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Neversink Invitational 2018



Photo by Casey Steffens

It was 77 miles and around 7000k of elevation gain. The winner covered this in 3:53:49.7!

Christian Trenchev from Montreal, Canada won the men's race over Trevor Raab and Dan Chabanov (both from Philadelphia).



Photo by Brian Vernor

TVTA Thanks Class is 2018 for Generous Donation



At last Thursday's Board of Education meeting, Mrs. April Kackos and Mrs. Laura Denman from the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) presented a plaque to the Tri-Valley Class of 2018 in recognition and appreciation for their generous donation of \$2,000 to TVTA Cares. Accepting the plaque on behalf of the recent graduates, was Class of 2018 Secretary, Brittany Pennell. TVTA Cares partners with the school and community to provide school supplies, the Snackpack Program, holiday gifts and meals, and other services to those in need in our community. Thank you, Class of 2018, for this amazing gift. You have left a legacy of caring and generosity!

Kurpil Family Fiddlers



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Kurpil Family Fiddlers will perform at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County, on Sunday, August 26 at 2 p.m.. They will perform their toe tapping fiddle music while intermingling local fiddle music history, song history and the origins of fiddling. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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The women's race was won by Brittlee Bowman from NYC (4:42:34.6) over Stephanie Halamek (NYC) and Lindsey Crifasi (Washington DC)

47 men and 6 women participated in this year's Annual Neversink Invitational Bicycle Race. Athletes came from Canada, Mexico, California, Texas, Pennsylvania, DC, and France

This event is designed to be a fun, grassroots, ride and not a serious sporting event. The goal is to showcase the beautiful, quiet roads in the Neversink area.

According to organizer David Trimble regarding this year's event, "We also wanted to help bring some business to Cabernet Frank's. I've been riding bikes in the Claryville/Neversink area for the last 10 years. As a professional bike race organizer (my main event is the redhookcrit which takes place in Brooklyn, London, Barcelona, and Milano) I believe these are some of the best roads in the entire world for cycling."

This year's event marks the 5th time the event has been organized with the first in 2011 and the last in 2014.

Plans are in the making for bringing next year's event back to Neversink!



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. St. John 4:24

OBITUARY

Randy Lee Gorr of Cohecton, NY, a retired correction officer and proud owner and operator of Tree Works, and a lifelong resident of the area, passed away unexpectedly on August 10th 2018. He was 58. The son of Philip Gorr and Vera Gorr, he was born on July 15th, 1960 in Roscoe, NY.



Randy was a long time member of the Renegade Pigs, NRA, and multiple hunting clubs. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He was an avid outdoorsman who was happiest while enjoying nature especially when hunting, fishing, and trapping. He was an expert marksman. Randy was a selfless man with a heart of gold. He was funny, caring, and hardworking; with a smile and laugh that was contagious. Above all else Randy was a family man who loved, cherished, and protected his family.

He is survived by his mother, Vera Gorr of Neversink, NY; his beloved daughter, Krystle Gorr (a.k.a His Teaser) of Jeffersonville, NY; son, Randy Gorr Jr. of Callicoon, NY; one brother, Ricky Gorr and his companion, Linda Moavero of Grahamsville, NY; one sister, Wanda Leight and her husband, Douglas Leight of Neversink, NY; three nieces, Kathleen Gorr, Heather Gorr, and Rebecca Leight; one great niece, Madalynn Colon; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Randy was predeceased by his father, Philip Gorr; his sister, Robin Gorr; and his brother, Alan Gorr. Friends may call on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home, 34 Upper Main St., Callicoon, NY. Funeral services with military honors were held Friday, August 17 at the Funeral Home; Pastor Bridgette LeConey will officiate.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a local family in need in memory of Randy.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Stewart-Murphy Funeral Home, Callicoon, NY, 845887-4900. To send condolences or for directions please visit stewartmurphyfh.com

Charles "Charlie" Irace passed away at his home on Monday, August 13th at the age of 82. He leaves behind his adoring wife of 60 years, Mildred, and their three sons and three daughters; Charles (fiancé Jackie), Joseph, and Dominic (wife Autumn), Pat Mills (loving ex son-in-law Tim), Maria Raymond (husband Scott), and Angela Mills (husband Tom). He is also survived by his loving sisters in Florida; Anne DeMartino and Camille Irace, and nieces; Laura Foley, Angela Pica and Gerry Anne Dalton, and nephew Joseph DeMartino. Charlie was a loving and devoted husband and father and his grandchildren brought so much joy to his life; Anna Jean and Lawrence Irace, Amanda, Alec, Ava, and Adam Irace, Timmy (wife Carlee), Mary and Michael Mills, Andrew and Katie Raymond, Faith, Farrah, Fern, and Tommy Mills, and Orion Irace. Also, beloved great grandchildren; Mason, Jocelyn, Cora, Alice, and Daisy Mills, Brooke Hessinger and McKinley Rielly. He is predeceased by his parents, Pasquale and Angelina Irace, mother-in-law Mildred Follini, sister-in-law Adrienne Greene, son-in-law Mark Mills, brother



Dominic Irace, sister Florence Pica, and brother-in-law Jerry DeMartino. Charlie was born in the Bronx on November 21, 1935. As a youngster he was a ball boy at Yankee Stadium. He met the love of his life, Mildred, when they were both 20 and working for a company in Queens, NY. Charlie worked in construction for 20 years at places such as LaGuardia and JFK airports. After many hunting trips and wonderful summers spent in Livingston Manor, Charlie and Mildred moved their family there in 1975. He became Head of Maintenance at the Holiday Inn in Liberty for 10 years. During this time, he was also a Town Constable for the Town of Rockland. Charlie then became the Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Village of Liberty (20 years), and the Town of Rockland (33 years). He was a Certified Home Inspector as well. He retired at age 76.

Charlie was so hardworking that he sometimes held three jobs, while still making sure to eat dinner with his family every night and take them for Sunday drives. Prior to his declining health he enjoyed hunting, fishing, walks in the woods, traveling the area's back roads, and mowing the grass. He was the past President of the LM Lion's Club and active in his community. Charlie was one to smile and wave to everyone in town. He was a selfless man that always put family first. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him. Thank you to "Millie and Charlie's Angels", caregivers Becky, Bonnie, Colleen, Dixie, Kathy, and Liz.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 18th at the funeral home. Burial followed at the St. Aloysius Cemetery, Livingston Manor NY. In Lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the American Diabetes Association PO Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 or the Volunteer Ambulance Corps of LM, PO Box 1, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Bryant Funeral Home, for further information call 845-439-4333 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Days of Yore... Today's History

September 1, 1948

The many friends of George Reynolds Gillette will pay homage to this war hero at the funeral services tht is to be held at the Harold B. Gillette residence on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

The Board of Water Supply held its annual clam-bake on the former Will Dierfelter property at Montela on Saturday. Between three and four hundred guests attended.

August 27, 1958

The Cannonsville Tunnel is now in about three miles. There are about three miles and a half more to go.

August 28, 1968

As of Wednesday, August 29th, The Townsman will be edited by Mrs. Brooke Parker, who is take the place of Mrs. Patsy Grey, who is now employed by Sullivan County Community College.

Mrs Parker, a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School may be reached at 985-2908 regarding any news articles or advertisements.

August 31, 1978

A ceremony commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Chestnut Woods, which took lace on September 5, 1778 will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 pm at the memorial site, the monument on Route 55 near Chestnut Woods Motel, Currey, NY.

Troup 187 had an Eagle Board Review wit the Hudson Delaware Council representatives Thursday night and are proud to announce two more Eagles to the rank: Ken Hewlett and William Shulte, Jr.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Randy Lee Gorr of Cohecton who passed away on August 10th at the young age of 58. Randy had many family members living in the Neversink/Grahamsville area.

Condolences to the family and friends of Lester Stephen (Bud) Simonson, Sr. who passed away on August 9th at the age of 95. Lester was the former owner of Simonson's Auto Wrecking Business.

Congratulations to Sherri Reynolds who recently had two of her photos in the Times Herald Record - one a close-up of a sunflower, which was the "photo of the day" on August 10th and the other one was a photo of a cherry tomato.

The Grahamsville Ladies Aid will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, September 1st from 9:00 am until noon.

I went to Liberty this past week and was surprised to see that the once-famous Grossinger's Hotel and Country Club is being razed to the ground. During the Sullivan County "Hotel Era", this location was a very popular destination. I don't know what the plans are for the former hotel, however, it really was fast becoming an eyesore.

The Shandeleer Music Festival has performed over 75 concerts for those who do not have an opportunity to attend live classical performances. On August 15th, John Bernstein, who resides in Grahamsville and teaches music in the Monticello School District, performed at the Care Center at Sunset Lake (formerly the Sullivan County Adult Care Center). The program featured John on the piano and William Beecher, bassoonist.

As I write this article, it appears from hearing the weather forecast, that the Grahamsville Little World's Fair is going to have some nice sunny weather for the weekend. I see the rides are in place and ready to go! Yeah!

