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**Boy Scouts of America Troop 97 help Local** Volunteers Beautify the Town Hall and Park



This past Satur-day, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 97, from Neversink NY. along with local volunteers took time to beautify the Town of Neversink Town Hall. This community event was sponsored by Sullivan Renaissance. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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 Senator Bonacic Announces Koberta Byron-Lockwood as his 2018 NY Senate Woman of Distinction

 (Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that Sullivan County resident Roberta Byron-Lockwood has been chosen as his 2018 NY Senate Woman of Distinction. The annual program honors women who have made exceptional contributions to their respective communities

 butions to their respective communities. Mrs. Byron-Lockwood was honored alongside fellow honorees from across the state at

a ceremony last evening. Roberta Byron-Lockwood is the President/CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA), the official destination marketing organization for Sullivan County. She brings a rich history of tourism experience and is responsible for marketing, promoting and selling the Sullivan Catskills to the world. (Contd. Pg. 4)

#### **Tri-Valley Celebrates No-Screen Week**

Inspired by Dr. Seuss's words, "You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do!" many Tri-Valley students participated in the



Parks & Rec. Dept., Tri-Valley PTO and the Daniel Pierce Library. (Contd. Pg. 8)

SUNY Sullivan 11th Annual Fisher Film Festival

Saturday Students in SUNY Sullivan's Digital Storytelling program got to tell their stories at the 11th Annual Fisher Film Festival held in Seelig Theater. Students and artisans presented their work in various digital video film clips, documentaries, and musical videos that they created under the lead-



Gene Weinstein tells his story as a radioman second class on the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley in the US Navy in the Pacific during the first nuclear bomb tests in the Bikini atolls

ership of Professor Scott Healy who heads SUNY Sullivan Media Arts: Digital Storytelling program.

There were three guest speakers, each with a different story. Michael Coney who is currently the technical director for the Hurleyville Arts Center and the head of MouseHole Studios explained the converging frontiers and what is going on now is just the beginning of what the future holds in this new field – Digital Storytelling. Michael, an immersive new media storyteller is work-ing on breaking ground in the form of pervasive storytelling and games augmented by technology. Michael attended SUNY Purchase after graduating from SUNY Sullivan in 2014. He spoke about his experience while working with Columbia University's Digital Storytelling Lab and Refinery 29. He encouraged the students to work on projects that interest them and build their skills

The second speaker, Evan Halman, a producer, began his career with HBO & Major League Baseball. At the present time, he oversees all productions at AXSTV. Evan began his story with a visual presentation that was an example of his work. Evan has produced series, specials and festivals for the music and entertainment broadcast network, from Jazzfest and Farm Aid to Carrie Underwood and Aerosmith. AXSTV has produced more live concerts and festivals then any other network since their rollout in 2013 (Over 200 Concerts broadcasted from 2013-2018). (Cont. Pg. 4)

## The Sky Over SUNY Sullivan Filled with Colors of the Rainbow

It was colorful and it was fun - a day full of activities for the whole family. The SUNY Sullivan Annual Kite Festival featured professional and amature kite fliers,

Above: The sky quickly filled with colorful kites. Right: Numerous vendors offered a variety of products that were also entertaining.

craft vendors, an art show, kids inflatable and bouncy houses, the Annual Fisher Film Festival, Help for Hunger sponsored by the Honor Society, Accepted Student Day and more! There was definitely something for everyone!



Above: Chestnut Creek Baked Goods had a wide variety of homemade book goods to offer.



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## THE TOWNSMAN

**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** But as it is written, eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Corinthians 2:9

#### **OBITUARIES**

Rolf Langenbach passed away on Friday April 27, 2018 at his residence in Grahamsville, NY. He was 75. Rolf was born in Wrixum, on the island of Föhr in Germany; the son of Paul and Martha Langenbach. He learned the profession of baking at his cousin's and grandfather's bakery in Germany. When he immigrated to the United States in 1961, he pursued a career in baking. This led to him to buying his own bakery in Bayside, Queens. The bakery was called Cake Box. Rolf owned and managed the bakery for over 20 years. He was a very hard-working and successful baker. After Rolf and his wife Gretel retired they moved to the lovely Catskill Mountains, where Rolf enjoyed burting ficking or just taking care of the grounds

hunting, fishing or just taking care of the grounds. Rolf served in the United States Army, Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland during the Vietnam War. He was awarded many decorations and medals for his impeccable service. Decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Marksman: Rifle M-14, Sharpshooter: Carbine and the Good Conduct Medal: First Award. He was a member of the Platt Duetsche Club in Franklin Square. Rolf was also a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville, NY., which he loved and was a very active member. Rolf was loved and admired by everyone who has ever met him and had the pleasure

"PAPA's" joy was his granddaughter Savannah and 4 grandsons which he loved with all his heart.

Rolf is survived by his loving wife for 49 years Gretel Langenbach (Grahamsville, NY); his sons, Ralph Langenbach and Denis Langenbach and Denis' girlfriend Lisa Acampora; his five grandchildren, Savannah Langenbach, Tyler Langenbach, Alexander Langenbach, William Langenbach, and Nicholas Langenbach; his two sisters, Gerda and Margot, and their husbands and his brother Paul and wife in Germany. Papa will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 7th at Loucks Funeral Home. The Rev, Peter Rustico, officiating. Burial immediately followed at the Grahamsville Rural cemetery.

Donations in Rolf's name may be made to the Christ Lutheran Church 105 Center Street, Ellenville NY 12428.

Merton C. Lockhart, Jr. of Grahamsville, NY passed away peacefully on April 30, 2018. He was 88. The son of the late Dr. Merton C. Lockhart, Sr. and

Mary Ann McNally. He was born April 15, 1930 in Nyack, NY. Mert was a devoted hus-

band, father, brother, and grandfather. He was a building con-tractor and worked in construction. He enjoyed snowmobiling and was active in the community with the Tri-Valley Lions, Sullivan County Historic Society, and Town of Neversink Planning Board. He loved to swim and

competed in the Senior Olympic Games and Empire State Games, winning many medals. He loved to watch old movies with his wife Joyce. His greatest passion was his love for wildlife. He spent many hours bird

watching and feeding the deer. He is survived by his son Gary Lockhart and his wife Teri; his daughter Pamela Zanetti and her husband Keith; four grandchildren, Amy Hicks (Charlie), Tara Poje, Kelsi Luczyski (David) and Wade Lockhart; six great grandchildren, Cecelia, Anthony, Kane, Vinny, Joey, and Diem all of Grahamsville, NY.

Burial will be private at St. Anthony's Cemetery, Nanuet, NY.

Memorial contributions in Mert's name may be made to a charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the

Harris Funeral Home West Street at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001.

#### **COLLEGE NEWS:**

Sarah Craft Named to Elmira College Dean's List for Winter 2018 Term

Sarah Craft of Ellenville, has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for the Winter 2018 Term. Full-time students who achieve a grade point average of 3.600 or higher at the end of any Term I or Term II are placed on the Dean's List at the college.

Elmira College is a private, coeducational, Phi Beta Kappa college founded in 1855, located in Elmira, New York. The College has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 1,200 full-time mostly-residential students, and is the guardian of Quarry

Farm where Mark Twain wrote many of his most iconic novels and is today a research center for visiting Twain scholars.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Claryville resident Pat Wellington in her marriage to Thom Reeves on April 7, 2018, in Venice FL. The tropical themed wedding was followed with a honevmoon trip

to Hawaii. They plan to spend the summer in Claryville.

## Days of Yore... Today's History

May 19, 1948 Krum Brothers are having a soda fountain installed in their store.

Yeagerville has within its limits, the "Furman Cemetery" where many old residents and several vet-erans of our Country's Wars are buried. This cemetery is in a sorry state of neglect and it has been proposed by several residents of the area to have an old-fashioned bee to clean up before Decoration Day. Several ladies have volunteered to donate cake and coffee if the man folks will do the job. We would like to do the work on Sunday, May 23, as most of our town's available labor will be off that day. <u>May 14, 1958</u> The students of Tri-Valley school are having another bout with illness. Absences have risen to about 75

er bout with illness. Absences have risen to about 75 to 80 per day. Quite a few children are suffering from 'real old-fashioned" measles, which causes high fever and considerable weakness. This can be a dangerous disease with alarming complications-so that any measles sufferer should be under doctor's care. Every precaution should be taken to guard against giving the disease to to others— the patient should be isolated from other children, and his eating utensils, etc. care-

fully sterilized. <u>May 15, 1968</u> PFC James Richardson of Ferndale spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Slater. He reports to Oakland, California at the end of the month to await ransfer to Viet Nam.

