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Neversink History Afternoon at the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Neversink History Afternoon will be held on Sunday, September 9th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Our rich collection of historical records, photographs, books and artifacts will be available to visitors, bringing to life the history of the Town of Neversink. The afternoon also includes the unveiling of a very special artifact just received by the Museum - a hand woven blue and white coverlet from Old Neversink.



John Conway

At 2 p.m. John Conway, Sullivan County Historian will give a talk on Otto Hillig, the Liberty resident who became the most famous photographer in Sullivan County in the early 20th century, and the owner of the best equipped photography studio between New York City and Buffalo.

An adventurer who owned one of the first automobiles in Sullivan County and loved to fly airplanes, Mr. Hillig became a pioneer of aerial photography and documented and preserved in photographs much of Sullivan County's early 20th century history. Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the Town of Neversink or has historical items or photographs to share, is encouraged to attend. Admission is FREE and includes admission to the Museum's three floors of exhibitions. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Wacky Waffles are a Special Treat at Fallsburg High School

Thursday, July 26, 2018 marked the Grand Opening of the Wacky Waffles Restaurant at Fallsburg High School. It also marked the closing as well! This was the brain-child of Mr. Peter Dworetzky and Ms. Sharon Olvera and their fourth grade students from Benjamin Cosor Elementary School attending the summer program at FHS due to construction at BCES.



The flurry of activity began early that morning, but the preparation had taken several days. Through project based learning, the children used many new skills as part of the fourth grade curriculum. They used the TouchMath program to make different computations for graphs and surveys. They used on-line graphing and Google Draw to Design. They created written and audio ads to distribute throughout the building and on the loud speaker intercom. Staff listened to a very clever jingle. (Contd. Pg. 6)

The Game's Afoot - Murderously Funny Mayhem at the Rivoli

(South Fallsburg, NY) Suspense, laughter, plot twists and turns, a mansion full of guests and Sherlock Holmes - a witty, fast-paced "whodunit" is about to set foot onstage for six performances September 7-9, 14-16 at the historic, Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg with Ken Ludwig's murderously funny, *The Game's Afoot*.



The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has been providing quality, award-winning Community Theatre in the Catskills since 1950. In its latest offering, it's Christmas Eve, 1936 and William Gillette, an eccentric actor best known for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes invites friends to his Connecticut mansion. During the evening, someone comes up murdered and Gillette goes into his Holmes persona in an attempt to "solve the crime." Will you figure out "whodunit?" (Contd. Pg. 7)

SC Budget Again Wins Major Budget Award



SC Management and Budget Commissioner Janet Young holds the 2018 SC Budget document which earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Monticello, NY - For the third time, the Sullivan County Manager's Office and the Division of Management and Budget have earned the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churchess; To him that overcometh will I give to eat the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
Revelations 2:7

OBITUARY

John O. Harrop, of Grahamsville, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2018 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. He was 65.

Son of the late John Harrop and Catherine Dell born on December 23, 1952 in Brooklyn, NY.

He worked as a telemarketer for AT & T in Long Island. He was a member of the Tri-Valley Lions Club since 2004. An avid Mets fan who favored Jacob DeGrom and a collector of Radios. He spent his time listening to the weather channel and was truly fascinated with anything to do with the weather. He loved his guide dogs. He had a great sense of humor which is evident in his personal catchphrase of "Deal with it!"

He is survived by his wife Maryann Harrop. His sister-in-law Elaine Harrop of Farmingdale, NY. His brother-in-law Jack Ponzo of Medford, NY. From his wife's side brothers-in-law Ernest Harth Jr. of Florida and Paula (Mike) Ryan of Neversink, sisters-in-law: Deborah (Joe) Costa of Woodbourne and Monica (Leslie) Smith of Woodbourne and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends.

He is predeceased by his brother Robert Harrop and Sister Diane Ponzo and his past guide dogs; Shadow, York, Barry and Addie.

A Funeral Service was held on Friday, August 24th at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY with Rev. Walter Haff officiating.

In lieu of flowers a donation in John's name can be sent to Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc. 371 East Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown, NY 11787-2976.

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

William Robert Conjura - Our beloved family patriarch, William Robert Conjura, entered into Heaven on Thursday, August 23, 2018, with his family at his side. He was joyfully reunited with his wife of 59 years, Nancy "Gigi" (De Palma) Conjura, who predeceased him on May 16, 2010. Grandpa or "Poppi", as he liked to be called, was also predeceased by his parents: Martin John Conjura and Louise Matilda (Schmidt) Conjura of Spring Valley, NY, his brothers: Martin, Walter "Pat", Albert "Bud"; sisters: Evelyn Luscher, Helen Krainak, Caryl Garulli; sisters-in-law, Vivienne Conjura and Janet Conjura; and brother-in-law, Bill Luscher. He is survived by brothers: John Conjura and Edmund P. Conjura, Sr. (Ingrid), and brothers-in-law, Adam Krainak and John "Jack" Garulli.

He is survived by his sons: Martin "Tim" (Joan), Thomas "Tom" (Patty) and daughter, Nancy Colgan (Jeff); his grandchildren: William Conjura (Staci), Maria Reininger (Urban), Thomas Conjura (Kylie), Thomas Conjura, Jr., (Stephanie), Michael Conjura (Cindy), Tim and Kyle Colgan. He is further survived by his twelve great-grandchildren: Matthew, Tyler, Jonathan, and William Conjura, Natalie and Katie Reininger, Emma, Dylan, Michael, Nina and Cali Conjura, as well as one on the way! In addition, "Uncle Bill" is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Bill grew up in the rural, (then) small town of Spring Valley, New York. He was the seventh of nine children, born at home, and brought up during the Great Depression. Living during that time shaped who he was: hard working, frugal, but yet loving and generous to a fault.

While in high school, he played football, basketball and his favorite sport, baseball. He was even offered a college baseball scholarship after high school. Grandpa loved the NY Yankees, his favorite player was Mickey Mantle. He always had something to say about the games. Bill coached his sons' baseball team in the Spring Valley Recreation Association. After he retired, he was an assistant varsity baseball coach at Tri-Valley School, coaching his grandson, Tom, in his senior year. The kids all called him "Grandpa". More than once he said to one of the kids, "If I can run this fast...you can too!" He also helped to coach his son, Tim's, senior league team.

Bill worked hard his entire life. He helped out on a milk route, worked at a farm, even as a young boy. He worked three jobs to support his young family after he was married. Grandpa worked for Orange and Rockland Utilities in Spring Valley, Monroe and Middletown, NY for forty years. He started as a labor-

er and worked his way up to certified welder in the gas department, and then foreman. Bill was a supervisor in the Underground Department, and retired in the position of General Line Supervisor.

He was a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Woodbourne, NY. Bill belonged to the Knights of Columbus, as well as being a charter member of the Tri-Valley Lions Club in Grahamsville. He was an Honorary Life Director of the Neversink Agricultural Society, after many years as a director. Bill served as President of the Fair Association for many years. His wife, Nancy, was the secretary of the Fair during his tenure there, and they made quite a team! The grandchildren still talk about hanging out in the secretary's booth with Grandma, especially during a sudden downpour. Grandpa belonged to the Sullivan County Cooperative Extension for many years. He also was a tremendous supporter of the FFA Alumni Association and was a lifetime member.

Bill always enjoyed working outside on his property. He was the creator of many rock walls lining the driveways and houses on "The Conjura Compound". People marvel at the quality of the craftsmanship he showed when he built the walls. He also loved to grow things and had a large vegetable garden, as well as many flowering plants and shrubs. "Green Thumb" is a term that surely fit him to a "T".

Poppi was a role model for all of the family and many others. He showed by example the way to do anything, from building a house to caring for children. He could do any type of construction, electric or plumbing work. Grandpa was also a great cook. His meatballs were the best around! He taught his children, who later taught their children how to do all of these things. Nothing made him happier than to be around his family. He loved seeing all the kids, grandkids and great grandchildren. Bill took special delight in the little ones... and could quiet a cranky baby when the parents could not. Grandpa really had the knack! He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Special thanks to Dr. Dinsmore, Dr. Subbiah, and their caring nurses at Crystal Run Healthcare, the nurses and doctors at Orange Regional Medical Center, and Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, as well as Dr. Sidorowicz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, August 28th at The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan, Inc. 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550 or Catholic Charities Development Office 27 Matthews Street, Goshen, NY, 10924.

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COLLEGE NEWS:

News from SUNY Oswego

Local students are among the more than 1,500 students who have reserved places as freshmen at SUNY Oswego for fall 2018. Classes begin Aug. 27 at SUNY Oswego

Angelina Fontana of Wawanda Avenue in Liberty last attended Liberty High School, and intends to major in psychology at SUNY Oswego.

Evan Madison of P.O. Box 536 in Parksville last attended Livingston Manor Central School, and intends to major in music at SUNY Oswego.

Days of Yore...

Today's History

September 8, 1948

There was frost in Frost Valley on the west branch of the Neversink River last Tuesday night. Wm. George, awning dealer and weather recorder for two utilities reported today.

Dr. and Mrs. Wolf of Bloomfield, NJ are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mark Slater. Dr. and Mrs. Wolf have been coming to Grahamsville for 40 years.

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A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

The other day I happened to be looking through my old Betty Crocker's Cookbook and an article that I had clipped out of the farm paper, "Country Folks-NE-W-E", and written by Professor Hobbie Morris in 1991, fell out. As I read the article, entitled **The Last Farmer**, I thought about how farming and land use has changed in Orange County and, even in the Town of Neversink, since the 70's. In the 80's and before, there were at least 8 or 9 dairy farms in or in close proximity to Neversink. Today there are none. Read the following reprint of the article and see what you think.

