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Saturday Morning Coffee with Sheriff Schiff at Grahamsville Deli

Quite a few residents, including children, joined Sheriff Schiff and several of his deputies on Saturday for a unique opportunity to have coffee and casual conversation with the Sullivan County Sheriff at the popular, Grahamsville Deli located on Main Street in Grahamsville.

Members of the general public were invited to stop by, have a free cup of cof-



Sullivan County Students Engage in Intense Competition



From left to right: Brandon Kaplan, Jasmine Irwin, Lorna Bragg, Sam Morgan, and Robert Denman

On Friday, June 8, 2018, teenagers from around Sullivan County gathered at the Daniel Pierce Library to engage in an extremely competitive tournament. (Contd. Pg. 3)

US Flag Retirement Drop Box at Fallsburg Town Clerk's Office

fee, and speak with Sheriff Mike Schiff about any law enforcement concerns they may have.

This was a great opportunity to build positive relationships between the community and the sheriff's office and a chance for citizens to meet deputies and learn about the agency's programs and plans to reduce crime and engage the community.



UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Opening of New Specialized ADA-Compliant Playground at the County Pool Complex

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On Friday, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced the opening of a new accessible playground at the County Pool Complex in New Paltz; it is the first of two ADA-compliant play areas to be opened at County Parks. (Contd. Pg. 6)





On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, together the Fallsburg Girl Scout Troop #767 and I unveiled this wonderful addition to my office lobby – an official US Flag Retirement Drop Box .

Fallsburg Town Clerk, Donna Akerley made the following statement, "Anyone from anywhere will now have the opportunity to bring their torn, worn and tattered flags to my office location and can be rest assured they will be disposed of properly and with the respect they most certainly deserve. I have had the pleasure



and the honor to work on sustainable projects with this troop these last few years and I must say being able to bring projects like this to fruition with such a lovely group of young ladies has given me such joy. It was an extra added bonus to be able to hand out the girls bronze star awards with Jenny Yanch Gagnon tonight." (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133:1

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to family and friends of Joan Buley of Grahamsville who recently passed away.

THANK YOU FROM THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

A heartfelt thank you from the Board, staff, volun-teers and the entire library community for passing the Library Budget. This will allow us to continue to offer excellent library services and programs as well as update some of the library's technology. Please stop in and check out a book or sign up for our summer Reading Program. Your library is waiting for you, please come visit us! Thank you again for your support!

COLLEGE NEWS:

Jonathan Nilsen is a recent graduate

Jonathan Nilsen is a recent graduate of Grove City College Jonathan Nilsen is one of 578 seniors to earn their degree from Grove City College on May 19, 2018. Nilsen earned a BS Mech. Engineering degree and is from Liberty. Jonathan was also named to the Dean's List with Dirtigation for the Spring 2018 List with Distinction for the Spring 2018 semester. Jonathan is a 2014 graduate of Liberty High School and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nilsen (Sherri) from Liberty, NY.

News from Clarkson University

Students have been named Presidential Scholars for the spring 2018 semester at Clarkson University. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average and carry at least 14 credit hours.

Kiara Cruickshank of Big Indian, N.Y., a senior majoring in biomolecular science, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2018 semester at Clarkson University. Julie Helthaler of Woodbourne, N.Y., a sopho-

more majoring in aeronautical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2018 semester at Clarkson University.

Allison Ryan of Shandaken, N.Y., a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the spring 2018 semester at Clarkson University.

News from University at Albany Students named to Spring 2018 Dean's List at the University at Albany are: Amanda Aponte of Napanoch, NY; Taylor Chappel of Ellenville, NY; Savan Chaudhari of Hurleyville, NY; Kayla Gonzalez of Ellenville, NY; Amanda Jackson of Liberty, NY; Shane Martin of Woodbourne, NY; Amber Swinden of Ellenville, NY; and Gabriel Zenteno of Ellenville, NY

News from SUNY New Paltz Spring 2018 Dean's List

SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a fulltime course load.

The following students earned Dean's List honors this spring: Chara Boice of Olivebridge; Brandon Costello of Napanoch; Amanda De Jesus of Parksville; Lucero Desposorio of Ellenville; Tiffany Dumornay of Napanoch; Gloria Fabre of Ellenville; Hailey Gorton of Grahamsville; Sean Harkin of Olivebridge; Cheyenne Heinen of Ellenville; Sarmin Khan of Ellenville; Thomas Savaglio of Ellenville; Brittany Williams of Liberty; and Gina Zuckrow of Ellenville.

News from Lehigh University Justin Brock-Smith of Claryville, NY graduat-ed from Lehigh University as a member of the Class of 2018. Justin graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Business degree with Honors from Lehigh University.

Days of Yore...

Today's History

June 30, 1948

The Dewittville School and their teacher entertained at a community picnic Thursday, June 24th at the Denning State Camp. Nearly thirty were present.

Lows Corner: The Shady Brook Camp formally opened Tuesday with the arrival of a bus with 50 or more children. The faculty arrived last week. The new building is being hastened to completion for this event.

At a meeting held in Kingston on June 18th, the Ulster County Board of Supervisors approved expen-ditures of \$12,000 for the repair of the Sundown-Montela Road.

Also approved at the same meeting was a resolution calling for advertising of bids for the construction of a bridge over the Rondout Creek at Sundown. The present bridge is extremely narrow and hazardous for traffic.

June 25, 1958

Work was continuing at an accelerated pace this week on the Monticello Racetrack which will open at 6:40 PM, Friday, June 27th.

Residents along the mail routes from Lackawack to Grahamsville were happy to learn that the Star Route would continue as in the past years. Army PFC William J. M. Shulte, son of Mr. and

Mrs. William Shulte of Grahamsville, NY recently completed the military police specialist course at the Army's European Intelligence, Military Police and Special Weapons School in Oberammergan, Germany. The 20 year old soldier is a 1955 graduate of Tri-Valley High School.

June 26, 1968

Opening July 1st!!! A Tearoom at the "Horseshoe Barn" located on South Hill Road in Grahamsville. Dorothy Muthig, proprietor will be opening daily from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Dr. Richard Magagna, Associate Professor of Humanities at Sullivan County Community College will be the guest minister at the Sundown and Grahamsville Methodist Churches on Sunday, June 30th. Dr. Magagna, a resident of Hurleyville, received his doctorate at Drew University in 1968, and is an ordained Methodist minister.

June 29, 1978

Attend the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department dedication and open house of the West Branch Fire Station on Tuesday, July 4th at 2 p.m. The station is located on the Claryville-Big Indian Road, just below the Y.M.C.A. Camp.

Sixty students graduated Saturday evening from Tri-Valley Central School.

Airman Ronald P. Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shelton of Grahamsville has graduated from a radar navigation systems repairman course at Kesler AFB, Mississippi and has been assigned to Dover AFS, Delaware. Airman Shelton was trained to test and repair navigation systems and related equipment and will now serve with the Military Airlift Command.

A 50th Wedding Anniversary party was held at the First Aid Building for Ken and Ina Meyer on Sunday.

Correction: On-Farm Safety Class with Spanish Translation

FERNDALE, NY-Nearly 100 agricultural workers are injured on the job every day, resulting in lost time at work, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Farming is one of the most dangerous professions in the United States, and educating farmers on safety is extremely important.

Farm business owners and managers are encouraged to attend an On-Farm Safety class with New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) Thursday, June 21, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this FREE program from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Hudson Valley Foie Fras on 80 Brooks Road in Ferndale.

Jim Carrabba of NYCAMH will present the importance of chemical safety for managers and their employees on the farm. Wanda V. Cruz, CCESC healthy communities coordinator will offer Spanish language translation and materials in both English and Spanish will be provided.

This class is FREE. Registration can be completed online atwww.sullivancce.org, by emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, please contact the CCESC office.

A Round About Tri-Valley Carol Furman

Congratulations to Tyler Conjura (Gr. 5), Kaylee Poppo (Gr. 7) and Ben Smith (Gr. 8) for receiving the Tri-Valley LEARN Award. This award is presented annually to an outstanding 5th, 6th- 7th and 8th grade student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, enthusiasm, achievement, responsibility and noteworthiness. As I write this column, the 6th Gr. Award recipient has not yet been announced. He or she will receive their award at the 6th grade moving-up exercises on June 21st.

Tri-Valley PTO Color Run, which was held on a beautiful Saturday morning, was very successful. The Rush boys placed 1st and 2nd and won 2 tickets to a Bethel Woods concert of their choice. Seventh grader, Adam Furman placed third. Many awards were presented at the recently held FFA Awards Banquet on June 8th. A big "thank you" to Tara Berescik for all she does to make the Tri-Valley Chapter of the FFA so successful!

