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Good Old-Fashioned Air Conditioning! -Bob Drown



I got to thinking this morning of back in the 1960's when I had a 1951 Ford and 1956 Ford with no a/c and off I would go not giving the heat and humidity a second thought, so I did the same thing this morning in the Plymouth. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Grahamsville Volunteer Honored at Catskill Center's Summer Gathering



The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development honored Douglas Hamilton, Volunteer Coordinator and Chairman of the Red Hill Fire Tower Committee, with the Volunteer Recognition Award during their 2017 Summer Gathering. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Brian Harnett Donates Town Entry Signs



Brian Harnett came through again in a big way for our community and Neversink Renaissance creating two new hand carved entry signs for Claryville and Grahamsville in the Town of Neversink. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Fallsburg Board of Education Honors Volunteers



Left to right are Sonya Smith, Diosdado Santiago, Heather Manor, Fallsburg Board of Education President Debra Barbiani, Superintendent of FCSD Dr. Ivan Katz, Hermine Abreu, Christina Frunzi, and Shawn Ferris. Not present for photo were volunteers Barbara Uhrig, Jenny Gagnon, Robert Schreier and Andrea Hook.

During the meeting of June 21, 2017, the Fallsburg Board of Education honored the Volunteers in the Classroom (VIC) that had been supporting students and staff throughout the school year in both Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Legislature honors Adult Care Center volunteer as first in a series of "Distinguished Citizens"



Flush with appreciation, a framed certificate and a box of his favorite Ring Dings, Sullivan County Adult Care Center volunteer Joseph Prisciandaro stands with the Sullivan County Legislature upon receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award. From the left are legislators Mark McCarthy and Joe Perrello, County Manager Josh Potossek, legislators Alan Sorensen, Ira Steingart and Luis Alvarez, ACC RN and Unit Leader Kim Neves, Legislator Scott Samuelson, Prisciandaro, legislators Terri Ward, Nadia Rajsz and Cathy Owens, and Deputy County Manager Dan Depew.

Monticello, NY - Ask Joseph Prisciandaro why he continues to volunteer at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center (ACC), and he doesn't hesitate.

"They gave my ma two more years of life," he answers with certainty.

Angelina Prisciandaro (pronounced "Pris-ee-an-darrow") moved up from the Bronx to her son's home in Kiamesha Lake after she developed Alzheimer's. After taking care of her for three years, Joseph moved her into the Adult Care Center's Unit 2, also known as the Memory Care Unit. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.
Proverbs 25:18

OBITUARIES

David Levitz, New Paltz, NY. David was born on May 28, 1918 and passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

David was a long time resident of Grahamsville and was a resident of New Paltz, New York at the time of passing.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 23, 2017, at Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., New Paltz, with Rabbi William Strongin, officiating. Burial immediately followed at New Paltz Rural Cemetery.

Louis Boncek, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek of Grahamsville. Ms. Hube is a French major at Fredonia State College and recently returned from studying at the University of Grenoble, France. Mr. Boncek is History major at Fredonia. A November 26, 1977 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. George Krom of Grahamsville wish to announce the marriage of their son, Robert, to Miss Teresa Kirchoff of Nelson, Mo. They were married August 13th in Nelson. They are here now for a visit with family and friends.

July 30, 1987 - Mabel Fuller Hill of Denman Mtn. Rd., Grahamsville, a writer and painter, and a lifelong area resident, died Thursday, July 23, 1987 at her home. She was 102. Mrs. Hill was a retired teacher at the Tri-Valley School District, Grahamsville and a former librarian at the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville. The daughter of the late Orson J. and Etta Perry Fuller, she was born June first 1885 in Sundown. She was the widow of Benjamin W. Hill. She was a life member of the United Methodist Church first attending in Sundown, then attending in Grahamsville, where she was a church school teacher for many years. Survivors include two daughters: Evelyn Hill Huntsburger and Helen Hill Aldrich, both of Grahamsville; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Mona Lin of Ellenville graduates from RIT

Mona Lin of Ellenville graduated from RIT with a BFA in graphic design. Some 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students received their degrees during RIT's 132nd commencement celebration in May.

Local Students named to SUNY New Paltz Spring 2017 Dean's List

SUNY New Paltz has released the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring 2017 semester.

Dean's List designation is reserved for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load.

This year's Dean's List included the following students: Melissa Cavrell of Fallsburg; Amanda De Jesus of Parksville; Summer Franson of Napanoch; Hailey Gorton of Grahamsville; Sean Harkin of Olivebridge; Khafifa Javed of Woodbourne; Mohib Khan of Loch Sheldrake; Jeanne Milner-Clinton of Ellenville; Paul Pritchard of Ellenville; Asiyah Rahman of Ellenville; Alexandra Reynolds of Sundown; Thomas Savaglio of Ellenville; Maria Ter Bush of Grahamsville; Conor Tobin of Ellenville; Brittany Williams of Liberty; and Gina Zuckrow of Ellenville.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Expands Ability to Wirelessly Monitor Patient's Vital Signs - Innovation Partnership with Mindray Impacts Patient Care

Ellenville Regional Hospital, a critical access hospital recently recognized by both iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence and quality, announced today that via an innovation partnership with Mindray Medical it has expanded wireless monitoring coverage of admitted patients across the entire facility.

In exchange for providing clinical insight and performance feedback on newly released central monitoring applications, Mindray has extended wireless coverage to encompass the entire facility. Now patient's vital signs can be remotely monitored at a centralized nursing station while being transported between departments, ambulating on the general care ward to speed recovery, and even within the main hallway of the hospital. In addition, the installation of Mindray's newly released Central Monitoring Software provides staff with a more user friendly and intuitive clinical interface making admitting patients, interdepartmental transfers, and printing reports effortless.

"Ellenville Regional represents "best in class" nationally for critical access facilities," stated Kelley Murphy, Strategic Marketing Manager at Mindray. "The organization's continual drive to innovate and quest to advance clinical excellence combined with a knowledgeable, outgoing staff makes them an obvious choice to gain feedback on new clinical applications."

"Mindray's new central monitoring applications have simplified our clinical workflow allowing us to spend more time with patients," said Ann Marie Guntlow, Chief Nursing Officer. "In addition, with the extended wireless coverage we can now seamlessly monitor our patient's vital signs no matter their location within the facility, improving outcomes."

"By the end of July, patient's vital signs data provided by the monitoring system will also be digitally integrated via Mindray's eGateway directly into our Athena Health Electronic Medical Record" said Emily Wainwright, Clinical Data Support RN. "This further enhances overall efficiency, eliminates transcription errors and provides a comprehensive overview of patient status."

Wayne Quinn, President of Mindray North America, stated, "We are delighted that Ellenville Regional has chosen to partner with us. The candid feedback from their staff has been invaluable to our development team." "We are proud to have contributed to Ellenville's goal to be the 'best small hospital in America,'" he added.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

July 24, 1957 - The home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walters was a very happy place on Wednesday evening when forty-three friends and relatives gathered to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary. It was also the fifth anniversary of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano.

Make every weekend
an extra vacation
These long, lazy days
to relax in the sun.
Picnics and cookouts
were just made to order
So that even mother
can join in the fun!
For the best in summer food,
KUM TO KRUM'S

July 31, 1967 - On a report submitted to Principal Eugene Ross by the Bureau of Examinations and Testing of the State Education Dept., it was shown the 94% of the Regents papers claimed for credit for Tri-Valley High School students in June had been accepted for rating approval. Of the 132 high school examinations forwarded to the Bureau, only 8 examinations were returned as being below passing standards. On the basis of the report, students who were members of the Class of '57, and who qualify by prescribed requirements of the Department will receive their State diplomas from the principal's office within the next week or two.

August 18, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hube of Brockport, N.Y. proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcia Adair, to

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the friends and family of David Levitz, formerly of Grahamsville. Dave passed away at the age of 99 on July 15th. Dave and his wife, Rose, owned and operated a farm on Beaver Dam Road in Grahamsville for many years.

Congratulations to Priscilla Bassett of Grahamsville, a member of the Senior Legislative Action Committee (SLAC), on receiving recognition from the Sullivan County Legislature for her tireless dedication and hard work on behalf of the senior citizens throughout the county.

July 29th, the Time and the Valleys Museum will hold their "Old Time Fair" at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Events such as skillet tossing, horse-shoe pitching and the famous pie auction will be featured. There will also be old-time craft demonstrations. The famous Miller's chicken BBQ will be available from 2:00 - 5:00. This event, with free parking and free admission, will be held rain or shine.

Reminder: Vacation Bible School, a free activity for all community children ages 3-12, will be held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church from July 30 - August 3 from 5:30 - 7:30. Contact the Church to register.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club will be meeting at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 1st at 6:00 pm to get their soda booth ready for the Little World's Fair. Reminder: Lion's Club Dues for the 2017-2018 year were due on July 1st.

All Tri-Valley Central School retirees are invited to attend a brunch to be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 10th from 10:30 - 12:30. The cost is \$10. person. Please RSVP to Carol Furman before August 1st if you plan to attend.

The Thursday, August 3rd luncheon at the Ulster Heights Methodist Church will begin at 1:00-pm instead of noon. As usual, reservations are required if you plan to attend.

The annual Grahamsville Reformed Church picnic will be held at Furman Farm on Sunday, August 6th, immediately following Sunday morning services. Meat and beverages will be provided - please bring a dish to pass. RSVP if you plan to attend.

Words of Wisdom: The older I grow, the more I listen to people who don't talk much.

