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# **Over One-hundred People Turnout** for Albi Concert



Those who attended the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Albi Concert last week had a great time! (Contd. Pg. 8)

#### **Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is Active** Over the Summer



We're very proud announce that our Tri-Valley Teachers Association was one of four locals in the state to be elected to a t t e n d N Y S U T 's Local Action Project (LAP) program this

summer. LAP is a five day conference that focuses on best practices for increasing member we're looking forward to continuing our involvement and visibility within it.involvement and visibility in communities. From July 16 to July 20, TVTA members Matt Haynes, Tanya Huggler, April Kackos, Kimberly Patete, and Lauren Pullen attended the program in Saratoga Springs. (Contd. Pg. 4)

# Sullivan County Soil & Water and CWC Projects in the Town of Denning

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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. (Contd. Pg. 3)

# Thunder in the Valley



Luiz Ramos leads a ceremonial dance. Luiz is from the Taino Native America Tribe and also is a Taino drummer. Luiz is planning to join other Inter-Tribal Native Americans at the Neversink Farmers Market on August 11th.

The sun added a special luster to this colorful cultural event that took place on Route 28 at Big Indian Park on Saturday - the Annual Thunder in the Valley Pow Wow. There were many Native American crafters displaying and selling their original creations of their cultural art. (Contd. Pg. 9)

# Fallsburg Alumni Association **Bestows Awards at** 14th Reunion



Sitting left to right are Eileen Kalter, Robin Pantel, Renee Kates; standing left to right are Mona Bogan, Bonnie Blanchard, Dolly Levner, Regina McKenny-Snead, Lynette James, Natalie Levitt, and Arlene Hussey.

FAA President Regina McKenny-Snead welcomed dozens of Fallsburg High School alumni, graduating students and families, present and former teachers and staff, and family members of Fallsburg Hall of Fame's newest inductees to the fourteenth annual reunion held at the Woodbourne Fire House on July 14, 2018. Mrs. McKenny-Snead paid homage to FAA Alumni and former staff that passed away during the previous year: Pearl Anthony, Boni Barnofsky, Betty Cauthers, Sherry Greer, John Lusk, and Fran Ziter. (Contd. Pg. 4)

# **Familiar Face at Neversink** Farmers' Market



Most Saturdays during the summer you will see Chef Mary at the Neversink Farmers' Market where you can purchase her freshly baked Chestnut Creek Baked Goods that include muffins, scones, crumb cake and other Chestnut Creek Baked tasty treats. Goods is owned and operated by Chef Mary Magnetico. In 2014 she graduated with high honors from SUNY Sullivan obtaining Associate's Degrees as a Professional Chef, and in Hospitality & Tourism.

SUNY Sullivan taught her the skills necessary to start up and maintain a food service business, in addition to making amazing desserts and other baked goods!

Chef Mary teaches Community Learning classes at SUNY Sullivan, and she is a Servesafe Certified Food Safety Handler Instructor. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from mountains? No, my strength comes from God, who made heaven, and earth, and mountains. He won't let you stumble, your Psalm 121-1-3 Guardian God won't fall asleep.

#### **OBITUARY**

Ann M. Foster Powers of Grahamsville, NY, a retired Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Neversink and a long time area resident, went to be with the Lord, Friday, July 20, 2018. She was 73.

Ann was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 15, 1944 to the late William and Rita McDermott Von Toussaint.

Her entire life was focused on her family and she spread the love she had for them in everything she did. They in return, showed how much they loved her and made her very happy being there for her all the time. Ann worked her entire life to help provide for her familv. She started in the work force at the tender age of 17 and never stopped. Ann was Deputy Town Clerk and Secretary for the Planning, Zoning, and Youth Commission Boards for the Town of Neversink for almost twenty years before retiring. She also worked for many years with her husband John in the construction business after retirement. tion business after retirement.

Ann leaves behind to cherish her memory, her sons, Michael (Tina) Foster and James (Christine) Foster; step daughter, Connie (Duke) Duquette; her grandchildren, Michael James Foster, James Raymond Foster, Heather Foster, Kayla Scannell Connolly (James), and Samantha Duquette; and her great grandson, Marshal; precious nieces and nephews, Tom and Laura Von Toussaint, William Von Toussaint, Linda Von Toussaint DelVecchio (John), Vikki Von Toussaint Lotz (Robert), Ellie Von Toussaint Scatorchia (Danny); her cousing Roberts (All), state in the Cousing Roberts (Cousing Roberts). Jackie Popaduik Scappatici (Al); sisters-in-law, Sara Von Toussaint and Ellen Von Toussaint DiMaria (Joseph); and Kitty, Cindy, Tom and Gregson McKenna who Ann considered her extended family.

She was predeceased by her husbands, James R. Foster and John P. Powers; her parents, William and Rita McDermott Von Toussaint; brothers, Thomas Von Toussaint, William Von Toussaint; sister, Joan Von Toussaint Genoski (Richie).

Toussaint Genoski (Richie).

Visitation will be Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM in the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. A memorial celebration in her honor will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 6 PM. Father Edward Bader will officiate.Burial will be in the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery, Liberty, NY.

Her wish is to celebrate her life not her death, so not deink and he morry!

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Memorial contributions in Ann's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or visit www.Harris-FH.com

# **BIRTHS:**

# Nikki and Eric Horton of Neversink Announce Birth of their Daughter, **Jordyn Christine**



Nikki and Eric Horton of Neversink are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn Christine, born June 18, 2018 at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris.

Jordyn weighed 7lbs 1oz and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed by her big brother Samuel three big sisters-Sophia, Alexandra, and Mia.

Maternal grandparents are Barbara and George Dean of Neversink. Paternal grandmother is Susan Horton of Wurstboro. Maternal great-grandmother is Irene Sosnowski.

Paternal great-grandparents are Patricia

Constantino and Clifford Horton.

Sending hugs and kisses from heaven are grandpa John Horton, great-grandparents Samuel Constantino, Marjorie Horton, Charles Sosnowski, and Louise and Archie Dean. Also, sending hugs and kisses is a special angel, Uncle Craig Dean.

# Days of Yore... Today's History

#### August 11, 1948

During his first two weeks of duty to exterminate foxes in this area, the state trapper reported the he had killed over twelve foxes. By killing these animals they hope to halt the spread f rabies to other animals in this and other localities. For a time he is still stationed in this area and then will be assigned to another locality to continue this work.

Last week while the Rev. Harris was away supposedly a rabid fox undertook to serenade Mrs. Harris in the parsonage. She go busy on the telephone calling for help. Grover Hornbeck and Horace Sheeley were soon on the scene with gun in hand. The fox as seen and guns went into action. Where the fox went to is not known.

Men between the ages of 21 and 40 who have a desire to join the New York State Police are advised that an open competitive examination for 1-- trooper appointments will be held at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, Malone, Syracuse, White Plains, New York and possibly other places on September 15th. Salary range is from \$1,380 to #3,105 yearly, plus lodging, food or an allowance for same and all service clothing and equipment.

#### August 6, 1958

Charles Graham, who has been stationed at Newfoundland with the Air Force, is home on a 30 day leave.

Frank Carlsen is home after completing his Army service.

Fred DuBois is stationed at Great Lakes.

Governor Averell Harriman opened the new \$6.3 million by-pass of Liberty Friday afternoon with an estimated 1,000 persons witnessing the ceremony. Donald Baker, Jr., son of the Sullivan County Treasurer cut the ribbon and more than 300 autos streamed over the line, south towards Liberty and Monticello. The new road extend from Ferndale to Parksville, join the super-highway stretch, north of Parksville.

# August 7, 1968

Tri-Valley Central School's Supervising Principal Edward T. Condon reported that a survey had been completed of a parcel of land owned by the City of New York. If successful in acquiring this lnd, the boundaries of the property would be completed to a depth of three hundred and sixteen feet on the north side of Moore Hill Road.

The parcel is approximately two acres.

Earl Sheeley has purchase the former Kay-Al garage building through the Strout Agency. He has also purchased the property, formerly owned by the late C.M. Dayton which consists of the Post Office Building, The Hut and the home.

#### August 10, 1978

The City of New York has granted the school permission to remove 1000 cubic yards of tunnel spoil to be used for the expansion of the parking area.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanDover, Jr. have received word that their son, Darrel has recently been promoted of the Rank of Senior Airman. Darrel is presently with the 352 Missal Security Squadron, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri.

The Cross Family Association will have their pictorial display of family genealogy at the Little World's Fair again this year. The Cross Family name can be found among the early settlers of our Tri-Valley Community and many took part in the Fair for many years.

# A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Beatrice Rexford of Hasbrouck. Beatrice passed away on July 12th at the age of 88.

