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**Out Together Stocking Fish for the** Sullivan County Sportsman Federation



Eric Akerley took a moment to take this picture of the Buley brothers near the Beaverkill Bridge in Livingston Manor. The three brothers, Harold, Irving and Arnold, along with Eric, are members of the Sportsman Federation who have been helping stock fish throughout Sullivan County

#### **George L. Cooke Elementary School Students** Visit Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library



The first-grade students at George L. Cooke Elementary School visited the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello. During the trip, which was coordinated by Jane Sorenson of the Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) program, students toured the library, listened to stories read by staff, found out how to apply for a library card and learned about the many services that the library offers the community. After the tour, the students let their creative sides shine through with a Makerspace activity.

Before the students headed back to Cooke, they each received a calendar from Miss Cheryl (aka Youth Services Librarian Cheryl Jones) detailing the many events that the library has planned

during July and August to help students keep reading and learning all summer long. "It was a wonderful experience," Joana Dutcher, one of the Cooke teachers who visited with her class, said.

Live Performance - Sizzlin' 60's! ...at the Time and the Valleys Museum



Catskill Readers Theatre Performers, left to right: Albee Bockman, Cookie House, Sally Gladden, Bunny Woloszczak and Peter Nastasi.

[Grahamsville, N.Y] On Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. the Catskill Readers' Theatre will perform *Sizzlin' 60's!* at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. The program is a unique, original, multimedia presentation honoring the decade that changed America and the 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Festival. (Contd. Pg. 3)

#### The Villa Roma Resort Honored



The Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon was re-cently honored for its two decades of service to the children of Sullivan County. Over the years, the Villa Roma has partnered with the Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program to sponsor D.A.R.E. Day. Students who write winning D.A.R.E. essays in their respective school districts are invited with their families to lunch and to enjoy the use of the facili-

ties at the Villa Roma for the day. Presenting a plaque of appreciation for the Sullivan County Legislature is legislative chair Luis Alvarez (l). Presenting for the Sheriff's Office is Sheriff Mike Schiff (r). Accepting the honors is Villa Roma VP Paul Carlucci (center). Flanking the trio are the School Resource Officers from the Sheriff's Youth Division.

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### **Fallsburg Graduates Honored**



Fallsburg Board of Education President Debra Barbiani, FHS Salutatorian Hayley Weiner and FCSD Superintendent of Schools Ivan Katz.

# At the Annual Academic Achievement Dinner for

Sullivan County High School Graduates, Fallsburg High School seniors, Jahaira Cordero as Valedictorian, Hayley Weiner as Salutatorian and Bayleigh Dinkel as Third in the class were honored. The event honors the top 4% of each school. Hayley received her award and Jahaira and Baleigh, who were on a class trip, were unable to attend the dinner at Solaia in Monticello on May 30, 2019 and received their awards later.

#### **Monticello Students Honored at the Annual OCIAA Senior Breakfast**



Aiden Johnson, the recipient of the 2019 Scholar Athlete award and Sarah Grodin. this year's female

recipient of the award.

Aiden Johnson was honored at the Orange annual County Interscholastic Athletic Association's (OCIAA) senior breakfast as one of Monticello's Scholar Athlete award recipients. This annual award is pre-

sented by the OCIAA to one female and one male student from each OCIAA school, who ranks in the top 20 percent of his or her class, participates in at least one varsity sport, and is an above-average athlete who demonstrates outstanding citizenship.

Aiden is the captain of the Monticello baseball and boys basketball team. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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#### **OBITUARY**

Martha M. Wilcox of Roscoe, NY, a Registered Nurse for Sullivan County Public Health Nursing and a 150 airmen from Stewart Air Base in Newburgh continlongtime area resident died Friday, June 7, 2019 at her home. She was 57.

The daughter of Mary Ann Seitz Pike and the late John T. Pike, she was born March 20, 1962 in Howard Beach, NY.

Martha was a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) and had previously worked as a Corrections Officer for the Sullivan County Sheriffs Department. She enjoyed auc- Promontory Point. The G & P has taken two years to tions and working on her hobby farm.

Survivors include her husband, Daniel L. Wilcox, Sr.; two sons, Daniel L. Wilcox, Jr. and Shawn T. Wilcox and her future daughter-in-law, Michaela Schaefer; her switches and seeming miles of rolling terrain all combine mother, Mary Ann Pike; one brother, Charles Pike and to make the G & P a treat for the whole family. The pike his wife Jo Anne; one sister, Debbie Pike-Thomas and her husband Lincoln; and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made in Martha's name to Roscoe Cares C/O Mrs. Debbie Hendrickson, Monday; and Saturday nights from 7 to 10 pm. 154 Rockland Road, Roscoe, NY 12776.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the David Groo farm on Big Hollow Road. Harris Funeral Home Railroad Ave., Roscoe, NY. 607-498-4929 or 845-439-5200 or www. Harris-FH.com

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Kindness Act

I locked my car at the Post Office and then realized there was no way to get back in as the loch key was inside and I had none in my pocket.

While talking to the working in the Post Office about my problem, Anita Jones cam in and asked what my problem was.

She took time to take me home, waiting until I got my extra bag, then brought me back to the Post Office and I could get my car.

Her kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Anita

Fran Fuller

#### **DAYS OF YORE...** .. Today's History

June 15, 1949

Vincent de Paul Zanetti of Grahamsville was graduated on Sunday, June 12th from the College of Agriculture, Rutgers University with a degree of Bachelor of Science. Mr. Zanetti attended the University for three years prior to his enlistment in the Navy Air Corps, where he served for three and one half years as a dive bomber pilot aboard the U.S.S. Carrier Essex. He returned to college this year to finish his course in Poultry Pathology under the nationally known Dr. Beaudette. Mr. and Mrs. Zanetti and their daughter Diane will make their home in Grahamsville where he will partner with his father-in-law, Robert T. Many, in the poultry business. A new house is being constructed on the Many farm for their occupancy in the near future.

In Main, a suspected poacher was questioned by game protectors as to keeping illegal fish. The poacher denied the charge and a search failed to reveal any illegal fish until one of the wardens asked him to remove his hat - out came fifteen four inch trout. Undoubtedly, a case of a fisherman using his head!

Mr. and Mrs. P. Martin got a cemetery cleaning bee for last Sunday at which a goodly crowd showed up and did a fine job of cleaning the Furman Cemetery.

#### June 17, 1959

Town people were alerted to the fact that a boy was lost near the Winnisook Lake, when the local Fire Department was called Sunday morning about ten o'clock and asked for volunteers to aid in the search. A large group of men from the area responded to the call. David Raleigh, five hear old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Raleigh of Fayetteville, vanished shortly after he and his parents were caught in heavy rain and thunderstorm last Saturday, while out in a boat fishing. Heading for the shore where they had been staying at a hunting lodge, the parents told the boy to run for the lodge while they took care of the boat. Minutes later when they reached the lodge the boy was missing. The theory that David was drowned was virtually ruled out

on Monday, following a search of the lake for two nights with underwater lights and an underwater search by State Police Skin divers. A searching party swelled by about ued the search. As of this writing, Wednesday, there is little hope that David would be found alive.

Upwards of 150 interested persons attended the Golden Spike Ceremony of the Grahamsville and Peekamoose Shortline Model Railroad in Grahamsville, Sunday afternoon. The spike was driven at precisely 4:00 PM amid the popping of flash bulbs much as in 1869 when Col. John Savage exploded his wet plate at complete and fills the basement of the Wakefield home. Thirteen hundred feet of track, 15,000 ties, 30,000 spikes, 14 transformers, 6 selenium rectifiers, 117 relays, 26 will be operated on Wednesday nights 7 to 10 and Sunday 2 to 5 pm for the remainder of June. July and August will see daily operations from 2 to 5 pm with the exception of

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klothe have bought the old

Dad is the guy who mows the lawn,

Spanks the kids, puts up the screens, And goes to work with 'brains and brawn

To bring home bacon and beans KUM TO KRUM'S Remember Dad on Father's Day

The dining room of the 'Little Red House' on Sundown Road, with its attractive cabinets of rare antiques and walls decorated with beautiful hand paintings will open its doors to the public at 8 am on Father's Day, June 21st. Best wishes for success to the 'Little Red House' and its Proprietor, Mrs. Ralph Countryman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly and son, Tommy have moved from Woodbourne to the apartment in the Myers Groo house.