Sometimes as the days go by, we tend to forget how truly blessed we are. I came across a poem called Drinkin' From My Saucer, by Jimmy Dean, which I thought was quite meaningful. I'll only write the first verse, but there is a second. I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now But I don't worry 'bout that much, I'm happy any how! And as I go along life's way Reapin' better than I sowed, I'm drinkin' from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed! Haven't got a lot of riches, And sometime the going's tough; But I've got loving ones around me, And that makes me rich enough! I thank God for His blessings And mercies He's bestowed, I'm drinkin' from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed!

WORDS OF WISDOM: The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention.

Kurpil Family Fiddlers

(From Pg. 1) The Kurpil Family are native Sullivan County residents. John Kurpil came to America with his fiddle and he taught his children to play. His sons Sam and Peter Kurpil of Liberty started their own band in the 1950's called the Kurpil Ranch Boys. Along with their brother-in-law Joe, they played and sang current music of the day accompanying themselves on guitars and fiddle. Sam went on to teach his children and grandchildren the same old time fiddle music, and in 1997 he created a band by the name "The Kurpil Family Fiddlers". They continue to entertain many crowds throughout the county. The band consists of Sam on guitar and his daughters Cindy Gieger and Christina Jones doing fiddle and vocals. On occasion they are joined by grandson Rudy Gieger and granddaughter Kathleen Burns.

The program is FREE for members, and \$3 for non-members. This very entertaining program also includes an exhibit of fiddle photos and memorabilia, raffle prizes, trivia sheets and light refreshments. For further information call 845 985-7700, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to

Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adult admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club held its monthly meeting on August 2nd with a great turnout. The club has many upcoming events, such as selling and sharpening knives at the Little World's Fair. We also are planning our Sportsman's Flea Market September 15th and 16th, with about 30 tables already sold. We will also be helping out at the Kay Danchak Memorial Youth Outdoor Expo held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on September 22nd. Remember the Kay'z Kid'z Fishing Contest sponsored by the Federation of Sportsman's Clubs of Sullivan County, open to all kids to the age of 15. Weigh in station is the Neversink General Store. The club is also donating \$100 to The Hunt of a Lifetime Program for youngsters, 21 and under, with a life-threatening illnesses.

Please visit our FACEBOOK page at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

Get on Board with Citizen Science

Eastern hemlock forests create the environment that is characteristic of Catskill streams; deep, shaded pools and clean, filtered water. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is an introduced invasive pest that has made its way north in the U.S., devastating hemlock stands from the Smokey Mountains to the Catskills.

To learn more about the life cycle of this insect and take action against its spread, join Nick Dietschler of Cornell University and the New York State Hemlock Initiative for a citizen science volunteer training.

Do you keep a lawn to the edge of the river? Are you losing ground? We can help with guidance on the best stabilization techniques for your situation, plus native plants at no cost to you to establish a healthy defense in this unpredictable environment. The deep roots of native plants hold soil in place and provide benefits to the entire ecosystem by being uniquely suited to supporting our local birds, pollinators and stream life. If you're tough enough to hang your hammock in The No Mow Zone, call us to find out more: 845-985-2581.

Stream Restoration Underway



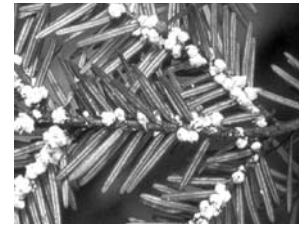
The stabilization of this 60-foot-high bank behind Blue Hill Lodge will prevent downstream filling of the river channel and sedimentation of the Neversink Reservoir. Reclaimed tree roots provide instant stabilization and long-term fish habitat.

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.

What is a Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA, *Adelges tsugae*) is an a tiny sap-sucking aphid-like invasive insect that poses a serious threat our forests in eastern North America. The Adelgid is a member of the insect order Hemiptera, or the "True Bugs", which are unique in their piercing, sucking mouth parts. The Adelgid protects itself



by exuding a white woolly waxy substance that deters predators, a common trait among Hemiptera. The white "woolly" masses of wax, are about half the size of a cotton swab and are produced by females in late winter.

Adult females are black oval-shaped with soft bodies that are approximately 2mm long. Egg laying begins in early spring. The eggs are brownish-orange and very small, approximately 0.25mm long by 0.15mm wide. Small reddish brown nymphs will hatch from the groups of up to 300 eggs in March. These adelgids mature over the next few weeks and lay 50 to 200 eggs that will hatch in mid-April to early May.

The newly hatched nymphs are less than 0.5mm long and are reddish-brown with a small white fringe near the front. Also known as crawlers, they maybe dispersed from the tree by wind, birds, or small furry mammals or they may settle near the base of needles where they will sink their sucking mouthparts into twigs. The hemlock woolly adelgid feeds deep within plant tissues by inserting its long sucking mouthparts (stylets - a slender probe) into the underside of the base of hemlock tree needles. It taps directly into the tree's food storage cells.

These crawlers are present during the spring when the hemlock trees are sending out new shoots and new needles. They will settle on the new growth where they will remain inactive during the summer. Development resumes in September and the partially-grown hemlock woolly adelgid will spend the winter on tree branches and twigs covered by the white woolly material that they secrete. Development continues through late winter and continues until March when these adelgids mature and begin the two-generation per year life cycle again. In one year a single adelgid female could produce 90,000 offspring!

The hemlock trees respond by walling off the wound created by the insertion of the stylets. This disrupts the flow of nutrients to the needles and eventually leads to the death of the needles and twigs. Needles will dry out and lose color, turning gray and eventually dropping from the tree. Terminal buds will also die resulting in little to no new shoot growth.

The tree begins to die from the needles backward to major limbs. This dieback can occur within two years and generally progresses from the bottom of the tree upward. Our native eastern hemlock species are neither resistant to nor tolerant of adelgid feeding. Without these natural defenses, the adelgid poses a very serious threat to the sustainability of our eastern hemlocks.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is Native to Asia and is now living in the eastern U.S.

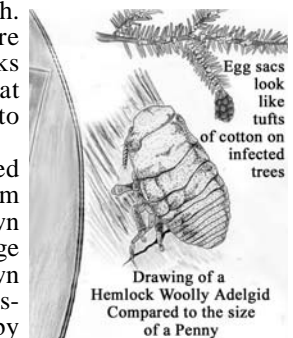
Hemlock woolly adelgid was first detected in New York State in the early 1980s on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley, spreading to the Catskill Mountains and recently into the Finger Lakes region.

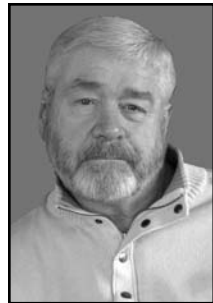
To learn more about the hemlock woolly adelgid and how to stop it from spreading, join Nick Dietschler of Cornell University and the New York State Hemlock Initiative Call 845-985-2581 for information on citizen science volunteer training

Household Hints

All the Damp Weather Creates a Mildew Problem

To eliminate mildew and odors, wipe down walls, cabinet doors, etc. with a vinegar-soaked cloth.





Light It Up

Mysterious Book Report No. 327

by John Dwaine McKenna

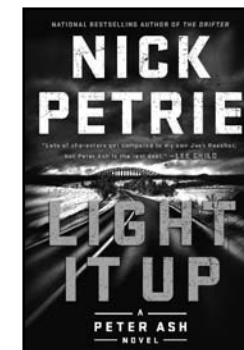
As a fifty-plus year resident here in Colorado, the question I'm most often asked by out-of-state friends is: *How has the legalization of marijuana affected things there?* The short answer . . . stoners love it and are flocking here in large numbers, as are criminals; government is ecstatic over the windfall from tax revenues; cops, school administrators and the armed forces are apoplectic about it. But, if you'd like to learn more about this controversial subject, while at the same time having an enjoyable, legal experience . . . and keep all of your clothes on . . .

Light It Up, (Putnam, \$26.00, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57563-1) by Nick Petrie, will introduce you to Peter Ash, an ex-marine warrior who raises bad-assery to such a high-level that even Lee Child – who rose to international fame on the back of Jack Reacher – sat up, took notice and wrote a book blurb.

In this, the third Peter Ash novel, (after *Burning Bright* and *The Drifter*), finds him in Denver, “*Just for a few days, doing a favor for a friend*,” named Henry Nygaard, a man he met while repairing hiking trails up in Oregon's remote Willamette National Forest. Ash was supposed to hook up with girlfriend Juna Cassidy back in eastern Oregon, but puts the rendezvous on hold because trouble is brewing in Denver. That's where Henry's daughter, Elle runs a company called Heavy Metal Protection, which performs armed escort duties for the cannabis industry. Because Federal law prohibits the use and sale of pot, weed, ganja, or whatever else it's called, banks refuse to deal with the entire industry. They're federally chartered and insured, so, all transactions with the cannabis crowd take place in cash. Cash only. Cash on the barrelhead. No checks, Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club, American Express, I.O.U.'s or promises of any kind. Cash means cash . . . and cash means trouble. Elle's husband Randy, her operations manager Leonard and three hundred thousand dollars in cash have gone missing. And by the end of his first day on the job, three of Peter Ash's friends, including Henry Nygaard, are dead, and Ash himself has killed four armed hijackers. And that, dear readers, is only the first few chapters in this explosive thriller that features one of the most compelling and deadly characters to come along since Clint played *Dirty Harry*. If you crave action, adventure and high drama that just never quits, Peter Ash is your go-to guy!