Two shiny black oval eyes stared at Suzy and her Mother. Towering silently before them stood an imposing black and white animal with large ears. "What's that?" giggled Suzy, pointing at a pale colored bag hanging underneath, four thick like fingers protruding from it. The State museum was closing in 10 minutes. Hardly enough time to see all the exhibits of occupations that once gave New York State an incomparable diversity and charm.

A muscular waxy faced man wearing blue striped coveralls, rubber boots and a "De Kalb Corn" cap pushed back from his reddened brow, was frozen in motion, tossing a dried green colored hay bale.

"Mommy can I push that button?" A raucous symphony of farm sounds suddenly filled the exhibit. A tractor engine roared into life; a hay baler clanked rhythmically; a milking machine pulsated; the clanking of a metal pail on a cement floor; the desperate meows of three yellow kittens chasing a frightened squeaking mouse; the incessant mooing of hungry cattle; old "Rover" barking at nothing in particular - the dusty brown old radio loudly blaring C&W music to an audience of many.

"What happened to the farmers?" quizzed Suzy. Like most New Yorkers Suzy's family lived in the massive, continuous city - Buffabany - that stretched across the state's mid-section: the virtually inhabited areas north and south no longer appealed to the cosmopolitan population. When her mother was Suzy's age she had petted a live "cow" on exhibit at the State Fair. About the same time unannounced the last farmer crossed the state line moving to a more hospitable South Dakota. "I don't know all the reasons, honey," replied her mother. She remembered that farming was always a high risk business; some say riskier than playing high stake poker in Las Vegas. Farmers had to daily contend with unpredictable weather, depressed markets and always increasing operating costs that fluctuated wildly. Many spent recklessly; some couldn't pay their bills or pay enough for reliable help. In time they got old - fell prey to illness and accidents. When they had to quit, their sons and daughters were seldom there to continue the farming tradition.

"Historians have written that these 'custodians of the soil' were good, decent, hardworking people with close, loving families. Their word was their bond; they made the best neighbors when needed and supported their community whole-heartedly. They weren't all saints, to be sure, but there were many good ones.

"Only when they were all gone did we realize how much farmers meant to the economy and the life of the State. A priceless treasure squandered. Stupidly we assumed that we would always see them working the land, tending their animals and contributing in innumerable ways to their communities. We didn't realize enough that beneath this idyllic surface were whirlpools of desperate people hoping to catch some kind of life preserver. City politicians were running the State - raising taxes to fuel never ending spending that seldom, if ever, directly helped protect these 'endangered' citizens. The State's barnyards were similarly stifled- maybe terminally so - by an avalanche of mindless bureaucratic red tape. In trying to appease the gods of efficiency and control, the farmer eventually lost his heart and soul, some say even his ethics and freedom. This highly individualistic and freedom-loving person had been devoured by the 'system'."

Did farmers represent the past and not the future? Were fifty new houses better than fifty acres of corn, and food from the laboratory tastier than from Mother Earth? Rolling silently into the ground throughout the State were the last vestiges of thousands of now bleak and abandoned farms. The once beautifully cared for land lay unused; desolate; overgrown and unloved. Even the once joyously singing birds have muted their cries as if in mourning for those who were stewards of the land. Maybe the birds sensed what we didn't - until it was too late.

The alienation of the people from the land that sustained them was now complete. The linchpin - the farmers - was broken. Over the P.A. System came "Buzz, buzz." The museum was now closed. Suzy and her Mother walked away from the quiet farm exhibit.

Now it's 2018. If you read the papers, you see that the farmers over Callicoon way are finding it difficult to find a creamery to pick up their milk. Hopefully things will work out for them so they can continue farming. Once land that was used for farming is sold for housing or other purposes, it will never again go back to the way it was. Just look at Orange County with all of it's multi-family housing developments, malls and entertainment centers. Do we want that type of land use in Sullivan County or in the Town of Neversink

Days of Yore...

Today's History (From Pg/ 1)

Vernon Gridley, Jr. entertained Frank Carlsen, Butch Mickelson, Tommy Smith and Philip and Dickie Coombe last Wednesday in honor of Tommy Smith's birthday.

September 3, 1958

The 79th Annual "Little World's Fair" was a success with the Ladies of the Grahamsville and Sundown Methodist Churches disposing of nearly 200 loaves of home made bread besides other baked goods. Mrs. Sarah Bonnell, 99, of Hurleyville won the prize with Mrs. Michael Mullen, 98, of South Fallsburg, a close second.

A letter has been received by the Townsman from P.F.C. Alton Hall, former teacher at Tri-Valley School. He would appreciate hearing from former students and friends.

Pvt. Herbert George, Jr. has returned to Fort Dix after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown.

September 5, 1968

Army Private First Class Dwayne A. Smith, 20, son of Mrs Dorothy Smith, of Claryville, NY was assigned August 13 to the 25th Infantry Division near Dan Tieng, Vietnam, as an infantryman.

On September 5th the Sullivan County Historical Society plans to observe the 190th Anniversary of the Battle of the Chestnut Woods, near Grahamsville with a motorcade around the Lackawack Valley, now flooded by the Rondout Reservoir. The motorcade will make pauses as it is enroute for talks on the history of the Lackawack Valley by such official historians as the Town of Neversink historian, Mrs. Vernon Gridley, Sr. and the Sullivan County historian, Manville B. Wakefield, both of Grahamsville.

On Sunday, August 25th seventy former campers, their children and parents gathered at Camp Shadybrook on Glad Hill, Grahamsville, NY to honor Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wilde, Directors of the Camp. Camp Shadybrook was opened in 1936 and two of the original campers attended Sunday's reunion. The Camp was unique in that so many of the children returned year after year. Some came first at the age of three and as they grew became Camp Helpers, Jr. Counselors and finally Counselors. The Camp is not in operation at the moment.

Mrs. Carl Houghtaling and Miss Louise DuBois have returned home after spending a week in hawaii where Mrs. Houghtaling was able to spend a week with her husband who is serving in Viet Nam.

Airman 1st Class and Mrs. Steven Hill recently returned home from Bunker Hill, Inc. where Steven was stationed at Grisolm A.F.B., formerly Bunker Hill A.F.B. for 27 months. After a 30 day leave he will complete his military duty at Clarke A.F.B. in the Phillipines.

U.S. Air Force Captain Charles N. Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nielsen of Neversink, recently completed his four combat in Southeast Asia. "Since I arrived in Vietnam in July 1967, I've flown 137 missions over the North and South," Captain Nielsen said. The captain, who is scheduled for USAF duty in England, was commissioned in 1959 through the aviation cadet program. He is a 1956 graduate of Tri Valley High School.

September 7, 1978

A garbage dumpster is now located across the road from the Town Barn. Dumping hours are Wednesday, 11 am to 7 pm; Saturday, 9 am to 5pm. Anyone from the Town of Neversink may use the dump, but must purchase a permit at the Town Hall.

SC Budget Again Wins Major Budget Award

(From Pg. 1) "This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization," GFOA Technical Services Center Director Michele Mark Levine wrote in congratulations to Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek.

A panel of judges carefully reviewed more than 1,600 budgets submitted to the GFOA, including Sullivan County's version for the 2018 fiscal year. They judged the budgets on their excellence as policy documents, financial plans, operations guides and communications devices, deeming Sullivan's to be "proficient" in all four categories.

"To have won this award from a major national professional association is testament to the fine work our Management and Budget team, led by Commissioner Janet Young, undertakes every day," Potosek affirmed. "The attention to detail and our focus on responsibility to taxpayers were noticed by the judges, and we aim to continue that record of achievement in 2019's budget, now under development."

"I am immensely proud to note that Sullivan County was one of only three government organizations statewide to receive this prestigious award," said District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, who chairs the Management and Budget Committee of the County Legislature. "It was also the only rural county in New York to achieve this level of excellence, proving that even amidst limited resources, our staff remains committed to peak performance day in and day out."

More information is available at www.gfoa.org.

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.

Weed or Flower

Often wild plants and flowers are considered weeds, but I think a better explanation of a weed is a plant growing where it is not wanted or in a sense considered undesirable. While walking around the yard we spotted a young mullein plant close to the grape vines - that was a weed and had to go! Then



only fifty yards away was another mullein plant that was about the same size, and that one could stay. Officially known as a weed, mullein can be a handsome addition to a garden. This year, there is an abundance of Mullein plants just about everywhere you look

Mullein (*Verbascum*) a tall herbaceous plant of the figwort family, a/k/a grandmother's flannel is known for its soft large, pale green spear-shaped leaves that are covered with a yellowish-white velvety matting. This thick covering of hairs on the leaves and stem acts as a protective coat to reduce moisture loss and prevent attacks by creeping insects. The hairs also cause an intense irritation in the mucous membrane of any grazing animals that may attempt to browse upon them.

The hairs are not confined to the leaves alone, but are also on every part of the stem, on the calyces and on the outside of the corollas, so that the whole plant appears whitish or grey.

Towards the top of the stalk, which grows frequently 4 or even 5 feet high, the much-diminished woolly leaves merge into the thick, densely crowded flower-spike, usually a foot long; the flowers opening here and there on the spike, not in regular progression from the base. The yellow sessile flowers with orange stamens bloom from June to September. The flowers have a faint, pleasant scent that's attractive to bees. The five stamens stand on the corolla; three of them are shorter than the other two and have a large number of tiny white hairs on their filaments. These hairs are full of sap alluring honey bees, as well as other flying insects seeking its nectar who will help pollinate the mullein plant that will reproduce with seeds. The ripened seed capsule is very hard and contains many seeds, which eventually escape through two valves and are scattered round the parent plant.

