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Time and the Valleys 1930s Lost Catskill Farm Opens with a Ribbon Cutting



Guest speaker, Adam Hornbeck

Stepping back in time, Wednesday evening's opening reception and ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the Time and the Valleys 1930s Lost Catskill Farm included a tour of the farm and a special pictorial postmark cancellation. Speakers for the opening program include NYC DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush, local residents with family ties to those who lost their homes and lands and students from the Tri-Valley School Watershed Studies Class who designed and created the pond which runs the water wheel.



NYC DEP Deputy Commissioner, Paul Rush, Benjamin Smith, Richard Coombe, President of the Time and the Valleys Museum and Lynn Priebe, Secretary of the Board watch TVCS student, Patrick Kelly cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the opening of the 1930s Lost Catskill Farm.

\$10 Million in Bridgework Set to Begin in Sullivan County

Standing in front of an aging span across the Neversink River, Sullivan County leaders today kicked off a \$10 million initiative to replace deteriorating bridges around the County.



"We have to gain ground on these bridges, in order to ensure the safety of everyone who drives, bicycles and walks over them," remarked District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, chair of the Legislature's Public Works Committee. "Due to the prior recession and other pressing needs, we've been backlogged on important maintenance. We cannot wait any longer."



"My colleagues and I on the Legislature recognized the immediate necessity of this work, and we agreed to spend a great deal more on bridges than we have in the past," Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez stated. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Grahamsville's Country Pumpkins Win Title as Teen Battle of the Books Champions for Fifth Consecutive Year

Six young women and one young man, representing the Daniel Pierce Library and students at Tri-Valley Secondary School, were undefeated in the annual Ramapo Catskill Library System's Teen Battle of the Books competition, on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Orange County Community College. Runners-up included Middletown Thrall Library (Team 2), finishing in second place, and Nanuet Public Library, finishing in third place.



The 2018 RCLS Battle of the Books Champions!

Competing against a field of seventeen other teams from around the Hudson Valley, the "Country Pumpkins" progressed through a spirited tournament to emerge victorious for the fifth time in five years, the only team to ever win the title more than once. This year's team was comprised of defending champions Kira Ambrosi, Lorna Bragg, Robert Denman, Juliette Eddings, Reanna McGregor, and Samantha Morgan, plus new team member Jasmine Irwin.

The contest pits teams in knowledge of the setting, plot, character, theme, and dialogue for eight highly-acclaimed young adult books: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones, *Something in Between* by Melissa de la Cruz, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling, *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson, *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, *Angus, Thongs & Full-Front Snogging* by Louise Rennison, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, and *Undefeated* by Steve Sheinkin.



Team members Reanna McGregor, Juliette Eddings, Lorna Bragg, Kira Ambrosi, Sam Morgan, Jasmine Irwin, Robert Denman

To prepare for the September event, the seven team members not only read the books, but also met for discussion and practice throughout the summer with coaches Matt Haynes, Tri-Valley ELA teacher, and Geri Neumann, Daniel Pierce Library Youth Services Librarian.

We're very proud of the accomplishments of these young adults. Way to go, Country Pumpkins!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation and my high tower. Psalm 18:2

OBITUARY

Hector L. Rivera of Sundown, NY, a retired employee in the Laundry Department at Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY passed away on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Middletown, NY. He was 65.

The son of the late Marino and Carmen Vasquez Rivera, he was born September 25, 1952 in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Hector had many nicknames and his family and friends often referred to him as Scooby, Abi or David; he enjoyed fishing, back in the day. He had a "green thumb" and was wonderful gardener.

Survivors include his wife, Grace A. Newman Rivera, at home; his children, Carlos Rivera, Hector Rivera, Tanya Rivera and Rebecca Rivera; his parents-in-law, Barry and Carol Newman; three sisters-in-law, Gloria Cargill and her husband Wayne, Patty Kearns and her husband John, and Terri Dertinger and her husband Jake; one brother-in-law, Richard Vail and his wife Carrie; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Santos Rivera, Israel Rivera, Ivan Rivera and Blanco Torres.

Funeral services will be private.

Memorial contributions in Hector's name may be made to the Catskill Regional Medical Center - Oncology Department, PO Box 800, 68 Harris-Bushville Rd. Harris, NY 12742.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 www.Harris-FH.com favorite_border Donations Pledged

Days of Yore...

Today's History

September 29, 1948

Two inspectors from the State Department of Education at Albany were in Yeagerville looking over the school records on Monday. They called on Mrs H. J. Wilson, the trustee, and Mr. A. Baum, the collector and looked over the minutes of the school meetings and answered several questions pertaining to school business.

Norman Studor of Camp Woodland, Phoenicia has just issued his 1948 Annual in which he says that Sholam was strictly settled by Spanish Jews 106 years ago. Through the thick overgrowth he found foundations of where buildings had stood. The story is that the corner stone of the temple at Sholam was brought over from Jerusalem. No one seems to know why they settled here, nor why after a few years they left. They were reported to have been educated people with fine furniture, sociable and musical.

September 24, 1958

At a public meeting to be held on Monday, September 29th, the voters of the former Tri-Valley Union Free School District - - which was centralized in 1957 - - will decide on the disposition of the surplus monies of the union free district, as well as on the disposition of the one room school buildings now no longer in use.

Also, a decision is to be made by voters on the proposal by the Board of Education that the Claryville school house be conveyed to the Town of Denning for township meetings and related purposes.

Little Theresa Slater, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slater of Grahamsville was hospitalized at the Ellenville Hospital for a week, suffering from rheumatic fever. She is at home now, but confined to her bed and will return to the hospital for tests in ten days.

September 25, 1968

Beginning October 1, 1968 Sullivan County adult residents (21 years of age and over) will be permitted to borrow books and recordings from the College Library. A Library Card can be obtained in the Library after October 1. A certificate of county residence, which is issued by town clerks or a voter's registration care is required. The registration fee is \$2.00 per year.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe, Jr., 9 years on the 26th.

Vincent Zanetti of Grahamsville, manager of the South Fallsburg branch of Marine Midland Bank, was awarded the Chevrolet Impala at the second annual dinner of Community General Hospital of Sullivan County last Wednesday evening.