May 18, 1978 1 04 people were tested at the free Medical Testing Clinic for blood pressure, hearing, vision and glauco-ma held at the Tri-Valley Elementary School on May 13th. Some latecomers had to be turned away because the doctors had left. The clinic was sponsored by the Tri-Valley Lions but the bigger story is the Community's wholehearted participation in a success-

ful program. The Tri-Valley School Board noted the receipt of letters from Mr. Joseph Murray and Mr. Richard Strangeway indicating their intent to retire after the

1978-79 school year. The Tri-Valley 22 Club today became the first Sull. Co. organization to donate funds to the newly formed Sull. Co. Task Force on Child Protection. The Club President, Richard Wynkoop and Vice President, Lou Carlsen presented a check for \$100. The 22 Club formed 2 years ago, is a Local Citizens Band Radio Club from the Town of Neversink. One of their major interests is in helping its local community ina a variety of service activities.

*If you See Something Nice... Say Jtl* Pixie Piera of Sundown attended the Chamber Music event at St. Andrew's in South Fallsburg on May 5th. Pixie said that the performance by *New York Jazzharmonic Trad Jazz Sextet*, a special WWI Centennial Tribute to James Rese Europe (1880-1919) and the Harlem Hellfighters was fantastic! 1919) and the Harlem Hellfighters was fantastic!

In 1918, Europe took his Harlem Hellfighter's band to France as part of the Allied Expeditionary forces, introducing jazz to the continent. The pro-gram will include music that influenced James Reese Europe: Joplin, Sousa, Victorian parlor music and music he wrote as a master bandleader for Irene and Vernon Castle. Pixie said the music was reminiscent of jazz as she remembered it while in Europe. Thank you members of St. Andrew's for making

this event happen.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the Langenbach Family on the pass-

ing of Rolf Langenbach. Rolf, who resided in Grahamsville, died on April 27th at the age of 75. Sincere sympathy to the Lockhart Family of Grahamsville on the passing of Merton C. Lockhart, Jr. Mert died on April 30th at the age of 88. Mert and his lovely wife, Joyce, were pillars of the community for mean user and users a placement to know many years and were a pleasure to know.

Congratulations to Crystal and Eric Wilhelm of Grahamsville on the birth of their daughter. Lana

Kathleen was born on April 18th. The Tri-Valley PTO sponsored their third annual spelling bee at the Daniel Pierce Library on April 26th. Winners were: 2nd grade: Ava Bush, 3rd grade: Johnny Conjura, 4th grade, Logan Wyant, 5th grade: Isabella Maori, and 6th grade: Connor Wyant.

Ann Higgins, a Grahamsville area artist, formerly from Sundown, will exhibit her beautiful art work at the Domesticities, 4055 State Route 52 in Youngsville from May 12th - June 10th. Ann's art work reflects her love of the Catskills. She also paints pet portraits, local scenes and many other subjects. Ann, who will turn 90 in May,

and many other subjects. Ann, who win turn 90 in May, still makes time to paint with her friends every week. Happy birthday, Ann! The Tri-Valley Lions Club will be sponsoring a "Homecoming Gala Dinner" for their NYS District Governor, Ilene Wizwer, on June 1st at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Bloomingburg. The Tri-Valley Lions Club List the Eagle's Nest last had a District Governor in the mid-1990's when Franklin Smit was a District Governor. Contact Donna Schick immediately if you would like to attend or place an ad in their journal.

The Tri-Valley Talent Show for grades 3-6 will be held on the evening of May 11th in the Bernstein Theater. Try-outs were held on May 7th.

The Fiddle Fest, held at the Neversink Fire Hall on April 29th, was attended by many locals as well as out-oftowners. Everyone enjoyed the music and the delicious pulled pork or rib dinner cooked by none other than, Mark McCarthy! Proceeds from the event help to support the Sullivan County Pregnancy Center.

The Neversink/Rondout Antique Tractor Club will hold their annual spring dinner at the Rockland House in Roscoe on May 11th.

If you read the *Sullivan County Democrat* on May 1st, you were as surprised as I was to leam that the Blue Horizon Diner, across from Home Depot in Monticello, has been sold. The famous diner will soon be the home of Catskill Hudson Bank. I can't tell you how many enjoyable meals Pete and I have eaten at the Blue Horizon. It was a conveniently located place where you could actually have a nice wholesome meal or a nice sandwich or salad while eating in a pleasant atmosphere. I was sorry to hear that it was sold. Other than "fast food" places, there aren't many restaurants conveniently located near the Thompson Mall. Some say that having a "bigger" Catskill Hudson Bank is good for Sullivan County and the area. I say "Bah Humbug!"

WORDS OF WISDOM: Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him and to let him know that you trust him. (Booker T. Washington)

### **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** at Route 42 Community Park

Neversink Renaissance, with over 60 volunteers, played a major role in the landscaping and beautification of our new Town Park. We welcome you to join us on May 19th at 11 a.m. to celebrate together our beautiful Town Park and Little League Complex.

Refreshments will be served.

## **Town of Neversink - Flag Exchange Ceremony Memorial Day Service -**

Monday, May 28, 2018 Memorial Day, 2018 in the Tri-Valley Area will be observed by the Flag Exchange Ceremony, which has become a tradition in the Town of Neversink. The Program will take place at 11:00 am on Monday, May 28th, at the flag pole located in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville Cemetery on Route 55 in Grahamsville.

The event will feature the retiring of the flag, which has flown for the past six months, in honor of Fred Costa, a United States Army Veteran. Scout Troop 97 will accept a flag presented by the Stratton Family, which will fly for six months, in honor of Vernon "Bud" Edwin Stratton a veteran of the United States Army. Participating in the ceremony will be Boy Scout Troops 97 and 87 and an Honor Guard of local veterans. The flag exchange is sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association.

## THE TOWNSMAN Septic Repair funding available in NYC Watershed

MARGARETVILLE, May 2, 2018: Home and business owners with on-site septic systems in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed are reminded to call the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) if they suspect problems with their systems.

Technical staff members from CWC will visit to explain the Septic Rehabilitation and Replacement Program and determine whether the property is eligible for total or partial reimbursement of eligible costs to repair the system.

One- or two-family residences or home-business combinations built before November 2, 1995 may be eligible if they use less than 1,000 gallons of water per day and are located within 700 feet of a watercourse or reservoir in the NYC Watershed in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan or Ulster Counties.

Permanent residents are reimbursed 100 percent of eligible costs of repairing or replacing their home's failed septic system. Non-primary residents are reimbursed 60 percent of eligible costs.

Homeowners who participate in the CWC septic program may also qualify for an allowance to purchase a low-flow toilet. Those who meet income requirements may qualify for hardship assistance, whether or not their property lies within the specified distance of a watercourse. Two-party checks may be issued if requested.

The CWC also assists small businesses (those employing 100 or fewer people) by paying up to 75 percent of eligible costs of repairing or replacing failed septic systems. Ineligible enterprises include apartment buildings and those served or potentially served by NYC- or municipally-owned sewer projects.

The CWC's Septic Maintenance Program encourages property owners whose systems were installed after November 2, 1995 to extend the life of the systems by getting them pumped and inspected. CWC will reimburse half the cost of a pumpout for systems that are at least three years old.

The programs are voluntary. CWC is a funding and benefit organization, not a regulatory or enforcement agency. Details may be found at www.cwconline.org.

During 2017, 178 failed septic systems were replaced and 263 septic systems were pumped and inspected with CWC funding.

### **Renaissance Grants Awarded Municipalities and Volunteers** Come Together to Create, Beautify and

**Care for Public Spaces** Sullivan Renaissance announced \$150,000 in grants to support beautification and community development projects throughout Sullivan County at its Spring Market and Annual Conference at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts last weekend. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$25,000 and are accompanied by additional resources, and, in some cases summer interns or assistance from the Renaissance Horticulture Crew.

Alongside volunteer led projects; Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther introduced this year's Municipal Partnership grant recipients - the towns of Fallsburg, Liberty, Thompson, Tusten and the Village of Woodridge for enhanced code enforcement, care of public spaces and building healthy communities.

The conference and grant announcements mark the commencement of Sullivan Renaissance's 18th grant season. This year the focus is "Love Where you Live."

During the conference, Executive Director Denise Frangipane said, "Sullivan Renaissance, with the generosity of the Gerry Foundation, offers grants, technical assistance and other resources. It is all of you who are turning those grants and resources into communities where people love to live and visit.'

Anyone interested in volunteering for a project is invited to a Volunteer Orientation on May 9, 2018 at 6pm at CVI in Ferndale. Gardening experience is not required, there are many ways to get involved.

Several grant programs are still available on a rolling deadline. Contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845.295.2445 for information on grants or volunteer opportunities

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with support from Bold Gold Media Group, DV8 Magazine, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, and the Times Herald Record. MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS: (5) Town of Fallsburg Town of Liberty Town of Thompson Town of Tusten Village of Woodridge (Contd. Pg. 6)

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.

## Shadbush a/k/a Shadblow,

June Berry Tree or Serviceberry One of the most delightful native trees in our area is the Shadbush (Amelanchier arborea), which is sometimes called the Serviceberry, Shadblow or June Berry tree. It's an all-season beauty.