I read in the Democrat that the diner in Rock Hill has closed. They had a fire some months ago and decided not to reopen. I know some folks would stop there for lunch on their way home from Crystal Run appointments. Speaking of diners, Pete and I stopped at the New Munson in Liberty for dinner one night last week. We always bump into someone we know from the Grahamsville/Neversink area when we are there. This time we met Mary Lisner dining with her son. Leion.

Summer is such a busy time and as a result I do not see too many people and don't have much news. Some families are busy taking kids back and forth to the pool for swimming lessons and others I know are spending vacation time this summer at Lake George, in Lancaster, at Hershey Park, in Maine or at the seashore. Some kids are off to sleep-away camps or to day camps. My one grandson, Amy's boy, just spent a week at Frost Valley attending a week long session at a "Bear Grylls" Survival Camp. This outdoor adventure, which was for teens, was taught by highly trained experts and provided many outdoor challenges. One of the things my grandson was pleased to learn was how to snare a rabbit, skin it and then make and eat rabbit stew. He came home and had to explain each step of the newly learned skill to his family. One thing I always enjoyed, in my younger years, was camping out under the stars. During my college years, I worked during the summer months as a camp counselor in Connecticut. Camp is the place where the group living process becomes extremely important and everyone learns to work and play together in a carefree environment. I'm sure, if you ever attended a camp, there are some things you will never forget....singing grace before meals, outdoor vespers, sunsets near the lake, taps, Sunday services in an outdoor chapel and sitting around a campfire singing, telling stories, toasting marshmallows and making smores. If you've ever been a camper, you may look back upon and recall with ecstasy those pleasant memories and associations of days spent in the great outdoors. I mentioned "campfire". Whether it is a small fire built for one or two, or a larger one, spreading its glow around, campfires tend to make all people one. There is something magical about the flickering tongues of flame or the glowing coals that seems to unite everyone in fellow-ship. Many a camper has been fascinated watching the flames as they frolic over the firewood!

WORDS OF WISDOM: Since the weather has been so warm lately, most of us probably have not had to use a blanket while sleeping. I came upon this definition of a "blanket" and I thought it was quite clever: "Blankets come in two sizes: those not long enough and those six inches too short. When you sleep double, blankets are the things that keep the other fellow warm at night. If you sleep single, you should roll up in the same direction, and you should make a note of which direction you must roll to untangle yourself in the morning. Many a man has become desperate because he could not remember which way he should turn to get the blanket off."

**Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club** 

The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club and the Beaver Dam Club held it's annual "Take a Kid Fishing Day" on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018 at the Beaver Dam Pond in Grahamsville, N.Y. Prizes were awarded for different categories and refreshments such as hamburgers, hotdogs, bottled water, soda pop, watermelon and baked items were provided throughout the day. A special thanks to the sponsoring businesses and individuals who stepped

forward and provided the refreshments and prizes.

On this particular day, the "free" event had 41 participants ranging between the ages of 1 and 14 years old. The average age of all the participants was 8 1/3 years of age with 22 boys competing against 19 girls. A grand total of 85 fish were caught and to minimize the stress to the fish, all were released back into the pond after a quick size measurement was taken. The day was sunny and on the warm side and that caused the "Big Linkers" to go deep for the mid-day event, but there were plenty of sunfish to keep the kids interested. 80 of the fish taken were in the sunfish the kids interested. 80 of the fish taken were in the sunfish category while only 4 yellow perch and 1 pickerel were caught. 1st place was Patrick Allison, 2nd place was Johnathan Allison and 3rd place was Zoey McGee. Prizes were also awarded to Daniel Chipman-largest pickerel at 15.5 inches and Anna Furman-largest yellow perch at 10 inches and a honorable mention goes to Katie Dauch who hooked the largest catfish/'One that Got Away", which is permully the costs. normally the case.

Fun was had by all and many can't wait til next year. You can follow us on FACEBOOK to see pictures of this event as well as past and future events.

SLAC July Meeting
SLAC, the Senior Legislative Action Committee of
Sullivan County will hold it's July meeting at 10AM
Friday July 27th in the legislative hearing room of the Government Center 100 North Street Monticello CELEBRATE the 83rd BIRTHDAY of MEDICARE!

Our speaker will be Barry Kaufman, president of New York State Alliance of Retired Americans, discussing critical issues facing the senior population.

Come and learn with us how to be effective advocates

for seniors, our families, friends and neighbors.

Our meetings are free and open to all. To become or

Our meetings are free and open to all. To become or remain a voting member, please pay your dues. \$10.00 for June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019.

SLAC PO BOX 303 Kiamesha Lake, NY 12751 Questions?? Call 807-0241 The Office of the Aging SLAC is associated with NY StateWide Senior Action Council NYSenior.org

Sullivan County Soil & Water and CWC Projects in the Town of Denning

(From Pg. 1) 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 arge 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 thaws spring, unraveling the bank and turning the river turbid with fine sediments that can travel suspended stream water all the way to the Neversink Reservoir, polluting the drinking water supply for upstate comand York munities New Larger Citv. s e d i m e n t s

from these eroding hillslopes settle in the river channel just downstream, filling it in and raising flood eleva-

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

lized 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 further 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.

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.

## Maize a/k/a Corn!

All maize is corn, but not all corn is maize.

The name corn was added by the Europeans who referred to all small-seeded cereal grains as corn they used the term 'Indian Corn' when referring to this American grain denoting its connection with the Native Americans.

Corn (Zea mays) is an annual grass of the Maydeae

family of the genesis and is of the grass family (Poaceae). One main difference between corn and other cereals is that

it bears seed heads, ears, that are larger than any other grassy. Also corn has a higher yield of food per unit than any other grain. This productivity is one of the main contributing factors of corn's appeal to farmers.

Corn is so easily recognizable by most people that it doesn't beg for much of a description.

Here are some interesting facts about Maize/a/k/a Corn:

Corn is a monoecious plant having both male and female

reproductive organs. A tassel of male flowers can produce 25 million grains of pollen. If a grain of pollen sticks to a silk, a pollen tube quickly sprouts from the grain and grows down the length of the silk, carrying male genetic material. In less than a day the pollen tube reaches the material. In less than a day, the pollen tube reaches the ovule to fertilize the egg. The resulting zygote stimulates the growth of a kernel, which accumulates sugars that will later turn into hard starch if the cob is allowed to mature.

A mature kernel has three parts: the pericarp or thin shell, the endosperm or food storage organ, and the embryo or germ. The pericarp is a thin layer of maternal tissues that encloses the entire seed. The pericarp is usually colorless but can be red, brown, orange, and cherry. One primarily useful scientific trait is the microscopically thin outer-layer of the endosperm known as the aleurone (which can be various shades of color) is most useful in genetic studies of corn. Finally, the embryo or germ contain most of the fat, vitamins, and minerals. They can vary in color, shape, and chemical composition. Also for a seed to germinate it must contain a living embryo which has the capacity to stay alive for around three to five years. Though if kept in a cooled storage location, a corn seed has the potential to last for twenty-five years or more.

Maize/corn was domesticated over 7,000 years ago in what is now Mexico from a wild grass called teosinte. . Its cultivation spread throughout Central and North America, where Columbus discovered it and brought it back to Europe. The name maize originated with the indigenous Taino people in the Caribbean. Columbus and his crew were the first Europeans to encounter the Taíno people in 1492. He described the Taínos as physically well-proportioned people, with a noble and kind personality. Columbus wrote:

They traded with us and gave us everything they had, with good will ... they took great delight in pleasing us ... They are very gentle and without knowledge of what is evil; nor do they murder or steal...Your highness may believe that in all the world there can be no better people They love their neighbours as themselves, and they have

the sweetest talk in the world, and are gentle and always On Columbus' second voyage, he began to require tribute

from the Taíno in Hispaniola. According to Kirkpatrick Sale, each adult over 14 years of age was expected to deliver a hawks bell full of gold every three months, or when this was lacking, twenty-five pounds of spun cotton. If this tribute was not brought, the Spanish cut off the hands of the Taíno and left them to bleed to death.

At the 2010 U.S. census, 1,098 people in Puerto Rico identified themselves as "Puerto Rican Indian," 1,410 identified as "Spanish American Indian," and 9,399 identified as "Taino." In total, 35,856 Puerto Ricans considered themselves Native American

Today, corn has become an icon of American culture. Not only does it represent our native American traditions, serve as a symbol of a summertime BBQ fun it is also at the root of some other good old-fashioned fun. After the farmers were finished in the cornfields, and put their hoes down - it was time for a **Hoedown!** 

# **Household Hints**

#### **Keep Kitty off Windowsills and Furniture**

To keep cats off windowsills or other surfaces, spray with vinegar. This will also keep them from scratching upholstery (spray an unnoticeable area of the fabric first to make sure the vinegar doesn't cause a stain).