James V. Marshall writes from the Sub Sea Lion, now in the Caribbean, though he finds St. Thomas and Charlotte Amalie and the Virgin Islands in general beautiful, he still like the Catskill Mountains best. Some of us do too, James V.

September 28, 1978

On September 30, 1978, Boy Scout Troop 187 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Gary Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlsen of South Hill.

The Tri-Valley Lions began their 2nd year with a Ladies' Night Dinner/Dance at the Blue Hill Lodge, Tuesday, September 19th. Eighty-five Lions with their wives or girlfriends turned out!

Robert Ernst, SCNB President, announced the promotion of Mrs. Barbara DeWire who will be in charge of the Grossinger Branch Office. Mrs. DeWire, a SCNB Vice President, has been with the bank for 14 years and was formerly credit manager at the Liberty office.

Meeting of Long Term Care Council

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative

Committee Room Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY

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, September 26, 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.

Please note: this meeting is on the fourth Wednesday of the month, not our usual third Wednesday of the month, because of Yom Kippur.

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.

Tri-Valley Elementary School WANTED:

Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork.

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306

or

pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Hector L. Rivera of Sundown. Hector passed away on September 8th at Orange Regional Medical Center at the age of 65. He was the husband of Grace Newman Rivera. Prayers for Loretta Ackerley who is recuperating nicely at home following surgery.

Congratulations to Alan and Beata Coombe on the birth of their son! Alexander Jacob Coombe was born on August 20*. He joins his big sister, Aurelia. Alexander is the grandson of Philip Coombe III and Margaret Coombe and the great grandson of Phil Jr. and Carolyn Coombe. Kudos to Keegan Streimer who scored 4 touchdowns for Tri-Valley in their 50-0 win over the Dover Dragons. Congrats to the entire eight man football team for an overwhelming victory!

Rally day, the first day of the new Sunday School year, was held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday, September 9th. There were 21 children in attendance.

Thumbs up to the Ulster Heights Methodist Church who served a delicious baked chicken luncheon to over 75 people on Thursday, September 6th, when the outside temperature was in the upper nineties! It had to be mighty warm working in that hot kitchen for any length of time.

By the way, the food was delicious as always! Downtown Grahamsville was the place to be on Sunday afternoon, September 9th. The Heartbeat Music Hall presented an "All Country Extravaganza" to a standing room only crowd. Thank you, Dave, for providing the "perfect" venue for country musicians to perform.

Another year has come and gone and we, as a nation, still vividly remember the tragic events of 9/11. It hardly seems possible that 17 years have passed since that horrible day in our history. I am sure that almost everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing when they heard that the planes struck the Towers. I was still teaching and remember that I was in the Tri-Valley Middle School Library speaking with Nancy Michel and Mary Kenney. When we heard the news that the first tower was struck, we turned on the TV and actually saw the next plane hit the second tower. Many people perished, however, many people were also saved due to the extraordinary efforts of a lot of brave people. I still think of Nancy and Mary every 9/11.

Back in 1963, when JFK was shot, I first heard the announcement over the PA system while teaching at Cresskill High School in New Jersey. A few days later, schools were still closed, a few friends and I went to Washington, DC to view the funeral procession. The event is still indelible in my mind.

Words of Wisdom: Twin Towers America, please, always remember the terrorist attack on the 11th of September. Men and women and children quite small were in those Towers that once stood so tall. When the planes hit, not much time did elapse. There was smoke and fire, and then total collapse. The victims fell silent, their lives were shattered. Each victim was important, they all really mattered. The heartbroken nation all wondered why. Why did these planes cause so many to die? Why did this happen to people so good? Why did they die sooner than they should? Mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, we're pining the lives of such beautiful lives. The horrifying sights people saw that day, are memories that will never fade away. We **must** have faith in God above. We **must** believe in His eternal love. The memory of those who from earth did depart, will always be etched in a corner of our heart.

\$10 Million in Bridgework Set to Begin in Sullivan County

(From Pg. 1) Chairman Luis Alvarez continued, "Our roads and bridges are being used more than ever, and we have an obligation to ensure their safety and integrity."

"The Legislature authorized bonding up to \$10 million for this effort, and over the next month, we're soliciting bids for virtually that entire amount. The safety of our commuters and visitors is paramount," Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz noted. "At the same time, we're accomplishing this without hiking taxes for our property owners."

Five bridge replacements will go out to bid within the next two months. Identified by the Division of Public Works (DPW) as needing the most immediate attention, the bridges are located within the townships of Forestburgh, Mamakating and Neversink.

"Thanks to a decades-old decision by the former Board of Supervisors to transfer most bridge repair and replace-

ment duties from our 15 townships to the County, we have responsibility for 400 bridges spread across County and town roads," Deputy County Manager Dan Depew explained. "Keeping up with that responsibility is extremely expensive, consuming great time and resources, and it's a burden most other counties in New York State don't have. Nevertheless, we plan to meet that obligation in the years ahead."

Town of Neversink Fall Cleanup 2018

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2018 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Pink 2018 permits will be allowed 1 load which must be brought on one of the two days. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

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

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

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club News

The Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club held its monthly meeting on September 6th with 15 members present. The club has been planning and preparing for its upcoming Sportsman's Flea Market on September 15th and 16th, we currently have around 35 tables sold. We will also be helping out at the Kay Danchak Memorial Youth Outdoor Expo held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on September 22nd.

Remember the Kay's Kid's Fishing Contest sponsored by the Federation of Sportsman's Clubs of Sullivan County, open to all kids to the age of 15, weigh in station is the Neversink General Store.

Club member George Smith made an offer to make a handmade bamboo fly rod to be raffled off at a later date. This is a generous contribution from George to the club and whoever wins this custom fly rod will have a treasure of a lifetime. The club also voted on increasing the amount of money it spends on stocking fish in the spring. Please visit our FACEBOOK page at Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Inc.