#### June 11, 1969

The 1st Annual Horse Show put on by the 4-H Horse Clubs of Sullivan County, sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Department will be held on Friday, July 4th (rain date-Saturday, July 5th) on the Firemen's Grounds starting at 10:00 am 1 sharp. The show will be open to all and in a variety of classes including barrel racing, open jumper, pole bending, showmanship, breakthe-gate and out, horsemanship and pleasure classes

Mr. Richard H. Dickerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dickerman of Red Hill Knolls, and Miss Claudette McBroom, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. McBroom of Herman, NY were united in marriage on Saturday, May 31st at the home of Judge Harry Bailey. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dickerman are both in the service of the U.S.A.F. and are living in Syracuse, NY.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crum sponsored a Trail Ride on Sunday. There were 46 riders who covered 26 miles. The ride was taken through Sholam and the Lundy estate. All returned for a chicken barbeque at the Crum's.

Sunday, June 1st proved to be very special for Jimmy Rennison. The day began with Jimmy making his First Holy Communion - an exciting event for a seven year old. After a family dinner everyone attended the Horse Pulling Contest in Grahamsville. During the course of the events a greased pig was turned loose and all the children up to age 12 were to try to catch it and Jimmy won the contest. At the end of the affaire a drawing for a pony was held and guess who won? Jimmy! A happy ending to a memorable day.

#### June 7, 1979

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Little World's Fair, held annually at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds. One of this year's highlights will be a Centennial Queen. The judging will take place on July 20th and/or July 21st, depending on the number of contestants. This contest is open to year-round residents of Sullivan County between the ages of 15 and 21. The Queen's purse will contain substantial cash prizes and other valuable gifts.

Seaman Edward K. Gruner is spending a four-day leave at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lee Gruner after his graduation top of his class in Balic Electronic School, Orlando, Fla. Seaman Guner will go on to Vallejo, California where he will be studying Computer repair. (Contd. Pg. 3)

#### A Round About Tri-Valley - Carol Furman

Congratulations to Jamie Dymond Brooks, the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Director, who received the 2019 "Outstanding Friend To Education Award". The award was presented to her by the Sullivan County School Boards Association at their annual dinner. What a nice honor!

The bus was packed full of folks, mostly seniors, who went to see "On Your Feet", the Gloria Estefan Story, at the Westchester Dinner Theatre on May 30th. The dinner was delicious and the show was wonderful. Thanks, Jamie, for organizing this wonderful day for us.

Did you happen to notice our beautifully painted dove in Bi-centennial Square? The dove represents love and peace and is a reminder that this is the 50th anniversary of "Woodstock". An originally painted dove is being placed or has already been placed in every Sullivan County town. The Town of Neversink dove was beautifully painted by Margaret Helthaler.

I was so sorry to hear that the Tri-Valley Boys Varsity Baseball Team lost to Pine Plains, 5-3, in the Section 9, Class C title game. Tri-Valley has a very talented team and performed beautifully all season.

The Tri-Valley Varsity Track and Field Team had a number of athletes qualify to participate in the NYS track and field competition, which, I believe, this year will be held in Middletown. The 8th annual running of the Sullivan County Soap Box Derby was held in Liberty on June 1st. Participating in the stock and/or super stock classes from the Tri-Valley Elementary School were: Lauren Stoutenburg, Luz Guerra, Anthony Ingrassia, Tyler Conjura and Gregson McKenna. The weather was beautiful and the kids did well and had fun!

The Tri-Valley National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held in the Bernstein Theatre on June 3rd. The students inducted excelled in scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Mr. Brian Tingley, Tri-Valley science teacher, was the guest speaker and pointed out several times that those being inducted had a 90 average or above for the past 6 marking periods. These students can certainly be proud of their accomplishments! The 4th grade band and chorus performed at an assembly on June 5th. Most, if not all of these 4th graders, only began singing in a group or playing their instrument in September or October of this school year. They performed very well!

Some very nice things I have noticed as I travel around our Town of Neversink: A very nice flower bed and sign has been constructed across from the fairgrounds covered bridge, town flower boxes have been planted, folks have been busy planting the flower garden by the transfer station, the hanging baskets are up and looking good, folks have begun painting and sprucing-up their properties, the Heartbeat Music Hall has two attractive new signs, the school and the cemetery always look neat and well cared for. These things just don't automatically happen and I personally thank the volunteers and workers who work so hard to make our community look so nice! I do, however, wish some group or young people would adopt the flower box located at the First Aid Building. The F.A. Squad members have enough to do without caring for that flower box. (It's got to be someone who can get up and down more easily than I can!)

**Words of Wisdom:** Bear in mind that children of all ages have one thing in common - they close their ears to advice and open their eyes to example. (The Tablet) People who tell you never to let little things bother you have never tried sleeping in the room with a fly! (anon)

#### DAYS OF YORE...Today's History

(From Pg. 2) George and Mary Lee Haag of Low's Corners celebrated their 13th Wedding Anniversary June 4th and dined out at the Red Barn Restaurant in Swan Lake. Also along were Dick and Elsie Wynkoop who too, were celebrating their Wedding Anniversary.

brating their Wedding Anniversary. The Daniel Pierce Library President Katherine Matzinger and trustees wish to thank all who donated or gave of their time to the first Penny Social that the Library has run. Do not miss the wonderful photographic exhibit now at the library. Ms. Michel Heron of Red Hill has a panoramic display of her photographs of Scotland the the Appalachians.

Charlie and Ruth Cross attended a dinner at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill honoring Father John Maher's 40th year as a priest.

## Live Performance - Sizzlin' 60's!

**at the Time and the Valleys Museum** (From Pg. 1) Using music and song, power point, literary selections, historical facts and points to ponder, performers Albee Bockman, Cookie House, Sally Gladden, Bunny Woloszczak and Peter Nastasi from the Catskill Readers' Theatre give a lively and unique performance on the 1960sThe audience is invited to come dressed in 60's garb! Way out!

Admission to the program is free for Time and the Valley Museum members, and \$5 for non-members, which includes light refreshments and Museum admission. For further information please contact Donna Steffens at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

About the Catskill Readers' Theatre: The Catskill Readers' Theatre was formed in 2016 under the direction of Sally Gladden. Readers' Theatre is a special form of theatre in which the performers do perform, but with their scripts. Acting concentration is on voice, facial expressions and bodily stance, with a touch of costuming and props tossed in when warranted. The script is designed to feature a theme (often at the request of the group), then many revisions and rehearsals are important as we individualize each program for the intended audiences. Founding performers are: Sally Gladden, Paul Puerschner, Albee Bockman, Fran Schiff, Ellen Pavloff, Peter Nastasi, Cookie House and Bunny Woloszczack and the group is open to new talent for future productions. For more info: Call Sally 845-434-0209, or email: gladsally@gmail.com.

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

• Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

• 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.

• WOW: Water on Water! watercolor paintings of the watersheds

• 1930s Lost Catskill Farm which includes a 1870s barn, milk house, outhouse, electric plant, workshop with working water wheel and 1880s farm house. Open Weekends ONLY.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday.

As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

#### Neversink Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano Honored by NYS Town Clerks Association

Lisa Garigliano of the Town of Neversink has been awarded recertification as Registered Municipal Clerk (RMC) by the New York State Town Clerks Association for achieving its high educational, experience and participatory requirements.

Ms. Garigliano has been serving as Town Clerk since January 2004 and is also a member of the NYS Town Clerks Association.

She attained her designation as Registered Municipal Clerk through a combination of numerous hours of education and leadership in various professional and civic organizations.

This statewide Certification Program was launched in 1997 in conjunction with the NYS Association of City and Village Clerks. The program aids Municipal Clerks in improving job performance and recognizes the professionalism of the Municipal Clerks office. Specific education and experience requirements must be achieved before this prestigious designation of Registered Municipal Clerk is awarded. Qualifications of applicants are reviewed and approved by the NYS Town Clerks Certification Committee.

#### **Sullivan County Philatelic Society**

The June meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society was held on June 8th at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center in Monticello. They had a ten lot foreign and U.S. stamp auction as well as the two types of postal on sale.