A member of the Rose family, the Shadbush is a cousin to the apple clan but blooms before them, usually about a week before the forest canopy

leafs out. The shadbush is a small, deciduous tree with white flower clusters that are blooming now in our area. It grows along the edges of forested wetlands, bogs and swamps, but is also found in low, open woods.

Its bark is very smooth, gray-ish brown in color, and with age is often marked with dark lengthwise

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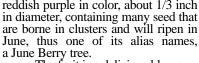


streaks. Its wood is heavy, harder than white oak, strong, close-grained, and dark brown in color often tinged with red. It is occasionally used for tool handles and is highest of all native woods in heat value.

Shadbush twigs are slender, somewhat zigzag, olive green to shadoush twigs are siender, somewhat Zigzag, onve green to purplish brown in color, smooth, but usually covered by a thin grayish outer layer. Winter buds are terminal and 1/4 to 1/2 inch long, slender, sharp-pointed, greenish or purplish brown in color; lateral buds are somewhat smaller than terminal bud.

The leaves of a Shadbush are simple, ovate, 2 to 4 inches long, sharp-pointed, and elongated with fine teeth along the edges. Its leaves are alternately arranged on the branches and turn brilliant red, orange and yellow in autumn. The clusters of white, five-petaled flowers that are

blooming now will soon produce fruit - a berry that is sweet, reddish purple in color, about 1/3 inch



The fruit is a delicious blue-purple berry ripening in June . If you are lucky enough to get at least a cupful, using your favorite blueberry muffin recipe, substitute the June Berries for a very delicious treat.

The pioneers prized the brownish red wood for handles, canes and

fishing rods. While this small delicate tree features lovely grey bark and showy flowers, as well as terrific berries for pies and gor-geous fall color, equally beautiful are the stories and folktales that have been associated with this tree for hundreds of years.

One story is that the first settlers in the New England area often planned funeral services at the same time that the tree bloomed. Its blooming was a sign that the ground had thawed sufficiently to be able to dig graves. So the tree became known as the 'serviceberry tree.' One other version of the Serviceberry Tree is it blooms in

late April to early May, when long-delayed religious services were held throughout 19th century New England, and snow covered roads became accessible again. But not everyone was religious, others would just as soon go fishing, especially when the first run of shad migrated upstream from the ocean when the bloom time of the tree coincided with the massive spring shad fish run up the Hudson River to spawn. So the tree was called the 'shadbush' or 'shadblow.' The journals from Lewis and Clark's expedition out west

tell yet another tale. They are said to have survived on the berries when other food was scarce. Although this story does not pertain to the Catskills, in a journal entry in May 1804 it states serviceberries were plentiful as the explorers passed near St. Louis, Missouri.

Native Americans relied on shadbush fruits as food and medicine They called them Saskatoon and used them like blueberries. They dried them and added them in stews and pemmican. Iroquois women used the fruit as a blood remedy. to strengthen the body after the pain of childbirth. They drank a root and bark decoction to prevent miscarriage. They also used it to expel parasitic intestinal worms, as did the Chinese.

Here's hoping you'll find a Shadbush. If you do, keep an eye on it for the next month or so, and maybe you will get to taste one of the yummiest and least known Native American treats, a delicious June Berry.

## **Household Hints Having Problems with Ants?**

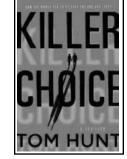
Serve the ants on your premises with an eviction notice. Pour equal parts water and white vinegar into a spray bottle. Then spray it on anthills and around areas where you see the insects. Ants hate the smell of vinegar. It won't take long for them to move on to better-smelling quarters.

## **Killer Choice** Mysterious Book Report No. 333

by John Dwaine McKenna

A harrowing ride into desperation, is how one commentator described this chilling suspense novel by a debut author who posits the following question: How far would you go to save the life of the person you love most in the world? That is what faces protag-onist Gary Foster in this devilishly-twisted plot that puts an ordinary man into an impossible situation. *Killer Choice*, (Berkley/Penguin Random House, \$26.00, 342 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-58640-8) by Tom Hunt, takes place in

the heart of the Michigan rust belt. In a city with no industry, no jobs and no hope, Gary and Beth Fosters lives are looking up. He's opened a new retail store with his brother Rod, and Beth has finally been able to conceive after years of trying. They are expecting a son in a few months and are overjoyed by the prospect of finally starting a family. Then comes the phone call no one ever wants to get, Beth has collapsed. She's been rushed to a local hospital, unconscious and convulsing. She has a brain tumor, cancerous . . inoperable. The only hope for the devastated couple and their unborn child is an experimental treatment that's only available in Germany. The cost:



\$200,000, is way beyond their modest, middle-class means. Desperate, they try raising the cash through appeals to friends and a go-fund-me page on the internet. Weeks later and with time running out, they've only managed to come up with a fraction of what they need. Exhausted, afraid and running out of hope, Gary gets a mysterious phone call and an astonishing offer. A stranger offers to put up Gary the two-hundred grand he's been despairing for ... with just one little hitch ... in return he'll have to kill someone. To Gary, who's never even held a gun, much less fired one, it's an impossible dilemma. Can he go against every moral precept he's ever had, to commit a heinous crime in order to try and save his beloved wife? What would you do in his place? Read the book and find the answers in this nail-biter of domestic suspense.

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SUNY Sullivan 11th Annual Film Festival (From Pg. 1) His role includes developing and producing live and post-produced shows, while managing all stages It've and post-produced shows, while managing all stages of in-house productions from development and shooting, to post production and delivery. In the past year he has also produced series such as: *Gotham Comedy Live, Rock & Roll Road Trip, AXSTV Summer Concerts* and *Real Money*, to name a few. All of this along with coordinat-ing with the programming department all on-air, social and marketing schedules for all shows under his watch. Additionally, Evan deals with talent, management, agents and music labels on negotiations contracts and all comand music labels on negotiations, contracts and all components of productions.

The last of the speakers was Gene Weinstein, a retired Monticello High School teacher who had a contrasting story. Gene's story began when he was a radioman second class on the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley in the US Navy in the Pacific during the first nuclear bomb tests in the Bikini Atolls in 1946.

The film, a documentary, gave the audience a glimpse of what the state of mind was in the United States just after World War II.

The film was about ordinary people - ordinary sol-diers and sailors and also the islanders that were dis-

placed so the atom bomb could be tested and evaluated. After World War II the United States, with its exclu-sive control on atomic weapons, was not above deciding to strengthen its nuclear power in two early tests of atom-ic bombs near the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands in 1946. Hearing President Truman invoke God to support our development and use of the bomb, while he claimed God had 'granted us the favor of having the bomb', Truman asked God to 'guide us in its proper use'. This documentary certainly set the stage for debate as to whether or not Truman's requests of God were met. This is an intense film that was comprised of archival

footage from the Bikini Bomb Tests that were used to study the immediate post-war tests. Not only was the film used for scientific study but also domestic and international relations that would help prepare our military for the eventual use of these weapons. Operation Crossroads, as it was known, changed the lives of the Operation inhabitants of Bikini, as well as forty-two thousand of our own naval personnel. The film definitely takes the point of view that these tests had unpremeditated consequences. Man was playing with a power that he did not understand...and most of us still do not understand.

To some of the younger people in the audience, the Bikini Atoll has become lost in their conscious world. The film and its story, although old and created when technology was not as it is today, made a statement with a deep impression - it made Mr. Weinstein's story come alive!

After the presentation of the award winning film "Radio Bikini: the Atomic Bomb Testing", Mr. Weinstein discussed the film and answered questions from the audience.

The Fisher Film Festival presentations ended with digital presentations from students and various local artists, one -a six year old boy from Ellenville created a new superhero who was integrated into Spiderman's story. It was fun!

Scott Healy concluded the program with award presentations, a gracious thank you to all the parents who supported their children, the students and to Joseph Comando who put the Fisher Film Festival video presentation together.

The academic year ends – but the stories will go on. Some stories will be short-lived, while others may live forever, becoming the classics of the future.

To sum up the festival, it too, is a story in itself - the world is changing. Technology is moving at a very fast pace. New technology pushes us forward into our future. We need the stories! They will become the 'bookmarks'

of the past. Whether it is a story about the growing industry of crossfit, spirituality, love of a career or the delicate story of love, they are the foundation of what our future will be built upon .

A huge thank you to Scott Healy for all his efforts to support and keep the Digital Storytelling Program going at SUNY Sullivan and a big thank you to the board members and all who support this much needed program.

#### Roberta Byron-Lockwood as his 2018 NY Senate Woman of Distinction

(From Pg. 1) Prior to her tenure at SCVA, Ms. Byron Lockwood was the Regional Tourism Director for Central New York, serving simultaneously as Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Marketing & Advertising for Empire State Development and Tourism Director for "I Love New York." She was selected as a delegate from New York State at the only White House Tourism Conference under President Bill Clinton, served on the Governor's Tourism Advisory Board under two governors, is a founder of the New York State Tourism Promotion Agency Council, and hosted the Governor's Catskill Challenge

A dedicated member of the community, serving as past A dedicated member of the community, serving as past Chair of WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-Thon, Boys & Girls Club of Sullivan and Orange Counties and Sullivan County Renaissance, Ms. Byron-Lockwood has received over 40 awards in leadership, marketing, and tourism development. These awards include I Love NY Individual Achievement, NYSTIA Excellence in Tourism (3), the SUNY Sullivan Women Who Make a Difference and the Sullivan County Partnership Distinguished Service Award Partnership Distinguished Service Award.

