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(CAS) to Honor Irving Berlin



LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Saturday, July 13th, Catskill Art Society (CAS) will honor the illustrious legacy of the family of the great lyricist and composer, Irving Berlin at its annual gala and major fundraiser at the Beaverkill Valley Inn, 7 Barnhart Road, Livingston Manor. Berlin called Lew Beach home for many years, and his daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchildren also take inspiration from the area, informing their respective creative endeavors in the literary and performing arts. (Contd. Pg. 4)

NEW! Catskill Farm Audio Tour App Now Available at the Time and the Valleys Museum!

Grahamsville, N.Y] A new audio tour app for mobile devices is now available for visitors to the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. The tour reflects a ten year old girl's perspective on everyday local farm family life before the reservoirs, and gives a unique look into a child's view of the 1930s, depression and the "tak-

Visitors can download the tour onto their phone or mobile device by going to uniguide.me and searching for "Time and the Valleys Museum" prior to visiting the Museum, or while on site. This app is the perfect complement to touring the new 1930s Lost Catskill Farm with

house, outhouse, milk house, barn electric plant and waterwheel shop which is open weekends through September, from noon to 4 p.m..

Created by student volunteer Melena Quick-Lepke of Neversink, Melana worked for over sixty hours researching, writing and recording this audio tour for the Museum as a project for the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can receive

For further information please contact Donna Steffens at 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, peo-

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

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

Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and



the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

WOW: Water on Water! watercolor paintings of the watersheds (Contd. Pg. 3)

SC Sheriff's Office brings Children from the Local Boys and Girls Club to Kartrite Water Park

MONTICELLO - The Kartrite Resort partnered with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office on Monday (6/17/19) to bring 18 deserving children from the local Boys and Girls Club to the indoor water park in Monticello for a day of fun and adventure. Sheriff Mike Schiff, who said that his office participates in a variety of youth programs in the county, thanked the Kartrite Resort for "stepping up to the plate". "These public/private relationships are so important when it comes to our youth", said the Sheriff. "No one organization can do it alone". The Sheriff also praised the professionals at the Boys and Girls Club for their tireless work with the "at-risk" youth in our community.

The Kartrite is New York State's largest Indoor water park.

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Sheriff Mike Schiff (1) with the children of the Boys and Girls Club in the lobby of the Kartrite Resort and Water Park.

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OBITUARIES

Calvin 'Cal' William Parrow, of Sundown, NY

slipped away peacefully at home on June 13, 2019 at 96 years (Franze), affectionately known as his 'Peanut', who died in November 2018.

Calvin was born to Robert

Winooski, Vermont on May 11, 1923.

Cal courageously served as a Technical Sergeant Anti-Tank Company - 13th Infantry Regiment - 8th Infantry Division - US Army during WWII. After training in Northern Ireland he landed at Omaha Beach, Normandy on July 4, 1944 and as Platoon Sergeant spent 10 months in combat. He earned his Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal and World War II Victory Medal.

Cal and Rose were married on June 21, 1947 in Winooski, VT and had 71 wonderful years together; the majority of which were spent raising 6 children in their beautiful and beloved Sundown, NY.

Cal received a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Vermont on the GI Bill in 1954. After graduating, Cal started his career as a History teacher in Shelburne, VT and moved to New York to teach at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, NY where he eventually became the Principal. His happiest and most rewarding moments were with the athletic department where he spearheaded the project to rebuild the baseball field; and he coached baseball, basketball and golf for many years.

Cal took great pleasure walking the golf courses at Lochmor and Tarry Brae, supporting any number of Tri-Valley sporting events, avidly followed the Boston Celtics, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Masters Tournament. He spent his days taking brisk walks on Peekamoose Road, mastering the daily crossword, tending the garden, visiting with family, enjoying a pipe of cherry tobacco, listening to big band music, and indulging in his love of all things sweet with Rose

Cal is survived by his son Greg and wife Donna (Enns) of Sacramento, CA; daughter Gail Farrell and DAYS OF YORE... her loving partner Donn Lewandrowski of Poland, ...Today's History NY; son Jay of Livingston Manor, NY; daughter Susan Newbury and her husband Roger of Litchfield, CT; son Jon and his wife Nancy (Raymond) of Sundown, NY; his eleven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Cal is predeceased by his wife Rose and his son

Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, while swimming in the Neversink River. NY 12788. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

The family would like to thank Hudson Valley Hospice for their loving and tender care of "Pop" of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Hudson Valley Hospice at hybospice.org.

Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

was 91.

Sadowska Sosnowski, she was born November 7, 1927 in Cliffside Park, NJ.

Helen enjoyed playing bingo; and was a constant called "home" for the last 12 years.

sister, Jane Koski.

Burial was in the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery, Liberty, NY.

JUNE 27, 2019

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

Edward K. Gruner, 58, of Poway, California passed away on June 3, 2019 after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Heart Disease. He was predeceased by his parents Edward A. Gruner and Ottilie ("Lee") Gruner.

Edward was born in Staten Island, N.Y. and relocated to Grahamsville, N.Y. as a young boy with his family. He attended Tri-Valley Central School (Class of 78'). As a grown man, he settled in California with his wife and family.

After high school, Edward enlisted in the United States Navy for six years. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia on the USS Nimitz. While in the Navy, he was educated in computer and satellite technology. He continued these skills after his enlistment as a civilian. He became one of the top in his field.

Edward was employed by SAIC in San Diego, California and KAB Laboratories in San Diego, California. During his career, he was a recipient of a Joint Chiefs of Staff award. He really loved his job, but had to retire early due to the progression of MS.

After retirement, he enjoyed watching baseball, spending time with his grandchildren and loved his dog Sadie by his side. Edward was a diehard N.Y Yankee's fan, as was his dad.

He would call his dad whenever a game was on and they would watch it together". He was also a diehard Elvis fan and collected Elvis memorabilia.

Mr. Gruner is survived by his wife of 39 years Delor Gruner, his son Jesse Gruner, his daughter Ashley Gruner Weyl (spouse Shane), his grandchildren Austin, Brooklyn, Cameron and Dyven, his brother Eric Gruner (spouse Mary), his sister Kathy Gruner Lane (spouse Brian) his stepbrothers Kenny and Kevin Hilton, his stepmother Ruth Gruner, nieces and nephews and his dog Sadie.

Edward will be greatly missed by his family and friends. If eople wish, they can honor Edward's memory by making a donation to the MS Society.

COLLEGE NEWS:

SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester, Among those honored is Aliza Santos of Mountaindale, NY.

Congratulations Aliza!

July 27, 1949

Harold Cypert, aged 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cypert of Hasbrouck and a junior in Liberty High School, lost his life while swimming in the Neversink River. This marked the second time within the last two years that tragedy has occurred in the family. Just two years ago, Gary. Visitation was held on Friday, June 21st at while swimming in the Neversink River.

Miss Grace Sheeley closed her school at Lower South Hill with a picnic for the children.

Camp Shady Brook is opened. The Misses Ann and Marie Redd from Savannah, Georgia have arrived and some during his final months at home and ask that in lieu of the counselors and the help. The children will arrive on Wednesday. A new cabin has been erected and the management is looking for a very prosperous season.

There are quite a few City guests in the boarding houses this vicinity. in

Mr. Ross Bonnell has a farm cadet from New York helping him this summer.

The recent hole through the West Delaware tunnel was time area resident died Friday, May 31, 2019 at the another milestone in New York City's big water supply proj-Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY. She ect. Five more miles to go and during the tunnel will be completed. About half of its length is already concreted. The daughter of the late Stephen and Josephine January of next year is set as the tentative date for the final holing through. West Delaware Tunnel Constructors, a joint venture of Johnson, Drake and Piper, Inc., Winston Bros. Col, Tecon Corpl, and Conduit and Foundation Corp., are ray of sunshine to her fellow residents and the staff still tunneling. Work of a second joint venture contractor, at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center, a place she MacLean Grove Col, and George M. Brewster & Son is almost completed A 13 _ feet in diameter, 44 miles long, Survivors include her daughter, Susan Conrad of completed tunnel will carry water by gravity flow from the Arlington, WA; and many nieces and nephews. She scheduled Cannonsville Reservoir to Merriman Dam. From was predeceased by her husband, William A. Conrad Lackawack the water will flow through existing aqueducts on April 30, 2009; one son, William "Billy" Conrad; to New York City. Some time next year it is expected that four brothers, Charles Sosnowski, Felix Sosnowski, contracts will be let for the main embankment spillway and Edward Sosnowski and Stephen Sosnowski; and one release water-works of the Cannonsville Dam at an estimated \$20,000,000 expenditure. (Contd. Pg. 3)

young. He was surrounded by his loving children and is now reunited with his wife, Rose

Charles Parrow and Ruth Parrow (Archambault) in

THE TOWNSMAN Mass. Mr. Grund will study electronics under the grant.