Grahamsville Volunteer Honored at Catskill Center's Summer Gathering

(From Pg. 1) Mr. Hamilton was the first individual to ever receive this Catskill Center award - he was honored for his many years of volunteer service with the Catskill Fire Tower Project and countless hours of trail work and back-country maintenance in the Catskill Park.

An 18-year volunteer at the Red Hill Fire Tower, and Volunteer Coordinator for 9 years, Doug keeps the fire tower and Observer's Cabin in perfect shape along with scheduling the 35-plus Red Hill volunteers to ensure the fire tower is open every day of the season. Additionally, Doug has partnered for many years with Region 3 Forest Rangers to maintain hiking trails and backcountry facilities across the Catskills and especially on Peekamoose and Table mountains.

"The Catskill Center is very grateful for all of Doug's work at Red Hill and in the Catskill Forest Preserve. I would like to congratulate him and all of our awardees," says Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center.

The Peekamoose Restaurant and Tap Room was filled to capacity for the Summer Gathering on Saturday July 15. The Catskill Center hosts the celebration annually to honor individuals whose work benefits the Catskill Park and the Catskill region.

Kathy Moser, Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, was honored with the Alf Evers Award for Excellence for her outstanding work to advance outdoor recreation opportunities and communities in Catskill Park. Former Catskill Center Board President, H. Claude Shostal, was honored with the Ginsberg Award during the event as well.

"We are also very thankful to the Margaretville Telephone Company for sponsoring the Summer Gathering, along with The Emerson Resort and Spa, the Catskill Recreation Center, and the Peekamoose Restaurant." - Jeff Senterman.

**Vacation Bible School is Almost Here!
July 30st - August 3th
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

This year's theme is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God". Participants will discover that God wants us to be heroes who "Do good, seek peace and go after it" (Psalm 34:14b). Daily lessons will explore the qualities that make a true hero such as heart, courage, wisdom, hope and the power of the Holy Spirit.

This year's community Vacation Bible School will be held at Grahamsville United Methodist Church as a shared ministry with the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Through songs, bible stories, crafts, science and recreation, participants will explore what it means to be heroes in God's service. Children in Grahamsville and the surrounding area are welcome to attend. This program is open to youth from age 3, if potty trained, to those who have completed sixth grade. Any registration questions can be directed to the Reverend Gretchen Fischer at 845-647-4710 or revgdbf@aol.com. Dinner will be served to the children, their parents and caregivers, and VBS staff at the beginning of each evening. There is no charge to participate in this fun-filled faith event. There will be special mission related requests during the week to support two compassionate ministries, one local and one global. Our mission projects will focus on the Grahamsville Community Food Pantry and Operation Christmas Child.

Pre-registration is recommended since it is very helpful to the Vacation Bible School planning process. Please seek out a registration form from the Grahamsville United Methodist Church or the Grahamsville Reformed Church and return it as soon as possible. Registration forms can be returned (one per child) to Reverend Gretchen Fischer at P.O. Box 712, Ellenville, N.Y., or children may be registered at the door.

Join us at Hero Central from July 30 - August 3 at Grahamsville United Methodist Church from 5 - 7:30 p.m. For those who strive to be heroes for God, a summer adventure awaits.

Grahamsville UMC Yard & Thrift Sale this Saturday

Grahamsville United Methodist Church, located next to the library on Main St. in Grahamsville, will have a special, previously unannounced, Yard and Thrift Sale on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both large and small items will be available on the lawn, including clothing, household items, toys and more.

Bargains and gently used treasures await shoppers of all ages.

Annual Trout Stocking Program

The District is now starting their annual Trout Stocking Program. If you are interested in stocking your pond with trout, fathead minnows, or crawfish this fall, the District will be accepting orders until Monday, September 18, 2017. Rainbow and Brook trout are being offered for sale. Trout should be stocked in cold-water ponds.

Anyone stocking a pond with fish must apply for a fish stocking permit through the NYS-Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, NY.

For more information, you can go to the District's website at sullivanswcd.org or contact the District office at (845) 292-6552 for a brochure, order form and a permit application.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Who Was Black-Eyed Susan?

Black-eyed Susans are native to North America and one of the most popular wildflowers grown. They blanket open fields with their showy golden-yellow beauty. Black-eyed Susans are easily recognized by their flowers. They have yellow flowers with a "black eye" - a brownish-purple center. Flowers are two to three inches across and bloom from July to October, and can grow as tall as 3 feet. They are members of the sunflower family. Black-eyed Susans are biennial, which means they live for two years. In the first year, the plant grows a rosette, which is a group of leaves growing from the center, low to the ground. In the second year, the plant sends up flower stalks. At the end of the second year, the plant dies.



Butterflies, bees and a variety of insects are attracted to the flowers for the nectar. As they drink the nectar, they move pollen from one plant to another. The mature seeds are very light and move about easily with the wind. Black-eyed Susans are a pioneer plant, that means they are one of the first plants to grow in a new field.

Black-eyed Susans are considered beautiful plants and many people include them in their gardens, however care must be taken, or they may crowd out other plants. Snails, slugs and aphids eat the leaves of the plants, and rabbits and deer love the entire plant!

The genus name for all Black-Eyed Susans is *Rudbeckia* named after the Rudbecks, a very famous Swedish father and son both named Olof from Upsala, Sweden. Olof the Elder lived from 1630-1702 and was a world-famous scientist known mostly for his accomplishments in medicine (anatomy) and linguistics, but was also known for studies in music and botany. Throughout his career, he had the strong support of Sweden's famous Queen Christina, and was a celebrity at her court. He established the first botanical garden in Sweden, which was originally called Rudbeck's Garden.

His son, Olof the Younger (1660-1740) continued many of the father's studies, and became almost as famous in his time as a scientist and professor. One of his best-known students was another Swedish scientist, Carolus Linnaeus, the man who devised our system of plant nomenclature. So it's no surprise that Linnaeus gave the name "*Rudbeckia*" to this important group of plants. A modern descendant of the Rudbecks was Alfred Nobel, originator of the Nobel Prizes. It's safe to say this common summer wildflower has a very prestigious name.

But who was Black-eyed Susan?

Her story is one of the grand romantic tales of the wildflowers. No one's sure, but the legend says it all comes from an Old English poem of the post-Elizabethan era entitled simply, "Black-Eyed Susan," written by a very famous poet of the day named John Gay, 1685-1732.

All in the downs, the fleet was moored,
Banners waving in the wind.
When Black-Eyed Susan came aboard,
and eyed the burly men.
"Tell me ye sailors, tell me true
Does my Sweet William sail with you?"
Though battle call me from thy arms
Let not my pretty Susan mourn;
Though cannons roar, yet safe from harms
William shall to his Dear return.

Love turns aside the balls that round me fly
Lest precious tears should drop from Susan's eye.

There are several stanzas, explaining that her William was on board, "high upon the yardarm", and quickly scrambled down for a fond farewell with his lady love. It seems he was off to the high seas, but promised ardently to be safe and true.

This charming poem tells one of the great "Legends of Love" in our wildflowers, and every summer even today, it plays out just as the poem describes. Even though it's not a native, if you seed Sweet William with common Black-Eyed Susan, they'll bloom beautifully for you at exactly the same time bring the legend alive Her golden petals and his majestic reds and purples blooming together is a pretty sight to anyone's heart!

Household Hints**Freshen a Lunchbox**

Freshen a lunchbox by soaking a piece of bread in vinegar and let it sit in the lunchbox over night. Rinse lunchbox with water, and dry.



Borne
Mysterious Book Report No. 297
 by John Dwaine McKenna



With their uncanny ability to somehow tap into the future, science fiction writers have been stimulating readers minds for the past hundred and fifty years . . . usually with tales of science which benefits the human race as it propels us the stars, and spreads our kind throughout the universe. But there's an alternative point of view, that factors in the potential for uncontrolled science to wreck havoc on all. They fall into a category know as dystopian-the end of civilization-and this week the MBR has an absolute epic of that genre.

Borne, (MCD/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$26.00, 323 pages, ISBN 978-0-374-11524-1) by Jeff VanderMeer imagines a time and place that's been utterly destroyed as a result of bio-engineering run amok when the mysterious company that produced it, fails to safeguard the creatures and loses control of them. The result is a nightmarish world in which humans are reduced to living no better than animals, fighting for survival, existing like rats in a destroyed city where there's less to live on every day . . . a city being terrorized by a giant Godzilla-sized bio-engineered renegade bear named Mord. He's stomping what's left at the city to rubble and eating any and all life-forms, including humans . . . especially humans . . . unlucky enough to come into contact with him. The narrative begins when we meet Rachael. She's a scavenger, slipping into the city, collecting anything useful, whether it's flesh, plastic, metal or some other article which can be re-engineered or provide sustenance. She brings everything back to the hideout she shares with Wick, her bioengineer lover and compatriot who's somehow connected to the mysterious company that's responsible for humanity's plight. He repurposes it into something more useful, like diagnostic worms that live in the human body and emerge from a wrist with health dat?? about their host, or beetles, which come in many varieties and do everything from battle to memory. Then, in a daring raid in which she climbs into the gargantuan beast's fur, Rachael finds a purple and green ball that changes color. Not knowing if it's plant or animal, alive or dead, useful or junk, Rachael takes it home where – contrary to her usual custom – she puts it on a shelf and keeps it secret from Wick, who has secrets of his own. A few days later, she realizes that the thing has moved. It's not where she put it. She names it *Borne*. Notices that small things are missing from her room . . . and that Borne is getting bigger. Then he speaks, and the world comes more unglued than ever in this compelling and fascinating piece of dystopian fiction that will make every reader think long and hard about the cutting edges of science in our own genetically modified, roboticized and bio-engineered present day world. One last caveat: like Dante's lost souls who are advised to abandon hope; readers of *Borne* will have to suspend all their ideas about rational science and accept the premise the author posits to fully enjoy it. That said, the novel is a walk on the wild side that you'll remember long after you're done reading it. It's a masterful blend of science-fiction and conjecture that's a compelling read and impossible to put down!

