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Neversink Farmers' Market Opens Third Season



Saturday was a picture perfect day to celebrate the opening of the Third Season of Neversink Farmers' Market. If you missed *the market* this past Saturday, mark your calendar for next Saturday, from 11 am to 3 pm, and every Saturday through the end of summer! Join the fun, have some good food, enjoy great entertainment and choose from a wide variety of home grown produce, plants, herbal products, crafts and morethat will be offered throughout the season by new and returning vendors.

EMS Leads the Way with County-wide Education Day By Sharon G. Doyle



Neversink - May 19, 2018 was the first annual Sullivan Lifelines, a conference day focused on providing Sullivan County's Emergency Medical Technicians with required in-service training.

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The event was held at the Neversink FD Community Hall. Neversink EMS Capt. Ann Bivins was the driving force behind the event; along with Dr. Amy Gutman MD, Dir. of Emergency Services at Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley. They planned a full day of classroom and practical exercises, focused on issues encountered on a continual basis in our communities. Participants were welcomed with gift bags and tee-shirts. Breakfast and lunch were provided by the Neversink General Store-delicious!

Expert presenters conducted the training they were: Paramedic Chad Burkhart, NRP; who discussed "ALS-BLS Interface." Michael Enright RN, EMT-P, provided direction in the hands-on clinical area, allowing participants to hone their skills for patient care. David Williams PA-C of Ellenville Regional Hospital, shared recent research "Using Ultrasound to Make a Diagnosis." (Contd. Pg. 8)

Miles and Miles of Smiles!



With hundreds of cars and visitors passing through Sundown this past weekend, the 2nd Annual Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales was more fun than ever! The Sundown Ladies offered great bargains, home baked goods, hamburgers and hot dogs and cool soft drinks at their mega Annual Yard Sale. Those who participated in the weekend sale reported that many of the 'treasure hunters' traveled from the Bronx, Middletown, Albany, Rockland County and other upstate areas and were passing through on their way to their destination - the Blue Hole! And yes, there were many familiar faces of family, friends and neighbors, too. The most common subject of conversation – the great weather on Saturday!

Our Flag Will Still be There! The Annual Memorial Day Flag Exchange Ceremony has become a strong tradition in



the Tri-Valley area. Like any other event, the ceremony takes quite a bit of planning. This year the normal plan-I his year the normal plan-ning was temporarily foiled by the unexpected - the rope on the flag pole needed to be replaced, but it was stuck on the pulley and could not be lowered. Phil Coombe Jr., Jim McCarthy and Derek Schmidt came to the rescue! Thanks to Derek Schmidt

Thanks to Derek Schmidt and his bucket truck, they were able to fix the pulley and put on a new rope. The



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. St. Matthew 10:39

OBITUARY

Christopher S. Spence, "Gary Walters", "Spence" of Grahamsville, NY passed away unexpect-edly on Friday, May 18, 2018. He was 34 years old. He was born in Miami Beach, FL and raised in Napanoch, NY.

He is survived by his mother, Fran Spence his father Albert Spence along with his father's companion Danita Kristoff, and two younger siblings Ryan Spence and his wife Melissa, his sister, Ashlie Spence, his girlfriend Heather Stalter as well as a host of relatives and friends. He was a local 417 Iron Worker and an avid hunter

and fisherman. He lived his life to the fullest with his fearless attitude and quick wit.

A Memorial Visitation was held on Thursday, May 24th with a Memorial Service at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville.

To send a personal condolence to Christopher's family please visit www.loucksfh.com

Graveside Memorial & Military Service in Memory of Michael E Jacob

Please join us for a graveside memorial & military service in memory of Michael E Jacob, who passed on January 5, 2018.

The graveside service will be held at The Grahamsville Rural Cemetery rain or shine promptly at 11am on Saturday, June 9, 2018, followed by a celebration of Mike's life at the Church Hall right next door immediately following the service. All friends, family, and anyone who knew and loved Mike are welcome to attend to remember this most amazing man who will be in my heart forever.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Danielle Marie Borriello of Ellenville graduates from Clemson University

Danielle Marie Borriello of Ellenville graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science .

Stephanie Heisler of Liberty is Named to Spring Term Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College

Stephanie Heisler of Liberty was named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Heisler is studying in the Non-matriculated academic program at the Troy, NY college.

Today's History

June 9, 1948 - Howard P. West assumed his duties as Pastor of the Grahamsville and Sundown Methodist Churches on Sunday morning, June 6th, when he occupied the local pulpits for the first time. In coming to Grahamsville, Mr. West is taking over his first pastoral charge, although he has had previous experience in church work.

Approximately 350 taxpayers and parents attended public meeting held at the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club last Wednesday evening to vote on the selection of a new and permanent site for future building plans. The results of the balloting age the Child Estate 157 votes, the TerBush site was given 70 votes, and 30 negative votes were cast.

June 4, 1958 - PROPOSITION BE IT RESOLVED that (1) The Board of Education is hereby authorized to erect a new building to be attached to the existing building located at the site of the present building at Grahamsville maintained by the School District and to purchase the original furnishings, equipment and apparatus required for the use of such new building as a school building and to grade and otherwise improve it safe, at an estimated maximum cost of \$758,000 and to expend said sum for such purpose – Lena H. Slater, District Clerk

June 5, 1968 - The Sundown Methodist Church is 112 years old this year! The House of Worship is 100. In 1856 a group of Methodists formed a church in Sundown. Twelve years after the church was organized and the present House of Worship was built.

Dwayne Smith graduated from basic raining two

weeks ago and is now in light artillery school in South Carolina

Pvt Kenneth Terwilliger of Fort Belvior, Va. was with his family for the weekend.

June 8, 1978 - On June 1, the Board of Education approved a request to have summer band lessons under the direction of Mr. Balestra. The lessons, which will begin on July 5, will be held in the elementary school music room.

Artistic talent is needed for a poster contest advertising the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Chestnut Woods on September 9, 1978. The long-awaited "Time and the Valley" has

arrived and it is beautiful. Local residents who have a book on order may pick it up at the Town Hall any business day from 9 am to 4 pm. Those who wish to purchase a copy may do so (at the same place) for \$10.00.

Fort Delaware, Lake Superior Beach **Open to the Public** Monticello, NY - The Beach at Lake Superior State

Park and Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History will open to the public this Memorial Day weekend, starting Saturday, May 26, 2018, and will continue to operate on weekends through the end of June, when they will commence daily operations through Labor Day, announces District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens, chair of the Legislature's Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee, which oversees the County's park system.

Located on Dr. Duggan Road in Bethel, the Beach's hours of operation are 9 a.m.-7 p.m., subject to weather conditions. Admission fees are \$5 per person; children under 3 years old are free. Lake Superior does participate in the Golden Park Program, which grants New York State senior citizens free admission to the park on weekdays only. Sullivan County veterans may also enter the park for free if they present their Sullivan County FAVOR Card.

Lake Superior State Park Season Passes are avail-able for sale to Sullivan County residents and proper-ty owners at the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Office, 100 North St., Monticello. Each pass is \$15 per person. To purchase a pass, bring proof of resi-dency or property ownership to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Office (second floor of the Government Center) Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. 2017 Season Pass-holders may download the renewal form from the County was download the renewal form from the County website (www.co.sullivan.ny.us) and apply

for their 2018 season pass by mail. Boat rentals, vending machines, the playground, and the bathhouse will all be open during regular and the bathlouse will all be open during regulat beach operating hours. Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please contact the Parks, Recreation & Beautification Office at 845-807-0287 for more information. Lake Superior State Park is operated and maintained by the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation and Reputification Department and the Sullivan and Beautification Department and the Sullivan County Division of Public Works through a 20-year license agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

Located on Route 97 in Narrowsburg, Fort Located on Route 97 in Narrowsburg, Fort Delaware's weekend hours of operation are Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (last tour begins at 4 p.m.). Admission fees are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citi-zens (62+), \$4 for children 5-14, and free for chil-dren under 5. A Family Pass is \$20 and admits 2 adults & up to 3 children. Sullivan County veterans may enter free if they present their Sullivan County may enter free if they present their Sullivan County FAVOR Card.

Starting in July, hours expand to Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fort Delaware depicts the lives and lifestyles of the hardy Connecticut Yankees, paying homage not just to their significant place in the history of Sullivan County and the upper Delaware River Valley, but their role in America's War for Independence, as well. Costumed interpreters demonstrate and discuss the lifestyle of the settlers, including the various skills necessary for survival at the time, some of which were learned from the native Lenape Indians. These include farming, blacksmithing, weaponry, candlemaking, spinning and weaving, music and merriment, and homekeeping in rustic cabins.

For further information, please contact Fort Delaware at 845-252-6660 or the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Office at 845-807-0287. Fort Delaware is owned and operated by Sullivan County.

A Round About Tri-Valley Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Christopher

S. Spence of Grahamsville who passed away unexpectedly on May 18th at the age of 34. Christopher was a local 417 iron worker and an avid hunter and fisherman.

Over 200 high school cyclists recently participated in a cycling competition at Walnut

Mountain in Liberty. Congrats to Michael Babcock, a Tri-Valley sophomore and a member of

the team called the Catskill Claws, who was the top scorer on that team.