A Round About Tri-Valley - Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Calvin Parrow who passed away on June 13th at the age of 96. Cal, a fine gentleman, resided in Sundown for most of his life. He was a teacher and then principal at the Tri-Valley School for many years. Cal was always interested in sports and I remember him being an avid golfer. Cal and his lovely wife, Rose, who passed away last November, were wonderful people and will certainly be missed.

Devin Simon, Tri-Valley senior, competed in the national outdoor track and field competition held at North Carolina A &T University and placed 18th in the hammer throw emerging elite competition by throwing 152.10 feet.

The Town of Neversink Highway Department is has been working on some drainage issues at Bicentennial Square. With so much rain, there is more than enough water to go around.

The Hasbrouck Stone House in the T/O Fallsburg, which was the home of Anthony Hasbrouck from 1788 - 1840, has been nominated for the State and National Registers of Historic Places by Governor Cuomo.

The Warwarsing Knife Museum in Napanoch is open every Saturday and Sunday afternoon until Labor Day. Knives are for sale and admission is free.

Tri-Valley Track and Field team members were invited to a picnic and an afternoon of swimming at Furman Farms on Sunday, June 23rd. It was nice to be able to enjoy a sunny day!

Words of Wisdom: June 29th... the day this year's graduating class will be leaving Tri-Valley Central School! Each graduate will go off into the world to do their own "thing". I'm sure many of the graduating seniors have received lots of advice. Great thinkers of the past have also offered many well-known gems of wisdom. "There is no failure except in no longer trying", "Think you can, think you can't - either way you're right", "If you can see the obstacles, you've taken your eyes off the goal", "A cynic is someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing", and of course, "If you can conceive it, and believe it, you can achieve it". These bits of advice and wisdom are but pebbles, however, if you gather all the pebbles you can while you can, you can perhaps count on a future filled with diamonds. The last couple verses from a poem entitled "How to get from here to there " by Jennings Michael Burch offers some good advice to follow:

"At first you're overwhelmed, of course; there's so much you don't know. But keep your faith, be strong and sure, for you do have a way to go.

Take careful steps and do them right, take pride in each thing done. Don't look too far ahead of yourself, just that next step yet to come.

Before you know it you'll be there, friend, your dream will then be real. And you'll be standing where I am now, telling others how good it feels.

You'll tell them not to quit themselves, to have faith though it's hard to bear. So they will know it can be done - They, too, can get from here to there."

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Our sympathy to the family of Helen Conrad. Helen Conrad Helen and her husband, Bill were among the many Townsman volunteers. Helen will be missed by all.

DAYS OF YORE...

...Today's History

(From Pg. 2) Stream control work for the part of the West Delaware project is now being done by E. J. Albrecht Co., of Chicago under a \$2,100,000 contract. When completed somewhere around 1965, the West Delaware Supply System will carry an additional 260,000,000 gallons a day to New York City,

Stanley Dore is chief engineer for the New York City B.W,S, and Deputy Chief Engineer George Spann of Sundown is one of his top aides. Mr. Span heads the bureau of design.

Monday night, July 20, 1959 at 7L00 pm two bids wee opened for the addition to the firehouse as follows:

Eugene W. Osterhout- Grahamsville - \$9694.50 and Roedon Construction Co. - Grahamsvile, --\$8800.00

On the basis of the above bids, the contract will be awarded to the Roedon Construction Co.

June 23, 1969

Mr. Mario Grund, high school science teacher at Tri-Valley School has been awarded a two-year N.D.E.A. summer fellowship at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Grahamsville's Troop 187 returned home Saturday with a host of scouting awards and advancements in rank after a week at Beech Mountain Scout Camp. Each week at camp, one scout is chosen by camp staff, because he has exemplified the traditions of scouting. The camp staff bestowed this honor on Senior Patrol Leader Louis Boncek of Troop 187. Louis has returned to Beech Mountain this week a part of the camp staff - a great honor for a great scout.

On July 12, Mrs. Gertrude VanSickle held a reunion of all who had attended the Claryville schoolhouse. George Walter Erts and Arthur Irwin attended. Mr. Erts presented Mrs. VanSickle with a list of her former classmates.

The Claryville One Room School House and Museum has been restored and was previously used from 1848 to 1943 which is 95 years.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Berholf, July 25, 16 years.

July 19, 1979

Chris and Ginny Crowfoot of Franklinville, N.J. are spending some time with Jan and Bill Davies and plan on settling here permanently in the near future.

The Alchemy Club met recently for their June meeting at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Huntsberger with Mrs. Mabel Misner a Co-hostess. Their July meeting was on the 18th at the home of Peggy DeWire with Marjorie Hewlett as Cohostess.

For those who have wondered about lights in the Reformed Church at odd house recently...we'd like to explain. It is A & J Reed and Pipe Organ Co., from Newburgh who have undertaken the renovation of the Church's pipe organ. The workmen have been simply staying right there while doing their job because of the recent gas shortage. Archie March from the company has informed the church that they have a very valuable unique German made organ well over 100 years old. However, the instrument has only been here since 1904 and came as a second hand organ then. At that time it was a hand pump organ and after the efforts of some puff-checked, red-faced, breathless organ pumpers, the church decided to have in converted to electric. Recently as happens with the aging process, the instrument showed sighs of distress and now it is being renovated.

Matthew Gunther has been confined to his home with Chicken-pox.

On Saturday, the 25th reunion of the Tri-Valley Class of 1954 was held at the Grahamsville Fire House. Of the 16 original class members there were nine classmates and their spouses or guests. Also on hand were Polly and Don Hill, as she has continued to be the Senior Class Advisor.

Larry and June Schmitz of Woodbourne accompanied by Debbie Nasho of Neversink have returned from a trip to Colorado Springs, CO where they enjoyed visiting their son Richard Schmitz who is a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy. Richie is a 1978 Tri-Valley graduate.

The Board of Education approved maternity leaves for Mrs. Linda Goldstein and Mrs. Mary Anne Ronkese for the 1979-80 schoo year. The Board also approved employing Mr. Glenn Bollin as Secondary Science Teacher.

The Dennis Akerley VFW Memorial Post #8648 of Neversink and their Ladies Auxiliary threw a surprise party for the Auxiliary's oldest member, Sara Brown, who was 81 years old on June 4th.

Here are some interesting items from an early issue of the *Tri-Valley Townsman* dated Wednesday, May 7, 1947 -Greenville: Central Hudson is extending the electric line from Sundown to the property of Charles Rose on Greenville Road. .. Mr. Ralph Countryman of Sundown Road has rented his house to a notable Ladies Fishing Club comprised of wealthy ladies from all over New York and other places.

NEW! Catskill Farm Audio Tour App Now Available at the Time and the Valleys Museum!

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1870s barn, milk

house, outhouse,

electric plant, workshop with

working water

wheel and 1880s

Open Weekends

house.

farm

ONLY.



The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. **Nature Column -** *Linda Comando* A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall , Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

What Happened to the Daisies?

One of the flowers that are traditionally in my Midsummer Bouquet is a daisy or two. I noticed daisies in bloom all over last week, but when I went out in that rain on Friday afternoon to pick a little bouquet, not a single daisy was open in our yard., which meant that I had to settle for red clover, myrtle leaves, a few buttercup blossoms, and a small cluster of yarrow for the little bouquet that graced our dining room table on Friday night when we had our Midsummer mini-feast!



Did you know that daisies sleep at night and wake up in the morning. The Oxeye daisies (Chrysanthemum leucanthemum) that we are seeing in the fields and by the Eagle Watch, along the roadsides, and in many other places around Tri-Valley is also known as a Moon Daisy because they open at dawn as the day just starts to begin. In fact, the Daisy got its name from Old English "Day's Eye," describing how the petals close at night and open at daybreak, revealing the yellow center.

Although daisies are a familiar and attractive grassland perennial that is even considered a weed, they are not Native to North America. They were introduced here long ago from Eurasia.

Daisies have a medium tall un-branched stem topped by a solitary composite flower of white rays (petals) surrounding a yellow disc floret,

The flowerheads of daisies can be large, and measure up to 2 inches across. They usually begin to bloom in the middle of May and are at their peak until around the end of June. We will continue to see isolated specimens throughout the summer, especially in areas where they are undisturbed by the cutting of the hay or mowing, such as on railway banks, or along roadways where the plant flourishes well.