DEP Announces 2018 Reservoir Cleanup Day

Volunteers from the Catskills and Hudson Valley will lead cleanups at nine reservoirs Fifth annual Reservoir Cleanup Day scheduled for Sept. 30; cleanups begin at 12 p.m.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it will team up with school groups, business leaders, environmental advocates, local nonprofits and watershed citizens to remove litter and recyclables from public recreation areas at nine water supply reservoirs in the Catskills and Hudson Valley. Hundreds of volunteers are expected to participate in DEP's fifth Reservoir Cleanup Day on Sunday, Sept. 30. The volunteers will remove debris from areas that are generally used for fishing and boating access. Reservoir Cleanup Day is made possible with support from the Catskill Watershed Corporation.

This year's cleanup follows a record-setting effort in 2017, during which 418 volunteers removed more than 300 bags of debris and recyclables from reservoir shorelines. The haul weighed more than 4,500 pounds. In many cases, debris blew onto reservoir property from nearby roads, washed down toward the reservoirs by streams and rivers, or was left behind at access areas used by the public for fishing and boating.

DEP's Reservoir Cleanup Day is among dozens of similar events happening across the state as part of the American Littoral Society's annual New York State Beach Cleanup, which organizes volunteers to remove debris from beaches, lakes and other popular bodies of water. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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.

Spotted Lanternfly

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Agriculture and Markets (DAM) today confirmed that spotted lanternfly (SLF), an invasive pest from Asia, has been found in Albany and Yates counties. A single adult insect was discovered in a vehicle in the Capital District. In addition, a single adult insect was



Spotted Lantern Fly

reported on a private Keuka Lake property in Penn Yan, Yates County. "DEC and our partners at the Department of



Agriculture and Markets are closely tracking the spotted lanternfly, a destructive invasive pest, as part of our ongoing efforts to prevent its establishment and spread in New York. This pest

has the potential to severely impact our state's agricultural and tourism industries," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "We are encouraging the public to send us information to bolster our efforts-they are our eyes on the ground."

Following both reported cases, DEC and DAM immediately began extensive surveys throughout the area. At this time, no additional insects have been found. DEC and DAM urge New Yorkers to report potential sightings to spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "It's critical that we monitor for and control this invasive species, which can weaken plants and have a devastating impact on our farm crops and agricultural production, especially apples, grapes and hops. Since our farmers are among those facing the greatest potential impact, we ask them to join us in helping to watch for the spotted lanternfly, and signs of infestation, and report any sightings immediately."

SLF is a destructive pest that feeds on more than 70 plant species including tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), maples, apple trees, grapevine, and hops. SLF feedings can stress plants, making them vulnerable to disease and attacks from other insects. SLF also excretes large amounts of sticky "honeydew," which attracts sooty molds that interfere with plant photosynthesis, negatively affecting the growth and fruit yield of plants. SLF also has the potential to significantly hinder quality of life due to the honeydew and the swarms of insects it attracts.

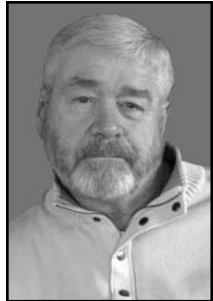
SLF was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014 and have since been found in New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia. Given the proximity to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey infestations, New York State is at high risk for infestation. While these insects can jump and fly short distances, they spread primarily through human activity. SLF lay their eggs on any number of surfaces such as vehicles, stone, rusty metal, outdoor furniture and firewood. Therefore, the insects can hitch rides on any outdoor item and be easily transported into and throughout New York.

Jennifer Grant, Ph.D., Cornell University Director New York State IPM Program said, "Knowing that this pest was likely to arrive, we have been working with our State partner agencies to develop integrated strategies to get the word out and manage SLF in grapes, hops, apples and other susceptible crops. It's imperative that the public help slow the invasion and spread by reporting possible sightings and acting responsibly when traveling in quarantine areas." (Contd. Pg. 6)

Household Hints

Clear Away Crayon Stains

Somehow or other, kids often manage to get crayon marks on their clothing. You can easily get these stains off by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them



American History

Mysterious Book Report No. 347

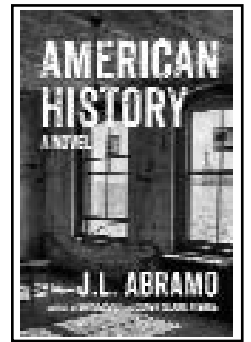
by John Dwaine McKenna

The twentieth century may go down in history as the most epochal of all time. It's already the most fascinating, pivotal and the most consequential of eras because it was without doubt the bloodiest one ever. Now, in a brand new piece of intricate crime fiction, the twentieth century is encapsulated by following the fortunes of two families, the Agnellos and Leones, who bring a blood feud with them from Sicily to the USA at the turn of the twentieth century. The Agnello family (lamb, in Italian) stays in New York City and mostly on the side of law and order. The Leone clan (lion, in Italian), on the other hand, puts down roots in San Francisco where they create a criminal empire.

American History, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$18.95, 362 pages, ISBN 978-1-946502-70-4) by J.L. Abramo is a multi-generational saga of loyalty and deceit, law breakers and law enforcers, whose families are torn apart or bound together in a no holds barred battle for survival as neither time, nor distance prevents the families from trying to destroy each other. As a nation struggles to find its identity in the wake of two World Wars the two families engage in a life and death struggle formed by honor and lies, as tragic circumstances tear one family apart while the other searches for missing members. With the focus going from coast to coast in the tradition of *The Godfather*, *East of Eden*, or *The Given Day*, this compelling saga of American crime and crime families will keep you reading far into the night. Mr. Abramo, an award-winning best-selling author has penned another winner that all fans of crime fiction are going to want to read!

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Interview With The Author: J. L. Abramo

by John Dwaine McKenna



Hello and welcome to Joe Abramo, whose family saga, *American History* is reviewed in Mysterious Book Report No. 347. Thanks for taking time out to speak with us today and giving our readers your insights and observations. We know you're busy . . . so let's dig right in.

Why do you write?

To release what would otherwise be trapped inside. To stay sane. And, to quote Van Morrison, *I can't not write.*

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

To some extent, many are. We write what we know. In my Jake Diamond series, Diamond is a Brooklyn born actor turned private investigator. His father was a Russian Jew, his mother an Italian-American. I am a Brooklyn boy, with a background in theatre, my father born in Naro, Sicily – where the novel *American History* begins – and my mother born in Kiev. Many of my other characters, for better or worse, borrow from personal experiences.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I don't plot-outline. If *winging it* means letting the characters and the events take me where they will, I'm guilty. In other words, I don't know where the book will end when I begin. At some point, I finally learn where the journey needs to finally arrive-and often, when I do, I realize *I can't get there from here.* I need to do some rewriting, backtrack to a different fork in the road. It works for me because I am constantly surprised, and I believe art should surprise the artist as well as the audience.