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Interview With The Author: Nick Petrie

by John Dwaine McKenna



Nick Petrie

Our author this week is Nick Petrie, the award-winning writer of the outstanding Peter Ash thrillers and a master of the art of badassiveness. So, thanks, Nick, for sharing your insights with our readers, and welcome, to the **Mysterious Book Report**. Let's get started . . .

Why do you write?

I write because I love to read. That's what got me started. Then I realized I wanted to tell stories of my own. The

more I wrote, the more I realized that writing helps me make sense of my own life and the world around me. I wrote without getting published for many years – and if this great ride stopped tomorrow, I'd keep writing. Also, apparently I'm much more pleasant to be around when I'm working on a book.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I start with a situation and wing it from there. I know a lot of writers who start with an outline, and it works for them – but it doesn't work for me. I need to surprise myself along the way. If I plan ahead too much, I get bored – and if I'm bored, I'm pretty sure the reader is bored, too.

I used to think there was something wrong with me because I couldn't work with an outline. My process is slow and inefficient, and sometimes makes me very grumpy. But the most important thing for every writer, I think, is to find a way of working that allows you to produce good stories. And my process, however messy, works for me.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

I always tell folks to read a lot. I think that's the way writers learn how character and story work, deep in their bones – by reading a huge amount.

Find an author whose books you really admire. Read, then read again. Multiple reads of a single work, done in a deliberate way, allows you to get past pure story and see the hidden machinery.

The second piece of advice is to take the long view. It takes years to learn to really write - or it took me a long time, anyway. In fact, I wrote three books that nobody would publish before I wrote *The Drifter* - which was nominated for five awards and won two. So be persistent. It takes time and hard work. Pull up your socks and get to it!

Does luck play into success? Why, or why not?

I think luck plays a huge part in success. I feel very lucky that the stories I want to tell are also stories that res-

onate with readers. I'm lucky to have a fantastic agent who is a real champion for my work, and I'm lucky to work with an astounding editor who understands what I'm trying to do and has the skills to help me achieve it.

That said, it took me more than two decades of unpublished writing to get lucky. I firmly believe that you can create your own luck. Hard work creates luck. Persistence creates luck. The trick is to keep working long enough and hard enough for luck to find you.

That's an interesting answer to that question – one of the best we've ever heard. And leads right into this next one.

Does a MFA Degree play into success? Why, or why not?

I can't think of a single specific thing I learned while getting my MFA. But it was valuable to me nonetheless – because I spent two years with like-minded people who were deeply serious about the craft of writing. That time meant a great deal to me and I wouldn't do it differently today. (My MFA was also very affordable and I didn't have to uproot myself to get it, which makes a big difference. I wouldn't advise anyone to borrow a ton of money to get a fine arts degree.)

That said, there are many ways to duplicate that experience. Work hard to cultivate a small group of writers you respect, and who respect you back. Meet frequently and regularly. Read good books and talk about them *as writers*. Read each other's stuff with kindness and rigor. Rewrite and repeat.

Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from?

I'm really interested in people, and that's what's driven my work from the start. My conversations with Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans sparked a deep and profound interest in the lives of those who have served. That's where the first Peter Ash book, *The Drifter*, came from.

I also read a lot of non-fiction, including newspapers and magazines, and I often find ingredients for my books there. My work always has some social issue underlying the story – unintended consequences of technology, for example, in *Burning Bright*, or the legalization of recreational marijuana in *Light It Up*. Once something captures my interest, I really dive in. Research is my friend.

Does your style make use of adjectives and adverbs? Why, or why not?

My favorite books are the ones that, once I open the cover, I immediately begin to forget myself and fall into the lives of the characters and their story. My goal as a writer is to give my readers the same experience: to paint a living picture that will capture them completely until supper is burnt on the stove or it's way past bedtime.

So I like to set the scene, to describe people and place and action with depth and clarity. I'm not a huge fan of adverbs – the lazy writer's crutch, I take out as many as I can when rewriting – but I don't mind adjectives. For me, the goal, always, is to find the balance between painting that vivid picture and keeping the story moving along.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

My website is NickPetrie.com. If you want to get the latest on book tours, interviews and everything else – or

just reach out and say hello – I'm easy to find on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Author Bio:

Nick Petrie's first novel, *The Drifter*, won the 2016 Thriller Award and the 2016 Barry Award for Best First Novel, and was nominated for 2016 Edgar and Anthony Awards for Best First Novel, as well as the 2016 Hammett Prize for Best Novel. He was named one of Apple's 10 Writers to Read in 2017, and won the 2016 Literary Award from the Wisconsin Library Association. His books in the Peter Ash series are *The Drifter*, *Burning Bright*, *Light It Up*, and the upcoming *Tear It Down*. A husband and father, he has worked as a carpenter, remodeling contractor, and building inspector. He lives in Milwaukee.

Thx nick for taking the time to talk with us kindly stay in touch and let us know when *Tear It Down* is due . . .

We're all looking forward to more thrillers from you !!

Monti Elks Soccer Shoot

(Monticello, NY) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is holding its Soccer Shoot competition for boys and girls ages 13 and under (as of 1/1/18) on Saturday, August 25th following the Pinnacle Soccer Academy's Coerver Training session (which begins at 10am) at Monticello High School.

The Elks Soccer Shoot is an annual competition held nationally to provide a free, fun, positive character-building activity for local youth.

Winners from this local competition advance to the East Central District Championship (Middletown, NY). The Elks Lodge will cover travel expenses for those advancing beyond the District level.

You do not have to participate in the Coerver Training clinic in order to participate in the Soccer Shoot. For more information regarding the Soccer Shoot contact bjconaty@outlook.com. For information regarding the Pinnacle Soccer Academy's Training session contact pinnaclesoccer@yahoo.com.

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The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda

New Diet Craze

In the Teachers' Lounge, someone was always on a new diet. The Cabbage Soup Diet, high protein, low carb, chia shakes, and eat-everything-with-a-chop-stick diet. I had a colleague who bragged he lost 1,298 pounds and was still over-weight.

Now my friend is on, what she calls, the Talenti Diet. Talenti is a brand name of gelato...really good gelato. It comes in a cool plastic container that contains one-pint of gelato with a brown screw-on lid in case, never happened, you wanted to save part of it for another day. After you have consumed the ice cream, you have a perfectly good leftover container. It works very well to freeze stuff. The plastic even allows you to see what is in it.

My friends' children are traveling in Europe, so each night my friend is eating a frozen mystery Talenti container that she neglected to label. So far she has had, spaghetti and meatball sauce, stuffed clams, and leftover salmon. She never knows until it fully defrosts.

I often do the same thing. I never label some freezer bag or container thinking I will remember what it is. Sometimes, chili turns out to be beef stew or spaghetti sauce.

It reminds me of the time my father bought out a grocery store in South Freeport that had been flooded. The salt water took every label off, but the cans remained intact.

Our cellar shelves were lined with assorted sizes of tin cans. Many was the time we thought we had found peaches, but, in truth, it was sauerkraut.

Life is full of surprises. Dinner might as well be too.

Zero Emissions Parade (ZEP) and Green Vendor Fair in New Paltz

New Paltz, NY - On Saturday, September 15th the New Paltz Climate Action Coalition and New Paltz Climate Smart will celebrate National Drive Electric Week with a parade of pedestrians, bicycles, electric vehicles (Evs), and e-bikes. A Green Vendor Fair at New Paltz Village Hall will follow from 12:00 to 3:00 pm, when attendees can test drive an electric car or ride in one.

Who: Ulster County Executive Michael Hein will address the crowd at 1:00 PM. Other speakers include Kathy Nolan, Ulster County Legislator and Senior Research Director for Catskill Mountainkeeper. In addition to electric cars vendors such as Healey Chevrolet, green vendors, including Green Mountain Energy and Dandelion Energy, will be on hand.

When: First annual Zero Emissions Parade, 11 AM. Green Vendor Fair, 12 to 3 PM. Saturday September 15th.

Where: Parade, New Paltz Middle School (196 Main Street New Paltz 12561) to New Paltz Village Hall. Fair, Village Hall (25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz 12561).

Why: Climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions is generating escalating catastrophic impacts. The parade and fair will encourage walking and biking, showing electric cars and other forms of transportation that don't emit greenhouse gases. At the Fair, people can talk to EV owners informally, ask questions about charging, and test drive electric cars.

Organizers: The New Paltz Climate Action Coalition, www.newpaltzclimateaction.org, is a group of engaged individuals and organizations dedicated to addressing the causes and consequences of climate change. New Paltz Climate Smart is part of a network of New York communities <https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/56876.html/56876.html> engaged in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving climate resiliency. National Drive Electric Week 2018 <https://driveelectricweek.org>, is sponsoring 248 celebrations from September 8 to 16, featuring plug-in electric vehicles, including events in Kingston, Poughkeepsie, and Gardiner.