Daisies are not made of just one flower. A Daisy is made up of two types of flowers - disk florets and petallike white ray florets. The disk florets are at the center and the ray florets are at the periphery but they are arranged to give the impression of being a single flower. This arrangement on Daisies is a type of inflorescence known as a capitulum.Beneath each flower-head is a ring of green sheathing bracts, the involucre. These not only protect and support the bloom, but prevent insects from trying to bite their way to the honey from below. They, as well as the rest of the plant, are permeated with an acrid juice that is obnoxious to certain insects. The open flower heads of a daisy does attract a large range of pollinating insects particularly bees and butterflies.

A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. Daisies can be propagated by division in spring or through sowing seeds in spring or late autumn. Daisy seeds are a prime source of food for songbirds in winter. The plant generally grows from 1 to 2 feet high. The perennial root is somewhat creeping. The stems of Daisies are smooth and leafless and support a single flower. The leaf texture varies and may be smooth or hairy, narrow at the base and slightly lobed. The Daisy flower stalks are generally longer than the leave stalks.

I just came in from walking the dogs on this bright sunny Sunday, and what did I see? – Daisies blooming everywhere. I guess this sunshine has made a big difference even to the daisies!

Have a happy sunny summer and a Safe and Happy 4th of July !

Household Hints

Relieve Stings

Stung by a bee? Immediately wet the sting and cover with salt. It will lessen the pain and reduce the swelling. Of course, if you are allergic to bee stings, you should get immediate medical attention.

The Bouncer

Mysterious Book Report No. 378 by John Dwaine McKenna



We're kicking the summer reading season into high gear with an entertaining, bright and fast-paced crime caper in which nothing is as it appears to be. The novel came out in late summer-early fall of 2018 when the MBR calendar was full, and wasn't reviewed, but has just been reissued in trade paperback and should be easy to find.

The Bouncer, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 259 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2800-3) by David Gordon, begins in a strip club in Queens, New York, where we're introduced to Joe Brody, the bouncer and peacekeeper. He's the protagonist . . . a guy you'd expect to be a thug who uses force to keep a lid on the place. Instead, the reader finds a mild-mannered soul, reading a Russian novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky, but don't be deceived. Brody's been to Harvard – where he was expelled – and has a highly-classified, military history as well. The club is owned by Gio Caprisi, a mafia Don, and Brody's best friend from Catholic school, who's secretly a crossdresser in women's clothes. Added to the zany cast of characters is an FBI agent named Donna Zamora, an ambitious single mother who's stuck in the office answering the tip line. Their lives intersect when a tip from a coke addict shuts down the strip joint and gets

Joe Brody arrested. The FBI is rounding up anyone who might lead them to any of the top ten names on the most wanted list. And that's only the start of this scattered novel which goes on to cover such diverse topics as robbery, back-road gun shows, gun running, secret government labs, criminal cartels and high-end perfume theft, the CIA, Chinese Tongs and Triads . . . even an evil, uber-wealthy criminal mastermind who's intention is to destroy the world.

Although the plot doesn't always make sense because it asks the reader to make great leaps of subject without explaining why or how, The Bouncer is highly entertaining and can be read in a couple of hours at the beach or in the back yard.

Like the review . . . let your friends know, You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report . . . The greatest compliment you can give, is to like us and share it with others on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Goodreads, Instagram.

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(CAS) to Honor Irving Berlin

(From Pg. 1) All proceeds raised at the gala support CAS and its expanding summer program of visual and performing art.

Irving Berlin wrote scores to 13 Broadway musicals, contributed to seven revues, and wrote songs for 12 classic Hollywood movie musicals. Born in Russia, he immigrated to the Lower East Side, where he started as a singing waiter and soon became a lyricist, composer and music publisher. He built the Music Box Theater to house his Music Box Revues. Among his more than 1,200 songs, many of which are considered classics today, is "God Bless America," for which he established a fund which receives all revenues from the song and distributes it to the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Irving Berlin gave the house by Shin Creek and its 50 acres of stream side forest to his wife Ellin as a Christmas present in 1938. The Berlins and their daughters Mary Ellin, Linda and Elizabeth, nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren have been coming to the valley ever since. The snowy Christmas of 1939 in Lew Beach may have inspired one of America's most iconic songs, "White Christmas." That lyric is Lew Beach's and Irving Berlin's gift to America. For Berlin's family the house by the stream and the village of Lew Beach have provided inspiration, solace, recreation, and a sustaining community for decades.

All proceeds raised support CAS and their expanding summer program of visual and performing art. Tickets and tables are available for purchase by visiting the CAS webbelow: site at the link http://www.catskillartsociety.org/2019-gala-at-thebeaverkill-inn-1

Beaverkill Valley Inn, 7 Barnhart Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 6pm Cocktails • 7pm Dinner and remarks 8pm Performance

The Gala Committee is comprised of our leading supporters and friends that make this evening possible: Linda and Paul Barnett, Mary Ellin Barrett, Dana and Stephen DiPrima, Joan and Ben Giordano, Alessandra Gouldner and Boyd Johnson Wendy Gordon, and Larry Rockefeller, Melissa Holden and Randy Lewis, Summer of Lovingston Manor, Dianne Hurley and Ultan Guilfoyle, Dan Levinson, Don Simkin, Erin and Patrick Sloane, Nancy and Rudi Stahl Migs and Bing Wright

At CAS, we believe that any work of art is exponentially more impactful when it is experienced with other works made richer by being seen in contrast and in dialogue with related art. To this end, we work to design diverse, varied seasons of performances, outreach, and classes to accompany our year-round exhibition programming. This year, we are proud to present the Summer of Lovingston Manor, a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Woodstock and the place where we live, work, and play. The Summer of Lovingston Manor includes an exciting presentation of exhibitions, performances, film screenings and more, capturing the spirit of creativity, inclusion and love fostered during the summer of '69.

Summer of Lovingston Manor sponsors include: Catskill Brewery, Red Cottage, Country House Realty, Foster Supply Hospitality, Sunshine Colony, Upstream Wine and Spirits, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and Jeff Bank.

Children and Staff Having Valid Medical Exemptions for Measles Vaccine **Can Attend Local Camps**

Liberty, NY - The Sullivan County Department of Public Health Services would like to clarify that valid medical exemptions allow children and camp staff to attend summer camp.

"Children and adults who cannot receive the measles vaccine for medically authorized reasons are still allowed to attend camp in Sullivan County, consistent with Public Health Order No. 1 of 2019," notes Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw.

While there is no longer a religious exemption allowed to attend schools and day cares in New York State, the medical exemption remains legally author-ized," she states. "That means that children and adults who have a valid medical exemption by a physician are not restricted from attending a local camp unless the camp owner's own policy prohibits it.'

According to the New York State Department of Health, a valid medical exemption must:

1. Be on a sample medical exemption form issued by the Department (www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf) or the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or on a signed statement that certifies that the immunization may be detrimental to a child's health;

2. Be signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State:

3. Contain sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to a specific immunization. The Department recommends that health care practitioners consult the ACIP guidelines for contraindications and precautions to childhood vaccinations, available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html. (Please note that the guidelines contain all ACIP recommended vaccines, including some that are not currently required for schools and child day care programs in New York State); and 4. Be confirmed annually.

Sullivan County's Public Health Order No. 1 of 2019 requires all other campers and staff members at NYSregulated summer camps in the County to present acceptable proof of measles immunization or pending immunization. The full text of that order can be found at $www.sullivancountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeti$ ng.aspx?ID=1420.

While it is not required by this Public Health Order, we are also strongly recommending that any child age 4 years old and older who has not received their second MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) vaccination do so before arriving at summer camp," says McGraw.

In collaboration with State and Federal authorities, Sullivan County Public Health Services continues to closely monitor and respond to measles cases, which to date have numbered nine locally. Both residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to become familiar with measles, its transmission, and what to do in suspect Further is info available cases. at www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/measles or by calling the New York State Measles Hotline at 888-364-4837

SC Awards Incentives for Economic **Development and Addressing Blight** Funding still available for projects; apply by July 12

Monticello, NY - Select municipalities across Sullivan County will soon be launching projects under the County's Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting and Remove Unsafe Structures (RUSt) programs. Participants were awarded funding to improve their zoning and permitting processes and remove hazardous structures from their communities. The Division of Planning & Community Development has funds still available for municipalities who wish to do the same.

Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting Program recipients include the Town of Forestburgh and the Village of Bloomingburg. Forestburgh has been awarded \$7,500 to revise the Town's zoning code to create commercial districts to facilitate commercial development in certain corridors. Bloomingburg has been awarded \$8,500 to upload the Village's code to eCode to make it readily accessible online.

