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From the Blue Hole to Blue Hill



Brad's work can be seen and purchased at The Sundown Camp & Bait Shop on the Sundown Rd, just opposite the Sundown United Methodist Church.

If you are looking for a gift for Dad for Father's Day you don't have to go very far to find very unique and practical ideas. Starting in Sundown, check out the new line of handcrafted wooden products created and built by Jim and Gail's son-in-law, Brad – a wine rack, a wooden six-pack holder with bottle opener, or a very interesting bottle opener, that Mom could use, too are among the new items available for sale every day from 6 am to 8 pm at the Sundown Camp and Bait Shop (just down the road from the Blue Hole).



This week's colorful bounty at the Neversink Farmers' Market

If you are planning a cookout - start with some healthy fresh produce that you can purchase at the Neversink Farmers' Market located by the Neversink General Store on Rt 55 in Neversink. They will be open this Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Tri-Valley FBLA Welcomes New Officers

By Jasmine Irwin, Tri-Valley FBLA Reporter



May 30, at 6 p.m. Tri-Valley FBLA held an end-of-the-year banquet for the first time in ten years. Once an annual tradition, the banquet was brought back and organized by outgoing president, Morgan McHugh. The banquet was held at the Neversink Fire House with food provided by Sanok Catering. (Contd Pg. 4)

Come to Clean Up Day and Ribbon Cutting of New BCES Trail



Mrs. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina and Ms. Lisa Lyons of Livingston Manor's Morgan Outdoors, a collaborator on the project.

Children and adults as arranged by trail organizer and BCES teachers, Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Families and friends of Fallsburg Central School District are invited to attend a special clean up and preparation of the hiking trail behind Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Students, staff and local agencies and businesses have been working diligently all year to reach this moment prior to the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, June 20th.

Many opportunities are available for children and adults as arranged by trail organizer and BCES teachers, Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators



On May 31st, the Sullivan County School Boards Association (SCSBA) held its Annual Dinner Meeting at the Villa Roma in Callicoon. The meeting was attended by school board members, superintendents, school administrators, teachers, staff members, retirees and community members. (Contd. Pg. 4)

FBLA Fundraiser: Kids' Paint and Sip



On Thursday May 18th, Tri-Valley FBLA hosted a kids' paint and sip as a fundraiser. A total of 28 students ranging from third to sixth grade stayed after school for the fun-filled event. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: God thundereth marvelously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.
Job 37:5

OBITUARY

Thomas Frederick Mushyn Jr., retired U.S.



Navy Captain, 87, of Toms River, NJ, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2017 at Rose Garden. Thomas was born in Astoria, NY and was a longtime resident of Neversink, NY and Toms River. He retired Second-in-Command from Lakehurst Naval Base in 1972 after 24 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Navy. He was very

proud to be a Navy Pilot and receive many medals of Honor including the Korean Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star. Thomas was a member of VFW Post # 8648 in Neversink, NY. Thomas will be dearly missed by his loving family.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Iona Mushyn in 1974, his second wife Evelyn Runion- Mushyn in 2016 and his son First Lt. Thomas Mushyn in 1980, while actively serving in the USMC. Surviving are his children Marianne Mushyn, Lewis Mushyn, John Runion and Julie Runion; his grandchildren Thomas, LeAnne and Nikki; and great grandchildren Caleb and Bennett.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 18, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home, 703 Main St., Toms River. A graveside service will be held on Monday at 12:00 p.m. at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery in Grahamsville, NY.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Local Students Graduate from Clarkson University

The following students graduated from Clarkson University on May 13: Steven McCauliff of Grahamsville, N.Y., received a bachelor of science degree with distinction in mechanical engineering, aeronautical engineering; Austin Halchak of Hurleyville, N.Y., received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering; James Dapp of Liberty, N.Y., received a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering; Christina Kackos of Neversink, N.Y., received a bachelor of science degree with distinction in biomolecular science, biology minor and a bachelor of science with distinction in mathematics.

Stephanie Heisler Named to Castleton University Dean's List

Stephanie Heisler of Liberty, NY was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

THANK YOU NOTE:

National Donut Day at the Daniel Pierce Library

Thank you to everyone who purchased donuts at the library's recent National Donut Day Sale. We would also like to thank everyone who volunteered to help prepare the donuts, sell the donuts and deliver the donuts to local businesses. We made over 200 dozen donuts that day!

Your support of our donut sales helps us fund our children and adult programs offered throughout the year at the Daniel Pierce Library. We appreciate your continued support! Our delicious donuts will be available again this Fall at the Giant Pumpkin Party which will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 - Rain or Shine! We hope to see you there.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

June 12, 1957 - Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Van Wagner of Claryville, announce the wedding of their daughter, Helen Edna, to William Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis of Wawarsing. The wedding took place in Virginia. Upon their return home, a reception for the immediate families was held at the Van Wagner residence in Claryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Donnell of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a son, Thomas Michael, born at Niagara Falls on June 4th. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Mr. O'Donnell is a librarian at Tri-Valley School.

Miss Wanda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack, recently became a member of the Theta Phi Sorority, a social organization at the State University Teachers College at New Paltz.

June 21, 1967 - The marriage of Miss Diane Zanetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti of Grahamsville, to Stephen Johnson took place at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Sunday, June 18. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Johnson of Neversink. Mrs. Johnson attended Ithaca College and Orange County Community College. The bridegroom, a graduate of State Univ. Agricultural College at Farmingdale, will continue studies at Kansas State Univ. in the fall. Upon return from their wedding trip to New England, the couple will make their home in Grahamsville for the summer.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders, 7 yrs the 25th; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ohnemus, 12 yrs the 27th; Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Visscher, 16 yrs. The 30th.

June 23, 1977 - Mrs. Carol G. Jones of Grahamsville and Mr. Daniel Smythe of Manhattan, were married on June 4, 1977 at the Ulster Heights Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Vernon Gridley, Sr. of Grahamsville. Mr. Smythe, an artist, is the son of the late Dr. Daniel Schmidt of Manhattan and Philadelphia and Mrs. Margaret Smythe of Forest Hills.

Congratulations to Mrs. Marie Clark on the birth of her daughter, Tracy Lynn, born June 10th. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 1 1/2 oz.

June 18, 1987 - Anthony John Paul Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig P. Black of Grahamsville, received his Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Troop 187, Grahamsville on Saturday. Tony has been a Boy Scout in Troop 187 since 1981. Before entering Boy Scouts he was also a member of Cub Scout Pack 87 for three years. Tony is a sophomore at Tri-Valley School. He participates in football, basketball and track. He has actively participated in County-wide Youth Programs, and is presently President of the Sullivan County Catholic Youth Organization/

SLAC Monthly June Meeting

SLAC, the Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday, June 30, 2017, at 10 A.M. in the Legislative Hearing Room in the S.C. Government Center.

The main speaker will be Barry Kaufman, President of the NY State Alliance for Retired Americans. He will discuss the upcoming vote on a Constitutional Convention to be held in November, 2017. Every 20 years, voters are given the option to hold a Constitutional Convention. What are the pros and cons, and possible alternatives? There will also be a discussion on the impact that the Constitution has on the Catskill Preserve.

Come and learn with us how to be effective advocates for our Senior population, (which, hopefully, we will all be part of one day, if we are not already)! Our meetings are always free and open to all! For more information, call 845 807 0241.

SLAC is associated with NY StateWide Senior Council.

Sunday June 18 Field Trip for Birds and Butterflies of Fir Brook

At 8 am meet leaders Ruth McKeon and Renee Davis at the parking lot opposite the Citgo station in Parksville. (Exit 98 of Rt. 17, then left at second stop sign. Parking lot is 1.3 miles on left.) If weather is questionable please call Renee at 482-5044 before 7 pm. Information on other field trips at www.sullivanvaudubon.org

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Congratulations to Kurt Schiebe who retired after 50 years of umpiring local baseball games. Kurt received his umpire certification in 1968.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Senior student Kim Doyle, a newly elected New York State FFA Officer. I don't know how many of you remember Beth Spencer when she was the agriculture teacher at Tri-Valley. Beth left Tri-Valley, married and moved upstate some time in the late 90's, and now her daughter, Megan Lamb, from Stockbridge Valley FFA has also been elected to serve as a New York State Officer.