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Legislature honors Adult Care Center volunteer as first in a series of "Distinguished Citizens"

(From Pg. 1) "It turned out to be a truly wonderful place," he says, crediting the dedicated, caring staff in particular. "They saved my ma's life!"

Retired from AT&T, Joseph visited her every day until her passing in January 2014. Possessed of a deeply giving heart, this Vietnam veteran wondered how he could repay those who had made her four-year stay as positive and comfortable as possible. One of those nurses, Unit Leader Kim Neves, RN, suggested he volunteer.

"That's when a light went off in my head: I could stay with the very people who saved my ma's life!" he recalls.

Just two months later, Joseph was back in Unit 2, spending time with the approximately 30 residents and helping out the staff wherever permitted, often showing up on Sundays with treats from "old family recipes." Three and a half years on, he remains a vital part of that unit, talking with and encouraging Alzheimer's-afflicted residents, walking with them to keep them mobile and prevent falls, reciting classic English poetry to them (he's even written a book of poems) and for those who share his Christian faith, reading the Bible with them (Joseph is a parishioner of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Monticello). He can also be found in other areas of the ACC, happily chatting with folks there for both long- and short-term stays.

"I address everyone as 'aunt' or 'uncle,'" he shares with a quietly engaging smile. "I know all the residents."

His dedication and aptitude for this work prompted an offer of pay, but Joseph graciously declined,



Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, center, congratulates Joseph Prisciandaro while handing him his Distinguished Citizen Award at today's Legislature meeting. Applauding are County Manager Josh Potosek and RN Kim Neves, who is Prisciandaro's unit leader at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center.

instead joining the Family Council which supports the ACC and advocates for residents - another purely volunteer role.

"It is like a real profession," he said of his five-day-a-week visits, "but God gave me a lot of money already. I don't need more.

"Besides, they fill me up with cake and candy," he adds with a laugh. "You can buy me cheap - just give me a Ring Ding!"

That's exactly what the Sullivan County Legislature did today, gratefully providing him a box of Drake's Ring Dings, along with a certificate of recognition.

"We are so very lucky to have Joseph as an ACC volunteer," affirms District 2 Legislator and Health & Family Services Committee Chair Nadia Rajs. "He's perfect in that role, and both our staff and residents appreciate him more than he knows."

"It's about time we recognized such an extraordinary gentleman, one who served our country and continues to serve our citizens," Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez adds. "His presence at the ACC is something many people look forward to, for his quick wit, for his humbly helpful attitude, for his gentle support."

"We would be lost without him," acknowledges Neves, who appreciates every minute of his help in the Memory Care Unit. "He is very selfless."

"The ACC staff have told me their lives - and those of their residents - would be lacking without Joe, and I can see why," County Manager Josh Potosek observes. "He is a very special guy, and I'm delighted the Legislature chose him to be our very first 'Citizen of the Month.' The entire County thanks him for his selfless service."

Gabrielle used a foam board stand that explained what STEAM is all about and how the Fallsburg team has used the principles to create their first major project-an automated announcement board using a YODA software program and operated wirelessly. The students programed, designed and built the board that will display the daily lunch menu on monitors in the cafeteria and wherever else they are located in the building. The display will show other events as well. Daily and special announcements will go through the system. Gabrielle will be responsible for running the system beginning in September.

The Board was very impressed with Ms. Pantel's poise and presentation. Dr. Katz thanked her and Mr. Thomas for the great work they were doing, for representing the Fallsburg Central School District in an outstanding manner and for making the community proud of their accomplishments.

Fallsburg Central School District Presents Special Workshop

Ms. Aleta Lymon, FCSD Community Relations Liaison, has organized a program called "Listening and Responding to Children" conducted by Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) Trainer Ms. Phyllis Eig at Fallsburg Library, July 27, 2017 from 5 to 6 PM. The address is 12 Railroad Plaza, South Fallsburg. Refreshments will be provided.

Participants will learn to identify the importance of clear communication with children; explore ways of listening and responding that may improve communication; and identify parents' style and strengths in communicating with their children.

Ms. Lymon was hired by FCSD through a My Brother's Keeper Grant. To register or for further information, please call her at 845-434-6800, ext. 1223 by Tuesday, July 25.

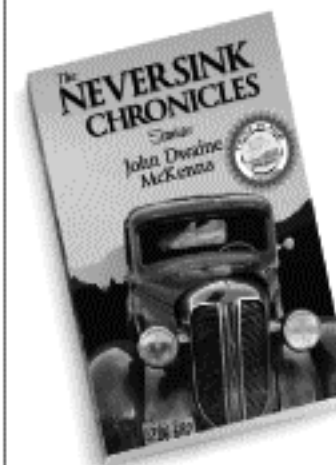
Fallsburg STEAM Team Presents to Board of Education



Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz invited the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School STEAM Team to present its most recent project to the Board of Education at the meeting of June 17, 2017.

The acronym STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art (and design), and mathematics. Art and design were added with the "A" to the original STEM designation that has been a focus of American education over the past six years to improve competitiveness in science and technology development.

Dr. Katz witnessed the presentation of Fallsburg's STEAM Team at the Hurleyville Arts Center and was so impressed he invited the faculty facilitator science teacher Don Thomas to show the School Board. Eighth grader Gabrielle Pantel made the presentation.



It was the fall of 1932 . . . Franklin Roosevelt was running for president. It was the year John Dillinger was killed in July and a pair of romanticized young outlaws named Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were robbing banks and leaving a trail of dead lawmen down in Texas and Oklahoma. And it was back in the '30's, before television and World War II refocused our attention, that every Saturday was poker night over in Eureka, in the back room of Rocky O'Maras SOCONY station . . .

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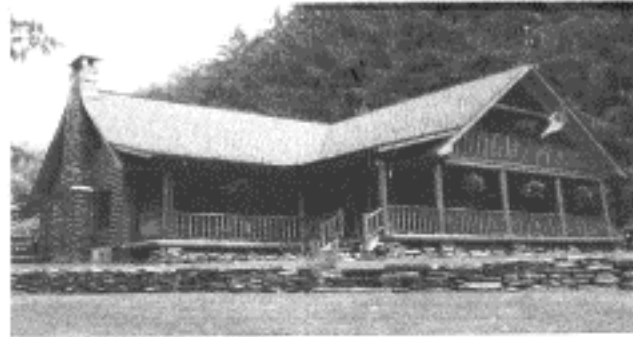
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Olivians

We moved here, to Olive, in 1972. Forty-five years ago. My husband moved here to go into a land surveying business with Bert C. Winne, Jr. Best decision ever! It did mean selling our house in Pittsfield, Mass, leaving friends, packing up a toddler and a first-grader and a litter of kittens. We first lived in Deerfield Road where there were slews of youngsters in every house in that small development behind Bennett School.

Later we moved to Shokan to our farm house and later still to our Rocky Acres on the mountain behind our old farm house. We are still considered "new-comers" or "transplants." We learned long ago that one had to be born here to be considered a local.

I do feel like a local, although I am a "Carol-Come-Lately." I thought I might play a bit of local lore with my fellow Olivians. One would have to have lived here for quite a while to remember some of these things.

Do teachers and students remember "Meeting under the Moose" for field trips and school photos?

Who remembers when Billy Davis was delivering chicken manure and it all leaked out on Route 28A? I recall John Bachor having to snow plow it off. Stinkiest Easter season ever!

Remember when Al Higley had the meat market where the old Boiceville Post Office was?

Who can forget Nelson Shultis's homemade hard cider and signature chicken-liver and bacon sandwiches?

Can you recall Arlene Tisch as our librarian?

Whose children went to summer recreation program when Ron Pape, Joe Ahouse or Mike Boms were the Rec Directors?

Can you name the person who was behind the categorization and labeling of all houses in Olive with fire numbers? It was Carl Stone.

Who remembers when the old Boiceville Inn was in the old Landmark?

Remember Danny's market where your groceries were packed in recycled Walbaum paper bags? Danny had the first VCR rentals and sold a life-time membership. One day he told me that my life-time membership had expired!

Is there anyone around who went to Kent Reeve's "Buffalo Throw" which became the inspiration for Olive Day. Steaks were thrown into a glowing charcoal pit and turned using pitch forks.

Anyone remember the Chord Lounge?

Can anyone still hear Frank McMartin whistling down the main hall of the high school and greeting students and teachers?

Can anyone forget Miriam Smith's American Musical Class or Mr. Crucetti's class, *The Bible*?

And what about "THE PIT"?

Yes, moving to Olive was certainly a good move.

Fallsburg Board of Education Honors Volunteers

(From Pg. 1) Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz thanked the volunteers for sharing a part of their lives with the school district by spending many hours each week offering in-class aid with the children and administrative help for the staff. Dr. Katz stated that the positive effects on students and teachers have been measurable.

Board Member Dr. Stephanie Phillips, who was instrumental in helping create the VIC program, thanked all the volunteers present and expressed her good fortune in meeting these outstanding members of the Fallsburg community.