How did your book get published?

The first book, *Catching Water in a Net*, captured the St. Martin's Press/Private Eye Writers of America Award for Best First Private Eye Novel and was published by Minotaur. After that, St. Martin's published two more in the series before deciding I wasn't a cash cow. Years later, Eric Campbell began Down & Out Books and tracked me down because he was a big Jake Diamond fan. D&O reissued those first three books, and have since published six more of my titles. The latest, *American History*, just released.

Are you more comfortable writing in the first, or third person POV?

I feel comfortable with both. In some of my work, *Counting to Infinity* and *American History*, I use first and third person. And *Gravesend* is written in present tense- *he says* and *he goes* as opposed to *he said* and *he went*. It gave that particular novel a different feeling, an immediacy – everything happening in the exact moment.

Do you use long, detailed and in-depth descriptions of your characters and their environs?

I don't do much in the way of physical descriptions of individuals. I personally, as a reader, prefer to use my imagination. Besides, I don't want to limit who can play the character in the movie. I don't spend a lot of time describing trees or sunsets or butterflies – I figure readers have very good ideas about those. The setting is important in my work, so I am more specific when it comes to non-

fictional locations-such as restaurants, landmarks, street intersections.

What do you write about?

A lot of my work involves family – family loyalty, honor, and survival. *American History* is a saga of two immigrant families and their ninety-year conflict in their new world. Another theme I've visited more than once is the different ways people deal with adversity-whether positively or negatively-and how those decisions ultimately define them.

J. L. ABRAMO was born and raised in the seaside paradise of Brooklyn, New York on Raymond Chandler's fifty-ninth birthday.

Abramo is the author of *Catching Water in a Net*, winner of the St. Martin's Press/Private Eye Writers of America prize for Best First Private Eye Novel; the subsequent Jake Diamond Novels *Clutching at Straws*, *Counting to Infinity* and *Circling the Runway* (Shamus Award Winner); *Chasing Charlie Chan*, a prequel to the Jake Diamond series; and the stand-alone thrillers *Gravesend*, *Brooklyn Justice* and *Coney Island Avenue*, a follow-up to *Gravesend*. His latest novel is *American History*.

Abramo is the current president of Private Eye Writers of America.

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DEP Announces 2018

Reservoir Cleanup Day (From Pg. 1) DEP is among the government agencies, businesses and foundations that sponsor the statewide effort. In 2017, a total of 5,025 people participated in cleanup events throughout New York, removing 34,548 pounds of debris along 191 miles of shoreline.


"Reservoir Cleanup Day is special because it encourages each of us to volunteer and take responsibility for the cleanliness of our natural resources," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "Thousands of people each year visit our reservoirs and the forests that surround them because they are beautifully pristine - but they only stay that way through work and education. I want to thank all the volunteers in advance for their hard work, benevolence and commitment."

Cleanups this year will happen at Ashokan, Cannonsville, Neversink and Pepacton reservoirs in the Catskills, and at East Branch, Kensico, Lake Gleneida, Muscoot and New Croton reservoirs in the Hudson Valley. Each cleanup at these locations will begin at 12 p.m. and is expected to finish no later than 3 p.m. Volunteers will meet at central locations designated for each reservoir, which are listed below. DEP will have tents or signs posted at each of the locations to help volunteers find them.

To help reach volunteers, DEP has worked with local nonprofits, schools and community groups for the cleanup effort at each reservoir. Those who wish to volunteer can also reach out to DEP by calling (800) 575-LAND or by emailing watershedevents@dep.nyc.gov. Pre-registration is highly encouraged. Registration links for each cleanup can be found below, or by visiting DEP's watershed Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/NYCWatershed.

- Neversink Reservoir - Volunteers will meet at the kiosk near the dam on Route 55 in Neversink.
- Ashokan Reservoir - Volunteers will meet at the "Frying Pan" parking area just off Route 28A. DEP and volunteers will keep a tally of the type and quantity of debris that is collected at each site throughout the day. Data will be reported back to the American Littoral Society at the end of the event.

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The Lost Art of Writing

Today we type or touch a screen with a pointer finger. We speak in sound bites and capital letter initials. Paragraphing is a thing of the past. So is penmanship. Our communication is limited to a finite number of characters. We write without regard to punctuation except some previously little-used ones like @ and #. I actually had to look up the term "hashtag" to know how to use one in tweeting.

What has become of letter writing? Now I check e-mail and forgive the short missive fraught with misspellings and odd emoticons. Gone are the days when I would get a letter in the mail that I could hold in my hand and read over and over again. Now I consider a card, like a birthday card, a rarity. Even e-cards have taken over the celebrations of life.

I write in pen or pencil on a calendar or on short notes to my husband. "Went to yoga. Be back at 11:30." I am old enough to remember ink wells at P.S. 30 in Staten Island, and I won a penmanship award (along with a check for \$10.00) at my sixth grade graduation in Freeport, Long Island. I predict that penmanship or cursive will become a lost art; it is destined to follow fountain pens and typewriters into oblivion.

Gone are the conventions of grammar, syntax and vocabulary. On Facebook, interspersed with pictures of someone's lunch, cat or puppy are screens of one panel sayings using all those words that George Carlin said we weren't allowed to say.

What I fear is that our social customs are eroding and reducing themselves to repeated sound-bites. Even writers write on word processors which eliminate the erasers and cross-outs of old-fashioned writing.

Alas, we may leave behind a string of "OMG, my BFF is :) b cuz he 1 \$\$ #olivejar" without a Rosetta Stone to translate.

Spotted Lanternfly

(From Pg. 3) Adult SLF are active from July to December. They are approximately one-inch long and half an inch wide at rest, with eye-catching wings. Adults begin laying eggs in October. Signs of an SLF infestation may include:

- o Sap oozing or weeping from open wounds on tree trunks, which appear wet and give off fermented odors.
- o One-inch-long egg masses that are brownish-gray, waxy and mud-like when new. Old egg masses are brown and scaly. (Contd. Pg. 6)
- o Massive honeydew build-up under plants, sometimes with black sooty mold developing.