The 2018 season at the Forestburgh Playhouse has begun! The sun is shining, the beautiful gardens are blooming and the Theater is ready to entertain you. I went to see their first production of the season, "Steel Magnolias", and it was wonderful. The next produc-tion,"Million Dollar Quartet" begins on June ^^when a twist of fate brings Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins together. You will be able to hear many smash-hit favorites. I am really looking forward to seeing this one! By the way, this summer's Forestburgh Playhouse Children's Theater is presenting 'Seussical, The Musical" every Thursday and Saturday at 11:00 am starting on June 22nd.

This is the time of year when you will probably see Renaissance and community volunteers sprucing-up around our area. They are trying to make our town look nice. I encourage all residents and non-residents who own or rent property in the Town of Neversink to do their part

and tidy up their yards, especially if you live along the Route 55 corridor. Vacant properties should also be cared for. Keep lawns mowed and picked up. It's also not too late to plant a few flowers. Do your part to help our community be proud of it's appearance.

Tri-Valley AYSO soccer registration is now taking place. Games are played on Sunday afternoons in September and October. You can register you child on line at (trivallevAYSORC@gmail.com) or contact Joan Mingo or Bill Richardson for more information or visit Facebook at (Tri-Valley AYSO).

WORDS OF WISDOM: Try taking the apostrophe out of the word can't and it becomes the word can. It's amazing how much you'll be able to accomplish with little change in verbage! No one has ever become poor by giving. (Anne Frank) It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. (Mother Teresa

Sullivan County Students Engage in **Intense Competition**

(From Pg. 1) These students used facts and author names to answer questions in a quiz bowl style competition, The Battle of the Books. Teams represented four public libraries: Ethelbert B. Crawford (Monticello), Western Sullivan, Mamakating, and Daniel Pierce (Grahamsville).

The Sullivan County Battle of the Books is an offshoot of the Ramapo Catskill Library System's (RCLS) regional competition in the fall. A group of librarians and teachers met in November to agree upon this year's books: Bang by Barry Lyga, Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin, and Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick.

Each team (of no less than two members and no more than ten) was required to read the five books and review plot, setting, character, and theme ideas to prepare for the contest.

Teams were so well prepared this year that only a word or two of each question was posed before a competitor buzzed in for the answer. A double-elimination tournament determined the winners: First Place-Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello; Second Place-Mamakating Library; Third Place-Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville; Fourth

Place-Western Sullivan Library. The Daniel Pierce Library's home team, The Country Pumpkins, was comprised of five 8th and 9th grade students: Lorna Bragg, Robert Denman, Jasmine Irwin, Brandon Kaplan, and Samantha Morgan. The public library staff and teachers from Tri-Valley Secondary School collaborated to bring the team together. Coach and Tri-Valley teacher Matthew Haynes is proud of the accomplishment of this young, enthusiastic team!

Reception for

Pastor Peggy Ann Sauerhoff It's always hard to say good-bye! Please join us as we honor Pastor Peggy Ann

Sauerhoff on her final day in the pulpit at the Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches.

A reception in her honor will be held immediately following the Grahamsville service on Sunday, June 24th. The luncheon will begin around noon in the hall behind the Grahamsville church building. Please come wish her well as she departs for her new charge of the Reservoir and Phoenicia United Methodist Churches.

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club held it's monthly meeting on June 7th with a a great turn out. The Club accepted three new members into the club – Ken TerBush: and Kevin and Catherine Murphy are now members of the Club.

The Club, along with some members of the Beaver Dam Club finished planning for the Take Your Child Fishing Day, Father's Day, June 17th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Beaver Dam Lake.

The Club is selling knives at Lounsbury Sporting Goods, Catskill Flies, Del-Sports, The Beaverkill Angler and The Sportsmen's Den.

Area streams have been stocked with trout from the State and the Club.

We have many events scheduled. Please visit our FACEBOOK page at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

Town of Denning Ulster County Wildlife Rescue

Wildland Rescue: On June 10 at approximately 10:50 a.m., DEC Central Dispatch received a call reporting a 50vear-old male hiker from Catskill at the Biscuit Brook lean-to with an ankle injury. Forest Rangers Robert Stratton and Kevin Slade responded and reached the hiker at 1:30 p.m. The Rangers assessed his injury and determined the hiker could begin walking out under his own power. He was met by a local fire department off-road utility vehicle, which transported the hiker the remaining distance to the trailhead, where he sought follow up care on his own.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hiking Safetyand Adirondack Backcountry Information webpage for more information.

Sullivan County Announces 2018 HHW Events!

Monticello, NY - Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello is pleased to announce that Sullivan County will host three residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events in 2018.

The first is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. The second is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and the third is set for Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. All events will be staged at the Monticello Transfer Station's Scale House area at 91 Landfill Drive.

"We urge people to participate in this environmentally-conscious chemical cleanup program," stated Legislator Perrello. "These items can be dangerous to people and the environment if stored for extensive periods of time or disposed of improperly.³

This program is open to individuals with residences in Sullivan County ONLY. Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. Please call 845-807-0291 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays to preregister.

These events are intended to collect and properly manage residentially-generated hazardous household materials, including herbicides, pesticides, mercury-containing items, cleaning products, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, fluorescent bulbs, lead-based/oilbased paints, solvents, acids, bases, old fuels (stale gasoline/2-cycle fuel mix), automotive batteries, antifreeze and preservatives, just to name a few.

For additional information about these household hazardous waste cleanup events or questions about safer alternatives to hazardous materials in general, please contact Bill Cutler, Recycling Coordinator, at 845-807-0291 in the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling. Details and event flyers can also be found on the Sullivan County website, www.sullivanny.us.

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

Rat Snake in the House

On June 2, ECO Jason Smith received a call from the Ulster Police Department regarding a large snake inside a residence. ECO Smith

responded to the location and met with an Ulster police officer and the homeowners, who reported seeing the snake in their bathroom. After a brief search, the snake, a 6-foot, 6-inch black rat snake, was located in a spare room under a piece of furniture. ECO Smith coaxed the snake into a pet carrier and transported it to a forest nearby state for release. The black rat snake, a constrictor that feeds primarily on small rodents, is the longest snake found in New York State and is relatively common throughout Ulster County.



The rat snake safe in a pet carrier ready to be released in the state forest.

The black rat snake is a non-venomous snake. It is a large, heavy bodied species. The head is distinct from the . They are one of the longest snakes found in North America, occasionally reaching lengths of 8 feet or more. As its name suggests, it is completely black except for the white chin and belly.

Black rat snakes usually inhabit woodlands but can be found in a variety of other habitats like river floodplains, swamp borders, rocky hillsides, mountain ledges, farm-lands or open fields. They have also adapted to live in more developed areas, residing in houses, yards, and farm buildings where they hunt down mice. These snakes are very skillful climbers and will climb high up in trees and are known to climb rafters in barns and other buildings to find its prey. The black rat snake is a powerful constrictor, once it catches it's prey, it will wrap its body around it and squeeze until the unfortunate animal dies. Like other snakes, the digestion is a very slow process and sometimes it takes several days for a prey to be fully digested. While young snakes may feed on a weekly basis, older snakes will only feed 1 or 2 times a month.

The black rat snake is an egg layer or oviparous. They usually mates only once a year, but if conditions permit, females will sometimes produce 2 clutches of eggs in a

year. Rat snakes reach sexual maturity in their fourth year. The mating season occurs in late May and early June, shortly after the snakes have emerged from hibernation in March or May. In preparation for mating and to communicate both males and females release pheromones. The mating act itself may last from a few minutes to a few hours. Males approach females to initiate breeding and may combat other males for the right to mate with the receptive The males will commonly mate with several females. females. About five weeks after mating, the female black rat snake will lay a clutch of 3 to 30 eggs, in abandoned burrows, piles of dead leaves, rotten logs, under rocks, in hollow standing and fallen trees, in compost and mulch heaps or sawdust piles. These will hatch in late August to early October, around 65 to 70 days later. The eggs meas-ure roughly 2 inches in length, and when the young snakes hatch they are about 1 foot long and are a pale gray with black or dark brown blotches along the back and sides.

Rat snakes are very timid creatures and try to avoid confrontation. Often, they will lie in what is called the 'kink' position, remaining motionless with its body in a slight s-curve imitating the look of a fallen branch. Adult black rat snakes can be more aggressive and rattle their tails to simulate a rattlesnake, striking if provoked far enough. When a black rat snake is in serious danger, like being attacked by a dangerous predator, the snake will release a foul smelling musk-like smell. A Black Rat Snake may be considered an asset to farm-

ers as they help to control the population of mice and rats which eat grain and feed, and spread diseases. It is not considered uncommon to see a shiny black Rat

Snake slithering through the grass in the Catskills.

Even in the grass, I know what my reaction would be, but in the house – I don't even want to think about it! A big thank you to ECO Smith!

Household Hints

Recycle The Townsman!