Kudos to Nat Tompkins, a former Tri-Valley High School and Cobleskill graduate who has joined the Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension team. Nat received his BA in agricultural business management and is excited to start working with Sullivan County farmers.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club held their initiation dinner at Nardi's in Hurleyville on Tuesday, June 6th. Officers for the 2017-2018 year are: President: Gene Froehlich, Vice-President: Donna Schick, Treasurer: Carol Furman, Secretary: Carmen Salvemini, Corres. Secretary, Frances Fuller, Tail Twister: Leslie Lofrese and Lion Tamer: Tonya Martin.

The Town of Neversink received a \$50,000 grant to replace the roof on the Highway Department's salt shed. The grant, secured by Senator John Bonacic, is from the State and Municipal Facilities Program. Thank you Senator Bonacic.

What is happening along Route 55 in Grahamsville? Why are so many lawns unmowed? Why is there a collection of clutter on front porches and in yards? I realize that you can't regulate neatness, however, if you own or rent a piece of property one would think it would be a matter of pride to keep it looking neat. The Renaissance group and some others living along Route 55 work hard to make things look nice, and then there are those who don't seem to give a darn how our little town looks! Shame on you!

Words of Wisdom: You would achieve more if you don't mind who gets the credit. The only thing that comes to you without effort is old age. Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is.

Congratulations to our graduates - you are wished much happiness and success.

CWC funds Watershed projects

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors has approved funding for six stormwater projects, four fuel tank anchoring projects and materials for a much-needed parking lot for a popular state trailhead.

In addition, funds were approved for four residential septic system replacements, each costing more than \$25,000 in the Towns of Hurley, Andes, Neversink and Stamford.

The CWC Board, at its June 6 monthly meeting, authorized reimbursement of up to \$43,333 in stormwater design costs to Conestoga Investments which is converting and expanding buildings on Dolan's Lane in the Village of Hunter into residential units. The company may apply to the NYC DEP for reimbursement of an equal amount.

Long Leasing (Allison Oil Co.) in the Town of Andes was approved for reimbursement of up to \$16,400 for design and construction of stormwater controls for a new building erected within 100 feet of a watercourse at 580 Main Street, site of the former Andes Town Hall. Long Leasing may apply to NYC DEP for reimbursement of an equal amount.

Reimbursement of construction costs for stormwater controls whose designs were previously funded by CWC were approved for Windham Mountain Retreat, Delhi Community Church, and Community Bank in Fleischmanns, and additional funds were allocated for a major project at South Kortright Central School.

The Board voted to pay the costs of anchoring fuel tanks over 500 gallons at American Legion Post 190 in Delhi, at the homes of Tsering Gaga in Walton and John Petschauer in Delhi, and at IEH Auto Parts in Delhi.

The tanks were addressed as part of the CWC's Flood Mitigation Implementation Program.

Funding for construction materials for a new parking area for the Overlook Mountain Trail in the Town of Woodstock was also approved. The Board authorized expenditures of up to \$100,000 for crushed stone and Geogrid fabric for the lot which will accommodate approximately 50 vehicles. NYS DEC crews and equipment will do the work.

This project is part of the Catskill Master Plan

Stewardship and Planning grant awarded by the state for Catskill Park recreation initiatives. The CWC is administering the funds.

For more information on the CWC and its programs to protect water quality, and preserve communities in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed, visit www.cwconline.org.

CWC awards 30 Watershed Education Grants

Thirty education grants totaling nearly \$168,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty-six funded projects will reach more than 12,000 students and teachers with lessons on the New York City Water System and its Catskill-Delaware Watershed.

Four other grants were approved for programs and projects geared towards general and adult audiences.

CWC education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Nine new applicants were approved for funding in this 20th annual grant round. These include the Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve in Stamford, which will offer stream studies during a 2018 summer program for youth; Hanford Mills Museum of East Meredith which will take water lessons to several Watershed schools in the coming year; and the Livestock Foundation, which is developing public programming at a new agri-tourism and education center in Bovina.

CWC grants will allow several schools to send students to the Ashokan Center and to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center for direct experience at the source of the water supply for nine million people. Six schools will receive support to launch the Trout in the Classroom program.

The Catskill Center will bring its Streamwatch program to seven Watershed schools, and Farm Catskills will sponsor a project to bring the "Cultivating Connections" music program to seven schools.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County received a grant for a second youth leadership summit on the topic of climate change.

In New York City, the non-profit NYCH20 will offer school field trips to former reservoirs in the five boroughs, and the Children's Museum of Manhattan will enhance programming for its outdoor water exhibit, "Dynamic H2O" that attracts thousands of families annually.

Trout Unlimited will receive a grant to conduct workshops for teachers participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The Phoenicia Library will host a lecture series on angling history and culture, the Catskill Center will sponsor several public programs at the Catskill Interpretive Center in Mt. Tremper, and Time and the Valleys Museum will develop a mobile app driving tour of the Rondout Reservoir and environs.

Recipients in addition to those mentioned include Jefferson Central School, Woodstock Day School, Earth School, Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School, City Parks Foundation, PS 57, Rocking the Boat, KAPPA III, MS 324, School of the Future, Robert Wagner Junior High School, Susan Wagner High School, Dewitt Clinton High School, Lower Manhattan Community Middle School, PS 250, Manhattan Country School Farm, South Street Seaport Museum and Brooklyn Tech High School.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education programs and resources, including some produced with funds from this grant program, at www.watershededucators.org.

NYS Boaters Safety Course

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Neversink Fire Department will host a New York State Boaters Safety Course. The training, which is open to the public, will take place on Wednesday July 5th and Thursday July 6th from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the fire house on State Route 55 in Neversink. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a Boater's Safety Certificate from New York State. A safety certificate is required in New York to operate any personal watercraft such as a jet ski, regardless of age. Anyone born after May 1, 1996 is required to have a Boater's Safety certificate to operate a motorboat. This course is presented free of charge by the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit. New York State charges a \$10 fee for the safety certificate. Students under 18 receive the certificate for free. Attendance is required for both nights. To register for the class, please call the Sheriff's Patrol in Monticello at 845-794-7100

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 and Jean Helthaler.

Milkweed and Monarchs

After all that rain, have you noticed the young milkweed shoots that were just a few inches tall a week ago, are now at least a foot tall, or even taller in some sunny spots.

Milkweed is one of the plants that bring back fond memories for most of us. Whether it was the soft perfumed blossoms, opening a seed pod to feel the silky soft down inside, chasing a fuzzy single seed that was caught by the wind, or helping one of our children find a chrysalis of a monarch butterfly for a school project, each stage of the milkweed left its mark in our minds. The milkweed plant has captured the attention of humans for thousands of years.



The plants flourish in open fields and meadows, along roadsides and at the forest edges, growing in dense colonies that sometimes fill a field with green stalks. The common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*, is one of the best known wild plants in the Catskills.

The leaves grow in opposite pairs along the stalk with short stems. They are elongated ovals, veined and thick. The stalk and undersides of the leaves are covered with fine hairs. The flower bud clusters have begun to appear, looking a bit like bunches of broccoli. Once the sweet-smelling flowers open in early summer, they can range from white to pink or purple. In late summer milkweed plants produce the familiar pointed, okra-like seedpods which are popular in dried flower arrangements. These range from three to five inches long when mature and contain seeds and silk that helps the seeds "fly" to their next destination. All parts of the plant will exude a white, milky latex substance if broken. The "milk" is not the sap of the plant but a special secretion. Extremely bitter, it serves as a protection against most nibbling and grazing animals. For the caterpillar of the monarch butterfly, milkweed leaves are their only food. Fortunately, milkweed is still plentiful in the Catskills but not so in the rest of the nation.

Milkweed and Monarchs began gaining attention in 1991 when over 75% of wintering Monarchs from North America froze to death in Mexico as a result of sub-freezing temperatures. Scientists and researchers continue to report the number of wintering Monarchs in the Mexican mountains is still decreasing. Should this pattern continue, the migration of the Monarchs could be lost.

Researchers claim that the nationwide shortage of milkweed coupled with freak weather patterns are destroying more and more of their habitat each year.

Many groups across America have formed to protect the Monarch Butterflies. They claim natural events are not the only challenges that face the Monarch. Pesticide application and genetically modified (GMO's) crops cover important parts of the Monarch's migratory path. Monarchs pass through millions of acres of toxins and biological agents each year, killing the adult Monarchs and their young. Milkweed plants are also destroyed through these methods.

Monarchs and Milkweed are obvious signs that we need to take action to protect our environment. They show us the fragility and interconnectedness of our world and that the actions of some can have impacts on all of us.

Fortunately, milkweed does and can grow strong and healthy in the Catskills. There are local groups throughout the Catskills that can provide valuable information on both Monarchs and Milkweed such as the Catskill Native Plant Society.