Anyone that suspects they have found SLF is encouraged to send a photo to spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov. Please note the location of where the insect was found, egg masses, and/or infestation signs. DEC and DAM also encourage the public to inspect outdoor items such as vehicles, furniture, and firewood for egg masses. Anyone that visits the Pennsylvania or New Jersey Quarantine Areas should thoroughly inspect their vehicle, luggage and gear for SLF and egg masses before leaving and scrape off all egg masses.

A Smartphone application is also available to help citizens and conservation professionals quickly and easily report new invasive species sightings directly to New York's invasive species database from their phones. For more informa

Senator Bonacic Announces \$100,000 Grant for the Town of Liberty

(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) announced today that he has secured a \$100,000 grant for the Town of Liberty to make improvements to Town Hall. Specifically, the grant will allow the Town to install a new roof, and boiler at Town Hall. The grant was secured through the State and Municipal Grant program, funding for which was appropriated in the 2018-2019 State Budget.

"I'm pleased to have worked with the Town of Liberty to secure this grant which will ensure that it can continue to effectively serve its residents," said Senator Bonacic. "In addition to improving operations in Town government, this grant will save local taxpayers money."

Town of Liberty Supervisor Brian Rourke said, "I thank Senator Bonacic for securing this grant and his continued support of the Town of Liberty. These improvements to Town Hall will preserve a historic building, and ensure that our residents have a government building that best serves their needs."

ECOs and Law Enforcement Professionals Recognized for Outstanding Service Protecting Environment, Public Health and Safety

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced the awards for distinguished actions of dozens of its service members and civilian staff and other law enforcement officials from across the state in a ceremony held at the Empire State Plaza today. DEC's Division of Law Enforcement Police Awards are presented every three years and recognize the courageous acts and distinguished service of Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and civilian employees, along with District Attorneys and other law enforce-

ment officials that helped protect the environment and enforce the Environmental Conservation Law.

"DEC's Environmental Conservation Police Officers are the state's first line of defense in safeguarding our environment and natural resources and protecting the public. I am honored to recognize and celebrate the incredible efforts of our officers and civilian staff today," DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. "Our ECOs work tirelessly, often in remote locations, to uphold the state's conservation laws and protect public health and safety. From uncovering illegal dumping, to protecting wildlife, enforcing air quality regulations, and responding to natural disasters, I applaud their selfless service to the State of New York."

Awards for actions taken in 2016 - 2018 were presented to 39 ECOs and other law enforcement and civilian professionals for a range of activities, including:

- o Saving the life of a gravely wounded ECO;
- o Conducting one of the largest ivory investigations and seizures in State history;
- o Saving the life of a victim stabbed in the neck with a broken bottle and then apprehending the combative attacker in several feet of water;
- o Coordinating a novel and innovative enforcement initiative to combat flooding and track fires in the NYC subway system;
- o Deploying ECO Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) pilots to Puerto Rico to assist in recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Maria;
- o Swimming across a raging river to rescue a father and daughter clinging to a tree limb;
- o Busting one of the largest deer poaching cases in New York history; and
- o Forming the Division's Environmental Forensic Crime Scene Unit (EFU).

In addition to the awards, DEC recognized the first female member of the DLE K-9 unit, as well as two other handlers at the event.

The mission of the ECOs, who were first created in 1880, is "to protect and enhance the environment and natural resources of the State of New York while also protecting the health and safety of its people through the enforcement of Environmental Conservation and related laws and public education."

In 2017, the 301 ECOs across the state responded to 26,400 calls and issued 22,150 tickets enforcing the Environmental Conservation Law, protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In addition, these officers responded to multiple natural disasters, emergencies, and other public safety threats, employing their unique maritime, woodland and off-road capabilities to protect the public.

SHIKAR SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD The Shikar-Safari Club was founded in 1952 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. It has awarded Division of Law Enforcement members the Wildlife Officer of the Year Award since the 1960s. The award was given to: ECO TIMOTHY FAY - 2016 ECO RICKY WOOD - 2017 NORTH EAST CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD NECLECA consists of law enforcement chiefs from 13

Northeastern states, three Eastern provinces of Canada, and the United States and Canadian Federal Conservation Law Enforcement agencies. Each year, the club sponsors an award for the Wildlife Conservation Officer of the Year in all 50 U.S. states, 10 Canadian provinces and the territories of both nations, acknowledging the important role that Conservation Police Officers play in local, national, and international wildlife conservation. In assessing candidates for this award, the candidate's entire record with their division is considered.

Command Staff extends congratulations to all members who were honored for their excellent work.

Rensselaer County Angler Catches State Record Fish *Longnose gar is third state record fish caught this year*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner (DEC) Basil Seggos announced today that a new state record fish - the third this year - was caught in August, breaking a longstanding record for longnose gar. Michael Gatus, of Hoosick Falls, caught a 14 lb., 10 oz., longnose gar from Lake Champlain in Washington County on Aug. 18 using chunk bait. The catch broke the 1999 New York State record by more than 1_ pounds.

"Fishing is better than ever in New York State, and Mr. Gatus' noteworthy catch is a great example of the world-class angling opportunities our state has to offer," Commissioner Seggos said. "Whether it's bass, trout, or lesser-known species like longnose gar, New York has something for everyone when it comes to fishing."

Gatus was actually fishing for channel catfish in Lake Champlain's South Bay in Whitehall when he bested the state record.

Evolutionarily speaking, longnose gar are considered living dinosaurs. Their long, needle-like snout is filled with rows of teeth, making them unmistakable from any other fish species. Longnose gar are commonly found in shallow weedy areas and are often found swimming near the water's surface. In New York, longnose gar are found primarily in the St. Lawrence River, Niagara River, Lake Champlain, eastern Lake Ontario, and the larger tributaries to these waters.