# **Blood Standard**

Mysterious Book Report No. 344

by John Dwaine McKenna



The MBR has always had a soft spot for the antihero type: those individuals who're capable of most anything, but who also possess the same purity of heart as a knight errant on a quest. They're the kind of characters who struggle with the world, and themselves, in an idealistic representation of the human condition. Simply put: we all have our own inner demons, and each of us decides every day whether to be good or bad. The antiheros are, in the MBRs opinion, the most dramatic, and therefore the most interesting of all literary characters. This week brings us one of the absolute best baddies with a good streak the MBR has ever seen. His name is Isaiah Coleridge. He's half-Maori and half-Irish, witty and well-read . . . and an enforcer for organized crime up in Alaska, who takes bad-assery to a whole new dimension in an alternate universe.

Blood Standard, (Putnam/Penguin Random House, \$26.00, 321 pages, ISBN 978-07352-1287-9) by Laird Barron, begins in Anchorage, Alaska, where "Mr. Apollo," the Boss of Bosses up there, sends his number one hitter to Nome-considered a Mafia penal colony, by the suits in the lower forty-eight-for a "couple a month working vacation to snoop around a little bit, see if things are copacetic up there, capice?"

Mr. Apollo's heard rumors about some goings-on in the area that he wants proved, or disproved. But Isaiah barely gets unpacked before running afoul of Vitale Knight, a made member of The Chicago Outfit, and therefore untouchable without permission from all the Dons. Isaiah has dynamited a big money-making scheme of Knights, in order to save some wild critters from being slaughtered, and put the Mafioso in the hospital with serious injuries . . . for which Coleridge is beaten, tortured and within seconds of being killed . . . when a last minute phone call spares him. After a short hospital stay, a still recuperating Isaiah Coleridge is hustled away in secrecy, to a farm just outside of Kingston, New York, high up in the Hudson River Valley, and within easy reach of the New York City Mob. There, he tries to reinvent himself, and leave his past in the past, but just as in real life, it's never that simple. After a troubled young woman disappears from the farm, Isaiah's shoved neck deep into the murky, dangerous, sharkinfested waters of organized crime, where his survival is iffy at best in this explosive and finely-crafted novel. Isaiah Coleridge, "I'm merely a man with less exacting scruples than most . . ." is a character all crime fiction readers should get to know. He's gonna be a monster in the genre!

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# Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is Active Over the Summer

(From Pg. 1) Additionally, each local attending LAP is asked to make a donation to a local food bank near the event in Saratoga. All TVTA members came together to

provide a large donation.

The LAP program is a three year commitment. We are very, very excited for the professional development provided over the next three years. Our community means a lot to us and we are looking forward to continuing our involvement and visibility within.

A Unique Opportunity for FHS Students
At Eleven AM on Saturday morning, July 14, 2018, seven Fallsburg High School students left in two vans from



Front row are Kiara Mims and Derryck Payton; middle row left to right are Giovanni King, Jalen Harvey, Michael Batista, and Omar Gai; back row left to right are Rashaad Nurse and FCSD Family & Community Engagement Liaison Ms. Aleta Lymon.

University. Accompanying Kiara Mims, Derryck Payton, Giovanni King, Jalen Harvey, Michael Batista, and Omar Gai was FCSD Family & Community Engagement Liaison Ms. Aleta Lymon. She directs the My Brother's Keeper initiative that appears the true week experience at Surgeone tiative that sponsors the two week experience at Syracuse.

At the university, students will attend classes chosen for their particular academic interests, social events, and gain important experience as a college student living away from home. Ms. Lymon will be returning on Saturday to keep in touch with the students and their families. She will be preparing for their return trip and the next group of two students' trip on July 28. Most of the nine students will earn three transferable college credits for the experience.

# **Fallsburg Alumni Association Bestows Awards at 14th Reunion**

(From Pg. 1) Then the Award ceremonies began. Among those honored were Robin Pantel as Retired FCSD Staff; Charles Davis as Alumnus Honoree; FAA Scholarships recipients Anastasia Baer, Sadie Caballero, Iris Mancia, Justin Mednick and Rashaad Nurse; Sheryl Kalter Memorial Award winner Ayanna Princivil; and Robynne Anderman Award recipient Justin Mednick.

In honor of the Class of 1968's fiftieth reunion, the class collected over \$4000 for scholarships to students selected by the FAA. Class member Albee Bockman presented these awards to Sierra Barbiani, Rachel Collura, Elisabeth Lake, and Kaitlyn Simms.

For the first time, Fallsburg Hall of Fame Inductees were announced and awards presented at the FAA event thanks to the FCSD Administration and Alumni Association. FCSD Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz presented Fallsburg alumnus Keith Ingber the plaque for his late father Jack Ingber. Mrs. Patricia Morrell Tunick accepted the award for her son Spencer Tunick, who was unable to attend because he was "jet lagged" from his recent flight from Australia.

After the presentations, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of homemade salads and cold cuts prepared by the FAA membership volunteers, with special thanks to Hannaford Markets and Shop Rite. After lunch, many lucky raffle ticket holders took home gifts donated by over thirty local merchants. As usual, the Fallsburg Alumni Association created a wonderful event that brought the Fallsburg Community together in celebration of the School District.

# Cultural & Recreational Opportunities **Expand with Help from County Monies**

Round 2 of Plans & Progress Program Awards
More Than \$38,000 to 8 Projects Countywide
Monticello, NY - A total of \$38,864 has been awarded to eight organizations across Sullivan County for a variety of projects involving recreation, historic preservation, and the arts. This money will leverage over \$80,000 in total project costs.

This is on top of more than \$61,000 in awards from the Plans & Progress Program's first round in May, meaning the \$100,000 allocated for 2018 has been completely sub-

"We received upwards of \$200,000 in requests this year, far more than ever before," noted District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, who chairs the Legislature's Planning Committee. "Having brought this idea forward to my colleagues two years ago, I am thrilled with the success." cess of Plans & Progress, as it demonstrates the need for and value of County investment in community initia-

Awards include:

• \$3,900 to Delaware Valley Arts Alliance to begin the first phase of a rebranding campaign which will result in a redesigned name and logo.

\$600 to Delaware Valley Opera to purchase a portable lighting system for performances across the County. The system will first be used in DVO's River Revels series this upcoming winter season.

• \$7,320 to the Mamakating Little League to construct a

new juniors field and renovate the existing concession stand in Wurtsboro.
• \$7,000 to Theatrical Arts at Forestburgh to assist with

the inaugural Forestburgh Playhouse Spring Break Musical Theater Intensive program in Spring 2019.

\$3,225 to the Town of Lumberland to restore and update the Town's veterans' memorial, including the installation of three new bronze plaques and the repointing of the steps.

• \$10,000 to the Town of Mamakating to enhance and expand the Mamakating Environmental Education & Interpretive Center. The Town will be converting the existing garage into a new classroom, lighting the entry signs, purchasing additional educational materials, and installing an irrigation system to support existing and future gardens.

\$1,492 to the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce to retrofit the decorative streetlamps along Main Street with energy-efficient LED lights.
 \$5,147 to Twin Bridge Play School to make several necessary repairs and upgrades to their facility in Liberty, including deek repairs, door replacement, and

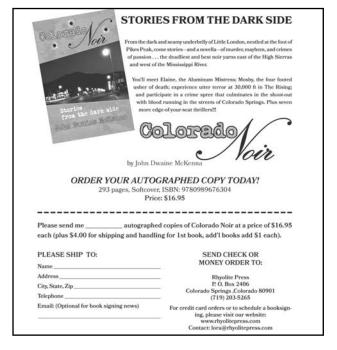
Liberty, including deck repairs, door replacement, and the installation of a new UV filtration system.

For more information, contact Shannon Cilento Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us or call (845) 807-0529.

# **FCSD Board of Education Member Shawn Wiles Receives Plaque** of Appreciation



F C S D Board of Education Member Shawn Wiles receiving a plaque of appreciation for six terms of from service Board President Debra Barbiani on June 2018 at his last Board meeting.



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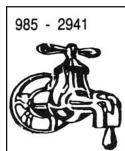
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# The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

# My Side of the Mountain



I realize that I never use GPS terms to describe places I know. By the way, how does that GPS woman know all that? When my cousin loaned her van to visitors from Norway, she selected Norwegian to give directions. Unable to switch it back to English, she quickly learned "right, left, and turn" in Norske very quickly. But, I digress.

I locate destinations in relation to myself. I am the global positioning; without ownership I flagrantly use possessive pronouns. I live on THIS side of the Reservoir. The Library is on the OTHER side of Route 28. The school is SEVEN MINUTES up the road. Kingston is TWENTY-FIVE minutes away (if you go the speed limit...twenty if you don't).