Under Ms. Byron-Lockwood's leadership, visitor spend-ing in the Sullivan Catskills has grown over 20% since 2009. She is currently developing cutting-edge training programs to entice Metro New Yorkers, domestic and international travelers from China, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, the UK and Australia.

"I'm very pleased to honor Roberta Byron-Lockwood as my 2018 NY Senate Woman of Distinction," said Senator Bonacic. "Roberta has dedicated her professional career to advocating for and promoting the beautiful Catskill region. I have worked with Roberta on a number of projects and initiatives and I have seen the dedication she has for her community. She is truly a woman of dis-tinction who has made a difference."

#### **Dig In, Help Out!** Join the Sullivan Renaissance **Volunteer Corps**

Get involved! You can have an impact on your street and in your community. Sullivan Renaissance will kick off an exciting season of grassroots community engagement with a Volunteer Corps Orientation on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. at the CVI Building - 165 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale. Come out and discover how easily your talents can help make a difference.

The Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps is a group of individuals who offer assistance to a variety of community beautification projects and Sullivan Renaissance initiatives. Opportunities include gardening, program sup-port, outreach, photography, co-leading classes, social media support and more. Volunteer Corps members receive regular opportunity notifications and sign-up to participate based on their interaction of any 1970. participate based on their interests and availability.

"It helps me see the county where I grew up in a new y" says returning Volunteer Corps member Melinda mier. "It's a way to remember what used to be, to celewav Cormier brate what is, and to be part of what will be. I enjoy the

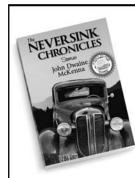
chance to give back in a really fun way!" The orientation is an opportunity to learn more about Sullivan Renaissance and discover how to be a part of building beautiful, healthy, active communities throughout Sullivan County. Pre-registration is requested and refreshments will be served. To register or for more information about volunteering, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook page.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and communidevelopment program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with support from Bold Gold Media Group, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat, and the Times Herald Record. For information, contact 845-295-2445 or www.SullivanRenaissance.org

**Dominick Artuso, M.D. Joins Medical Staff** Ellenville Regional Hospital welcomes Dominick Artuso, M.D. as he joins the medical staff. As a Board Certified Bariatric Surgeon specializing in Gastric Band (LapBand), Dr. Artuso is a great addition to the hospital. He is the Founder of New Image Surgical Weight Loss / The Center for Bariatric Surgery. Dr. Artuso was the first surgeon in Westchester County to dedicate his entire prac-tice solely to bariatric surgery and the medical managetice solely to bariatric surgery and the medical management of obesity. He has expanded his office locations and we are very lucky to have him practicing at Ellenville Regional Hospital now as well. Dr. Artuso's goal is to give patients the best possible medical and surgical options for treating obesity. All surgical weight loss procedures are Laparoscopic, short in recovery time, and minimally invasive

If you have had previous weight loss surgery and are not reaching your weight loss goals, Dr. Artuso also per-forms corrective surgical weight loss procedures for gas-tric band and Dr. Artuso says, "Obesity impacts every aspect of one's life. My team and I are passionate about being involved with every patient and seeing the best result from weight loss surgery we can provide. Weight loss surgery improves people's lives and it is very rewarding that I get to be a part of that." Call 845-647-6400 x314 for a complimentary consultation

today! Dr. Artuso will be offering his services at Ellenville Regional Hospital on Monday afternoons.



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

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda **Shells in my Pocket**

I defy anyone to walk a beach and not reach down to admire a pretty rock or shell and stick it in a pocket. Walking beaches for over seven decades makes me an expert on beach etiquette. First of all, one must shed shoes. A beach is meant to be toe-wiggling free to experience the grounding one feels as we reconnect with the earth. You always sit facing the water, and you must try to put a considerable distance between your chair/blanket and some one else's space.

When walking along the shore, one must exchange a pleasantry with anyone one meets coming the other way. Wouldn't it be nice if this nicety applied to streets and avenue? If you pass someone heading in the same direction, one must pass on the beach side, never on the ocean side. If you encounter a dog, you may stop and greet the canine and even inquire of the dog's name. Strange, but you would never ask a a stranger's name, but it is acceptable to ask a visitor where home might be.

My husband and I and Hudson, our chocolate lab, went on a Cape Cod vacation last week. The unexpected heat wave, after last week's snow, and the prospect of walking the beaches without tourists caused us to venture east on the dreaded four and a half-hour Mass Pike route over the Bourne Bridge to Harwich. The Cape in May and early June is just delightful because the world is working or attending school. The only people lucky enough to enjoy the natural beauty of the Cape are retired seniors, with a few honeymooners, and the Cape Cod natives. The beaches are free and dogs are allowed to stroll or swim in the ponds and surf.

The beach we like best is the Red River Beach with a tidal stream perpendicular to the long expanse of Nantucket Sound. We dubbed it Diva's Beach because our other lab loved it so. The beach even provides biodegradable doggie poop bags in a festive bright magenta so one would be discouraged to leave them visibly marring the landscape. The beach has the perfect blend of marsh, ducks, waves, shells, sand, reeds and beach plums.

Even though my home contains seven decades of shells, rocks and beach glass, I strolled, gaze down, looking for more. My Cuffy sweatshirt's pockets left the beach with yet another half dozen, very ordinary looking, ribbed clam shells. I think it is because we want the memory of salt air and soft sand to remain with us long after we walk back to the car.

#### **DEC Proposed Day Use Permit** for Blue Hole Visitors

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced a proposal to establish a no-cost, day use permitting system requiring visitors to obtain a permit to access the Blue Hole, located in the Sundown Wild Forest of the Catskill Park in the town of Denning, Ulster County, on summer weekends and holidays. This proposal is designed to strike a balance between ensuring State lands are open and accessible to the public, reducing environmental damage, and enhancing public safety. DEC is accepting com-ments on the proposed permitting system through

May 28, 2018. The proposed no-cost permit system unough require visitors to the Blue Hole to obtain a permit on weekends and holidays during the period from May 15 through October 15. Up to 40 permit allowing day would be issued, with each permit allowing ontry for up to six individuals including children. entry for up to six individuals, including children. This new system would allow a maximum of 240 people to access the Blue Hole each day during peak times, helping to protect environmental resources and public safety. This proposal will not affect existing State Regulations that address overuse at the Blue Hole,

which are:

Daily use of the Blue Hole is restricted to one half

hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset;Patrons must use portable restroom facilities;All use of fires and grills and portable generators

prohibited;

Parking is limited to designated parking areas; No glass containers, radios, and other audio devices are allowed.

DEC is accepting comments on the proposed permitting system through May 28, 2018.

Comments on the proposed day use permitting system are being accepted until May 28, 2018, and may be submitted to DEC by email R3.UMP@dec.ny.gov, or in writing to:

NYSDEC Attn: Blue Hole Comments 21 South Putt Corners Road New Paltz, NY 12561

#### **Trout Parade Returns to Livingston** Manor In its 15th Year

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present The 15th Annual Trout Parade on Saturday, June 9, 2018, rain or shine. Local art, crafts, children's activities, specialty foods from area vendors, and beer from nearby breweries are highlights every year - and this is going to be our biggest festival yet!

This year's theme is WILD TROUT - referencing and bringing awareness to the wild ecology of the surrounding area and the local wildlife that makes this place so special. The fun begins at the Festival Headquarters inside the CAS Arts Center from 11:00am where you can show off your costume and have your instant portrait taken by Jill Smith Photography. Be sure to grab a collectible screen-printed T-shirt or limited edition hat as your souvenir for the day. Then at noon the live music begins outside on the Main Street Stage to get everyone ready for the parade to step off at 1:00pm!

The Grand Marshal, Van Morrow and Bruce Shenton will be followed by a wide variety of classic cars, music, floats celebrating local businesses, community organizations, and performers including the Catskill Puppet Theater, NACL Theatre Company, Paprika and Bud Wertheim's famous Giant Brook Trout Puppet. Sullivan County citizens and benefactors such as Jeff Bank, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, and the Livingston Manor Rotary Club are expected to march down Main Street and showcase their wild floats.

After the parade passes by, stay on Main Street for more live music and fabulous shopping, dining, and fun all over town. This year's After-Party will be at the Catskill Brewery just up the road - then you can head back to Main Street for the After-After-Party at Kaatskeller.