Visuals: Banners; Parade with EVs, electric bikes, lawnmower, tractor. Children decorating bicycles. Pedestrians marching. Traditional bike riders. Tin Horn Uprising Band. Organized festive chaos. Vendors and speakers interacting with general public at the Fair.

Olive Free Library

Book Donations Needed

We are in need of book donations for our annual Olive Day book sale. We are looking for newer fiction (2015-2018) and non-fiction, specifically cook-books and gardening. Please call the library to schedule a drop-off time. We do not accept books that are dusty, moldy, have ripped covers, broken spines, or that smell like smoke. Please do not leave books outside of the library when we are not open. Donations need to be brought into the library and looked over by the staff. Thank you in advance for your donations and for following the guidelines.

Call for Artists

The Olive Free Library Association will be presenting its 3rd Annual Small Works Show in time for the 2018 holiday season. All Hudson Valley artists are invited to show their small works in the Olive Free Library Community Gallery. All genres of art are considered but work must be wall-hung. The exhibition will open on Saturday, November 10, 2 - 4 pm and will run through January 5, 2019. If you are interested in submitting work to be considered for this show, please read the submission guidelines.

School Supply Drive

The Olivebridge UMC is hosting its 2nd annual FREE school supply pantry. Please consider donating a few school supplies for kids in need in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the library or at the Olivebridge UMC. Please check out the list of items needed. The School Supply Pantry will be open on Saturday, September 1, 11-2.

9th Annual UlsterCorps Zombie Escape

The 9th Annual UlsterCorps Zombie Escape will be held on Saturday October 27th, 2018, 11am (raindate October 28th, 2018) at Williams Lake, Williams Lake Rd (off Binnewater Rd), Rosendale, NY

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SCHEDULE

10:00 am - Registration opens
11:00 am - 1K Kids Fun Run (FREE!)
11:30 am - 5K Timed Race & Zombie Escape
11:45 am - 1K Fitness Walk/Hike
12:30 pm - Awards Ceremony

Runners of all ages are invited to run for their lives in UlsterCorps' 9th Annual Halloween Zombie Escape, Saturday, October 27th, 2018. Enjoy the spectacular fall foliage and beautiful trails at Williams Lake in Rosendale, while dodging zombies and other spooky surprises hiding in the woods, tunnels and caves - a perfect family friendly way to start your Halloween. The event includes options for all levels of competitors: a FREE 1K Fun Run for kids, a 5K timed race and Zombie Escape, and a 1K walk/hike. All participants will receive a medal; top finishers will receive awards in gender and 10 year age group categories.

Runners participating in the "The Zombie Escape" will be given a health flag belt (two flags each, like flag football) - avoid the zombies and get through the woods with at least one flag and all your brains intact and you will earn an UlsterCorps Zombie Escape Survivor wristband. Runners can also opt to avoid being attacked by zombies and compete in the timed race without wearing the health flags. Participants in this fun Halloween themed annual event are encouraged to wear costumes, or represent their favorite local agency or cause. Special awards will be given to Best Individual Costume and Best Group Costume. There will also be a Team Spirit award.

The event will also include a bonfire, goodie bags for the first 300 registered runners and volunteers, and free refreshments including hot chocolate and s'mores.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome & can register here: https://www.zippyreg.com/volunteer/vol_signup.php?eventID=1111

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Olive Day 2018

Saturday September 8th

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8:30 am registration for 9:00 am start

10:00 am — FROG JUMPING ... bring your own frog!
11:00 am — Town of Olive Police Dept. Bike Rodeo ... bicycle safety

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NOON
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Watch Where You Step

On Aug. 2, ECO Corey Hornicek was patrolling in



Stony Point when he noticed a couple of fishermen wearing waders standing in a small pond. After observing for some time, ECO Hornicek approached the two young men and asked if they could come ashore to show him their fishing licenses. The subjects were happy to show their licenses and pictures of the fish they had caught. One had caught a Chain Pickerel and the other a small Largemouth Bass, both of which were released. As the ECO began to leave, one of the gentlemen calmly told the officers about a "pretty cool"

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Two Times the Outreach - Sullivan County

On Aug. 3, ECOs Ricky Wood and Tom Koepf conducted an outreach event for a large group of children at DEC's Camp DeBruce with a focus on the DEC K-9 Unit. The children watched K-9 Deming locate a spent shell casing and detect hidden striped bass. Later that same day, the two ECOs responded to a septic complaint at a seasonal summer camp in the town of Fallsburg. The officers didn't observe any violations, but ECO Wood took the opportunity to speak to a group of young campers curious about his job duties and conservation work.

The Amazing Sunshine Traveling Medicine Show

The Amazing Sunshine Traveling Medicine Show will be presented on Wednesday, August 22 at 8PM at Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY 12428.

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The festival highlights the talents of the region's finest poets and the readings range from light humorous pieces

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Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"For twenty-one years 'Live, Laugh, and Learn' has been a wonderful event that provides our seniors with an opportunity to participate in many fun and educational workshops and enables our County to show seniors its deep appreciation for all they do in our community," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I am always pleased to see so many seniors attend and enjoy the many workshops that offer critical information and services, while having fun and meeting other seniors from the area. I want to thank all the seniors who participated in this year's event as well as all of the many organizations who helped make this event possible by spon-

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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein speaks to an Emergency Preparedness class at Live, Laugh, Learn 2018.

soring or presenting a program. I commend the amazing work of the Ulster County Office of the Aging for organizing another successful event."


Shelley Wagar, Director, Ulster County Office for the Aging


"Our Annual Live, Laugh, and Learn event was a great success," said Shelley Wagar, Director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging. "There were more than 100 attendees who had the opportunity to attend different classes all-day from learning how to draw; Medicare basics; cross-fitness and dance; washcloth art; home safety; and much more. The feedback I received from participants was extremely positive and everyone already excited for next year! I appreciate County Executive Hein's interest in this annual event and his continued support of our seniors."


Several new educational, fitness, and entertaining workshops were offered this year along with some old favorites. Some of this year's workshops included: Say Yes To Life: Mindful Meditation; Going Green in Kingston-How To Live More Sustainably!; Dance Cross Fitness For Boomers & Seniors; Who Can? I.C.A.N.; Need Transportation? No Problem; Bone Health A to Z; Keeping Fit from the Neck Up; Emergency Preparedness; Drawing Faces for Beginners; Can You Hear Me Now?; Services for Seniors from the County Clerk; Tai Chi for Rehabilitation, Rejuvenation & Recovery; Learn to Swing Dance; and Medicare for Grown Ups.


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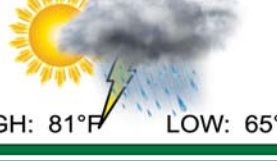
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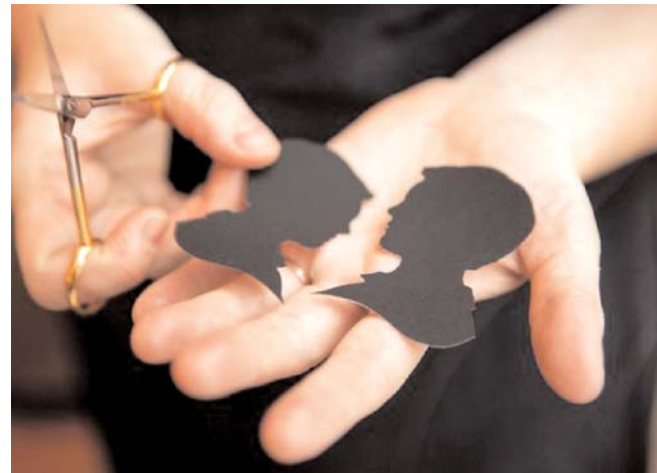
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Catskill Waters Podcast Interviews

The Catskill Waters community art project about people in the NYC watershed continues with two sessions August 11 at Claryville Church Hall and August 25 at Sundown Church Hall.



Artist Jenny Fowler will cut a silhouette portrait of you while the conversation is recorded. Contact keiko@catskillwaters.org to reserve your spot! For more information, visit www.catskillwaters.org.

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Frost Valley YMCA Announces 3D Archery Shoots on August 26th and September 29th



Claryville - Frost Valley YMCA will host family-friendly 3D Archery shoots, which include a tasty BBQ lunch, on Sunday, August 26th and Saturday, September 29th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The events take place at 2244 Frost Valley Road in Claryville.

The 3D archery course consists of a half-mile loop trail with 28 three-dimensional targets along the way, including deer, bears, turkeys, and even a stegosaurus! The events are included at no additional charge for Frost Valley Outdoor Sporting Participants. For non-participants, adults and teens 16 years of age and older are \$20, children 7-15 are \$8, and children 6 and under are free.

Guests are asked to bring their own archery equipment for shooting the course. Shots for various skill levels are marked with color-coded stakes. Archers will receive a score based on where their arrows land.