During its first year, the young mullein plant will produce only a rosette of downy leaves. During the second summer the mullein grows to the long flowering stalk. Mullein prefer mostly dry soils and a sunny position, but will flourish almost anywhere. Once established, it will perpetuate itself by self-sowing.

The down on the leaves and stem makes excellent tinder when quite dry, readily igniting on the slightest spark, and was, before the introduction of cotton, used for lamp wicks, hence another of the old names: 'Candlewick Plant.' The plant's foliage can also serve as blotters, containers for vegetables when cooking in a fire pit, and "gloves" when gathering such thorny herbs as stinging nettles. In pioneer days, girls in the Midwest rubbed their faces with mullein "fur" to bring a rosy flush to their cheeks. Both in Europe and Asia the power of driving away evil spirits was ascribed to the Mullein. It was the mullein that Ulysses, in the ancient classic, took to protect himself against the wiles of Circe.

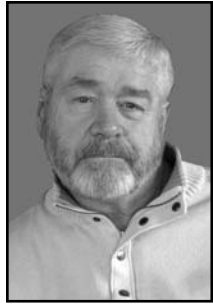
And in the 'olden days' it wasn't unusual for a little girl to clip some of the leaves.. The big leaves make excellent blankets for doll beds!

There are many uses for the tall mullein and its furry leaves. Just use your imagination and you may come up with something to add to the list that supports the fact, Mullein isn't always a weed!

Household Hints

Remove Stains from Stainless Steel Pots

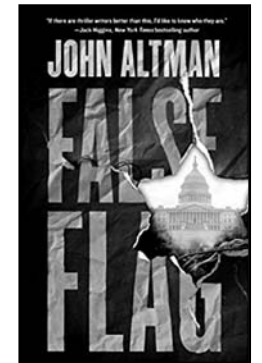
To remove stains from your stainless steel pots and pans, soak them in 2 cups white vinegar for 30 minutes, then rinse them with hot, soapy water followed by a cold-water rinse.



False Flag

Mysterious Book Report No. 322

by John Dwaine McKenna



In the world of espionage, *The business of spies is lies*, which makes it impossible at times, to distinguish between friend and foe . . . because all covert operations are designed to advance the interests and objectives of the spying country. Put it another way and the axiom becomes: TRUST NO ONE. They all lie all the time. And nowhere is this illustrated better than in a thrilling new spy yarn in which a trusted ally and friend becomes a deadly enemy. *False Flag* (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 320 pages, ISBN 978-1-5047-9772-6) by John Altman, posits a scenario in which a rogue Israeli Mossad agent attempts to mount the deadliest terrorist attack the world has ever seen against the United States, while leaving behind a set of clues that implicate Iran. In spy jargon it's known as a false flag, and the hope of the renegade agency is to create an incident which will lead one's ally and friend – the USA – to go to war in retaliation against the enemy state. Which, in this case is Iran, where crowds routinely chant: Death to America and Death to Israel, with depressing regularity. The plot is accidentally uncovered by an elderly Israeli-born woman named Dalia Artzi, who's a lecturer at Princeton University in the art, tactics and history of warfare. And although she's considered a genius in her field, Dalia's life experiences have left her a pacifist, and her only son a prisoner in the hands of Islamic fanatics. She's reluctant at first, to get involved. But her strong Jewish faith, which has instilled in her a desire to try and make the world a better place, compel her to do otherwise. And so, Dalia is pitted against another Israeli citizen, a young Mossad agent known only as Jana, who's as deadly as she is dedicated and beautiful. Thus begins a game of hide-and-seek-to-destroy that begins in Washington state and culminates in Washington, D.C., with stakes that are impossibly high, to prevent an act that's unspeakably evil. *False Flag* is so eerily prescient and electrifying that readers of all ages and sizes will find it hard to put down. It's a thriller of thrillers because it's so entirely possible, and utterly plausible in today's raucous, unstable, uncivil, unpeaceful and war-torn world. *False Flag* is bound to become a classic among spy novels! Like the review . . . let your friends know, *You saw it in the Mysterious Book Report* . . . The greatest compliment you can give, is to like us and share it with others on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Goodreads, Instagram.

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Interview With The Author: John Altman

by John Dwaine McKenna

Our conversation this week is with John Altman, the best-selling author of *False Flag*, the spy thriller that's reviewed in *Mysterious Book Report No. 322*. Thanks for speaking with us today. I know you're busy so let's get to it. Our first question is:



John Altman

How did your first book get published? How long did it take?

It took thirteen years of effort – and thirteen novels written but unpublished-before I managed to get published. During that time I had multiple literary agents, and some interest from publishers, but nothing ever clicked.

The book that finally sold was inspired by Ken Follett's *The Eye of the Needle* – and, interestingly, was bought by the very same editor who had published *The Eye of the Needle* almost a quarter-century before!

Wow! That's grace under fire, courage, according to Mr. Hemmingway, because dealing with rejection is one of the most difficult things a writer has to face. Many can't.

Does your style make use of adjectives and adverbs?

Yes, I use some adjective and adverbs. I think of Stephen King's advice -'The road to hell is paved with adverbs'. And while I see his point, in terms of clean prose, I also find his earlier work, which was more liberal with adverbs and adjectives, to be more vivid and readable than some of his more recent 'better' stuff. Adverbs and adjectives are kind to the reader, and do some of the heavy lifting in terms of helping him/her picture the story. Of course, all things in moderation.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Don't give up. And don't wait for inspiration. Inspiration can't strike if your butt is not in the chair ready to write. And your manuscript can't cross the desk of the perfect editor at the perfect time if you don't keep putting yourself out there.

Do you read your reviews? How do you deal with a negative review?

I wish I didn't read my reviews, because a bad one can throw me into a spin. But I do. I can't resist. Writing is such a solitary thing that after a year or more spent wrestling with the same book, chained to my desk by myself, I'm hungry to get the reactions of other people.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

I think all of my characters are autobiographical, the same way every character in a dream represents an aspect of the dreamer - these stories all come from one mind, and so one mind is supplying all the details. Even if we think

they are someone else, they are our perception of someone else, built from what we understand about ourselves. Of course, these characters represent only aspects, not wholes.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

A combination. I start with a character or group of characters in a situation and then watch them react. But I have some major plot beats in mind to aim for-usually a big one in each act of a three-act structure.

Who's your favorite literary character?

I don't have one favorite. Gus and Call from Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove* come to mind as amazing characters-taken together, they illustrate so much about the human condition. I've recently been reading the original James Bond books and am surprised at how much character, and how much character arc, one finds there, as compared to the movies. Speaking of movies and character arc, I recently rewatched *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and was struck by Indiana's character arc, which I missed the first few times I saw the movie. (I know, this is a cinematic character and not literary, but bear with me.) Early in the movie, he expressed disdain for supernatural talk, and displays a willingness to give up anything in pursuit of his goals. By the end he has learned humility before the divine and wants to save Marion instead of gaining the Ark. It's fairly subtle . . .

Geez . . . altruism in Gollywood . . . who knew! Thanks again for speaking with us today. Your answers have been insightful, honest and thought-provoking and we appreciate you sharing them with the *Mysterious Book Report* and our readers. Please let us know when your next project is ready to launch.

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BIO:

John Altman lives in Princeton, New Jersey with his wife and children. A graduate of Harvard University, he is the author of seven thrillers. His books have sold more than a quarter-million copies in the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Japan, Poland, and the Netherlands. In addition to writing fiction, he has worked as a teacher, musician, and freelance writer. His next book, *THE KOREAN WOMAN*, will be published early in 2019.

More Municipalities to Improve Zoning for Business Owners Through County Funding still available for projects - apply by September 14th

Monticello, NY - Bethel, Highland, and Monticello will join the towns of Liberty and Thompson in launching projects under Sullivan County's new Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting Program. All were awarded funding to improve their zoning and permitting processes, and the Division of Planning and Community Development still has funds available for municipalities who wish to do the same.

The Town of Bethel has been awarded \$5,625 to amend their code to allow the Planning Board the author-

ity to waive specific requirements relating to accessory structures. As a result, the Town will streamline their development review practices to make them more efficient, less costly and faster.

The Town of Highland has been awarded \$7,500 to complete updates to their zoning law to attract quality commercial development in the Town.

The Village of Monticello has been awarded \$9,000 to address inconsistencies in their zoning code and to explore different approaches to zoning to make the Village's commercial core more conducive to business development.

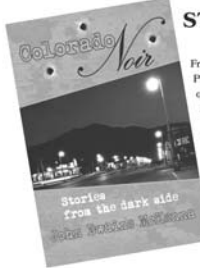
"I encourage municipalities to think both outside the box and about simple changes that they can make to reduce the burden for businesses. Actions such as simplifying permitting processes to reduce fees, time, and variances, as well as reducing or waiving fees for small-scale projects with generally low impacts, are a good place to start," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee.

"Many businesses and developers that have been through the development review process in Sullivan County communities have thoughts about how to improve it. They should contact their local supervisor or mayor with their ideas and to encourage applications," remarked Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "Funding is available to support the costs of attorneys, planners and other professionals, permit-tracking technology, and related expenses."

Administered by the Division of Planning and Community Development, the grant guidelines and application form are available on the Division's page at www.SullivanNY.us under "Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities." Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on September 14.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist municipalities with project development and applications. For more information, contact Shannon Cilento at Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us or call 845-807-0529.

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The Olive Jar- By Carol LaMonda Not-Going-Back-To-School Shopping

This is about the time I would panic when I still worked as a teacher. I would lie awake wondering how I was going to paint the bedroom, clean the closet, organize the kitchen cabinets, power-wash the house and computerize all my recipes in the week that remained before I returned to school. Labor Day was a deadline I never met.