On May 19m, about 25 Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA members participated in the March of Dimes Walk on the Walkway over the Hudson River. The group began the walk, on that very rainy morning, in Poughkeepsie and walked over the Walkway and back, raising over \$1,000. for the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes is the official non-profit organization for all of the Future Business Leader organizations nationwide. A "BIG THANK YOU" to Rolling V bus garage for volunteering their services to transport the Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA members to Poughkeepsie and back.

Congratulations to Chase Botsford, a Tri-Valley senior baseball player, who was honored

during senior ceremonies on May llm. Chase scored a double and had four RBI's in a game

against Fallburg, which the Bears won 11-0.

Save the date: Grahamsville Methodist BBQ - Friday, June 15th. (ribs and pulled pork)

Thank you to all who attended the Grahamsville Reformed Church turkey dinner on May 19m. Two hundred fifteen dinners were served. On June 16th, the Church will be holding a roast beef dinner from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Don't forget the Tri-Valley Lions rabies clinic on Wednesday, June 6th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The clinic will be held in the horse barn at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Animals must be on a leash or in a pet carrier. If you want your pet to be immunized for 3-yrs., don't forget to bring proof of prior rabies shot.

The Tri-Valley Grade 5-12 music concert was held in the Bernstein Theatre on May 22nd. The students did a fabulous job!

If you happened to read the June issue of the *Reader's Digest*, you saw 13 incredible benefits from music. Studies have shown that music can decrease your stress level, ease anxiety, help you fall asleep faster, improve cardiovascular health, decrease pain and even can help Alzheimer patients retrieve memories and communicate more effectively. It's a very interesting article.

I hear that the Heartbeat Music Hall in Grahamsville had a wonderful opening night on May 19m. I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend.

On June 7th, Tri-Valley grades 1,2,3 &4 will present their original songs. The 4th grade chorus and the 4th and 5tn grade band will also perform. The program begins at 9:00 am in the

Bernstein Theatre. If you plan to attend, don't forget to bring your photo ID !

Have you been to the New Munson Diner at the foot of Agway hill in Liberty yet? I have, and I found it to be a very nice place to eat. They open at 6:00 am and remain open until 9:00 pm. The diner is under new management and the food is good, the price is right and everyone is very friendly. Stop in and see for yourself. Remember, that diner was Seinfeld's old diner, which was moved from New York City to Liberty several years ago.

WORDS OF WISDOM: What other people think of you is none of your business. (Regina Brett)

First Friday of the Month Book Discussion Group

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper-Level Conference Room at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y.

Refreshments are provided by the members. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

This month's book discussion: "The Shoemaker's Wife", a novel by Adriana Trigiani.

County Museum Closed For Sidewalk, Elevator Repairs

Hurleyville, NY - Due to repairs required to both the elevator and the sidewalk, the Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center in Hurleyville will remain closed to the public from Memorial Day Weekend, through the middle of next week. A specific reopening date will be announced then.We apologize for any inconvenience, and inquiries remain welcome at both the Sullivan County Historial Society (845-434-8044) and the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Office (845-807-0287). **FREE Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic** JEFFERSONVILLE, NY-"Showmanship is more than leading an animal around an arena or in front of a judge," according to Barbara Moran, 4-H animal science program coordinator and local farmer.

All youth interested in showing an animal at the Sullivan County Youth Fair can participate in a free Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic on Sunday, June 3, 2018, offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program. This hands-on clinic will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Stone Wall Farms on 139 Callicoon Center Road in Jeffersonville. Youth do not need an animal to participate.

Barbara Moran will present how to display an animal to its greatest potential. Species highlighted will be alpaca, beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, and sheep. Participants will expand existing knowledge and learn new skills, including proper techniques of showmanship, effectively communicating with a judge, and reviewing common judging criteria.

This series is FREE to youth. Any Sullivan County youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H for free, all year long.

Registration is required in advance by visiting www.sullivance.org, emailingsullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program empowers any youth ages 5-18 to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University resources and gain career readiness skills through hands-on activities and "learning by doing".

Democratic Women Welcome Spring with Honors and Scholarships

Over 80 people welcomed warm weather and sunshine at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg on Sunday, May 20 as the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) celebrated their 4th Annual Spring Fling -Hats Off to the Ladies.

It was an afternoon of festivities hosted by DWSC President Janet Lybolt, as the organization honored Dr. Barbara Blakey, retired education administrator, 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 Board.

The DWSC also honored 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 DWSC.

Guest speakers included NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Helen Ullrich, Irene Stein and Susan Zimet.

Helen Ullrich, Esq. 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. Irene Stein is the current Chair of the NYS Democratic Rural Conference and Susan Zimet is the Founder and President of 2020: Project Women, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating, celebrating, and promoting the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote. She also serves on the NYS Suffrage Centennial Commission, the Chair of the NY Women's Equality Party, and the author of the newly published young adult book "Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote."

Attendees were also greeted by Dylan Miyoshi from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, and Matthew Martini from NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office. Several candidates running to represent the CD19 seat this year also spoke including David Clegg, Brian Flynn and Patrick Ryan, Jesse Meyer (representing Gareth Rhodes), and Lacey Schwartz Delgado (representing her husband Antonio Delgado). Jen Metzger, who is running to fill the vacant seat in NY State Senate District 42, also addressed the guests.

The DWSC presented its First Annual Scholarship Awards to high school students Louise Bloom and Hailee Quiles. The students' essays were chosen as winners by a group from the DWSC Executive Committee.

At the end of the event, Susan Zimet chose longtime Democratic Committee member Larysa Dyrszka as the female winner and Dave Lybolt as the male winner of the hat contest.

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.

Queen of the Fuzzy, Buzzy Bumblebees

Last week near the blossoms on the blackberry bushes in the yard, I watched an extravagant air show among the bumblebees that were bump-fighting each other for the payload of pollen. They looked like ace pilots in a dog fight.

As they buzzed back and forth, I thought they really lived up to their name, Bombus.

Bumblebees are large, fuzzy insects with short, stubby wings. They are larger than honeybees, but they don't produce as much honey. However, they are very important pollinators. Without them, food wouldn't grow.

There are over 250 species of the genus Bombus, part of Apidae, one of the bee families. Most bumblebees are social insects that form colonies with a single queen. The colonies are smaller than those of honey bees, growing to as few as 50 individuals in a nest.



Usually hardworking and not aggressive except to defend their nest and food sources, these queen bumblebees exchanged glancing blows off of each other.

It has often been said that bumblebees defy aerodynamics and should not be able to fly. However, a recent study resolved the enigma and showed how the tiny wings keep the bee in the air. The study, published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2005, used high-speed photography to show that bumblebees flap their wings back and forth rather than up and down.

The queen bumblebees are the largest true bees with "pollen baskets" and six hairy legs. The first pair cleans the antennae. The second pair, covered with stiff hairs, combs the pollen from the body and packs it into the baskets (corbicula) on the third pair of legs. More hairs line the basket and securely anchor the pollen load for balanced flight.

Bumblebees are fine pollinators because their extra long mouth parts can reach nectar in flowers that no other bees can, particularly red clover.

Unlike honeybees, Bombus live as a single family, usually underground. The group consists of workers, drones and a queen, the most important of all. A dominant female called the queen rules the colony. The other bees serve her or gather food or care for developing larvae. During the late fall, the entire colony dies, except for the queen. She hibernates during the winter months underground and starts a new colony in the spring.

A young queen mates in autumn and begins searching a safe place to overwinter - a hollow log or small burrow in the ground. All the rest of her family die as cold weather sets in.

When spring comes, the young queen starts a new home by herself, usually a deserted underground mouse hole which she lines with soft grass. For the next several weeks she works at a frantic non-stop pace.

On a cushion of grass and soft downy leaves, she builds a waxen egg cell, primes it with a paste of pollen and honey, lays several eggs and caps the cell. She also makes a wax honey pot and fills it with nectar to feed herself on rainy days.

Meanwhile she patches any cracks in the nursery cell and guards her eggs against marauding mice and voles. In a week, larvae hatch and their mother feeds them liquid honey and special jelly for about ten days until the larvae are fully developed into fat white grubs that spin their own cocoons and pupate.

Two weeks later the first young bumblebees to emerge are small sized sterile daughters who are workers. Later in summer the queen will lay eggs producing males (drones) and mating females. The life cycle of the Bombus goes on.

As super pollinators, bumblebees are vitally important to humans. Without them, food wouldn't grow. So the next time a big bumblebee buzzes past you, treat

So the next time a big bumblebee buzzes past you, treat her kindly - she's a queen.