The Trout Parade is always a free event for every one. Donations from individuals and businesses, along with the sale of souvenirs, all make the parade possible each year. Proceeds will benefit the Livingston Manor Central School Art and Music programs. For more information on how you can partici-pate or donate, visit TroutParade.com, call 845-436-4227, or email troutparade@catskillartsociety.org. #TroutParade

#### About the Trout Parade

The Livingston Manor Trout Parade and Arts Festival is produced by the Catskill Art Society in partnership with the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce. Charitable support is provided by businesses and individuals from around the community. Proceeds from the parade will benefit the Art and

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GARDEN GRANTS: (10)

Dynamite Youth Center

Hudson River Healthcare

Monticello Elks Club #1544

St. James Episcopal Church

St. Peter's Church of Liberty

Hebrew Day School

Catskill Fly Fishing Museum

Kenoza Lake 4-H Hummingbirds

MAINTENANCE GRANTS: (13)

Town of Forestburgh

Liberty Central School District

Livingston Manor Renaissance

Lumberland Parks & Recreation

**Eldred Class: Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body** 

ELDRED, NY- For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. Now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

The public is invited to a free class on Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body on Friday, May 11, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this program in partnership with Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley, NY chapter from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at the Sunshine Hall Free Library on 14 Proctor Road in Eldred.

Participants will receive an overview of human aging, how the brain works, and information on current research.

Practical strategies for healthy aging will be shared in:

-Physical health and exercise

-Diet and nutrition

Cognitive activitiy -Social engagement

This class is free to the public and requires five pre-registered attendees to hold the class. Registration is required in advance by visiting www.sullivancce.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

This program is supported through a grant from the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley, NY chapter.

#### **Renaissance Grants AwardedMunicipalities and Volunteers Come Together to Create, Beautify and Care for Public Spaces**

Music programs at the Livingston Manor Central School and the nonprofit Catskill Art Society. Created to bring togeth-

er the Livingston Manor region and the Catskills at large, the Trout Parade is an annual street fair celebrating Livingston Manor and the surrounding communities, taking place on the second Saturday in June each year. Started in 2004 as a local grassroots festival, CAS has produced the Trout Parade since 2010. Learn more at TroutParade.com. About the Catskill Art

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

Funding for CAS is pro-vided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

(From Pg. 3) COMMUNITY GRANTS: (10) Callicoon Business Association Jeffersonville JEMS Callicoon Beautification

Paint the Town Pink Hurleyville Beautification Art Works! Livingston Manor Beautification Pride of Lumberland Neversink Beautification Swan Lake Beautification Welcome Signs & Beautification White Sulphur Springs Sullivan First Banners & Beautification

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THE TOWNSMAN



FCSD Wellness Committee Chair Suzanne Lendzian reached out to the Committee members and to the District to create activities to participate in Every Kid Healthy Week.

reflection can be fun. Special thanks go out to the custodial staff, IT Specialist Perry Walsh, all the staff instructors, Wellness Committee Member SueAnn Boyd from Cornell Cooperative Extensive, who supported this wonderful afternoon.

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**Boy Scouts of America Troop 97 help Local Volunteers Beautify the Town Hall and Park** 

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Competition held in January 2018. The results in March revealed Fallsburg seventh graders Alyssa Mahler and Cassandra Rose earning first and second place. Along with their coach, Special Education Social Studies Teacher Alissa Wachter, the girls will be competing in the FPSP International Competition at University of Wisconsin La

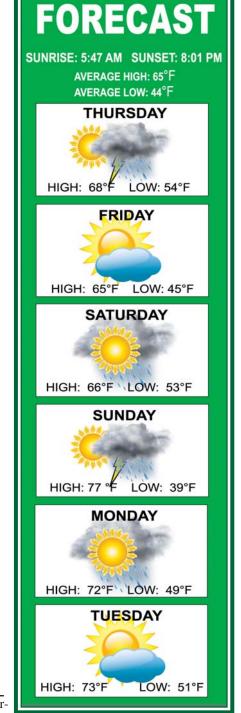
The NYS FPSP was founded in 1974. The International Program stimulates critical and creative thinking skills, encourages students to

develop a vision for the future, and prepares students for leadership roles. FPSPI engages students in creative problem solving within the curriculum and provides competitive opportunities. At the June event, Alyssa Mahler will participate in Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Competition (MAGIC) and will be randomly placed with

three other Middle Schoolers from around the world. They will work together to solve selected problems facing the global community. Global Issue Problem Solvers (GIPS) competition is the event that

Cassandra will compete in as an individual against several other indi-

#### nunity members and work on projects to enhance the appearance of Sullivan County while building a sense of community pride. Today is one of many days in which the Boy Scouts Troop 97 will volunteer their time to help beautify the town



Fallsburg Jr. High School Students Headed for National Tournament



left to right are seventh grader Alyssa Mahler, Coach Alissa Wachter and seventh grader Cassandra Rose

FCSD has two other teams of FPS. Veronica Serrano coaches the Junior or elementary school team; Elisa Baum coaches the High School team. These other teams are rooting for their Middle School competitors and will be sending them off to Wisconsin with their support.

#### **BCES Trail Project Receives Birdhouses**

On April 24, 2018, Sullivan County Long Beards donated several birdhouses and helped students construct them at the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School's Third Grade Extended Day Recreation Club



Third Grade Extended Day Recreation Club are on the left Ms. Christine Decker, Coordinator of the Extended Day Program and fifth grade teacher; standing in the back left to right are Math Coach Neil Sapolsky, Long Beards President Butch Kortright; Volunteer in the Classroom Jenny Gagnon; and Recreation Club advisor and second grade teacher Leah Exner.

President of the Long Beards Butch Kortright and his wife Donna came to the after school program and worked with the children along with Ms. Christine Decker, Extended Day Coordinator and fifth grade classroom teacher, Math Coach Neil Sapolsky, Volunteer in the Classroom and parent Ms. Jenny Gagnon, and second grade teacher and Recreation Club advisor Ms. Leah Exner.

The birdhouses will be placed along the BCES Trail just in time to welcome bluebirds for the spring season.

**Tri-Valley Celebrates No-Screen Week** 

viduals from around the globe on the same given topic.

Crosse June 6-10, 2018.

(From Pg. 1) This was a nationwide event that is celebrated each evening by taking a break from TV, laptops, tablets, smart phones and video games.

The students made a commitment to unplug from digital entertain-

ment and rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen.

The week's activities included playing outside on the playground. On Monday enjoyed The they Sneethes story by Dr. Seuss, played sneetch Dr. Seuss ball. Charades and ice pops!

On Tuesday, a Dr. Seuss themed pajama event with Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 & 2 was held at the Daniel Pierce Library. They were able to

and

Dept. On Wednesday participants had cupcakes to

celebrate the places you will go, each getting an "Oh the places you'll go passport" to be punched at 4 stations. They played the 'I can do game 'and were challenged by an obstacle course. They created one-ofa-kind pencil cup holders and colored their own memo books.

On Thursday, Each got Truffua pen and Truffula seeds to

Friday's activities included act-Baring out tholomew and the Oobleck. Each made their own Oobleck to take home. And a final celebration for staying unplugged - an Ice Cream Social. It was a great week with lots of fun memories.



om the De ram, and a rc-grant program of New York State uncil of the Arts, with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New Yor Stae

Bring your family, your chairs a blanket and spend the day listening to drums from all cultures. Have a drum bring it and drum a song for us if you don't come and spend the day.

> Big Indian Native American Cultural Center ,Inc Contact Mary Lou at 845-254-4238

snack on.

check out books and enjoy a story, Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book. The evening ended with light refresh-ments. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were sponsored by the Neversink Parks Recreation

they read the *Lomax* and got to create a flower pot to take home and a picture frame that will remind them to speak to all trees.

#### Frost Valley YMCA Preserves the Beauty of the Catskills with its 13th Annual Staff Roadside Cleanup

Annual Staff Koadsic As a hub for environmental education and steward-ship, Frost Valley YMCA is honored with the incredible responsibility of maintaining the picturesque beauty of the Catskill Mountains. Now in it's 13th year, Frost Valley's annual litter cleanup demonstrates its commit-ment to the environment and the local community. On May 1, 2018, 30 Frost Valley staff members rolled up their sleeves to collect nearly 50 bags of trash along 14 miles of Frost Valley Road in addition to the fields, forests, and waterfronts on its main camp. The

fields, forests, and waterfronts on its main camp. The annual clean up effort was initiated in 2006 as a way of giving back to the community and preserving the pris-tine wilderness that makes the Catskills a natural attrac-

Frost Valley YMCA staff members coltion for visitors and locals alike. The annual staff roadside cleanup is just one of Frost

tion for visitors and locals alike. The annual staff roadside cleanup is just one of Frost Valley YMCA staff members col-lected 50 bags of trash and debris on Valley's numerous sustainability practices, many of May 1, 2018 as a part of its annual staff which have earned it Green Concierge Certification roadside cleanup. through Hospitality Green. The Green Concierge Project works with tourism and lodging facilities throughout the U.S. to help improve their economic vitality and their sustainable business practices without compromising service delivery or customer satisfaction. In addition to using only locally produced and responsibly sourced food from the farm on its East Valley camp and milk and ice cream from Ronnybrook Farm Dairy, Frost Valley has been compost-ing all of its food waste on site since 1990. Over 400 recycling bins were recently added, along with 100 educational signs, promoting recycling throughout the camp at both its main and East Valley sites. Frost Valley is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Read more about Frost Valley's sustainability practices at frostvalley.org. About Frost Valley YMCA Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization with a mission to foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and frost valley component, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and frost valley of the velopment, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and frost valley of the velopment, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and frost valley of the velopment, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and foster youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and through outdoor educational and foster youth development, healthy living, and

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 guid-ed 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 Stewardship.