Mothproof clothing by wrapping them in newspapers. Moths apparently dislike the taste of printer's ink. And newspapers smell a lot better than mothballs

Don't Skip Out On Me Mysterious Book Report No. 339

by John Dwaine McKenna

This weeks MBR defies genre. Although noirish in tone, it's unclassifiable by nature because it includes elements of several different styles. It's a tough guy story that could have been written by Hemingway or London, featuring a plot which might've come from Flannery O'Connor herself. It's a coming-of-age tale that professes hope but appears headed for tragedy, as both a young, and

an old protagonist try to find their way in an unforgiving world. Don't Skip Out On Me, (Harper Perennial, \$22.99, 269 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-268445-5) by Willy Vlautin, tells the story of Horace Hopper, a nineteen year-old with dreams of becoming a world champion boxer. He's ashamed of his mixed-race parentage; his mother was a Piute Indian and his father Irish. Horace lives on a remote sheep ranch outside of Tonopah, Nevada with Mr. & Mrs. Reese, the elderly couple who took him in as a young boy, and raised him when he was abandoned by his own family. It's an emotional scar which runs so deep, that Horace thinks his only redemption will come from practicing the techniques in the self-help books he reads and re-

reads. They've convinced him that he can reinvent himself as a tough Mexican boxer named Hector Hildago. He leaves the solitude of 'The Little Reese Ranch' and moves to Tucson, Arizona, and tries to establish himself as a boxer. Back in Nevada, Mr. Reese is trying to hang on to a dying way of life that's no longer economically viable. Age has caught up with him and he's no longer physically able to handle the hardscrabble ranching lifestyle he loves so well. At opposite ends of the age spectrum, both men are trying to do the impossible. Mr. Reese has intentions of leaving the lands and property to the boy he's raised and loves like a son, while Horace dreams of returning as a world champion, wrapped in glory and redeemed in the eyes of all who know him. Told in neat, declarative sentences that wring the readers heart out with every word, Don't Skip Out On Me takes us into the fiercest of arenas to plumb the depths of the human heart. It's a journey that won't be forgotten by any who take it!

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New Official County Website Launches SullivanNY.us Goes Live Monticello, NY - Representing a new vision and direction for Sullivan County, the official County Government web-

site, www.SullivanNY.us, was unveiled today at the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Legislature. Sullivan



"Today is the culmination of months of diligent effort, led by our Information Technology Services (ITS) team, to rethink and refashion the perception and digital presence of the County of Sullivan," remarked County Manager Josh Potosek. "I am thrilled with the results, and I look forward to seeing what new and useful services we can provide our residents, businesses and visitors through this portal.'

The site has been in regular use since being softlaunched June 1.

"Sullivan County has entered a new era, and SullivanNY.us reflects that turning point," Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez stated. "It reveals the hard work our County employees do every day, and I thank those who had the vision to take this major step forward."

Chief Information Officer Lorne Green, who heads ITS, credited both his staff and the vendor, Discover eGov,

for taking a fresh, creative approach. "Ultimately, this will be more than a redesign but an entire revamping of how we interact with the public online," he explained. "Our vision for the new website does not end with its debut - we have built a foundation from which we can launch additional innovative content

and services in the months and years to come." Content even now is being updated to provide more efficient, intuitive and useful access to the information people seek from and about the County, with the aim of keeping that content fresh, timely and informative. "My hope is that SullivanNY.us will prove as useful

and indispensable as our brick-and-mortar locations," said District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, who chairs the Legislature committee to which ITS reports, Management and Budget. "To that end, we welcome feedback from the public about the new site and encourage them to explore it fully.

Announcement: SC Road Closure

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is clos-ing a portion of Hunter Lake Road, Town Highway 36, in the Town of Rockland, to rehabilitate County Bridge 247. County Bridge 247 is located near the intersection of County Road 83 (Willowemoc Road) and Hunter Lake Road, Town Highway 36. This section of Hunter Lake Road, Town Highway 36, is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8:00 AM, Monday, June 18th and will remain closed for approximately sixteen (16) weeks. Traffic may detour around the closed section of road using Willowemoc Road (TH 56) to Parksville Road (CR 84) to Flynn Road (TH 30) to Anderson Road (TH 4) to Lily Pond Road (TH 47) to Old Lily Pond Road (TH 46) to Hunter Lake Road (TH 36).

Legislature Honors Educator Who Teaches That It's Never Too Early to Give to Others

Monticello, NY - You can thank June Lombardi's parents for bringing her can-do attitude and volunteer spirit to Sullivan County. Immigrants from Germany & Hungary and residents of Long Island, the couple sought a vacation

and residents of Long Island, the couple sought a vacation home where they could take their family. "Eventually, they settled on Swinging Bridge in Mongaup Valley," recalled June. "My father would com-mute to work and college every day in New York while we stayed there. They always loved the water and decided to move up here full-time." move up here full-time.



Mongaup Valley resident and educator June Lombardi, center, was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Award on June 14, 2018 by the Sullivan County Legislature.

Standing with her are, from the left, Deputy County Manager Dan Depew, District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy, District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, District 5 Legislator Terri Ward, District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, District 4 Legislator Cathy Owens and County Manager Josh Potosek.

June adored it, and at 59, she continues to reside in Mongaup Valley, from where she travelled today to accept the Sullivan County Legislature's Distinguished Citizen Award.

To several generations, she's been a memorable teacher and mentor, sharing her love of place, of life and of the world with hundreds of youngsters over the course of a 37 year career - first at Head Start and a local yeshiva, then at her alma mater of Monticello Central School, currently as a beloved kindergarten teacher at Eldred's Mackenzie Elementary School in Glen Spey.

She's always been an elementary teacher, enjoying "the power that I have to make a difference in a child's life.

This from a woman whose own kindergarten teacher once wrote on her report card: "June is a nice girl, but she'll always struggle

That's a message June will never, ever, ever give to her charges

Teachers have tremendous influence in empowering them," she explained. "I let them know at a young age that

they can make a difference." She accomplishes that not only by teaching, but by doing. June herself can be found at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris every Sunday, making the rounds with a certified therapy dog. "My former colleague, Jessica Davis-Olson, and I

started a 'Selfless Kindergartner' program," she said of an annual effort to encourage her students to do something that helps others. "The first year, we did the 'Paws Cause' for the Rock Hill SPCA, raising \$250 in cash and bringing \$200 worth of food to the grinnels. \$200 worth of food to the animals. The next year, we launched 'Have a Heart, Give a Can' for the Federation for the Homeless.

This year, June and teaching partner Cierra Regan cre-ated the "Blue Lunch Special," a chance for more than 20 police officers to be honored by and interact with the kids through a luncheon at Mackenzie.

"They need to know they're appreciated," June affirmed. "We decorated the room with blue and black and weaved paper placemats for them. Peck's in Eldred and ShopRite in Monticello donated food. It was a huge sucs - and the children won't forget it." "We also teach random acts of kindness," she added.

"For example, we'll buy a plant and give it to someone to For example, we if buy a plant and give it to someone to express to them why they are important to us. We encour-age families to join us in honoring veterans at the Town of Highland's Veterans Day service. We also have children and their families help the Monticello ShopRite with vari-ous campaigns to honor veterans and aid food pantries."

One little boy, now a first-grader at Mackenzie, raised more than \$800 for a warming station, while a second-grader got the community to donate \$500 to a woman fighting breast cancer - then followed that up the next year with \$3,400 for the Port Jervis Soap Box Derby.

The lessons extended to June's own now-grown children. "Marina would play the violin and Anthony percussion at nursing homes," she related, crediting her own folks

at nursing homes," she related, crediting her own folks with instilling in her the importance of giving to others.

"I witnessed my parents never taking for granted the kindness of others. It was always about showing apprecia-tion and taking the time to help others. You can't internalize that if a parent doesn't take the time to teach it.'

June has been a parent to so many kids, far beyond her own, and she has taught them the most important skill in life: caring for others," noted Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz in bestowing the Distinguished Citizen Award on June. "We are so very blessed to have her in our community, passing on the compassion and selflessness she con-tinues to exemplify every day." "Teachers accomplish many amazing things each and

every day, but June and her colleagues take it a notch further with their incredible success in encouraging kindergartners - kindergartners! - to raise money and give back to their communities," remarked District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, in whose district June lives. "I am so Samuelson, in whose district June lives. "I am so impressed and so pleased to recognize her as a truly distinguished citizen.



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After watching the morning news, my stomach was in knots, Stocks down today, children in detention centers, murders, suicides, political upheaval, pollution, and general chaos everywhere. I feel like my head would explode with my reaction to it all. I know you do not want to hear my opinions in this column that is usually upbeat, so just call 1-800-RANT if you want me to unload.

Instead, I will focus on all the celebratory things the month of June brings to us. Birthdays, weddings, graduations, moving up celebrations, anniversaries and the end of the school year. Each of these celebrations deserves a cake.

When I printed the recipe to A PREACHER'S CAKE, I actually got fan mail from people who tried it. So this time I am sharing what is touted as the THE WORLD'S BEST YELLOW SHEET CAKE. A sheet cake is easy because it is one 9 by 13 inch pan, iced only on top with plenty of room to decorate or write "Happy Something or Other."