After some friendly competition, participants and their families can enjoy a barbecue picnic together, which is included in the participation fee for Frost Valley Outdoor Sporting Participants and the entrance fee for non-members. For more information, please call 845-985-2291 ext. 217.

Frost Valley YMCA offers many community events and activities that promote health and wellness. Archery, whether for sport or hunting purposes, has many proven benefits. Archery improves hand-eye coordination, strengthens arm, core, chest, back and shoulder muscles, and improves confidence and social skills.

'Tis the Season at Neversink Farmers' Market – Fresh Local Fruits and Veggies

By shopping at the Neversink Farmers' Market, you will eat seasonally, fresh and ripe vegetables and fruit – a great way to increase your overall health. The food is, quite frankly, fresher because it was grown locally and there is a good chance that the fruits and veggies you buy at the Neversink Farmers' Market this Saturday will be picked only hours before you will buy it.



New this year at the Neversink Farmers' Market – The BBQ Shack and Mark Moore's Bouncy House

Neversink Farmers' Market offers locally grown fruits and vegetables you won't be able to find in the produce section of your local supermarket.

Also available the Neversink Farmers' Market offers locally grown black angus beef, natural handcrafted herbal products, locally produced maple syrup products, local honey, and a variety of local artisans will be showing and selling their products and creations, too.



The Neversink Farmers' Market is just plain fun for the whole family. Meeting your local community is an excellent way to feel connected to the world around you, increasing health for body, mind, and spirit. It is a great place to gather. There are family fun activities for all including entertainment, great food from the BBQ Shack that you can enjoy eating outside under the big tent and of course the new Bouncy House for the kids!

See you on Saturday between 11 am and 3 pm at the Neversink Farmers' Market located at the corner of Route 55 and Shumway Road in Neversink, NY 12765. Check them out on Facebook!

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As part of Catskill Waters, a community art project about the people in the NYC watersheds, Jenny will cut a silhouette portrait of you while our staff records the conversation for our podcast. Contact keiko@catskillwaters.org to reserve your spot! Visit catskillwaters.org for more information.



Catskill Waters is made possible in part with funds from Rondout Neversink Stream Program, a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District funded by New York City Department of Environmental Protection.



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Poe's "Nevermore" is a Terrifying Show with Scary Sound Effects, Haunting Music and Frightening Creatures – and Fun for the Whole Family

"NEVERMORE" is a frightening show intended to scare, and keep the audience surprised and laughing. The kids loved it, pointing and screaming at the characters and the creatures, the exaggerated sound effects, haunted house music and frightening creatures who suddenly appeared onstage, above the stage, and in the aisles.

The show "NEVERMORE" was described as the imaginary life and mysterious death of the scariest of writers, Edgar Allan Poe. His famous raven was portrayed as a six-foot feathered raven wandered about the theatre quoting "NEVERMORE".

This difficult show was another ensemble success presented by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop at its brightly lit Rivoli theatre in South Fallsburg.

Edgar Allan Poe was played by a haunted Shawn Bailey, forever lost in his bizarre thoughts, wearing a wig of black feathers. About fourteen actors kept switching roles and transforming into creatures.

The choreography by Mekayla Perneszi and the cast extended the stage into the audience.

The set crew builders, technical director, lighting and sound design, led by Jim Schmidt, particularly with its sound effects thunder and lightning kept the audience jumping. Especially chilling was the side view of a woman in a coffin box being carried off to the crypt, kicking, clawing and screaming inside the coffin.

But special acclaim in this ensemble production must go to the PIT - under Musical Director/Pianist Leon Hilfstein, Percussionist Bill Margagal, and Lee Scheumann, who banged away on the bass drums, eerie flutist Kerry Malony, and violinist Laura Baci-Clark (who played like a screechy blackboard).

Leon Hilfstein's electric keyboard effects were other worldly.

On opening night, the theatre was almost full. And almost half of the audience were children, young and old, happily waiting to get their pants scared off.

Across Sullivan County, the Forestburgh Playhouse continued its wonderful, big production musical shows. But the creative members of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop continue to compete in a different way. Something like the Yankees and the Mets.

For example, the Sullivan County Dramatic

The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

For those of you who have had or now have this virus-y thing that's going around, just know you are in good company. You know how it goes...full weekend schedule and by Saturday morning just getting out of bed is tough. That was my weekend *sigh*.

Thursday, I received an email from my friend Jeff Entin with his usual amazingly unique flyer announcing that he would be at the Pickled Owl on Friday night. This was all very sudden, but I've found that this has been happening more and more with the Owl. Now Jeff Entin is from High Falls and I've known him for a few years now. You'll probably remember my mentioning him in previous columns as part of the group THE AQUAINTANCES along with a very dear friend, drummer Larry Balestra. Many of the songs the group performs are originals written by Jeff alone or in collaboration with one or both of the trio. I have had the unique privilege of hearing many of these prior to them being performed in public. In addition, the group as well as Jeff solo cover some Grateful Dead, some rock, some blues, basically you're sure to find something you can tap your feet to. And it's a treat to see him solo, watching him flow seamlessly from song to song to song. He also runs the Open Mic Night at the High Falls café the first Thursday of every month, generally unless he's performing in the Boston area with the trio, which happens as much as they perform in New York.

Then Friday afternoon, I ran into another dear drummer-friend, Nicky Redd, who was on his way out to Cabernet Frank's in Parksville where he and bass player Antonio and a guitar, if one happened to show up, would be backing the one and only namesake, Cabernet Frank, as he crooned his way through the Great American Songbook. Now I have to admit, the Songbook is not my thing, but "Cab Frank" is the quintessential entertainer giving back that little bit of the showmanship one would see when the hotels here flourished and Sullivan County was THE place to be. Yes, that WAS worth seeing! And for all you musical theatre types, that hide away in the shadows I highly recommend that you keep watch on either the website www.cabernetfrank.com or "like" their Facebook page to stay apprised of Frank's next performance. You will love it!

Until next time.....

Workshop's month-long July 2018 offering was the somber production of "Rabbit Hole", showing the devastating irreconcilable effects caused by the accidental death of a four year old, and an opioid death of an older relative. July was "Bereaved Parents Month".

"NEVERMORE" offers something hilarious, scary, weird and fun for the family. Performances run through August 17th and 18th at 8PM and Sunday at 2PM (Future 2018 productions are September's "The Games A Foot", October's "Haunted Theatre Tours", and December's "1940s Radio Holiday Shows", at the Rivoli Theatre, located at 5243 Main Street, South Fallsburg, NY. For ticket information call (845) 436-5336.

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Trumpeter Chris Pasin and Trio to Appear at Annual Liberty Jazz Festival

Trumpeter Chris Pasin and his trio will appear on Saturday, August 26, at the annual Liberty Jazz Festival at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center. Jazz at the Museum

The Liberty Jazz Festival returns with a night of swinging jazz on Saturday, Aug. 25. Celebrating its 22nd year of presenting performances featuring local artists and groups in the historic Catskill village of Liberty, the festival is once again being sponsored by Sullivan Performing Arts and will take place at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center on S. Main Street in the village.

The roster for the 2018 festival includes Inner Urge, a quartet featuring saxophonist Sam Morrison, guitarist Steve Carlin, Tony DeCicco on bass and drummer Chacho Ramirez; the Jon Kass Quartet with violinist John Kass and the members of Inner Urge. The featured artist will be

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trumpeter Chris Pasin and his trio with bassist Robert Kopec and drummer Bryan Kopec.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available. The performances are free to the public, though free-will donations are encouraged!

Info: 845-807-2885 or visit sullivanperformingarts.com

SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Announces Auditions for Fun Home

Loch Sheldrake, NY: The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is proud to announce auditions for the Tony Award® winning musical *Fun Home*, based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel with book and lyrics by Lisa Kron and music by Jeanine Tesori. The production will be directed and choreographed by Jessica López-Barkl, associate professor of theater and speech at SUNY Sullivan, with musical direction by Leon Hilfstein.

Auditions are set for Tuesday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 29 from 6-9 pm in the Seelig Theater, located at 112 College Road in Loch Sheldrake, NY, or by appointment. Callbacks will occur, if needed.

Fun Home will be the second production of SUNY Sullivan's 2018-19 Women Playwright's Season, and highlights the first mainstream musical about a young lesbian and the first all-female writing team to win the Tony Award® for best musical. The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program has chosen to produce a diverse array of plays written by women this year in order to highlight the fact that although female customers account for 65% of ticket revenue, only 39% of actors, 36% of directors, and 28% of writers of plays are women.

For the auditions, actors will need to prepare 16 bars of a musical theater song, and will be asked to read sides from the play. Scripts are available and may be secured in advance by contacting Jessica López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu. Actors will be asked to fill out an audition form. Additionally, attendees should bring their personal calendars or schedules to the auditions.

Rehearsals begin on August 30 and will be held Tuesdays through Fridays, from 6-9 pm. A rehearsal schedule will be developed based on the actors' conflict schedules. Technical rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 from 10 am - 10 pm.

Performance dates are scheduled for November 8 - 18, Thursdays - Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.