NCA Presents Hansel and Gretel in Monticello



NCA Treble Makers Chorus in rehearsal for Hansel and Gretel.

(Monticello) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) students will collaborate to present an Integrated Arts based performance of Hansel and Gretel. The production is driven by NCA students in the Children's Chorus, Aspiring Young Musicians, Visual Arts, Dance and Stage Craft programs. The performance will be held on May 19, 2018 at 3pm at the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts, 22 Saint John St., Monticello, NY 12701. Tickets are a \$5.00 suggested donation at the door. Students are always free.

The NCA students explored all facets of creating a production including: performing, creating orchestral arrangements, script, sets and lighting design. The students participated in literary analysis workshops to gain an understanding of the original story. The purpose of the Integrated Arts program is to give students experience in all art forms including music, theatre, dance and visual arts. Students choose their area of interest to develop an in depth understanding and hone their skills. The outcome of this collaborative experience is the student driven production.

Guidance is provided by Nesin Cultural Arts Resident and Visiting Teaching Artists. Faculty include: Marina Lombardi, voice and theatre, Akiko Hosoi, upper strings, Judith Pearce, flute, Andrew Trombley, lower strings, David and Ann Trombley, voice and piano, Amy Phillips, choral, Jennifer VanEtten, dance, in conjunction with Linda Bombelli from Martha Graham Co., Laurie Kilgore visual arts, in conjunction with Chuck Dorman (lighting) and Karen Collura, Literary Consultant.

The Visiting Teaching artists for the Nesin Cultural Arts Education Programs are fund-ed in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Additional funding comes from Episcopal Charities, the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, New York Life, Stewart's Shops, M & T Bank and the community.



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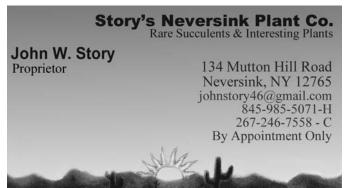
Senator Bonacic Attends Sullivan Renaissance's **Annal Spring Market Conference** 



Senator Bonacic is pictured with Sandra and Alan Gerry.

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined community members this past Saturday at the Sullivan Renaissance's Annual Spring Market and Conference which was held at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, NY. The event featured workshops, discussions, and breakfast hosted by Bethel Woods. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally financed by the Gerry Foundation. The program provides communities in Sullivan County with seed money for beautification projects. A limited number of proposals are funded each year under a competitive process overseen by the Sullivan Renaissance program.

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# A Midsummer Night's Dream come true at the Rivoli

(South Fallsburg, NY) Love, Mischievous Sprites and Faeries abound in classic Shakespearean comedic style as the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop opens its 2018 Season with William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Performances are slated for May 11-13, 18-20 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

One of Shakespeare's most well-known and well-loved comedies comes to life under the able direction of Harold Tighe who has assembled a talented cast including Carlos Holden (Thesues/Oberon), Melissa McTague (Hippolyta/Titania), Alan Charney (Egeus/Peter Quince), Alyssa O'Keeffe (Hermia), Juliette Eddings (Helena), Chris Morgan (Lysander), Circe Mears (Demitrius), Ethan King (Bottom), Ira Simon (Flute), Anna Puleo (Snout), Kristopher Rosengrant (Snug), Seriva Jorge (Starveling/Mustardseed), Cole Phillips (Cobweb), Karen Holden (Peaseblossom), Aidan Dusenbury-Dalto (Moth), Amber Schmidt (Puck/Philostrate), and Makenzie Rainey and Joe Guidone (Attendants/Faeries). Lillian Tighe is Producing, Jim Schmidt is Technical Director, Amber Schmidt is Stage Manager with Grace Summa as Assistant Stage Manager. Jenny Silverman is the Properties Mistress and Costumes are being designed by Ed Berens and Heather Strauss. Fran Schiff is the Scenic Designer and the Set Crew consists of Jim Schmidt, Harold Tighe, Jack Dusenbury-Dalto, Britt Dusenbury-Dalto and Eileen Kalter.

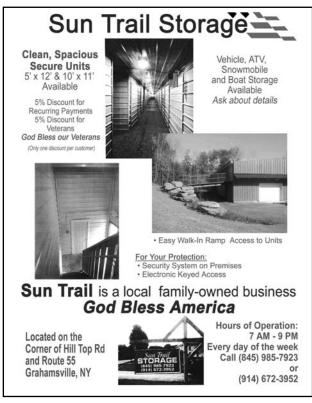
Sists of Jim Schmidt, Harold Tigne, Jack Dusenbury-Dalto, Britt Dusenbury-Dalto and Eileen Kalter. *A Midsummer Nights Dream* will be performed in the Nartof-Wells Audtorium of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42, South Fallsburg on Friday and Saturday, May 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 pm and Sunday May 13, 20 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors (60+), Students (with valid ID), Military and Veterans. Tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, you can do so online at www.ShowTix4U.com For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.scdw.net

#### Would you like to learn Small Engine Maintenance?

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Small Engine Maintenance course on Saturday, May 12th and May 19th from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The course will take place at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty, in the Auto Tech Shop. The cost is \$230.

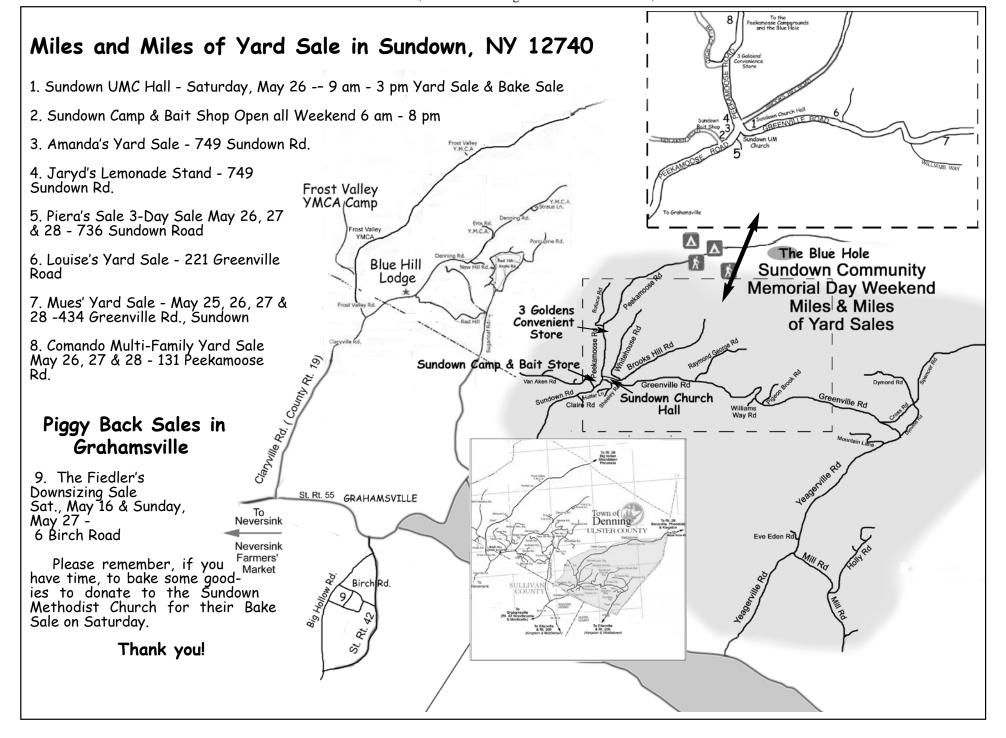
Regular maintenance and service are part of keeping a small engine in running condition. Master the tune-up procedures and schedules for small 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines. Change spark plugs, filters, and oil. Practice troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair of fuel and ignition systems. It's always rewarding to repair your own equipment.

Bring your motorcycle, snowmobile, lawn mower, chain saw, or other small engine to this hands-on class, as



well as your owner's manual, tools, and eye protection. Learn skills you can utilize for years to come.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 or visit us at schoces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



#### Fixing New York's Broken Parole System

Dear Townsman Readers:

Recently, Governor Cuomo's parole board set brutal three-time cop killer Herman Bell free, despite the loud pleas of the families of his victims and law enforcement officials all across this state.

Other instances of early releases, such as Christopher Thomas - who was responsible for executing 10 people including eight children on Palm Sunday in 1984 - and violent crimes committed by repeat offenders have rightfully outraged victims, law enforcement, and the public.