'Both projects exemplify the program's purpose," noted District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee, "by making their local development regulations and review procedures more conducive and hospitable to business and economic development through increased clarity and transparency. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda "Photographic Memory"



Remember when we all used cameras that had film? We would send the film away to be developed and then have actual photos to deal with. We made mini albums to show our friends; we scrap-booked them; we stuffed them into shoe boxes and then warehoused them somewhere in a bottom drawer, top shelf, hope chest or Rubbermaid bin to put in the attic or basement. Sometimes, Kodak would have a duplicate offer and one got two copies of every photo. The result, over a lifetime, is a cataloguer or records-management dream; it is my nightmare.

Not only do I have albums upon albums of my own, I have inherited a lifetime of my mother's photographs, many of which are just a different view of the same event. Some go back to the 1940's with tiny images of people, fading and framed in white scalloped edges, and held in place by black corner edges that stuck to black, crumbling paper. I never knew or cannot recognize some. Many are precious, one of a kind, images of relatives long gone, but my children would not even recall their names.

What to do? When I decide to weed out the hundreds of thousands of photographs, I still wind up with thousands I just cannot seem to eliminate. Also, we the Xerox generation, enlarged and framed our favorites in rusting gold metal frames that no longer have real estate on walls and horizontal surfaces. They reside in other boxes, bins and closets.

I have a friend who lovingly culled and divided family photos into four piles for her children and gave each a lovely photo album. I plan to do that in my ambitious moments but the motivation is not there. Another friend scanned the very best of her parents' pictures into one photo book. In every attempt, I wind up surrounded with a haphazard pile of celluloid and wet tissues as I stroll down "Memory Lane."

A friend, retired for a few years, asked on FaceBook what to do with old lesson plans. I quickly replied, "Build a Ceremonial Bon Fire and toast marshmallows." I wish I could do that with my photos without feeling the burden of guilt.

Nowadays, photos get stored on a computer or iPhone that no one ever gets to see again because they are busy recording every second of their present life and what they eat on their devices. To share a photo, someone hands you a phone and scrolls for an eternity until you get to see a fleeting image destined to remain in the cloud. They can be deleted with a single click or swipe of the finger, but no one ever does.

What to do? Photos represent our past, and I realize that they really do not occupy a place in our future except to provide glimpses to our memories which are already stored in our hearts and minds.

SC Awards Incentives for Economic Development and Addressing Blight Funding still available for projects; apply by July 12

(From Pg. 4) Communities have been processing applications for land use approval for decades, encountering new challenges and difficulties and crafting solutions to each one when encountered. Because of this, many communities have developed their land use approval processes, standards, and forms incrementally over years, oftentimes resulting in an inefficient process.

"In many municipalities, the land use review and approval process has become hard to understand, timeconsuming, and expensive, in some cases preventing developers from undertaking priority sustainable economic development projects," Sorensen explained. "To reduce these obstacles, municipalities can streamline the review and approval process by clarifying how the process works for applicants, consolidating and simplifying processes for approvals where possible, and reducing process to reduce fees, time, and variances, as well as reducing or waiving fees for smallscale projects with generally low impacts, are a good place to start."

Funding is available to support the costs of attorneys, planners and other professionals, permit-tracking technology, and related expenses.

Remove Unsafe Structures (RUSt) Program recipients include the Sullivan County Land Bank, the Village of Liberty, and the Village of Woodridge. The Land Bank and the Village of Liberty are working together to remove five structures within the Village. Each of the five properties are located near Liberty Central School District schools and post public safety threats in downtown Liberty. The Village of Woodridge is removing a partially-collapsed building on Broadway.

Applicants can apply for up to \$18,000 to offset the cost of tipping and disposal fees.

Administered by the Division of Planning & Community Development, the program guidelines and application form are available on the Division's page at www.SullivanNY.us, under "Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities." Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on July 12.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division of Planning & Community Development prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist municipalities with project development and applications during regular business hours. For more information, contact Shannon Cilento atShannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us or call 845-807-0529.

Flags That Flew Over Colonial America To Be Displayed at Fort Delaware

Narrowsburg, NY - Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History display of Flags that Flew Over Colonial American is an incredible display of early American flags!

In addition to all the other fascinating attractions at the Fort, visitors can take in a full exhibit of flags flown over the Thirteen Colonies and the infant United States. At the opening of this exhibit this past Saturday, the creation and meaning of Flag Day was discussed, as well as the significance each flag played in the formation of the United States.

Flags that are included are the British Red Ensign, The Bennington Flag, The Green Mountain Boys Flag, The Grand Union, The Betsy Ross Flag, The Bedford Flag, Washington Cruisers, Philadelphia Light Horse Flag, The Gadsen Flag, and The Guilford Courthouse Flag. They will become part of a permanent display at the Fort.

Located along Route 97, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, in Narrowsburg, Fort Delaware is an authentic depiction of the life of the Delaware Company Pioneers who settled in the Upper Delaware Valley in 1754. A tour of the multi-level colonial structure includes demonstrations of early settlers' lifestyles and craft-making. A gift shop and picnicking facility are located on the grounds. The Fort is owned, operated and maintained by Sullivan County through its Department of Parks, Recreation and Beautification.

For the rest of June, the Fort will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Starting July 1, the Fort will be open for visits and tours from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. (Last tours are given at 4 p.m.)

Adult tickets are \$7 apiece, while kids under 5 are free (must be accompanied by an adult). Children 5-14 are \$4 apiece, and seniors aged 62 and over are \$5 apiece. A \$20 Family Pass admits up to two adults and three children, while veterans who present a valid ID issued through the County's FAVOR Program are admitted free. Special rates available for camps, student groups and adult groups.

For more info, visit www.sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/FortDela ware or call 845-252-6660.

Special Presentation of the newly relaunched Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles Website, which now includes Sullivan County

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties is excited to announce that a special presentation of the newly re-launched Mid-Hudson Valley Community Profiles Website, which now includes Sullivan County, will be held Wednesday June 27th at 4:00 PM at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant, 277 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill NY.

The presentation will include a short video and brief question and answer session. This site is a welcome source of in depth, comparative information about Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Ulster counties that provides economic agencies, businesses for profit and not for profit, throughout the region with an important tool for assessing and understanding the populations they serve. The website, located at www.mhvcommunityprofiles.org, is available to the public and will be consistently updated annually with new data.

The Presentation will demonstrate how to navigate the site, including the new dashboard and map functions, discuss how it will prove useful to various types of organizations, and point out some interesting trends found within the comparative data. Also to be discussed, is how organizations applying for the upcoming CFA grant, can use the site, and the importance of including reliable data in both small- and large-scale grant applications, such as the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

"Good information doesn't save lives or revitalize communities-but without it, public policy and private philanthropy can't be effective," said Ms. Rosenberg, original presenter of the re-launch. "We hope that community nonprofits and the public sector will find that this website stimulates dialogue about needs, and cooperation around goals, policies, and programs."

Immediately following the presentation attendees are encouraged to stay for the Sullivan County Young Professionals Evening Mixer. For more information call the Chamber at 845-791-4200.

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, Welcomes the Kingston Land Trust to the Matthewis Persen House Museum

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 29, Kingston Land Trust will host the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets. Admission is free and all are welcome.

On Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, meet & greet members from Kingston Land Trust who will share information about the newly acquired Pine Street African Burial Ground site. More than 125 years ago, this burial ground was portioned off for private ownership when the borders of the City of Kingston expanded into the surrounding rural area. Now that the site has been acquired by the Kingston Land Trust, they are working with a partner organization and the community to restore the grounds and building as an interpretive center for education and reflection.

For further information about the Persen House and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit us on Facebook.

CWC Board meeting at Hobart July 2

The regular monthly meeting of the Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, July 2 at 1 pm. at the Stamford Town Hall, 101 Maple Avenue, Hobart, NY 13788, instead of at the CWC headquarters in Margaretville.

Committee meetings will begin at 9:30am. A walking tour of the Village (bookstores, museum, other businesses) will follow, led by Town Supervisor and CWC Board President Mike Triolo.

The public is invited to the board meeting which will begin at 1pm. and will feature a presentation by a representative of the Hobart Business Association. The Board agenda includes septic system replacement reimbursements and feasibility studies for floodproofing several structures.

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.



provide free, nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to children and teens

Monticello Central School District will provide free, nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to children and teens 18 and under at the locations below, Mondays through Fridays. The program is open to all children 18 and under and there is no cost or enrollment to participate.