Volunteers receiving certificates of appreciation were Shawn Ferris, Heather Manor, Christina Frunzi, Hermine Abreu, Sonya Smith, Diosdado Santiago, Barbara Uhrig, Jenny Gagnon, Robert Schreier, and Andrea Hook. Mrs. Hook was unable to attend the meeting because she was chaperoning the Sixth Grade Dance!

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces an Historic Agreement with NYC that Serves as a Critical Next Step in Constructing the Ashokan Rail Trail

"Today is an historic day for the residents of Ulster County. After many months of diligent negotiations with Ulster County, New York City officials have signed an additional permanent trail easement that protects the underlying railroad rights that run 11.6 miles along the north shore of the Ashokan Reservoir. I am proud that this milestone agreement grants the County the authority to construct and operate the Ashokan Rail Trail as envisioned by the Rail Trail Compromise plan that the Ulster County Legislature unanimously approved in December 2015, while also explicitly and unequivocally protecting Ulster County's Railroad Easement along the same corridor forever. Ulster County is now another major step closer to having the best of worlds, rail and trail, as we open up the beauty of the Ashokan Reservoir without cost to residents and visitors alike for the first time in over 100 years. I look forward to working with members of the Ulster County Legislature as they move this agreement through the legislative process."

Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation and Announces New Initiatives to Support Growth of Industrial Hemp Industry in NYS - Announces Up to \$10 Million in Grant Funding to Advance Research and Provide Resources to Future Processing Businesses

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation and announced new actions to support the emerging industrial hemp industry and boost the agricultural economy in New York State. This legislation solidifies the status of industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity under New York Agriculture and Markets Law and creates an industrial hemp working group to advise the State on research and policies concerning the crop. It also creates a one-stop shop to help producers and processors better understand state and federal regulations and require-

ments. In addition, the Governor announced up to \$10 million in grant funding will be available through two initiatives to advance industrial hemp research and economic development opportunities for industrial hemp businesses.

"By expanding industrial hemp research and development for both farms and businesses, New York is embracing our legacy of innovation to lead the way on this economic engine that will create jobs from the field to the factory," Governor Cuomo said. "Industrial hemp is a promising commodity that, with the necessary support and resources, can provide a tremendous boost to our communities by increasing the profitability of our farms, creating new jobs in Upstate New York, and laying the groundwork for future growth."

Research Grants for Research Institutions and Farmers

A centerpiece of Governor Cuomo's agenda is a \$5 million commitment to support research into the production of industrial hemp in New York. This initiative will begin immediately with a \$1 million partnership among New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Empire State Development, and Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The Department of Agriculture and Markets, in cooperation with College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, conducted an open solicitation for farmers interested in growing industrial hemp, in Cornell's research trials, during the 2017 growing season.

As a result of this research grant program, industrial hemp will be planted on nearly 2,000 acres across the state for research purposes, expanding industrial hemp production in New York nearly 6,000 percent from 30 acres in 2016.

Empire State Development and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets are also partnering with SUNY Morrisville to support industrial hemp research on an anticipated 85 acres. Both Cornell University and SUNY Morrisville will be reimbursed for the administration of these research trials and the production of annual research reports.

Additional components of the \$5 million research commitment include:

• Industrial Hemp Seed Breeding Program

To support the development of local, high-quality seed that is consistent with New York and federal laws, Cornell University will expand its New York Seed Improvement Project to design industrial hemp seed certification standards for New York State. Similar to existing State benchmarks on seed quality for other commodities, this will ensure that the local hemp cultivars are developed to be well adapted for New York State's climate and farm management practices, and maintain low levels of THC. The State will also seek additional opportunities to partner with research institutions to develop domestic seed resources and germplasm repositories in New York.

• Continued Investment in Successful Industrial Hemp Research

New York State will continue to advance new opportunities in basic agronomic, market and manufacturing research to ensure New York's leadership in the hemp production and manufacturing industry.

Capital Grants for Industrial Hemp Processors

New York State will also launch a \$5 million Industrial Hemp Processors Grant Fund.

Administered by Empire State Development, in consultation with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the program will provide funding to eligible businesses for capital costs related to the processing of industrial hemp, including new construction and the purchase of equipment. Grants of up to \$250,000 will be available to qualifying applicants. Program guidelines and applications will be available at <https://esd.ny.gov/industrial-hemp> on July 20, 2017.

Industrial Hemp Working Group

To further support the development of industrial hemp as an agricultural product, the legislation Governor Cuomo signed today will clarify that industrial hemp will be treated the same as other crops and seed under state law. The legislation also establishes the Industrial Hemp Working Group and One-Stop Shop. The working group includes researchers and key industry leaders who will serve two-year terms and will make recommendations concerning research, opportunities to promote industrial hemp, and policy and program changes.

Members of the Industrial Hemp Working Group include: Richard A. Ball, Commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (Chair); Senator Thomas O'Mara; Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo; Mike Barnhart, Plant Science Laboratories; Susie Cody, NYS Hemp Industries Association; Benjamin Banks-Dobson, Old Mud Creek Farm LLC; Dan Dolgin, JD Farms; Ira Fair, 21st Century Hemp; Liisa Fiedelholz, formerly of Ann, Inc.; Jennifer Gilbert Jenkins, SUNY Morrisville; David Grusenmeyer, New York Farm Viability Institute; Marc Privitera, PreProcess, Inc.; Larry Smart, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Julie Suarez, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Nicholas Vita, Columbia Care LLC; Steven Wood, SUNY Research Foundation; and Jeff Williams, New York Farm Bureau

One-Stop Shop for Technical Assistance

The State today also debuted its One-Stop Shop and webpage <https://esd.ny.gov/industrial-hemp> to help producers and processors navigate industrial hemp industry regulations and requirements under state and federal law. The One-Stop Shop is modeled after a similar and successful initiative to support the craft beverage industry, and will provide a single point of government contact for assistance with the State's newly launched grant programs, as well as regulations, permitting, and any other questions or issues facing the industry.

New York producers and businesses interested in participating in New York State's Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program for the 2018 growing season, or the Industrial Hemp Processors Grant Fund should visit the One-Stop Shop, email IndustrialHempNYS@agriculture.ny.gov, or call toll-free at 877-249-6841.

Industrial hemp generates more than \$570 million per year nationally and has tremendous potential to grow the agricultural economy in New York State. Recognizing the impact the industrial hemp industry can have on manufacturing, the creation of new jobs and the profitability of farms across New York, the State, at the Governor's direction, launched its Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program in 2015. The program permitted 10 educational institutions and farms to grow and research industrial hemp. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Governor Cuomo Signs Legislation and Announces New Initiatives to Support Growth of Industrial Hemp Industry in NYS (From Pg. 6)

In the 2017-18 New York State Budget, the Governor encouraged increasing industrial hemp research by lifting the cap on the number of authorized growing sites. In April, he convened the State's first-ever Industrial Hemp Summit and announced that the State's Industrial Hemp Agricultural Research Pilot Program had filled its ten available research permits. The Governor also announced that Cornell University will be awarded \$400,000 to explore best practices for growing varieties of hemp in different soil types and locations around the state. Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva will also assess hemp seed quality for germination and weed contamination.

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Double Duty for DEC K-9 - Sullivan County

On July 3, ECO Ricky Wood and K-9 "Deming" responded to a wooded area between the Twin Lakes and Whispering Pines trailer parks in the town of Mamakating to assist the New York State Police with a July 1 shooting complaint. The initial investigation of a noise complaint was believed to involve fireworks, but further investigation revealed the noise was from the discharge of a firearm. The Trooper had identified a suspect in the shooting and interviewed him regarding the complaint. It was determined that the suspect had been walking through the woodlot between the two trailer parks and was shooting a shotgun at random trees. One of the shots struck an unoccupied trailer. ECO Wood deployed K-9 Deming to locate spent shell components in the area within 500 feet of the occupied dwellings. K-9 Deming quickly located a spent shell wad, which matched the live rounds possessed by the suspect. The evidence also revealed that the shooter was firing within 500 feet of the occupied dwellings and in the direction of the houses. The suspect was charged with Discharging a Firearm within 500 feet of an Occupied Dwelling by ECO Wood, and charged by the Trooper with Reckless Endangerment 2nd degree and Criminal Mischief 3rd degree. The suspect was scheduled to appear for arraignment in the Town of Mamakating Court on July 20.

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Brian Harnett Donates Town Entry Signs



(From Pg. 1) These two new signs are patterned after two signs depicting the communities covered bridge that Brian had created and donated last year for the Township. Brian is a local artist and craftsman known for his wood carvings and furniture construction. Brian is also completing finishing touches on wood carved signage for the new Town Park and ballfields.

In addition to the signs, new flower boxes were created and installed by Dave Moore with assistance from Neversink Renaissance Intern Cheyanne Matulewich. New perennial and annual plantings have been planted in both the Claryville and Grahamsville entryway gardens and will be maintained by Barbara Weiss and Jona Hamilton.

Thank you again, Brian, for your most generous donation and to those who have assisted in this most important 2017 Renaissance Project

Rilla Askew & Paul Austin Literary Reading at DVAA



reading from a new novel in progress, based on the life of Anne Askew (no relation), a religious martyr burned at the stake during the Tudor reign of Henry VIII.