We have been advised by the club's artist, Bob Longo and former President Max Cohen, that they are working with the U.S. Postal Service to produce a new Woodstock cancel for its 50th Anniversary. More on this when available.

There was also a trading session, door prizes and some give-aways. Refreshments wee served by Paul Wilson, a club member. Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

#### Spread the Good News and a Few Milkweekd Seeds

Have you noticed all the 'green' that has replaced the 'brown' ? Now with the weather clearing up a bit we are able to get outdoors more often. Young milkweed shoots that were just a few inches tall a week ago, are now over a foot tall, or even taller in some sunny spots.

Milkweed is one of the plants that bring back fond memories for most of us. Whether it was the soft perfumed blossoms, opening a seed



pod to feel the silky soft down inside, chasing a fuzzy single seed that was caught by the wind, or helping one of our children find a chrysalis of a monarch butterfly for a school project, each stage of the milkweed left its mark in our minds. The milkweed plant has captured the attention of humans for thousands of years.

The scientific name, Asclepias,

was given to the Milkweed by Carolus Linnaeus in the 18th century This time of the year you will usually find the the young shoots of the milkweed near the dead stalks of last year's plants. The plant flourishes in open fields and meadows, along roadsides and at the forest edges, growing in dense colonies that sometimes fill a field with green stalks. The common milkweed, Asclepias syriacqa, is one of the best known wild plants in the Catskills; in fact, throughout North America.

Milkweed is easily identified. The leaves grow in opposite pairs along the stalk with short stems. They are elongated ovals, veined and thick. The stalk and undersides of the leaves are covered with fine hairs. The flower bud clusters appear in spring, looking a bit like bunches of broccoli. Once the sweet-smelling flowers open in early summer, they can range from white to pink or purple.

In late summer milkweed plants produce the familiar pointed, okra-like seedpods which are popular in dried flower arrangements. These range from three to five inches long when mature and contain seeds and silk that helps the seeds "fly" to their next destination. All parts of the plant will exude a white, milky latex substance if broken.

The "milk" is not the sap of the plant but a special secretion. Extremely bitter, it serves as a protection against most nibbling and grazing animals.

Milkweed was widely eaten by Native Americans and early European immigrants. Native Americans also used the fibrous stems to make nets, cordage, and basketry The common milkweed has been identified in artifacts believed to be nearly 3,000 years old.

During WWII hundreds of tons of milkweed pods were gathered by school children and the silky fluff was processed and became a substitute for kapok, used to pad life jackets and flying suits. Milkweed floss has the same density as goose down and is an even better insulator. Currently, there is renewed interest in Europe for creating textiles containing milkweed floss.

These weeds are not only useful, let's not forget their beauty in the garden. The common milkweed, looks uncommonly good in a perennial border. All are great additions to natural plantings especially for gardeners who are looking to attract Monarch butterflies.

Milkweed and Monarchs began gaining attention in 1991 when over 75% of wintering Monarchs from North America froze to death in Mexico as a result of sub-freezing temperatures. Scientists and researchers report the number of wintering Monarchs in the Mexican mountains has continued to decrease. Should this pattern continue, the migration of the Monarchs could be lost.

Researchers also claim that the nationwide shortage of milkweed coupled with freak weather patterns are destroying more and more of their habitat each year, "We are literally losing ground."

Fortunately, milkweed does and can grow strong and healthy in the Catskills. Plant a seed and inspire others to learn how to do the same. You may be lucky enough to know someone who saved some of those fluffy down seeds from last fall, or you can even purchase them on Ebay or Amazon!

#### **Household Hints**

#### **Clean Refrigerators**

A mix of salt and soda water can be used to wipe out and deodorize the inside of your refrigerator, a nice way to keep chemical cleaners away from your food.

#### Charlie 316

Mysterious Book Report No. 376

by John Dwaine McKenna

<u>JUNE 13, 2019</u>



*Charlie 316*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$18.95, 398 pages, ISBN 978-1-948235-68-6) by Colin Conway & Frank Zafrino, is an electrifying and propulsive police procedural that takes place in Spokane, Washington . . . out near the Idaho state line. It combines elements of race, heroism, crime, treachery, violence and murder into a tale that you just can't stop reading because there's no end to the plot twists and turns. They keep on coming, one after another.

Written by two Spokane Police Department Officers, (Conway five years, Zafrino twenty years and retired as a captain,) The novel begins when SWAT officer Tyler Garrett stops a reckless driver. Garrett is a poster child and model officer for the SPD: good looking, college educated, politically connected, decorated for bravery . . . and black . . . on a mostly white police force. But, only moments after making the routine traffic stop – something he's done a thousand times – Officer Garrett is

But, only moments after making the routine traffic stop – something he's done a thousand times – Officer Garrett is ambushed by gunfire from a nearby house. As he dives for cover, the reckless driver turns and pulls a weapon as Garrett returns fire . . . killing the man and chasing the second shooter in the house away. Community support, and the legend, of Tyler Garrett grows. He's publicly hailed as a hero.

Serious problems start to arise when SPD Internal Affairs Investigators determine that the reckless driver was shot in the back, and his gun has disappeared. Overnight the Police Department, City Hall, local news and even the national news media are looking into just what happened that night as the whole country focuses on police brutality and with racial roles reversed, Tyler Garrett's case is at the center of attention.

With time running out, Garrett has to take matters into his own hands, as he tries to find the other shooter and clear his name, before the stunning and shattering conclusion that will leave you shaking your head and wishing for more!

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#### Monticello Students Honored at the Annual OCIAA Senior Breakfast

(From Pg. 1) He also plays travel baseball, participates in the trap shooting club and has played for the boys soccer team in the past. He is a student of Monticello High School's prestigious

He is a student of Monticello High School's prestigious Academy of Finance (AOF) and serves as the AOF's secretary.

tary. "I had no idea that I was going to win this award," Aiden said. "I was so honored."

After graduation, he plans on attending Siena College to study secondary education, citing his mother as an inspiration. "My mother is a teacher's assistant, and I've been able to

"My mother is a teacher's assistant, and I've been able to visit her classroom and see what her job entails" he said. "It's definitely something that I would love to do. I'd love to be a coach, also. I definitely have to thank my parents and coaches for helping me throughout the years. They're always pushing me to be my best."

"Aiden is an exceptional athlete and dedicated student," Superintendent of Schools Tammy Mangus said. "He demonstrates the leadership qualities that bring out the best in everyone around him. I was so excited to learn that he hopes to use these gifts to mold the lives of others as an educator and I know he will go on to accomplish great things in life."

#### "Fishing is Plentiful in Sullivan County; We want to keep it that way!" Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Initiates Tyler TerBush and William Brenner as New Members by William A. Brenner

by William A. Brenner The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club initiated Tyler TerBush and William Brenner as new members at their June 6th monthly meeting. This increases their total

membership to 33 members. They meet on the 1st Thursday, after the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the First Aid Squad Building.

It was a fast, short and busy meeting. Treasurer Harold Buley reported that during the month of May, members and volunteers traveled about 700 mile throughout Sullivan County stocking about 60,000 trout throughout the county streams, lakes and reservoirs.

Member Hank Samyn said this included stocking salmon and 9-inch brown trout in the Neversink Reservoir.

President Gary TerBush proudly announced, "Fishing is plentiful in Sullivan County. We want to keep it that way!"

The most animated discussion was about the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club "Special Raffle". The only prize is Sfoot long "Bamboo Fly Rod", custom made by member George Smith. George's handmade bamboo fly rods are famously known and treasured among the eastern coast fresh water fisherman. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Pg. 4) This prize bamboo fly rod took over 60 hours to build and apply several layers of varnish, which has just recently dried. The numbered tickets cost \$5.00 and states the "Drawing after 300 tickets are sold". The problem is the tickets are selling like hot cakes. So the members voted unanimously to move the ticket drawing up to the date of the Grahamsville Fair.

A conservationist to the heart, George says that he hopes and wishes that this delicate fly rod is won by a young boy or girl who want to learn the art of fly fish-

ing He worries that it might be won by some city folk who won't put it to proper use. George promised if some country boy or girl wins, he will personally teach them how to properly fly fish.