Household Hints

Storing cheese: keep it fresh longer by wrapping it in a vinegar-soaked cloth and keeping it in a sealed container

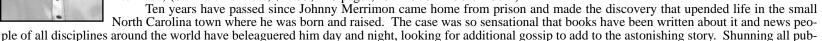
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One of the awesomest young writers to come down the literary turnpike in the new millennium is a southern gothic wordsmith named John Hart. The accolades, superlatives and awards directed at him keep piling up at an astonishing rate; making him one of the hottest new novelists; one that all thriller enthusiasts will want to be acquainted with. He's just finished an electrifying new installment in the saga of Johnny Merrimon, the pure-hearted prince of bad-assery we first meet in *The Last Child*. Now, he's returned in *The Hush*, (St. Martin's Press, \$27.99, 418 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-01230-2).



licity, Johnny has taken up residence in the middle of a six-thousand acre swamp known as Hush Arbor. It's the last of a fifty-thousand acre tract that was owned, and lost, by his great, great grandfather in the decade before the Civil War. But the chain of ownership has a flaw in it because the Hush, as it's called by the locals, was first gifted to some freed slaves and reverted back to Johnny due to a certain clause that's being contested by the descendents of the freed men. Johnny's prevailed in the court proceeding, but the decision's been appealed, with the trial about to begin. Johnny Merrimon however, is broke. He ekes out a subsistence living from the land, and his only hope at trial is Jack Cross, a boyhood friend with a newly minted law degree, who specializes in tax law. The other side is backed by a hedge fund billionaire who wants the land for a private hunting preserve where trophy animals thrive in profusion. The Hush, however, is a notoriously strange place. The local folk avoid it . . . for those who do enter it get lost, die, or come out catatonic; unable to talk because they've been scared out of their minds by something unspeakable that lurks out there. It's something evil and ancient, something cursed, unholy and undead. All of which only adds to the legend of Johnny Merrimon. Has he made a deal with the Devil . . . or is Johnny some sort of a supernatural being? The only way to find out, is to read this thrilling novel for yourself and you, like the MBR, will be all in for the works of John Hart, the only writer to ever win the coveted Edgar Award in back-to-back, consecutive years. To paraphrase legendary Texas songwriter Billy Joe Shaver: "John Hart is the real . . . **real, real deal!**"

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Summertime Plant Maintenance Gardening Across the Seasons

Summertime Plant Maintenance, the second seminar in "Gardening Across the Seasons"; will be held Wednesday, June 6th at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center and Teaching Garden, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is the second session in a series of three.

'Summertime Plant Maintenance will provide tricks and tips for caring for plants to produce outstanding gar-dens," said Diana K Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Program Manager who will lead the seminar. The discussion will also spotlight projects happening throughout Sullivan County as well as volunteer opportunities

Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Program Manager, Diana K. Weiner and Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to demonstrate horticulture basics.

Space is limited and pre-registration is requested. To register, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Refreshments will be served.

Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook and Twitter pages. The series will conclude on September 5th with "Garden Renovation Time"

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New York Motorists Encouraged to Safely Move Turtles to Side of the Road

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today reminded the public that the state's native turtles are on the move in May and June, seeking sandy areas or loose soil to lay their eggs. Drivers that see a turtle on the road should use caution-not swerve suddenly or leave their lane of travel--and take care to avoid hitting turtles while driving.

In New York, thousands of turtles are killed each year when they are struck by vehicles while migrating to nesting areas. New York's 11 native species of land turtles are in decline, and turtles can take more than 10 years to reach breeding age. The reptiles lay just one small clutch of eggs each year, which means the loss of a breeding female can have a significant effect on the local turtle population.

This time of year, it is especially important to be on the lookout for turtles and to drive cautiously, particularly on roads near rivers and marshy areas. If a turtle is spotted on the road or near the shoulder, drivers should safely stop their vehicle and consider moving the turtle to the side of the road in the direction the reptile is facing. Drivers should only stop and move turtles when it safe to do so and should never put themselves, their passengers, or others at risk.

Most turtles can be picked up by the side of their shells. Do not pick up a turtle by its tail. Picking the turtle up by its tail may frighten or injure the reptile.

It's important to use extreme caution when moving snapping turtles; either pick the turtle up at the rear of the shell near the tail using two hands, or slide a car mat under the turtle to drag the turtle across the road. Do not take native turtles into personal possession. All native turtles are protected by law and cannot be collected without a permit. Snakes can sometimes also be seen crossing or basking on the road. If safe to do so, please slow down and steer around them.

For more information on protecting turtles and other reptiles, visit DEC's website. Read more about turtles in the June issue of DEC's The Conservationist magazine. Don't miss out--subscribe today. Call 1-800 678-6399. View the new digital issue at The Conservationistwebpage.

Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville **Opens to Packed House** William A. Brenner, Esq.

The Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville had a spectacular grand opening on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Located at 304 Main Street, in the heart of Grahamsville, about 100 locals, visitors and musicians packed the spacious music hall, and filled the parking lots behind the Catskill Hudson Bank and alongside the Neversink Town Hall.

Its innovative creator, musician David Trestyn, directed the renovations, repairs and repainting of the old abandoned church building (among other users), and obtained the approvals and permits from the Town of Neversink. David, who miraculously recovered from a serious illness chose to name the music hall the "Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville"

David humbly thanked the audience and introduced his close friend, legendary musician Paul Lounsbury, of Grahamsville.

Paul introduced the many builders, renovators, painters and the people who devoted their time and skills to update the electrical system and set up and operate the superior sound system and the lights.

Admission was free and the ladies brought in free chocolate chip cakes, lemon buns, oatmeal cookies, along with coffee, iced tea, soda and beer.

The first musical group was the popular "Little Sparrow", lead by Carol and Aldo Troiani, lead by Carol (vocals) and husband Aldo Troiani (raconteur and guitarist) from Youngsville, with Joy Ganz (from Devine Corners off of Neversink) on pedal steel guitar (us old timers call it the slide guitar), and Mike Cervone from Bethel on drums. The only foreigner was Glenn Lieberman from Honesdale, PA who works and plays in New York City.

Instantaneously, the music hall was hopping with clapping, foot stompin' and singing along. It was a welcome country homespun laidback friendly atmosphere. At about the third song, couples got up and started dancing in front of the stage. There were dancing couples young and old, mostly townfolk, many of which had gray hair. Naturally the Hank Williams songs were showstoppers.

There was a musical flashback to the 1960s.

Half of the non-standing audience was sitting along

long tables right down the middle of the hall with red and white checkered tablecloths. The other half were sitting crowded eight people to side tables extending from the wall. The talking, joking and camaraderie was just like a church gathering.

Coincidentally, before the show, the Reformed Church held their traditional turkey dinner across from the Tri-Valley School.

But the show was just starting. From the audience, the famous local guitarist Mickey Barnett was called on stage. Mickey was a long time traditional performer at the annual Grahamsville Little World's Fair. Starting with Johnny Cash's rousing "Folsom Prison Blues" and "Ring of Fire", he sang a medley of the Eddy Arnold hits. Again called up from the audience was national record-

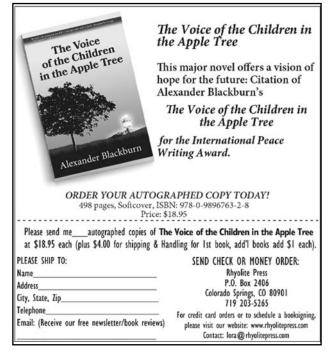
ing artist Slam Ållen along with brother Cecil Allen. Borrowing guitars, they lit into Chuck Berry's "Josephine" and "Let the Good Times Roll". They were joined on stage by an animated blues harmonica player, Mike Terran from Syracuse.

The impromptu musicale continued late into the evening. Local talent came onstage to perform with musicians: Sofia Trevisani from Bethel (House of the Rising Sun) and Laura Garone from Grahamsville with a few risque songs.

The evening concluded with Dave Trestyn (guitar and vocals), Antonio Livorno (bass) and Mike Cervone (Drums) playing their thing.

Dave Trestyn said "This is Grahamsville History". Future music dates will encourage local musicians to play and singers to get up on stage.

Liberty has live performances at the Brown Barn; Rock Hill has Dutch's; Bethel has the Dancing Cat Saloon and Bethel Woods. Now, for local shows we have the Heartbeat Music Hall of Grahamsville.







The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda **High Maintenance**

I had a full time job. Working full time I did man-age to get everything done. How? I'll never know. Retired for eleven years now, I cannot even imagine how I found time to work.

As a teacher, I got accustomed to keeping a planner to track all the lessons, workshops, meetings, appointments and occasions. I still do, but now my calendar/ planner is overloaded with dates that are mostly Maintenance:" Car inspection, oil change, tire rotation, dermatologist, orthopedic center, MRI, X-rays, physical therapy, acupuncture, chiropractor, oil deliv-

Wildland Rescue in Ulster County

On May 15 at 10:45 a.m., the New Paltz Police Department requested Forest Rangers to help locate Robert Quinn, who was reported missing to New Paltz PD on May 11. The missing subject was last seen at the Mohonk Mountain Gate House that day at 1 p.m. Forest Rangers responded and organized wildland search efforts. Mohonk Preserve Rangers were sent into the field to search the trail system around the Mohonk Mountain House, and the Sheriff's Department began searching with a drone. At approximately 2:30 p.m. on May 15, a 911 call reported a potential sighting of the subject attempting to cross a stream. Emergency responders found Quinn at the location. He was taken by ambulance to a Kingston hospital for evaluation and treatment.

NYS DEC Tips on Hiking Safety

(From NYS DEC website) Safety and preparedness are extremely important no matter your physical ability or destination. You'll have a more enjoyable and safer experience if you're properly prepared.

Before you leave, plan ahead. Learn about the area ahead of time. Learn about the area you'll be visiting ahead of time; know the opportunities and the regulations. Check maps, guidebooks and websitesArrange to go with a group or at least one other person.

Know your skill level and physical capabilitieschoose trails within your or your group's ability.

Arrange to go with a group or at least one other person.

Know what time the sun sets and plan your hike so you can return before dark.

Inform someone of your travel plans-let them know where you are going, your planned route, when you plan to return, and emergency numbers to call if you do not return at the scheduled time.

Program cell phones with the DEC Dispatch phone numbers, but do not rely on cell service in all areas.