The production is also looking for participants interested in serving as technical crew, stage management, designers, and musicians, and are invited attend the auditions to meet the director, or contact López-Barkl via email.

A Synopsis of *Fun Home* (from the Samuel French script): When her father dies unexpectedly, graphic novelist Alison dives deep into her past to tell the story of the volatile, brilliant, one-of-a-kind man whose temperament and secrets defined her family and her life. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Announces

Auditions for Fun Home (From Pg. 11)

Moving between past and present, Alison relives her unique childhood playing at the family's Bechdel Funeral Home, her growing understanding of her own sexuality, and the looming, unanswerable questions about her father's hidden desires. Fun Home is a refreshingly honest, wholly original musical about seeing your parents through grown-up eyes.

Character Descriptions:

Alison - 43 years old, a cartoonist, Mezzo-Soprano

Medium Alison - 19 years old, a college freshman, Mezzo-Soprano

Small Alison - around 9 years old, Alto

Bruce Bechdel - Alison's father, Baritone

Helen Bechdel - Alison's mother, Mezzo-Soprano

Christian Bechdel - Alison's brother, around 10 years old, Alto

John Bechdel - Alison's brother, around 6 years old, Treble/Boy Soprano

Roy - a young man Bruce hires to do yard work, Tenor

Mark - a high school junior, Tenor

Joan - a college student, Alto

Pete - a mourner, Tenor

Bobby Jeremy and The Susan Deys - Imaginary Television Characters, Tenors and Altos/Mezzo-Sopranos

The roles of Roy, Mark, Pete, and Bobby Jeremy are often performed by the same actor. The Susan Deys are often played by the actors playing Medium Alison and Joan.

Please contact Director López-Barkl at jbarkl@sunysullivan.edu with any questions.

Visit the State Fair and Try Fishing for Free!

The Great New York State Fair will take place August 22 - September 3, 2018 in Syracuse. I Fish NY free fishing clinic 2017

This year, the Fair is hosting Family Fishing Days on Thursday, August 23 and Sunday, August 26. Admission is free for anyone presenting a valid New York State sporting license at the gate.

Family Fishing Days are presented in cooperation with DEC, who will operate free fishing clinics in the pond from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the New York Experience festival grounds. Everything you need is provided, including equipment and bait.

After the fishing clinics have ended, stop by the new Expo Center for a free seedling from the Saratoga Tree Nursery, and don't forget to visit the popular DEC aquarium where visitors can see fish, talk to a ranger or environmental conservation officer, and more.

DEC Adopts New Regulations to Improve Safety and Visitor Experience at Kaaterskill Falls and Surrounding Areas

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos recently announced the adoption of new regulations designed to improve public safety and enhance the user experience at Kaaterskill Falls and three nearby areas that have experienced a sub-

stantial increase in public use in recent years.

Kaaterskill Falls is the highest cascading waterfall in New York State and the crown jewel of the Catskill Park. Dropping in two tiers over 230 feet, Kaaterskill Falls has been one of the region's most popular destinations for centuries, inspiring artists, poets and those just seeking an escape to a majestic and awe-inspiring landscape.

A New Concert Series, Alarm Might Sound (AMS)

Alarm Might Sound (AMS), will present two chamber music concerts by outstanding performers at the Olive Fire Department, Company No. 1 Firehouse, in Olivebridge, NY: The Gossamer Trio (Harp, Flute and Cello) on Sunday, October 14, 2018, 3:00 pm and The Anello String Quartet on Saturday, November 17, 2018, 3:00 pm

A new and exciting classical concert series, Alarm Might Sound, will unveil its first season this coming Fall with a pair of concerts within the

natural and resonant acoustics of the lovely Olive Fire Department, Company No.1 Firehouse (the Olivebridge Firehouse) at the corner of Route 213 and Mill Road. The new series is designed by the noted pianist Hiroko Sakurazawa, with support by her local music friends Robert Dodson, George Tsontakis, Garry Kvistad and Richard Teitelbaum.

To date, the unique space of the firehouse has been used for meetings of the Olive Fire Department and for occasions presented by the neighborhood and community. Alarm Might Sound will initiate the first use of the hall for acoustical classical music. Sakurazawa came up with the idea to hold concerts in the hall after hearing local musicians, led by cellist and Olivebridge resident Robert Dodson, play through the Schubert C Major Quintet, all the while marveling at the vibrant acoustics and natural wood and glass design. It was Robert's wife, Alberta, whose father was a leader in establishing the Olive Fire Department in 1947.

Ms. Sakurazawa has concertized throughout the U.S. and Japan and has been the featured soloist with the Woodstock Chamber Orchestra as well as in solo recital for the Olive Free Library's renowned "Piano Plus!" series curated by composer George Tsontakis. Dodson is the former Dean of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and Kvistad is a celebrated percussionist and founder of Woodstock Chimes. Teitelbaum is an internationally recognized composer of electro-acoustical music and a Bard College professor.

The series will be inaugurated by the performance of the Gossamer Trio on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The trio is the collaboration of New York Philharmonic Principal Harpist Nancy Allen, often regarded as the world's most prominent harpist. Allen is joined by flutist Carol Wincenc, hailed "Queen of the flute" by New York Magazine as well as the talented cellist Claire Marie Solomon to form one of the most dynamic trios that this instrumental combination can produce. Merging their individual skills of high artistry and extraordinary technical command, they explore a vast range of repertoire rich in color, texture, and imagination. These artists stand at the top of their field, winning first prize in international competitions. As soloists, they have been featured with both symphony and recorded with some of today's most esteemed chamber groups.

Referred to AMS by the world-renowned Emerson String Quartet, the Anello String Quartet has given performances at Stony Brook University's Staller Recital Hall and The Threefold Music Series in Chestnut Ridge, New York. The quartet is comprised of violinists Emmanuel Vukovich and Linnaea Brophy, violist Jorge Huelga-Garcia and cellist Julian Langford who are all current candidates of the Doctor of Musical Arts at SUNY Stony Brook where they are coached by the members of the Emerson String Quartet, Philip Setzer, Eugene Drucker, Lawrence Dutton and Paul Watkins, as well as former cellist, David Finckel under the auspices of the exclusive Emerson String Quartet Institute.

The Anello String Quartet members have graduated from prestigious music schools such as the Juilliard School, the New England Conservatory, and the Mannes College of Music in Master of Music degrees, winning competitions, performing as soloists and members of orchestras and chamber ensembles at venues such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

The concert by the Anello String Quartet will be

Saturday, November 17, 2018, 3:00 pm .

The series is indebted to President John Ingram and the Board of Directors of the Olive Fire Department for giving Sakurazawa and her support team the green light to mount the pair of concerts in the Fall. However, upon granting their permission and blessings, Ingram and the Olive Fire Department gave the admonition that, even on weekends, the "Alarm Might Sound." Tickets at the door : \$12; Location: Olive Fire Department, Company No. 1 Firehouse. 9 Mill Road, Olivebridge, NY 12461

For more information : alarmmightsound@gmail.com

Work Week with Congressman Faso

The Senate Should Pass the STOP Act without Delay

A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed that drug overdoses killed more than 72,300 Americans last year, a surge of roughly 10% from the previous year. Much of the uptick has been attributed to the fact that these drugs are becoming stronger, and thus, more dangerous. Synthetic drugs such as fentanyl are multiple times stronger than heroin but are similar in appearance, which makes it harder to differentiate on the street.

Last month, the House passed a comprehensive opioids package that included the STOP Act – bipartisan legislation I championed that would help mitigate the shipment of synthetic drugs through our country's borders. The STOP Act is a key component of the strategy to combat these synthetic drugs. It is now time for the Senate to pass this critically needed legislation and send it to the President's desk. Together, we can combat the opioid crisis and help those suffering to recover. With the STOP Act, we can reduce the threat of synthetic opioids by stopping them before they reach our communities.

Learn more about the STOP Act and how it can stem a portion of the opioid crisis: <https://faso.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1223>

Overseas Producers Market Fraudulent Products, Hurting Authentic Organics Products and Consumers

As the organic industry continues to grow, overseas producers are increasingly introducing fraudulent products into the market moonlighting as authentically organic. Fraudulent products hurt legitimate and hardworking organic producers here in Upstate New York as well as the consumers who expect a certain standard. I've introduced legislation to crack down on these fraudulent products by increasing enforcement at the USDA.

Read: 'Dirty Feed, Done Dirt Cheap: Are Consumers Who Shell Out for Organic Meat Eating a Bunch of Bull?' to learn more about the problem and my bill to crack down on fraudulent organic products: <https://www.ecowatch.com/are-consumers-who-shell-out-for-organic-meat-eating-a-bunch-of-bull-2594493480.html>.

Changes in China's Recycling Policy Hits Pocketbooks Here at Home

Restrictive changes to recycling policies in China are being felt throughout our Upstate New York communities. It is now more difficult and costly for local municipalities to find buyers for recyclable materials, which is causing an increase in trash collection rates. In Rensselaer County, fees will have to be increased in order to compensate for the increased costs caused by China's changes.

Last month, I urged U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to intervene with Chinese officials. It is my hope that we can resolve this issue and prevent fee increases from becoming commonplace.