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Opening of New Specialized ADA-Compliant Playground at the County Pool Complex



(From Pg. 1) The new accessible play area features inclusive Alta Gliders and ramps, spring riders, accessible swings and surfacing to accommodate wheelchairs. In



May, the County Executive announced plans to install ADAapproved playground equipment at the County Pool Complex and at the Sojourner Truth Park at Ulster Landing. The new playground has opened just as the County pool kicks off the start of its summer schedule this weekend.

In addition to making

playground equipment more accessible, the County is ensuring that transportation is not a barrier to family recreation. This summer Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) will operate daily and weekend trips to the County Pool. Installation of the Sojourner Truth accessible play area is expected to begin next week and with the playground set to open that weekend.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"At my core, I believe that every child should have easy access to a playground. Playing outdoors during the summer months is something that every child regardless of challenges should have the chance to enjoy," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I am pleased that this summer children who may not have been able to use traditional playgrounds in the past will have an opportunity to do so. This helps make that basic dream a reality for Ulster County Families."

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"Accessible playgrounds, with ramps to make it easier to get on and off, or equipment that secures a child in place, are beneficial not only for children with physical, but also mental development issues, such as Autism," said David Juhren, Development and Public Relations Coordinator at Center for Spectrum Services, a Kingstonbased school for Hudson Valley students with Autism. "Many children with Autism experience sensory processing issues, which can lead to low muscle tone and challenges with coordination. Also, they often lack automatic body awareness that neuro-typical children have. We are grateful to the County Executive for leveling the playing field for special needs children on the playground."

Statement from UC Executive Mike Hein Regarding Lincoln Park Peaking Power Plant

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"Throughout my tenure as Ulster County Executive, the careful balance of environmental and fiscal responsibility has been a central tenet of my administration. While I have great respect for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process and for local responsibility and autonomy in land use decisions, I cannot and will not be silent about the proposed Lincoln Park Project, which I feel threatens our citizens and our environment.

"Current State and Federal policy is severely flawed and is in stark contrast to Governor Cuomo's stated environmental goals. As a result of these policies, Ulster County is now faced with a fossil fuel project that includes gas engines, hundred foot smokestacks, and air pollution impacts. If this project is allowed to proceed, the result will be a lose-lose outcome that will negatively impact our quality of life and further entrench the fossil fuel industry as well as the market for "fracked" gas.

"With the right State and Federal policy changes, this project could be transformed into one that supports the growth of our local tax base while avoiding greenhouse gas emissions and protecting our residents. In Ulster County, we believe that what strengthens our environment also strengthens our community and our economy and by hosting the best and most advanced renewable energy and storage projects, we can do just that.

"To that end, on Thursday I called on the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) urging them to do everything in their collective power to suspend this project immediately pending policy changes that will allow for a non-fossil fuel alternative, such as a battery-only or battery with renewable facility."

Assemblymember Cahill and Local Advocates Hold Back Central Hudson: Public Service Commission Approves Final Rate Plan Reducing Fixed Charges

and Scales Back Proposed Increase (Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill, (D-Ulster, Dutchess) offered the following statement with regard to the approval by the Public Service Commission of the agreement concerning the rate request by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company's (Central Hudson).

When Central Hudson first submitted their rate plan including a nearly 20 percent increase in delivery charges, customers were rightfully outraged. The work done by local advocacy groups such as Citizens for Local Power led by Jen Metzger, the Public Utility Law Project and Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson assured that the company was brought to the table to negotiate a reasonable package that will not put the costs of routine upgrades on the backs of customers. Although, I question whether any increase in rates are in the best interest for consumers, the approval is far better than what Central Hudson sought to impose on their customers. I am particularly proud of the work done through my office, Jen Metzger and Citizens for Local Power, PULP and Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson to actually reduce Central Hudson's fixed charges. These assessments that have no correlation to an individual's usage have for too long unfairly targeted working people in our community who have no recourse to avoid or minimize the charge," stated Assemblymember Cahill.

In addition to submitting written testimony, filing petitions and organizing local opposition, many of the groups also served as parties to the final proceedings

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ensuring that ratepayers had a seat at negotiations which led to this final settlement.

When asked about the ratification, Citizens for Local Power Director Jen Metzger, whose organization led the call for decreases in Central Hudson's fixed charges added "The total reduction in the fixed monthly customer charge of 19% over three years is a step in the right direction. Utility bills will now be more closely tied to how much power customers actually use, which is a fairer way to design rates and better encourage energy conservation and efficiency."

encourage energy conservation and efficiency." York stated, "The Public Service Commission upheld the Central Hudson rate case settlement, a progressive agreement that advances the State's and Hudson Valley's environmental and energy efficiency goals while supporting reliability and safety investments by the company. Affordability is a major concern across New York State. The strong partnership among state and local elected officials, Hudson Valley residents, consumer protection advocates, in concert with DPS Staff and the Company, were critical to reaching a good result for residents. For low- and fixed- income households, the disabled and returning veterans, this settlement avoids rate shock and soaring bills, and holds down increases that could add to the residents' burdens."

Jonathan Bix, Executive Director of Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson said, "The Public Service Commission is to be applauded for approving a proposal with important gains for low-income customers and the environment compared to Central Hudson's original proposal. Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson is proud to have worked with Assemblymember Cahill, the Public Utility Law Project, and Citizens for Local Power to have achieved this result."

"Our office was able to partner with a strong coalition to save ratepayers millions of dollars and reach this final settlement. The efforts throughout this process showcase what can be done when the community bands together to get involved in administrative proceedings. The impact of the advocacy by Jen Metzger and Citizens for Local Power, Richard Berkley and his team at Public Utility Law Project and Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson cannot be overstated and our constituents are indebted to their efforts," concluded Mr. Cahill.





the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman. This local author has been busy local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. Each year, as summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "mustread" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line

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CWC Board Assists Ski & **Railroad Projects**

The Catskill Watershed Corp. Board of Directors recently approved funding for stormwater controls at Hunter Mountain where a major ski trail expansion is in the works.

The new ski area, to be called Hunter North, is a \$9 million project that will include five new ski trails and a six-person high-speed chairlift, as well as a 250-car park ing lot, and a base area to accommodate rest rooms and

\$790,563 in funding from the CWC. Construction of the new ski trails began in April. Hunter North, located in the Towns of Hunter and Jewett, is expected to open in December 2018. The ski center is owned by Peak Resorts. The CWC Board also approved a \$500,000 low-interest loan for the Catskill Revitalization Corp., which runs the Arkville-based Delaware & Ulster Railroad. The loan will be used to purchase two locomotives, a self-contained rail dissel car track equipment to lay ties and a portable restdiesel car, track equipment to lay ties and a portable rest-room trailer which would be utilized at Arkville and at Roxbury, northern terminus of the DURR.

New Board member

The 15-member Board was at full strength for the first time in more than two years with Jeff Senterman taking his seat as the environmental representative. Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center, was appointed to fill the vacant seat by the Governor. His term runs through August of 2021.

In other business the Board

approved an agreement with Lamont Engineers to complete the study for a community wastewater project in the hamlet of Shokan. Lamont, which has coordinated studies, designs and construction for 14 Community Wastewater Management Program projects, will be paid \$198,872 for the Shokan study phase;approved a \$200,000 loan to Benson Krom-Braen, pro-

prietor of West Branch Collision and Classics, to enable him to purchase the building he rents on Delaware Street, Walton;

approved \$97,660 in stormwater funding related to parking lot expansion at O'Connor Hospital in Delhi;
approved a bid of \$37,750 from Delaware Bulldozing for

construction of a new Willow Parking Area in the Town of Woodstock, part of a state-funded, CWC-administered effort to increase access to state trailheads and lands.

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



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(From Pg. 1) "Your girls certainly have earned their very special awards. Thank you to the entire troop, their leaders and their parents and family members who support them and the experiences they will take with them well into the future. A very special thank you to my Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Malave - Santos for your never ending support and contributions to our office. I truly appreciate you and our teamwork.



"Thank you to the Makers Lab for giving these young ladies hands on experience making such a wonderful project. Thank you to Sullivan County Legislator Louis Alvarez, Sullivan County Director of Veterans Services John Crotty, Sullivan County Director of Communications Dan Hust, and Fallsburg Councilman Joe Levner for attending and participating in this lovely event. I am grateful and blessed to have such a career that has allowed me to come together with my community in this way. Thank you again,... Everyone".

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Fallsburg High School Honors its Athletes



In the photo left to right are Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian, Kaitlyn Simms, Iris Mancia, Rashaad Nurse, Tyler Dubois, Justin Mednick, and Jennifer Davila.

After a wonderful buffet dinner prepared and served by the Fallsburg High School Food Services Staff in the high school gym, all attendees moved to the school auditorium on the evening of June 5, 2018 to present the annual awards to athletes from 2017-2018.

After Athletic Director Suzanne Lendzian welcomed everyone, she congratulated some of the special award winners for individual and team achievement. This included honoring some alumni and current athletes that were being honored on banners that will hang in the school gym. After this ceremony, a succession of team coaches introduced each other as they presented individual achievement awards to team members.