The butterfly has always been the symbol of power, transformation and rebirth. You have the power to instantly make a change in the world too. Plant and encourage Milkweed and Monarchs in your backyard!

The great physicist Albert Einstein once stated that humanity would be extinct within a few years if the bee population was totally wiped out. That's something to consider when thinking about the Common Milkweed and the Monarch.

Household Hints

Alkaline/Acid Test for Soil

To do a quick test for excess alkalinity in the soil in your yard, place a handful of earth in a container and then pour in 1/2 cup white vinegar. If the soil fizzes or bubbles, it's definitely alkaline.

To see if your soil has a high acidity, mix the earth with 1/2 cup water and 1/2 cup baking soda. This time, fizzing would indicate acid in the soil.

The Lioness is the Hunter

Mysterious Book Report No. 291

by John Dwaine McKenna



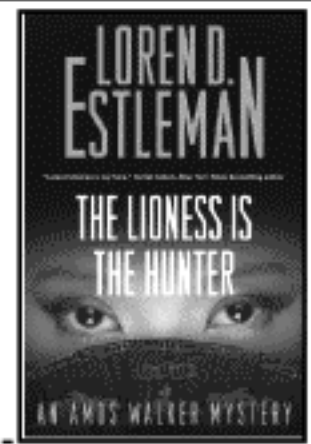
The battered city of Detroit, Michigan seems like the perfect setting for a beat-down, cynical and wise-cracking private eye who'd be considered a real loser . . . if he wasn't so damn good at solving the toughest cases in the face of near-impossible conditions. His name is Amos Walker and he's as hard-boiled as they come, an anachronism from the golden age of pulp fiction in the '30s, '40s and '50s when the shamus's were always lonesome, the dames were smokin' hot, sultry, and often duplicitous. In his latest caper, *The Lioness is the Hunter*, (Forge/McMillan, \$25.99, 246 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-8845-2) author Loren D. Estleman pits his throwback PI against the most dangerous . . . and duplicitous . . . woman in the world. She's an arch-criminal and international fugitive named Charlotte Sing, or Madam Sing, as she prefers to be called, a previ-

ous combatant and arch-enemy of Walker.

The yarn begins when a Detroit real estate investor named Carl Fannon hires Walker to find his partner, Emil Hass. He's gone missing just as the pair are about to close on a large, and historic, downtown Detroit skyscraper known as the Sentinel Building. It seems that both partners must be in attendance to effect the closing of the sale. Walker takes the case, but gets his first twist when Haas shows up and makes arrangements to meet the detective at the Sentinel, where the investor will show Walker the reasons for his misgivings about the purchase, and explain his concerns about his partner. The next day, when Walker gets to the empty and decaying building, he finds Carl Fannon . . . dead. And that's the second twist in what will turn out to be a complex, noirish and fast-moving novel with a barrelful of fiendishly new plot twists still to come. For example . . . Madam Sing was executed by the North Koreans in a previous Amos Walker mystery. So, how can she be in Detroit, confronting Walker again? You'll just have to read *The Lioness is the Hunter* for yourself, to find out. With seventy-plus novels to his credit and a boatload of awards, Loren D. Estleman's an author every crime fiction enthusiast should be familiar with and read. His books are among the best of the genre, and perfect for relaxed vacation reading. Enjoy!

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Tri-Valley FBLA Welcomes New Officers (From Pg. 1)

The evening included a history of FBLA by Frances Wallace, the year in review by Julia Leland and Morgan McHugh, the goals of FBLA by Nicole Scuderi and Julius Colon. The creed by Anna Hendrickson, awards and acknowledgments by Ms. Brenda Hay and Mrs. Nancy Peters, and a slide show by Angie DiToro. The evening ended with the installation of new officers.

Eleven FBLA members became newly installed officers: Anna Hendrickson and Julia Leland serving as co-presidents, Nicole Scuderi serving as vice president, Juliette Eddings serving as reporting secretary, Heather Winters serving as corresponding secretary, Frances Wallace serving as treasurer, Jasmine Irwin serving as reporter, Angie DiToro serving as historian, Bricin McAndrews serving as photo historian, Mikhail Vainblat serving as graphic designer, and Antoine Perpignand serving as parliamentarian. The installation ceremony was presided by our two state officers, Gillian Matthews, state president and, Aidan Mentech, District 3N state vice president. FBLA is very proud of all of those who were installed, and we wish you all a very successful year!

Come to Clean Up Day and Ribbon Cutting of New BCES Trail (From Pg. 1)

They will have all materials and tools necessary to complete the following tasks: simple repairs to old benches, staining and minor painting, placement of safety equipment and directional signs, setting up birdhouses, clean-up of brush, planting of flowers, and setting of new benches along the trail. All children present must be supervised by parents or guardians.

The school building will be closed and portable restrooms will be available. At 12:30 PM, participants will break for a lunch provided through a generous donation by BCES PTA and the Fallsburg Football Club.

At the official opening of the Trail on June 20 each grade level will have an opportunity to walk through the trail. The day will be a celebration of collaboration and cooperation for all of the Trail partners that helped give life to this revitalization project.

SC School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators (From Pg. 1)

Keynote speaker Barry Entwistle, Member Relations at the New York State School Boards Association, kicked off the night with a reflective speech of his experience of being a school board member and the importance of school board members and the one thing that ties everyone one in this room together - The students and their role in laying the foundation in the role of each students' life. Mr. Entwistle ended his speech by presenting a special award, Outstanding Service to NYS Public School Children to Alyce VanEtten for all of her years of service. Ms. VanEtten is stepping down at the end of June as the President of the School Boards Association. She has served as President of the SCSBA for the past ten years and has sat on the Monticello school board for the past 25 years.

The SCSBA, presented following nine individuals with the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award: June Lombardi, Elementary Teacher at Eldred CSD; Patricia Bertholf, English Teacher at Fallsburg CSD; Julie Buck, Social Studies Teacher at Liberty CSD; Selena Ross, Elementary Teacher at Livingston Manor CSD; Mary Truesdell, Guidance Counselor at Monticello CSD; Lynn Selkirk, Elementary Teacher and Social and Emotional Wellness Coordinator at Monticello CSD; Josephine Formato, Special Education Teacher at Roscoe CSD; Clifford Kelly, Dean of Students at Sullivan West CSD; and Regina Hartman, Elementary Music Teacher at Tri-Valley CSD. Each of their individual contributions to the field of education are unique and extensive, impacting so many lives over their years of service.

The SCSBA also recognized the following thirteen people for their role as Outstanding Friends to Education. This year's recipients are Frank Conklin, Board of Education Vice President at Sullivan BOCES (in memoriam), who actively took part in creating the best path for students, whether it was in their educational opportunities or through his coaching. Larry Schafman, Public Relations Specialist, who has worked for the past twelve years sharing the story of the Fallsburg CSD and its students. Charlie Barbuti, a lifetime resident and business owner in Liberty, graduate of the Liberty HS Class of 1969, and Town Supervisor since 2012. Mr. Barbuti has never let his support and enthusiasm for public education in Liberty waver. Sims Foster, a former Livingston Manor CSD graduate. Mr. Foster returned to his hometown to raise his family, start a business and spearhead the "A Single Bite" Initiative to introduce students to locally raised foods, simple cooking techniques to encourage them to make better choices. Katrina Johnston, parent of two Roscoe CSD elementary students and avid volunteer and active PTA member. Ms. Johnston continually makes a difference by promoting the positive elements of the school. Paula Ryan, a parent of two Tri-Valley CSD students, has selflessly dedicated countless hours in various roles that have greatly benefited the students, district, and community. The Sullivan West CSD nominated all of the district's Highway Superintendents: Patrick J. Cunningham, Kristofer Scullion, Kevin Esselman, William Eschenberg, John Hubert, Neil B. Emerich and Donald Neiger. Each township and their crews care so much about our buses and children. They are always there for the district to make sure the roads are safe to transport the children to and from school.


The School Boards Association also gave special mention to two longtime District Clerks of the Board Sandra Salovin, Fallsburg CSD and Darlene Smith, Livingston Manor CSD; both are retiring at the end of the school year.

Two hundred and fifty people came to support and celebrate this honor of distinction for their colleagues and family members. For Mary Truesdell, the evening held a special surprise. Her son, Master Sergeant Timothy Truesdell, his wife Jennifer and their two sons, TC and Tyler came from Tennessee to be there for her. The look on her face when she first saw her grandsons was priceless.


To all of the honorees, thank you for all of your contributions and making a difference in the lives of our students. It's people like you who make our educational community special.