The members voted to contribute \$100.00 to the "Hunt of a Lifetime" organization. This group takes sick children on a hunting trip.

Please remember the Father and Son fishing day at the Beaver Dam fishing lake Ulster Heights on Sunday, June 16th.



Hank Samyn announced the winners of the May spring turkey hunt. He brought to the meeting several large turkey claws and, in a plastic bag, several turkey beards. 1st place went to Todd Buley (Beard 9 inches, Spurs 2 inches). Second place went to Arnold Buley (Beard 8 inches, Spurs 11/2 inches).

At the end of the meeting, President Gary TerBush brought in a blueberry/cranberry pie.

The next meeting is on or about July 4th at 7:30PM. For the exact date, call Secretary Harold Buley at (845) 985-2813.

#### Senior Stroll on Hurleyville Rail Trails

Hurleyville, NY The public is invited to join a Senior Stroll on Wednesday, June 12th at 3:00pm along the Hurleyville Rail Trail in Hurleyville, NY. This group outing is the second in a monthly series aimed at engaging folks age 60 and up to come out and enjoy several beautiful beginner trails in Sullivan County. The trip leader is Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor..

This outing is 1.5 miles in length on a smooth paved rail trail. The route will pass by wetlands and through a rock cut dating back to the early days of the O&W railroad.



Hurleyville Rail Trail parking area, adjacent to the Pickled Owl restaurant on Main Street in Hurleyville. The outing will be cancelled only if extreme weather. SENIOR STROLLS OUTDOORS proudly participates in the Sullivan Club 180 Campaign. Created by Sullivan 180, the Sullivan Club 180 Campaign is an easy way for everyone to take charge of their own health by joining or creating their own Club 180.

REGISTRATION is required. Call Morgan Outdoors (845) 439-5507 by 12:00pm Wednesday, June 12th or email to info@morgan-outdoors.com. The outing will be cancelled if heavy rain is forecast.

#### Adult and Continuing Education Program of Sullivan BOCES John Street Education Center Moving

The Adult and Continuing Education Program of Sullivan BOCES, located at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello, is moving its offices. Effective June 17, 2019, BOCES will locate the program in the BOCES administration building at 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754. All phone numbers will remain the same.

If someone is attending a class at a location other than the St. John Street Education Center, the course will continue to run as is, unless the instructor indicates otherwise.

The adult program at Sullivan BOCES looks forward to continuing to serve and support individuals as they pursue their personal goals, and remains committed to providing prompt, courteous, and consistent service from their new location.

If you have questions, please call the adult education office Tuesday through Thursday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at (845) 295-4915.

For details on upcoming courses, visit schoces.org/adulted. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



Participants should be able to walk 1.5 miles unassisted and permission have from their doctor if under medical care. There will be hiking poles available to use at no cost, with simple coaching on how to use them to improve stability and enjoyment. Meet at the Rail



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### the Olive Jar-By Carol Olsen LaMonda FREE!

Yard sales are popping up like mushrooms after this rainy spring. After the sale is over, a cardboard box with hand-lettered, magic marker capital letters appears at the curb. It is marked FREE. Did you ever stop to see what is inside? There are certain items that, even at a yard sale, will never sell. Why? Because they are so obsolete and useless that even at ten cents, no one wants them.

Here is a list of things that lurk in attics and basements that have absolutely no use in our modern world. Some actually

#### **Boater Safety Class - FREE**

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit will host a two-day New York State Boater's Safety Course on Wednesday June 12th and Thursday June 13th, 2019. The class will be held from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Youngsville Fire Dept. - 1822 Shandelee Rd, Youngsville, NY 12791. You must be at least 10 years old to attend and must pass a written test at the end of the session.

Anyone born after May 1, 1996 is now required to pass an approved course in boater education in order operate a motorboat in New York State. All operators of personal watercraft (jet skis/wave runners), regardless of birthday, must possess the boater safety certificate and be at least 14 years old.

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

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

#### Sullivan County Poet Laureate Inaugural Event & Unveiling of the Village of Monticello Dove

Mark Blackford, the first-ever Sullivan County Poet Laureate, will be recognized formally at a public ceremony on Saturday, June 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library.

All are welcome for poetry and refreshments and to provide encouragement as Mark Blackford begins a year of public engagements.

The Poet Laureate position is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and is administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Additional financial support is provided by the Friends of the Mamakating Library, the Friends of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, the Catskill Art Society, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and by Lynn Skolnick.

The Village of Monticello dove, a part of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Dove Trail, will reside on the grounds of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library and will be unveiled following recognition of the County Poet Laureate. Please stay to see this work of art in tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Woodstock Festival created by local artist Kim Flynn. The Village dove will sit along Broadway for the summer to be moved to one of the sculpture pedestals along-side the library for permanent placement in the fall.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway, Monticello, N.Y. For more information call (845)794-4660

#### CCE Sullivan Launches Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market

at Monticello: Monday, July 1st 11am-2pm Starting July 1st, 2019, Sullivan County residents and visitors will get to experience the all new Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello. Every Monday in July and August, from 11am-2pm, local farmers, vendors, and community organizations will gather at 10 Jefferson Street, on the lawn in front of the Sullivan County Government Center, and behind the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center. There is ample free parking adjacent to the farmers' market, which is just steps from downtown Monticello. Market shoppers will be treated to special, fun events and activities throughout the summer. had great value in their time, but have been replaced with the next generation of styles, fads and gadgetry.

- skate key; camera requiring film and developing; beeper/pager; typewriter; fax machine; mimeograph machine and paper; whiteout and carbon paper; panty-hose, stockings and garter belt; a slip (lingerie); antimacassars cassette and eight-track players

I wonder what will be in next year's FREE box at the curb. Technology and style is forever evolving. Anyone thing that bellbottoms and Nehru jackets may make a come-back? I have some you can have for FREE.

Four years ago, with support from the Sullivan County Department of Public Health Services and Sullivan Renaissance, Catskill Mountainkeeper jumpstarted the farmers' markets in Monticello and Liberty. With the Liberty market taking off and ready for extra attention, Catskill Mountainkeeper is transitioning the market in Monticello to Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE Sullivan) to spark its own reinvention. CCE Sullivan is currently accepting applications from new local vendors, farmers, and non-profit organizations to join the market. There is a 1-page application which can be obtained by contacting CCE Sullivan.

"The entire team at CCE Sullivan is excited to help connect local farmers with community members at the new Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello. Residents and visitors have a convenient source for freshly harvested, nutritious fruits and vegetables, and value-added specialty items like jams, honey, granola, and maple syrup, all summer long. The Sullivan Fresh market is also a community meeting place: where people can engage with farmers and their neighbors while learning about volunteer opportunities, nutrition, wellness, and more," explained Melinda Meddaugh, CCE Sullivan Agriculture & Food Systems Issue Leader.

CCE Sullivan will also manage the SNAP and Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) at the Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello. Those who receive SNAP/EBT benefits are able to redeem their benefits for wooden tokens, which can be used like cash throughout the market on eligible items which include: fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, cheese, bread, and more.

In addition, those who meet income requirements may receive a booklet of FMNP or Senior FMNP checks to use on fruits and vegetables at the market. To learn more about these programs, visit: www.homegrownwithheart.com/use-yourbenefits.

For more information on the Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market at Monticello contact CCE Sullivan by email atsullivanfresh@cornell.edu, by phone at 845-292-6180 or by visiting the website at www.sullivancee.org.

#### Fallen Vietnam Veteran Harold Huggs to be Honored at Alma Mater Rondout Valley High School

KINGSTON, NY - The office of Assemblyman Kevin A. Cahill will be hosting an honorary ceremony in remembrance of Fallen Vietnam Veteran Harold Huggs on Monday June 10th at the Rondout Valley High School Track. In conjunction with RVHS Track and Field team, students, family, classmates and local officials will participate in a flag-raising and honorary lap in recognition of Harold's sacrifice for our freedom.

Private First Class Harold Huggs was a resident of Accord, New York. He joined the United States Army in March 1968 and was only 20 years old when he died in Long Khanh, South Vietnam on June 27, 1969 when struck by artillery rounds directed at a hostile force. He was a 1966 Rondout Valley High School graduate and avid track and field athlete prior to enlisting in the Army. It was a tragedy to lose someone so young, just three days before his 21st birthday.