Now I still have a list of chores to do, but I will spread them out over the remainder of my lifetime....or not!

I still feel the urge to buy new composition books and pens, but I resist because I still have a lifetime supply of pencils, erasers, staples and such. I no longer care about shopping for a new outfit to start the school year. Instead, I look at the Back-to-School ads and remember the years of first day wardrobe choices my mom chose for me. Growing up in Staten and Long Island, a returning to the classroom outfit was either a plaid dress or corduroy jumper. Everything was matched. I would call up at least four girl friends to make sure we were okay with the "Fashion Police." For some reason, the fashion community wanted to foist its fall line of clothing on un-suspecting parents who didn't realize that the first day back to school will be ninety degrees outside and a 110 degrees in a classroom with no air-conditioning.

Besides, nowadays all the cool kids will be wearing ripped jeans and some old shirt that looks like it came out of the rag bag. They will, however, be wearing some shoe or sneaker that costs as much as a used Mercedes sports coupe.

Like a firehouse dog on alert to the fire siren, I do get a sense of ANGST around this time. For almost sixty years I started a new school year: kindergarten, elementary, junior high, high school, college, getting my own kids off to school, and then teaching. I still have nightmares about forgetting my schedule, being late, being unprepared, and being unpopular. School brings out our insecurities.

However, on Wednesday, September 5, when the kiddies return to the classroom, I shall be donning my most comfortable sweat pants drinking two cups of coffee and not worry about being late, or lost, or popular. For the twelfth year I will not be going back to school.

Wacky Waffles are a Special Treat at Fallsburg High School

(From Pg. 1) The class collaborated closely with each other and learned to distribute roles and responsibilities. Some kids were active designers of the restaurant (classroom); some designed uniforms and menus. They used language skills in writing scripts, by creating place mats with games to amuse the children waiting for their orders, and in writing up research on visits to other restaurants. These students became a tight-knit business!

The service was outstanding, with waiters and waitresses taking careful orders from several tables of students and staff from other classes for two seatings during the morning. The kitchen crew was busy keeping the waffles and special toppings coming to each table in a timely manner.

Special acknowledgement goes out to Liberty Shop-Rite and Ms. Theresa Allen for providing more than 100 multi-grain waffles, a case of whipped cream and some ice cream. Congratulations to these fourth graders for a project well-done.

Hunting Opportunity in the Hudson Valley

Women hunters! If you don't have a place to hunt or are looking for a new place to hunt, see below about a hunting program in Ulster County.

The Mohonk Preserve in Ulster County consists of about 8,000 acres of privately-owned land, with about 7,000 of those acres open to permitted deer hunting. The preserve's deer hunting program not only provides a recreational opportunity, but also serves an ecological purpose by reducing deer numbers to improve native understory vegetation. The Preserve is looking for hunters who would be interested in hunting at Mohonk this year. All hunters must attend a Hunting information session, have a valid NYS hunting license, and obtain a permit from the preserve.

Four hunting information sessions have been scheduled and are open to new hunters and returning hunters who have not previously attended a hunter information session prior to 2016.

You can learn more about their program and view the season dates and guidelines on their hunting webpage.

Registration for the hunting program is now open. For more information, please contact Megan Napoli mnapoli@mohonkpreserve.org.

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Nonprofits Welcome to Apply for County Funding

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature encourages not-for-profit agencies to apply for consideration of inclusion in the Legislative Discretionary Contract Program.

The application process helps the Legislature identify local entities, including community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County, which have specific needs or Countywide significance by tying applicants to identified County and municipal goals. The applicant must be a not-for-profit agency or civic organization

operating within Sullivan County but that is not part of County government.

The application deadline is September 30, 2018 and can be undertaken in one of the following ways:

- o Complete the application on-line via fillable PDF form on the Sullivan County website, www.sullivanny.us (click on "Application and Guidelines For Legislative Contracts (Program Year 2019)" under Helpful Links).

- o Submit the application and supporting documentation as email attachments to Michelle Huck atmichelle.huck@co.sullivan.ny.us.

- o Mail or hand-deliver the printed application and supporting documentation to the Office of the Sullivan County Manager, c/o Michelle Huck, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applications will be reviewed by the County Legislature during the annual budget process.

Recycling Presentations Available to Community Groups!

Monticello, NY -The Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling invites civic groups, libraries, businesses and public service organizations to take advantage of a free recycling lecture series. Nationwide, recyclable and compostable materials make up almost three-quarters of the trash sent to landfills for disposal each year. Making more productive use of these materials is a top priority, since garbage exported and buried in landfills requires lots of fuel to transport, generates greenhouse gases and costs money to manage properly.

One way to help protect the environment in Sullivan County is to recycle and compost as much as possible. Thus the Department of Solid Waste and Recycling is pleased to offer recycling education services and compost information to Sullivan County residents, businesses and civic groups.

"Recycling, waste reduction & composting save not just money but also the environment of Sullivan County," states District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "More recycling & composting means less garbage that residents, businesses and visitors have to throw away. I encourage community groups to schedule a free workshop/presentation soon to help us share this important news with residents and businesses."

To request a presentation and for additional information about composting, waste reduction, household hazardous chemicals, recycling and reuse, please contact the Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290 or visit sullivanny.us/Departments/SolidWasteRecycling.

Sullivan County DEC Officer Honored as New York's Top Wildlife Police

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO) Ricky Wood was recently honored with the "Wildlife Officer of the Year" Award from the Shikar Safari Club International.

"DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers are on the frontlines daily protecting New York's wildlife, natural resources, and citizens," Commissioner Seggos said. "Throughout his career, ECO Wood has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment that has justifiably earned him the respect of the public and his peers. I extend my congratulations to him on this well-deserved honor." Shikar-Safari International Club was founded in 1952

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by an international group of hunters interested in exchanging ideas about the sport and to promote the ethical and conservation-minded hunting of big game animals, primarily in Asia and Africa. In 1966, the Shikar-Safari International Foundation was formed to support various wildlife conservation projects with funds raised by club members.

Each year, the club sponsors an award for the Wildlife Officer of the Year in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and the territories of both nations.

ECO Wood graduated from SUNY Cobleskill in 2002. He attended DEC's 17th Basic School for Uniformed Officers at the DEC Training Academy and graduated in 2007. After graduation he was assigned to patrol Suffolk County in Long Island and is currently stationed in Sullivan County, where he has been on patrol for the past 10 years. In 2013, ECO Wood was selected to train as a K-9 officer.

ECO Wood is a self-motivated professional who fully embraces his role as an ECO. His work ethic and enthusiasm set an outstanding example for other officers to follow. He often volunteers to speak at hunter education classes to promote ethical and safe hunting practices. He is routinely requested by the community to attend and speak at large events, including outreach sessions to educate the public on conservation and hunting laws. ECO Ricky Wood represents the Division of Law Enforcement with courage, pride, and professionalism.

ECO Wood was a Sportsmen Education Instructor prior to becoming an ECO, teaching for two years at Wawarsing Sportsman Club in Ulster County.

In his spare time, ECO Wood likes to hunt, fish, and spend time outdoors with his family. He also likes to spend time training with his partner K-9 Deming. ECO Wood resides in Hurleyville with his wife April and two children, Ashlin, 16, and John, 10.

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ry of canal history materials, which County Historian John Conway recently described as likely the best of its kind available in the County.



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Titles at the bookshop include some largely unavailable elsewhere. "Reminiscences" (371 pages, indexed, by John Willard Johnston) is a first-person, sharp-tongued narrative. The author was a Barryville resident who pulls no punches in recalling the people and places of this section of the canal's

history. His account begins with canal surveyors in his childhood and runs through to its 1898 closure.

Another difficult-to-find title is "The Raging Canal," edited by Audrey Graybill and illustrated by Barbara Briden (softcover, 277 pages). This colorful compilation of contemporary newspaper accounts includes the experiences and misadventures of workers, passengers and adjoining residents, as well as business stories related to the D&H Canal between 1870 and 1902.

The shop also offers Cliff Robinson Jr.'s novel "Canalboat," a modern-day thriller tied to D&H Canal history (221 pages).

"The Gravity Railroad" is a DVD offering and chapter one in a guided tour of the remains of the Gravity Railroad and D&H Canal, produced by the Delaware and Hudson Transportation Heritage Council.

Other valuable reference titles include "The Delaware & Hudson Canal and the Gravity Railroad," an illustrated history by Matthew Osterberg, (128 pages); "The Delaware and Hudson Canal" by Edwin D. LeRoy (9th printing, 95pages) and "From the Coalfields to the Hudson" by Larry Rosenthal (314 pages).

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The Game's Afoot - Murderously Funny Mayhem at the Rivoli

From Pg. 1) Under the able direction of Kim Schneeberger and Harold Tighe, the talented cast features Alan Charney, Taylor Lamerand, Ellen Pavloff, Kim Schneeberger, Rick Shafstein, Constance Slater, Heather Strauss and Derk Vanwolde, Jr. Lillian Tighe is Producer, Jim Schmidt, Technical Director, Jim Fedroff is Stage Manager with Set Design by Harold Tighe and Costume Design by Ed Berens.


Performances are Friday and Saturday nights, September 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8:00 pm and Sunday afternoons, September 9, 16 at 2:00 pm. General Admission is \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors (60+), Students (with valid ID), Military and Veterans. Tickets will be available for all performances at the Box Office one hour prior to curtain or can be purchased online in advance. For information, log onto www.SCDW.net or phone (845) 436-5336. The Game's Afoot is sponsored by Harold and Lillian Tighe and produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Looking for Local History Books & DVDs?