Statement from Governor Cuomo on Passage of Legislation to End Child Marriage in New York

"It's shocking current law allows for children as young as 14 to be married off. This administration championed ending this intolerable practice and I commend the Assembly and the Senate for passing legislation that puts an end to child marriage in New York once and for all. This is a major step forward that will protect children, prevent forced marriages, and create a safer, more just, New York for all."



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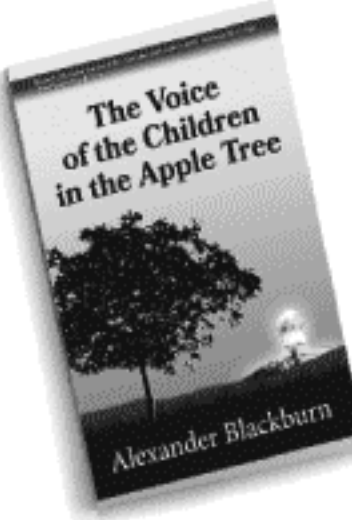




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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Good Sports

Today was my granddaughter's seventh birthday. As I sat in my portable chair on the sidelines of Comeau Field in Woodstock and watched her play soccer, I marveled at how far equality in sports has come. It was a blue-sky, puffy-clouds kind of morning with families camped out, picnic style, on blankets and bleachers as young soccer players played double-headers on two fields. Mixed teams of boys and girls played some pretty decent soccer.

I thought back to when I was seven. Maybe I got included in a game of neighborhood broom-stick baseball played on Demorest Avenue in Staten Island or played flash light tag with the boys, but, for the most part, girls did not do sports. In high school, our separate girls gym class did exercises (jumping jack stuff) or square dancing. I can still picture myself in that red one-piece romper that buttoned up the front with C. Olsen embroidered on the pocket. We stood, probably sixty of us, on the basketball court lines while "gym leaders" came around and took attendance. If you were "regular," you got to sit in the bleachers and watch. Yes, times have changed.

The only "sports" for girls at Freeport High School were twirling and cheerleading, both pretty exclusive groups. I tried out for twirling on stage in the auditorium, but, in my opening salute routine, the baton was supposed to be thrown high and caught in a crouching, sweeping catch. Mine went a bit to the right, bounced off the judge's head and landed in the orchestra pit. I did not make the team.

The only team I did play on, no try-outs required, was the Olive Ladies Soft Ball Team coached by Ray Negron. I was pretty lousy, so I played right field (no one could hit there) or catcher (no one threw there). Admittedly, my sports career was more social than athletic.

Things changed in 1972 when an amendment was made to the Public Education Law. Title IX says: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

I can't help but think how exciting it would be to make a basket or score a goal. I will settle for watching a little girl run like the wind and know she can do any sport she wants to play.

4-H Hosts Youth Vet Science Series with Local Professionals

Youth with an interest in veterinary science, between the ages of 13 and 18, can engage in a hands-on Veterinary Science educational opportunity this summer. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering a three-part 4-H Youth Development program series this summer from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. 4-H programs are open to the general public.

Participants will gain basic knowledge of veterinary medicine techniques from local professionals in the field. The workshops will take place at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. One special class will be held at Stone Wall Farms in Jeffersonville, NY.

June 29 - A day in the life of a Vet Tech. Participants will learn from a panel what it takes to become a vet tech, daily routines in the exam room and office, and industry skills required.

July 6- With help from Joyce Amels, LVT of NYS Department of Ag & Markets, the class will participate in poultry necropsy. Learn anatomy, basic structures, and their functions.

July 13- Visit a local facility working with and examining ruminant animals, plus tips and tricks for catching issues early on. This class will take place at Stonewall Farms in Jeffersonville, NY.

Cost is \$15 per youth for the entire series or \$10 for 4-H members, for the series. 4-H membership is free to all Sullivan County youth, ages 5 to 19.

Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccesc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Partial scholarships are available, made possible with support from Sullivan Renaissance. In the event of special needs, the public can contact the office.

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H Members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University, learn through hands-on activities, lead, be inspired, inspire others, and "Make the Best Better". Anyone can join 4-H with thousands of other New York State members, volunteers, staff, and funders.

Go Wild in Livingston Manor

On Saturday, June 17th at 10:30pm, the public is invited to a presentation by Heather Houskeeper (aka The Botanical Hiker) titles "GO WILD:



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11:30 - 1:30pm: Guided Plant Walk. Join Heather on guided plant walk along Finger Lakes Trail encircling Alder Lake. Children welcome (under 13 free). Easy to moderate walk with many stops to identify plants. Bring camera and/or notepad. \$20 per person. Departing from Morgan Outdoors. Use own transportation.

REGISTER: free indoor Presentation at 845 439 5507 - Guided Plant Walk: Download the registration form at www.morgan-outdoors.com Program Fee: \$20 per person

Advance registration is required. Seating is limited, so first come, first served. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor. Hours are 10 - 6pm Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat. and 10-4 Sunday. More details at www.morgan-outdoors.com

The Sullivan County Historical Society Presents Critically acclaimed new play "LION OF ANACOSTIA: The Final Interview of Frederick Douglass"

The Sullivan County Historical Society Presents BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Critically acclaimed new play "LION OF ANACOSTIA: The Final Interview of Frederick Douglass" will be presented as a reading at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on Sunday July 2nd at 2pm..

The play premiered in Monticello during Black History month in Feb 2017 and was well received as a reading at the Crawford Library in Monticello. The Sullivan County Historical Society has scheduled a repeat performance to coincide with Douglass' famous "Fourth of July" oration of 1852.

This story explores the unique friendship of two Historical Legends: Frederick Douglass and activist Susan B. Anthony from the Abolition Era before the Civil War and through the Women's Suffragette Movement of the late 19th Century. In addition, it explores the life of Frederick Douglass, his rise from slavery to statesman and his unique bond with historical figures of his time especially John Brown and Abraham Lincoln.

The cast includes Screen Actor Guild-AFTRA members G. Oliver King as Frederick A. Douglass, Regina Yeager-Drouse as Susan B. Anthony and Gregory F. Giblin as the News reporter Tom O'Brien. King has said "He is honored and humbled to explore Douglass' great compassion for his fellow man as well as his greatest fears. Susan B Anthony's unique life has challenged Yeager-Drouse to show young women that Anthony was more than just a face on a Gold Dollar. Actor/ Playwright Giblin, who worked for 5 years researching this project, was "amazed at the depth and quality of this intelligent and self-educated man."

A local reporter reviewed the February show and wrote, "This performance of 'Lion Of Anacostia' brought to life... Douglass' words with tremendous passion." In addition, "...the often combative friendship between Susan B. Anthony and Douglass is well portrayed and insightful."

This is a "must-see" performance is appropriate for young adults on up and will be extremely informative for students of Women's Studies, Social Studies, American History, International Studies, Journalism, Political Reform, Democracy and Socialism, and lovers of quality theatre. It should be noted that this performance is done in Readers Theatre format and was directed by Nationally recognized director Jeffrey Stocker.

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The programs are all free. Teen students in junior high and high school that attend this summer's reading program will also enjoy the many benefits that the library offers over the course of the summer.

Minecraft Challenge Club Forming at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

It's almost time for the yearly MineCraft Challenge! Do you like Minecraft? Would you like to be part of winning team? Our team won in 2015 and this year we want to take back the title. Tweens and teens ages 11-18 are invited to an information session on June 15th at 5pm at the library. At the meeting you will find out what this year's challenge is, share food with friends, and start to strategize about how to tackle this project.

Our challenge team will have the opportunity to work on their structure at designated times throughout the summer and we will film our video walk-through in

the final week of summer programming. The videos will be judged and winners will be announced at the end of August.

Fallsburg HS Band and Chorus Participate in NYSSMA

This past weekend of June 3-4, 2017, fifty Fallsburg High School Band and Chorus students traveled to Minisink to participate in the NYSSMA festival under the direction of Colleen Barber and Danna Clear. These two talented and hard working students, Libby Lake and Guillermo Granados, received a 100 on their Level 6 All-State solos

"Paws & Read" at Ethelbert B. Crawford Library

Does your child need practice with reading? Do they simply love animals? The library is bringing reading practice and adorable animals together in a new program called Paws & Read! We have a few therapy dogs who will visit the library each month to listen to stories and help children build confidence in their reading abilities. Children grades K-5 can sign up to take turns reading their favorite books to the dogs. Upcoming sessions will be June 5th at 4:30pm and June 21st at 4:30pm. This is a great way for children to build fluency, practice sight words, and build confidence in their reading.