The ceremony is to be held at 2:15PM on Monday June 10, 2019 at the Rondout Valley High School football field. There will be a gathering to follow with light refreshments provided in the band room beside the field.



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#### Dr. Azizi Seixas Presents

Sleep Well! Live Well! The Importance of Sleep

[FERNDALE] – Sullivan 180 welcomes Dr. Azizi Seixas, Assistant Professor at NYU School of Medicine, in the Department of Population Health and Psychiatry and NBC Sleep Expert, as guest speaker for the bi-monthly Take Charge of Your Health Series. In his presentation, Dr. Seixas will discuss the role of sleep to overall health, the consequences of chronic sleep deficit and tips on how to get a good night's rest. The presentation is on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at SUNY Sullivan in the Seelig Theatre.

The importance of adequate sleep is often overlooked when we think about achieving and sustaining good health and yet sleep impacts almost every aspect of our health and wellbeing from maintaining a healthy weight, to our mental and emotional wellbeing. We live in a society where chronic sleep deprivation is rampant and accepted as normal. Starting with young people and through all stages of life, many people do not receive adequate sleep. We often dismiss this lack of sleep as a necessary accommodation in our modern and digitally fast paced lives. Dr. Seixas will help us understand the real cost to our health of not receiving adequate sleep and ways we can improve our sleep habits. It is an issue that affects us on both a personal and community level.

Dr. Seixas' research and work includes: sleep and cardiovascular disease disparities, long-term health consequences of cardiovascular disease (CVD) disparities, and developing adaptive, group-tailored, and personalized behavior modification interventions, with the use of machine learning analytical tools, to improve health and well-being.

The informative and encouraging evening will include healthy refreshments. The event is free, but registration is required. To register visit www.Sullivan180.org or call Sullivan 180 at (845)295-2680.

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle.

#### EPL&M's 8-Week "Sing with Your Baby" Program is Offered Courtesy of \$900 Stewart's Holiday Match Grant



ELLENVILLE, NY June 3, 2019 - Up, running and expanding since its May 22 launch, "Sing with Your Baby," - a special program for infants and young children accompanied by a parent or caregiver - is an eight-week, Ellenville Public Library & Museum program (EPL&M). (Contd. Pg. 11)



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#### **Neversink Renaissance** Town Clean-up and **Beautification Program**

Neversink Renaissance Town clean-up and beautification efforts are almost over. We got quite a bit accomplished this year with the help of some of you who volunteered to pull weeds, spread mulch

We just finished hanging all the flower baskets and a big thank ou to Russ Scheirer, John Story, Brian Harnett, Joe Bagley, Walt Z, Maria Jeltsch, Jordan Balzano and John Garigliano for all their help. We had over 180 baskets to hang and without these folks and their trucks and trailers it never would have happened. And a big thanks to Kyle Polomcean and Brett Bagley, our interns, who will be taking care of these beautiful plants thru the season. I also want to thank everyone for their patience this year. It is a transition year and there were some hiccups, but I think we got much of it resolved. If not,

Our last big effort is by far the best. We will be supporting the Town in completing the renovations of Bicentennial Park and Town Hall. I will be sending info to all of you when the Town is ready for us to come in and help. This is for our town, our community we live in and take pride in, so I'm hoping to see a lot of volunteers to help

Our next Neversink Renaissance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm in the Library Community Room. I will be sending all of you an invitation to that meeting as our main agenda item will be to discuss your Neversink Renaissance organization and where it should go from here.

Cher Wohl



J. B.MAK

## My Brother's Keeper (MBK) to host Summer Kick Off BBQ

The Monticello My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program will host its second-annual Summer Kick Off BBQ on Saturday, June 29 from 4 -9 p.m. at DeHoyos Memorial Park on Haye Street in Monticello, New York.

Admission is free and includes a bbq lunch, a police vs. civilian basketball tournament, live music and entertainment, an award ceremony, the official launch of the MBK local action plan, and a dance contest featuring a \$500 cash prize, sponsored by Strawberry Mansion.

MBK t-shirts will be available for purchase at the event.

#### Schedule:

4 -5 p.m.

Summer employment information booths

#### 5-6 p.m.

- Live DJ and musical entertainment 0
- Police vs. civilian basketball tournament 0

#### 6-7 p.m.

Award ceremony and official launch of MBK local action plan

- 7-9 p.m.
- DJ/Music 0
- Dance contest with a \$500 cash prize, sponsored by Strawberry Mansion & other big prize competitions Learn more about the Monticello MBK program at https://www.monticelloschools.net/about-us/my-brothers-keeper/

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#### Monticello High School Senior Sarah Grodin Named as one of the Organization's Scholar Athletes of the Year

During the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association's (OCIAA) annual scholar athlete senior breakfast, Monticello High School senior Sarah Grodin learned she had yet another accolade to add to a year of triumphs and accomplishments - she was named as one of the organization's two Scholar Athletes of the Year.

In the past year, Sarah, who runs cross country and outdoor track and also competes on the Monticello ski team, has shattered numerous athletic record and been recruited to run track for West Point, all while maintaining a 98 percent grade point average and participating in a host of extracurricular activities, including jazz band, the interact club and honor soci-

ety. "It was definitely an honor to receive [this distinc-tion]," Sarah said. "It was a total surprise; no one had told me anything about it. It was really nice.

Although the school year is starting to slow down for many students, Sarah is continuing forward at full speed (no pun intended). Next week, she will head to Greensboro, North Carolina to compete in the New Balance National Outdoor, a national championship that she qualified for after competing in the New York state qualifier.

At West Point, Sarah will trade in her blue and white for gold and black, running track and cross country for the Army Black Knights. She plans to study to become a surgeon in the United States Army, a path she chose after participating in the Sullivan County BOCES's New Vision Health Program in her junior year.

'Sarah's tenacity and dedication to her sports, her studies and her country is inspirational," Superintendent Tammy Mangus said. "I know that she will continue to accomplish great things at West Point and beyond. We are so proud of her

#### UC Clerk Nina Postupack Announces NYS PATH THROUGH HISTORY Weekend Event at the Matthewis Persen House with the Society for Creative Anachronism



On Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), Shire of Nordenhal, will host "Life in the Middle Ages" at the Persen House. The SCA is an educational organiza-tion dedicated to reproducing and exploring the very best aspects of pre-17th century cultures. Join members of the SCA's Shire of Nordenhal for family-friendly activities and discussion on period clothing, calligraphy, armored combat, fencing, archery, dancing and other countless activities of interest. Catapult model firing, inkle-loom weaving, sword and shield combat and diverse arts will be demonstrated throughout the day.



"Path Through History events connect hundreds of sites throughout the state, bringing awareness to the rich culture and history in New York, said Postupack. "The County Clerk's Office is proud and excited to participate by hosting events at the Persen House Museum. We invite everyone to join us for what is sure to be a fun and educational weekend!'

This year, I LOVE NEW YORK is hosting a giveaway to promote PATH THROUGH HISTORY Weekends. PATH THROUGH HISTORY stickers will be distributed at participating sites throughout the weekend. To enter the giveaway, visitors should post pictures wearing their stickers to social media with the hashtag #PTHWeekend and the event location. For further information about this and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit us on Facebook. For further information about Path Through History, please visitpaththroughhistory.iloveny.com.



#### Fallsburg Students and Graduates Honored at **TSTT Brunch**

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School has been actively involved in Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) for over ten years. Four of the graduates of this program that encourages young people to go into teaching and possibly come back to teach at their own high school are proud to have been hired in the FCSD over the past three years. At the Awards Brunch for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region on May 30, 2019 one of these graduates, English as a New Language Teacher Ms. Isabel Mejia, spoke about TSTT helping her to fulfill the dream of teaching seventh grade at her alma mater. (Contd. Pg. 11)



#### Archaeologist and Monticello Alumna & Archaeologist Linda Seminario Talks to Students

Archaeologist and Monticello alumna Linda Seminario visited Jamie Volpe's class at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School to teach students about her career, travel and discoveries. During her visit, Ms. Seminario spoke of her journey as an archaeologist -- from

attaining her degree at Boston University to the many destinations around the world she has visited as part of her career, to the exciting discoveries she has made during her digs.