Read more in the Albany Times Union: <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Recycling-fees-forcing-Rensselaer-to-charge-more-13156008.php>.

Ulster Co. Stand-Down

The Ulster Co. Veterans Stand-Down also brings together veterans service organizations and providers to help our veterans. The event was organized by the Ulster Co. Veterans Services Office and gave local veterans a chance to network, learn more about benefits, and the event even provided access to military surplus clothing for those that are in need.

This is a tremendous event that positively contributes to the lives of veterans in Ulster County and those in surrounding areas. It was a pleasure to attend and offer assistance to veterans who may have casework concerns that my office can assist with moving forward. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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Sept. 1, 2018
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Covered Dish Supper

Sept. 29, 2018
Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon
9 am - 3 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Aug. 28
Thrift Sale 9-12 & Luncheon 10:45-12:30

Sept. 15, 2018
Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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 Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong.
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 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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 For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Work Week with Congressman Faso (From Pg. 12)

Powassan Virus Diagnosed in Dutchess Co.

A case of Powassan virus has now been diagnosed in Dutchess Co., in addition to Columbia Co. earlier this summer. This rare, but dangerous, tick-borne condition can be transmitted from the tick in as little as 15 minutes. Stay diligent and always be checking for ticks on clothes and skin.

Read more in the Poughkeepsie Journal: <https://pojonews.co/2Be1UZT>.

Learning about the Anderson Center for Autism

The Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg is a residential school that serves over 100 students, ranging from ages 6 to 21, who have autism. The center's primary focus is to empower students to reach their full potential by teaching them life-long skills. The center also serves as an education resource and provides support and outreach services for families and the autism community.

It was a pleasure to visit the center and learn more about the services they provide.

How to Save a Hemlock

Hemlock forests create the signature environment of the Catskills we know and love: deeply shaded trout pools and pristine swimming holes, providing this special habitat for wildlife and maintaining clean water sources that humans depend on - especially in summer when it's time to find a place to recharge in nature. However, a tiny invasive pest is posing a threat to Eastern hemlocks in New York State.

Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) were first introduced to the southern United States in the early 1900s from southern Japan, devastating hemlock stands and creeping north in nursery stock. By the 1980s, the insect had reached New York, harming trees from Long Island to the Catskills, and more recently entering the Adirondacks in 2017.

Fortunately, the New York State Hemlock Initiative (NYSHI) of Cornell University is dedicated to implementing tested biological control methods and educating land owners, federal and state officials and citizen scientists on hemlock conservation.

In this "How to Save a Hemlock" training, NYSHI's Nick Dietschler will guide you through the annual phenology of HWA. Learn how to identify HWA in the field during any time of year and how you can gather data to improve biocontrol research in New York. NYSHI is now part of the National Phenology Network which utilizes the Nature's Notebook smartphone app to collect data in the field. "This makes it easier than ever to observe the timing of HWA's major life stages and contribute to NYSHI's biocontrol goals," Dietschler said.

The training will be held on Saturday, September 8th at 4:30 P.M. at the Claryville Church Hall (946 Claryville Rd) and is sponsored by the Rondout Neversink Stream Program and Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Sullivan Partners

Propose Niche Creamery

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Dairy farms are integral to agriculture in Sullivan County, directly contributing more than \$7 million to the local economy. Six Sullivan County dairy farms received news that their fluid milk contracts with Marcus Dairy would end in 2018. In response, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC), who provides support to local agriculture, has been fielding inquiries and identifying short and long-term solutions. In collaboration with the farms and partners like Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), Sullivan County Funding Corporation (SCFC), Agricultural and Community Development Services LLC, Sullivan County Government, and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office, a new opportunity for the dairy industry has emerged.

Ma & Pa Creamery LLC, a proposed grower controlled dairy plant, has been approved through a \$93,489.63 grant acquired from Sullivan County Government, through the New York State Office of Community Renewal, to fund the development of the business planning, engineering studies, and research required to move the project forward. The grant also funds a milk truck for shipping to high value markets.

"At this time, Ma & Pa Creamery is still in its conception," said Colleen Monaghan, CCESC executive director. "We're working with partners to conduct market feasibility

analyses, develop a business plan, and set the groundwork for this exciting opportunity for farmers across the county."

The dairy plant is exploring the opportunity to process, market, and distribute niche dairy products including kosher, high A2 casein, organic, and grass-fed milk products.

"Dairy farmers are dealing with many forces that are beyond their control, and we are excited to see that this cohesive group is exploring options that put their farms financial futures more squarely in their own hands and that HVADC can bring its expertise to the collaborative efforts," said Todd Erling, HVADC executive director.

"Our dairy farms have been the economic backbone of this county since its inception 200 years ago, and we're not about to forget that in the 21st century," said Sullivan County District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens, chair of the Legislature's Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee.

"Our dairy farmers provide jobs, preserve open space, patronize many local businesses, and produce products of high quality. They support the community in so many ways, and we must support them in return."

"The dairy farmers of Sullivan County are some of the hardest working people I know. Their farms have been around for generations-they're our friends and neighbors. I'll continue to do everything I can to support them and their industry," said NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

Sullivan County Funding Corporation initiated and funded the \$22,000 contract with Agricultural and Community Development Services LLC in response to the June dairy situation.

The Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan was adopted in 2014. The plan specifically states that a priority of the County is to work with Sullivan County dairy farmers and establish niche dairy and value-added dairy products to support the dairy industry in the county.

For more information on Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County, visit www.sullivancee.org.

SUNY Sullivan Foundation Golf Tournament set for September 21 at Tarry Brae

Loch Sheldrake, NY - The SUNY Sullivan Foundation will hold its 19th Annual Golf Tournament at the Tarry Brae Golf Course on Friday, September 21. The event, dubbed the "The Start of Something Great Tournament," will raise funds for athletic scholarships.

Beginning this fall, SUNY Sullivan will compete at the NJCAA Division II athletic level in Men's and Women's Basketball. The college has been competing for a number of years at the Division II level in Baseball. Colleges participating in Division II athletics are able to provide scholarships to qualified students to help cover the costs of tuition, books, fees, and up to \$250 in course-required supplies. Additionally, the move to Division II athletics will allow SUNY Sullivan to serve dozens more students, as the college will field junior varsity teams for each Division II sport.

Registration and lunch begin at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. JeffBank is once again the tournament sponsor. Chris DePew, SUNY Sullivan's Director of Athletics and Dean of Student Development Services, will chair the event.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$120 per person and includes a round of golf, golf cart, on-course refreshments, lunch, cocktails, a delicious steak dinner, and a golf gift. Friends of the college who are not available to play golf, are invited to attend the dinner at 5:00 p.m.; dinner tickets are \$40 per person.

Golfers will also have a chance to vie for fantastic hole-in-one prizes on each of the par-three holes, including a shot at a 2-year lease on a 2018 Ford Escape, compliments of the M&M Auto Group. As always, prizes will be awarded for the top men's and women's foursomes.

New this year is the "Ultimate Experience" Raffle, which provides chances to win fabulous prizes including:

- o Four field-level seats to the New York Giants vs. Dallas Cowboys game at MetLife Stadium on Sunday, December 30th, including 4 passes to a VIP tailgate party and premium parking;
- o Four field-level tickets to the New York Mets vs. Atlanta Braves at CitiField on Tuesday, September 25th, including premium parking and club access to the Porsche, Foxwoods and Jim Beam Clubs;
- o Two stage-front floor level tickets to see Billy Joel in concert at Madison Square Garden on Sunday, September 30th;

- o Two NY Zipline @ Hunter Mountain passes with an overnight stay at The Emerson Hotel;
- o Additional prizes will also be drawn.
- o Tickets are \$20 per ticket or three for \$50. Ticket purchasers do not have to be present during the tournament dinner to win.

To learn how to become a sponsor or a golfer for The Start of Something Great tournament, or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Hillary Egeland at 845-43

WJFF's Fabulous Community Auction

The Western Supper Club & Inn Ballroom,

Jeffersonville, NY --WJFF Radio Catskill, community public radio for Sullivan County, Northeast Pennsylvania and the Catskills, will hold a fundraising auction on August 25 at the Western Supper Club and Inn, the beautifully renovated 1852 hotel in Callicoon, NY.

Doors open at 3pm with a live auction beginning at 5pm. The eclectic collection of items will include Catskills and Delaware River area experiences from fly fishing instruction, a private guided nature walk, stays at charming

B&Bs, wine tastings, cooking lessons, gourmet dinners, artworks, design objects, and much more. Your auctioneer for the evening will be Greg Triggs, entertainer and host of the "Travels with Triggs" segments heard on WJFF's "Catskill Character" program.

Station Manager Dan Rigney invites listeners and future listeners to mix and mingle and join the fun while supporting their local public radio station. "Bid high for WJFF!" he says.

Tickets for the event which will include wine or beer and light refreshments are \$15 and can be purchased online through BrownPaperTickets.com, by calling that station or can be purchased at the door.