Gatus submitted details of his winning catch to DEC's Angler Achievement Awards Program, which tracks state record fish. Through this program, anglers can enter freshwater fish that meet specific qualifying criteria and receive official recognition of their catch and a distinctive lapel pin commemorating the achievement. Three categories make up the program: Catch & Release, Annual Award, and State Record. Photos of the record fish can be found on the New York State Freshwater Fishing Records page of DEC's website.

Gatus' gar joins William Wightman's 4 lb., 1 oz. black crappie caught from Lake Flavia, Cattaraugus County, on May 6 and Brian Hartman's 18 lb., 2 oz. walleye caught from the St. Lawrence River on May 5 as new state records set this year.

For more information about the Angler Achievement Awards Program, including a downloadable application form, go to DEC's website. Program details and an official entry form can also be found in DEC's current Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide (PDF, 8 MB).

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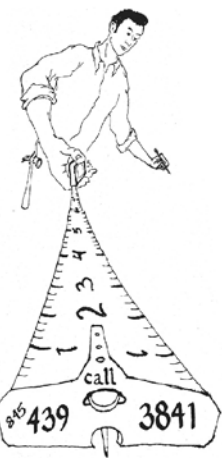
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the Fallsburg Central School District. According to Chief of Police Simmie Williams, who was the first to serve as an SRO in the District many years ago, the idea came out of the conference on New York State Citizen Preparedness hosted at Fallsburg High School last December 15. During the conference, Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and Chief Williams discussed the fact that there were a few days during the school year when one of the two SRO's, Officer Jason Edwards at FHS and Sergeant Michael Summa at BCES, had to be away from their respective buildings. The Town and the Police Department created a proposal to have trained substitutes available for these occasions. Administration and the School Board welcome the extra security personnel and have informed the staff and the community of the added coverage.

On the opening day of school, Officer Jason Edwards introduced Officers Phillip Brooks at BCES because Sgt. Summa was away with military obligations. Officer Brooks and Officer Denise Holzapfel were trained this summer at the two weeks Division of Criminal Justice Services SRO School. Officer Brooks will remain in BCES until Sgt. Summa returns. So from here forward if Sgt. Summa or Officer Edwards need a day off, Chief Williams has two replacements so there will always be an officer in both schools.

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**Portraits and Stories
in Sundown**

Keiko Sono, coordinator of a new Catskill Waters community art project recorded the conversations of several Sundown residents who



Jenny Lee Fowler

told their stories as artist, Jenny Lee Fowler cut a silhouette portrait of the 'story tellers'.



Portraits and Stories held its first session in the Tri-Valley area at the Blue Hole in Sundown. There were two more local sessions – Neversink General Store and the Claryville Church Hall – held in August. *Portraits and Stories* held this past Saturday at the Sundown Church Hall was the last of this

series held locally this year.

The stories will be on their podcast, catskillwaters.org *Portraits and Stories* is a Catskill Waters project about the people in the NYC watershed.

**Fallsburg Retired Teachers and Staff Meet
for Annual Breakfast**

On the day of the opening of classes at Fallsburg Central School District each fall, retired teachers and staff gather for breakfast. The annual event, held this year on September 5 at Tilly's Diner in Monticello, began in 1984 when a few retired teachers got together for breakfast on the opening day of school.



left to right around the table are Robin Pantel, Joan Kasofsky, Eileen Kalter, Renee Kates, Brian Cavanagh, Maddie Weisman, Arlene Hussey, Thomas Brown, and Stan Levy.

This year forty retirees filled up four large tables at the event. Everyone acknowledged Lynne Cawley, one of the newest retirees. People then observed a moment of silence for those retirees that passed away since the last breakfast: Pearl Anthony, Boni Barnofsky, Betty Cauthers, Sherry Greer, and John Lusk.

The emcee Mona Bogan read or acknowledged correspondence received from Jim McDermott, Andy Neiderman, DonnaRae Robitaille, Laurel Pavilak, Patty Bertholf, Sue Mraz, Peter Briggs, Nancy Lee, Bob Longo (who just turned 97), Cathy Schrier, and Sandy and Bernie Nevins, who just completed the Honor Flight for veterans to Washington, DC.

The morning was filled with enthusiastic talk and sharing of cherished memories. It is special how this group has grown and continues the wonderful tradition.

Sunshine and Something for Everyone

You couldn't have asked for better weather than this past weekend! The overwhelming crowd attending this week's multi-event at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds was amazing!

Fifty families displayed their gently used items they had for sale at the Community Yard Sale. There were twenty craft and vendor booths. Whether it was a toy or a scented candle and just about everything in between, it was for sale on Saturday at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

The day also included a great display at the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap Meet and the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsman Flea Market also had quite a display of wares for sale, too.




Those who loved classic cars, enjoyed the Any Make Any Model Car Club Cruise and were able to cast their vote for their favorite car. Five trophies that were presented to the five owners – the lucky winners – of the chosen five classic cars Saturday afternoon.


This is an annual event sponsored by the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association, the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club, and Neversink Parks and Recreation. Hats off to all those who helped make this a special weekend.


And a special thank you to Jamie Brooks who brought together all the families and vendors and organized the huge Community Yard Sale and Craft and Vendor Sale.


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Frost Valley YMCA Announcers Dates for Winter Break Day Camp

Claryville - Winter break from school can be a fun time for children to relax and bask in the afterglow of holiday excitement, but it can also be a difficult time for working parents who need to find childcare while school is closed. Frost Valley YMCA announces the dates for Winter Break Day Camp as December 26-28 and December 31st from 9 a.m.

- 4 p.m. for children between the ages of 4-16.

Winter Break Day Camp will be held at Frost Valley, which is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville. Children will enjoy snow tubing, cross-country skiing, and broomball depending on the weather conditions. They will also participate in arts and crafts, games, and may take an offsite trip to a local indoor pool.

“Winter is an ideal time for children to explore the great outdoors, get some much-needed exercise, and make new friends,” says Jessie Emmons, Director of Community Programs for Frost Valley. “Winter Break Day Camp not only fills children's days with healthy activities,



it also gives working parents peace of mind, knowing their children are well cared for by professional camp staff.”