Students also learned about the many tools archaeologists use on the field, such as mattocks, which are large hand tools that are used to break up hard ground. They also learned about Ms. Seminario's penchant for naming her tools and got to "meet" Travis the trowel.

"I invited her in to entice and introduce students to a new and exciting career path that they may be interested in," Ms. Volpe said. "She was confident and attentive to the students' interesting questions. It was such a pleasure to see a former student of ours want to teach our current sixth-grade students about how she acquired her degree and future plans she may have to continue her education.



#### Frost Valley YMCA Offers STEM-based Activities for Day Campers at its New Maker's Lab



Frost Valley's new Maker's Lab will give day campers the chance to participate in a variety of activities that promote exploration and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

STEM careers. Frost Valley is committed to keeping campers engaged in STEM activities that nurture their curiosity, inspire creativity, and teach them how to succeed.

From July 1st to August 30th, Frost Valley offers many one-week and two-week Day Camp programs for children in pre-k through tenth grade. A variety of programs keep campers active, engaged, and delighted. In addition to its already popular Day Camp programs, Frost Valley will be offering exciting new programs this year including: Fun with Food, Mini Chef, Picture This, and Shoot for the Stars.

Frost Valley's Day Camp registration is open and financial assistance applications are available. Learn more about Day Camp online at www.frostvalley.org. Parents looking to give their child a positive, safe, and exciting summer camp experience are encouraged to register right away because programs fill quickly. To register your child

State Legislature Celebrates Dairy Day



Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Jen Metzger celebrate Dairy Day in the State Capitol

Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA is pleased to announce the opening of its Maker's Lab in time for the start of Day Camp this year. The Maker's Lab is a building located on Frost Valley's camp that will be dedicated to providing hands-on STEM-based learning opportunities for campers.

The Maker's Lab will give day campers the chance to participate in a variety of activities that promote exploration and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The Lab will house an imagination playground<sup>TM</sup>, a system of foam blocks, as well as an illumination station. Campers will also be encouraged to apply STEM principles to Lego® activities.

Studies show that children who participate in STEM activities learn how to problem solve, develop critical-thinking skills, learn persistence, learn to work successfully in teams, develop selfconfidence, and are able to envision themselves in

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#### 2nd Grade Students at Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School Recipients of Monticello Kiwanis Club Doanation of Books

Members of the Monticello Kiwanis Club visited second-grade students at the Kenneth L. Rutherford Elementary School to personally deliver a large donation of chapter books for the students to enjoy over the summer break. "I don't know who was more excited, the Kiwanian members distributing the books or the children receiving the books,"



"Dairy Day is an opportunity to celebrate New York's

Co-Sponsor of Dairy Day. "It's also a chance to enjoy some delicious New York creamery products and the great health benefits that dairy offers." (Contd. Pg. 11)

> Public Relations Chairperson Sheila Lashinsky said. We thank Mr. Prisco, Ms. Bitjeman, Ms. Kavleski, Ms. Shope and their awesome students for the warm welcome and hospitality."

The Monticello Kiwanis Club represented by retired Monticello Central School elementary teachers Doris Motl and Ellen Nesin, former school board member Martha Johnson and Kiwanis Public Chairperson Sheila They are also all

Kiwanis Board Members as well.

"Literacy is at the very foundation of academic success, which is why it is so critical for our students to develop a love of reading," Superintendent of Schools Tammy Mangus said. "We are grateful to the Kiwanis for putting these books into the hands of our little learners so that they can spend their summer months intrigued and inspired."





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#### THE TOWNSMAN

#### The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

Saturday morning I was off to Livingston Manor. It was Trout Parade Day! Since I'd never been, I decided this would be another "Do something you haven't done before" in keeping with my New Year's resolution. I don't think I realized what a big event this is. The casting demonstration was mesmerizing. My father and I used to go fishing which consisted of a worm on the hook and dropped in the water waiting for a Bullhead or a Catfish to take the bait. But this, this casting for trout is an art unto itself.



I don't know how long I watched the fishermen in the Willowemoc Creek, plying this art at the end (or beginning) of Main Street, but when I turned around there were people already lining up along the street. This was 11 in the morning! I wish I could have stayed for the parade proper, but that will have to wait until next year as I had another event that is close to my heart



In the Fireman's Park in Hurleyville, next to Fiber on Main, more than a dozen knitters, crocheters and spinners gathered with our brothers and sisters across the globe for World Wide Knit In Public Day at noon.



This is the third year I've participated and for me it is especially meaningful. Everywhere I've traveled in this country and other continents, I have always found myself in the company of other knitters. I might not speak their language, or they mine but we always came together by what we were making. In public. In coffee shops. In the shadow of the Matterhorn. In tea shops next to 10 Downing Street. I like to believe that the men and women I knit with in those locales are out in public, still knitting with me on this day.

Saturday was also the third anniversary for Cabernet Frank's and that was to be another stop on this jam-packed day. The afternoon "after the Trout Parade Party" (Wade, one of the owners, was the emcee of the parade again this



year) kicked off with my favorite Brit, RICH YOUNG. Rich travels from his home in Britain every year for a tour of (generally) the East Coast and this year, he was asked to be part of the celebration, to be followed by the incredible BARN CATS. Now seeing Rich and the Barn Cats back to back, well it just doesn't get any better...but it did! True to everything I've told you about Cabernet Frank's being a meeting place, there's good friend and amazing singer/songwriter SUSAN DEVITA so while we are catching up, here comes friend Amy, who also happens to be an editor at Better Homes and Gardens. And while I'm seeing my two friends who have never met, getting along, here come two other good friends, powerhouse singer JOANNA GASS and the most versatile male singer in the area CARMINE PACE. So while I'm basking in my favorite people getting on famously, THE BARN CATS are talking to RICH about joining them for a set. It just goes to show that immensely talented people recognize other immensely talented people and I'm proud to know them all.

Until next time.....

Here's what's coming up this week:

June 12, Wednesday night: OPEN MIC at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL of GRA-HAMSVILLE; 7pm

Open Studio, FIBER ON MAIN. Bring your latest knit/crochet project and join the like minded; 4pm-7pm June 13, Thursday Night: OPEN MIC at CABERNET FRANK'S hosted by LITTLE SPARROW; 7pm June 14, Friday Night: SII FRANK'S, PARKSVILLE; 8pm SIDE F/X, CABERNET

#### June 15, Saturday:

SLAM ALLEN at the Fourth ANNUAL BBQ, BLUES AND BREWS FEST, The Roscoe Brewing Company, Roscoe; 11am

SOUNDBITES w/ LAURA GARONE, HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE 7pm: \$15 cover THE ACQUAINTANCES, The PICKLED OWL, Hurleyville; 7pm

June 16, Sunday: FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH, Janet Burgen performing, CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville

#### **Fallsburg Students and Graduates** Honored at TSTT Brunch

(From Pg. 8) During the ceremonies, TSTT honored two seniors from Fallsburg, Jessica Martinez Cadena and Wendy Campos Barrera. On hand to celebrate these and the other students in the program were Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Evans, who helped bring TSTT to the District. To accompany and support the seventeen Fallsburg students were their advisors Ms. Colleen Keaveney and Ms. Ruth Meaker.

The TSTT Mid-Hudson Valley Region Program Managers Mary and Barry Greynolds organized this third annual recognition brunch.

#### **State Legislature Celebrates Dairy Day**

(From Pg. 9) "Dairy has been a cornerstone of our state's agricultural economy for decades and millions of consumers across the country enjoy New York-made dairy products every day," said Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Co-



Sponsor of Dairy Day. "Each year, Dairy Day is an opportunity to highlight the importance of this industry and allow lawmakers and visitors to the Capitol to taste for themselves why New York is a national dairy leader.'

Nationally, New York dairy ranks 1st in yogurt, sour cream and cottage cheese, 3rd in milk production and in the number of cows, and 4th in cheese manufacturing. Milk, yogurt, cheese and other dairy products are known to provide healthy vitamins and nutrients, and are a strong source of riboflavin, Vitamin A, D, K, calcium, potassium and protein. These beneficial nutrients have been shown to help manage weight, and reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers.

To celebrate Dairy Day, legislators were joined by the Northeast Dairy Foods Association, representatives from the Department of Agriculture and Markets, and creameries from across the state.