The last few awards were the Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship that usualgoes to a graduating senior for athletic, academic and community service achievement. Because there were two outstanding candidates, Coach Weiner decided to give two scholarships to Jacqueline Maxwell and Rashaad Nurse. Jacqueline will be attending SUNY Orange, and Rashaad will be at Elmira College in the fall.

Senior Trophy Awards went to Iris Mancia and Rashaad Nurse for SGA Perseverance Award; Diamond Fanning, Kaitlyn Simms and Tyler Dubois for Comet Sportsmanship Award; and to Jennifer Davila and Justin Mednick for Top Senior Athletes.

Reflections of the Past in Eastern Sullivan County Bob Drown

I first came familiar to Sullivan County in the fall of 1968 when my Father moved my Mom and my two sisters to Grahamsville, but I never stayed down here as I went into the Air Force in December of 1968.

Fast forward to June of 1993, after many years of driving two plus hours down here to visit, I



Annual Pumpkin Party Parade all. We live in such a beautiful part of the County, with



barns and beautiful scenery. I have driven my 1940 Plymouth P-10 Business Coupe that I like to call the " W a y b a c k Machine", with my

its covered bridges, barns with quilt

Chestnut Creek Covered Bridge

faithful co-pilot Cooper over the back roads and main roads many time. There is nothing like looking at the world through the

windshield of an almost 80 year old car. Lots of times when I shift into second gear, Cooper will poke his head out the passenger side window and like me, he is "smelling the roses". (Contd. Pg. 11)



View from Hunter Rd.





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Frost Valley YMCA, in Partnership with Blue Star Families, will Award Camp Scholarships to 10 Military Families

CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA, in partnership with Blue Star Families, is awarding scholarships to 10 first time campers who have a family member that is actively serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. These scholarships were made possible through a grant Frost Valley YMCA received from The YMCA of the USA's Resident Camp Access Grant Project, also known as the YAccess Grant.

The YAccess Grant is a nationwide camp scholarship program with the mission of offering resident camp experiences to new campers whose families might not otherwise be able to afford these opportunities. Thanks to donor support, Frost Valley YMCA was able to provide a matching dollar amount from its scholarship fund in order to make these scholarships available to children in military families. The children who receive scholarships will be eligible to attend a two-

week session of overnight camp at Frost Valley. Frost Valley YMCA has been providing high-quality camping programs for children for more than 100 years. Summer camp does more than keep kids busy; it develops their resilience, independence, and leadership in addition to giving them exciting new experiences. Camp also gives them the opportunity to form close friendships and make memories that will last a lifetime. The partnership between Frost Valley and Blue Star families was natural and mutually ben-

eficial because of the organizations' overlapping goals and values. Frost Valley is honored to welcome first time campers from military families. For more information about Blue Star families, go to bluestarfam.org.

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization with a mission to foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, family weekends, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley, a not-for-profit organization chartered through the YMCA of the USA, is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

Singer, Sailor, Songwriter Coming to County Museum

Hurleyville, NY - Thanks to a grant from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Sullivan County Historical Society will present the fourth program in its new series of monthly music and history concerts.



The July 1st event will feature Hurleyville resident Rick Nestler and will take place from 2-3 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville. Rick will talk about his life as a musician and edu-

cator, and will perform songs from his extensive repertoire of sea chanties, protest songs and ballads. You can read more about him at www.ricknestler.com.

Rick is a Grammy Award-winning songwriter, antinuclear activist, Hudson River Troubadour and personal friend of the late Pete Seeger. He's been making music for over 40 years at "square dances, hoots and jams, in parks, at rallies, in galleries, on picket lines, in bars, and on the streets and stages". He is also a

licensed sea captain who worked, performed and taught environmental education on Pete Seeger's legendary "Sloop Clearwater.

Little Sparrow will host the event. Admission is free, donations are welcome. The program is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Please call 845-434-8044 for more information, or visit www.scnyhistory.org.

Fantasy Pieces. Chamber music for piano and cello performed by Derin Oge andAnneke Schaul-Yoder

An exciting afternoon concert at the Olive Free Library

Derin Oge and Anneke Schaul-Yoder present eclectic and piquant programs of chamber music for piano and cello. Recent performances have included works by Beethoven, Chopin, Poulenc,



and Bresnick, as well as collaborations with flutist Alice Jones for works by Gaubert, Martin_, and Tann. With trumpeter/composer Jordan McLean, Derin and Anneke are also members of the Piano Music and Song Trio, which orchestrates and improvises on art songs from all genres and eras. Today's program is inspired by the concept of fantasy, and includes the melancholic atmospheres of Schumann's Fantasy Pieces, the jazzy fantasias of Martin_'s Second Sonata, and the fairy-tale characters of Mendelssohn's Sonata in D Major.

Born in Istanbul, residing in Brooklyn, Derin Oge brings a worldly and eclectic view to the music that she plays. With a classical and contemporary training, she is at home on the concert stage and in the club. Ms. Oge was trained at Mimar Sinan University, and holds a masters degree from Purchase Conservatory under the tutelage of Paul Ostrovsky, where she later served on piano faculty. She has played extensively with Piano Music Trio, a chamber ensemble that performs arrangements of Impressionist and Romantic songs for trumpet, piano, and cello. Derin Oge is also a founding member of Occasional Noise Trio with William Lang, trombone and Cesare Papetti, percussion. Ms. Oge has played internationally and locally at such

venues as Cornelia Street Café, Mozarteum University, Peter de Grote Festival, The Stone, Flushing Town Hall, Barbes, the Roerich Museum, and Symphony Space among others. In addition, her performance of Mozart's Sonata in B flat Major has been recorded for the European Broadcast Union. Derin Oge's recent recordings are distributed by System Dialing Records. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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For free, families can view the specimens, meet scientists of various disciplines, and enjoy tours of the site to learn how different species live and thrive in the context of the overall property.

Nine teams and sponsoring organizations will provide information and offer educational programs on their particular areas of expertise. Participants should wear comfortable hiking attire.

Activities will include:

- View the collected specimens and talk to the experts
- Learn to take nature photos from professional photographers
- Take walks with experts to learn about birds, native plants, fish, bugs, and mushrooms
- Learn how to draw nature by children's book author and artists (Contd. Pg 12)

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The Scene Too - Jane Harrison Is anyone else affected by the super high pollen lately? Boy, I sure am!! Know that your pain is shared...

And while I'm on questions, have any of you gone to the new casino yet? I took the plunge twice weekend before last, not to gamble but to check out the spaces they offer for music accessible to the public (which to me means no entrance charge).

First, on that Friday, I went so see Cathy Paty and Co. at the 360 Bar and Grille. Wow, what a stage! The stage is actually a 180 but would easily fit eight musicians. Cathy, as always, was wonderful and her "and Co" consisted of Simon always, was wonderful and her and Co consisted of Simon Efferin on drums and James Riley on guitar who are always a pleasure. What I didn't know is that this would be one of the last times Cathy would be performing. I have it on good authority that she will soon be resigning her position as the President and CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and moving on to a new place and a new life. We wish her all the best in her new endevors and to let her know her voice will be missed. The space itself has a bar that curves with the stage and padded bench with table seating beyond so there are no bad seats. Well thought out and well executed this is a great space to see some of the excellent music it offers

Secondly, the following Monday, I walked into the Double Top so see Slam Allen. From the moment I walked in, it felt like home...very reminiscent of the better Blues and Jazz Clubs I frequented when I lived in Chicago...but with more light. I am seriously partial to two types of music, Zydeco and the Blues and even though finding the first is rare just about everywhere outside of Louisiana I have long complained that this county lacks cally good blues music. I take that back. I have to admit that I had never seen Slam perform before. And, thank you Slam, I got my Blues fix. And if the night wasn't good enough, my friend Joanna Gass comes in as I'm about to leave. Well I can't go now, because Slam invites her to sing. If you don't know of Joanna, you should. Sha is a major power bayes or a singer and performer foot She is a major power house as a singer and performer, facts that are not lost on Mr Allen. And as I was really actually leaving, in comes Laura Garone. I really regret not being able to stay, and am not sure if she was also asked to sing but I assume she was.

I also regret not being able to attend the "Support Heartbeat, the Music Hall of Grahamsville" this past Saturday night hosted by Southern Fried Soul, one of Laura's bands. I hear it was a great party! That dream of Dave and Theresa Trestyn's is getting a lot of attention from the music population and I can't wait to attend the open mic this Wednesday night at 7. See you there!

Until next time

Reflections of the Past in Eastern Sullivan County (From Pg. 8) Cooper is



my soon to be ten year old Mini-Schnauzer. He may be a considered a mini, but he was the biggest of the litter. One of my

favorite photo ops is the G r a h a m s v i l l e Fairgrounds. The covbridge at the ered entrance was built in 1976 to celebrate the

bi-centennial of our great county, and again as all covered bridges, it represents the past and in order to know where we are going, we have to know where

we have been.