This is a free program but space is limited, so registration is required. For more information or to register for the program call the children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.

It's Almost Father's Day! Need a Gift for Dad? (From Pg. 1)

There are several new vendors this year at the Neversink Farmers' Market: Dale Craft – Jewelry; and Son of a Bee – raw honey, were there this past weekend, joining regulars, Claryville Pottery, Muthig Farms (Maple Syrup), Story's Neversink Plant Company, Rubenzahl's Produce and Plants, Ann's Booty (beautiful handcrafted jewelry by Ann), Thunderview Farms.



Other vendors that will be there throughout the summer include Kate's Herbals, Bearfoot Gardener, and Chestnut Creek Baked Goods. The fresh produce stand will continue to have more items each week as the growing season progresses. Jamie will be there with great food, too!

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 5:21 AM SUNSET: 8:30 PM
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SATURDAY



HIGH: 73°F LOW: 61°F

SUNDAY



HIGH: 79°F LOW: 59°F

MONDAY



HIGH: 82°F LOW: 61°F

TUESDAY



HIGH: 75°F LOW: 55°F



Remember this weekend if you are traveling from the Blue Hole to the Blue Hill, you will probably see a few yard sales along the way, too. Keep checking the Classified Section in the *Townsman* for Yard Sale ads throughout the summer. There will be a Barn Sale this weekend on Yeagerville Road. See their ad on page 16. Don't forget mark your calendar for the **BIG Community Yard Sale** (... with over 50 families participating!!) on July 8th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds!

This weekend, after you are through shopping, head up to the Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe (1471 Denning Road in Claryville) for the opening reception of artist John Bradford at the Claryville Art Center on Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. While you are there, if you haven't done so yet, make your reservations for **Father's Day** and take Dad out to dinner – Mom will also appreciate that!



FBLA Fundraiser: Kids' Paint and Sip

(From Pg. 1) Elementary students "painted the town red" hanging out with fellow classmates while showing off their artistic abilities as well as their individual personalities through their various paintings.



Mrs. Robin Raykoff, an elementary teacher at Tri-Valley, was the instructor and showed students how to paint a picture of a pond with dragonflies and lily pads, which came out beautifully.

FBLA members, Frances Wallace, Nicole Scuderi, and Amaya Rupprecht, were in attendance to serve refreshments and assist Mrs. Raykoff by dispensing paint, supplies, and water. The elementary students enjoyed popcorn and juice boxes before

starting their magnificent paintings. Since it was such a hot day, they were also treated to ice pops, which they absolutely loved!

The event was both fun and successful. FBLA is looking forward to hosting more paint and sip events for Tri-Valley elementary students in the future.

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JOHN BRADFORD was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1949. He received his BFA from Cooper Union, New York City in 1971 and MFA from Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut in 1979.

The artist is known for narrative scenes that are minimally figurative created through brushwork that is loose yet deftly strategic. The richly textured painting surfaces compel the viewer to experience Bradford's same enjoyment of the oil paint medium.

He is the recipient of prestigious awards including the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Grant and the Ford Foundation Special Projects Grant. Bradford has exhibited widely with shows at renowned institutions such as the National Jewish Museum, Washington, DC, Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art and the Morris Museum, Morristown, New Jersey. Reviews for his exhibition have been published in notable publications including the New York Times, ArtNews and the Jewish Press.

Frost Valley YMCA Conducts Deer Density Survey

Springtime typically brings much needed warmer weather to this community. Emerging from the soil along with warmer weather are the beautiful spring ephemeral plants. The presence of these plants represents a short window of time before the forest canopy fills in and summer foliage takes over. This is deer density survey time, and it is a literal race against time for the Natural Resources and Environmental Science Department at the Frost Valley YMCA. The race begins as soon as maple-sugaring season is over, which was April 5th this year, and must be finished before the ferns fill in and block our view of the forest floor. The results of these surveys are an important tool for making wildlife and forest management decisions.



This year's findings from Frost Valley's staff concluded that there were 11.1 deer per square mile, a bit higher than last year's estimate of 8.3. The purpose of conducting these surveys is to achieve better insight into the trends of the deer population over time rather than provide a snapshot of the current population. Over the course of many years, having this large-scale perspective is extremely valuable and helps Frost Valley achieve an accurate assessment of the trends in the deer population.

With Frost Valley's 5,500 acres, it is only natural that they also offer hunting and bow safety courses twice a year. Trained instructors certified by the Department of Environmental Conservation teach safe and responsible outdoors practices and the important role of hunters and trappers in conservation. All courses are FREE of charge (lunch provided for a fee), but space is limited, so sign up early! To register for the upcoming class on October 28-29, contact us at 845-985-2291, naturalresources@frostvalley.org.

Woodridge Kiwanians Award Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge held their 18th annual scholarship dinner on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Tony's Family Restaurant in Woodridge, NY. Scholarships were given to graduating Fallsburg Central School seniors who will be attending an accredited two or four year college, other higher education program, or trade school. This year the Club awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships to each of five very deserving graduates, bringing the total scholarships given to date to \$69,900.00.

Graduates must complete an application to be reviewed by the Club's Scholarship Committee and meet the following criteria: Academic Achievement, Community & School Service, and Need. We are extremely proud of all the very deserving candidates we had this year. We congratulate each and every applicant on their commitment to furthering their educational goals. We wish them all every success in their future endeavors.



Based on their exceptional applications, the graduates given this year's Kiwanis Club of Woodridge scholarship are: Mirza Javed of Woodbourne; Mary Elizabeth Kellerman of Mountain Dale; Brittany Leventoff of South Fallsburg; Mekayla Perneszi of Hurleyville; and Pu (Sam) Zheng of Woodridge. We congratulate each and every one.

If you would like information about our Club, or the many other things we do for the Fallsburg Central School District community, please contact our President, Deborah Jacobsen, at 434-8154.

Reservations open for Bus Trips to Casinos and NYC

The Primetimers organization, which raises funds to benefit Temple Sholom and other charities, will coordinate two bus trips to casinos this summer. On Wednesday, July 19, participants will travel to Mohegan Sun Pocono Downs in Wilkes Barre, PA. On Tuesday, August 15, the bus will go to the Sands Casino and Outlet Stores in Bethlehem, PA.

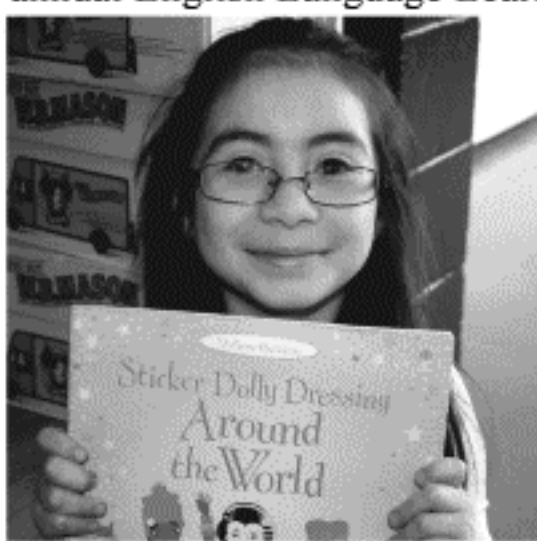
For both trips, a donation of \$30 per person will provide \$25 of free play in the casino and a \$5 coupon towards food purchases. For the Sands Casino trip, participants will also get a coupon book for discounts at the 40 outlet stores at the location.

In addition, on Wednesday, August 23, the Primetimers will charter a bus from Monticello to New York City, where participants can spend the day on their own. Cost for this trip will be \$30 per person.

All are welcome, but space is limited and the buses fill quickly, so early reservations are recommended. For information and reservations, call Paula 845-794-2314 or Sue 845-796-3777. On the morning of the trip, buses will leave at 8:45 am from the Temple Sholom parking lot, 5 East Dillon Rd., Monticello.

FCSD Introduces Dual Language Program at Annual ENL Event

Fallsburg Central School District teachers of English as a new language (ENL) hosted their annual English Language Learner Expo for parents and families of students on June 2, 2017 in the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School cafeteria. Several large tables displayed the art and history projects created by children from kindergarten through high school to demonstrate their proficiency with English and the cultures of the Americas and other native countries.



Nataly Alcocer-Zapata is holding up a book in the third photo.

During the evening Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Matthew Evans, with translation from ENL teacher Mrs. Martha Zalkin, informed parents about an exciting, new Dual Language Program (DLP) coming to FCSD this fall. New York State Education Department (NYSED) supports this program.