Summitville, NY - With the widespread disappearance of retail book stores, it's becoming more difficult for folks who like to browse shelves instead of computer screens to find reading material, especially those items that don't fall under the heading of mass media releases.

In an effort to address this problem, the Interpretive Center at Lock 50, at Sullivan County's Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Canal Linear Park, maintains an invento-

The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...



... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. Each year, as summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

Neversink History Afternoon at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1)

Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the Town of Neversink or has historical items or photographs to share, is encouraged to attend. Admission is FREE and includes admission to the Museum's three floors of exhibitions.



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:

- o 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.
- o 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.
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sive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. 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.

First Local Blue Star Memorial To Be Dedicated September 9

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency and the Community Garden Club of Liberty warmly invite the public to the dedication of the Blue Star Memorial Marker just installed at the Government Center in Monticello.



"This is the newest addition to the area where we honor those who served and their families," notes Veterans Service Agency Director John Crotty. "And it is a fitting tribute to our servicemembers past and present, from a group - the Garden Club - that is similarly invested in protecting and enhancing the place they call home." "We are so very pleased and honored to be able to contribute this marker and the plantings that surround it," said Garden Club member Judy Bergstrom, chair of the Blue Star Memorial Committee. "We intend to maintain this small section of the Government Center's North Street lawn in perpetuity, constantly reminding passersby to never forget the deep sacrifices made by those serving in our armed forces - and their loved ones."

On September 9 at 1 p.m., the Club and Veterans Agency will host a formal dedication ceremony at the marker, which will include local veterans, Boy Scouts, clergy and dignitaries. The public is encouraged to attend and show support for those currently in the service of our nation. The event will be held inside the Government Center in case of rain.

The Community Garden Club of Liberty is a member of the National Garden Clubs, originator and sponsor of Blue Star and Gold Star Memorials across the U.S. While the Liberty Club has existed for 80 years, the Monticello marker is the first of its kind in Sullivan County. For more information on the Club's activities or the dedication ceremony, contact Judy Bergstrom at 845-794-7631 or jeb-whb24@yahoo.com.

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Joan Giordano, Overview (1993 - 2018)

Livingston Manor, NY-The Catskill Art Society will present Overview (1993 - 2018), a major exhibition of works by Joan Giordano, a Roscoe and New York City based artist, on view at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, September 1 - October 27. Giordano has participated in more than fifty museum and gallery exhibitions both nationally and internationally, including and not limited to The National Museum of Art, Santiago, Chile; Museo Del Corso, Florence, Italy; Santa Maria Della Scala, Siena, Italy; Gallery Brocken, Tokyo, Japan; Art Link Gallery, South Korea; Fiberart International, Pittsburgh, PA; Stevens Institute, NJ; The Holden Fine Arts Center, University of Wisconsin; The Montclair Art Museum, NJ; the Knoxville Museum of Art, TN; and The Athens School of Fine Arts, Greece. This exhibition brings together 25 years of Giordano's work with primarily paper.



Joan Giordano, *Epoch*, 65" x 75" x 5", *International newspapers, corrugated scraps, wall-paper, texts, paint and encaustic.*

The earliest work on view *Ancient Terrain*, 1993 and *Tighter Ties*, 1995 feature the artist's exploration with the malleability of copper and paper, giving the feeling of artifacts created many millennia before. Her series "Presences" continues with an inspection of the architectural quality of paper. Giordano renders anthropomorphic forms from kozo paper, hanging them from thin steel fasteners floating from the wall. The seven works take on a spiritual reality in physical terms - something of a contradiction, and together feel like a communal gathering, much like those in places of worship.

In Giordano's recent work, she has contemporized her wall reliefs by including rolled sheets of newspaper; she began this practice in response to the elections of 2016 in America. Doing so added color, in the form of photos with differing hues, to a mostly off-white construction. *Free Press*, 2016 is a squared relief work whose center consists of rolls of colorful newspaper; around it, we find a whitish frame of paper, some of it covered with Asian characters, with accents of tightly corrugated red material lending vibrancy. *Epoch* (2016) is a collection of textures, including the rolled newspapers that are now part of

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Giordano's materials. The surfaces of the squared panels making up the relief are various and offer strong painterly interest--we remember that Giordano began as a painter. Saturday, September 1 - Artist Talk and Opening Reception CAS will host an Artists Talk on at 3pm, followed immediately by a free Opening Reception and catalog release party from 4-6pm. Refreshments will be served and admission is free and open to the public. Overview (1993 - 2018) is on view during regular gallery hours, Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free.

About the Catskill Art Society

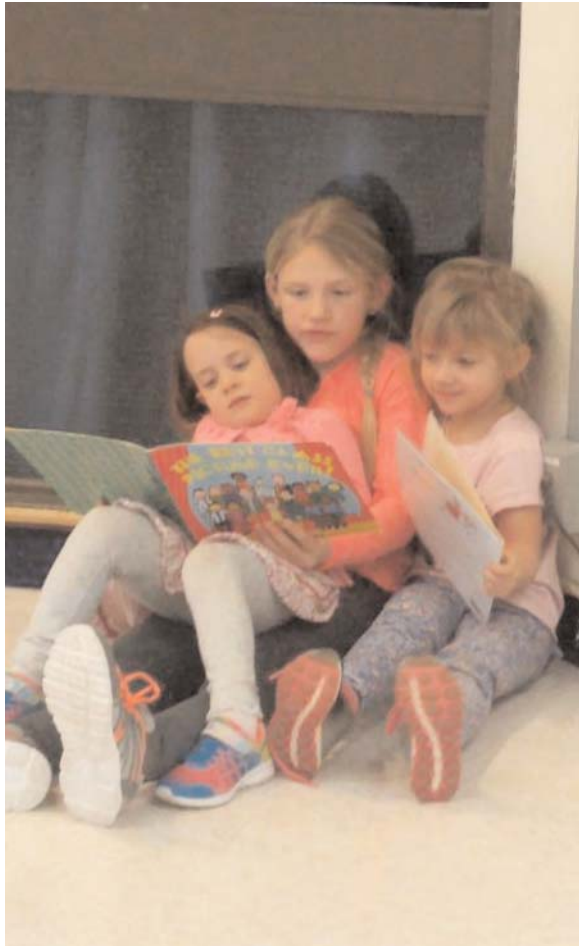
The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit organization cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes visual art galleries, a multi-purpose teaching studio, a clay studio, and an art library with digital learning resources. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

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

Frost Valley Offers School-age Child Care at Tri-Valley

Claryville - With school just around the corner, Frost Valley YMCA is preparing for another exciting year of School-age Child Care at Tri-Valley Elementary School. The program is offered to students in Kindergarten to sixth grade after school until 5:45 p.m.

Frost Valley's School-age Child Care gives children values-driven programming in a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment. Children enrolled in the program will enjoy a healthy snack, time for homework or reading, age-specific activities, and structured programs such as sports, crafts, games, and more. The cost of the program is \$13 per day. Limited bussing is available for a small additional fee. The bus leaves the school at 5 p.m.



“Quality school-age child care is crucial for a healthy community,” says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. “Not only does it give children a positive and safe place to go after school, it also gives parents much-needed peace of mind that allows them to complete their work day without the stress of worrying about their children's care.”

Research shows that attending an afterschool program can improve a student's academic performance, particularly in reading and math. It can also improve classroom behavior, school attendance, academic aspirations, and reduce the likelihood a student will drop out. Afterschool programs save working families and businesses billions of dollars annually in lost productivity due to worker absenteeism created by a lack of quality child care.

Since only about 10 spots remain, families who are interested in registering their child for the Frost Valley School-age Child Care Program at Tri-Valley Elementary School should call 845-985-2291 right away to ensure their child's spot.

FCSD Welcomes New Interim Principal at FHS

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) is pleased to welcome Ms. Dalila Serrano as Interim Principal at the



Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School. After approval by the Board of Education on August 1, Ms. Serrano was in her new office bright and early the next morning. She is enthusiastic about working with the staff, students and parents in the Fallsburg community. As a child, her family spent several summer days in nearby Swan Lake, and she learned to appreciate the climate in the mountains and the changing seasons and scenery.

Ms. Serrano received degrees from Hunter College in New York City with a B.S. in Health Education and Counseling; and an M.S. in Special Education. She earned an Advanced Certificate in School Administration and Supervision from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

She has been teaching and administering in the public school system since the early 1990's. Her administration service includes serving as a high school Dean of Students, Assistant Principal of Administration, and, most recently Assistant Principal

at Monroe-Woodbury High and Middle Schools.

One of her earliest experiences as a new Health Education teacher was co-teaching with a Special Education teacher. Ms. Serrano was immediately inspired by how this teacher worked with children with various learning complexities. She was sensitive to the needs of these children before she entered this classroom because one of her children was diagnosed with autism at a very early age.

Fallsburg's Interim Principal has loved being in the service of children. “We may not be able to change the world,” she says. “But we can motivate children to effect change.” She was ready for this new challenge when the colleagues at Monroe Woodbury encouraged her to apply for the job at FCSD.

Ms. Serrano researched the demographics in the District, and she was drawn by the diversity of the children. Increasing parent engagement in the schools is a major objective, and, as fully bilingual, she can speak with proficiency to English and Spanish speaking families.

Other goals of Ms. Serrano are improving student achievement scores and involvement in the school. In her words, “We have the power to impact student lives. They can set new norms for their siblings; they can bolster their employability, and learn about good health care and better living.” She looks forward to making good connections with students and parents. “A little effort now will have great benefits in the future” is Dalila Serrano's motto for her new position.