So, when Peggy Ann Sauerhoff became the pastor of the Reservoir United Methodist Church, I feel like she has come to MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN from Grahamsville. I am sure there are towns, mountains and valleys of note, but Grahamsville is always OVER THE PEEKAMOOSE on THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

Pastor Peggy Ann has been a pastor for thirty-two years, and I am grateful that she has made the move to Shokan on THIS SIDE OF THE MOUN-TAIN. There is something magical and musical in her voice. Her words glide up and down the scale with a sermon suspended as lyrics to a spiritual song. She speaks, but the soul feels the message sent as a visceral letter personally addressed to you. Her connection to the congregation is like Namaste, which can translate, "The divine in me recognizes the divine in you." She asks a question that has one searching for a personal answer all week long.

I am very glad that Pastor Peggy Ann Sauerhoff came OVER THE PEEKAMOOSE to MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

#### **News from Big Indian Native American Cultural Center**



The annual Thunder in the Valley Pow Wow was held this past weekend at Big Indian Park. The event included a Pow Wow with Native American dancing, drumming basket workshops, drum making workshops, feather fan workshops and craft vendors. There was fun and education for the entire family.

The Big Indian Native American Cultural Center Inc.

was established in the year 2000, according to one of the group's organizers, Marylou Stapleton.

Marylou recalled that she, her husband, Frank, along

with Erwin Gordon and Debra Fitchner began talking about all the stories they had heard regarding how Native Americans were treated - throughout history and into the

"We decided we needed to create a space where all nations were created equal," Marylou recalled.

The idea quickly went from a concept into a popular

event held each summer at the Big Indian Park. The Pow Wow now includes talking circles, lectures, drumming and story telling with Native American artists. There's also an

annual Thanksgiving celebration with drumming and other festivities (and turkey and all the fixings) at the Pine Hill Community Center in Pine Hill.

"We have received grants and have just performed a Tipi rising at the Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill where we have gatherings and educational programs during the year," Marylou explained.

She added, "In the near future a wigwam will be built

at the museum. Our goal is to one day have a cultural center/museum in the area where we can have educational

programs for everyone to enjoy.

.For more information, please visit: bigindiannativeamericanculturalcenter/facebook

# **CWC Awards Watershed Education Grants**

MARGARETVILLE -- Grants totaling nearly \$200,000 were recently awarded by the Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC) to schools and non-profit organizations planning Watershed education projects and programs.

Thirty-eight grants will bring lessons in water quality and the New York City Water System and Watershed to more than 20,000 students and teachers, as well as 3,500 people who will participate in programs and projects.

people who will participate in programs and projects geared towards general and adult audiences.

From classroom to streamside, forest to festival

grounds, audiences of all ages will gain a new awareness of the importance of clean water, and the connection between New York City and the Catskill-Delaware Region where most of the city's water originates. CWC education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. Eleven new applicants were approved for funding in this 21st annual grant round. These include Hudson River Sloop Clearwater which will add NYC Watershed lessons to its educational sails; the Cornelia Connelly Center and the Brooklyn New School which will bring urban students to the Ashokan Center for outdoor education programs; the NEST (New Explorations into Science Technology and Math), West Bronx Academy for the Future and New York Harbor School, which will initiate the Trout in the Classroom program at their schools; and HypotheKids, which will purchase watershed models to use in its summer science programs for New York City elementary students.

Another new recipient is the Prattsville Art Project, which will sponsor two unusual programs: development of a "We are Our Watershed" educators' kit in which participants 'wear' accurate representations of parts of the NYC water system in order to visualize its scope and scale; the other to enable a 150-mile walk and associated community events between the Schoharie Reservoir and New York City.

Other new recipients are John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge, which received funding to conduct a series of 'Wild Saturdays' environmental programs in 2019; the Catskill Mountain Club, which will sponsor two day-long Watershed bus tours for new and part-time residents of the region; and Delaware County Historical Association, sponsors of a series of 'Catskill Tales and Tunes' performances

by Ira McIntosh at 12 venues throughout the county.

CWC grants will allow several schools to send students to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center. The Catskill Center will bring its Streamwatch program to seven Watershed schools, and Farm Catskills will again sponsor a project to bring the musical "Cultivating Connections" program to seven schools. nnections" program to seven schools.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County

received a grant for a third youth leadership summit on the

topic of climate change.

In New York City, the non-profit NYCH20 will offer school field trips to former reservoirs in the five boroughs, and the Children's Museum of Manhattan will enhance programming for its outdoor water exhibit, "Dynamic ' that attracts thousands of families annually.

Trout Unlimited will receive a grant to conduct workshops for teachers participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The Phoenicia Library will host a series of activities including a performance by Arm of the Sea Theater, a presentation on angling history and a macroinvertebrate workshop in the Stony Clove stream. Olive Library will sponsor an appearance by Arm-of-the-Sea at Olive Day in September 2018

The Catskill Center will coordinate 12 public programs at the Catskill Interpretive Center in Mt. Tremper, and Time and the Valleys Museum will produce signs for placement at Rondout and Neversink Reservoir kiosks.

Recipients in addition to those mentioned include South Kortright Central School, Hunter Elementary School, Jefferson Central School, Tri-Valley Central School, Bennett Elementary School, Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve and Hanford Mills Museum.

Also, Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School, City Parks Foundation, PS 57, Rocking the Boat, MS 324, Lower Manhattan Community Middle School, South Street Seaport Museum, Brooklyn Tech High School, Horticultural Society of New York and Columbia Secondary School

Secondary School.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

www.cwconline.org.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education programs and resources, including some produced with this from grant program, www.watersheducators.org.

# **Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Pride Awards Gala** November 15, 2018 at The Eagle's Nest

Monticello, NY - July 19, 2018 - The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has been honoring businesses and individuals for over 25 years. The Pride Awards Gala honors 5 individuals from throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

The five winners selected are Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Young Emerging Leader and one Township Award; all to be honored at this prestigious ceremony that takes place on November 15, 2018 at the Eagle's Nest, Bloomingburg, NY.

Everyone in Sullivan County was invited to participate in the nomination process. It is a way to honor people throughout Sullivan County that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these individuals deserve the most prestigious recognition. Our distinguished and dedicated committee of Past Businesspersons' of the Year winners comprise the selection committee. It is an honor to work with such incredible contributors to the County to commend these businesses and individuals.

2018 Pride Award Winners are:

Businessperson of the Year - Glenn L. Smith, Glenn L. Smith Consulting Engineer, P.C. Distinguished Achievement Award - Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, Catskill Veterinary Services Distinguished Service Award - Walter Garigliano, Garigliano Law - Catskill Mtn. Sugar House

Young Emerging Leader - Corey Gips, Party Master Township Award (Highland) - William & Gina Zaccari, Catskill Mountains Resort

The Annual Meeting & Pride Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Tickets are \$75/person. Tables of ten are \$700. The Eagle's Nest, 58 Eagle's Nest Road, Bloomingburg, NY 12721.

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# **Sullivan County to Share** IT Services with Liberty

Liberty, NY - In the latest example of cost-effectively sharing resources with towns and villages, Sullivan County and the Town of Liberty this week inked an agreement that will provide County IT (Information Technology) services to the Town.

"I'm pleased the County can provide real savings for Town taxpayers, and I thank Town Supervisor Brian Rourke and the Liberty Town Board for their initiative and collaboration," remarked County Manager Josh Potosek.
"This pilot project has the potential to save the Town

thousands of dollars over the next few months, as we anticipate it costing less than our current tech solution," Supervisor Rourke affirmed. "I'm very pleased the County is willing to work with us to achieve what we hope will be a durably cost-effective approach to our growing IT needs

The agreement is an outgrowth of the Shared Services Panel and is retroactive to May 2018, running through December 2018. In exchange for a monthly payment from the Town, the County will provide two IT employees at the town hall in Liberty for eight hours a week, helping trou-bleshoot issues and recommending upgrades and best practices. The County will also review Town processes to identify any opportunities to jointly purchase hardware and software.

"This step forward in serving taxpayers could become a model for the County's relationship with other towns and their IT goals," noted Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. 'As a Liberty taxpayer myself, I look forward to both the cost savings and the procedural efficiencies this initiative will introduce. If it's as successful as I think it's going to be, I hope to repeat it with other towns and villages.

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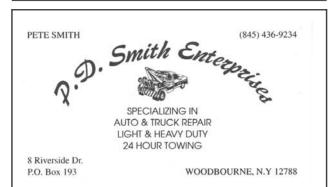
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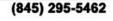
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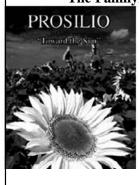
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# Familiar Face at Neversink Farmers' Market

(From Pg. 1) Mary is also the Kitchen Educator at Frost Valley YMCA, where she teaches campers and families about healthy food choices and cooking.