Kenneth L Rutherford School (26 Patricia Pl) - July 8 -Aug. 9 Breakfast 8 - 8:20 a.m.; Lunch 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. • Liberty Partnership Program (112 College Rd) July 8 -Aug. 14 (not open Fridays) - Breakfast 8:45 - 9:30 a.m.;



Breakfast 9 - 9:30 a.m.; Lunch 12 - 12:30 p.m.

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Father's Day Special Surprise - Pure Maple Syrup at Clarvville Fire Department **Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

The carloads of local residents and busloads of families from Frost Valley's YMCA Camp which came to the Claryville Fire Department's Fathers Day Pancake and French Toast Breakfast were treated to a special surprise breakfast: with 100% pure maple syrup, donated by the Muthig Farms family on Muthig Road in Neversink, and William Brenner of Grahamsville.

The Towns of Neversink and Denning are right in the heart of maple syrup country. Driving along, you can see the tubes of maple sap going from tree to tree and the boiling booking barrels.

100% pure maple syrup is different in two ways: for one, it is thinner than the corn syrup additive you see in supermarkets, and second, the pure maple syrup taste is so distinctive, that it is an unforgettable treat.

The waitresses at the firehouse said they kept getting orders for seconds of pancakes and french toast, with some more of that special syrup.



Many local fire departments already have 100% pure maple syrup at their pancake breakfasts, contributed in part by local maple syrup producers - and we thank them for their local community spirit!

Movies Under the Walkway:

Join the fun this summer for family friendly movies shown on a big screen at Upper Landing Park, with the Walkway Over the Hudson as a backdrop. Food trucks, live music and activities for the whole family before each show

Bring your own chairs and blankets!

Complimentary to attend. Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

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Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Saturday, July 6, 2019 07:00 PM - 11:00 PM Pre-Show: Kids superhero costume contest, Nueva Imagen (starts at 7 pm)

Movie: Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse (begins at sunset)

How to Train Your Dragon 3 Saturday, July 20, 2019 07:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Musical Guest: Minerva (starts at 7 pm) Movie: How to Train Your Dragon 3 (begins at sunset)

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Fifth Graders Graduate D.A.R.E. Program in Fallsburg 10n Friday morning May 31, 2019 Benjamin Cosor Elementary School recognized



Allison Cabrera, who won the prize for the Best Essay on Lessons from DARE Training, with School Resource Officer Sgt. Michael Summa, who runs the year-long training

ijamin Cosor Elementary School recognized all fifth graders for passing the year-long Drug Abuse Resistance Program (DARE) taught by School Resource Officer (SRO) Sergeant Michael Summa. Town of Fallsburg Chief of Police Simmie Williams assisted with handing out certificates of completion along with tee shirts and pins given by Schools Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Principal Mary Kate Stinehour. Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School SRO Jason Edwards was present as well. Several dozen parents attended to support their children. Two special highlights of the morning were

the award on Best DARE Essay to Allison Cabrera, who read her paper on the dangers of drugs and alcohol to individuals and the community. She received great applause from her appreciative classmates, school staff and families. The second honor of the day went to Mrs. Mednick and Mr. Mellan joint instruction class for creating the best DARE box, beautifully decorated and containing excellent questions and comments from his students.

It was a morning filled with pride and achievement. Completing this program will reinforce the fifth graders peer resistance and refusal skills so that they can say "no" to drugs. In our culture today, young people need all the guidance they can get.

BCES Students Show Their Talents For several years, the PTA at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has been auditioning talented children for participation in an annual Talent Show



The Finale of the Talent Show. Left to right are: Shaun Pomeroy, Tiffany Maccagli, Gianna Colombo, Memphis Oathout, Janelli Anderson, Isabella Giannico, Angelina Alvarado and Adoni Negron.

hed children for participation in an annual fatent Snow held just before the school year ends. Mrs. Rosalind Natale has been the driving force to keep this tradition alive. This year's show occurred on Friday evening, June 21, 2019 at the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Auditorium before Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal Dave Viglione, parents, grandparents, siblings, and classmates of the eight performers.

Announcing each act and handling the sound and mic controls was Party Masters' Frank Kuttner. Helping backstage to keep the flow going was a team of older students and children of PTA members comprised of Gavin Storms, Nick Storms and Evyonna Gilliard.

Every performer, from Kindergarten through sixth grade, gave it their best effort and charmed the audience. Some sang challenging lyrics from Aretha Franklin and Lady Gaga. One young girl Tiffany Maccagli played a trumpet solo of the *Star-Spangled Banner*, which has some challenging notes! Isabella Giannico opened the show by singing "Shallow" by

Giannico opened the show by singing "Shallow" by Lady Gaga. Isabella auditioned for the Catskill Renegades Baseball Team and will sing the National Anthem before one of their upcoming games. Her voice can fill a stadium! She also performed Kelly Clarkson's "Piece by Piece" just before the grand finale. The entire cast sang "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas and Billy Ray Cyrus to close the show.

Other children on stage were Janelli Anderson, who just graduated Kindergarten the morning of the Show, Adoni Negron, Shaun Pomeroy, Memphis Oathout, Gianna Colombo and Angelina Alvarado. Special thanks go to Jenine Alvarado and Trevonne Gilliard for assisting Mrs. Natale.



Public is Invited to Help Out on the Frick Pond Loop Trail in Mongaup State Park



"Marjorie Linko of Livingston Manor (center) pitched in to improve this favorite local trail at Frick Pond"



Livingston Manor, NY Sunday June 30th at 1:00 pm, the public is invited to help out on the Frick Pond Loop Trail in Mongaup State Park, Livingston Manor. Together, we'll improve the drainage on this scenic, family-friendly trail so it becomes welcoming again!

Local volunteers of the Willowemoc Trail Crew, under the auspices of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, will supply tools and on-site training; you supply the muscle and enthusiasm. Pick a rugged or light-duty task, depending on your ability. Bring water, work gloves and wear long pants and sturdy waterproof footwear. Participants will receive a complimentary snack bar made locally, by Magic Maple Foods, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County Catskills Kitchen.

Register and get the meeting location by contacting Lisa at (845) 439 5507 or email to info@morgan-outdoors.com. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor. www.morgan-outdoors.com

Frost Valley YMCA is Looking for Local Families to Host Children from Tokyo July 27-28

Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA, in partnership with Tokyo YMCA, is offering local families an opportunity to host children from Tokyo for a weekend of cultural immersion through its Homestay Program. Families who qualify after the vetting process are asked to host two or three children between the ages of 8-15 from July 27-28, 2019. Pick up and drop off will take place at Frost Valley's main camp located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville.



The goal of the Tokyo-Frost Valley Home-stay Program is to give children from Japan the opportunity to experience life in an American household. Host families will receive details about the children who will be staying with them prior to their arrival. Frost Valley is offering host families a stipend of \$30 per child to help cover food expenses. For more information or to become a host family,

please call 914-761-8450 or email tokyopr@frostvalley.org. Don't forget! If you haven't already enrolled your child in summer day camp, Frost Valley has many action-packed sessions still available. However, space is filling up quickly so parents are strongly encouraged to register immediately to ensure their child's spot. For more information on Frost Valley's Day Camp or to register, visit www.frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 306.



4th Annual Boat Rides for Veterans On June 8, ECOs Jon Walraven and Charles Eyler par-ticipated in the 4th Annual "Boat Rides for Veterans" event held by the White's Marina Boaters Association and the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Services. The day started with a flag raising ceremony and the national anthem at White's Marina in New Hamburg. Veterans from all branches of service then set out on boating trips down the Hudson River to West Point Military Academy. Veterans themselves, ECO Walraven (Marines) and ECO Eyler (U.S. Army) escorted the 15-boat flotilla along with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. After the boats returned, the veterans and their families were treated to food and refreshments.



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Southern Catskills Girl Scouts Angling Event

On June 9, ECOs Melissa Burgess and Jeannette Bastedo attended the Southern Catskill Angler & Girl Scout





Troop event with an eager group of Girl Scouts, family, and friends who came out to enjoy a day of fishing and learning. ECOs Burgess and Bastedo explained the role ECOs play in protecting fish and wildlife resources and discussed the importance of conservation. The scouts learned how to tie knots and cast before they began fishing. This was the second year the event was hosted at Schirrman's Pond, a private residence generously opened to the girls and their families for the day. Well over 120 people attended and ECOs would like to thank the combined efforts of the Southern Catskill Anglers, Girl Scouts, Schirrman family, and the volunteers who helped make it a special day for the girls.

UC Executive Signs "Skip the Straw" Legislation First Bill Signed by County Executive Pat Ryan

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Joined by members of the Ulster County Legislature, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan



signed his first bill into law. The "Skip the Straw" law, makes single-use plastic drinking straws an on-demand commodity at eateries across Ulster County. Under the new law, restaurants and fast-food establishments are prohibited from providing single-use plastic straws unless requested by a patron.