The rate for three days is \$125 per child and the rate for 4 days is \$160 per child. Both rates include transportation from select locations and lunch at no additional cost. Local busing is available from the Monticello Government Building, Ideal Food Basket in Liberty, the Tri-Valley School, the Neversink Garage, Big Indian Park, and Claryville Church. Frost Valley reserves the right to cancel bus routes in the event that enrollment for a particular route is low.

A limited number of spots are available for Winter Break Camp so interested parents are urged to register their child right away to ensure their spot. Please call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 for more information or to register your child.

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Classic Movie Nights at the Claryville Event Center



Who would have thought that in the middle of September in the Catskills you could sit outside on a warm evening on hay bales and watch a movie under a starlit sky, enjoy a glass of wine, and eat some popcorn?

That's exactly what happened on Saturday night at the Claryville Event Center!

This well-attended happening - **Classic Movie Night** held at the **Claryville Event Center** featured the movie *The Princess Bride*, a fairy tale adventure starring Cary Elwes and Robin Wright, is about a beautiful young woman and her one true love.

In coordination with owners, Irina and Frank Nicoletti of the Claryville Event

Center at the Blue Hill Lodge, filmmaker Drue Pennella and his wife Masha, will present **Classic Movie Night** each month at the **Claryville Event Center**. Admission is free, and there will be a cash bar and concession food will be available for purchase.

Watch for the announcement of next month's featured film at **Classic Movie Night** at the **Claryville Event Center**.

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Christopher Rivera, Grandson of Iris and Charlie Breiner Recognized for Advancement to Chief Petty Officer

The following is in recognition of Christopher Rivera's abilities regarding the Navy Active-Duty E7 Selection Boards Results.

"Congratulations to the following personnel who have been selected for advancement to chief petty officer by the FY-19 Navy Active-Duty E7 Selection Boards. Strong competition among qualified professionals is one of the strengths of our Navy and your selection speaks highly of your abilities."

Christopher Rivera is the son of Julia Gonzalez, a graduate of Tri-Valley High School

Sullivan County's Senior Games welcomes players

Monticello, NY - Let the fun begin! Sullivan County's Senior Games are returning to Monticello this month, and if you're 55 or older, you can join in, either as a competitor or a volunteer!

Sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging and the Monticello Parks & Recreation Department, a bevy of friendly competitive sports will be on tap at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center in Monticello, starting with the opening ceremony and breakfast at 8 a.m. Monday, September 24.

o Monday, September 24: 1-Mile Walk (around the Sullivan County Government Center), Co-Ed Corn Hole/Ladder Toss, Men's Horseshoes, Tai Chi, Women's Ping-Pong, Co-Ed Bowling, Women's Shuffleboard and Co-Ed Air Hockey

o Tuesday, September 25: Men's Bocci, Co-Ed Shuffleboard Doubles, Co-Ed Golf Putting, Men's Darts, Co-Ed Football Throw, Mahjong, Co-Ed Cup Throw, Women's Horseshoes and Co-Ed Football Throw

o Wednesday, September 26: Women's Bocci, Tai Chi, Men's Shuffleboard, Co-Ed Cup Throw, Women's Darts, Co-Ed Bowling, Co-Ed Basketball Shooting, Co-Ed Corn Hole/Ladder Toss

o Thursday, September 27: Co-Ed Pinochle, Mahjong and Scrabble

A celebratory luncheon and bingo will close out the Games on September 27. Medals will be given to the top three contenders in each category.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to organize and operate the Games. But if you want to compete, only 115 paid registrants can be accommodated, so sign up today! Send your name, gender, phone number, and

The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

Saturday was one of those magical days. The first ever Catskill Fiber Festival was part of that magic. Being an avid knitter and crocheter, this was as close to heaven as I want to get for a while. It was small enough to give each of the vendors breathing room and those of us that were wandering (and buying to add to our stash hoard) got a fighting chance to actually have conversations with the vendors. There were wonderful demonstrations by spinners (those who take processed wool - that means it's the sheared material that has been cleaned and somewhat straightened known as 'carding') and turn it into yarn. There were weavers of all kinds. There were those whose specialty was dyeing wool (and some of the most vibrant colors I've seen in a long time). There was a booth with quilts complete with a demonstration of the finishing of the quilt by hand, the actual 'quilting' if you will as our ancestors did it without a sewing machine. There was even a wonderful gentleman out of Livingston Manor who has revived the craft of Bargello (and beautifully). More and more men are getting into the fiber arts and it's wonderful to see. Some of the most innovative patterns in my specialties in years. The bottom line was whatever one chose to purchase, you were purchasing from an artist or group of artists whose passion you found in their product.

And I got to pet an alpaca...because it let me!!! Came right up to me, twice! Turns out, it depends on their personalities and how they are raised, I suspect. This got me wondering whether being treated as sentient beings or a commodity makes a difference even in their pelts. Hmmm

The second part of this magical day was at the Pickled Owl and the complete joy of listening and seeing Albi perform. Because he's a 'local guy' I think way too many take him for granted. When is the last time you really LISTENED to him when he's performing? His voice is rich and mellow, like a fine wine. His guitar work, as a solo performer, is so on the money, shoring up the vocals as much as a full band. Albi is different and an absolute treasure here in Sullivan County.

Wednesday night, pop into HEARTBEAT for their open mic which last week attracted the amazing talents of Debbie Fisher and The Johnny Jules Band - two other treasures this county has to offer.

Until next time

email address to Monticello Senior Games, c/o Nellie Culligan, 19 Stackhouse Road, Monticello, NY 12701. Please include a \$7 registration fee made out to "Sullivan County Senior Games," which will entitle you to a t-shirt, the breakfast and luncheon, the opening and closing ceremonies, and bingo and door prizes.

For more information, contact the Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241.

Sullivan County Auctioning Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

Monticello, NY - Bidders are welcome from now through September 24 on more than 100 items of heavy equipment (yellow iron), cars, buses, light/medium/heavy-duty trucks, trailers, tires and assorted parts up for auction by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works (DPW).

"From a seized BMW sedan to unused tires to handyman tool boxes, we've got a lot to pick through," says District 7 Legislator and Public Works Committee Chair Joe Perrello. "I invite everyone to take a look and make a bid."

Bidding on all lots starts at just \$1, rising in increments (with only a 10% buyer's premium). While some items are lightly used or even unused, all are being sold as-is through Absolute Auctions and Realty at aarauctions.com.