What to Wear

hole cut out for your face

Moisture-wicking synthetic fabrics that keep your skin dry and help regulate your body temperature in both cold and warm weather-avoid cotton, which holds mois-

Additional layers such as wool or fleece for insulation and a wind/waterproof outer layer, depending on the weather. Layered clothing is recommended even for

Light-colored clothing, which will make it easier to

Waterproof, sturdy, and comfortable shoes or boots.

A watch or other time-keeping device.

Day pack large enough to carry your gear

High energy snacks First aid kit (Epi-pen if allergic to bee stings)

pass or GPS unit

and socks

Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries Bug repellant

Pocket knife Garbage bag-to heavy-duty trash bag with a carry out garbage or use as shelter

Trekking poles

ery, plumber, window washer, etc. Replenishing the pantry also takes time, longer if you use coupons. Around those dates, which consume most of the calendar, are the social events.

Events of choice are considered my social life. These are things I chose to say "Yes" to: Project Linus, Meals on Wheels delivery, book club, senior art group and such are mingled with baby showers, wedding showers, baby showers, birthday parties, weddings, funerals (sad to say), retirement parties and anniversaries. Sprinkled in there are the "eating out" nights, early-bird please, that happen on exceptionally busy maintenance days.

Additional items for hiking in remote locations

Fire starter kit: matches in waterproof container and cotton balls soaked in petroleum jelly

Space blanket or bivy sack

Water filtration system or purification tablets Safety vest or brightly colored clothing

If You Get Lost or Injured

Stop where you are. Keep calm and assess your situation.

Try to determine your location-look for recognizable landmarks and listen for vehicles on nearby roads. If you are sure you can get yourself out of the woods

using a map and compass, do so-otherwise stay put.

If you have cell service, call the DEC Dispatch (see above). The dispatcher will ask questions to collect information needed to help searchers locate you quickly.

If you don't have cell service, move to a location close by where you are visible to searchers on the ground or in the air. If you have something brightly colored, wear it or place it in a conspicuous location.

If it appears that you will need to spend the night:

Clear an area of debris to build a campfire to provide heat, light and comfort. A fire will help searchers locate you.

Using items from your pack, build a shelter that will serve as a "cocoon" to keep you warm and sheltered from the weather. You can also use dead branches, conifer boughs and leave litter to insulate the shelter.

DEC has a brochure with safety tips (PDF) (191 kB) on how to prevent getting lost and what to do if you are lost.

If someone is injured or stricken

If there is no cell service, at least one person should remain with the injured person while the others note their location and leave to contact DEC Dispatch.

If there isn't anyone to stay behind, make sure the injured person has shelter and supplies before leaving to seek help.

In the Northeast, the weather can change quickly and dramatically. A day may begin sunny and warm but suddenly become wet and chilly-conditions that may lead to hypothermia. Hypothermia can occur in any season-not just winter-and it can be fatal

Two State Records Broken over One Weekend

Two new state fishing records were set over the course of one weekend in New York recently, State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

'High quality fishing opportunities abound across New York and announcing two record-breaking catches is the perfect way to kick-start the 2018 freshwater fishing season," said Commissioner Seggos. "It's remarkable that anglers broke these records back-toback over a single weekend and from water bodies in different regions of the state. I encourage anglers to share their notable catches with DEC this year on social media and through our Angler Achievement Awards Program.

Brian Hartman of Alexandria Bay eclipsed the 2009 state record walleye by more than 1.5 pounds when he caught an 18-pound-2-ounce walleye from the St. Lawrence River on May 5 using a swimbait. On May 6, William Wightman of South Dayton

used a black marabou jig to reel in a 4-pound-1-ounce crappie from Lake Flavia in Cattaraugus County, exceeding the 1998 state record by five ounces.

Hartman's record breaking walleye in St. Lawrence County water was caught on the opening day for wall-

eye season, which runs from the first Saturday in May through March 15. Thanks to DEC's walleye management efforts, walleve are found in every major watershed and are considered one of the most prized gamefish in New York State. These fish are also highly regarded as one of the best tasting freshwater fish.

Black crappie, also known as strawberry bass or calico bass, are found throughout the state in clear, quiet lakes, ponds, and rivers where vegetation is abundant. Spring is a popular time of year to fish for crappie, as these fish can be found in large schools in shallow water prior to spawning. Not only are crappie fun to catch, but like walleye, they're great to eat, too.

Wightman and Hartman submitted details of their winning catches as part of DEC's Angler Achievement Awards Program, which tracks state record fish. Through this program, anglers can enter freshwater fish that meet specific qualifying criteria and receive official recognition of their catch and a distinctive lapel pin commemorating the achievement. Three categories make up the program: Catch & Release, Annual Award, and State Record.

SC Chamber of Commerce Pride Awards Gala Nominations are Open! Deadline to Submit Nominations is June 29, 2018

Monticello, NY- The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce has been honoring businesses and individuals for over 25 years. The Pride Awards Gala honors 5 individuals from throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county.

The five winners selected are Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County, Young Emerging Leader and one Township Award; all to be honored at this prestigious ceremony that takes place on November 15, 2018 at the Eagle's Nest, Bloomingburg, NY.

So, what makes someone eligible? Or what criteria should be considered?

Business Person of the Year is recognized for their dedication to the residents and businesses of our County and community. They continuously go above beyond to impact the entire County in many aspects. They show true business influence, leadership style, and strategic initiatives that they share throughout their community. These are true efforts toward the betterment & improvement of Sullivan County.

o Distinguished Achievement Award is recognized for their tireless effort and dedication to the betterment of Sullivan County. They show leadership and extensive contributions to our community. They have accomplished significant impact on their surroundings and the people of Sullivan County.

o Distinguished Service Award is to recognize an individual's act of helpful activity, help or extraordinary service and dedication to their community. Their leadership and tireless efforts are an example for others to follow. They have made outstanding service contributions to the community. o Young Emerging Leader recognizes an individual

for their outstanding dedication in the Sullivan County Community. They clearly serve as a role model for young and seasoned professionals. They tirelessly work as examples of leadership, integrity, professionalism and creativity.

o Township Award is a rotating township award to recognize a business or an individual for dedication. commitment and effort in promoting and contributing to It is designed to recognize and their community. reward entrepreneurial engagement in townships while building confidence in township-based businesses.

Who choses these winners? A committee of past business persons of the year carefully review all nominations. This is a distinguished group of individuals from across Sullivan County and a diverse range of businesses and backgrounds.

Remember, that nominations are open to ALL and are being accepted NOW! DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION IS JUNE 29, 2018! Please submit a formal nomination letter identifying nominee (with their contact information) and why they should be considered for one of the 5 awards to Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, 196 Bridgeville Road, Suite 7, Monticello, NY 12701

We want anyone and everyone to be considered year to year. For more information contact Cathy Paty, President/CEO at president@catskills.com or call the office 845-791-4200.

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Benjamin Cosor Students Fill the Air with Music at Spring Concert

BCES students comprising the beginning and concert bands, the bell choir, recorder ensembles, and



Left to right Jaedon Espinoza, Band Director Ms. Lauren Bernard, and Angelina Levner as Ms. Bernard presented them with Most Improved Instrumentalist Awards.

Hilfstein was also thanked for his many years of musical accompaniment on the piano.

The music was excellent and several musicians received acknowledgement for earning regional and New York State music awards. The music teachers handed out special awards themselves. Outstanding Recorder Award (4th Grade) went to Alexia Clark; Outstanding Recorder Award was awarded to Adira V. Greer Padilla and Cecilia Norris Yanes; Outstanding Bell Choir Award went to Jordan Batista and Bella Muscia; and

Outstanding Chorus Award to Catherine Perna, Kyleigh Avery, and Justin Nicolai.

Band awards were Overall Outstanding Musician to Willson Torres Martinez; Outstanding Band Member to Emily Perna; Outstanding Band Member to Ariana Wall-Carty; Most Improved Instrumentalist to Jaedon Espinoza and Angelina Levner.

UC Executive Mike Hein Celebrates the Opening of Rail Explorers and Joins Them in the Ribbon Cutting Rail Bikes In Phoenicia On The Former Ulster & Delaware Corridor-First Of Its Kind In The Area

Phoenicia, NY: County Executive Michael P. Hein and owners of Rail Explorers Mary Joy Lu and Alex Catchpoole were joined this morning by Ulster County Legislators, Local Officials, as well as members of the Empire State Railway Museum, the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, representatives from local businesses and the community for a ribbon cutting at the

school chorus entertained a delighted audience of families, staff and guests on the evening of May 15, 2018 in the Fallsburg

High School Auditorium. Principal Marv Kate Stinehour warmly welcomed everyone and acknowledged Choral Director Andrea Henderson and Band Director Lauren Bernard in putting the event together, with hard work

and dedication from the

children and the support

Leon

of the families.

(From Pg. 1) Dr. Mark Papish MD, Dir. of Emergency Services at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital instructed on cardiac issues and how they can be identified and treated prior to arrival at the hospital in his lecture "STEMI -Get With the Guidelines. Rounding out the days' lectures were: Vincent Det. Laspina, of Kingston City Police, a Paramedic with Mobil Life Services, who discussed mental

health issues in his presentation" Connect Then Direct." Finally, Capt. Christopher Hyatt, Kingston City Fire Dept., a Paramedic with Mobil Life Services, presented" Toxic Twins & Cyanokits.", a recognition and treatment plan for smoke inhalation, an issue that is always a possibility on any fireground. Thank you to all our educators.