Ulster County Executive Patrick K. Ryan

'We are facing a climate crisis and it is time to act. I am proud that the first law that I signed as County Executive takes concrete steps to protect our environment by limiting one of the major drivers of pollution here in Ulster County.

Ulster County Legislative Chairwoman Tracey Bartels "The environmental cost of single use plastics is absolutely unsustainable. This common-sense legislation asks that people think before they consume. It's a small step that will make a substantial difference and will continues

Ulster County's work as environmental stewards. I would like to thank Legislators Maloney and Donaldson for their leadership on the issue and the many Ulster County businesses that have already instituted the practice of skipping the straw.

Ulster County Legislator Joseph Maloney

We must use every tool available to move away from plastics and towards renewable, reusable and compostable. This a small but effective step and I'm proud to help Ulster County be the first in the state.

Earlier this week County Executive Ryan signed his first Executive Order setting an aggressive goal to supply 100% of the electricity consumed by the County's buildings and fleet from locally-generated, renewable sources. County Executive Ryan also announced this week a major new County solar project that will double the amount of renewable energy generated by Ulster County, increasing renewable generation from 20% of the County's use to 40%.

The Scene Too By Jane Harrison



The Kauneonga Lake Block Party people certainly know how to throw a party!! From noon to 5pm I joined an incredible amount of celepeople to brate...what? The most perfect summer day so far! And we all did this with excellent vendors. unique things like stilt walkers, and a line up of music that can only be described as some of the best Sullivan County has to offer.

And what a line up it was! Joanna Gass and The Search and Rescue Orchestra, Jazzmosis, Fisher and Kean, The Slam Allen Band, The



Johnny Jules Band, Beat Street, Aerial Acoustics, Keith Hartman and Lynn Reno, and Southern Fried Soul. I spent my afternoon with persons I have the privilege to call per-

sonal friends who just happen to be incredibly talented. There were many stellar moments in that afternoon but one of the most memorable is when the Blues guitar master himself, Slam Allen came off the stage with his guitar and over to where Joanna Gass stood and they combined their voices.

Wow, just wow. And this is only the block party's fourth year? They certainly have it right already.

Looking forward to July 4th weekend, there are two possibilities that stand out. The first is at the Arrowhead Ranch in Parksville July 5th through the 7th. Now I've never been a 'dead head' (which is the name given to those devoted to the Grateful Dead and their music), but I have always appreciated their music particularly their bringing forth what would have been forgotten songs of the common man of previous decades. Which makes Rose's Grateful Dead Fest, SO MANY ROADS, attractive. Plus this will be held at the ranch which was purchased to become a horse rescue and sanctuary and that makes this even more attractive. I'll support that, absolutely. You can find out more about this event and the ranch at arrowheadranch.org and on their Facebook page.



The second possibility for this weekend is a trip to the Blue Hole in Peekamoose. I was first introduced to this natural wonder eight years ago when my friend master Jazz guitarist Al Defino took myself and best friend from

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Connecticut around showing us his favorite places as only someone who grew up here can. Since then, visitors to the Blue Hole has exploded with tourists from the city and beyond thanks to the internet and word of mouth to the point entrance to this amazing place is now regulated, requiring a permit to use it. You can get your permit online *at www.dec.ny.gov/lands/109922.html*. This also gives the rules for visitation so this amazing place remains as pristine as possible. I really want to see this wonderful place again.

I haven't thought about the Blue Hole in years. It was the influx of bathing suited people buying food, snacks and beverages at the Neversink General Store that jogged my feelings into the forefront. I'm so pleased to see local businesses benefiting as I'm sure Grahamsville as well, all being 12, maybe 13 miles from the Blue Hole. Sullivan County needs this badly.

However you do it, celebrate the 4th of July and what it really means.

SOUTHERN FRIED SOUL with LAURA GARONE will be, at the Gazebo in Kauneonga Lake as part of the 2019 Bethel Lakeside Music Series.

Until next time....

SC Historical Society Johnny Jules Band performing songs that have Defined the Woodstock Generation



On Sunday, July 7th, at 2pm, the Sullivan County Historical Society will present the Johnny Jules Band performing songs that have defined the Woodstock generation. The concert is part of the First Sunday Music and History series at the Sullivan County Museum. If you like Bob Dylan, the Band, the Grateful Dead, the Byrds, folk, blues and rock, then you don't want to miss this show. The music is pure Americana, and the songs go as far back as the 30's.

Johnny Jules lives in Hurleyville, and is veteran musician who plays six string and twelve string guitars, as well as the blues harp. His haunting soulful voice will take you right back to 1969. The band consists of Dave D'Arcy on bass, and Bob Dalessandro (Bobby D) on dobro.

Little Sparrow will host the concert.

The program is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. The event is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Call 845 434-8044 for more info, or visit the website at www.scnyhistory.org.

Concerts in the Park: Presented by the Town of Marlboro

Concerts in the Park are presented by the Town of Marlboro. Doors open 7 p.m. and shows start at 7:30 p.m.

- These are FREE EVENTS. Bring blankets, coolers.
- Food provided by Coach's Dog House. • Soul Rock Night: July 5. With The Jason Gisser Band

and Nellybombs.R&B Night: July 12. Featuring Soul Purpose and The Drizzle.

Classic Metal Night: July 19: With Bloated Toad Rapture.

• Alternative Country Night: July 26. Featuring David Kraai & The Saddle Tramps and Lucky House.

Concerts are held in Cluett Schantz Park, 1650 Route 9W, Milton; For info go to: *meetmeinmarlborough.com*

"Locals" A Community Project

If you haven't seen it yet, stop by the Neversink General Store to view "Locals", a new community project that promotes getting to know each other better. Stop by and see how many of your family, friends and neighbors you can recognize during the showing of this composition. There are always new faces added to the exhibit



"Locals" - it is free and it is fun! Have your picture added to the growing collection for posterity of family and community.

Stop by the Neversink General Store and set up a portrait sitting with Les for yourself, family or group of friends and become part of the presentation of this unique montage of human spirit that makes up our community.

NY Legislation Provides Regulatory Certainty for Hemp Extract Production in NY Lupardo/Metzger Bill Brings New Opportunities to Hudson Valley and Catskills Growers and Producers

Albany, NY...In the final day of the 2019 legislative session, the State Senate and Assembly passed bills (S-6184A/A-7680A), sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger and Assembly Member Donna Lupardo, to regulate the production and marketing of hemp extract in the state, including cannabidiol, known as CBD. This legislation establishes a regulatory framework for hemp extract production, extraction, manufacturing, and sale in New York, updating the hemp permitting process and regulating the extract industry through testing and labeling, protecting both farmers and consumers. It also requires that New York State hemp processors use New York-grown product.

"Hemp cultivation offers a tremendous opportunity for our farms in New York to diversify into this high-value crop," explained Senator Jen Metzger, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee. "This legislation creates a framework for developing and regulating this growing agricultural market to the benefit of New York farms, while ensuring that consumers can trust that they are getting a quality, standardized product."

New York's first hemp crops were planted in 2016 as a result of legislation passed by Assembly Member Lupardo. The 2019 Federal Farm Bill legalized the production of industrial hemp, and today's legislation ensures that New York farms are able to take full advantage of the new opportunities created.

The Town of Warwick is excited that the State of New York has passed legislation that will support our efforts to create a hemp processing center, in Warwick, that provides our area farmers a state-of-the-art facility to process their product into high quality CBD oil. This product will be used to create new businesses with huge economic benefits for New York State. I commend Senator Metzger for her leadership in moving this legislation forward," said Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton.

" As a fourth generation vegetable farmer, I continue to seek ways to grow our farm business and keep it viable. We have been participating in the New York hemp pilot program, and I applaud Senator Metzger for making the expansion of industrial hemp production in New York happen this year. I appreciate all Senator Metzger's work to bring new opportunities to the farming community and help keep New York farming strong," said Mark Rogowski, who owns and operates S&SO Produce Farms in Goshen.

Gail Hepworth, CEO of Hempire State Growers, a farmer-focused cooperative consisting of over 30 multi-generational farmers from the Mid-Hudson Valley said, "The hemp bill aligns well with our mission to build replicable, ethical, and sustainable practices in agriculture that significantly support the local economy and ecosystem of the Hudson Valley. Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Lupardo have been instrumental in ensuring that the interests of New York farmers are represented in their bill, which will provide a framework to allow farmers to actively contribute to and benefit from the development and expansion of the hemp industry and help establish the Hudson Valley as a world-class CBD region."