"WJFF, broadcasting at 90.5FM and streaming online at wjffradio.org, presents a unique balance of award-winning, nationally syndicated programs along with a wide variety of locally produced programs featuring music, the arts, public affairs and more," notes Rigney. "Public radio truly relies on our listeners' support, both through their membership and participation in our fundraising events, making it possible for us to bring to the air what is important to them."

"Radio that reflects the various communities in our area is only possible because of the over 100 volunteers that make WJFF function," adds Board president Jim Lomax. "And for those who can't volunteer -- and even for those who can - the auction is a great opportunity to come out and support your community radio station, meet your neighbors, enjoy a party and bid on our fabulous items."

A list of items (in progress) that will be offered either in a silent or live auction can be found at:

wjffradio.org.

WJFF is grateful to event co-sponsor The Western Inn & Supper Club and to all who have donated items so far, including Artist David Barnett, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts & Museum, Chick E Ribs LLC, Delaware House, Delaware River Club, Delaware Valley Opera, Dirty Girl Farm Goat Dairy and Microcreamery, ECCE Bed & Breakfast, Fat Lady Café, Frost Valley YMCA, Ken and Annie Hilton, Hurleyville Arts Center, Jim Lomax and Jeffery Allison, Contractor Kevin McDaniel, Rosemary Mullaly, The North Branch Inn, The Outside Institute, The Spa at the Arnold House, The River Reporter, Upstream Wine and Spirits, Willow River Art Gallery and Café, Zen Studies Society. Items are still coming in. Check out WJFF's web site and Facebook page for item teasers and details.

About WJFF: WJFF is a non-commercial educational radio broadcaster whose mission is to make available to its community a broad range of ideas and ideals useful to a full and enlightened life. It also aims to involve the community in preserving and transmitting the community's cultural heritage and artistic expressions in addition to those of the global community and to promote understanding among people of diverse social and cultural backgrounds. We broadcast on 90.5 FM to the residents of Sullivan County and North East Pennsylvania, and stream online at WJFFradio.org. Our programming is a balance of national syndicated public radio programs from NPR, Pacifica and more, along with locally produced programs on music, culture and public affairs. 4-5750, ext. 4377 or email hegeland@sunysullivan.edu.



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org
2018 Upcoming Events

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 Kalahari Indoor Water Park Sleepover
12/1 Transportation to NYC
12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
12/15 Disney on Ice

8/25/18 **Neversink Farmers' Market** 11am -3 pm - Rt 55 & Shumway Rd/Parking Lot of Neversink General Store
 8/25/28 **Claryville FD Craft Fair and Community Yard Sale** 10 am - 4 pm- 1500 Denning Rd., Claryville, NY 12725
 8/26/18 Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting 7:30 pm
 8/27/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm Community Room (lower level) Daniel Pierce Library
 8/28/18 **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** - Grahamsville UMC: Thrift Sale 9:00am-12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm
 9/1/18 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Bake Sale** - 9 am until sold out
 9/1/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
 9/2/18 Annual Meeting of the Neversink Association Noon Wellington property in Claryville
 9/5/18 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
 9/8/18 **Sundown United Methodist Church Annual Chicken BBQ** - 4 pm
 9/11/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
 9/12/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting -
 9/13/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
 9/14/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
 9/15/18 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** - Grahamsville UMC - 9 - 12 noon
 9/16/18 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
 9/17/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T meeting 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
 9/18/18 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
 9/18/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
 9/19/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Aug 17 - 19, 2018 Grahamsville Little World's Fair
September 8 - Sundown Annual Chicken BB!
September 15 - Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap Meet • Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman Flea Market in the Fair Building • Neversink Parks & Rec Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair
September 29th Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish Fry from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Serving chicken and fish

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.



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hours of operation
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 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. Immaculate 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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Play Mexican Train
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7	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	9
3	2	9	8	6	4	7	5	1
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Craft Fair and Community Yard Sale
Saturday August 25th
10am - 4pm
 Claryville Vol. Fire Dept.
 1500 Denning Rd
 Claryville, NY 12725
Many, many vendors
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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
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SHERLOCK GNOMES
 Sept 1 at 8 pm
 Bring Lawn Chair or Blanket

17th Annual Catskills Preservation and History Conference
 This year's conference will feature an introduction by the Sullivan County Historian, John Conway, who will frame the topic with a presentation that shows how the region's future is so inexorably tied to its past, when 538 hotels, 1,000 rooming houses, and 50,000 bungalows dotted its landscape. During those years, the local resort industry was spending an average of \$4.1 million a year in new construction (\$36 million today) and summer visitors to Sullivan County were dropping an estimated \$55 million (\$480 million in today's dollars).
 There will also be a fascinating look at the legendary Red Apple Rest presented by Elaine

Annual Meeting of the Neversink Association
Sunday, September 2, 2018
12:00 NOON
Wellington property in Claryville
 BYO picnic is followed by the Annual Meeting
 Bring blankets or chairs
Speaker Diane Galusha
 will speak on Edward Ringwood Hewitt (1866-1957); author, inventor, master fisherman

WANTED: Original NYC Dept of Water Supply Condemnation of Property Poster
 The Time and the Valleys Museum needs to find an original poster that the New York City Dept. of Water Supply nailed throughout the valley condemning the properties in The Rondout Valley. If anyone has one or remembers seeing one, would you please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum. www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org or telephone (845) 985-7700.

Lindenblatt and a program on Catskills resort collectibles by Allen Frishman, as well a panel discussion featuring Alan Barrish and Jeff Gold.
 A keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Feinman, founder of the Institute for History, Archaeology and Education, whose topic will be, "Marketing an Experience: Telling the Catskills Story."
 A preview of a new documentary on the region by Kisco Kid productions, entitled *The Catskills: The Next Act*, will be featured. The documentary, headed by filmmaker Peter Russo, features interviews with dozens of local people who discuss the past and the future in light of the opening of the Resorts World Catskills casino and the Yo 1 Wellness Center and the continued economic impact of Bethel Woods.
 "The Catskills Future: Built on the Memories of the Past" will get underway at the Liberty Museum & Arts Center at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 26 and will run until 5:30 p.m., at which time there will be a closing reception.
 Admission is free for Liberty Museum members and \$35.00 for non members.
 Scholarships are available upon request.
 The Liberty Museum & Arts Center is located at 46 South Main Street in Liberty. For further information about the conference and other events, call the Museum at 845-292-2394 or visit their website at libertymuseum.com.

2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm	
July 12th	October 11th
August 16th	November 15th
September 13th	December 13th
DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM	
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Penny Social
 Aug. 25th
 Napanoch Firehouse
 Doors open 6pm
 Drawing at 730
 Hosted by
 Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club

Federation Announces Honorees for Sullivan County "Dynamic Duos" Gala
 This year the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is honoring three "dynamic duos" at their annual dinner gala on October 27th at the Mountainview Manor in Glen Spey. The Federation has chosen to honor the Anthony & Nancy Kane, Edward & Colleen Cooke and Ron and Eileen Geysen, three local couples who have been long time supporters of the organization.
 "Powerhouse couples like these truly make an impact in the community." says director Kathy Kreiter. "I think when you do it together, a volunteer effort becomes larger than the sum of its parts."
 Tickets to the gala are \$75.00 each, and include a scrumptious cocktail party w/ open bar in addition to a delicious dinner. All proceeds from the October 27th event will directly benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless and those they serve.
 The Federation for the Homeless provides education, goods and services to those who are without resources. If you would like to join the gala committee, purchase tickets or learn about sponsorship and journal opportunities, please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 794-2604, or email her at scfh@hvc.rr.com.



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Energy efficient – Environmentally friendly home for sale. Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville, NY 4BR., 2.5 bath, 2,128 sq. ft., 2.01 acres, \$360,000 Call: 845-985-015 or 845-399-2796.
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Peekamoose Blue Hole Information - How to Get a Permit & Special Regulations

A permit is required to visit the Blue Hole on Weekends and Holidays between May 15th and October 15th. Permits can be acquired from the Reserve America website:

(<https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/>)

Permits are free of charge, but must be acquired at least 24 hours in advance and cannot be acquired more than a week in advance. Only advance registrations will be accepted, no walk-in registrations are available. Visitors will not be permitted to book consecutive days, there must be 7 days between reservations. Each permit is limited to 6 individuals. Visitors will be required to list the names of all members of their party when making the reservation but will have the ability to change the names up to one day in advance. Visitors must have a permit with them at all times. Photo ID is required for each visitor over the age 18.

For general information, go to DEC's website for the Peekamoose Blue Hole.

HELP WANTED

Part-time Help needed for Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center. Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students over summer vacation. Call 845-985-0247.

Pizza Chef at Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe. For interview call 845-985-0247 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

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Every Saturday 11 am - 3 pm



Neversink Farmers MARKET
 Rt 55 & Shumway Rd., Neversink, NY 12765

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:

Gnome Home
 131 Peekamoose Road
 Sundown, NY 12740
 ...along with \$1 for each item that you wish to have displayed on-line for one month in your own shop at the



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Quiz:

1. Who played [Charles Foster] Kane?
2. Who played Mr. Bernstein?

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