EMS Leads the Way with County-wide Education Day

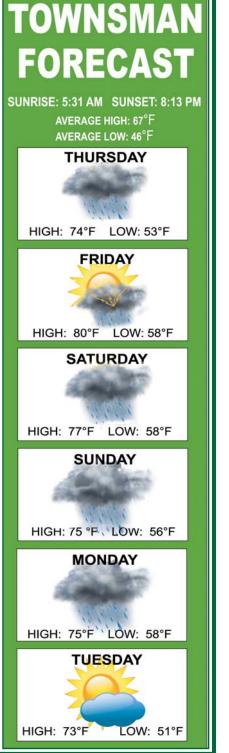
A special thanks to those who support Safety and Emergency readiness in Sullivan County: Lumberland FD, Schmidt's Wholesale, Sylvan Liebla Post 1363-American Legion Ambulance, Rockhill Volunteer Ambulance Corps, VanEtten Oil Corp and many others.

A true team effort made this day possible; together with county business leaders and the First Responder community, Neversink-EMS provided an enjoyable day of local EMS in-service training. EMS Capt. Ann Bivins said," This is the first of many annual Sullivan Lifelines events that we hope to continue next year.'

Empire State Railway Museum in Phoenicia. Rail Explorers is a rail bike attraction where passengers can travel along the former Ulster and Delaware (U&D) corridor between Phoenicia and Boiceville which runs along the Esopus Creek.



All excursions begin at the Empire State Railway Museum and the round trip is eight miles long. In addition, the bikes are outfitted with electric assistive motors for areas of track that are on an incline, and they engage when riders pedal up the slope on the return leg of the ride. They have a total of four tandem (2 person) bikes and three quad (4 person) bikes. The business officially opened on Saturday, May 26th and is sold out for that day and they have already pre-sold 2,000 tickets to date. Tickets are still available for the season. For more information please call 1-877-833-8588 visit or www.railexplorers.net.

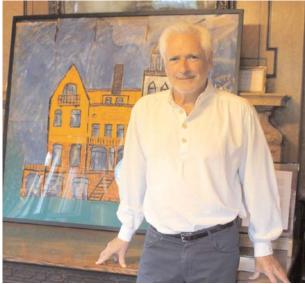






Frost Valley YMCA Offers Mini Monet Camp Session Taught by

Alexander Kaletski Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA is offering a camp session this year called Mini Monet with spe-cial guest instructor and renowned artist Alexander Kaletski. Children enrolled in this session will have the opportunity to develop their creative self-expression under the guidance and mentorship of a famous artist.



Alexander Kaletski was the inau-gural exhibitor for Dillon Gallery when it opened in Soho in 1994. In the last seventeen years, the gallery has presented numerous exhibi-tions of Kaletski's works. The most acclaimed of which is his Cardboard People exhibition, which opened in 1996. A permanent display of Alexander's artwork can be seen at the Blue Hill Art Gallery in Claryville.

Frost Valley is excited to welcome Alexander and is confident he will inspire the Mini Monet campers. If you are interested in signing up your child for Mini Monet or any of the many camp sessions available, register online at FrostValley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 306. All sessions are filling up fast!

Several choral soloists

musicianship from the State of New York and the High

To learn more about the day camp sessions available at Frost Valley, community members are invited to attend the upcoming Open House on June 10, 2018 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville or schedule a tour at another time. Please call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or amail days and the second started by the second started started by the second started by or email daycamp@frostvalley.org to register.

Fifth Graders Graduate D.A.R.E. Program in Fallsburg



On Friday morning May 18, 2018 Benjamin Cosor Elementary School recognized all fifth graders for passing the year-long Drug Abuse Resistance Program (DARE) taught by School Resource Officer (SRO) Sergeant Michael Summa. Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School SRO Jason Edwards assisted with handing out certificates of completion along with tee shirts and pins given by Schools Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Principal Mary Kate Stinehour. Several dozen parents attended to support their children.

Two special highlights of the morning were the award on Best DARE Essay to Nicole Jimenez, who read her paper on the dangers of drugs and alcohol to individuals and the community. She received great applause from her appreciative classmates, school staff and families. The second honor of the day went to Mr. Bendell's class for creating the best DARE box, beautifully decorated and containing excellent questions and comments from his students.

BCES School Resource Officer Sergeant Michael Summa and winner of the DARE Essay Contest Nicole Jimenez.

It was morning filled with pride and accomplishment. Completing this program will reinforce the fifth graders peer resistance and refusal skills so that they can say "no" to drugs. In our culture today, that is so needed.

A Night for Beautiful Music and Awards at Fallsburg High School

The Annual Spring Concert on May 17, 2018 filled Fallsburg High School auditorium with fantastic selections from the choral ensembles and junior and senior bands led by Choral Director Ms. Colleen Barber and Band Director Ms. Danna Clear respectively. Accompanying the Chamber and Junior Senior



Principal Mike Williams, who presented Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarships to Rachel Collura, Jaclyn Hatt, Alisson Martinez, Julia Batista, and Elisabeth Lake

School. Both Ms. Barber and Ms. Clear honored their students by announcing NY State, Area and County Awards earned by them, They also handed out individual awards for most improved and outstanding musicianship. At the Spring Concert, Principal Mike Williams presented some worthy musicians with Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship Awards named in honor of two outstanding Band Directors at Fallsburg High School. These awards went to Rachel Collura, Jaclyn Hatt, Alisson Martinez, Julia Batista and Elisabeth Lake.

After graduating senior chorus members received roses and words of thanks from their younger friends, the chorus surprised Principal Williams with special gifts in appreciation for his support of their programs as a former music teacher and accomplished trumpet player. He will be leaving Fallsburg to become Superintendent at Tri-Valley School District at the end of June. Everyone wished him well. It ended a night full of musical appreciation. Blue Hill Lodge & Care Wookend Specials **Weekend Specials**

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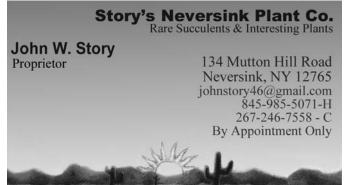
What is a "Hoedown"?

The expression "Hoedown" dates back to the early 1800's and referred to a dance based on the movements of hoeing corn and potatoes. Back in those



days everyone basically worked on a farm. It was tiring hacking away at weeds and hard ground with a hoe six days a week. Saturday night they stopped working, put down the hoe and attended an evening of fun. The fun most likely would be a comm.-unity dancing party with folk and square dancing accompanied by country and blue grass played on a fiddle or banjo. A guided caller dancers through the various steps. Denim, plaid and boots were gener-

ally worn; a cowboy hat and a bandana was the popular attire. Women chose the same or would dress in a pretty skirt and blouse or dress A good time was had by all. See you at the Hoedown Party!



Country Star Mickey Barnett Coming to County Museum

Hurleyville, NY - Recording artist Mickey Barnett spent a lifetime performing in the legendary Catskill hotels and theaters,



and on stages from Brooklyn to Nashville. He has written songs, produced hits, and worked with some of the greatest stars from the past, including Elvis Presley. On Sunday, June 3, at 2

Mickey will be at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville to perform some of his old-time country hits and talk about his life in music. The event is presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society, and the band Little Sparrow will host the afternoon.

Barnett, who now lives in Bethel, became well-known for his performances of the rockabilly tunes of Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins, as well as many of the old classic country tunes of the '60s and '70s. In 1963, he wrote and recorded "Just a Memory," which was named a pick hit by Cashbox trade magazine. He recorded the song "Keep Your Cotton Pickin' Hands Off My Gin" in Nashville with a 32-piece orchestra and the Anita Kerr Singers.

Mickey still performs in the area, but you can catch him for free at the Museum at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, on June 3 at 2 p.m.!

This project is made possible with funding from a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

This series of performances will continue on the first Sunday of each month. Donations are welcomed to benefit the Sullivan County Historical Society. For more information, visit www.scnyhistory.org or call 845-434-8044.

Democratic Women Welcome Spring with Honors and Scholarships

Over 80 people welcomed warm weather and sunshine at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg on Sunday, May 20 as the Democratic Women of Sullivan County (DWSC) celebrated their 4th Annual Spring Fling - Hats Off to the Ladies. It was an afternoon of festivities hosted by DWSC President

Janet Lybolt, as the organization honored Dr. Barbara Blakey, retired education administrator, 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 Board.

The DWSC also honored 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 DWSC.

Guest speakers included NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Helen Ullrich, Irene Stein and Susan Zimet.

Helen Ullrich, Esq. 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. Irene Stein is the current Chair of the NYS Democratic Rural Conference and Susan Zimet is the Founder and President of 2020: Project Women, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, celebrating, and promoting the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, granting women the right to vote. She also serves on the NYS Suffrage Centennial Commission, the Chair of the NY Women's Equality Party, and the author of the newly published young adult book "Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote.

Attendees were also greeted by Dylan Miyoshi from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, and Matthew Martini from NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli's office. Several candidates running to represent the CD19 seat this year also spoke including David Clegg, Brian Flynn and Patrick Ryan, Jesse Meyer (representing Gareth Rhodes), and Lacey Schwartz Delgado (representing her husband Antonio Delgado). Jen Metzger, who is running to fill the vacant seat in NY State Senate District 42, also addressed the guests.