The main markets for industrial hemp are in the food and supplement market, the clothing industry, as building materials, and for bio-plastics and paper products. Hemp is proteinrich, high in Omega fatty acids and fiber. Regulation of hemp supplement and food products is important for making sure that consumers know what they are ingesting. Blue Mountains trout news Newsletter of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of **Trout Unlimited. #559**





June 2019 By Ed Ostapczuk

June outing: On June 26th we will host our Annual Fishing outing followed by pizza back at the Boiceville Inn afterwards. Chapter members and friends who would like to hook-up with others should meet in front of the Boiceville Inn no later than 6 PM. Otherwise, we will arrange for pizza for members and friends, and those who just want to stop by, starting at 8:45 PM at the Boiceville Inn. The chapter will buy pizza; all participants will purchase their own drinks. In the event of stormy weather or unfishable conditions, an email will be sent by 5 PM should the outing need be cancelled.

There are no summer meetings planned, the next membership meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25th with Art Loomis our guest speaker. Art is a NYS licensed fishing guide and very knowledgable on the West Branch of the Delaware River, as well as a high school basketball and baseball coach. There could be a July outing, watch for a separate flyer should one be planned.



Trout in the Classroom: On May 15th first and second grade TIC teachers at Phoenicia Elementary School released their brown trout into Stony Clove, at the Phoenicia Park Pavilion. A couple hundred fingerling browns were released, as Jane Wolfrom reported she didn't lose any trout this year! The day was sunny, local creek flows high, and there were happy school children involved. Many thanks to our teachers: Jane Wolfrom and Ingrid White, Hank Rope the man-behind-the scene, and chapter members Jody Hoyt and Tony Cocozza, who assisted with the release. Refer to photos above. East Branch Delaware River: The chapter's East Branch Delaware River Restoration committee is still very busy

at work and will be installing stream temperature loggers later this month. This year the study has grown from the original 12 logger sites to 17 sites where both temperature and water flow data will be collected. The additional data will be utilized with ongoing trout migration studies.



To the left is a graph of 2018 water temperature data from two sites, one upstream of the Halcottsville Dam--- Site 4 at the Old River Road Bridge, and one below the dam--- Site 7 at the railroad bridge. Tracy Brown compiled the graph noting during the lower flows of early summer the temperature was not very good up or downstream, but the temperature span between up and downstream was noticeably larger than when flows increased, and larger than seen in previous years.

Peter Marx reports that the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program, under the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is poised to get an increase in Federal funding. The Program received \$5 million in 2018, its

first year, and \$6 million in 2019. Funding for 2020 has come out of the U.S. House of Representatives at \$10 million, and now it is up to the U.S Senate. Congressman Antonio Delgado was a key player in getting the increase in the House. Anyone interested in weighing in for an increase in funding, please contact Senators Kristin Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer. Ask Senator Schumer to support the House's \$10 million for Delaware River restoration. You can email Scott Gelbman to do so: scott_gelbman@schumer.senate.gov

Esopus Creek: Not much to report other than after a slow start--- at least for me--- many nice wild rainbows have been caught. My favorite hatch of the year, the spring Esopus Isonychia seemed to have been late arriving, not very heavy, but good enough on the river upstream of the Ashokan to produce some excellent fishing at times, with a good number of twelve inch plus high spirited, tail-walking, line pulling, jumping bows.

Heritage brook trout tributary study: Due to the cold and wet spring, our capture and release program brook trout study on a local brook trout creek has been delayed into mid-June, which was totally unanticipated. Hopefully the next chapter newsletter will contain a full report. International Fly Fishing Film

Festival: The International Fly Fishing Film Festival was a very successful evening. Thank you Todd Spire and Esopus Creel, as all net proceeds benefit our chapter. Details on this event will be reported in our next newsletter. Catskill Mountains Chapter evening on the Esopus: The Catskill Mountains Chapter is holding an evening on the Esopus Creek 6 PM on June 19th and meeting at Todd Spire's Esopus Creel Fly Shop off Route 28. This is open to all CMC members and non-members alike; an opportunity to fish with other TU folks

31st Annual Conservation Dinner: Last month we reported on a very successful Conservation Dinner, however, we forgot to thank and include the names of the following individuals for their donations: Howard Altarescu, Laurie Bloomfield, Bryan Myers, Peter Stickeler, and Robert Yunich. Please accept our apologies for this oversight, and THANK YOU one and all! Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported that during May there were 11 measurable events with 5.63 equivalent liquid inches, including wet snow flakes, having a 5.8 weighted average pH, as measured in Boiceville. By comparison in May 2018 there were 11 also events with 3.32 inches of rain and a 6.3 weighed pH. This has been a wet spring this far, and NYC DEP's Reservoir Levels webpage confirms this fact. As of this writing, at least three of NYC's Catskill reservoirs are still spilling in mid-June.

Kevan Best sent the following link regarding pH. It's an interesting read that sheds light on why Jody Hoyt, and the late Bruce Duffy before him, invest so much time collecting and analyzing the pH of local rainfall samples. FYI: https://midcurrent.com/science/reading-the-gauges-ph-levels/ The chapter measures pH in rainfall and not in streams, however, rainfall and snowmelt effects pH in local waters.

Membership: As of June 11th the chapter membership remains at 117 members. When recruiting new TU members, remember that they can join at half the "regular" membership fee for \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from TU National. Applications are found: http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com

Newsletter: There are no summer newsletters, the next copy will be sent out in September. Enjoy summer!

Beyond our watersheds and other news: NYC DEP recently announced that it updated its recreational rules. These can be found here:

https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/recreation/recrules-amendments-faq.pdf

https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/recreation/deprules-recreation-water-supply-lands-amendments-publicnotice.pdf

Useful links:

Watershed Ashokan Stream Management Program: http://ashokanstreams.org/

CWC Watershed Currents: https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: http://www.dcswcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm Esopus Creek hatching chart: http://www.catskillanglingcollec-

tion.org/ NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases:

https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_chan-nel_levels.shtml

Rondout/Neversink Stream Program: http://www.rondoutneversink.org/

Until September, Ed Ostapczuk June 17th, 2019

Chabad of Ulster County Empowerment Breakfast

Kingston, NY - Chabad is excited to host another Empowerment Breakfast thanking people from a cross section of our community.

Being thankful is very important in Judaism, and we are happy to have had this opportunity to say Thank You to those who give of themselves for the greater community at the "Empowerment Breakfast" Celebrating Public Service In Ulster County this past Sunday, June 23rd.

Honored at this event was:

Empowerment Award Tibor Spitz - Holocaust Survivor, Lecturer & Artist

Leadership Award -Juan Figueroa, Ulster County Sheriff

Public Safety Award- John Avery, Fire Chief, Ellenville

Kindness Award - Bill Reynolds, Montrepose Cemetery Caretaker





LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning is seeking to fill a vacant position in the Town of Denning Highway Department. Applications for the positon of highway employee/driver/laborer are available from the Highway Superintendent phone no. 845-985-2543 or the Town Clerk's office at 845-985-2411. Applications and resume must be received no later than noon on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019. A valid CDL and clean drivers license is required.

By Order of the Denning Town Board Joy Monforte, RMC

June 18th, 2019

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TVCS Board of Education Regular Meeting Calendar 2018-2019

At their Regular Meeting June 20, 2019, the Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education adopted the following dates to hold Board Meetings for the

2019 - 2020 school year. Dates may be added, deleted, or changed at the Board's discretion. Thank you and have a nice weekend.

> July 11, 2019 July 25, 2019 August 15, 2019 August 29, 2019 September 12, 2019 September 26, 2019 October 10, 2019 November 7, 2019 November 21, 2019 December 12, 2019 January 9, 2020 January 23, 2020 February 20, 2020 February 6, 2020 March 5, 2020 March 5, 2020 March 19, 2020 March 19, 2020 April 2, 2020 April 21, 2020 (TUESDAY) May 5, 2020 (TUESDAY) May 19, 2020 (TUESDAY) June 4, 2020 June 18, 2020

Governor Cuomo Announces Opening of New \$3 Million Welcome Center at Walkway Over the Hudson State **Historic Park**

Revamped Elevator Now Open for 212-Foot Ride to the Top

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has announced the opening of the \$3 million Dutchess Welcome Center at the eastern approach to Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. The multipurpose facility creates a new welcoming gateway in time for the Hudson Valley tourism destination's 10th anniversary. Governor Cuomo announced the next phase of improvements will include a new pavilion and expanded gathering space at the Poughkeepsie entrance.

This park has drawn hundreds of thousands of people in the last decade to see its spectacular views and to experience the shops, restaurants and neighborhoods on both sides of the Hudson," Governor Cuomo said. "With these improvements, the experience will be even better. If you haven't come yet, this is the year to do it.