Intended for kindergarten and first grade students, one DLP class in English and one in Spanish will alternate days in each grade. The classes will be continuous—that is, the lesson the second day will build on the lesson of the prior day throughout the semester. The kindergarten teachers will be Mrs. Veronica Serrano in the Spanish class; Mr. Scott Persten in the English class; in first grade will be Mrs. Jeannette Espinoza in Spanish; and Mr. Dominick Scanna in English.

During his presentation, Dr. Evans highlighted the benefits of bilingual education in a young student's learning. Participating students will develop literacy skills in English and Spanish. Bilingual children show improved cognition in brain skills. Adults with bilingual skills have greater work opportunities and earn more money.

The School District will host a larger informational meeting of the community on June 12. Interested parents of kindergarten and first grade students (for 2017-18) should attend this event. Parents may contact BCEs Principal, Ms. Mary Kate Stinehour, at (845) 434-4110, or Dr. Evans at (845) 434-5884, or visit www.fallsburgcsd.net for more information.



Cashmere Gibbs and Kevin Rosales.



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Summer Reading at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library has an exciting summer reading program! Sign-ups for the summer reading program will begin June 26th and activities will start Monday, July 10th. There will be a variety of activities for kids, tweens, & teens this summer.

The 2017 summer reading theme is "Build a Better World" and that is just what we intend to do. Participants will explore all of the different ways that we can build a better world from gardening, to art, to caring for animals, to helping out in our own community. We will have story times, book clubs, weekly crafts and workshops, movies, and a variety of special performers throughout the summer. Special performers will visit on July 21st & 26th and August 18th. These will be ticketed events. Free tickets will be available up to 2 weeks prior to each performance, and are given out on a first come first served basis. For more information, call the library or stop by and visit us.

There is an exciting lineup of programs for tweens & teens too. We will offer a tween book discussion where teens share what they are reading, battle of the books practice for grades 7+, and a fun teens-only (12-18) program every Thursday at 5:30pm. From crafts to escape room games, stop motion movie creation to yoga. We have it all at the library this summer.

All summer reading participants will have the opportunity to win great prizes, ranging from a pair of tickets to New York Comic Con, tickets to sporting events, a Kindle Fire Tablet, book sets, local gift cards, and more.

Registration is required for some programs. For more information and to learn about our full lineup of programs stop in and visit us or call 845-794-4660 ext. 8. You can also find out more information by visiting the library website at www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org, liking us on Facebook, or following us on Twitter and Instagram @ebcplibrary.



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years, and structural changes in the brain, lower working memory and IQ scores at age seven, and movement disorders (including arm tremors) at age eleven.

In 2007, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Pesticide Action Network North America filed a petition with EPA requesting revocation of chlorpyrifos food tolerances under the Food Act. The groups later had to sue EPA to force action on the petition. In 2015 and again in 2016, EPA issued notices of proposed rulemaking to revoke all tolerances for the pesticide on food because the Agency was unable to identify a safe level of chlorpyrifos on food. Significantly, the 2016 notice stated that "EPA can only retain chlorpyrifos tolerances if it is able to conclude that such tolerances are safe."

Despite EPA's certainty that it could not find the current chlorpyrifos food tolerances safe under the Food Act, on March 29, 2017, roughly a month after his confirmation, Administrator Pruitt issued an order abruptly changing position on the proposed regulations and denying the administrative petition by the environmental groups to revoke the current tolerances for chlorpyrifos on food. He effectively left the tolerances in place indefinitely.

The coalition of Attorneys General is challenging Administrator Pruitt's order as a violation of the Food Act because it leaves current food tolerances for chlorpyrifos in effect without finding that they are safe. The coalition contends that the Food Act does not give EPA the authority to leave tolerances in place in the absence of a finding of safety. Their filing argues that the Act requires the Agency to either find tolerances on food safe or it must revoke or modify the current tolerances; there is no provision in the Food Act allowing the Trump EPA to do what it has done by leaving tolerances in effect but not making a safety finding.

The coalition's challenge, which was filed with EPA, requests that the Agency vacate its recent order that left chlorpyrifos residue tolerances in effect without finding them safe. The Attorneys General further request that EPA issue a final order within 60 days on the State coalition's objections and a final regulation revoking tolerances for chlorpyrifos on food.

This matter is being handled by New York Assistant Attorney General Maureen F. Leary and Environmental Scientist Jennifer Nalbene under the supervision of the Lemuel M. Srolovic, Chief of the Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau. The Bureau is part of the Division of Social Justice, which is led by Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Alvin Bragg

UC Executive Mike Hein Directs the county Attorney to Commence Litigation Against Pharmaceutical Companies for their Role in Perpetuating the Opioid Crisis

After consultation and agreement with the leadership of the Ulster County Legislature, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has directed the County Attorney to commence litigation against major pharmaceutical companies due to their deceptive and aggressive marketing, and other actions that have fueled the national opioid crisis and affected Ulster County's residents.

"The actions of these multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical companies have had a disgraceful negative impact on our entire nation; and at the local level they have harmed our medical system, the county's finances and, worst of all, the health and well-being of many Ulster County residents," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I have been to far too many wakes and funerals with grieving families as they suffer the loss of their children to overdoses, and I am pleased that counties across America are standing up to these companies who are preying on our citizens. Even in the face of our continued fight to mandate drug take-backs at pharmacies, the activities of pharmaceutical companies have continued to contribute to spikes in opioid addiction and medical costs, as well as overdose deaths and untold pain and suffering inflicted on Ulster County families, all while they have unconscionably reaped billions of dollars in profits at the expense of the public's health. It is time they are held accountable."

Chairman of the Ulster County Legislator Ken Ronk "For years Ulster County has been on the forefront of the battle against opiate abuse in our community. An example of this effort is UCAN which brought together volunteers, grieving mothers, and professionals and recommended the creation of the Family Advocate position helping families navigate the often murky waters of recovery services, but we can always do more, said Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature Ken Ronk. "I applaud County Executive Hein for taking this important step in the fight for our children and families, and I look forward to working with him to choose the best path forward for the people of Ulster County in this litigation."

Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez "The large drug companies have been profiteering while more and more of our residents in Ulster County, and indeed across the nation, suffer the horrors of addiction," said Hector Rodriguez, Minority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature. "I am proud to join the County Executive as we fight back on behalf of Ulster County and seek to have these drug companies acknowledge the destruction they have caused and take responsibility for it."

Ulster County Legislator Jonathan Heppner "We must take every possible action to address the affliction opioid and heroin addiction has caused in our community," Ulster County Legislator Jonathan Heppner. "That includes seeking justice against these pharmaceutical companies who have knowingly put people in harms way with their deception in order turn a profit. It's important that Ulster County will be taking legal action on behalf of our families and victims. Far too many have suffered because of their corporate greed."

Ulster County Legislator Chris Allen "This lawsuit sends a powerful message to the pharmaceutical drug companies and to those in the healthcare industry who have facilitated the over-prescribing of opiate-based pain killers, said Ulster County Legislator Chris Allen. "Unfortunately, the depth and severity of withdrawal symptoms from such prescription pain killers leads to addictive behaviors being activated in many of the patients who are prescribed opiate-based pain pills and once the prescriptions run out, they often end up purchasing pain pills on the black market and/or turning to heroin. Our system is broken in that insurance companies are pushed by the pharmaceutical drug companies to pay for expensive pain pills rather than holistic-based treatments which are equally effective at treating pain without the addictive side effects. The ensuing costs to society have been costly on the human level and on the financial level."

A G Schneiderman Challenges Trump EPA over Toxic Pesticide Coalition Of Seven AGs Charge EPA With Violating Federal Law By Failing To Issue Required Safety Finding On Chlorpyrifos - Common Pesticide That Causes Well-Documented Harms To Children's Neurological Development

New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, leading a coalition of seven state Attorneys General, announced a challenge to President Trump's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for violating federal law regarding toxic pesticides. Chlorpyrifos, a widely-used pesticide on food crops - including those consumed by infants, young children, and pregnant women - is shown to negatively impact proper development and functioning of the central nervous system and brain.

"The EPA's first job is ensuring the health and safety of New Yorkers and all Americans - especially our children. Yet the Trump administration is jeopardizing our children's health by allowing continued exposure to this toxic pesticide at levels it has not found to be safe," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "If the Trump Administration won't follow the law - and put our children's wellbeing first - we will fight back."

Joining Attorney General Schneiderman in the challenge are the Attorneys General of California, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Washington, and Vermont. Click here to read the filing.