The DWSČ presented its First Annual Scholarship Awards to high school students Louise Bloom and Hailee Quiles. The students' essays were chosen as winners by a group from the DWSC Executive Committee.

At the end of the event, Susan Zimet chose longtime Democratic Committee member Larvsa Dyrszka as the female winner and Dave Lybolt as the male winner of the hat contest

DVAA's Grants Award Showcase Rescheduled

Due to the severe weather and area power outages last week, DVAA's Grants Award Showcase has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 9 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) will be holding the first annual Sullivan Arts Grants Award Showcase on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 11am to 1pm at the Tusten Theatre, located at 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg. Twenty-two local arts organizations received grants in 2018 under two separate regrant programs, administered by DVAA.

The showcase will feature four grantees presenting excerpts of their funded programs, including film, music, and performing arts. DVAA's Executive Director Ariel Shanberg notes, "This new showcase platform helps to both honor our grantees and to provide a sneak peak of the county's upcoming cultural calendar." This event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow at the DVAA, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg.

Our first regrant program, Arts for Sullivan, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts, provided \$25,200 for arts programming in Sullivan County. The second program, Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants, is funded by the Sullivan County legislature and provided \$12,000 for arts programming in the county. Both funding cycles were judged by volunteer panels of informed Sullivan County artists, teachers, cultural, and business leaders. For Shanberg, "DVAA's grant programs recognize the very best in Sullivan County's cultural offerings. Our grantees remind us how much creative talent is in our own backyard.'

The granted organizations represent all nine legislative districts and 11 of the 15 towns in Sullivan County. including Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Fallsburg, Liberty, Lumberland, Highland, Mamakating, Rockland, Thompson, and Tusten,

Granted organizations and programs are:

Barryville Area Arts Association - "A Celebration of Plein Air Painting" & "Sullivan Sings"

Bethel Local Development Corp. - "Bethel Lakeside Music

Callicoon Business Association - "2018 Callicoon Art Walk'

Catskill Art Society / Lisa Lyons - "Streams Art in motion'

Delaware Valley Opera (DVO) - "Production of "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan" & "The Magic Flute""

"River Revels: A Winter Solstice Celebration!" Delaware Youth Center - "Art, Music & Dance Classes for Youth'

Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - "Cultural Programs at EBCPL in Partnership with Community Groups, Two musicians & dancers'

Icehouse Arts - "Icehouse Arts Film Camp (for ages 7 and up) and Video 'Toons (for ages 3 and up)

Jeffersonville Enhances More of Sullivan (JEMS) -"Around the World in Jeffersonville"

Liberty Museum & Arts Center - "14th Annual Liberty Jazz Festival"

Mamakating Public Library - "Rock and Roll Art Instruction Series" & Photographic Exhibit" "Wurtsboro D&H Canal

Nesin Cultural Arts - "Madrigal Dinner"

North American Cultural Library (NACL) - "The

DEEP SPACE Performance Residency Series" Phillipsport Community Center - "Music Nights at the PCC

Rock Hill Business Association - "Rock Hill Public Art Project'

St Andrew's Mission - ""Chamber Music at St Andrews" James Reese Europe, WW I Bandmaster" & 'A Taste of Baroque Opera - An Evening of Rare Vocal and Instrumental Chamber Music"



Sullivan County Community Chorus - "Three concerts - Spring, Summer, & Winter" & "41st Annual Spring Concert'

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Nevermore," & "One Act Festival" & "Haunted Theatre Tours"

Sullivan County Historical Society - "Songs and Stories: History and Music in Sullivan County

Town of Lumberland Cultural Series - "Two concerts May & September"

Town of Mamakating / Wurstboro Art Alliance -

"Free Art workshops for the public" & "Catskill Talks" Tusten Local Development Corporation/ Act Underground - "Community Theatre Productions - 2018 Season

In addition, an Individual Artists Grant through the Arts for Sullivan program will be awarded to William Conway of Mongaup Valley for his project, "Running With The Muse, An Ekphrastic Collaboration."

For more information about cultural programming and how to apply for regrant funding under the DVAA, emailrebeca@delawarevalleyartsalliance.org, call 845-252-7576 or visit www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org.

Wellness Day Focuses on Good Health in Fallsburg

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, was a special day at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. In collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (CCE), the Wellness Committee (WC) of Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) engaged the entire school in a dynamic display of well-being and good healthy practices. All activities occurred outside in front of the building.



First grade teacher Mrs. Lindsay Gandulla shows some of her students how to do squats.

Wellness Day was a hands-on activity enrolling teachers, staff, volunteers, and, most of all the young people beginning at 10 AM for Pre-K children and ending at 2 PM with 5th graders. The schedule included all grades based on lunch times.

Events involved social, emotional, intellectual, occupational, nutritional, environmental, physical, and spiritual health. The first activity was based on nutrition and exercise with two huge 20 foot diameter parachutes provided by CCE and organized by Bee Moser and SueAnn Boyd. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Fallsburg Elects New Members to Hall of Fame

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) is pleased to announce the newest members elected to the Fallsburg Hall of Fame (HOF): Jack Ingber and Spencer Tunick. The formal



Jack Ingber

and worker for public education that resulted in twenty years of service to the School Board including many as President. He observed Jack Ingber further the excellence of the district's reputation as the hallmark of education in Sullivan County. Ingber was a true pillar of the Fallsburg community.

Spencer Tunick attended Benjamin Cosor Elementary School where he learned art under the tutelage of Robert Longo, elected to the HOF last year. Having seen his work in European venues, Longo praises Tunick's accomplishments in the world of international photography. Since 1994, art lovers world-wide have viewed his massive pho-

tographic installations with the transformation of human bodies mingling amidst landscapes and city settings. He has earned prestigious awards from renowned institutions. During the luncheon several members of FHS Class of

2018 will receive scholarship awards, including the Sheryl Kalter and Robynne Anderman Scholarships. Also the FAA will honor Robin Pantel and Charles Davis for their dedication to the Fallsburg community.

The donation for the event is \$15 per person. In addition to a light lunch is a raffle table filled with gifts/certificates from area merchants and a lottery board. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please send a check made payable to Fallsburg Alumni Association to: Fallsburg Central Schools, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733, Attn: Bonnie Blanchard.

Wellness Day Focuses on Good Health in Fallsburg

(From Pg. 11) Children, teachers and aides grabbed hold and exercised by shaking the material, by running under it and back out, while everyone laughed with joy. Even WC member and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz took a turn as one of the holders and shakers.

Successive classes moved from the nutritional parachutes and entered a seven part physical activity course containing hurdles, stretching, relay running, throwing balls, and related movements instructed by Dave Luczyski, Jennie Verdi and Leah Exner. Across the driveway, children met Jennie Kohler and Kate Santoianni for Yoga4classrooms poses while learning useful breathing techniques to help them relax and get centered in their bodies.

While all this activity was underway and each class flowed through their twenty minute sequences, WC members in the school kitchen Suzanne Lendzian, Ilene Wizwer, Renee Kates, and Arlene Hussey were peeling, cutting and preparing small cups of fresh cantaloupe, snap peas and kiwis under the guidance of WC member and SC BOCES Food Service Manager Dara Smith. As students entered the cafeteria, each child received a serving of the three items just prior to taking their lunch.

Documenting the events were WC members Colleen Emery and Larry Schafman. At 2 PM, the WC enjoyed a healthy lunch and shared about the success of the day and what they would do next year. The dozens of photos revealed a couple hundred children, teachers and staff enjoying a morning of fun, sunshine, good healthy activity and nourishment for the mind and body.

induction will take place as part of the Fallsburg Alumni 4 Association (FAA) Annual e Luncheon at Woodbourne Fire House on Saturday, July 14,

2018 from 11 AM to 2 PM. FCSD was a very important part of the late Jack Ingber's life. Jack Leshner, first member of the Fallsburg Hall of Fame, hails Jack as a tireless believer



Spencer Tunick

Youth Dog Obedience Class Returns June 1

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LIBERTY, NY-Youth with an interest in learning tips and tricks to set their dog up for success can attend a Building Basic Dog Obedience workshop Friday June 1, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program is offering this hands-on educational opportunity from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. 4-H programs are always open to non-members.

Participants will experience demonstrations in handling, dog training, and activities for dog lovers! NO DOGS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE.

This series is \$8 per youth or \$5 for 4-H members. Any Sullivan County youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H for free, all year long.

Registration with payment is required in advance by visitingwww.sullivance.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCESC at 845-292-6180. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development program empowers any youth ages 5-18 to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University resources and gain career readiness skills through hands-on activities and "learning by doing".

Upcoming Events at Ethel B. Crawford Library

Yoga for Kids at E.B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello

The Ethelbert B. Crawford library offers free Yoga Class for Kids & Teens every month. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress & get some exercise. This monthly class is for ages 7-14 will take place June 13th at 4:30pm.. We will have a limited number of yoga mats available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have your own please bring it.

Grab some friends and stop by for some zen fun at the library. Registration is required as space is limited. To register, or for more information, call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

Teen Volunteers Needed at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello is looking for teen volunteers-- "volun-teens" to help with the summer reading program. This is a unique opportunity to have fun, help your community, and earn community service hours. Volun-teens will help with programs, give out summer reading prizes, and more. At the end of the summer, all volun-teens will receive a certificate of appreciation, and will be invited to an end-of-summer Volun-teen Party.