For three days in August the Grahamsville "Little World's" Fair is held at the historic fairgrounds, a great time is had by all, a great part of Americana.

As long as I am on the fairgrounds, the Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery



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Association holds its two day show the third weekend in September and then a few weeks later the Daniel Pierce Library will hold the "Giant Pumpkin Party and Parade' the first Saturday in October. Both events are well attended and enjoyed by all ages.

Two of my favorite views are up on Hunter Road just outside of Claryville where you can see for miles and miles and the second one is up on Big Hollow Road by Flintlock Farms looking off towards the Rondout Resevoir and Rocky Hill. To me both of these views are AWESOME.

Paging James Bond: MUSIC ON MARKET Welcomes TWO VOICES FROM BEYOND

on June 21st from Russia with Love ELLENVILLE, NY: Fifth in its 13 world music series of concerts, MUSIC ON MARKET in Ellenville wel-comes TWO VOICES FROM BEYOND, the world music duo OF Elena Kwoka and Olga Pchelintseva-Mares on June 21st at St. John's Episcopal Church on Market Street, two blocks from the downtown district. The two women, Hudson Valley residents, Olga from Greenfield Park, Elena from Beacon, believe they found each other at the right time, when both needed to remember their Ukrainian and Russian roots and express their souls through folk music in different languages: Russian, Romani (Gypsy), Ukrainian, English, panish and Portuguese.

The sole purpose of their singing is to touch people's hearts and souls, no matter whether someone understands the language they are singing in or not. They firmly believe that music is the language of the soul and they sing to express that "soul language." Their recently recorded CD, "Winter Cherry,"

A joint production of MISU (Music Institute of Sullivan & Ulster) led by Anastasia Solberg and St. John's Memorial Episcopal Church under the direction of Reverend Jeff Golliher, MUSIC ON MARKET (MoM) was created to celebrate the rich ethic tapestry in the remoter Ellemville area in the greater Ellenville area.

in the greater Ellenville area. "By featuring a range of musical genres," says Solberg, "we're appealing to a larger population base across Ulster County, happily opening their eyes and ears, experiencing other forms of world music." After ten years of producing chamber music at St. John's serving somewhat of an specialized audience, it was time to expand and offer on a regular basis concerts time to expand and offer on a regular basis concerts that will appeal to a larger cross-section of the public and the local ethnic mix. "Frankly, I don't know of a series of this magnitude produced in southwest Ulster County since I moved here 20-plus years ago."

Remaining series concerts include: July 5, Thursday CONTEMPORARY MUSIC Ellenville Chamber Players: Music for strings, woodwinds and percussion featuring local composers July 19, Thursday JAZZ The Story of Jazz: Larry Moses and the New World Jazz Orchestra August 16, Thursday YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE

August 16, Thursday YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEWISH.... Chai on Music: From Klezmer to Yiddish theatre and Broadway

September 6, Thursday CLASSICAL GUITAR Greg

Dinger: Musical Pairs for the Classical Guitar September 20, Thursday IRISH Eric Banger and the Mashers: "Shades and Spirits" featuring Irish songs of the supernatural

October 18, Thursday CLASSICAL Annual Cecily Fortesque Memorial Concert with Violent PERseCuTION and guest artists November 15, Thursday OLDIES BUT GOODIES Breezy Hill Wind Quintet: Greatest hits from five cen-turios

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December 20, Thursday HOLIDAY CELEBRATION 12th Annual Holiday Concert featuring SUNY Ulster and MISU community ensembles and guest artists

MUSIC ON MARKET is underwritten by more MUSIC ON MARKET is underwritten by more than 50 local sponsors. It covers different types of world music - Irish, klezmer, Ukrainian, Yiddish, Broadway, Latin jazz, Russian, Jewish, jazz, gospel, a capella choral, classical guitar, baroque and more. Concerts begin at 7:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 40 Market Street, Ellenville, NY. Ticket prices for adults are \$15; seniors, students, \$10; children under 12, free. For more information call 845-377-3727 or visit MUSIC ON MARKET on Facebook.



SIGNING HIS BOOK ABOUT REVITALIZING THE AMERICAN DREAM **RALLY POINT**

> AT TWO LOCATIONS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY

10 A.M. - 12 NOON SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEU 265 MAIN STREET HURLEYVILLE, NY 12747

2 P.M. - 4 P.M. TOWN OF HIGHLAND SENIOR CENTER 725 STATE RTE 55 ELDRED, NY 12732

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT BOTH LOCATIONS

Wanted: Contaminated Properties

Monticello, NY - Do you suspect a property in Monticello, Liberty or South Fallsburg may be contaminated by haz-ardous materials? Help Sullivan County's Division of Planning & Community Development identify these sites,

with the goal of cleaning up and redeveloping them. "Contaminated properties potentially pose a threat to people, animals and vegetation, and even just the rumor of contamination can make it harder for property own-ers to develop or sell," noted Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "Yet that need not be the case. The County can access brownfields grants to mitigate hazardous substances and pollutants, restoring such proper-ties to a usable, developable state."

ties to a usable, developable state." District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee, invites all to a Community Visioning Session this Thursday, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. Funded by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, the session will provide partic-ipants an opportunity to discuss potentially contaminat-ed sizes in the County's urban center discover what ed sites in the County's urban center, discover what might be done about them, and learn how everyone can work together to redevelop the target areas.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the anning Division at 845-807-0527 or Planning Division at planning@co.sullivan.ny.us.

FREE Upper Delaware BioBlitz Family Day Connects Youth to Science (From Pg. 9)

Enjoy an original performance of "Trees" by NACL Theater, live music, and puppets

PLUS Special Friday night program at 8:30 pm bat acoustic ID and bug light tent demos

For more information, the public can visithttp://sullivancce.org/events/2016/06/25/upper-delaware-bioblitz-familyday, www.upperdelawarebioblitz.com, www.face-book.com/UpperDelawareBioBlitz, or email info@upperdelawarebioblitz.com.

Teams of scientists and amateur naturalists will converge on the site on Friday to begin their 24 hour survey. The Gales Property was also the site of the 2013 Upper Delaware BioBlitz, the first BioBlitz in the region and this will be the 4th event hosted by the Upper Delaware BioBlitz Steering Committee overall. In 2013 the nine teams of researchers collected 1,022 distinct species in 24 hours!

Teams of researchers will focus on specific categories of life, including aquatic insects; birds; fish; mammals; mosses and lichens; mushrooms; plants, grasses, and trees; reptiles and amphibians; and terrestrial bugs. The scientists are asked to identify what they find down to the species level, if possible, using specialized methods. Some of this will be done in the field either by photos or visual identification. Other items will be brought back to the collection tables for further identification through careful analysis using microscopes and reference material on site.

All of the data will be compiled into an inventory of species collected during the event and will be publicly available to help future scientists understand what was living on the site at this particular time, including rare or endangered species. Experts will travel from far distances to study this unique area of Pennsylvania.

Upper Delaware BioBlitz participating organizations and sponsors include Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, Delaware Highlands Conservancy, Delaware Highlands Mushroom Society, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Friends of the Upper Delaware River, John & Helen Villaume Foundation, National Park Service, National Parks Conservation Association, Natural Environmental Education Foundation, Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society, Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Pennsylvania Native Plant Society, Sierra Club Pennsylvania Chapter, Sullivan County Audubon Society, Upper Delaware Council, US Forest Service, Wayne County Community Foundation, and Wayne County Conservation District.

Delaware Highlands Conservancy is the fiscal sponsor for the event, and all contributions to the event through the Conservancy are tax-deductible.

Fantasy Pieces. Chamber music for piano and cello performed by Derin Oge andAnneke Schaul-Yoder

9) Anneke Schaul-Yoder performs regularly at (From Pg. New York's foremost venues in both modern and period styles. She is solo cellist and artistic director for SIREN Baroque, the internationally acclaimed all-female early music ensemble. With pianist Derin Öge, Anneke presents eclectic chamber music for cello and piano. She is also a member of the Piano Music & Song Trio, a trumpet/cello/piano trio that improvises over art songs; Skid Rococo, a group with soprano and lute that performs derelict and touching songs of the 18th century: and, the Oueens Consort. Anneke also performs as solo cellist with the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra, Morningside Opera Company, the Queens Consort, BalletNext, Argento Chamber Ensemble, and other ensembles. Anneke has recordings on the Bridge, System Dialing, Naxos, and 3rd Generation labels, and records and collaborates with members of Arcade Fire, TV on the Radio, Antibalas, and the Sway Machinery. She plays on a French cello from 1703 by Jacques Boquay.

Fantasy Pieces. Chamber music for piano and cello performed by Derin Oge and Anneke Schaul-Yoder. will be held on Sunday June 24, 3:00 p.m. at the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY 12494 \$12.00 suggested donation.

