31 -

Volunteer Firemen's Museum: A "little gem of a museum" housed in the 1857 Wiltwyck Fire House. Display of fire engines and firemanic artifacts. Open Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

Aug 11 & 25 - Matthewis Persen House Museum in August: The New York State Constitution Exhibit Opening: Aug. 1-Nov. 17. View the state's first constitution and more. Guest Host Ellenville Public Library & Museum: Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Discussion and debut of the exhibit "By Water and Rail - Early Days of the Rail Trail in Ellenville and Wawarsing, New York." Guest Host Woodstock School of Art:

Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-noon; 1-3 p.m. Experiential art demonstration with instructor Les Castellanos. Don Terpening, Revolutionary War Medical Re-enactor: Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Presenting various medicines, implements and techniques. Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John St., Kingston. 845-340-3040; ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/persenhouse.html

Aug 11 * 18 - Olive Free Library August Events: Aug. 11, 1-3 p.m. Family-friendly, pre-register. Family Movie Night: "A Wrinkle in Time." Aug. 18, 6-8 p.m. Free. Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan. 845-657-2482; olivefreelibrary.org

Aug 10, 17 & 24 Movies Under the Stars: Bring your own chairs or blankets. Free. 8:30 p.m. "The Greatest Showman." Aug. 3, Wall Street, Kingston. "Disney's Coco." Aug. 10, Academy Green, 238 Clinton Ave., Kingston. "West Side Story." Aug. 17, Cornell Park, Kingston. "Wonder." Aug. 24, Loughran Park, 50 Charlotte St., Kingston. kingston-ny.gov/movies; facebook.com/pg/kingstonnygov

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces the UC Veterans Service Agency Hosted a Veterans Stand-Down Ulster County Continues Its Commitment To Veterans

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that the Ulster County Veterans' Service Agency hosted a Veterans Stand-Down on Friday, August 10th. The event took place at the Ulster Hose 5 Fire Company, located at 830 Ulster Avenue in Kingston. In addition to the opportunity for Veterans to network and visit with long-time friends, accredited service officers were on-hand to discuss available benefits. The event also featured a VA clinic, employment and legal assistance, as well as the chance to browse military surplus clothing for those in need.

"The Veterans Stand Down is just one of the small ways we can show our appreciation and support to our Veterans for serving our county with honor and distinction," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I hope all of Ulster County's Veterans are able to attend and learn about the many services available from our Veterans Services Agency and the Veterans Administration, while connecting with friends and enjoying great food and entertainment."

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Interested Applicants Contact (by 8/17/18):
Robert Martinelli, Director of PPS
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30 times. Fedorova is a graduate of the Lysenko School of Music in Kiev, and has studied at the prestigious Accademia Pianistica in Imola and the Royal College of Music.

She has performed in many prestigious concert halls in Europe, North and South America, and Asia, including Carnegie Hall, Zurich Tonhalle, Palacio de Bellas Artes and Warsaw Filharmonia, and at numerous music festivals such as the Verbier, Ravinia, Rubinstein Piano Festival Lodz, and the Chopin Festival in Antonin. Fedorova has also performed with orchestras around the world including the Dallas Symphony, Hong Kong Philharmonic, Netherlands Philharmonic, and Orquesta Sinfonica Nacional de Mexico. Top prizes at numerous international piano competitions include the International Rubinstein "In Memoriam" piano competition, the Moscow International Frederick Chopin

Shandee Music Festival presents "An Evening of Piano Masterworks" with Anna Fedorova

SHANDELEE, NY: The 25th Anniversary of the Shandee Music Festival (SMF) is the ideal time to welcome back



Shandee Music Festival welcomes back alumni Anna Fedorova in a performance of Piano Masterworks on Tuesday, August 14

alumna Anna Fedorova, who participated in Shandee's educational program in 2007 and 2008 and is now one of the world's premier young pianists.

From an early age in her native Kiev Fedorova demonstrated a natural musical ability and maturity, and audiences around the world have been impressed by the depth and power of her musicianship. She made her debut at the Het Concertgebouw at the age of 16 playing Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2, and since then has performed there over

Competition for young pianists and the Lyon Piano Competition. She is also two-time laureate of the Dorothy MacKenzie Artist Recognition Scholarship Award at the International Keyboards Institute & Festival (New York, USA).