Her previous novels include "The Mercy Seat," "Fire In Beulah," "Harpsong" and "Kind of Kin." (Contd. Pg. 11)

On Thursday, July 27 from 5-6 pm, the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Upper Delaware Writers Collective present a free literary reading featuring Rilla Askew and Paul Austin in the Alliance Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

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Paul and Kathy Kelley's Barn

(From Pg. 1) I had my a/c on (cowl vent open), both the driver's window and passenger window down along with the vent window open and off I went. I ended up going to Aden Rd to Aden Hill Rd to Willowemoc to Debruce into Livingston Manor to Roscoe, I was going to stop at the Roscoe brewery to get some of their fantastic root beer but



Beaverkill covered bridge

they appeared closed so off I went towards Cat Hollow, made the right towards Beaverkill, to go to the Beaverkill covered bridge, then stopped at the Van Tran Covered bridge and on to the Robin Hood for a cup of coffee and good visit as usual. Jan gave me an apple Danish that is made fresh there everyday to bring home to Patty. I then cam home via old 17 into Parksville to Tansman Road into Bradley and home.. Just over 80 miles, two counties, Sullivan and Delaware, two covered bridges and just a fun day to be out enjoying the "Wayback Machine




Van Tran Covered Bridge

I ended up visiting three counties, Sullivan, Ulster and Delaware, crossed three covered bridges the Beaverkill, Van Tran and the famed Grahamsville Little World's Fair bridge, stopped for a good visit and picture taking opportunity with my good friends Paul and Kathy. Added close to 100 miles to the old Plymouth on this hot, humid day, but of my golly, no folly, had such a good time.

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Annie Get Your Gun

Westchester
Broadway Dinner Theatre
Friday, Oct 6



Leave the Town Hall 9:30 am to ride the motor coach bus to Elmsford, NY return approximately 6:30 pm Sign-Up: \$73 - all seats must be paid A/S/A/P - this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

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- 1 & 2- Multi-Family Yard Sale - Ev just off Yeagerville Road. Sat & Sun.
- 3 - Yard Sale - 131 Peekamoose Rd Sat. 2 - 6 pm; Sun. 10am-5pm
- 4 - 3 Golden's Convenient Store
- 5 - Sundown Camp & Bait Shop
- 6 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Super Yard & Thrift Sale Saturday - 10 am - 2 pm
- 7 -Time & the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair (10 am- 5 pm) & Chic 5pm) old-fashioned activities: co skillet toss and games for both adults, demonstrations of old time c booths of local craftspeople and me music throughout the day, pie Miller's Famous Chicken Barbecue fair food galore, Plenty of free p admission. A day of fun to be long
- 8 - Neversink Farmer's Market - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm
- 9 - Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe Sat & Sun - Open for Breakfast, Lu
- 10 - Claryville Art Center
- 11 - Blue Hill Wines & Spirits The Time & the Valleys Museum ** this weekend. Located ne ** Grahamsville United Methodist

Day Camp Family Night Brings Kids and Parents Together at Frost Valley YMCA

Family bonding and support are integral to a child's development. This is one of the reasons why Frost Valley YMCA offers themed Family Nights during their Summer Day Camp program. These scheduled evenings allow parents of campers to visit (after camp hours) to experience a sample of the games, activities, learning, and other fun that their children and teens enjoy each week.



On Wednesday, July 12th, session 1 day campers and their families participated in Family Swim Night. Campers and their families gathered at the waterfront to participate in an evening swim, games, boating and other fun activities. The campers were excited to show their family where they spend their days, while parents were pleased to learn more about how Day Camp encourages positive relationships, personal achievement, and a sense of belonging for their children. "Family Night is a great opportunity for parents to meet our wonderful staff, and it allows families to spend quality time together while enjoying all that camp has to offer," says Katia Martin, Frost Valley's Community Programs and Day Camp Director.

Family Nights are held from 6-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each two-week camp session for families of registered campers, and each one has a theme including Carnival and Campfire Extravaganza.

Registration is still open for families who are interested in sending their child to Day Camp for sessions three and four running from July 31-August 11, and August 14-25. For more information about Day Camp or to register, please visit FrostValley.org or call 845-985-2291, ext. 410.

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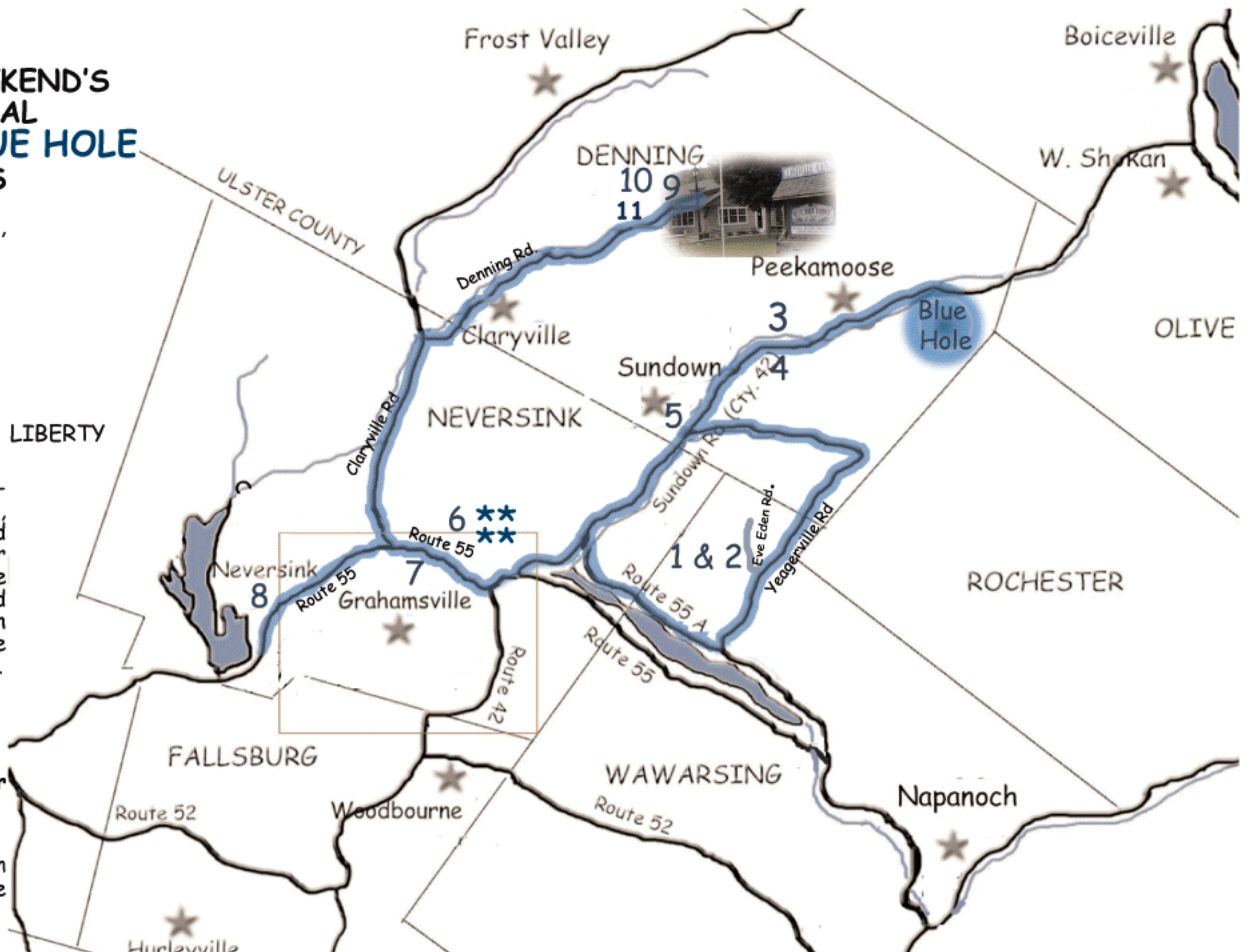
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**Rilla Askew & Paul Austin
Literary Reading at DVAA**

(From Pg. 8)

Her forthcoming collection of creative nonfiction, "Most American: Notes From A Wounded Place," will be published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 2017.

Austin, who for 10 years ran the Liberty Free Theatre in Liberty, NY, will give the first public reading of a just completed 16-poem sequence titled "Mother and Son."

He was also active with Sullivan Peace and Justice and the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission. His work has appeared in such publications as This Land, Sugar Mule, Oklahoma Review and Newport

A reception will follow the reading. For more information, call 845-252-7576 or email info@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

**An Evening of Classical Jazz opens
Shandelee's 24th Sunset Concert Series**

There's going to be a "jazzy" start to the 24th season of the Shandelee Music Festival's Sunset Concert Series, when An Evening of Classical Jazz featuring the Fred Moyer Trio opens the season on August 5th.



The Fred Moyer Jazz Trio will perform An Evening of Classical Jazz to open the Shandelee Music Festival's 24th Sunset Concert Series on August 5th.

Featuring Fred Moyer on piano, Peter Tillotson on bass and Bob Savine on drums, the Trio plays both improvisations and note-for-note transcriptions of the best trio performances of historic piano giants.

Frederick Moyer's career has taken him to over 40 countries, where he's performed at the Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood and the Kennedy Center. He's been a piano soloist with the Cleveland, Philadelphia, Minnesota and London Symphony Orchestras, to name just a few.

Peter Tillotson has performed everywhere from garage bands to Lincoln Center, where he's played everything from Be-bop to Bluegrass and pop, with the Boston Symphony, and entertainers Don Rickles, Steve Allen, Scott Bakula and Maureen McGovern.

After receiving his formal musical training at Penn State and Berklee College of Music, Bob Savine has performed with a diverse group of singers and instrumentalists including The Artie Shaw Orchestra, Keely Smith, Sheila Jordan, Mike Metheny, and many other fine musicians.

The program for An Evening of Classical Jazz will be announced from the stage.

The Boston Globe called the Moyer concert, "A success on the highest level from first to last ... something to write home about," and the New York Times said, "First-class ... His playing is clean, unmannered and full of ideas and intelligence."