Volun-teens must be 14-18 years old. For more information, potential volun-teens MUST attend one of the information sessions:

- o Friday, June 1st from 5:00-7:00pm
- Monday, June 11th from 5:00-7:00pm

Applications will be distributed at the information sessions. Please have your summer schedule with you, so you know when you will be available.

For more information on becoming a volun-teen, please contact Cheryl at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or by email at cshelton@rcls.org. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway, Monticello. Visit us on the web at ebcpl.org or follow us on social media @ebcplibrary.

Teen Taste Test at E.B. Crawford Public Library

Japan has some really interesting culture, and with that, comes really interesting snacks! Teens 12-18 are invited to come out to the library on June 18th at 4pm to take part in a taste test of Japanese snack foods. Be sure to bring your friends, and who knows-maybe you'll discover a new favorite snack.

Teen programs are for ages 12-18 only. They are free and do not require registration. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more

information on teen programs, contact Cheryl at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or by email to cshelton@rcls.org. To see a full list of library programs, visit our website: www.ebcpl.org or follow us on facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ ebcplibrary.

Work Week with Congressman Faso

Elevating the Fight Against Lyme Disease

I joined Representatives Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) in introducing new legislation that would enhance the federal government's approach to combating Lyme disease. The new proposal would establish a national strategy to combat Lyme through new treatment and preventative measures.

This bill is about turning the tide on a disease that has truly taken its toll on Upstate New York and other vulnerable regions across the nation. Lyme Disease is spreading, and it is more important than ever that the federal government updates its Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease strategy on behalf of the millions impacted and lives destroyed.

Discussing Trade with Northern NY Businesses and Canadian Leaders

I met with business leaders from Northern New York and a delegation from Canada, including the Deputy Consul General, to discuss strengthening ties between our two countries. Our two countries have a lot in common, such as shared defense interests, and I was glad to sit down and discuss NAFTA and other trade issues.

Roughly 680,000 jobs in New York are directly affected by trade with Canada and we must ensure that both sides are upholding their end of the bargain on trade matters. Our goal should be for mutually beneficial trade transactions. One thing we need to make improvements to is dairy pricing, where Canada's class 7 pricing scheme is unfair to Upstate dairy farmers. I will continue to fight for our dairy farmers in discussions with Canada.

Is the EPA Slowing Release of Study on PFOA and PFOS Pollutants?

I wrote a letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt questioning the Agency on if they have been delaying the release of a study on pollutants found in New York water. From the letter:

Over the last three years, thousands of residents in New York have been suffering from contaminated water supplies due to Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and another Perand Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). As you know, the physical structure of PFOA allows it to easily be transported in groundwater, creating a long-term public health risk.

Recently, I have heard reports that the Environmental Protection Agency has slowed the release of a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) study which details the human health impacts of PFOA and PFOS. If this is true, the EPA should immediately reverse course and support the release of this study upon its completion.

Rebuilding our Military, Supporting our Warfighters

The National Defense Authorization Act sets military policy for the upcoming year. It is a must-pass piece of legislation that supports our troops and sets priorities for the military. This year, we followed up on our promise to rebuild the military and increase efficiency within the Defense Department.

This year's NDAA continues our efforts to significantly improve the nation's military readiness while also equipping our warfighters with the tools they need to succeed on the battlefield. Efficiently rebuilding the military has been one of my biggest priorities. I was proud to vote for this bill and continue this Congress' commitment to the men and women who sacrifice daily to keep us safe.

The NDAA contains funding to support training exercises and to update outdated equipment. This past year, 80 members of the military have died as a result of non-combat training-related accidents, nearly four times more than the number of troops who have died in combat. According to the Air Force, only 71 percent of Air Force aircraft were mission-capable at any given time during fiscal year 2017.

Providing Options for Terminally Ill Patients

The House passed bipartisan 'Right to Try' legislation to give patients and families facing unimaginable choices and situations a chance to fight, by giving them access to new opportunities that may prove to be potentially lifesaving.

As a cosponsor of this bill, I took into account the very emotionally trying situations that this legislation seeks to address. The bill was crafted to provide flexibility and an option for those who are willing to try treatments that are approved through the first stage of FDA clinical trials.

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

ROAST BEEF DINNER

June 16, 2018 Saturday

4:00-7:00pm

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Bread,

Drinks and Delicious Peach Short Cake ADULTS: \$13.00

CHILD 5-12: \$8.00 UNDER 5: FREE

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH HALL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOD BLESS YOU!

Claryville Fire Dept.

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, June 17 • Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

Adults: \$9 • Children Ages 5-11: \$5

Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the breakfast is donated to

The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry



The Grahamsville United **Methodist Church** The dates for our bar-b-q season have been set. They are as follows ... Friday, June 15th -Ribs and Pulled Pork Dinner Saturday, July 21st - Bar-B-Q Dinner Friday, September 14th -Chicken Bar-B-Q Dinner The Grahamsville United Methodist Church 356 State Route 55, Grahamsville 985-2283



THE TOWNSMAN

Sullivan County Philatelic Society

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold its next meeting on Saturday afternoon, June 2 at 1:00 pm at the Ted Strobele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY 12701. Those who are bringing in U.S. and foreign stamps, covers and postal stationery must be members only. Last month's U.S. DVD Program on postal cancels was

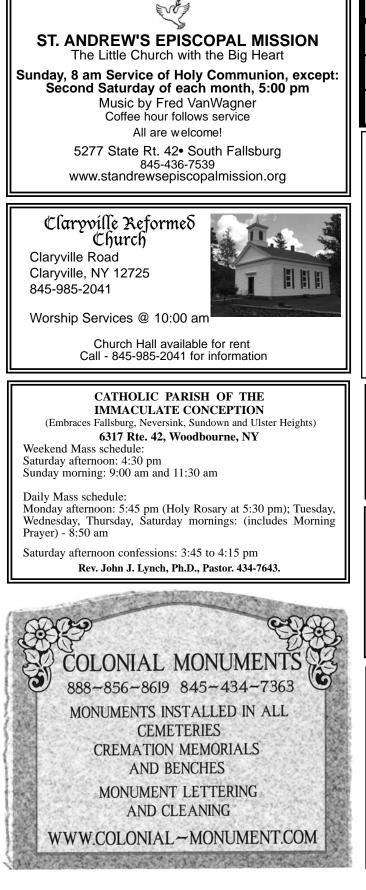
well received. After the auction we will have a short business get-together and vote on whether or not we can have a Mini Stamp Show in either July or August.

SC On-line Opportunities

Have you checked out Sullivan County's new Job Opportunities page? Have a look: https://sullivanportal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps

Not only can you see what jobs we offer, you can apply on the spot! And you can learn all about the Civil Service exams necessary for many of these positions.

'The design of this portal offers a hint of what's to come when we debut a completely revamped County web-site later this year," hinted County Manager Josh Potosek. "I encourage everyone to share this page with their friends and family



Got a question?

Try your legislator first, by calling the Sullivan County Legislature's office at 845-807-0435. They can direct you to the representative who is elected to serve you.

Or look up who you're seeking directly, via the County's website: co.sullivan.ny.us Sullivan County Manager's Office Joshua A. Potosek,

MBA 100 North Street Monticello, NY 12701 (845) 807-

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for construction of a gravel parking area in the Town of Windham. Funding is provided from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Mandatory pre-bid Mandatory pre-bid meeting on June 14 at 1 pm. Bids must be received by 4pm on June 21, 2018. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE 5/24, 5/31 and 6/7.14.40

Town of Denning Resdients: Please take Notice:

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a PUB-LIC HEARING on Saturday, June 9th, 2018 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Scheduled to begin at 9 am until 10am, for the purpose of a proposed sub division of #8 Barnes Road (SBL # 0050.1-3-33)

At SAID Hearing and any all person(s) will be heard. If you wish to comment on this and cannot attend the hearing you can contact the ZBA by mail to PO Box 277, Claryville, NY 12725 or fax 845-985-0188 provided it is received by 6/7/10 by 4:00 PM. All mail and FAX will be read at the hearing.

Mark Boncek, Chairman, Denning ZBA jam 5/30;6/6

New York's Burn Ban Ended May 14; **Several Open Burning Regulations** Still in Effect

Residents Encouraged to Follow State and Local Burning Laws, Use Caution

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) advised today that although the State's ban on brush burning ended May 14, several open burning regulations are still in effect across New York State yearround. Residents are encouraged to use caution when burning brush and other legal materials.

In urban and suburban areas of New York, it is illegal to conduct open burning. It is also illegal to burn garbage, leaves, and leaf piles in New York State year-round

Residents of towns with fewer than 20,000 residents may burn brush and tree limbs unless prohibited by local law. In towns where the population exceeds 20,000, brush burning is not allowed at any time.

Residents in "fire towns," towns located within the Adirondack and Catskills parks, must obtain a DEC permit to burn. Residents should always check with local authorities first to find out if local law requires a permit or prohibits open fires in their area.

All open burning is prohibited in New York with the following exceptions allowed:

Limbs, branches, and brush can be burned May 15 through March 15. Limbs must be less than six inches in diameter and eight feet in length;

Campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter;

Small cooking fires.

Cooking fires and campfires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished, and only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned. The burning of chemically treated wood such as pressure-treated lumber and plywood is prohibited; and

Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires, as well as small fires used to dispose of a flag or religious item.