The Attorneys General charge that the EPA failed to make a key safety finding needed to continue to allow levels of chlorpyrifos, a common agricultural pesticide, on fruits and vegetables consumed by the public. The federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Food Act) requires EPA to revoke allowable levels

- or "tolerances" - for pesticide residues on foods if the Agency is unable to determine that the levels are safe.

The public health dangers of chlorpyrifos are well-documented, with EPA's own scientists twice being unable to identify a safe level for the pesticide on food. In November 2015 and again in November 2016, EPA issued proposed regulations to revoke all tolerances and no longer allow chlorpyrifos to be used on food. However, in one of his first official acts, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt disregarded those proposals and decades of accumulated scientific evidence and - citing "uncertainty" in chlorpyrifos' toxicity - issued an order putting off until October 2022, if not longer, any decision on whether to revoke or modify current food tolerances for the pesticide.

In their challenge announced today, the Attorneys General argue that the Administrator's order leaving in place current tolerances for chlorpyrifos residues on food violates the Food Act because it fails to include the finding of safety required to maintain these tolerances.

Chlorpyrifos is one of the most widely used insecticides in the United States on numerous food crops, including those consumed by infants and young children such as apples, strawberries, cherries, bananas, pears, peaches, nectarines, and cherries. Residues of the pesticide have repeatedly been documented in baby foods and juices. Chlorpyrifos has been subjected to regulatory review for nearly 20 years, and its toxic harms are well-documented. The pesticide acts by inhibiting an enzyme that is key to the proper development and functioning of the central nervous system and brain. Columbia University studies have shown that children born to women exposed to chlorpyrifos during pregnancy had cognitive and motor development delays in the first 3

Postcards: Windows on the Past

From the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s, postcards were an inexpensive way of sending short messages, much as today we send texts to cover short requests and make brief clarifications. They seem to fulfill communication needs later met by the telephone and texts and emails today. Perhaps that is why we find it so fascinating to read the personal messages on them. In addition, postcards can be important historic records of buildings, landscapes, and cityscapes that may have changed or disappeared over time.

On Saturday, June 17, the Cragmoor Historical Society will host a program entitled *POSTCARDS: WINDOWS ON THE PAST*. It will include two guest speakers, an exhibit, and sale of vintage postcards.

"Wish You Were Here" Cragmoor Through the Lens of Postcards: A Social and Historical Commentary will be presented by Richard Hartz who has researched more than 400 postcards in the collection of the Cragmoor Historical Society. In addition to discussing the history of postcards, he will present slides of some of his Cragmoor favorites, including the hidden significance of the written messages.

Expert Nancy Foutz of Stone Ridge has been collecting and researching postcards for more than thirty years and has amassed an extensive collection. Specializing in postcards of New York State, Ulster County,

and other historical ephemera, she will share some of her collection and discuss what to look for when collecting post cards and what influences their value.

The presentations will be followed by a sale of vintage postcards and an exhibit of Cragmoor postcards. Viewers will be invited to compete in a competition to complete some of the unclear messages on the back of cards.

Federation Seeks Committee Members for 30th Anniversary Gala

This year the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary, and they are asking for your help. The organization is planning a gala to be held on October 14th, and they are seeking volunteers to join the committee for this event.

Many may remember that the Federation, originally known as Tom's Kitchen, opened its doors in a church basement in 1987. A not-for-profit organization providing assistance to individuals and families in need, they act as a safety net, providing food and advocacy to those in crisis situations. Federation director Kathy Kreiter says that in the last thirty years, the Federation and its many loyal volunteers have created "a soft place to fall" for county residents of all walks of life who have needed a leg up at one time or another. "Thirty years is a long time. It is truly something to celebrate" Kreiter added.

The Gala event committee will be meeting at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location Monday evenings beginning June 12, at 5:30pm. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Sullivan

County Federation for the Homeless and those they serve.

The Federation for the Homeless provides education, goods and services to those who are without resources. If you would like to join the gala committee, or have any questions about the Federation and its programs, please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 794-2604, or email her at scfh@hvc.rr.com.

Registration Open for Summer Classes at Temple Shalom

Adult education summer courses at Shalom Jewish University will begin on Tuesday, June 27, at Temple Shalom in Monticello. These popular courses run for ten weekly sessions. This is the eleventh semester that Temple Shalom has offered courses covering a variety of topics of Jewish interest.

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Hebrew Level 2, taught by Lauren Miller. Check for times - laurenmiller13@gmail.com

Jewish Film Discussion, taught by Shain Fishman, Thursdays 1 pm - 3:30 pm.

Courses are open to the community and will be held at Temple Shalom, just off Forestburgh Road in Monticello.

Including the registration fee, which is waived for early registrants, cost is \$41 per course for Temple members and \$59 per course for nonmembers. Discounts apply for those taking more than one course.

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church
June 27, 2017
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Luncheon
11 am- 1pm

Third Saturday Thrift Sale
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June 17th

St. Augustine's Chapel
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to hire an Administrative Assistant for our Economic Development Program. Bachelor's degree and/or equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary is between \$30,000 and \$32,500. Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to Mr. Alan L. Rosa, P.O. Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455. EOE

5/11; 5/18; 5/25; 6/1; 6/8; 6/15-14

Growing Your Farm & Food Business: Labor Law for Locals

LIBERTY, NY-One of the best ways to protect a business is to know the law as it relates to workplace discrimination, wages and overtime, employment contracts, employee handbooks, and sound human resources policies.

The public can hear directly from the US Department of Labor at a New York State Labor Laws and Regulations workshop on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is hosting this class at its Extension Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Kristyna Lamphere, investigator with the US Department of Labor, will discuss how farmers and local entrepreneurs can stay up-to-date and compliant with the latest developments in labor and employment law training.

Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Partial scholarships are available with support from Sullivan Renaissance.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccesc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

SUNY Sullivan Foundation Golf Tournament set for June 20th at Villa Roma

Loch Sheldrake, NY (June 11, 2017) - SUNY Sullivan Foundation will hold its 18th Annual Golf Tournament at the Villa Roma Country Club in Callicoon, New York, on Tuesday, June 20. The event, dubbed the "The Start of Something Great Tournament," raises funds for the Foundation's scholarship program, which helps make the dream of higher education a reality for many students.

Registration and lunch begin at 11:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The sponsor for this year's tournament is Jeff Bank. Robert Ernst and Jared Kaufman will again co-chair the event.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per person; the fee for SUNY Sullivan students is \$130. The fee includes a round of golf, golf cart, on-course refreshments, lunch, cocktails, a delicious steak dinner, a golf gift and a chance to win great raffle prizes. Friends of the college who are not available to play golf are invited to attend the dinner at 5:15 p.m.; dinner tickets are \$50 per person.

Golfers will also have a chance to vie for fantastic hole-in-one prizes on each of the par three holes, including a shot at a 2-year lease on a 2017 Ford Escape compliments of M&M Auto Group. As always, prizes will be awarded for the top men's and women's foursomes

Many sponsorship opportunities are available. To learn how to become or sponsor or to add your name to the growing list of golfers, contact Hillary Egeland at 845-434-5750, ext. 4377 or email hegeland@sunysullivan.edu.

Mets Live Series at SUNY Sullivan

Saturday, June 24, 2017

DON GIOVANNI - ENCORE PRESENTATION (Start - 12 noon) Three charismatic singers, Simon Keenlyside, Ildar Abdrazakov, and Mariusz Kwiecien, share the role of the title hero, who goes to hell in a dazzling coup de théâtre. The ensemble of great Mozartean singers includes Angela Meade, Marina Rebeka, Isabel Leonard, Matthew Polenzani, Erwin Schrott, and Paul Appleby. Fabio Luisi and Plácido Domingo conduct.

Jason Foscolo of Food Law Firm Presents Food Labeling Laws

LIBERTY, NY-The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) requires anyone packaging a food product to abide by specific regulations. The public can learn Food Labeling Laws for Entrepreneurs on Tuesday, June 27, 2017. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is hosting this class from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Jason Foscolo, PLLC, of the Food Law Firm will help navigate food labeling mandated by the FDA including:

- The basic layout of a label
- How to make product claims (high fiber, low sodium)
- How to make health claims (e.g., can lower your incidence of coronary heart disease)
- Publicly available resources for food manufacturers

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This program is sponsored by the Food Law Firm, <http://www.foodlawfirm.com/>.