"The new Welcome Center in Poughkeepsie will serve as a great resource for information and showcase local products to visitors that travel to the Poughkeepsie area year-round," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul."The Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park already attracts individuals and families from all over to take advantage of the trails and sites that we have to offer. This Welcome Center will further grow the Hudson Valley as a tourist destination and strengthen the economy of the region."

The new 1,800-square-foot Welcome Center, with entrances off both Washington Street and Orchard

tion, an outdoor patio with seating, and a dog-friendly water fountain. The next phase of improvements currently in design will be a Washington Street Arrival Plaza in Poughkeepsie, which includes a pavilion for the Hudson Friends group to use for information, souvenir sales and vending machines, as well as benches, rebuilt stairs and rainwater cistern to irrigate its new plantings.

The eastside improvements are funded by Governor Cuomo's NY Parks 2020 program to revitalize the state park system, in partnership with the not-for profit Walkway over the Hudson Friends group, which raises funds to help support the park.

A glassed-in elevator that takes visitors on a dramatic 212-foot, 21story ascent to the Walkway has also been rebuilt, using new "energy chain" technology that was unavailable when the unit was first installed.

This feature is expected to increase operational reliability and allow the elevator to open earlier in the spring and continue operating later into the fall. The elevator is located at Poughkeepsie's waterfront at

Upper Landing Park, a short walk from the Metro North train station. Previously an unused railroad bridge for Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad, the Walkway opened as a state park in 2009 after decades of neglect.

With its sweeping views of the Hudson River Valley and beyond, the 1.28-mile span has become a major tourist destination, now drawing nearly 600,000 visitors annually.

Last year, a study by the Friends group confirmed that tourism from the Walkway is boosting the local economy, withfirst-time and returning visitors shopping and eating in restaurants. More than five million people have visited the Walkway since it opened.

This summer free family movies will be shown under the Walkway at Upper Landing Park, 83 North Water Street, Poughkeepsie. The movies include Mary Poppins Returns (June 29), Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse (July 6), How to Train Your Dragon 3 (July 20), Shazam! (July 27) and Captain Marvel (Aug. 10). Opening acts begin at 7 p.m., with movies starting at sundown.

Walkway a full For list of events, go to: https://parks.ny.gov/events/event-results.aspx?pk=178

In Poughkeepsie, the Walkway also connects to the Dutchess Rail Trail, a 13-mile multi-use trail from the former Hopewell Junction train depot. This trail forms part of the prosed Empire State Trail, which envisions a multi-use trail from Manhattan to the northern tip of Lake Champlain, and from Albany to Buffalo.

The park improvements reflect Governor Cuomo's commitment to revitalizing the state park system. The Governor's NY Parks 2020 program is a multi-year commitment to invest in park improvements. The FY 2020 State Budget allocates \$110 million toward this initiative.

State Parks oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which were visited by a record 74 million people last year. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.parks.ny.gov, connect with us on Facebook, or follow on Instagram and Twitter.

Assemblymember Cahill Statement on Outstanding Session

"The annual Legislative Session was nothing short of extraordinary. The problems of the past, namely a dysfunctional and oftentimes recalcitrant State Senate, were cast aside when voters brought change to Albany. Kicking off 2019 excited and yet also mired in uncertainty around the regressive policies coming out of Washington and the state of flux we ended in last year, leaders in both houses of the Legislature rose to the occasion and started moving right out of the gate," said Assemblymember Cahill.

The changing of the guard in the upper house, in many respects, was the most significant reason for the shift, fostering a collaborative environment and allowing us to accomplish more than any other session in recent memory. New colleagues from the Hudson Valley, like Senators Jen Metzger (SD-42), James Skoufis (SD-39) and Pete Harckham (SD-40), became invaluable partners and helped form a strong and progressive caucus that represents our region's unique set of needs. Though there were certainly some issues left on the table, legalization of adult-use marijuana, public works wage changes and several other matters, the advancements we did make will strengthen New York's rightful position as a national leader in setting progressive policy," concluded Mr. Cahill. <u>NOTEWORTHY LEGISLATION</u> o HOUSING The "Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of HOUSING The "Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of

2019" makes the state's rent regulation lawspermanent, removes arbitrary geographic limitations of the Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) of 1974 and, among other significant changes, includes protections for tenants residing in mobile and manufactured home parks. Assemblymember Cahill was the author of the universal ETPA and a co-sponsor of this package.

VOTING REFORMS A series of voter and ballot access reforms included establishing early voting and no excuse absentee ballots, a consolidation of the state and federal primary election dates and the closure of the "LLC loophole". Assemblymember Cahill authored two parts and co-sponsored others.

• FAMILY PLANNING The "Reproductive Health Act", the Assemblymember's own "Comprehensive Contraceptive Coverage Act" and the expansion of fertility preservation and in-vitro fertilization to over a million New Yorkers brought clarity to these sensitive areas of the law and aligned state statutes to federal regulation and court decisions

• COMMONSENSE FIREARM LAWS Combating gun violence



A Bright New Boise

Book by Samuel D. Hunter Director: Josh Rosengrant Producer: Heather Strauss Stage Manager: Sarah Clark

CAST

Will- Keith Prince Pauline- Teri Schwartz Alex- Cole Phillips Leroy- Kristopher Rosengrant Anna- Mekayla Perneszi

Congratulations to the cast and thank you to everyone who auditioned!

Production dates: July 12-14 & 19-21, 2019

Come Support SC Artists

Come support artists from in and around Sullivan County, Saturday night, June 29th, 2019, as they take stage at the Rivoli Theater in South Fallsburg, New York.

Tickets are available at the box office the night of the event.

affecting our country, the Legislature passed bills to prevent someone determined by a court to be an active danger from possessing or buying a firearm and to establish a waiting period of up to thirty days before a firearm may be delivered to a person. These measures, along with legislation to ban "bump stocks" and other rapid-fire modifications, were co-sponsored bv the Assemblymember.

• CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS The "Child Victims Act" allows people who were sexually assaulted when they were children to seek justice in our courts as adults by extending the statute of limitations. Changes were also made to criminal discovery procedures, speedy trial rules and cash bail for those charged with non-violent misdemeanors. The Assemblymember co-sponsored these measures

• THE ENVIRONMENT The "Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act", a proposal for the State to significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, become carbon neutral by 2040, a ban on the offshore drilling of fossil fuels and a constitutional amendment will ensure New York's beautiful environment can be enjoyed by all for generations to come. Assemblymember Cahill, a long-time champion of the environment, was a lead sponsor of the package

• ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE COSTS Licensure and registration of pharmacy benefit managers and the Assemblymember's own bill to protect against exorbitant emergency room charges are just two of the bills that will help reign in the rising cost of healthcare for all New Yorkers.

• STANDING UP FOR ALL The "Farm Laborers Fair Labor Practices Act" grants farm workers overtime, a day of rest, disability insurance, unemployment benefits and additional labor protections already available to other workers. The "Green Light" bill restores driver license privileges to residents of New York State, regardless of immigration status, was approved. The Jose Peralta "DREAM" Act will ensure students have equal access to financial aid without regard to their immigration status but instead based upon their willingness to focus on their education. Assemblymember Cahill was a leader and co-sponsor for each of these measures

• MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION Marijuana prohibition laws have had a devastating impact on generations of New Yorkers, particularly among communities of color where enforcement has been disproportionately high. Thousands of otherwise law abiding people have been forced to live with criminal records, making it more difficult to secure employment or housing. Decriminalizing marijuana, paired with retroactively expunging and sealing records for low-level offenses, will begin to correct this and lay the groundwork for full legalization of adult-use marijuana in the near future.

Å more complete summary of legislative accomplishments is available at https://nyassembly.gov and on Assemblymember Cahill's Assembly page at https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Kevin-A-Cahill/press/. For questions regarding specific legislation, please contact our office at (845) 338-9610 or cahillk@nyassembly.gov.

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fun, all pets must be on a 4-foot non-retractable leash with a light up collar (glow sticks will be available while supplies last).

Complimentary to attend for Walkway members, non-members are asked for a suggested donation.

For more information call: (845) 834-2867

Kingston. 845-340-3040; ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/persenhouse.html July 6 - Woodstock Concerts on the Green: Free outdoor summer concert series. Eight concerts are spread throughout the summer and feature music suitable for all ages. See website or Facebook for lineup and any weather cancellations. 1-5 p.m. Village Green, Tinker Street, Woodstock. 845-679-6234; woodstockchamber.com/concerts-on-the-green

ed by Jessica Gaddis where art meets history. Matthewis Persen House Museum, 74 John St.,



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