DEC encourages residents to mulch or compost brush along with other yard waste. In rural areas brush piles can provide habitat for wildlife.

DEC recommends these fire safety tips when burning: Never burn on a windy day;

Check and obey all local laws and ordinances;

Burn early in the morning when humidity is high and winds are low:

Clear all flammable material for a distance of 10 to 15 feet around fire;

Keep piles to be burned small, adding small quantities of material as burning progresses;

Always have a garden hose, shovel, water bucket, or other means to extinguish the fire close at hand; and

When done, drown the fire with water, making sure all materials, embers and coals are wet.

When planning any of fires allowed, residents are encouraged

THE TOWNSMAN

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application Date: 5/22/2018

ULSTER COUNTY 244 FAIR ST Applicant:

KINGSTON, NY 12401-3806

FROST VALLEY RD - FLOOD RESILIENCY PROJECT FROST VALLEY RD - .3 MI FROM ROUND POND RD Facility: DENNING, NY 12725

Application ID: 3-5120-00126/00002

Permits Applied for: 1- Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance

Project is located: in DENNING in ULSTER COUNTY

Project Description:

The Applicant, Ulster County Department of Public Works, proposes to construct the Frost Valley Road Flood Resiliency Project to reduce frequency and severity of flooding damage along a portion of Frost Valley Road, located approximately 1,500 feet north of its intersection with Round Pond Road, in the Town of Denning, Ulster County. The project involves disturbance to the West Branch Neversink Creek [D-1-83, Class C(T)] through widening of the Creek channel, raising and protecting the roadway embankment with rip-rap, and replacement of twin pipe culverts with a 4'x4' box culvert. In addition, on the east side of the Creek, approximately 12,500 cubic yards of material would be removed from the site to create a floodplain. Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person. State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination: Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A negative Declaration is

on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

A cultural resources survey has been completed and cultural resources were identified. Based on information pro-vided in the survey report, the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has determined that the proposed activity will have no adverse impact on registered or eligible archaeological sites or historic structures. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

Availability for Public Comment: Comments on the project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 06/14/2018 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person: CHRISTOPHER LANG NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3096 5/31/190

to check the DEC Fire Danger Map rating forecast daily for the 2018 fire season on its website and on the NY Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife App available on the DEC website. Currently, fire conditions in the state are at moderate risk.

DEC Forest Rangers assisted fire departments to extinguish 43 wildfires during the ban period March 16 through May 14, 2018. These fires burned a total of 88 acres, and 12 of them (28 percent) were caused by a debris fire growing out of control. In 2009, the year before the ban was instituted, DEC Forest Rangers extinguished 61 fires (46 percent of all fires) caused by debris burning that burned a total of 209 acres

For more information on opening burning and the opening burning regulations fact sheet

Governor Cuomo Announces Action to Remind Health Insurers to Provide Comprehensive Lactation Support Services to New Mothers

Insurers Must Cover Breastfeeding Counseling, Education, and Breastfeeding Equipment and Supplies without Co-Pays, Coinsurance, or Deductibles

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced an action to remind health insurers that they are required under New York Insurance Law to provide coverage for comprehensive lactation support and counseling, as well as breastfeeding equipment and supplies without co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles. This guidance by the Department of Financial Services complements the Governor's 2018 Women's Agenda to support the health and reproductive rights of New York women.

"New York is leader in the fight for equality and we will continue to stand up to help ensure new mothers receive the support and services they deserve,"Governor Cuomo said. With this action, insurers are reminded that they are required to provide coverage for lactation support services, helping mothers to care for themselves and their children without the financial burden of co-pays and deductibles.

"Educating women on the benefits of breastfeeding and supporting new mothers in their decision to breastfeed are essential to promote the health of babies," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "Governor Cuomo and I understand that raising healthy children is a concern for the entire community, not only the responsibility of mothers. In New York, we're removing barriers that women face trying to raise healthy families and making it easier for mothers to commit to breastfeeding their children.

Under New York Insurance Law, insurers must cover maternity care, which must include coverage for parent education and assistance and training in breast and bottle feeding. In addition, they must provide coverage for breastfeeding equipment such as breast milk pumps, as well as comprehensive lactation support services, including counseling and education on breastfeeding, without co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles.

Calling all NY State School Teachers and After School Program Leaders!

The New York Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program will refund up to \$1,000 of field trip costs per class-room, per trip to DEC or State Parks land. Grants are available on a first come, first served basis. Grants refund field trip costs including transportation, program fees, entry fees, and/or pavilion fees, but cannot reimburse chaperones who travel separately.

Students can explore New York's natural and historic heritage by planning now and booking your field trip to a state park, state park nature center, state historic site or DEC environmental education center, fish hatchery, or other DEC lands! Bring geology and earth systems alive for fourth graders at Clark Reservation where they can see New York Science Learning Standards 4-ESSS-1 for themselves as they look at what ice ages do to the earth's surface. Or, take eight students to Ganondagan State Historic Site to learn first-hand about New York Social Studies Learning Standard 8.2e. Or, spend an overnight at Allegany State Park and introduce new physical activities to your students such as snowshoeing or hiking.

This program is available to any public school in a district with a Title 1 school (grades pre-K through 12 including school-sponsored clubs). Also, Advantage After School Programs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Empire State After School Programs, and municipal recre-ation programs in communities with Title 1 schools are eligible to apply.

MAY 31, 2018

Town of Neversink Parks &

Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

www.townofneversink.org

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 Saturday, September 15 from 9 am to 5 pm there will be something for everyone at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The day will include:

1) Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap Meet

2) Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman Flea

Market in the Fair Building 3) Neversink Parks & Rec Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair

4) Any Make Any Model Car Club Cruise In meet 9:30 am at Tri Valley School to cruise to the

Fairgrounds at 10 am.

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 8:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233. The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the

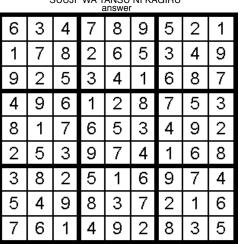
third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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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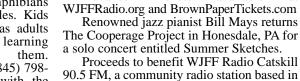




Friday, June 15th 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Find us on Facebook at Tri-Valley AYSO.

as well as adults love about Registration required. Call Bill at (845) 798-8050. This is a joint field trip with the Bashakill Area Association.



Proceeds to benefit WJFF Radio Catskill 90.5 FM, a community radio station based in Jeffersonville, N.Y. with a satellite studio at The Cooperage.

ADDICTION?

There is Always Hope... LOCAL 24/7 INFO & REFERRAL 866-832-5575

HELP WANTED

should be organized and detail-oriented to help

Historian preserve and digitize FV history. Send application and resume to Linda Campbell, HR,

LAWN/GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Lawn Care by Victoria

Mowing, Weedwacking, Brush mowing;

weeding and Flower Beds

5/31; 56/7; 6/14; 6/21

hr@frostvalley.org. 845-985-2291 EOE

Call 845-985-0247.

vacation.

We will get back to you.



REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Three bedrome home on 1 acre in quiet residential neighborhood needs some TLC. Tri-Valley School Dist. Low Taxes. \$169,000 Call 845-985-0501.

Updated mother-daughter home on 1.55 acre corner lot in quiet, established Grahamsville neighborhood two miles from Tri-Valley Central School. 3car+garage (used as woodshop), paved driveways, separate utilities and entrances for house and apartment. Total 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, offices (2), mudroom, utility rooms (2) full kitchens (2) large family/dining rooms (2) rec & bonus rooms, three decks. 8K Solar electric system, indoor wood-boiler that supplements oil boilers (2) large insulated concrete crawl space for storage, three outbuildings, fenced organic garden and greenhouse. Town of See photos on Zillow.com. Asking Neversink. \$399,000. Call 845-707-3569. 5/3-31 pd

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Tara and find love during the Civil War. Dir: Victor Fleming Cast: Thomas Mitchell, Barbara O'Neil, Vivien Leigh. Period romance. Civil War epic. Family saga. This dynamic and durable screen entertain-ment of the Civil War-era South comes home with the renewed splendor of a New 70th-Anniversary Digital.. Color - 233 min. rated TV-PG Closed Captions

And at 3:30 AM Early Tuesday Morning The Petrified Forest (Drama, 1936) Humphrey Bogart's first film

An escaped convict holds the customers at a remote desert cantina hostage. Directed by Archie Mayo. Starring Leslie Howard, Bette Davis, *Dick Foran, Humphrey Bogart, Genevieve Tobin, Charley Grapewin, Porter Hall.* Solid adaptation of Robert Sherwood play, focusing on iron-ic survival of the physically fit in a civilized world. Bogart is Duke Mantee, escaped gangster, who holds writer Howard, a dreamer – Davis, a young girl looking for love, and others hostage at roadside restaurant in Arizona. Extremely well acted and surprisingly fresh. Howard and Bogart recreate their Broadway roles. Scripted by Charles Kenyon and Delmer Daves. Remade as ESCAPE IN THE DESERT. *Starting at* 3:30 AM B/W 82 min TV-G Closed Captions.

Quiz:

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1. In "The Petrified Forest" who plays Jackie?

2. In "Gone With The Wind" who plays Mammy?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm **SUNDOWN**

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

GRAHAMSVILLE

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.

June 16 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale from 9 am to noon

CLARYVILLE

June 17 - Claryville Fire Dept.All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon

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