Telephone: 845.657.2482

Statement from Senator John Bonacic: Protecting New York's Consumers

On September 7, 2017, consumer credit reporting agency Equifax was the latest in a long list of companies that made the public aware of a security breach in its database. Individual personally sensitive information, such as birthdays and Social Security numbers, of 143 million consumers was compromised.

Ås a result, many New Yorkers are being urged to place security freezes on their credit reports. The problem is, the Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "This new

consumer credit reporting agencies currently charge a fee for the placement, lift, or temporary removal of a security freeze.

That is why I recently supported Senate-approved legislation that will strengthen consumer protections by ensuring that individuals do not bear the cost of the many security freeze transactions that they are likely to undertake in the wake of the Equifax or any similar data breach.

We need to make sure that we are not being taken advantage of. When the personal information of consumers is put at risk in a data breach, we should not be penalized by incurring additional fees from the very agencies that were supposed to protect them.

Not only would this bill allow consumers to prioritize rebuilding their financial lives without bearing the financial cost of proper protections, but it also ensures that a credit ureau cannot profit from its lax data security.

I will be sure to keep you posted on my continued efforts.

DEC Announces Grand Opening of New Outdoor Pavilion at Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center Outdoor Pavilion Supports Governor Cuomo's Adventure NY Initiative to Connect

New Yorkers with Nature State Department of Environmental New York Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the official opening of the new outdoor pavilion at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center (CIC) in Mt. Tremper, town of Shandaken. The completion of the project was announced during a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. The improvements are a part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Adventure NY Initiative to connect more New

Yorkers with nature. DEC Commissioner Seggos said, "New York is home to peerless natural resources that are the envy of the nation. DEC s committed to helping New Yorkers and visitors alike make the most of these resources and their time outdoors by ensuring nature is accessible to everyone. Funded by Governor Cuomo's Adventure NY Initiative, the Catskill Interpretive Center's new pavilion will help make nature more accessible to visitors to this special place.

The newly constructed outdoor pavilion will provide the public with a picnicking location, venue for educational programs, and a place for groups to meet up and begin their atskill adventures.

Located in Ulster County, the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center serves as a gateway for outdoor enthusiasts to learn about the Catskill Park. The center showcases the Catskills' natural resources and recreational opportunities by providing information about the 700,000-acre park, New York City's one million-acre Catskill/Delaware drinking watershed, and ways to recreate and enjoy these treasured natural resources.

The overall pavilion space is 1,762 square feet, including 234 square feet of enclosed storage space. The structure was constructed with an exposed laminated arch beam with stone fascia on posts. The enclosure walls were designed to complement the existing CIC building. The pavilion includes interior and exterior lighting and electrical convenience outlets. The pavilion was recently completed by Maeda Construction Inc. from Staatsburg, New York, at a cost of \$282,828. Funding vas provided by the state's Environmental Protection Fund. DEC staff constructed 12 tables to be used with the pavilion. Under Governor Cuomo's Adventure NY initiative, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active outdoor recreation, connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors, protect natural resources, and boost local economies. This initiative supports the completion of more than 75 projects over the next three years ranging from improvements to youth camps and environmental education centers to new boat launches, duck blinds, and hiking trails. Read more about the Adventure NY initiative (PDF, 10.57 MB).

Senator Tom O'Mara, Chair of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, said, "Attractions like the new Catskill Interpretive Center and others available throughout New York State are critical to securing and strengthening our place as a leader in America's outdoor recreation industry. These centers go a long way in showcasing and protecting the quality of New York's natural resources." Senator James L. Seward said, "The new Catskill

Interpretive Center is helping highlight all the Catskills has to offer - drawing new explorers to the region and offering area families and residents with yet another terrific outdoor resource. As we approach the summer tourist season, the new outdoor pavilion will offer one more reason for visitors to add stop in Shandaken to their Catskill Park itinerary.

Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Chair of the Assembly

Center will be a great resource for New Yorkers and visitors alike. It will connect people with nature, forming bonds that create environmental stewards and encourage the conservation of our valuable lands in perpetuity. The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretative Center will stand as a lasting legacy to one of the giants in the history of NYS environmental conservation who was both a State Assemblyman and later the Congressional representative of the area.'

The Interpretive Center is a proud representation of the life and legacy of Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey. The Center has already developed a distinguished reputation by serving as both a physical and virtual gateway to the Catskills. Each day the Center provides visitors with a fully immersive educational experience and the tools they need to safely explore the region. The addition of the outdoor pavilion will continue to enhance the facility and ensure access to the breathtaking scenery and wildlife of the region. Thank you to the Department of Environmental Conservation whose work helped make this project a reality and the staff of the Catskill Center who carry on Maurice's legacy through the Center each day," said Assemblyman Kevin Cahill.

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein said, "The Catskill Park is one of the driving forces in Ulster County's half-billion dollar annual tourism industry, and the Catskill Interpretive Center is helping create an even better experience for visitors who flock to the mountains, lakes and streams of Ulster County each year. I applaud Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Seggos for their ongoing efforts to protect our environment while promoting opportunities for visitors of all ages and abilities to experience the raw beauty of this spectacular mountain destination."

Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken, said, 'The Town of Shandaken is thankful for New York State's continuing investment for improvements at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center. The new pavilion will provide an opportunity for more visitors and residents to enjoy the outdoors be it for events or for a simple picnic. We look forward to the opportunities this improvement will afford us.' The opening of the new pavilion represents another step in the development of the Catskill Interpretive Center site, first started many years ago when Representative Maurice D. Hinchey called for the creation of a visitor center for the Catskill Park. The Catskill Center is honored to have such a strong partnership with the NYSDEC at the CIC to realize Representative Hinchey's dream for the Catskills. We look forward to the strengthening of this partnership and the growth of the CIC as we look towards the installation of new exhibits later this year and a Fire Tower next year. These collective efforts all help interpret the Catskills for tens of thousands of visitors and residents alike and offers a true gateway to the outdoor recreation and communities of the Catskill Park," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director, Catskill Center.

For more information on the Catskill Forest Preserve, including park maps, guides and links to the CIC, visit DEC's website.

Senator Bonacic Joins his Colleagues at Press Conference to Support the School Bus **Camera Safety Act**



Senator Bonacic (far left) is pictured at a press conference in support of the School Bus Camera Safety Act

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined his colleagues from the Senate and Assembly today at press conference in Albany to push for passage of the School Bus Camera Safety Act (S.518B) before the end of session. The bill, which Senator Bonacic co-sponsors, authorizes the installation and use of photo-monitoring devices school buses to detect and record vehicles illegally passing or overtaking a school bus. Motorists caught illegally passing a school bus by the cameras are subject to a \$250 fine Senator Bonacic (far left) is pictured at a press conference in support of the School Bus Camera Safety Act

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Town of Denning, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board for the Town of Denning at the Denning Town Hall, located at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, on July 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., regarding the adoption of a Sewer Use Law for the Hamlet of Claryville in the Town of Denning. This law is being proposed as part of the community planning measures taken by the Town in connection with the establishment of a proposed Claryville-Denning Septic Maintenance District under the Community Wastewater Management Program sponsored by the City of New York. At such time and place, all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning the same.

Copies of the proposed law shall be available at the time of the hearing and shall be available at times prior to and after the hearing at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours for the purpose of inspection or procurement by interested persons.

The proposed Sewer Use Law would include restrictions and provisions regulating the use of individual septic systems in the proposed Claryville-Denning Septic Maintenance District, including but not limited to restrictions on the types of materials that can be discharged to a septic system, prohibition against adding either stormwater (i.e., rain gutters) or groundwater (i.e. sump pumps) to a septic system, prohibition on the use of household garbage disposals, a provision providing the Town or its agents access to inspect/repair/replace/maintain a septic system, and a provision requiring Town Board approval and/or consent to additions or expansions of properties that will result in additional sewage flow.

Dated: May 21, 2018 Claryville, New York

By Order of Town Board Town of Denning

Local libraries will be alive with the sound of music as

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"Libraries Rock!" during the New York State Summer Reading Program - Summertime Reading is as Critical as School-Year Reading

The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) is encouraging all children and teens to participate in the New York State Library's statewide summer reading programs. This year's theme, "Libraries Rock!" is highlighting music and the wonderful ways it impacts our world and makes the world a better place in which to live. This includes all genres and styles of music that show us we can find music everywhere we look. Children, teens and families are encouraged to check out the multitude of offerings awaiting them in their local public libraries. Activities may include creating, gaming, projects, programs, presentations and a myriad of other entertaining and educational opportunities that will appeal to all ages and all areas of interest. The programs are all free. Teen students in junior high and high school that attend this summer's reading program will also enjoy the many benefits that the library offers over the course of the summer.