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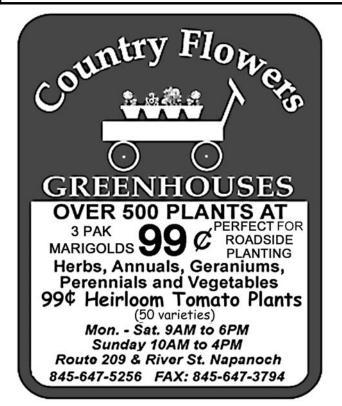
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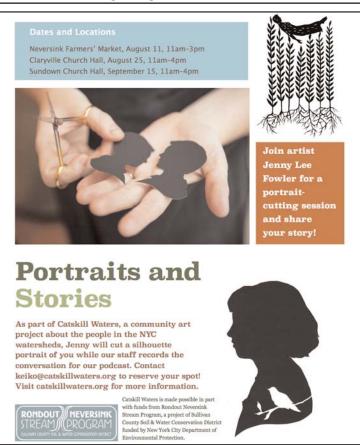
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# Portraits and Stories at the Neversink General Store – Pit Stop Gallery on August 11

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One of our artists, Jenny Lee Fowler, is known for her intricate cut-out portraits and scenes. She will be available in several locations to cut profile portraits of you while she and staff will listen to and record your stories for our library and possible inclusion in our podcast. The interviews will also be archived in Time and the Valley Museum.

Catskill Waters is a celebration of the spirit of the Catskills, a community of people with a deep connection to the land and an independent yet cooperative mind.

We hope you'll share your stories and join the movement of building strong local and regional communities as a backbone for our society.

#### Portraits and Stories will be held at the following locations:

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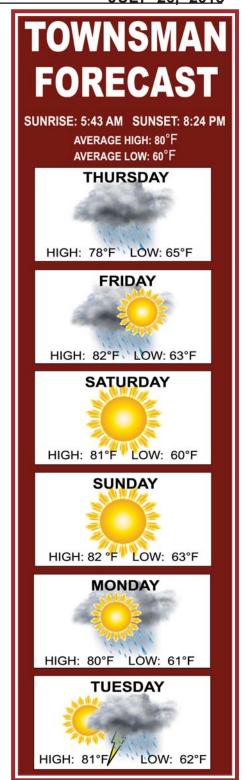


(From Pg. 1) The weather was perfect for an evening concert with a local favorite singer and entertainer, Albi!

While Albi is now very well-known and in demand throughout Ulster and Sullivan County and surrounding areas, he remains a favorite in our local community - the community that claims Albi as their own!

Albi, who grew up in Grahamsville and graduated from Tri-Valley High School remembers his family and friends back home – his community!







# Frost Valley YMCA Offers Family Nights For Registered Day Campers

Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA offers children enrolled in its Day Camp the ability to bring their parents and siblings to camp for special family nights filled with fun activi-



ties that foster family bonding. These scheduled nights give parents the opportunity to meet their child's counselors after camp hours and spend quality time together, participating in many of the same activities their children enjoy at camp.

The first family night, held on July 11, 2018, included swimming, boating, games, a potluck dinner, and showcased artwork created by the campers. Family nights, open only to parents and families of campers enrolled in that session of Day Camp, are held on the second Wednesday of each two-week session from 6-8 p.m. and have a special theme such as Family Swim, Carnival, or Campfire Extravaganza.

"Family nights give parents the chance to experience camp through their child's eyes," says Jessie Emmons, Community Programs Director of Frost Valley. "Not only do they get to see how their child is spending their day at camp, they also get to be silly, play games, and bond as an entire family, which is so important for child development."

One- and two-week Day Camp sessions are available between July 30th - August 31st for parents who would like to enroll their child. However, sessions are filling quickly and parents are strongly encouraged to sign up right away to secure their child's spot. For more information about Day Camp at Frost Valley or to register, please visit FrostValley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 306.



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# An Evening of Live Music with Mike and **Anne Baglione at the Historic Bethel** Presbyterian Church

Bethel, New York The members of the Historic Bethel Presbyterian church cordially invite everyone to a free folk music concert, Wednesday, August 1st from 6-8pm, featur-ing Mike and Anne Baglione. Mike and Anne have been performing together for many years. Both are multi instrumentalists who sing and play guitar. Mike also plays the banjo and Anne plays the concertina and the accordion. Their influences include John Prine, Gillian Welsh and

Doc Watson, just to name a few.

Little Sparrow will host the concert. Doors open at

5pm and the music begins at 6pm with an opening performance by Little Sparrow. Snacks will be available and you are welcome to bring an appetizer to share.

The concert series will continue throughout the summer on the first Wednesday of each month. The church is located at 1972 State Route 17B, Bethel, NY, just five minutes from Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

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#### Callicoon Country Fair

The Callicoon Business Associations Presents a townwide event with art, music, activities, games, food, and fun on Saturday July 28th from 11am-5pm!

Vendors offer antiques, art, craft, locally made artisan goods, flea market items, jewelry and more.

Wander along the historic streets, view the architecture and admire the beautiful Delaware River. Please visit our Facebook event page for updates.

# **Newly Discovered History to be Revealed In One-Room Schoolhouse Presentation**

Hurleyville, NY - Gordon McAdam will talk about the "One-Room Schoolhouses in the Town of Thompson" on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville.

Of special interest will be the recently discovered information about the lease agreement for the Columbia

Hill one-room schoolhouse. Gordon and his brother Henry have identified and researched 20 one-room schoolhouses across the Town of Thompson that were in existence between 1830 and 1950. The committee who assisted in this endeavor consists of Town of Thompson Historian Al Wolkoff, Judy Wolkoff, Mary Ann Drobysh Berens, Paul Lounsbury, and Jack Spangeberg.

# The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Grahamsville was filled with music Wednesday night starting with a free concert on the green featuring favorite son Albi Beluli. I have had the pleasure of hearing him many times in many different venues and he is certainly still one of the few solo artists that I will continue to follow.

Once the concert concluded, I watched a steady stream of fellow concert goers cross the street to Heartbeat, The Music Hall of Grahamsville to take in their Open Mic night. For many that I spoke to, it was their first time there and what a night they were treated to!

The beauty of an Open Mic is the variety of perfomers and music one can hear. The successful ones attract the areas best who come to lend their instruments and/or voices with others or solo. And this is becoming a successful open mic attracting the talents of Laura Garone, Ralph Houseman, Nicky Redd, Mike Taranto and Ed Azamora. Even Albi stopped in after packing up his equipment on the green.

was able to speak briefly with singer/songwriter Al Carlson who had impressed me at an earlier Open Mic with the ease of his style and darned fine "picking". He doesn't play out much, if at all but comes to this Open Mic because he finds it fun.

Michael Johnson, Randy Nedona, and Darryl Johnson of CHASING SHADOWS treated the almost full house to their brand of rock while Bill Spodek on drums, Ralph Houseman on bass and David Trestyn on guitar backed Patty Legg for a bit of country

The delightful surprise of the evening was the appearance of Carol Smith and Aldo Troiani of LITTLE SPARROW. I rarely get a chance to just chat with Carol who I consider a friend, it was nice to catch up. If you are in and around Hurleyville on August 4th, stop in to the Museum between 2-3pm. Carol is sponsoring a talk given by none other than our own Slam Allen.

And for a full Slam Allen concert, he will be at Heartbeat on August 10. Tickets are being sold in advance since seating is limited. The tickets are \$20 and are available at Heartbeat and at the Catskill Hudson Bank directly across the street. I have mine!!

I will end with a comment I overheard from an audience member. "Old timers are saying that this (Heartbeat) is a good thing. When was the last time there was music in this town? Generations!" Dave and Teresa, I think you have a hit your hands!

For more information about the goings on at the Music Hall, log onto HEARTBEATMUSICHALL.COM.

Until next time....

Some of their research was completed in the archives of the Some of their research was completed in the archives of the Sullivan County Historical Society. It was through the Society that Gordon McAdam learned of the Pomeroy Foundation, which provides grants for historical markers. The Town of Thompson Schoolhouse Project was awarded such a grant to place an historical marker at each of the 20 sites.

Please call 845-434-8044 for more information, or visit www.scnyhistory.org.

Celebrating the Delaware
Livingston Manor, NY On Saturday, August 4th, an exciting new exhibition "Streams - art in motion" opens at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor highlighting the many wonders of the upper Delaware River watershed. The public is invited to the Opening Reception from 1:00 to 3:00pm. An 8 x 8-foot mural by local artist Robyn Almquist illustrates the Delaware River's journey from the headwaters to the Atlantic Ocean, highlighting two key tributaries in our backyard, Willowemoc Creek and the Beaverkill. The mural uses visual art as a means to create awareness of our watershed. It is also interactive, making it fun and memorable for all ages!