The Long Term Care Council Meeting

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for Sullivan NY Connects, the No Wrong Door/Single Entry Point for information on long term services and supports in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, June 21, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, Sullivan NY Connects, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

Sullivan Renaissance Provides Assistance to 24 Businesses

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance recently awarded \$30,000 in grants and other support to 24 Sullivan County businesses as part of the 2017 Business Assistance Grant Program. The program offers both financial and technical assistance to businesses interested in improving curb appeal, signage and customer experience.

Businesses were eligible to request a free design consultation with an architect, and matching grants for façade and sign improvements and/or landscaping projects. Five businesses received design consultations, and the remainder were awarded grants up to \$2,500.

A free "pop-up" gardening class was held on Wednesday, June 14 at 10am at Last Licks, 89 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale. Last Licks is one of the businesses that will receive a landscaping grant in this year's program. Business owners or community members interested in learning more about installing a garden were invited to stop by. Larry Steiger, owner of Last Licks, who offered to provide a complimentary sandwich and beverage for anyone who attended.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. This year's program is made possible with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Fisher Mears Associates, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and Thompson Sanitation. For more information about programs or for ways to get involved, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit the website at www.SullivanRenaissance.org.

SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE 2017 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT RECIPIENTS

A2B Taxi, South Fallsburg - Hanging baskets & landscaping; Academy House for Adults, Liberty Retaining wall & landscaping; Arati Store, Hurleyville - Landscaping & rain garden; Cabernet Frank's, Parksville - Landscaping & outdoor seating; Cedar Park Commons, Monticello Landscaping & new fencing; Cochection Corner, Cochection - Façade, signage & window boxes; DeFillippis Bakery, Monticello - Outdoor seating &

design consult; Don Gabriel's Mexican Food, Liberty - Design consultation; Downtown Barn, Liberty - Courtyard landscaping; Gombo's Bakery, South Fallsburg - Signage & landscaping; Hessinger Building, Jeffersonville - Fountain garden & landscaping; Jeff Bank, Multiple Locations - Branch beautification; Last Licks, Ferndale - Fencing & landscaping; Lazy Fox, Callicoon - Landscaping & entry improvements; Le Chocolat, Woodridge - Landscaping & outdoor seating; Liberty Antique Palace, Liberty - Landscaping; Liberty U-Storage, Liberty - Design consultation; Logan's Bar & Grill, Liberty - Design consultation; Monticello Green Market, Monticello - Signage & landscaping; Sam's Towing & Recovery, Liberty - Landscaping; Sergeant Suds Laundromat, Woodridge - Seating area & design consult; The Tusten Cup, Narrowsburg - Awning & signage; Western Supper Club & Inn, Callicoon - Outdoor seating & landscaping; and Yanni's Gyro Express Café, Monticello - Landscaping

Senator Bonacic Joins Colleagues and Advocates to Push for the Passage of the Charitable Gaming Act of 2017



At a press conference in Albany, State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined his colleagues, Senator Patrick Gallivan and Senator Joe Griffo, as well as advocates from across New York to push for the passage of the Charitable Gaming Act of 2017. The legislation, S.4329, would amend state law in relation to the sale of raffle tickets for bona-fide charitable organizations. The changes will allow non-profit groups to sell raffle tickets via the internet and provide additional payment options for raffles and other fundraising activities.

Senator Bonacic Supports Legislation that Enhances Workforce Development to Improve Opportunities for More New Yorkers

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that he has voted in favor of a package of bills aimed at boosting the state economy by training job seekers and existing employees for the employment opportunities that are in demand. The measures will eliminate the skills gap through education investments and advance networks between workers and job creators. They are among the products of an extensive examination of employment issues in New York conducted by the Senate's Task Force on Workforce Development.

The bills acted upon today include:

- S2124A would direct the Commissioner of Education to develop guidelines for use by high school guidance counselors in facilitating student awareness and interest in apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and career and technical education opportunities;
- S938 would establish the Veteran Career Assistance Program in collaboration with the Division of Veterans Affairs, as well as SUNY and CUNY;
- S3789 would require the New York State Department of Labor (DOL) to publish an annual catalogue listing multiple state and federal funding programs and tax credits for workforce development and preparation, adult education, and skills training;
- S6087 would invest \$35 million to expand New York State's Pathways in Technology Schools (P-TECHs) and Early College High Schools to meet student demand and enhance educational performance;
- S2104 would give high school students the opportunity to earn academic credit towards graduation for outside work experience; and
- 397B would allow any veteran to be awarded a high school diploma based on their knowledge and experience in service to this country.

"Increasing workforce development opportunities will allow New Yorkers to better compete in the global economy," said Senator Bonacic. "I'm pleased to support these bills because I know they will make a difference for those who are seeking employment in our state."



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

Sat., July 8 - Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair

- Sat-July 22 New York State Museum
- Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume
- Fri-Aug 26 Animal Embassy Presentation
- Fri-Oct 6 Annie Get Your Gun Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
- Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge
- Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment. It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



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 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.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule 10 am - 2:30 pm

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	Dec 14

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.

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

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- 6/15/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 6/17/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 6/18/17 Claryville Fire Dept Father's Day **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon
- 6/20/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 6/21/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/19/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 6/26/17 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library Meeting Room
- 6/27/17 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** (9am -12:30pm) and **Luncheon** (11 am-1 pm)
- 6/27/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 7/1/17 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Ladies Aid Bake Sale** - 9 am until all sold out
- 7/1/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 7/5/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 7/5/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 7/6/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 7/11/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 7/12/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 7/13/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

- Farmers' Market - Open Every Saturday** - 10 am - 2 pm at the Neversink General Store
- Sat., July 8 - Town of Neversink Parks & Rec **Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 **6th Annual Matty Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament**
- Saturday, July 29 - **Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ**
- Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft and Vendor Fair**- Sat., August 26th 2017 (vendors wanted)
- Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 Daniel Pierce Library **Giant Pumpkin Parade and Party**

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

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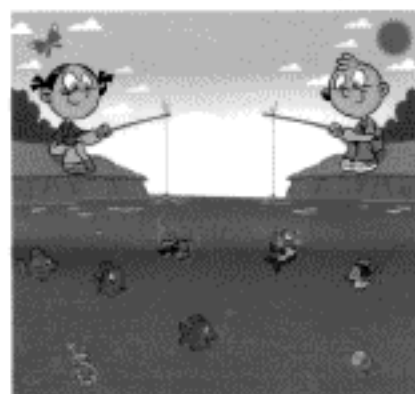
Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**. **Town of Olive Planning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

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TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
 Friday, June 16th 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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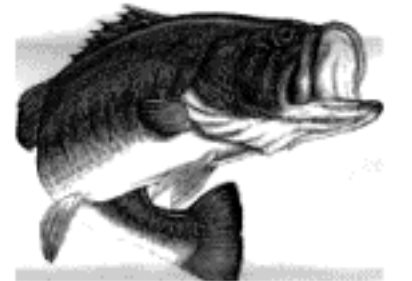
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Interest Meeting for

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Suspicion (Suspense, 1941)



A wealthy wallflower suspects her penniless playboy husband of murder. **Dir: Alfred Hitchcock Starring Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Nigel Bruce, Dame May Whitty, Isabel Jeans, Heather Angel, Leo G. Carroll. Fontaine won Oscar for portraying wife who believes husband Grant is trying to kill her.** Suspense is helped by Bruce as Cary's pal, but finale (imposed by the Production Code) leaves viewer flat. Scripted by Samson Raphaelson, Joan Harrison, and Alma Reville (Hitchcock's wife), from Before the Fact by Francis Iles (Anthony Berkeley). Remade as a TVM in 1987. **Starting at 8:00 AM, early Monday Morning, June 19, 2017 CC, Rated TV-PG., 98 min.**

Quiz:

1. Who played Mrs. Laidlaw?
2. Who played the man mailing a letter?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

July 1 - **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

GRAHAMSVILLE

June 17 - **Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon

Sunday, June 18 - **Father's Day Take a Child Fishing** 10 am - 2 pm Beaver Dam Lake (See page 15 for details)

June 27 - **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** (9am - 12:30pm) and **Luncheon** (11 am-1 pm)

CLARYVILLE

Saturday, June 17 1 - 4 pm - **Opening Reception of John Bradford American Tales Exhibition** at the Claryville Art Center, 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. The exhibit will be on view through August 14th.

Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair All Vendors are wanted! Saturday August 26th 2017 Rain or Shine Claryville Fire Dept., 1500 Denning Rd Claryville, NY 12725 AM - 4 PM For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer 845-985-2943; email at jmp-isan12@gmail.com or Jean 845-985-7479. Payments and registration need to be submitted by August 4th.

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