#### EPL&M's 8-Week "Sing with Your Baby" Program is Offered Courtesy of \$900 **Stewart's Holiday Match Grant**

Held every Wednesday at 10am till July (From Pg. 6) 15, it's offered to EPL&M members and their infants, courtesy of a \$900 grant from Stewart's Holiday Match program, where half of the grant came from customer donations.

'Sing with your Baby!" is a unique opportunity to explore music and make new friends in a creative and comforting environment, conducted by "Happy Dan the Music Man. Says Susan Mangan, EPL&M's Children's & Reference Librarian, "singing to and with our children has been proven to be highly beneficial for a child's creative and intellectual development as well as being good wholesome fun." The program features rhymes, finger plays, singing, movement and an instrument-petting zoo.

Happy Dan, whose real name is Dagen Julty, lives in Western Massachusetts where he has presented "Sing with your Baby!" for over 20 years. A composer, music teacher, workshop leader and a children's advocate, he is also half of The Funshine Merry Makers, a local children's entertainment duo (www.funshinemerrymakers.com).

T'm proud to keep the tradition of live music and group singing alive, especially in these times of high technology, says Julty.

For more information or to register, contact Susan at EPL&M at (845) 647-5530 or smangan@rcls.org.

#### **Premier Cyber Security Event Draws 1,300 Cyber Security Professionals to Capital Region to Discuss Latest Industry Trends**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that the 22nd Annual Cyber Security Conference, New York's premier cyber security event, was held in Albany, bringing over 1,300 cyber security professionals from state and local government, academia, and the private sector to discuss emerging developments in the industry and best practices designed to improve the security of New York State. The conference was held at the Empire State Plaza, aligns with the Governor's longstanding commitment to protect New Yorkers and busi-nesses from cyber threats and improve the safety and security of the State.

"The Annual Cyber Security Conference brings industry professionals from across the state together in neutry professionals from across the state togener in one place, working toward the common goal to increase New York's cyber security infrastructure," Governor Cuomo said. "As we face increased cyber threats across the globe, this longstanding conference is more critical than ever to ensure we can continue to lead the nation to protect New Yorkers from devastating cybercrimes."

#### Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Announces New Website Launch

Monticello, New York June 3, 2019 - Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, announced today the launch of its newly revamped website. This newly redesigned website offers quick and easy access to essential information and features that offer a more comprehensive understanding of the Chamber's role in its many partnerships within the community. The new website has a clean uncluttered design, improved functionality and enhanced rich content focused on the Chamber's mission to assist, support, promote and advocate on behalf of our member business community. The new website goes live June 3rd and is located at the same address: http://www.catskills.com.

"We are excited about our new website launch and the robust information it provides for customers, investors, partners and media to better be a one stop Sullivan business resource to assist, support, promote and advocate on behalf of our Chamber Members. Catskills.com has an easy to use business directory, digital resource guide, member benefits page, Sullivan County news, information and upcoming events." said Jaime Schmeiser, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry. "We believe that this new site will allow our visitors to have a very informative experience."

Sullivan County Chamber's new website will be updated on a regular basis with news of Chamber events, community calendars, ribbon cuttings, critical business information, County milestones, and partner news and information Visitors are encouraged to explore the website and sign up for direct emails from the Chamber at https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=56ac676ab&p=oi&m=1131620139966&sit =94hlhw7mb&f=6e4f257b-88d6-4303-9806-365fa6ed586c

About Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. is here to assist, support, promote and advocate on behalf of our member business community.

The Chamber was formed in 1974, as an advocacy group to combat escalating gasoline prices and their effects on the tourism industry. The Chamber has continued that tradition while expanding the Chamber's profile, reach and member base.

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and Industry is established for the purpose of bringing together the business and professional interests of the county, permitting them to accomplish collectively what none could do individually. The focus and objective of the Chamber shall be the growth and retention of its member businesses and other enterprises in Sullivan County. The Chamber shall serve as a point of contact and center of information, facilitation and exchange between providers and those in need of information useful in the conduct of business and marketing. Although nonpolitical in nature, the Chamber shall when appropriate, represent the consensus of its membership on legislative and political issues directly affecting business and commerce.

#### Catskill Art Society will Present a Twoperson Exhibition LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society will present

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Catskill Art Society will present a two-person exhibition from husband- and-wife duo Mary Carlson and Jim Torok as the fourth annual invitational show at CAS Art Center at 48 Main St, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, July 6. The invitational show is a project in which CAS devotes greater time and resources to the production of an exhibition and its accompanying catalogue. Carlson will exhibit small ceramic figures drawing from Old Master paintings and prints. Torok's presentation will merge two elements of his practice: his detailed small-scale portraiture and daily quick-form cartoon drawings and paintings. This will be the first time the two have exhibited together. The exhibition will be on view Saturday, July 6 - Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Carlson's ceramics render Adam and Eve after interpretations by Lucas Cranach the Elder and Masolino da Panicale, demons are borrowed from Giotto di Bondone's fresco's for the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Italy, and Catherine of Alexandria is enlivened by the Tr\_ebon\_Altarpiece. Her figures representing humans, which are small and delicate (none is over five inches high), invite such adjectives as humble and modest, virtues associated with the female saints that are among her subjects. She subverts religious iconography with arresting humor and grace, arming the ceramic Catherine with a plastic sword more befitting a tropical drink, and robing a porcelain omniscient deity, coyishly titled God, Maybe, in blush pink. Alternately, Carlson works from an illuminated medieval manuscript to create a dainty little porcelain woman vomiting up a bile-green, sharp-eared serpent; both dark and tender is a trio of demons subtitled "after Giotto," which refers to the trecento painter's fresco cycle in the Scrovegni Chapel.

The biblical scenes and figures are joined by life-size birds and lustrous flowers that at times dwarf their contemporaries.

Torok's high-low presentation is equally reverent and self-deprecating. His oil-on-wood panel portraits of friends and acquaintances from Brooklyn to Walton are executed with the precision and skill of Renaissance masters. Ranging from small to tiny, the frontal, headand-shoulders realistic renderings are captured from a series of photographs, and at times take the artist two to three years to complete. His portraits have an intimacy and veneration that suggest his subjects sat for the entire duration of production, feeling both familiar and iconographic. While the cartoons are not offered the esteem that is bestowed upon the portraits, they are considered by the artist-always the first to the punch line-to be humble "self-portraits" with bulbous noses and overstated and weary eyes. His graphic touch is straightforward and deliberately naive, and his verbal timing is excellent.

To many, the artists are an unlikely paring, though they share more than their marriage and proclivity to work with a small scale. Both hold a reverence and reproof for the cannons of art history, breaking down and building up imagery and the artists who came before them. They also share an interest in conversations between painting and sculpture, and, at least latently, a dark sense of humor. Carlson and Torok split their time between New York City and the Catskills. In both locations domestic and studio spaces spill into each other, as does their work. The duo's first collaboration was accidental, but they have since made five collaborations to occupy the Hallway Gallery between their respective solo presentations. The space bridges the dichotomy between their individual practices, and perhaps offers a lens to the intimacies of their relationship - one of humor, kindness, and self-deprecation.

Mary Carlson and Jim Torok is accompanied by a catalogue comprised with a critical essay on the artists' work by artist historian and critic Nancy Princenthal. The publication is produced by the Catskill Art Society and available at the CAS Arts Center, Livingston Manor. Major underwriting support is provided by Judy Cox and Ben Weston, and Candace Worth.

Mary Carlson has been making art for nearly fifty years. She uses a wide range of materials and subject matter, creating everything from hand-sewn American flags to a giant, crocheted, pink octopus to "altered" furniture. Her current medium of choice is hand-built porcelain, featuring glazes formulated and fired in her studio based in Walton, New York. Her porcelain sculptures have been described by the New York Times as "wonderfully soulful" and "as spiritually infectious as they are sensu-

ously appealing." Carlson is the recipient of Guggenheim, National Endowment for the Arts, New York Foundation for the Arts, and Tiffany awards, and her work was first shown in New York at Leo Castelli Gallery in 1985. She has also shown in the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum in Ridgefield, Connecticut, Kunsthalle Wien in Vienna, Ku\_nstlerhaus Bethanien in Berlin, New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, Venice Biennale, and numerous galleries around the country. Most recently she was awarded a fellowship by the Civitella Ranieri Foundation in Italy, which will start in 2020.