Stunning sculptures by Naomi Teppich will bring the biota of the river and tributaries into the exhibition room. Organic wood slabs w i t hmounted ceramic

lichen pieces will hang above cast cement mushrooms installed along the floor. Naomi will also lead two outings along tributar-



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the natural beauty of these environments to create her

sculpture.
Two "Local Topo" workshops are planned during the exhibition, one for children and one for adults. They will combine outdoor and indoor activities to teach the basics of topography and map-reading. This lost art is not only tremendously useful but lots of fun!

Several public presentations are also planned-featuring treasures of the headwaters: the walks and writings of John Burroughs; Artists who fished the Catskills; and a look at a special First-growth Forest A full calendar of events and an exhibition poster will be available on August 4th.

This project is made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Hours are 10 - 6 Mon -Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. www.morgan-outdoors.com

Won't You Be My Neighbor'

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Callicoon Theater present "Won't You Be My Neighbor" starting Friday, July 20.

Filmmaker Morgan Neville's documentary follows how Fred Rogers spent 30 years hosting PBS's "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," countering the cartoon violence and frenetic pacing of almost every other kids' show on television, thereby solidifying a legacy as deeply good man with a great gift for compassion.

Peter Travers in the Rolling Stone wrote "In these

troubled times, it's a good feeling to see a funny, touching and vital doc that is both timely and timeless."

Won't You Be My Neighbor" is rated PG-13 and will screen Friday, July 20 through Thursday, July 26 nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is closed on

Tuesdays.

The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) ies in the Livingston Manor area and discuss her inspiration from 887-4460 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

# **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 cham-

3. Who's your favorite literary character?

I have two, Robinson Crusoe and Moll Flanders, the central protagonists in their own novels by Daniel Dafoe. 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 timewasting 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,

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 sitting

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 hum-

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-somethingdrew 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 helicop-ter about the size of a baseball, hovering just beyond the

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

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

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

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 minia ture 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 threedimensional 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 of rotor brades field it anort, each thing 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 liter-

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** . you have to get the rhythm right Writing is like music. if you want the reader to dance with you.

--Lee Child

**Monticello Rotary News** 

The summer seems to be just flying by and Monticello Rotary continues to demonstrate its motto of "Making Our World Beautiful One Step at a Time!" Thank you to Rick Stein and Shirley Hornbeck for the amazing work on the flower planting and weeding in our Welcome Sign Planters. What a wonderful way to greet our summer visitors and neighbors! In addition, thank you Jackie Beamer who has been following up with options to update our signage. As our District Governor Chris Giangrasso would agree, "YES WE CAN" and Monticello Rotary will!

As a reminder, our meeting tomorrow night (July 17, 2018) will be held at the Forestburgh Playhouse. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm with show to follow at 8:00pm. This evening is another in a series of our "Night Out" in which we support and learn about businesses in our area. Reservations were required. If you did not contact me to RSVP but would like to

attend, please email me at lorijames.rotary@gmail.com
Monster Run planning is in full force. Please mark your
calendars for Sunday, August 5, 2018 as we need all hands on deck for this annual event. (Please see story in newsletter for more information.) If you are able to volunteer (or would like to do a sponsorship) please contact me as well.

Remember to mark your calendars for our Annual Monticello Rotary Golf Scholarship Outing at Tarry Brae Golf Course on September 15, 2018. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks but now is the time to start getting your foursomes together so you can have a great time while supporting a great cause!

Lastly - you may ask "Why Rotary?" Here is a quick Rotary Minute to answer that question. Please feel free to share the link with others. https://youtu.be/6Y8fFHO0YMI

Lot's to do...so many ways to get and stay involved! Come to our meetings! Come "Be The Inspiration!" Because with Rotary, "Yes We Can," by "Making Our World Beautiful One Stan at A Time!" Step at A Time!'

With Rotary Pride, Lori Orestano-James

# **Assemblymember Cahill Releases Letter to Media Outlets: Marijuana Legalization Is Not About "Recreation"**

Dear Editor,
This is truly a letter to the person in your media outlet who decides what words to use where. As many jurisdictions consider reversing a nearly century old approach to marijuana laws, a term has come up with some regularity that has a specific and inaccurate meaning. Decriminalized, legalized, regulated, state sanctioned marijuana distribution, use and possession is not about encouraging or even a benign acceptance of a "recreational" use of the substance.

undeveloped lot. No Billy out there either.

His voice, however, did cause movement. It awakened

In fact, the persistent labeling of efforts to remove criminal sanctions and state prohibitions against the creation of markets as legalizing "recreational" marijuana, far overstates

and misrepresents the intent of most legislative sponsors. It trivializes the reasoning behind advocacy for such changes and risks sending an inaccurate and inappropriate message to

the general public, but in particular, young people.
Indeed, individuals have a variety of motivations for marijuana use and lumping these together as "recreation" distorts usage which more likely is for the improvement of health and quality of life. A recent study conducted by BD Analytics found that within the 26 states that have legalized medicinal marijuana only 6% of Americans over the age of 50 cited recreational purposes for consumption. Pain relief was the primary motivating factor. Additional surveys have found therapeutic, appetite enhancement, relaxation and aiding sleep as dominating factors (See: Marist Poll "Weed and the American

Family" April 17, 2017).

A recent publication by the New York State Department of Health was widely reported to recommend the legalization of recreational" marijuana, yet no such term or any version of it

appears in their conclusion.

It is simple. State legalization is not the same as condoning the widespread use of marijuana. much more serious than that. As one of the co-sponsors of the legislation that set up the state authorization of the ine legislation that set up the state authorization of the medicinal marijuana market in New York (A.06357 Gottfried / S.7923 Savino) and of a bill that would reform state sanctions against marijuana use, possession and distribution (A.3506B Peoples-Stokes / S.3040B Krueger), colleagues and I are not supporting the proliferation of a party drug.

Ending decades of the inappropriate use of our original

Énding decades of the inappropriate use of our criminal justice system, recognizing that law-abiding people ought not have to fit into a narrow category of specific diagnoses, discouraging illegal and unsafe markets and allowing responsible adults to make legal choices is not about "recreation". I encourage the media, advocates and even opponents to remember that words have meaning and often, as in the case here, subtexts, as well. This is an important public policy debate that should not be characterized by overly broad and

misrepresentative labels.

Sincerely, Kevin A. Cahill

# Senator Bonacic Joins his Colleagues at a Public Hearing Examining Minority a nd Women-owned Businesses

(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined several of his colleagues at a public hearing in Watertown earlier this week, examining the Minority Women-Owned Business Enterprises program (MWBE) in New York State. The joint hearing was held by the Senate Labor, and Economic Development Committees to consider potential legislative solutions to create a more effective and efficient program to enhance New York's business climate. Senator Bonacic and his colleagues heard testimony from a variety of businesses across New York State about their experiences with the MWBE program and their suggestions on how to improve it.

# **Overhauling the Guest Worker Program** to Help Farmers

This week, I co-sponsored the recently introduced H.R. 6417 – the Ag and Legal Workforce Act, which will create a new agricultural guest worker program (H-2C) to ensure Upstate farmers have the ability to maintain a reliable workforce.

A central pillar of my desire to reform our broken immigration system has been to ensure that farmers and other agriculture producers can maintain a robust and reliable workforce. Many of the Upstate producers that I have visited, along with members of my Ag. Advisory Committee, have relayed their concerns over the insufficiencies of the current H-2A worker program that hamstrings their production. The overhaul contained in this bill is supported by dozens of Ag. Stakeholders, both in New York and nationwide, and I am hopeful that Congress will act quickly to help our farmers.

This bill is the result of ongoing negotiations over immigration reform. It was introduced by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and Representatives Collin Peterson (D-Minn.), Lamar Smith (R-Texas), Henry Cuellar (D-Texas), Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), Michael Conaway (R-Texas), and Ken Calvert (R-

Supporters of the legislation include: American Dairy Coalition, Dairy Farmers of America, International Dairy Foods Association, National Milk Producers Federation, American Farm Bureau Federation, New York Farm Bureau, New York Beef Producers Association, New York Pork Producer's Cooperative Inc., and New York State Agribusiness Association.

legislation the Read more about https://faso.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentI

## Reminder: You Need a Permit to Access the Blue Hole on Weekends and Holidays

Under the new no-cost permit system, visitors to the Blue Hole are required to obtain a permit on weekends and holidays from May 15 through October 15 every year. DEC will issue up to 40 permits per day and each permit allows entry for up to six individuals, including children, allowing for a maximum of 240 people to access the Blue Hole each day. Permits must be acquired at least 24 hours and no more than one week, in advance. Only advance registrations will be accepted to the control of the con will be accepted at the site, and walk-in permits are not available. Visitors will be required to list the names of all members of their party when making reservations, but can update names up to one day in advance. Visitors must have a permit with them at all times.