Kids of all ages want to know what's good to read. Librarians can steer them to classics, new books, books that children and teens love now and will love in the future. No matter how you look at it, books are a treasure. They take us away from daily concerns; they fly us to countries we may never ever see in person. They show us the many facets of wonder - in nature, in science, and in humankind's capacity for courage and kindness. They introduce us to friends we will have for life. Reading (or listening to someone else read aloud) constitutes our introduction to a world of wonderful characters and people. Summer programs, created especially for kids by youth services librarians, include T-shirt making, group gaming parties, pizza parties and origami workshops, science and engineering experiments for the tweens and teens. In promoting reading as a leisure activity, the Ramapo Catskill Library System invites children and teens to come to the public libraries, make friends, have fun - and read.

Beaches, parks, television and computer games present so many distractions that it's easy for youngsters to forget about the joys and rewards of reading. Libraries play a critical role in helping children and teens maintain reading levels over the summer, which research shows is as important as the structured reading curriculum during the academic year. Children who participate in library summer reading programs return to school in the fall ready to learn at grade level. In 2017, New York State libraries served over 2.2 million children of all ages who participated at their local neighborhood libraries; a 116,000 increase over the previous year's participation.

libraries; a 116,000 increase over the previous year's participation. According to educational research, if children select their own reading materials, this positive experience leads to more time spent reading and an improved reading ability in school. But with so many choices available, how does a child know where to start? "Librarians are trained to direct kids to books and other reading materials that best suit their personality, interests, and imagination," says Randall Enos, RCLS Youth Services Consultant. "As parents structure their kids' summertime activities, they should remember to put reading into the mix. Once children discover the fun of reading for pleasure, they can't be stopped," says Enos.

"Summertime at public libraries opens up a whole new social world for kids," says Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director, "and, while they're there, we also get them to try a book or two. In addition to traditional books, children and teens can download e-books to their personal electronic devices."

As a supplement to the onsite local library programs, a summer reading website at: http://www.summerreadingnys.org, or www.summerreadingnys.org, provides addition-

al activities, age-appropriate booklists and tips for parents to encourage summer reading. To access local library information, visit www.rcls.org, stop in or call your local library. Registration dates vary throughout local communities.

Get in the groove, listen to the beat and boogie on down to your public library real soon and throughout the summer and find the many inspiring activities waiting for you there. Everyone can join the fun and read at the library through stories, crafts, music and other activities during this year's summer reading programs!

Cook-Up Success: Catskills Kitchen Free Open House

LIBERTY, NY- A shared-use kitchen is a legally licensed commercial kitchen space that is certified for the production of value-added food products and catering. Shared-use kitchens can create positive economic, environmental, social, and health effects for communities.

Food entrepreneurs and community members are invited to a Catskills Kitchen Open House on Wednesday, June 27 and September 12, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The Catskills Kitchen Food Business Incubator, Sullivan County's first commercial kitchen and interactive classroom, is located at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Guests can tour the state-of-the-art facility, meet the staff, and ask questions about equipment, licensing, product testing, technical assistance, and more.

This event is FREE. Registration can be completed online atwww.sullivancce.org, by emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, please contact the CCESC office.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF DENNING, NEW YORK

> NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Denning at the Town Hall, located at 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, on July 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a hearing upon a proposal to establish the Claryville-Denning Septic Maintenance District as hereinafter described at which time and place said Town Board will consider such proposal and hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same.

> The purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input on a proposed Resolution to establish a septic maintenance district. The general boundaries of said proposed district are as follows: those properties located in the Hamlet of Claryville delineated on the proposed Service Area Map on file with the Town Clerk.

> The improvements and/or services proposed to be made are as follows: the repair, replacement and/or maintenance of the individual septic system and/or services that serve the residents within the sewer district. The Engineer's Report and Plan are on file with the Town Clerk.

Town will not incur any expense in the formation of the proposed district. The operation and maintenance of the septic systems will be funded with funds being provided by the Catskill Watershed Corporation ("CWC") as part of a septic maintenance district fund. The income earned each year from this fund will be used for operation, maintenance and replacement/repair of the systems within the Septic Maintenance District.

During the process to form the septic maintenance District, the Town Board reserves the right to modify the boundaries of the proposed district to address the concerns raised during the public comment period and to serve the best interest of the Town. If the Town Board, after the public hearings, passes a resolution to proceed with the septic maintenance district formation, the Town Board Resolution is subject to the permissive referendum petition process.

Dated: May 21, 2018 Claryville, New York

By Order of Town Board Town of Denning

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tional meetings with Ulster County's municipal leaders and school superintendents. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the UCIDA's mission, current incentive structure

communities. Companies interested in working on this project should reach out to the Agency's staff atinfo@ulstercountyida.com

to receive further details on the project scope

collecting fees from businesses that enter into contracts with the Agency, from investments, and loan fees. For more information, visitwww.ulstercountyida.com.



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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Harman XXV Pellet Stove Excellent Condition - \$1,900. Phone 845-434-7626 & Leave a message

FOR SALE: Harman Pellet Boiler PB105 \$2000.00 - needs fan. Primary baseboard heat for last 5 years (I can't lift bags anymore). 845 985-5007.

FOR SALE: 30 - 40# bags 'New England' hardwood pellets \$100.00. 845 985 5007.

FOR SALE: Yard Machine 26" Snow Blower \$300.00 - two stage, electric start, 2yrs. old. 845 985 5007.



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Frost Valley YMCA is hiring full-time, summer seasonal Assistants in IT and Historical Archives departments. IT Assistant should be undergraduate student in related field, proficient in common technologies, able to communicate and work well with various departments to support FV's IT needs. Historical Archives Assistant should be organized and detail-oriented to help Historian preserve and digitize FV history. Send application and resume to Linda Campbell, HR, hr@frostvalley.org. 845-985-2291 EOE

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Frost Valley YMCA is seeking a full time, year round Building Maintenance Technician, \$14.00-\$17.00/hour, great benefits. Must be 21 years or older with ability to lift 50 pounds and a clean, valid US driver's license. General building and grounds maintenance with construction experience. Knowledge/experience in plumbing, heating, electrical and carpentry. Send applica-tion and resume to HR@frostvalley.org. 6/14; 21;28; 7/5

Frost Valley YMCA is looking for dependable, safe CDL licensed drivers for the Day Camp program. Weekdays, mid-June through August. Qualifications: 18 years or older, desire to work with children. Email daycamp@frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 x305 with questions. Apply online at FrostValley.org. 6/14; 21;28; 7/5



"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia" ON TCM MONDAY JUNE 21, 2018 AT 6:00 AM "SON OF LASSIE" (Drama, 1945). The



Al 6:00 AM "SON OF LASSIE" (Diama, 1945). The beloved collie goes to war to help the resistance in occu-pied Norway. Dir: S. Sylvan Simon Cast: *Peter Lawford*, *Donald Crisp, June Lockhart*. At 9:30 AM "*ALL THIS*, *AND HEAVEN TOO*" (Romance, 1940). A French nobleman falls in love with his children's governess. Dir: Anatole Litvak Cast: *Bette Davis, Charles Boyer, Jeffrey* Lynn. At 12:00 PM "SERGEANT YORK" (War, 1941),D: Howard Hawks. starring, Gary Cooper, Walter

Brennan, Joan Leslie, George Tobias, Stanley Ridges, Margaret Wycherly, Ward Bond, Noah Beery, Jr., June Lockhart. Excellent story of pacifist York (Cooper) drafted during WW1, realizing purpose of fighting and becoming hero. Oscar-winning performance by Cooper in fine, intelligent film, balancing segments of rural America with battle scenes. John Huston was one of the writers. At 6:30 PM "OUTWARD BOUND" (Drama, 1930). Passengers on a fog-shrouded ship learn that they are lost souls on the way to heaven or hell. Dir: Robert Milton Cast: Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks, Helen Chandler. At 8:00 PM At 10:15 PM "SPITFIRE" (Adventure, 1942). Cast: D:Leslie Howard. Starring, Leslie Howard, David Niven, Rosamund John, Roland Culver, Anne Firth, David Horne, J. H. Roberts, Derrick de Marney, Bernard Miles, Patricia Medina. Howard plays R.J. Mitchell, who developed the ace fighting-plane "SPITFIRE" which later became one of the Allies' most valuable WW2 assets. Good biographical drama. Howard's last screen appearance. At 12:30 AM "CAPTURED!" (Drama, 1933) While in a POW camp, a man discovers his best friend was his wife's lover. Dir: Roy Del Ruth Cast: Leslie Howard, Douglas Fairbanks, Paul Lukas. Quiz: In "SERGEANT YORK"

- 1. Who plays Gracie Williams?
- 2. Who plays "Pusher" Ross?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm

A picture is worth a thousand words! That is usually true, but for those who enjoyed the Special Father's Day Dinner at the **Blue Hill Lodge** on



Saturday night, a picture and a thousand words could not describe how each course of the extremely delicious and how meal was superbly it was served. Another couple's comment who was also enjoying their scrumptious meal, "...and you don't have to travel to NYC for such great

food and service!" Hats off to Willie the Chef for his proficient cooking expertise and to the staff at Blue Hill Lodge for making this such a great evening and so close to home

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