Jim Torok was born in South Bend, Indiana. He

moved to New York in 1979 to study art at Brooklyn College, where received an MFA in 1981. Several years later, Torok began creating cartoons as a regular feature for Paper magazine, while at the same time doing realistic paintings of interiors and objects. He also produced animations for MTV. In the mid-1990s he started making miniature portraits and in 1997 had his first solo show at Bill Maynes Gallery in New

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Museum and a three-person show at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. His work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Recently, several of his pieces were added to the collection of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, which is scheduled to open in Los Angeles in 2021.

Nancy Princenthal is a Brooklyn and Cochecton-based writer whose book Agnes Martin: Her Life and Art(Thames and Hudson, 2015) received the 2016 PEN America award for biography. A former Senior Editor of Art in America, she has also contributed to Artforum, Parkett, The Village Voice, and The New York Times. Princenthal is the author of Hannah Wilke (Prestel, 2010), and a coauthor of two recent books on women artists. She has taught at the Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College; Princeton University; and Yale University, and is currently on the faculty of the School of Visual Arts.

Saturday, July 6, 2019 - Artists Talk and Opening Reception

CAS will host an Artists Talk with Nancy Princenthal at 4pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception from 5-6pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is free and open to the public.

#### About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multipurpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.





### **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified contractor for removal of a fuel oil underground storage tank at a residence in the Town of Hunter, Greene County to be purchased pursuant to a town approved flood buyout. Bids must be received at CWC by 4pm, June 20, 2019. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

5/26/19; 6/6/19; 6/13/19

#### **Tri-Valley School District Meetings**

JUNE 7, 2019 UPDATE: at their Regular Meeting on June 6, 2019, the Board chose the date for the Annual Organizational Meeting for the 2019 - 2020 school year, as well as chose the dates and times for the Summer 2019 Board Meetings as follows:

Annual Organizational Meeting - Thursday, July 11, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Regular Board Meeting #1 - Thursday, July 11, 2019, immediately following Annual Organizational Meeting, Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Regular Board Meeting #2 - Thursday, July 25, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level

Regular Board Meeting #3 - Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level

Regular Board Meeting #4 - Thursday, August 29, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level

#### State Senate Passes Bill by Metzger to Provide Struggling Dairy Farmers Relief from Costs of Waste Tire Regulations

Albany, NY...Yesterday, the Senate passed State Senator Jen Metzger's bill to aid dairy farmers in complying with environmental regulations to address water that can collect in waste tires used by farmers use to hold down tarps over silage and feed, which the DEC has determined creates a risk of mosquito and other vector breeding grounds. On a single farm, the waste tires that are being reused for this purpose can number in the tens of thousands.

The DEC regulations require new handling of waste tires, including cutting them in half, drilling holes in them, or disposing of them and finding new methods of covering silage--all of which can be costly. Metzger's bill, which is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblywoman Lupardo, instructs the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets and the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation to develop a plan to remove used tires from farms at no cost to the farmers.

"The cost of meeting the new requirements is a serious burden on an industry that already is in crisis due to low milk prices," said State Senator Jen Metzger. "We are losing our family-owned dairy farms at an alarming rate, particularly our smaller dairies. This law will alleviate the cost burden of this regulation and help farmers to comply." Orange County has been funding a county-wide program to help farmers with waste tire remediation. Metzger's bill will expand the program across the state and offer funding.

"In addition to our conservation mission, Orange County Soil and Water has a strong focus on sustainable farming including both the Black Dirt and dairy farming," explained Kevin Sumner, Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District Manager. "While we have already been assisting Orange County dairy farmers in dealing with removal of tires for regulatory, environmental and health reasons, we are very pleased to have Senator Metzger's leadership to develop this remediation program statewide and ensure that there is regulatory consistency and financial assistance for implementation."

"Senator Metzger understands that farmers need some help in order to adhere to these new regulations," said Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, who grew up on a dairy farm. "We greatly appreciate that she understands and is responsive to the needs of New York's dairy farming community and supports the important role that these farms play in the state's agricultural economy.



Defensive Tactics Training was held on May 30 and 31. Forest Rangers from DEC Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 participated in a defensive tactics refresher training at the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) training facility. Topics included the review of existing and new techniques that keep officers safe in the field, handcuffing techniques in varying circumstances, proper use of deadly physical force, and new ground escape and control tactic compliance techniques. The defensive tactics instructors included Forest Rangers Philip Parlier, Joseph Pries, Lt. Gregory Hoag, and Lt. Robert Morse.

#### DEC Asks Public to Report Moose Sightings Data Gathered Will Inform Moose Management in New York State

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is asking the public to report moose sightings and observations. DEC and its research partners use these public sightings as indices of moose distribution and abundance in New York. This is part of a multi-year research project to obtain information on the status of New York State's moose population, health of the moose, and the factors that influence moose survival and reproductive rate.

"Moose are iconic animals and the public's help in reporting moose sightings is key to creating successful moose management plans that work toward growing and maintaining a healthy population," Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "I applaud the work of DEC's expert wildlife staff and our many partners as we work together to keep a close eye on New York's moose."

Moose sightings increase in the spring with the rising temperatures and melting snow. As cows prepare to give birth to the current year's calf, the previous year's calves become separated and must look for their own territories. New food sources become available as snow melts and plants grow, while biologically-essential salt is available along roadsides from winter road maintenance. In late spring, there is an increase in public recreation in the Adirondacks, as well. These factors lead to more opportunities for the public to observe moose. 2018 Public Moose Sightings by Town

In 2018, a total of 220 mose observations were reported to DEC, a noticeable increase from the 163 reports in 2017. This is likely due to an increase in public awareness and assistance with reporting mose sightings. Most mose sightings occur within the Adirondacks, but neighboring states Connecticut and Massachusetts also have mose populations, resulting in observations in the southeast portion of New York.

The moose, a protected mammal in New York State, is the largest member of the deer family and the largest land mammal in New York. Bulls weigh from 600 to 1,200 pounds and stand up to six feet tall at the shoulder. Cows weigh anywhere from 500 to 800 pounds.

DEC reminds the public to respect wildlife by viewing from a distance, at least 50 feet away. Keep quiet, move slowly, and do not approach moose. Drive cautiously at dusk and at night in the Adirondacks. Due to their height and dark color, moose are hard to see on the road until they are close. There have been three moose-motor vehicle collisions in the past two weeks.

Have you seen a moose? Let DEC know by reporting your observations using the online form. Share your moose encounters by mailing in or e-mailing your photos to us at:



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#### DEC Launches Second Phase of 'WomenHuntFishNY' Photo Contest Contest Runs June 17 through July 8

Following the success of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) statewide photo contest for women hunters, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the second phase of the "WomenHuntFishNY" contest to celebrate women anglers in the state. The contest officially opens on Monday, June 17, and continues through July 8, 2019.

"Women are an underrepresented, yet growing segment of New York State's angling public, and we want to highlight them in action," said Commissioner Seggos. "Collecting and sharing photos of these female anglers-of all ages and abilities-will inspire women and girls to get outside and cast a line."

Women who fish in New York State are encouraged to share their photos by emailingwomenhuntfishny@dec.ny.gov. DEC welcomes photos of all aspects of safe, legal, and ethical fishing. Contest categories include:

- o Freshwater fishing
- o Saltwater Fishing
- o Ice Fishing
- o Youth (girls) fishing
- o Mothers and Children/Multi-Generational
- Action shots (Casting, reeling, or landing the big one!)

To be considered in the contest, photos must depict women fishing in New York State. Fishing photos entered in DEC's fall WomenHuntFishNY hunting photo contest will automatically be entered for consideration. Participants are strongly encouraged to include a sentence to describe their image or experience.

The deadline for contest entries is Monday, July 8. However, sportsmen and women are encouraged to share photos with DEC any time of year. All submissions will become property of DEC to be used in promotions and outreach. Winning entries will be featured on DEC's website, social media posts, marketing campaigns, print products, and future outreach to inspire future generations of female anglers.

To view more photos that were entered in the 2018 "WomenHuntFishNY" statewide photo contest, visit DEC's photo album (leaves DEC website)





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