Jade Grassby of the "Bournemouth Echo" said, "Soloist Anna Fedorova relished the work's sophistication and opportunities for bravura display. ... her high-octave handling of the finale was another display of pianistic fireworks." Colin Clarke writing in "Fanfare" said, "The Pianist delivered a beautiful performance, combining delicacy and passion and every phrase." And Jan Popis, of the "Chopin Express" wrote of Fedorova, "Characteristic of her playing is a solid technique, a tone that is powerful but not harsh, impeccable rhythm, and an adept feel for a composition's form ... [her] deeply personal performance touched the hearts of her audience ..."

"An Evening of Piano Masterworks" will feature the compositions of Ludwig van Beethoven, Frédéric Chopin, Alexander Scriabin and Robert Schumann.

All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m. and will be followed by a specialty dessert reception. The climate-controlled, Sunset Concert Pavilion is located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. The grounds and Pavilion are completely accessible.

Concert tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30.00 for Shandee Music Festival members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. Advanced reservations are required by calling 845-439-3277, or buy your tickets online at www.shandee.org.

Shandee Music Festival presents "An Evening of Chamber Music" Featuring the Contista Piano Trio



The Contista Piano Trio will perform at the Shandee Music Festival's "Evening of Chamber Music" on Thursday, August 16.

SHANDELEE, NY: The popularity of Shandee Music Festival's (SMF) "Evening of Chamber Music" continues to grow. And the fifth concert in the 2018 Sunset Concert Series will feature chamber music by the Contista Piano Trio. The trio will be featured on Thursday, August 16 at 8 p.m. as the SMF continues its 25th year of bringing international musical excellence to the Catskills.

Critics have applauded classical pianist Irina Nuzova for her "rise above mere virtuosity" (The Washington Post) and "intensity of feeling" (La Nazione, Italy). She has appeared as a soloist and a chamber musician at the Amici della Musica concert series in Florence, the Teatro Massima in Catania, Italy, the Hermitage State Museum in St. Petersburg, the Moscow Conservatory, and many other prestigious venues and concert series. Nuzova earned her Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Hartt School of Music. She regularly gives lecture recitals at schools and festivals, and also serves as a jury panelist. She is a member of the piano faculty of the Special School of Music in New York City and of Bard College's pre-college division.

World-renowned violinist Amy Schroeder has been hailed by the *Washington Post* as "an impressive artist whose playing combines imagination and virtuosity." She has soloed with the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Amherst Symphony, the Hilton Head Symphony and the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra. She is a founding member of the internationally acclaimed Attacca Quartet, which has won an array of awards including the grand prize in the Osaka International String Quartet Competition. Schroeder teaches violin and piano to students of all ages. Cellist Andrew Yee has been praised by Michael Kennedy of the London Telegraph as "spellbindingly virtuosic ..." He is also a founding member of the Attacca Quartet, which has released several albums to critical acclaim. Yee's arrangement of Haydn's "Seven Last Words" was praised by *Thewholenote.com* as "... easily the most satisfying string version of the work that I've heard." In 2017, Yee was the soloist with the Oregon Bach Festival orchestra. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, and Artist's Diploma in String Quartet studies from the Juilliard School.

The program for the August 16 concert will include works by Beethoven, Brahms and Arensky.

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2018 Upcoming Events

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- 1) Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap Meet
- 2) Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman Flea Market in the Fair Building
- 3) **Neversink Parks & Rec Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair**
- 4) Any Make Any Model Car Club Cruise In meet 9:30 am at Tri Valley School to cruise to the Fairgrounds at 10 am.