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Governor Cuomo Announces Opening of New Expo Center at the 2018 GreatNew York State Fair

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo officially marked the opening of the brand-new Exposition Center at the New York State Fairgrounds with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The 136,000-square-foot Expo Center, the largest indoor events space north of New York City between Boston and Cleveland, was unveiled during the kick-off of the 2018 Great New York State Fair. The new facility, and the recently completed renovation of the Fair's Orange parking lot, complete the second phase of the Governor's plan to revitalize the State Fairgrounds. The improvements complement Central NY Rising, the region's strategy to boost the local economy.

"The new Exposition Center is a welcome addition to the Fairgrounds that will not only help bolster State Fair attendance, but provide an event space capable of hosting a record number of visitors year-round," Governor Cuomo said. "By boosting tourism and attracting businesses from across the country, the uniquely situated Expo Center will deliver lasting economic benefits to keep Central New York rising for generations to come."

"The new Expo Center continues the revitalization of the fairgrounds, improving the fair experience and attracting more visitors to our Great New York State Fair," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "The Expo Center's opening today creates a new space to host events and shows capable of holding a record number of people. The new center will continue to build local communities and grow the economy of Central New York."

The Expo Center, with 110,000 square feet of clear-span floor space, has the capacity to hold more than 500, 10'-by-10' trade show booths. The massive venue, which also features 4,000 retractable seats, will attract major shows and special events, including car, boat, and RV shows, pet expos, consumer and trade shows, home and garden shows, tech expos and more-many of which were previously unable to come to upstate New York due to the lack of suitable space. The Expo Center increases the amount of available indoor space on the Fairgrounds to more than 450,000 square feet.

Last year at the opening of the 2017 Fair, Governor Cuomo announced the Request for Proposals for the Expo Center design-build project was being issued by the Office of General Services. As a result of special legislation for design-build granted in the Governor's 2017-2018 Budget, the project was designed, constructed, and completed in less than one year - in time for the 2018 Fair - by a number of New York State firms including design/builder HBP Joint Venture, a joint venture between Hueber-Breuer Construction (Syracuse) and

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The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

OK, who stole my balmy summer nights? I was at a private party Saturday night and almost everyone had jackets. Not me though. Oh no. Late that afternoon while steaming my spaghetti strap, beautifully drape-y party dress, I realized I'd probably freeze, so I opted for my favorite maxi skirt and crocheted tank. I can hear my mom now: "You're going to freeze". 58 degrees...and I froze. At 8AM Sunday morning, I dug out my sweats before going to check on my friend's beautiful white kitty while she's away. I am NOT ready to say goodbye to summer!!!!

So, to ease my grumpy soul, I ditched the sweats (but kept the long sleeves and long pants) and headed out for not one but two of my favorite places on Sunday. My first stop was the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville where I had the best blueberry-lemon scone. No live music though (pout), so off I went to Cabernet Frank's in Parksville for their Clam Bake and the music of the remarkable Sara Hulse! Her style stands alone, and now teamed with Brendan Gosson's guitar and fiddle, there's a different richness to the music. I'm always running so I'm always just hearing snippets but I have promised myself the time very soon to just sit and listen for an entire evening. And beat time on my leg. And smile

This coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday, is an event that I heard about quite by accident. It is going to be at The Farm House Project in Callicoon. And then I found out MIZ is kicking off the event. You've read about Mike right here before and I am more than willing to travel to see him. And he is icing on this cake. The Farm House Project itself is intriguing and the vendor that informed me about this is top notch so I'm looking forward to browsing the others.

So when talking with Sara, I find another event I hadn't heard of, also this coming weekend: The Cornstalk Festival in Tunkhannock, PA. Sara is, of course, performing, (as is MIZ) in this is a Blues and Folk Fest, which is infinitely appealing, what excited Sara and then myself was how family friendly this is with workshop after workshop for kids and adults..everything from learning an instrument even if you've never played to yodeling! Yodeling? My Sunday is free. Hmmm. What a great skill THAT would be, especially useful when you're tired of listening to someone.

On that note, until next time...

Both events have Facebook pages and are easy to Google.

The Pike Company (Rochester); architect and engineer QPK Design (Syracuse); and owner's representatives Gilbane Building Company and C&S Companies (Syracuse).

The Governor also announced that the New York State Department of Transportation has completed a \$27 million redesign and modernization of the Orange Lot, the Great New York State Fair's largest parking lot. Improvements to the 65-acre lot to improve access, enhance safety and significantly expand capacity, began last fall. More than 7,000 parking spaces are available in the freshly paved lot, up from the 4,000 to 5,000 that were available last year on a dirt surface. Access improvements will reduce delays from traffic backing up onto the Exit 7 ramps to Interstate 690, easing congestion during peak travel times.

In early August, NYSDOT opened a new exit ramp to Interstate 690 west from the western end of the Orange Lot, allowing direct access to I-690 from the State Fair and Onondaga County amphitheater. The new ramp will improve the flow and circulation of traffic exiting the Orange Lot, and help reduce delays for vehicles leaving the lot. Prior to the opening of this ramp, vehicles could only exit the Orange Lot from the Exit 7 area of I-690 during events scheduled outside of the Fair. The new ramp provides an additional exit point for vehicles to access I-690 in the westbound direction during all events.

An EZ-Pass Plus tolling system and cash lanes are also new to the Orange and Brown Lots this year. In addition, new LED lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian refuge areas were added to make it even easier to walk to and from the Fair. Three new bus stops with bus shelters were also installed, along with signage and an extensive drainage system for the entire lot.

The improvements mark the completion of Phase 2 of Governor Cuomo's revitalization plan. Phase 1 of the transformation plan included a full-service RV park for 313 campers and a larger, relocated Midway area that allows for more open space for Fair programming and non-Fair events. A new Main Gate entrance was also built, along with a new exhibit area for the New York State Police, and the Sky

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Since the beginning of renovations, State Fair attendance has grown by more than 28 percent and non-Fair event estimated attendance has grown 57 percent from 2016 to 2017.

Fair Programming - During the 2018 State Fair, the Expo Center will showcase New York's bounty of outdoor attractions with a temporary ice rink as a centerpiece to host hockey, figure skating, broomball and other special events. When not in use for events, the rink will be open for free public skating. Skates will be available free of charge as well. Activities related to the Winter Olympics will be featured to highlight New York State's legacy as the home of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic games, as well as a major Olympic training facility in Lake Placid.

The I LOVE NEW YORK exhibit that debuted last year in the Center of Progress Building has moved to the new Expo Center to highlight more of the state's natural wonders. The theme of this year's I LOVE NEW YORK experience is "All Year. All Here." Fairgoers can experience New York State's four seasons and capture photos in various selfie stations. Visitors can ride a luge; test their golf swing; tour a canal boat; navigate through a corn maze; see classic, dirt and race cars; and sample Taste NY beer, wine, spirits and products. Free snacks will be provided at 3:00 p.m. every day, courtesy of JetBlue. New York State's annual tourism-themed sand sculpture will be sculpted live for fairgoers in the Expo Center as well.

New Non-Fair Events

The Expo Center is expected to host major programming throughout the upcoming year. After the Fair, the Expo Center will host several events in 2018 that are new to upstate including:

o The Taste NY Fall Festival, October 12-13: This event will feature vendors from across New York State, who will sell locally produced and manufactured food and beverages, highlighting local and regional cuisines and showcasing the diversity of the state. The family-friendly festival will feature pumpkin patches and pumpkin carving, amusement rides and farm petting zoos so children can see how food is raised, grown and produced.

o The HITS Indoor Championships, October 24-28: This new event is a competition for Junior and Amateur horse riders at the beginning and intermediate levels in order to continue to develop the sport at the grass roots level.

o The FlyFast Drone Racing Competition and Showcase, November 10-11: This event is a set of racing competitions for amateurs and professionals. A variety of courses will be offered for the competitors to fly through as well as courses for testing the intricate skills of pilots. The Showcase will include drone flying lessons for first time pilots and workshops and clinics for developing drone operators and racers. It will also include a marketplace for attendees to shop for the latest drone technology. The event highlights the Governor's investment in unmanned aerial vehicle technology, as the area between Syracuse and Rome has been designated one of only a handful of drone testing corridors in the nation.

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Sheriff's Deputies Extradite Man Wanted in Connection with Sullivan County Burglaries

On July 14, 2018, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Patrol was called to investigate a burglary at 37 Thompson Road in the Town of Thompson. At the scene, the homeowner advised that some jewelry and two check books had been taken. The investigation revealed that on July 11, 2018, a male subject walked into a bank in Milford, PA and cashed one of the stolen checks. On July 13, 2018, the same man attempted to cash another check at a bank in the Village of Bloomingburg, but when the teller became suspicious, the man fled. Later that day, the man went to a bank on Route 211 in the Town of Wallkill and was able to cash the stolen check. Using video surveillance, sheriff's deputies were able to get a good picture of the perpetrator.

On July 23, a new burglary was reported at the same residence at 37 Thompson Road. Based on the suspect's appearance in the bank video and other information that was developed, sheriff's detectives began to believe that they may be looking for a construction worker who was on a job in the Monticello area. On July 24, 2018 the trail led the Sheriff's Patrol to the Kartrite water park construction site in Kiamesha Lake. At that location sheriff's deputies arrested Justin L. Georgia, age 30, of the Village of Trumansburg, Tompkins County, NY. The suspect was a union mason working for a construction company on the water park project. Detectives initially charged Georgia with the class D Felony of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property - 3rd Degree, for the stolen checks, while they built the burglary case against him. In the meantime, he was sent to Watkins Glen, NY where he was wanted by the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office on an indictment charging two burglaries that occurred in March. The next day, July 25, 2018, Sullivan County Sheriff's Detectives executed a search warrant on Georgia's car and found approximately \$5,000 worth of tools that had been taken from the water park construction site. Detectives also found a folder in the car containing the names, dates of birth, copies of drivers' licenses and social security numbers belonging to some of Justin Georgia's coworkers.