Visitors can find out more information on these and other destinations in the Catskills by contacting or visiting the Catskill Interpretive Center at 5096 Route 28 in Mt. Tremper, NY, 12457 - phone: (845) 688 - 3369, or visit Catskill Interpretive Center website (link leaves DEC's webpage).

Peekamoose Blue Hole Information - How to Get a Permit & Special

A permit is required to visit the Blue Hole on Weekends and Holidays between May 15th and October 15th. Permits can be acquired from the Reserve America website:

(https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/)

Permits are free of charge, but must be acquired at least 24 hours in advance and cannot be acquired more than a week in advance. Only advance registrations will be accepted, no walk-in registrations are available. Visitors will not be permitted to book consecutive days, there must be 7 days between reservations. Each permit is limited to 6 individuals. Visitors will be required to litt the permos of all members of their party when making the

to list the names of all members of their party when making the reservation but will have the ability to change the names up to one day in advance. Visitors must have a permit with them at all times. Photo ID is required for each visitor over the age 18.

For general information, go to DEC's website for the Peekamoose Blue Hole.

Peekamoose Blue Hole.

Other Great Places to swim in the Catskills

Onteora Lake, off Route 28 towards Kingston, has great access and good fishing opportunities. The shoreline is undeveloped and has a fairly steep drop-off. Onteora lake is really popular with folks that like to kayak and have a small boat for fishing. https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/58904.html

Swimming at Echo Lake requires a hike up Overlook Mountain.

http://www.catskillmountaineer.com/IH-overlook html

Lake Awosting is also at Minnewaska State Park. Hike in

required, lifeguards on duty. Day-use fee or empire pass needed. 5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson, NY 12446

https://parks.ny.gov/parks/127/details.aspx

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33 Friendship Manor Road, Pine Hill, NY 12465

At Mongaup Pond Campground, right outside of Livingston Manor, swimming is only permitted when a lifeguard is on duty. , 231 Mongaup Pond Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/24484.html
And there's supervised swimming at Lake Superior State Park - Dr Duggan Rd, Bethel, NY 12720

www.yelp.com/biz/lake-superior-state-park-bethel
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For more information, contact the Catskill Center at 845-586-2611 or email amossey@catskillcenter.org

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#### **Sundown United Methodist Church**



Peekamoose Rd., Sundown Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

# **Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available! For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283 e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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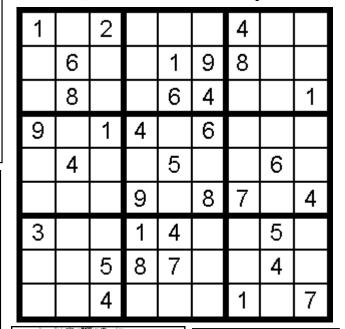


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# **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2018, Titled: Tax Levy Limits Override on Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 set to begin at 7 pm prior to the start of the road. 12725 set to begin at 7 pm prior to the start of the regularly scheduled business meeting. At SAID meeting any and all interested person(s) will be heard either for or against against.

A copy of the proposed law is available in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD Joy Monforte, RMC Town Clerk July 17th, 2018

# NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT **ROLL WITH CLERK**

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan for the year 2018 has been completed by the undersigned Sole Assessor, and a certified copy thereof was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 2nd day of July in the year 2018 where the same shall remain open to public inspection until the 1st day of October in the year 2018. Dated this 19th day of July in the year 2018 Bryan Delaney, Sole-Assessor

# "Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten"

Hello parents and guardians! Do you currently have a Pre-K or NEW Kindergarten student for the 2018 - 2019 school year? We are excited to find out! Please call Kathi Smith at (845)985-2296 x 5405 if you do!"

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following positions are available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018-2019:

> **Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Boys Modified Soccer Coach Varsity Cheerleading Coach Girls JV Soccer Coach**

Please submit a letter of interest and coaching credentials to

Jason Closs, Director of Physical Education, Tri-Valley Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road,

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# Firefighter's Firefighter Honored With Distinguished Citizen Award

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**ANNOUNCEMENT** 

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018-2019:

School Guidance Counselor, Grades 7-12 NYS Certification as a **Guidance Counselor required** 

Please submit a letter of interest and application materials to: Mr. David Pulley, Secondary School Principal Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road

> Grahamsville, New York 12740 OR Please apply via OLAS.

Deadline to apply: July 31, 2018

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School:

#### **Full-Time Cleaner**

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to: Karlton Duck, Custodial Supervisor Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845)985-2296 ext. 5523 Email: karltonduck@trivalleycsd.org

Application can be downloaded from our website www.trivalleycsd.org

Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest: July 27, 2018

"I still answer daytime fire calls," the 79-year-old affirms, the deep sense of pride and obligation so very evident in his eyes. "I have a desire to try to always keep going in the right direction."

That direction has always been aimed toward his community - not just Hurleyville, but Sullivan County and the Hudson Valley. It's a lifelong commitment that today earned him the Sullivan County Legislature's Distinguished Citizen

'Nelson Durland is a legend in the fire service throughout Sullivan County, and I am in awe of him as a fellow fire-fighter," says Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, a Liberty firefighter. "Few have reached his length of service, and even fewer have kept going as passionately and reliably as

he does."
"I really enjoy it," Nelson relates matter-of-factly. "I really enjoy it," Nelson relates matter-of-factly. "I where my grandfather joined the fire department in 1957, where my grandfather and father also served."

In those days, "we just grabbed a hose and ran," he

recalls - often with no more than a raincoat, boots and a helmet for protection.
Yet departments had a larger supply of members then,

and that vexes Nelson.

"I'd say about 20% of the fire departments in the County are doing well with young recruits," he estimates. "The rest of them are just hanging on, doing the best they can with what they have.

Nelson has long been a role model to younger generations, not only in firefighting but in leadership. Indeed, his proudest moments were being elected chief of the Hurleyville FD and named president of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association Volunteer Firefighters Association.

In fact, he's held some sort of office in every organization in which he's been involved - and there are plenty: Town of Fallsburg Fire Chiefs Association, Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board, Sullivan County Arson Task Force (charter member), Loch Sheldrake Fire District Board of Commissioners, Firefighters Association of the State of New York, Sullivan County Volunteer Firefighters Association (overseeing multiple annual parades), the Eastern

Sullivan Fireman's Softball League, Hudson Valley Royal Order of the Red Vests, the Liberty Presbyterian Church, the Liberty Lodge No. 521 of Free & Accepted Masons, the Liberty Elks Lodge, and the local chapter of AmVets.

Since 1995, he's hosted West Point cadets at his and wife Joan's

home for a meal and relaxing afternoon, where they're treated to his "parlor" - a room full of awards, plaques and numerous references to Army-Navy games (Nelson served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1957-1964). A few years back, he was honored at one of those

games for his hospitality to the cadets.

He also maintains the Doris Durland Playground (named after his mother) at the Hurleyville Firehouse.

Nelson loves where he lives more than anyone I know, and he's given his whole life to serving his hometown and home County," notes District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, in whose district Nelson and Joan reside. "He represents the kind of citizen you want as a neighbor, as a friend, and as a leader, and I am proud to recognize him with our Distinguished Citizen Award."

Nelson retired in 1995 from nearly 30 years with the Sullivan County Department of Social Services, assisting more than 1,000 citizens every year, first as a caseworker and ultimately as supervisor of Adult Protective Services.

These days, his chief love is getting together with his firefight-

ing crew, new and old.

"It's always great to go to the meetings and see everybody," he acknowledges. "I have a lot of respect for firefighters, here and across the state."

# **SC** Partnership for Economic Development and SC Visitors Association to Host Sullivan County Catskills Showcase at The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development and the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association are partnering to host a Sullivan County Catskills Showcase at The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark on Tuesday, July 24th.

The Kartrite is the regions newest attraction spanning across 1,600 acres of the Resorts World campus, slated to open early 2019. A modern, state of the art, four-season, two-acre indoor waterpark with 350+ exquisitely designed rooms and suites - a brand-new lux-ury lodging experience and family adventure for all ages. Inspired by architecture of indoor waterparks in Europe, the

Kartrite's \$180 million-dollar investment will feature unobstructed column-free construction and a barrel-shaped transparent Texlon roof - surrounding visitors in natural light throughout the year. Designed to maintain a year-round Caribbean-like atmosphere, guests will also be immersed in a vegetation-rich environment with tropical plants.

"The Sullivan Catskills is experiencing tremendous tourism growth. With the opening of Resorts World Catskills, YO1 Luxury Nature Cure, and now, The Kartrite - these are game changers for the region, especially the Sullivan Catskills," said Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President and CEO, Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association.