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10/13 **Jack O Lantern Blaze**
10/27 Look for our Trunk at the **PTO Trunk or Treat**
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8/9/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
8/9/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
8/11/18 **Neversink Farmers' Market** 11am -3 pm (Rt 55 & Shumway Rd/Parking Lot of Neversink General Store)
– Inter-tribal Native American Gathering & Portraits and Stories
8/12/18 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
8/14/18 **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** - Grahamsville UMC: Thrift Sale 9:00am-12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm
8/14/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
8/15/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
8/20/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T meeting 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
8/21/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
8/21/18 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
8/26/18 Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting 7:30 pm
8/18/18 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** - Grahamsville UMC - 9 - 12 noon
8/25/28 **Claryville FD Craft Fair and Community Yard Sale** 10 am - 4 pm- 1500 Denning Rd., Claryville, NY 12725
8/27/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm Community Room (lower level) Daniel Pierce Library
9/1/18 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Bake Sale** - 9 am until sold out
9/1/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
9/2/18 Annual Meeting of the Neversink Association Noon Wellington property in Claryville
9/5/18 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
9/12/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting -

SAVE THE DATE!
Aug 17 - 19, 2018 Grahamsville Little World's Fair
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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.

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Sunday, September 2, 2018
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This year's speaker is Diane Galusha. Ms. Galusha will speak on Edward Ringwood Hewitt (1866-1957); author, inventor, master fisherman. In 1918, Hewitt established a fishing camp, called the "Big Bend Club," on 2,700 acres in the Catskill Mountains. Before the reservoir, Mr. Hewitt also owned a hatchery in Neversink.
Ms. Galusha is the author of Liquid Assets: A History of New York City's Water System. Ms. Galusha is a former journalist with a passion for history. She was the editor of the Catskill Mountain News in Margaretville, NY from 1989 to 1996, when the NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement was being negotiated by federal, state, city, environmental and watershed representatives. Since 1998, she has served as communications director and education coordinator for the Catskill Watershed Corporation. The Neversink Association Corporation is a non-profit social club that was founded in 1964 to "preserve and protect the flora and fauna" of the upper Neversink Valley. While the Association itself is not a charity and its dues are not tax deductible, the

Neversink Association donates to many local charitable organizations that are similarly dedicated to education about, and protection of, the area's unique environment.
New members are always welcomed. To join our association, please send \$20 per household to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville NY 12725. See more information on Instagram or Facebook (www.facebook.com/neversinkassociation)

Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe
(South Fallsburg, NY) The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be staging the unique and wildly theatrical musical, "Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe." The show combines haunting music and poetic storytelling to chronicle the fascinating life of the iconic American writer. The show will hit the boards at the historic, Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg on August 10th and run for six performances through August 19th.



Under the able direction of Dawn Perneszi with fine Musical Direction by Leon Hilfstein and Vocal Coaching by Lauren Bernard, the talented cast features Shawn Bailey, Josh Rosengrant, Kristopher Rosengrant, Harold Tighe, Heather Strauss, Amber Schmidt, Mekayla Perneszi, Ed Berens, Joe Guidone, Lynne Porter, Cole Phillips, Alexandria Porter, Hannah Veety and Keith Prince. In the pit are Conductor,

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The production is being sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and by Eileen & Ivan Kalter. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 10, 11, 17, 18 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, August 12 and 19 at 2:00 pm at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street), South Fallsburg. General Admission is \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors (60+), Students (with Valid ID), Military and Veterans. Advance Sales online or purchase your tickets at the Box Office one hour prior to curtain for any performance. For additional information, log onto www.SCDW.net or phone (845) 436-5336. "Nevermore" is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.



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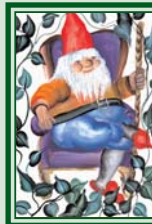
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GRAHAMSVILLE

Aug 14th - **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale**
9-12 & Luncheon 10:45-12:30.

Aug 18th **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Sept. 1 - Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies **Bake Sale** - 9 am until sold out

CLARYVILLE

August 12th - 1:00 pm - O&W Railroad Talk & Display. Presented by Time & the Valleys Museum. Members: FREE, non-members: \$3 Location: Claryville Church - Talk by Jeffrey Otto, President of the O&W Railway Historical Society covering the O&W from Young's Gap (just north of Liberty) to Cadosia, concentrating on the many bridges in that section, plus the industries served by the railroad. Attendees can visit Charles Breiner's O&W model railroad display in Claryville immediately following the presentation. Light refreshments are included.

NEVERSINK

August 11 - *Portraits and Stories* at Neversink Farmers' Market and **Big Indian Native American Drummers** will be returning for their second year (11am-3pm) - corner of Rt. 55 and Shumway Road, Neversink, NY

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