When the investigation was complete, detectives realized that Georgia was committing the burglaries on his lunch hour and then returning to work at the construction site. It is believed that in some cases he drove upstate after getting off work, committed burglaries and then returned to Sullivan County later that evening. Police in Ithaca are investigating Georgia in connection with burglaries in their area.

On August 22, 2018, Justin Georgia was transported from the Schuyler County Jail to Sullivan County. He was arraigned before Town of Thompson Judge Sharon Jankiewicz on the two counts of Felony Burglary in the 2nd Degree and an additional charge of Felony Possession of Stolen Property 3rd Degree. He was remanded to jail without bail. His next court date is November 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff expressed relief at Georgia's arrest. "This guy was a one man crime wave", said the Sheriff. "I'm glad we got him off the street".

Nonprofits Welcome to Apply for County Funding

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature encourages not-for-profit agencies to apply for consideration of inclusion in the Legislative Discretionary Contract Program.

The application process helps the Legislature identify local entities, including community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County, which have specific needs or Countywide significance by tying applicants to identified County and municipal goals. The applicant must be a not-for-profit agency or civic organization operating within Sullivan County but that is not part of County government.

The application deadline is September 30, 2018 and can be undertaken in one of the following ways:

- o Complete the application on-line via fillable PDF form on the Sullivan County website, www.sullivanny.us (click on "Application and Guidelines For Legislative Contracts (Program Year 2019)" under Helpful Links).
- o Submit the application and supporting documentation as email attachments to Michelle Huck atmichelle.huck@co.sullivan.ny.us.
- o Mail or hand-deliver the printed application and supporting documentation to the Office of the Sullivan County Manager, c/o Michelle Huck, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

Applications will be reviewed by the County Legislature during the annual budget process.

Statement from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on the Passing of Senator John McCain

"John McCain gave his life in service to this nation, exemplifying all that we admire in a hero. He was a warrior and a statesman, in the old-fashioned sense. In his own way, he spoke truth to power. He criticized Republicans and Democrats alike. John McCain criticized all of us. Because in his mind, those of us who are privileged to hold public office can never work hard enough for the people of this country. He was right."

"America lost one of her greatest warriors.

"At a time of political division and hostility, Senator McCain was a maverick who was willing to put principles above party. While I did not always agree with his positions, he was a public servant who indisputably aimed to put country over party.

"When he spoke to the Naval Academy in October 2017, Senator McCain offered lessons 'about sacrificing for something more important than yourself,' and about 'the meaning and responsibilities of honor.' Few people knew more about that word than he did.

"John McCain championed bipartisan efforts to implement campaign finance reform and build a fairer immigration system. And his historic vote to save the Affordable Care Act - with a memorable thumbs down - protected health care for millions of Americans.

"It was not just his well-known heroism in the Vietnam War, and the extraordinary ordeal he endured as a prisoner of war. John McCain gave his life in service to this nation, exemplifying all that we admire in a hero. He was a warrior and a statesman, in the old-fashioned sense. In his own way, he spoke truth to power. He criticized Republicans and Democrats alike. John McCain criticized all of us. Because in his mind, those of us who are privileged to hold public office can never work hard enough for the people of this country. He was right.

"He was born before the Second World War, and in many ways he seemed like a hero from the greatest generation, if not from a much older time. We know how much he sacrificed for his country; though he was never one to complain. We know it all the more powerfully because of his reticence to talk about it. He never boasted in any way. Yet he was the embodiment of courage and sacrifice.

"Near the end of his commencement address in Annapolis, he urged his young audience to avoid a 'polarized politics, which exaggerates our differences' and 'looks for scapegoats instead of answers.' He knew war, and he knew politics, and he knew that they did not have to resemble each other as much as they do.

"Let all Americans unite, as he wanted us to, in honoring one of the finest public servants in our history. He was a Republican who loved this Republic. He was a democrat - small d - who stood for the best of democracy. Godspeed, Senator McCain."

Work Week with Congressman Faso

IRS Rules on State and Local Tax Deduction

On Thursday, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued guidance disallowing state tax changes approved by the State of New York and numerous other states to convert some state and local tax payments to payments that might be eligible for the charitable tax deduction under federal law.

The partial elimination of the state and local tax deduction was the primary reason I voted against the tax bill. Due to numerous questions from constituents and tax professionals, I asked for the IRS to clarify the treatment of proposed workarounds enacted in Albany. That's my job as a Member of Congress. Taxpayers deserve to know how the IRS would treat these workarounds, and merely hoping that the IRS would approve the Cuomo plan was not a responsible stance. Now that the IRS has ruled, the State of New York needs to get to work reducing our high tax burden.

Read the letters I sent to the IRS by clicking here: <https://faso.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1239>

The USS Pueblo is not a War Trophy, It Must be Returned

Based on the input that I received from the members of my Veterans Advisory Committee, this week, I sent a letter to U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton urging the administration to secure the return of the USS Pueblo in any nuclear deal with North Korea. In 1968, the USS Pueblo was intercepted by a North Korean patrol boat. The North Koreans assaulted the American intelligence vessel in international waters, which resulted in the death of U.S. Navy sailor Duane Hodges. After their ship was captured and led to a North Korean port, the American crew members endured eleven months of physical and psychological torture before returning to the United States.

The USS Pueblo remains a U.S. Navy commissioned vessel, but it is currently being used as a museum and war trophy for the North Korean regime. Bringing it home would help provide closure to the heroes who wrongly suffered at hands of North Korea and their surviving family members.

Read the full letter here: <https://faso.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1238>

Showing Support for our Nation's Heroes

Vet2Vet is a veteran's services program under the umbrella of Mental Health America of Dutchess County that offers a resource office, social activities, and support groups to help local veterans who may be struggling with addiction, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, or other mental health issues. On Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending a picnic they hosted to thank and show support for our nation's heroes.

Our local veterans have played a vital role in defending our liberties and building our communities. I am grateful for programs such as Vet2Vet that provides important services from veterans to veterans and their families.

Read more about the event here: https://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2018/August/19/Vets_Picnic-19Aug18.htm

Synthetic Drugs Emerge to the Forefront of the Opioid Crisis

Just a couple grains - less than a pinch of salt even - can pretty much seal your fate." This is how law enforcement approaches synthetic drugs such as fentanyl when it's found on the street. Fentanyl is created in a lab, much of the time overseas, and can be fifty times more potent than heroin. The United States Department of Justice recently announced indictments for two nefarious fentanyl producers in China who have exploited U.S. mail to flood American communities with synthetic drugs. Fentanyl is attributed to have caused 30,000 overdose deaths in 2017-twice as many as heroin, prescription opioids, and cocaine.

We must stop synthetic drugs such as fentanyl and its even stronger alternative carfentanil before they reach our communities. The STOP Act will strengthen enforcement by giving border agents the tools needed to identify and confiscate packages containing these synthetic opioids when they come into the country through international mail.

I've been a leading proponent of this bill and am proud of the progress we've made to construct a bipartisan and bicameral solution. I'm looking forward to it passing the Senate and being signed into law. The American people deserve no less. Read more about the widespread impact of synthetic drugs in the Albany Times Union: <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Fentanyl-emerges-as-top-concern-of-opioid-crisis-13169681.php>

And read more about the Justice Department's indictments and where synthetic drugs are coming from: <https://freebeacon.com/issues/doj-charges-two-chinese-fentanyl-traffickers/>

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Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 16th
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Children Ages 5-11: \$5
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\$50 from the breakfast is donated to
The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

St. Mark's UM Church
 68 Church St., Napanoch
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 Comics, Vintage items, books, clothing, yard sale items, children's clothing, toys... something for everyone!

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Sundown United Methodist Church

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 - 4 P.M.

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Sept. 1, 2018
5:30 pm
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Sept. 29, 2018
Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon
9 am - 3 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sept. 11
Thrift Sale 9-12 & Luncheon 10:45-12:30

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

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

Thursday Prayer 7 pm

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 507 Hasbrouck Drive
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 Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

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Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Sundown United Methodist Church
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 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong.
 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740**

I, Cindy Mickelson, School Tax Collector for the Tri-Valley Central School District, have received the School Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1, 2018. Tax payments can be made at the location and on the dates listed below:

Catskill Hudson Bank (Grahamsville Location ONLY)
279 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740
Starting Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018.

Tax collecting hours will be:

Mon. thru Thurs. from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Friday - 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
And Sat. 9:00 AM - 12 noon.

Payments may also be mailed to the address given below:

Tri-Valley CSD
P.O. Box 419
Grahamsville, NY 12740

Taxes will be received in accordance with the following penalty schedule:

Sept. 1 - Oct. 1 No penalty
Payment in full or 50% of total bill
Oct. 2 - Oct. 31 2% penalty
Total Balance due or 25% of total bill
Nov. 1 - Nov. 5 3% penalty
Total Due

The School Tax Collector may not accept payments after November 5, 2018.

Sullivan County Residents (ONLY): May make payments after Nov. 15, 2018 by certified check and must be made payable and mailed to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office.

Ulster County Residents (ONLY): Contact Ulster County Treasurer's Office to make arrangements for any payments after Nov. 5, 2018.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relieved at an additional 7% on your 2019 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

PATRIOT PLAN: Under the provisions of Section 925-d of the Real Property Tax Law, known as the "Patriot Plan" you may be eligible for a deadline extension on your tax payment. Contact the Tax Collector for details.