Economic development in the Sullivan County Catskills is hot! The Kartrite joins our all-star lineup of new attractions and we look forward to opening day. This showcase event will give our members, SCVA members, elected officials and the community an opportunity to network, do more business and learn about our most current development - The Kartrite project," said Marc Baez, President and CEO, Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development.

Attendees will hear from Ken Ellis, Managing Partner of The Attendees will hear from Ken Ellis, Managing Partner of The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark, on details surrounding the progress, construction and opening slated for early 2019. This event is open to all, registration is due by July 20th. To reserve, please contact the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, 845-794-1110 or email jenn@scpartnership.com.

\*About Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association\*
The Sullivan Catskills is one of the most celebrated destinations in the Catskill Mountains, located only 90 minutes from New York City. Home to incredible tourism assets such as classic mountain views.

Home to incredible tourism assets such as classic mountain views, nature and wildlife, hiking trails, festivals, farm to table cuisine, breweries, distilleries and wineries, history and culture. The Sullivan Catskills is also home to multi-million-dollar attractions such as Resorts World Catskills, Yo1 Luxury Nature Cure, Monticello Motor Clun, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark opening early 2019. For more information, please visit SullivanCatskills.com About Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development

The Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development is a private non-profit economic development agency. It consists of dues-paying private members from the Sullivan County business community, representatives from the County of Sullivan, local municipalities, local school districts, workforce development, and representatives from the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency. The Partnership is comprised of a board of directors, officers, task-oriented committees and a staff of three that carry out the operations of the organization. The membership, through its duly elected board of directors, dictates policies and strategies that promote thoughtful development in Sullivan County. For more information, please visit scpartnership.com

About The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark
The Kartrite Hotel & Indoor Waterpark is built in the midst of 1,600 acres of wilderness in the Catskill Mountains. This brand-new luxury hotel experience includes a state-of-the-art four-season two-acre indoor waterpark that is family-focused in its thrills and ameni-ties. The accommodations will include 324 exquisitely designed guest suites. For more information, please visit TheKartrite.com.



# Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Call for info: (845) 985-2262 www.townofneversink.org 2018 Upcoming Events

7/18 Albi Concert Neversink Town Park 5 to 7 pm 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair

Saturday, September 15 from 9 am to 5 pm there will be something for everyone at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The day will include:

- 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.

9/29 Garlic Festival

10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze

10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat 11/3-11/4 Kalahari Indoor Water Park Sleepover

12/1 Transportation to NYC

12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting

12/15 Disney on Ice



# **Daniel Pierce Library**

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

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

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

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

Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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



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7/28/18 Neversink Farmers' Market 11am -3 pm (Rt 55 & Shumway Rd/Parking Lot of Neversink General Store) 7/31/18 Thrift Sale and Luncheon - Grahamsville UMC: Thrift Sale 9:00am-12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm

8/1/18 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm

8/4/18 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm 8/7/18 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall

8/8/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting -

8/9/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

8/9/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm

Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast - 7 am to Noon 8/12/18

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

8/27/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm Community Room (lower level) Daniel Pierce Library

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Sat., July 28 - 6-10pm Time and the Valleys Museum 1930s Catskill Farm HOEDOWN Aug 17 - 19, 2018 Grahamsville Little World's Fair

Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish Fry September 29th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Serving chicken and fish

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# **TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS** ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Tuesday.

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

#### Bipartisan Legislation Cosponsored by Gillibrand Would Make It Easier for **Entrepreneurs to Access Capital and Grow** Their Small Businesses

- Microloan Program Provides Loans and Technical Assistance to Women and Minority Business Owners Who Face Challenges Accessing Capital from

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that following her push, the Senate passed the Microloan Modernization Act, bipartisan legislation she cosponsored that would expand the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Microloan Program to provide loans and technical assistance to minority and women business owners, as well as other entrepreneurs, who face challenges accessing the capital needed to start and expand small businesses because they are often denied loans by banks.

The Senate passed the Microloan Modernization Act last night. The bill was sponsored by Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) and also cosponsored by Senators Tim Scott (R-SC), Chris Coons (D-DE), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), and Gary Peters (D-MI). The bill passed with unanimous support by the Senate Small Passes Committee in Morch this year. Senate Small Business Committee in March this year, and has also passed in the House of Representatives. The legislation will now need to be conferenced with the House-passed bill ahead of final passage into law.

"Many New Yorkers are proud entrepreneurs with great ideas and the drive to see them through, and I'm very pleased that this bipartisan bill to support them has passed the Senate," said Senator Gillibrand. "The bipartisan Microloan Modernization Act would give many would-be small business owners, who often struggle to get loans from banks, more efficient access to capital to start and grow their businesses. New Yorkers are working incredibly hard to make their communities thrive, and I was proud to fight for this legislation to support small businesses, reward work

and entrepreneurship, and help fix our economy.

The Microloan Modernization Act would strengthen the SBA Microloan Program by raising the total limit on outsteading leave to intermediate leading. limit on outstanding loans to intermediary lending organizations, which would allow for more loans to be made to minority, women, and other business owners. An additional provision of the Microloan An additional provision of the Microloan Modernization Act that expands opportunities for more hands-on training assistance to help small business owners succeed passed into law as part of the Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus appropriations bill earlier this year. this year.

According to the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, women receive less than 5 percent of conventional small business loans,

even though women-owned businessesmake up nearly 40 percent of all businesses in the country. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Commerce has found that among smaller minority-owned businesses, loan denial rates for minority firms were about three times higher compared to those of non-minority-owned firms

Since its inception, the SBA Microloan Program has delivered more than \$722 million in loans to small businesses across America that have created or retained 212,000 jobs. In Fiscal Year 2017 alone, the program loaned over \$8.4 million to 821 New York entrepreneurs and business owners. The SBA Microloan Program makes direct loans and grants to intermediary, non-profit organizations, which in turn provide microloans of up to \$50,000, business-based training, and technical assistance to start-up and growing small businesses. The average loan size is \$13,000.

## **Statement from UC Exec Mike** Hein and UC Legislator Jonathan Heppner Regarding a **Ne w Law to Ban Conversion** Therapy in Ulster County

<u>Ulster County Executive Mike Hein</u>

'Here in Ulster County, we strive every day to create the most inclusive and welcoming community and to demonstrate profound respect for the beautiful diversity that actually makes our nation great. With this law, we are saying loud and clear that Ulster County will not tolerate psychological or physical abuse of our youth in any form, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and that the disgraceful pseudo-science practice of conversion therapy in all its forms has no place here. I am grateful to Legislator Jonathan Heppner for championing this effort and to the members of the Ulster County Legislature for passing this law unanimously, and I am proud to exercise the authority of my office to sign the bill into law.

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

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Jonathan Heppner, Ulster County Legislator

"Ulster County becoming one of the only counties in New York to ban the horrific practice of gay conversion therapy on minors is an important step. As this practice, which has been disproven by science and medicine, falls further into the shadows, we are shining a light and making a statement that it has no place in our community. I want to thank my colleagues in the Legislature, Executive Mike Hein, Jeff Rindler from the LGBTQ Community Center and the many advocates who have supported this effort throughout the process of it becoming law."

# **Alzheimer's Association Caregive Support Group**

Alzheimer's Association Caregive Support Group will meet on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 7:30 pm at Achieve Rehab & Nursing Facility, 170 Lake Street, Liberty. Open to all caregivers/family members of people with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Provides an opportunity to meet and develop a mutual support system among people who really understand what they are going through.

Refreshments served.

For further information contact Vanessa Lescano at 845-866-3247 or Sue Lennon at 845-798-1913.



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# **HELP WANTED**

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# Ocean's Eleven



An 'over the hill' group of old Army buddies plot to rob five Las Vegas Casinos. Directed by Lewis Milestone, starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford, Angie Dickenson, Richard Conte, Ceaser Romero, Patrice Wymore, Joey Bishop, Akim Tamiroff, Henry Silva, Ilka Norman Fell. Fanciful crime comedy about an earn headed by Danny Ocean (Sinetra) ettempting to

eleven-man team headed by Danny Ocean (Sinatra) attempting to rob five Las Vegas casinos simultaneously. Entire Rat Pack is in it, but no one does much including some surprise guests. There is a clever twist ending, though. Remade in 2001 – remake doesn't make it. Panavision, C-127 minutes; TV-14; Closed captions.

QUIZ: 1. Who played the inebriated woman?

- 2. Who played Sam Harmon?
- 3. Who played Jack Strager?
- 4. Who played Josh Howard?

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## **SUNDOWN**

August 4th -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

# **GRAHAMSVILLE**

July 31st - 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

# **CLARYVILLE**

August 12th - 1:00 pm - **O&W Railroad Talk & Display** .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.

# <u>NEVERSINK</u>

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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