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

Concert tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30.00 for Shandelee Music Festival members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. Advanced reservations are required by calling 845-439-3277. Additionally, subscriptions are available for a 10 percent discount. For more information, please visit www.shandelee.org.

Prepare to Roll In the Aisles!

There's no better way to beat the summer heat than the hilarity of Larry Shue's lauded comedy *The Foreigner*. An inventive tale that will keep you laughing, *The Foreigner* has become one of the most beloved comedies of all time!

Charlie, a pathologically shy Brit, seeks out the quiet privacy of a rural Georgia hunting lodge. In an effort to ensure his solitude, it's explained to the locals that Charlie is from a foreign land, speaks no English, and should be left alone. But Charlie begins to overhear more than he'd like and is soon in the center of a battle that will rock the foundation of this small town.

Call the Box Office at 845-647-5511 or buy tickets online at shadowlandstages.org.

Painting Exhibit by Dorian Yurchuk at Loft Gallery

"The Errant Cartographer," a painting exhibit by Dorian Yurchuk, opens with a reception on Friday, August 4 from 7 to 9 pm at the Delaware Arts Center's Loft Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through August 26.

"I have always been fascinated with maps and satellite photos," says Yurchuk who has been collecting and drawing maps since childhood.

In this exhibit, he will show several large scale, color-dense acrylic on plywood paintings, many of which are comprised of multiple panels. The work evokes superimposed and intertwined maps, referencing a wide range of topics such as urban unrest, environmental damage or cross country skiing, and the possibility that any of those might occur near you.

Yurchuk received his Bachelor of Architecture from The Cooper Union and Master of Architecture from McGill University. He currently works as an architect specializing in historic exteriors.

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Yurchuk was born and raised in New Jersey, and has been coming to Narrowsburg for as long as he can remember.

"Whether climbing scaffolding in New York City or wandering upstate, I prefer to be outdoors," he says.

He has participated in "70 Architect(e)s" at the Centre de design, Université du Québec à Montréal, "Studio 360 Material Mashup Challenge" in New York City, "The River Reporter" photo contest, and various student exhibitions and community art shows.

Loft Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Attention Grant Recipients:
Important News For Your Group
Tips and reminders from Horticulture
Program Manager Diana K. Weiner
It's Binder Check-In Time!**

We can't wait to see your binder and learn about everything you've accomplished this season! Binders and e-binders for all 2017 Garden, Community and Maintenance projects must be submitted at the CVI Building in Ferndale between Wednesday, July 26 and Tuesday, August 1.

Call the Sullivan Renaissance office at (845) 295-2445 to schedule a time to bring in your completed binder and meet with a staff member. The first 5 groups to submit their binders will receive a special prize! On August 1, we are extending the meeting hours - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.-- so that we can meet with folks before and after work. Unfortunately, we cannot accept binders that are dropped off at the front desk of the CVI Building.

Garden and Community Groups - You will be meeting with the judges at the CVI Building on either Thursday, August 3 or Friday, August 4. The earlier you drop off your binder, the earlier you get to pick your preferred meeting time. You'll also meet with the judges at your project site.

Maintenance Groups - If you would like to compete for Showing of Flowers awards, don't forget to complete the form in your binder, submit pictures and include a map of the gardens that the judges should visit.

The Judges Are Coming -- Order in the Garden!

In about two weeks, our judges will arrive. That means it's time to deadhead those flowers, edge your gardens and touch up your mulch to ensure that it's two inches thick. Mow and weed whack those alleys and edges where you cannot mow and remove eyesores that will distract from the beauty you have created. That may mean some touch-up paint on your sign posts or removing weeds where the pavement meets the sidewalk. Ask a fresh pair of eyes to look at your project and give it the once over. Our photographer will be out next week to take pictures of your finished project for the Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Please pass this e-update on to all the happy hands that have helped you make it to the finish line! Invite them to the event to celebrate with you!

If you have any questions about your binder or the judging process, do not hesitate to reach out. We're here to help. Just reply to this email or call the office at (845)295-2445.

TAI CHI IN THE PARK 'Celebrating Sullivan Spaces' series continues in Liberty

Anyone interested in learning beginner's Tai Chi is invited to a free "Celebrating Sullivan Spaces" class on Saturday, July 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the Main Street Stage in LaPolk Park located at 119 North Main Street in Liberty. The class will be hosted by Sullivan Renaissance and Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County.

Tai chi is a low impact form of exercise that originated in China. "Tai chi helps strengthen internal muscles, increases balance, improves posture and reduces stress," says Bonnie Lewis, RN Dependent Care Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. "The practice is beneficial for mind, body and spirit." Mrs. Lewis is a Certified Tai Chi for Arthritis Instructor and will be leading the class.

This is the third and final event of the 2017 "Celebrating Sullivan Spaces" campaign, which promotes education and community engagement in Sullivan County's public spaces. The gardens in LaPolk Park are cared for by Town of Liberty Parks & Recreation employees as well as community volunteers.

Pre-registration is required for this program as class size is limited. To RSVP and to learn more about upcoming community events and volunteer opportunities in Liberty, or contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit SullivanRenaissance.org.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Fisher Mears Associates, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and Thompson Sanitation. For information, contact 845-295-2445 or SullivanRenaissance.org.

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County monthly meeting 7:00pm will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building (CCESC), 64 Ferndale Rd, Liberty. "Sewcial" gathering before the meeting at 6:30pm.

Meetings are 2nd Monday every month.

For information call (845) 292-6180.

Boy Scout Camp Founded by FDR Celebrates 90th Anniversary

*Idyllic Manhattan-sized Camp Serves
Boy Scouts from New York, Pennsylvania
and New Jersey*

Ten Mile River (TMR), the historic, 12,000-acre Boy Scout Camp founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and other prominent individuals will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Saturday, August 5th.

FDR, before he became Governor of New York and then President of the United States, helped select the TMR site with a goal of developing a camp large enough to accommodate the burgeoning growth of Scouting in the New York metropolitan area during the 1920s. The goal was to have a camp that was able to accommodate 3,500 Scouts at a time. With his dedication and leadership he organized and masterminded this successfully when the scouts outgrew their camps in Bear Mountain State Park.

FDR, who was then president of the New York City Boy Scout Foundation, selected TMR's Narrowsburg site, and was fundamental in overseeing the land acquisition process, including raising funds for the camp's development.

"Ten Mile River has been an incredible asset for generations of Boy Scouts in the greater New York area," said Ethan Draddy, Scout Executive. "We will celebrate this milestone by bringing past and current Boy Scouts together again to honor the importance of the camp in peoples lives."

In 1952, a Manhattan Boy Scout was recognized as the 250,000th Scout to attend TMR and given a special award by FDR's widow, Eleanor Roosevelt. Now well over half a million scouts have camped at TMR.

The 12,000-acre property is roughly the size of Manhattan and is located near Narrowsburg, New York. It has three miles of frontage on the Delaware River, and is owned and operated by the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. It is the principal Boy Scout summer camp serving New York City and often used by troops from other parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey for summer, win-

ter and canoe trips.

TMR is heavily wooded with seven lakes and ponds for boating, swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking and other aquatic activities. The camp also houses an Olympic-size pool. In addition to specialty camps such as Science Technology Math and Engineering Camp (STEM), National Youth Leader Training, Trail to Eagle Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, and Aquatics Camp, TMR has a central headquarters area, a state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater, a high ropes team-building course, three climbing towers, an ATV program, horseback riding, sports complex, family camp, and three active youth camps, each offering different programs and activities.

New York City Architect and educator Johannes Knoops, who attended Ten Mile River both as a camper and staffer during the 1970's, has been selected to serve as the event chair. "We are looking for alumni to join the celebration with a goal of 1,000 participants," said Knoops. "Over 600 people have shared through Facebook their interesting TMR stories and pictures," he added.

The anniversary will include activities such as: tours of the camp, memorabilia displays, a luncheon, games and activities for family members and most importantly a chance to remiss with fellow campers and staff members. Please visit www.facebook.com/90TMR to join in the conversation, share pictures, and take part in the alumni search or visit the website www.bsa-gnyc.org/90tmr to register.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) firearms instructor Jackie Emslie is offering three firearms classes for those new to the shooting sports and/or want to practice their shooting skills. All three classes are in Dutchess County (mid-Hudson Valley).

Questions? Contact Jackie Emslie at jslie@earthlink.net or call/text 914-475-4901

Just Beyond the Basics - July 27, 2017 6:30-9:30 pm in Pleasant Valley, NY. Prior hands-on firearms training is required to attend.

Women and Girls Only Rifle and Pistol Instructional-- August 5, 2017 9am - 5pm in Pleasant Valley, NY. Open to women and girls age 12 and older (girls age 12-17 must attend with a woman over the age of 21).

Women and Girls Only Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Instructional-- September 30, 2017 9am - 4pm Lagrange, NY. Open to women and girls age 12 and older (girls age 12-17 must attend with a woman over the age of 21).

Governor Cuomo Dispatches NY Firefighting Team to Assist in Battle Against West Coast Wildfires

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that a crew of 20 employees and volunteers from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is heading to western states to assist in the containment of wildfires burning across the West Coast. Firefighters are currently battling wildfires in California, Montana and British Columbia. The volunteers and DEC staff, many from the ranks of the State's Forest Rangers, will join crews from other states and will be assigned where they are most needed. Last year, DEC sent 33 firefighters, including one 20-person crew, to several western states and Canada to help contain wildfires.