I wanted to inform you that my colleagues in the New York State Senate just passed a package of public safety initiatives to prevent these types of violent criminals from being released back into communities and give victims and law enforcement a bigger voice in the parole and sentencing processes

The legislation will increase penalties for some of the worst crimes and repeat offenders; prevent re-victimization of victims and their families and give them a greater voice in the parole process; enhance protections for those who work in the justice system; and protect society by preventing the most dangerous convicted murderers from becoming eligible for early release, among other measures.

The time is now to reform broken parole and sentencing processes and include necessary reforms to protect victims' rights, improve public safety, and keep violent criminals behind bars.

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

Sincerely,

John J. Bonacic

State Senator

#### **Denning Dems Salute Public Servants!** Saturday, May 29 11 am-noon at Daniel Pierce Library

Downstairs Community Room On Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 11 am to noon, the Denning Democratic Committee holds a Salute to Public Servants! We commend the public service of Juan Figueroa, candidate for Ulster County Sheriff, and welcome him to our community. Mr. Figueroa is a US Marine Veteran of Foreign War (22 years with the Marine Corps) and retired New York State Trooper/Investigator (25 years with New York State Police and a former Chief Warrant Officer.) He patrolled the roads of Ulster County and worked in the Bureau of Criminal Investigations. He has successfully taken down drug cartels, worked to stop corruption, and fought to keep Americans safe abroad. Now that's public service.

# Learn more: https://www.figueroaforsheriff.com/about-me-endorsements/

We also salute the work done for human service agencies by Chad McEvoy, candidate for State Assembly District 101, which encompasses Denning and Neversink (Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Delaware, Ostego, Oneida, and Herkimer). He has spent the majority of his career helping nonprofits such as American Red Cross and Heifer International manage their tech initiatives as they perform

humanitarian public service. Mr. McEvoy lives on 63 acres of farmland and woods in Ostego and knows economic and environmental concerns can be sensibly balanced to address the needs of rural communi-ties. He serves as the Westford representative to the Otsego County Democratic Committee. He has a masters degree in public policy, has managed multi-million dollar software development projects, and worked as a data analysist. Learn more at https://www.chadmcevoy101.com/

All residents of Claryville, Neversink, and Sundown, are invited to the downstairs Community Room of the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville. Breakfast pizza and pepperoni pizza from Neversink General Store will be served as we Salute Public Service!

#### Fourth Annual Spring Fling -Hats Off to the Ladies

Grab your fancy spring hat or fedora and make your reservation today for the "Fourth Annual Spring Fling - Hats Off to the Ladies," hosted by the Democratic Women of Sullivan the Ladies," hosted by the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC). The party takes place on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg. Join us for mimosas and brunch in your most elegant spring hat, dress, or suit as the DWSC celebrate our 2018 hon-orees: Donna Schick, MSW - President of the NYS Federation

orees: Donna Schick, MSW - President of the NYS Federation of Democratic Women, Chair of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee, Chair of the Neversink Democratic Committee, Board Member of the NYS Democratic Rural Conference, and Founding President of the Democratic Women of Sullivan County. Dr. Barbara Blakey, Ph.D., a retired education administra-tor, Past President of the NY Council of Special Education Administrators, Past President of the Liberty Rotary, and Past Trustee and Secretary of Catskill Regional Medical Center

Trustee and Secretary of Catskill Regional Medical Center Board will also be honored

Guest speakers include Helen Ullrich, Esq., Irene Stein, and a representative from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office. Ullrich is a retired civil rights attorney, Chair of the Board

of Directors of Planned Parenthood - Mid-Hudson Valley, Chair of the Board of SUNY Orange, and Founding President of the Orange County Democratic Women. Stein is the current hair of the NYS Democratic Rural Conference.

Several candidates from both CD 19, and the 3rd Judicial District will be on hand, as well as NYS 42nd senatorial district candidate Jen Metzger.

The brunch is \$50.00 per person. For reservations contact een Conway-Whitaker at Eileen eileenconwaywhitaker@gmail.com or at 845-239-6047.

## Statement from Press Secretary Dani Lever on Legal Action Against Spectrum Media Company

"The New York State Public Service Commission has com-menced legal action against Spectrum Media Company for potential violations of its franchise agreement. The State approved Spectrum's acquisition and its ability to operate in lew York based on the fulfillment of certain obligations, including providing broadband access to underserved parts of the State and preserving a qualified workforce.

The Governor believes it is essential that corporations doing business with the State uphold their commitments, and we will not tolerate abusive corporate practices or a failure to deliver service to the people.

'Large and powerful companies will be held to the same standard as all other businesses in New York. The Spectrum franchise is not a matter of right, but is a license with legal obligations and if those are not fulfilled, that license should be revoked.

## Top NYC Start-Up Accelerator to Launch Unique Hudson Valley Outpost – Bringing 150+ Tech Entrepreneurs to Ulster County This Summer County Executive Hein Announces Innovative Partnership Between Economic Development Alliance, Grand Central Tech And Hudson Valley Tech Meetup For

Summer Tech Incubator in Kingston Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced today that Grand Central Tech (GCT), one of the nation's premier tech incubators, has agreed to establish a satellite office in Kingston, New York this summer. This project will introduce 150+ entrepreneurs from New York ( thriving tech scene to one of the Hudson Valley's most vibrant developing communities, helping to boost the region's tech sector and build stronger connections between local and NYC tech leaders. The initiative is part of County Executive Hein's business attraction efforts, which leverage the County's tremendous scenic and cultural resources to compete with surrounding areas and small cities throughout the nation to attract highly talented, creative professionals to Ulster County's communities.

"I believe that when we show people how amazing it is to live, work and raise a family in Ulster County, they can't help but fall in love with this wonderful place and want to make it their home," explained County Executive Mike Hein. "The team at Grand Central Tech knows this, and that is why they hose Ulster County to set up their first presence outside of New York City. We look forward to welcoming them here, and as their member businesses grow and expand, Ulster County will be uniquely positioned to attract them to relocate here permanently thanks to this opportunity to showcase our community.

<u>About Grand Central Tech</u> Founded in 2014, Grand Central Tech (GCT) has quickly established itself as New York City's premier venture platform, providing all the critical resources for transformational startups to achieve scale. Within its Accelerator program, the company awards seed-stage, non-equity investments through a highly-competitive annual application process. For businesses looking for shared space, GCT also operates a co-working facility called Growth in its 100,000 SF office, just steps from Grand Central Station. The Hub@GCT supports social entrepreneurs that are using technology to address some of the most pressing urban challenges facing cities large and small - energy, waste, trans-portation, agriculture, and water. GCT also recently added the New York Venture Fellows program to its platform, which is a year-long fellowship program designed to help high-potential entrepreneurs scale their ventures in New York City. "We think this expansion to the Hudson Valley is exciting

for many reasons, not the least of which is that our members who often work long hours in front of screens - are eager to get out of the City for the summer and enjoy all of the cultural and outdoor activities that the Hudson Valley has to offer," said Grand Central Tech founder Matt Harrigan. "As we explored the idea of a summer outpost, we cast the net far and wide. But after speaking with County Executive Hein and meeting with local tech leaders like Kale Kaposhilin, we quickly realized that Kingston had the right fit for our members - it's close, it has great food and culture, and it already has an exciting communiy of highly engaged tech entrepreneurs. Even though we knew Kingston was the right spot, we wouldn't have been able to make this happen without the tremendous welcome and support we received from County Executive Hein and the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance. They worked tirelessly to help us find a space that can work for this unique endeavor.

<u>GCT North to Locate at Senate Garage</u> Throughout July and August, "Grand Central Tech North" will host up to 175 employees drawn from GCT's 100+ member

companies in New York City. The facility will be housed at Senate Garage, an event venue in Uptown Kingston adjacent to the historic Senate House.

Senate Garage is also home to one of the area's leading tech firms: Dragon360. Don and Judy Tallerman, owners of Senate Garage and Dragon360 said: "We're believers in Kingston and Ulster County as an exceptional place to live and work. For people who seek a more balanced life in a small, walkable city surrounded by nature, this is the place.

Region's Talent and Entrepreneurial Culture Contributed to Location Decision Part of what attracted GCT to Kingston was Ulster County's

close-knit tech and startup community, represented most notably by the highly successful Hudson Valley Tech Meetup. "There's a unique community ecosystem that has taken shape in and around Kingston," said Kale Kaposhilin, co-founder of Hudson Valley Tech Meetup. "At the heart of it, what makes our ecosystem thrive here and helps attract groups like Grand Central Tech is genuine caring cooperation between businesses, residents, community organizations, and local government that tries to be exceptionally inclusive and accessible to all people and their creative ideas. This has resulted in a beautifully diverse ecosystem that is straight up inspiring! I'm grateful to County Executive Hein for helping to create such a vibrant and welcoming culture, and for helping us tell the story of Ulster County's entrepreneurial spirit, a spirit that values and encourages all people and cares about our collective well-being." Dennis Crowley, who co-founded tech company Foursquare

Dennis Crowley, who co-founded tech company Foursquare in 2009 and more recently founded the region's only semi-pro-fessional soccer team, Kingston Stockade FC, has become a major booster of the region's entrepreneurial culture and its laid-back community vibe. "We've seen great things happening with tech startups in the Hudson Valley, and we're excited to partner with GCT North to setup an informal Foursquare presence in Kingston this summer," said Dennis Crowley, Co-Founder of Foursquare. "Everything happening with the Hudson Valley Tech Meetup and GCT really amplifies the area's entrepreneur-ial spirit and creative energy. At Foursquare, we are always looking for new sources of talent, and I think that GCT's pres-ence here will help draw attention to the great engineers, develence here will help draw attention to the great engineers, devel-opers and designers who are already here, in addition to bring-ing more top NYC talent to the region."