Cindy Mickelson, School Tax Collector

Dated: September 1, 2018

8/30

Stakeholder Notification & Public Notice

August 21, 2018 ARKVILLE, NY - The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Catskill Center is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

"As a land trust and a not-for-profit organization that works across the Catskills region, the Catskill Center looks forward to accreditation as a means to improve how we do our conservation work throughout the Catskills. We wish to build on our rich history of land conservation by making sure that our future work meets the rigorous accreditation standards moving ahead." ~ Jeff Senterman, Executive Director

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications.

Comments must relate to how The Catskill Center complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on The Catskill Center's application will be most useful by October 29, 2018.

For more information, contact Michael Drillinger, (845)586-2611, ext. 113

More Municipalities to Improve Zoning for Business Owners Through County Funding still available for projects - apply by September 14th

Monticello, NY - Bethel, Highland, and Monticello will join the towns of Liberty and Thompson in launching projects under Sullivan County's new Business-Friendly Zoning & Permitting Program. All were awarded funding to improve their zoning and permitting processes, and the Division of Planning and Community Development still has funds available for municipalities who wish to do the same.

The Town of Bethel has been awarded \$5,625 to amend their code to allow the Planning Board the authority to waive specific requirements relating to accessory structures. As a result, the Town will streamline their development review practices to make them more efficient, less costly and faster.

The Town of Highland has been awarded \$7,500 to complete updates to their zoning law to attract quality commercial development in the Town.

The Village of Monticello has been awarded \$9,000 to address inconsistencies in their zoning code and to explore different approaches to zoning to make the Village's commercial core more conducive to business development.

"I encourage municipalities to think both outside the box and about simple changes that they can make to reduce the burden for businesses. Actions such as simplifying permitting processes to reduce fees, time, and variances, as well as reducing or waiving fees for small-scale projects with generally low impacts, are a good place to start," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, chair of the Legislature's Planning Committee.

"Many businesses and developers that have been through the development review process in Sullivan County communities have thoughts about how to improve it. They should contact their local supervisor or mayor with their ideas and to encourage applications," remarked Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg. "Funding is available to support the costs of attorneys, planners and other professionals, permit-tracking technology, and related expenses."

Administered by the Division of Planning and Community Development, the grant guidelines and application form are available on the Division's page at www.SullivanNY.us under "Technical Assistance & Funding Opportunities." Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on September 14.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss any projects with the Division prior to applying. Staff is available to answer questions and to assist municipalities with project development and applications. For more information, contact Shannon Cilento at Shannon.Cilento@co.sullivan.ny.us or call 845-807-0529.

Primary Election Arrives September 13

Monticello, NY - There will be a Primary Election in Sullivan County on Thursday, September 13. Polls will open at noon and close at 9 p.m.

Voters enrolled in the Democratic Party are eligible to vote in the September Primary, while voters enrolled in the NY Reform party are eligible to vote for that party's state committee seats.

All registered voters who are not enrolled in a party are eligible to vote for candidates for the NY Attorney General seat and NY State Senate (42nd District) seat on the NY Reform party ballot.

For more information, visit the Sullivan County Board of Elections webpage at atsullivanny.us/Departments/Elections.

List of Candidates in Ballot Order

DEMOCRATIC PARTY BALLOT:

Governor:
Cynthia E. Nixon
Andrew M. Cuomo

Lt. Governor:
Kathy C. Hochul
Jumaane Williams

Attorney General:
Sean Patrick Maloney
Letitia A. James
Leecia R. Eve
Zephyr Teachout

NY State Senator, District 42:
Pramilla Malick
Jen Metzger

NY REFORM PARTY BALLOT:

Attorney General:
Nancy B. Sliwa
Mike Diederich
Christopher B. Garvey

NY State Senator, District 42:
Ann G. Rabbitt
Opportunity to Ballot (Write-In)

Member of State Committee - 100th Assembly District and 101st Assembly District
Opportunity to Ballot (Write-In)

SC Legislature will shift slightly in September

Please be aware that the regular meetings of the Sullivan County Legislature will shift slightly in September.

The committee meetings of the first Thursday of the month (Public Safety at 9 a.m., Government Services at 9:30, Economic Development at 10, Personnel at 10:30 and Planning at 11) will be held as usual on September 6.

However, the committee meetings typically held on the following Tuesday will instead be held on Thursday, September 13 (Health at 9 a.m., Management & Budget at 10, Public Works at 10:30, Ag & Sustainability at 11:30 and Executive at noon).

The full-board meeting of the Legislature will occur on Tuesday, September 18 at 10 a.m.

Sullivan County Tax Foreclosure Auction is August 29

Rock Hill, NY - The rescheduled 2018 Sullivan County Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Auction will be held Wednesday, August 29 at the Sullivan Ramada Rock Hill at 283 Rock Hill Drive in Rock Hill.

Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck urges potential bidders - especially first-time bidders - to attend a Bidder's Seminar on Monday, August 27 at 7 p.m. at the same location. The terms and conditions of the auction will be explained, as will the foreclosure process and associated liens. Questions about specific properties can be answered at that time, as well.

Most properties up for auction can be viewed from public roadways, but selected structures will be personally shown to potential bidders. The schedule of showings will be posted on nysauctions.com and in the County Treasurer's Office by Friday, August 24. (Work shoes and flashlights are highly recommended, while pets and small children are not allowed.)

Potential bidders who complete the online registration form must submit it by Monday, August 27 at 4 p.m. Those wishing to register in person can do so at the Ramada that same day at 6 p.m. (prior to the Bidder's Seminar) or the day of the auction, starting at 8 a.m.

The auction itself begins at 9:30 a.m. on August 29. All sales are subject to final approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.

"Interested bidders should ensure they've done their homework: personally viewed the property or properties, checked for outstanding liens and assessments like water and sewer, and are familiar with the auction terms and conditions, particularly the taxes and fees for which they will be immediately responsible upon placement of a successful bid or bids," Buck reminded.

More information can be obtained at nysauctions.com. The County Treasurer's Office also welcomes inquiries at 845-807-0200.



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**

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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

TRI-VALLEY AREA

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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.



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. 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.

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.

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
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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

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All Aboard!
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also
WANTED
 People to play cards

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9	4	5	3	8	2	1	6	7
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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 68 Clinton St., Napanoch
SHERLOCK GNOMES

Sept 1 at 8 pm
 Bring Lawn Chair or Blanket

Programs at E B Crawford Public Library
Yoga for Kids

The Ethelbert B. Crawford library offers free Yoga Class for Kids & Teens every month. Yoga is a great way to relieve stress & get some exercise. This monthly class is for ages 7-14 will take place September 12th at 4:30pm.. We will have a limited number of yoga mats available on a first come, first serve basis. If you have your own please bring it.

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

Fridays are for Teens

Fridays are for teenagers here at the library. Each Friday we host a program exclusively for 12-18 year olds. Check out the upcoming Friday plans, grab some friends, and join us for some fun.
 September 7th 5pm: Video Game

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education will have a meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018. Anticipated Executive Session will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary School Library Upper Level, and the Regular portion of the Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

Tournament Night
 September 14th 5pm: Nailed it! (Just like the Netflix TV Show)
 September 21st 4pm: Anime Club
 September 28th 5pm: Teen Taste Test

Teen programs are for ages 12-18 only. They are free and do not require registration. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information on teen programs, contact Cheryl at 845-794-4660 ext. 8, or by email to cshelton@rcls.org. To see a full list of library programs, visit our website: www.ebcpl.org or follow us on facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary.

Teach Your Child to Read Workshop

Do you have a young child (4-6 years old) that is eager to learn how to read?

Join us for a workshop introducing "Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons," an instruction manual that can be used to teach your child to read. It takes just 20 minutes a day.

This workshop will be given by Joanne Scialabba, MS Ed, BCBA, LBA. Joanne is a NYS Certified Teacher and has 14 years of experience with students of all abilities. She has implemented similar teaching strategies to help students learn to read in a school setting.

Workshop Dates:
 Free Introductory Workshop (approx. 1 hour):
 Thursday, 9/13/18 @ 4:00pm

Ongoing Workshops (approx. 1 hour):
 Thursdays @ 4:00pm (9/20/18 - 11/15/18)

If you are interested in attending the ongoing weekly sessions after the introductory workshop, there will be a \$15 Materials Fee to cover the cost of the book and other materials. Scholarships to cover this cost are available. Contact the youth services librarian for more information.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello is holding a sign up drive. Anytime throughout the month of September we invite you stop in and sign up for your library card. In addition to your library card, a prize in itself, you will also be entered into a drawing for a new Kindle Fire.

In order to get your library card you must bring ID and a piece of mail with your local address. Children under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to get their library card and must be able to write their complete first and last name.

Your library card gets you so much more than just books! You'll have access to materials from 47 different libraries including books, dvds, video games, music cds, magazines, e-books & audio books, access to library computers, and more. You can also use your card to check out board games, museum passes, and STEAM Kits in our local library. Imagine how much money you could save by using the library this year! Come get your library card and get started today.



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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.

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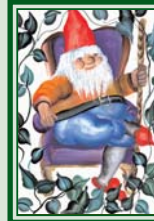
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Sept. 1- 5:30 pm Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Sept. 8 - 4:00 pm - Annual Chicken BBQ - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Tickets now on sale - 985-7065 or 693-1034

Sept. 15 11 am - 3 pm Portraits and Stories Sundown Church Hall
 Come have Jenny cut a silhoette portrait of your while you talk to a staff member who will record your conversation for the Catskill Waters Podcast. Reserve your spot - Contact: keiko@catskillwaters.org. Visit catskillwaters.org for more information.

GRAHAMSVILLE

Aug 28th - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale 9-12 & Luncheon 10:45-12:30.

Sept. 1 - Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Bake Sale - 9 am until sold out

Sept 11th Thrift Sale 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm

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

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.

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