"New Yorkers are proud to help our neighbors in their time of need and by sending this crew out to the west coast, we can help protect and preserve lives and land as wildfires burn," Governor Cuomo said. "To lend a hand in crisis is the New York way and I am proud to send 20 dedicated individuals to assist in getting these devastating fires under control."

The New York team is expected to support firefighting efforts in western states for two weeks. All travel and administrative costs for the crew will be paid directly by the U.S. Forest Service or reimbursed to the State. New York first sent a firefighting crew to assist western states in fighting large wildfires in 1979, and, on average, one or two crews are sent to assist each year. In addition to helping contain the western wildfires and minimize damage, these crews also gain valuable experience that can be utilized fighting wildfires in New York.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said, "The work of DEC's firefighting team serves as a great example of how states can work together and share resources during times of adversity. I wish our crews a safe and successful trip out west and will welcome the team home with gratitude for their courageous work."

New Parents, Family Members Caring for Sick Relatives and Employees with Family Members Deployed Abroad on Active Military Duty Are Eligible for Paid Family Leave Benefits -New Yorkers Can Begin Taking Paid Family Leave on January 1, 2018

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the state has adopted regulations implementing New York's landmark Paid Family Leave program. These regulations outline the responsibilities of employers and insurance carriers in implementing the most comprehensive paid family leave program in the nation.

Starting January 1, 2018, Paid Family Leave will provide employees with wage replacement and job protection to help them bond with a child, care for a close relative with a serious health condition, or help relieve family pressures when someone is deployed abroad on active military service. Employees are also entitled to be reinstated to their job when their leave ends and to the continuation of their health insurance during their leave.

"There is a time in everyone's lives where being there for a loved one in need is more important than anything and - finally - New Yorkers will no longer have to choose between losing their job and being a decent human being," Governor Cuomo said. "By enacting and implementing the strongest paid family leave program in the nation, this administration is taking yet another step forward to providing economic justice to all New Yorkers."

Private employers must secure Paid Family Leave insurance coverage or self-insure in time to provide coverage on January 1, 2018. Paid Family Leave premiums will be funded by employees through payroll deductions.

The regulations address eligibility, coverage, the phase-in schedule for Paid Family Leave, and more information on how employees, employers, and insurance carriers will interact to pay benefits. The Workers' Compensation Board regulations implementing Paid Family Leave are available here. The Department of Financial Services implementing regulations for insurance companies, adopted on May 31, 2017, are available here.

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul said, "By establishing the nation's most comprehensive paid family leave program, New York State stands with working and middle-class families who should not have to make the choice between earning a paycheck and caring for a sick child or ailing parent. Employers and employees alike will benefit greatly and should take advantage of a policy that once again establishes New York as a model for others to follow."

For more information, visit the Paid Family Leave website at www.ny.gov/paidfamilyleave. The public can also call the Paid Family Leave helpline at (844) 337-6303 with any questions.

Paid Family Leave Basics

Paid Family Leave provides coverage for:

- Parents during the first 12 months following the birth, adoption, or fostering of a child;
- Employees caring for a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild with a serious health condition; and
- Employees assisting loved ones when a spouse, child, domestic partner, or parent is deployed abroad on active military duty.

Employee Eligibility:

- Employees with a regular work schedule of 20 or more hours per week are eligible after 26 weeks of employment.
- Employees with a regular work schedule of less than 20 hours per week are eligible after 175 days worked.

Insurance Coverage: Paid Family Leave coverage will typically be included as a rider to an employer's existing disability insurance policy, and will be fully funded by employees through payroll deductions. In 2018, the maximum employee contribution is 0.126% of an employee's weekly wage up to 0.126% of the annualized New York State Average Weekly Wage. The program is mandatory for nearly all private employers. Public employers may opt into the program.

Phase-in Schedule: Paid Family Leave will be phased in over four years, beginning January 1, 2018. In 2018, employees may take up to eight weeks of paid leave at 50% of an employee's average weekly wage up to 50% of the New York State Average Weekly Wage. That increases to 12 weeks of paid leave in 2021 paid at 67% of an employee's average weekly wage up to 67% of the New York State Average Weekly Wage.

Monticello Elks Golf Benefits Scholarships

Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is holding its annual Golf Tournament at Lochmor Golf Course on Sunday, August 20th with a Shotgun Start at 1pm. It's a scramble format with their famous dirty water dawgs and refreshments on the course. Sign up now for \$95 and save \$5. The fun includes refreshments, prizes and a steak dinner at the Lodge on North Street. The tournament benefits the Monticello Elks Scholarship Fund. For information please call Rich Hugel at 856-5341 or Paul Manz at 794-7907.

A Message from Senator Bonacic About Summer Meals Program

Once again the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with the New York State Department of Education to provide summer meals to kids and young adults throughout New York State. Children 18 years of age or younger can take advantage of this program at various locations including libraries, parks, and schools throughout your local communities.

All meals served meet USDA nutritional guidelines, and the locations are state approved for health and safety. No sign-up is needed in advance, all you need to do is just show up when the food is being served.

There are several ways to find out the locations in your neighborhood. Interested individuals can call: 2-1-1 or text "food" to 877-877 or visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks> to view an interactive map of locations.

If my office can be of any additional assistance on this topic or any others, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sundown United Methodist Church

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e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
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For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Aug. 8, 2017
Thrift Sale
9am-12:30 pm
Luncheon
11 am- 1pm

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9 - Noon
Aug. 19th, 2017

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The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a Public Hearing for the updated proposed Zoning Law on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 prior to the start of the regularly scheduled meeting. Set to begin at 7 pm. At this time any and all interested person(s) will be heard.

By the Order of the Denning Town Board,
Joy Monforte, RMC
Town Clerk

7/27: 8/2

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at
Tri-Valley Central School
for 2017-2018:

Substitute Teachers

No Degree - \$75/day
Bachelor's Degree - \$85/day
Master's Degree - \$95/day
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Interested parties should submit
letter of interest to:
Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 ext. 5101

Cut-Off Date for Receiving Materials:
July 28, 2017

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The following positions are available at
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Interested parties should submit materials to:
Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 x 5101

Cut-off date for receiving applications:
July 28, 2017

**2017 Schedule of Campaign
Finance Seminars**

The New York State Board of Elections has announced the 2017 Schedule of Campaign Finance Seminars.

The Seminars are free and open to the public and geared toward: Candidates; Clubs; Political committee members and Treasurers.

Three credits of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) can be awarded to Certified Public Accountants for any of the seminars.

The full Seminar schedule is available at:
<https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/2017NYSBOECampaignFinanceSeminarSchedule.pdf>

The date for the Campaign Finance Seminar in Sullivan County is:

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 - 10:00 am- 1:00 pm
Sullivan County Government Center
Legislative Hearing Room - Second Floor
100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12791-5192

Participants can attend the Seminar at neighboring Counties if the dates are more convenient elsewhere.

Sign up for one or more seminars by going to:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-campaign-finance-seminars-tickets-32557855435>

**Credit/Debit Cards Now Accepted at
SC Transfer Stations**

Sullivan County, NY - Effective immediately, Sullivan County-operated Transfer Stations and Recycling Centers located in Monticello, Ferndale, Rockland, Highland, and Mamakating will accept credit cards for payment transactions.

This added option will facilitate transactions at the stations, giving residents and businesses more flexibility for payment. Please note that there is a minimum \$2.75 transaction fee for all payments \$100 and under and a 2.75% fee for all payments over \$100.

Recyclables continue to be accepted for FREE, including plastic containers, glass containers, metal cans, bulk metal, newsprint, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, textiles, used oil, and electronics.

"We're working hard every day to better serve the residents, businesses and visitors in Sullivan County," affirmed District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, who chairs the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "This is the result of longtime efforts by myself and my colleagues, and we're now developing a completely cashless system via coupon books, which we believe users of our solid waste facilities will find even more time-saving and convenient."

For further information, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling at 845-807-0294.

The Town of Neversink
Planning Board Meeting
will held at the Tri-Valley High
School Theatre at 7 pm
on August 2, 2017

Letters to the Editor:**Letter to the Editor:**

Your *Townsman* July 13th issue had a first page picture of a Country and Bluegrass Trio consisting of two banjo players and a guitar player at the Neversink Farmers' Market.

Actually the young man in the middle playing banjo was a summer counselor from Californiana working this summer at the YMCA Children's Camp at the Forstman Estate in Claryville.

That Saturday, with several other counselors, he was listening to the music. When one of the "Country Traveler" performers asked if he played an instrument, he said, "A banjo, a little, in California."

The young fellow was given a banjo to practice.

To the delight of the crowd at the Farmers' Market, he gave an impromptu sparkling banjo performance to rival Earl Scruggs.

Spontaneity is what the Neversink Farmers' Market is all about.

William A. Brenner
Grahamsville, NY

**Assemblymember Cahill Releases
Letter to the Editor Concerning
Stalemate Between HealthAlliance
and Empire BlueCross/Blue Shield**

I write regarding a letter, "HealthAlliance stalemate with BlueCross is a travesty", recently published in local media. Our community has been facing this significant failure for too long. Stalled contract negotiations are hurting people every day since, as a result of a dispute between Westchester Medical Center Corporation and Empire BlueCross/BlueShield, thousands of local policyholders cannot use their insurance at HealthAlliance hospitals.

For over a year, I have taken the lead in speaking out against this dispute and working to solve it on several occasions and in a variety of ways. Our Assembly District Office deals with the real-life consequences of this impasse on a regular basis. We receive numerous complaints from con-

stituents, field inquiries from people in dire circumstances and work on complex billing problems to address the devastating consequences our friends, neighbors and families face because of this corporate stalemate.