Economic Development Alliance to Welcome GCT Members During the summer, GCT's visiting members will be encouraged to participate in a wide range of local activities, including tech-themed workshops and panels as well as local festivals and events. The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, which is sponsoring GCT's summer presence in Kingston, will partner with GCT, the Senate Garage, and Hudson Valley Tech Meetup to coordinate participation in these events and activities, with a goal of showcasing Ulster County's quality of life and building stronger ties between tech leaders in Ulster County and in New York City. Through these efforts, GCT North supports the County Executive's efforts to build and strengthen Ulster County's local tech-related cluster.

"GCT's decision to expand to Kingston will have tangible benefits throughout Ulster County," said Julie Cohen Lonstein, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance. "The entrepreneurs who come to GCT North, whether for a day or for the whole two months, will shop at our stores, eat at our restaurants and stay in our hotels and B&Bs. And perhaps when the summer is over, they will decide like many before them to visit again or to relocate here, contin-

und international and the second strengthen that asset attract the next generation of tech workers and tech businesses, we must continue to protect and strengthen that asset," explained James Maloney, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Ulster County Economic Development Alliance and Chair of the Ulster County Legislature's Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee. At the next Hudson Valley Tech Meetup, members of the team from GCT and the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance will present a preview of the GCT North program, and

Alliance will present a preview of the GCT North program, and will welcome visiting members from GCT's main NYC loca-tion. In addition, the Economic Development Alliance and representatives from Hudson Valley Tech Meetup will participate in membership events at GCT's NYC location to help recruit members to participate in the GCT North program.

"With GCT's presence, we will be able to help our talented local tech community to establish stronger connections with the exciting tech community in NYC," said Suzanne Holt, Director of the Ulster County Office of Economic Development and President of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance. "By making these connections, we are showing tech entrepreneurs that the Hudson Valley is a viable alternative to the high-cost and hectic lifestyle of New York City, and at the same time we are building the professional network and pres-tige of our own successful, home-grown tech businesses."

"This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate all that our community has to offer," added County Executive Hein. "While we place the highest priority on supporting and strengthening the businesses who have already chosen Ulster County as their home, I am excited by this chance to add to what we are already accomplishing here, and to continue to grow Ulster County's economy," Hein concluded.

MAY 10, 2018



## **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/Daniel Pierce Library Vote, OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 At 7:00 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

#### **PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and direct ed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$434,950 (which sum consists of \$426,681 previously authorized plus an additional \$8,270) for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2018-2019 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

#### PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$434,950 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2018-2019 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 7, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calen-dar year period prior to June 12, 2018. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is regis-tered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The reg-ister of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any gualified voter, an each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, evenus Sunday, and at the polling to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 5, 2018) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 11, 2018), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election . Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Dated: March 30, 2018 Tri-Valley Central School District Grahamsville, New York Norma Peña, District Clerk

# **Town of Neversink**

**SPRING CLEANUP 2018** Spring Cleanup will be held on May 5, 9 & 12, 2018. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Pink 2018 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load. TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with

payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of The vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

## **Enhance Your Existing Construction and Home** Repair Skills by Learning Specialty Area Entry Level Skills

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Basic Construction and General Home Repair at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is runs Monday through Friday, from 12:00pm- 3:30pm. New participants are able to enroll every Monday. The tuition is \$2,350. Funding is available for eligible participants.

This course offers several different modules to build your entry level skills or enhance your existing skills in areas where you have had little exposure. This course also includes the 10hour OSHA General Industry Training. Modules include:

Safety; 10-hour OSHA General Industry Training; Basic Residential Electric; Basic Plumbing and Soldering; Basic HVAC; Masonry; Carpentry & Finishing; Painting; Landscaping & Grounds; Solar Panel Installation To register or for more information, contact the Adult and

Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 or visit us at scboces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for construction of a gravel parking area in the Town of Woodstock. Funding is provided from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Mandatory pre-bid meeting on May 17th at 1 pm. Bids must be received by 4pm on May 24, 2018. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

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I, Bryan Delany, Sole Assessor for the Town of Neversink, do (Severally) despose and swear that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I have set forth in the Tentative Assessment Roll attached hereto or filed herewith, all the real property situation in the assessing unit in which I am sole assessor and with the exception of assessments made by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, have estimated the value of such real property at the sums which I have determined to b in accordance with the provisions of Section Three Hundred (305) of the Real Property Tax Law. 5/10

I, Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor for the Town of Neversink have completed the assessment inventory for valuation data, on which the tentative assessment roll will be based. It is available for public inspection Monday through Friday 8:30 until 4:30 pm at Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York. Appointments can also be mad for Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor on Tuesday and Thursday evenings by calling (8450 98501121. Ext 323

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#### Learn How to Decorate Your Home like a Professional Interior Designer

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering Interior Design: Decorate Your Home like a Pro course. This course will run on Tuesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 31st from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost is \$45

Work with an interior designer to create a space that reflects your personal style! Learn the steps to transforming an ordinary room into an exciting new setting.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 or visit us at scboces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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### 2018 Updoming Events

5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch 6/9 - 7th-12th Grade Free Paint Ball Trip 6/16 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair 9/29 Garlic Festival 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover 12/1 Transportation to NYC

- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice

**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233. The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting

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

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



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caregivers compare nursing homes more easily and identify areas about which they may want to ask questions. Each nursing home is given a rating of between 1 and 5 stars. Nursing homes with 5 stars are considered to

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2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm May 10th September 13th January 11th February 15th June 14th October 11th March 15th July 12th November 15th April 12th August 16th December 13th DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM PAYMENT BY:

on what to look for when purchasing a handgun. The course provides a brief overview of NYS laws that cover firearms and use of force. Upon completion of this course you will receive a certificate of training to present with

numerous firearms classes to law enforcement,

you if you are applying for an Orange County pistol permit. You must take the class from an instructor on the Orange County List.



#### THE TOWNSMAN

Claryville Fire Department Mother's Day All You Can Eat Breakfast - 7 am to Noon TVCS Budget vote day - FBLA Barbecue -take out only, 3-6 p.m. Pulled pork dinner is \$10, Rib dinner is \$12.



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### "Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia" On TCM May 12, 2018 SUNDAY, MOTHERS DAY, POCKETFUL OF MIRACLES



(Heart WarmingComedy, 1961) A good-hearted gangster turns an old apple seller into a society matron so she can impress her daughter, Directed by *Frank Capra Starring, Glenn Ford, Bette Davis*, *Hope Lange.* This is a Capricious, whimsical, and all together delightful film, superbly directed by the deep emotional, genious mind of *Frank Capra*, *(IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE).* 

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## I REMEMBER MAMA

#### (Drama, 1948)

Norwegian immigrants face the trials of family life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco.Directed by George Stevens. Starring Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oscar Homolka, Philip Dorn, Cedric Hardwicke, Edgar Bergen, Rudy Vallee, Barbara O'Neil, Florence Bates, Ellen Corby. Beautifully realized, exquisitely detailed filming of John Van Druten's play, based on Kathryn Forbes' memoirs about growing up with her Norwegian immigrant family in San Francisco. A richly rewarding film with top performances in each and every role. Screenplay by DeWitt Bodeen. Followed by the TV series Mama. Both films Rated, TV-PG, Closed Captions.

*Quiz:* In "*In I Remember Mama*" 1.Who played Uncle Chris [Halvorsen]? 2.Who played Mr. [Peter] Thorkelson?

### What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood<sup>tm</sup>

### **SUNDOWN**

May 25, 26, 27 & 28 - Residents of Sundown – when you start your Spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside all those things you want to sell at this year's **2nd Annual Memorial Day Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**! Keep watching *The Townsman* for details.

**June 2nd** -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

### **GRAHAMSVILLE**

May 19 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** from 9 am to noon

June 6- **Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic -** 6-7 pm at the Horse Barn at the Fairgrounds.

Upcoming TVCS PTO Events: Color Run For Kindness- TVCS Track & Field, June 9 - 8:00am-1:00 pm, food, free fun, games & activities. Race Registration Required.

## **CLARYVILLE**

May 13 - Claryville Fire Dept.All You Can Eat Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

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