As just one elected community leader, I reached out to all the parties involved numerous times imploring them to settle their differences sooner rather than later. I wrote to and engaged the New York Department of Health and Department of Financial Services, the State agencies that oversee hospital operations and health insurance. I have tried, often without result, to impress upon other local government officials the importance of joining me in this fight and I issued several public statements expressing the demands of the people of our community to rectify this situation.

I also pursued legislative solutions. We were successful in extending the law that requires a "cooling off" period between hospitals and insurers when a contract between them is coming due (A.8061/S.6454). The Assembly also passed another bill I sponsored that would automatically extend contracts between the parties and require arbitration or mediation between them when they are unable to solve their own issues. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to approve that measure and the result is that we are left with fewer tools than we need to serve our constituencies and too often, they are left to fend for themselves against out of network bills and required to seek care in places not of their choosing.

As frustrated and irate as the people of our community are, I am equally frustrated. The bottom line is that elected officials are not empowered to force these parties to action. They are private entities engaged in business decisions, however short-sighted, ill-advised and against our interests they might be. What should have been a routine contract negotiation is now a complex lawsuit in our State courts, with other legal proceedings also underway. Finally, they have agreed to mediation and hopefully it will not be long before our community can once again use the services of the hospitals that have served us well for over 100 years.

Until that happens, I will continue my efforts to represent the important needs of our residents and visitors to have full access to local health care at the HealthAlliance hospitals.

Kevin A. Cahill
Member of Assembly
103rd District

"Bringing Home the Bacon"

A proposal before the Neversink Planning Board reclassifying the former Eureka Café for a commercial meat smoking operation is under consideration.

Although in association with the IDA, it "is not an Industrial Development Agency project; rather, we will be leasing equipment to the applicant that we bought for a scrapped project," said Jennifer Flad, the ED of the IDA.

Local residents feel that the application for special use permit for "light industry" is unique, for its potential impacts on community health, air and water quality that go beyond the former permit for a small retail store and café.

However, Planning Board Chairman Jim Stengel said, "it is not in the power of the Planning Board to consider issues outside the law when granting permits for proposed projects". This excludes the wishes of his neighbors who will be affected if the permit is granted.

When asked "Why put this in a residential part of Grahamsville, given the preponderance of vacant, already zoned industrial buildings in Sullivan County?", neither Ms. Flad from the IDA, nor Mr. Stengel, were able to readily provide an answer.

Although residents asked for another public comment hearing, Mr. Stengel said "I cannot do that". Therefore, the upcoming August 2nd meeting will not be one in which we who live in the community will be heard on this topic again. According to Mr. Stengel, "If someone on the board makes a motion, and that motion is seconded, I have to bring it to a vote". End of story.

If this project provided benefits to community members, or local farmers, it might be worthy of consideration. But the only two people who will benefit are the applicant, Robert Doherty and the landlord, Jennifer Grimes, neither of whom live in the village. Really?

Tom Passero
Grahamsville, NY



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events

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www.townofneversink.org

- Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume
- Fri-Aug 26 Animal Embassy Presentation
- Sat., Sept 9 Wine & Food Fest at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds \$10 Neversink Residents/\$43. all others. (Must be paid by Aug. 1)
- Fri-Oct 6 Annie Get Your Gun Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge
- Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule 10 am - 2:30 pm

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	Dec 14

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.

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

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- 7/29/27 **Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ**
- 7/29-30/17 **Blue Hole to Blue Hill Miles & Miles of Yard Sale** and things to do along the way (See map on pg 9)
- 8/1/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 8/2/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 8/3/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm Budget Preparation
- 8/5/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 8/8/17 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** (9am -12:30pm) and **Luncheon** (11 am-1 pm)
- 8/8/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 8/9/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 8/10/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 8/15/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 8/16/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 8/17/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 8/19/17 **Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 8/20/17 **Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon
- 8/21/17 **Grahamsville Fire District Meeting** 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse

Save the Date!

Neversink Farmers' Market - Open Every Saturday - 10 am - 2 pm at the Neversink General Store
Saturday, July 29 - Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ
Grahamsville Little World's Fair - Aug. 18 - 20, 2017 - Grahamsville Fairgrounds
Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft and Vendor Fair- Sat., August 26th 2017 (vendors wanted)
Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 Daniel Pierce Library Giant Pumpkin Parade and Party

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Things to do and Upcoming Events

- 7/28/17 Takeout **Southern Style BBQ** chicken & all fixins' 4-7pm at the Federation's 9 Monticello St Monticello.
- 7/29/27 -**Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ** -10 am-5 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds **Free admission**
- 7/29 & 7/30/2017 - **Blue Hole to Blue Hill Miles and Miles of Yard Sale** -Tri-Valley area -See 7/26 issue for details
- 8/2/17 -**Take Trio - Napanoch** concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)
- 8/2/17- **Papa J& Mo' Soul w/Jason Rosen** Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive
- 8/5/17- 10:00-2:00 pm **TROUT TOWN PROUD Craft Fair/Duck Race** 3:00 pm in Riverside Park.
- 8/5/17 **Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club Chicken BBQ**, Sherman Rd.. 1 - 4 pm Call 845-647-5190. \$10 pp
- 8/9/17 **Crossing Hudson-Napanoch** concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)
- 8/9/17- **Evolver** Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive
- 8/13/17 Tobey Pomerantz Memorial **All You Can-Eat Chicken BBQ** 1-4pm-Jewish Center 24 Minnewaska Trail Kerhonkson
- 8/16/17 **Soul City-Napanoch** concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)
- 8/16/17 - **Jazzmosis** Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive
- 7/21-8/13/17 Shado wland Stages continues its 33rd season with "**The Foreigner**," a comedy by Larry Shu
- 8/5/17 **Walker Valley -Valley-wide yard sale** on August 5, 2017 kellipalinkas@yahoo.com for info
- 8/18- 8/20/17 The 138th Grahamsville Little World's Fair -Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/23/17 - **Break Away-Napanoch** concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)
- 8/23/17 - **Breakneck Annie** Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive
- 8/26/17 **Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ** - 4 pm - 7 pm
- 8/26/17 **Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** Claryville Firehouse
- 8/30/17 **Rivers Edge-Napanoch** concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)
- 8/30/17 - **Slam Allen** **Rock Hill Summer Concert Series**6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

Time and the Valleys Museum located on Rt. 55 (Mains St.) in Grahamsville is open through Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. Current exhibitions: **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactivities such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more; **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel; and **Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s**, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The **Neversink Renaissance Barn Quilt Tour** is available anytime Brochures with a map for each Barn Quilt tour are available at the Sundown Camp & Bait Shop, Grahamsville Deli, the Neversink General Store, the Blue Hill Lodge and Neversink and Denning Town Hall).

Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm get fresh produce and more at the **Neversink Farmer's Market** on Rt. 55 in Neversink (parking lot of Neversink General Store).

The **Claryville Art Center** is now showing the creations of artist **John Bradford** and world famous artist **Alex Kaletsky**; The **Claryville Art Center** is right next to the **Blue Hill Lodge** that is opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy good food and a refreshing cold beer with your meal or a relaxing glass of wine.

There is plenty to do in Tri-Valley. If you are a resident, and haven't visited the Time and The Valleys Museum, The Claryville Art Center, or attended any of the annual events, this is the time to do it!

If you are waiting for a parking spot at the **Blue Hole** - don't waste time - have some fun while you wait! And if you are a visitor to the area, be sure to enjoy some of these special summertime activities.



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If you are a Tri-Valley resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the **"Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales"** listing that will be published in the July 26th issue of *The Townsman* - see page page 13 for the listing form.

The **"Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales"** will be held Sat., July 29 & Sun., July 30



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2. George Macready
1. Ava Gardner
Answers:

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia Classic Films on TCM TCM PRIMETIME

This time it's Saturday afternoon on TCM **Seven Days in May** (Drama, 1964)
An American military officer discovers his superiors are planning a military coup. A classic of suspense directed by John Frankenheimer (*The Manchurian Candidate*) and written for the screen by Rod Serling (*The Twilight Zone*). Directed by, **John Frankenheimer**, starring: **Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas, Fredric March.** Starting at 12:00 PM, Saturday afternoon July 29, 2017 CC, Rated TV-14, B/W, 118 min.

Quiz:
1. Who played Eleanor Holbrook?
2. Who played Christopher Todd?

Is this what happened to John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, who was assassinated on Friday, November 22, 1963 at 12:30 pm. Central Standard Time in Dallas, and hundreds of others murdered in the cover up, financed by the one percent and foreign banking cartels?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

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

August 26 - **Annual Chicken BBQ** 4-7 pm Call John 985-7065 or Louise 985-2028 for tickets.

GRAHAMSVILLE
This Saturday - July 29 -Grahamsville UMC Super Yard and Thrift Sale 9 am - 2 pm on the lawn near the Grahamsville UM Church - next to the Time & the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.

August 8 -Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale (9am - 12:30pm) and Luncheon (11 am-1 pm)

Aug 19 -Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon

NEVERSINK
Neversink Farmers' Market every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Route 55, Neversink, NY (Neversink General Store parking lot)

CLARYVILLE
John Bradford American Tales Exhibition at the Claryville Art Center, 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. The exhibit will be on view through August 14th.

August 20 - **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** at Claryville Firehouse - 7 am to Noon

Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair All Vendors are wanted! Saturday August 26th 2017 Rain or Shine 10 AM - 4 PM For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer 845-985-2943; email at jmpisan12@gmail.com or Jean 845-985-7479. Payments and registration need to be submitted by August 4th.

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