"For a 'picker' or a do-it-yourselfer, our auction offers a chance to find the right part or piece of equipment to finish a job for far less cost than buying new," affirms Sullivan County Manager Josh Potosek. "And for those with older vehicles or machinery, this sale could provide an inexpensive but enormous array of hard-to-find supplies."

Live previews are available, by appointment only, from now through Friday, September 14, and from Monday, September 17 through Friday, September 21 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call John Schultz at 845-807-0304 to schedule.

The auction closes at 7 p.m. on September 24. Payment is due by Friday, September 28 at 3 p.m. All lots are subject to seller approval. Invoices will be sent following approval of sale. Pickup will be available Monday, October 1 through Friday, October 5 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All pickups must be completed by Friday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m.

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SUNY Sullivan Hosts Film Screening and Conversation -College Partners with CSFilm to Show Short Documentaries Created by Recent U.S. Immigrants

SUNY Sullivan is partnering with Community Supported Film (CSFilm) to host a "Screen and Discuss Community Conversation" film event featuring short documentaries produced by recent immigrants on Tuesday, September 25 at 2:30 pm in the Kaplan Student Union. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

CSFilm's "New Immigrant and Refugee Visions" project has trained and mentored 10 recent immigrants to produce short documentary films about the immigrant experience in America. The films are designed to stimulate dialogue among people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Following screenings of the films, Lorraine Lopez-Janove, SUNY Sullivan's chief diversity officer, will guide an audience discussion.

The documentary stories consist of: a Somali family divided generationally about how to maintain traditions and embrace American culture; Indian immigrants whose daughter is campaigning to be the first woman of color on the city council; a refugee from Bhutan who spent 17 years in a refugee camp to escape religious persecution as a Christian and who now helps other new immigrants and refugees; and a young woman from the Dominican Republic with DACA status who faces potential deportation to a country she has not set foot in since she was five years old.

After similarly successful projects in Afghanistan and Haiti, CSFilm turned to new immigrants and refugees in the United States for this project in order to enable them to amplify their unique insider perspectives on the challenges that immigrants face and the contributions they make to American culture, economy and social fabric.

Excerpts of selected films and biographies of the filmmakers are available at www.csfilm.org.

For more information about the September 25 event, contact Lopez-Janove at (845) 235-2764 or via email at LLopez-Janove@sunysullivan.edu.

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UC Executive Mike Hein Announces that all County Buses Are Now Equipped with Free WiFi

This Expanded Service Provides Additional Benefits

Kingston, N.Y. - County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that all Ulster County buses, including ADA paratransit buses, are now equipped with free WiFi service. The more than 380,000 annual Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) riders will now be able to access the internet on their smartphones, laptops and other devices at no cost. Since taking office, the County Executive has overseen a number of improvements and a huge increase in annual ridership as well as enhancements to the County's bus service including: adding new routes that run to the Poughkeepsie Train Station for commuters; a loop service for SUNY New Paltz students; Half Fare rates for SUNY students and Ulster County Veterans; replacing aging buses with smaller more environmentally friendly and efficient buses; and developing a UCAT smartphone app which tells individuals exactly where their bus is and when it will be arriving.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"Today's world is fast paced and access to the internet is now more than just a luxury, it is essential," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I am pleased that we are able to offer this valuable tool to our UCAT riders, keeping them connected to the information and people that are important to them. Now when someone rides one of our buses, they can use WiFi to do job-related work, school work or just connect with others. I appreciate the dedication of our Director of UCAT Carol Hargrove and her team for helping to make this a reality for our citizens and visitors to the area."

Carol Hargrove, Ulster County Director of Transportation

"With the support and guidance of County Executive Hein, Ulster County Area Transit remains one of the top-rated transit agencies in the nation scoring among the top 2% by the Federal Transit Authority," said Carol Hargrove, Director of Public Transportation. "We were excited to implement the WiFi project when approached by the County Executive. The goal was to have WiFi on the buses prior to the opening of the 2018 fall semester. We are proud to say we met that goal. Now with the WiFi project completed, you can easily stay connected while on Ulster County Area Transit."

The UCAT App utilizes GPS technology to track each bus on all of UCAT's fixed bus routes, provides the user with a map showing the current location of a bus, an arrival time for each upcoming stop, and gives turn by turn voice directions to the closest available bus stop. The app is available free of charge for either Apple or Android operating systems by visiting the Apple App Store or Google Play and searching 'UCAT'.

UCAT operates 17 fixed route buses and 5 paratransit buses that traverse Ulster County, an area the size of Rhode Island, logging over 1 million revenue miles per year and boasting an on-time rate of 93%. In 2017 its annual ridership was over 380,000 passengers, which represents more than a 60% increase since 2008.

Over 73,000 SUNY Students and over 2,500 veterans have used the Ulster County Area Transit service since the implementation of the Half Fare for SUNY Ulster students and the Veterans of Ulster County, a combined savings to them of \$ 56,650.00.

Ulster County Human Rights Protection Act Provides New Tools To Address Discrimination Locally

Kingston, N.Y. - Today, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein signed the Ulster County Human Rights Protection Act of 2018 into law at the A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Library in Kingston. The County Executive was joined by Ulster County Legislators; Ulster County Commissioner of Human Rights Nina Dawson; members of the Human Rights Commission; and Evelyn Clarke, former Commissioner of Human Rights. The Human Rights Protection Act mirrors the New York State Human Rights Law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's race, color, religion, ethnicity, creed, age, national origin, citizenship status, familial status, gender (including gender identity, gender dysphoria, transgender status), group identity, marital status, sexual orientation or disability. Under the law, the Human Rights Commission is empowered to mediate and settle complaints of discrimination locally, whereas previously cases had to be

heard in Albany.



From Left: Evelyn Clarke, Previous Commissioner of Human Rights; Maria Elena Ferrer-Harrington, Member of the Human Rights Commission; County Executive Mike Hein, Jeff Rindler, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center; Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez, and Nina Dawson, Ulster County Commissioner of Human Rights.

A human rights law was originally proposed in the early 1990's by Lucy Honig, Gwen Wright, Ken Stevens, Ed Stark, and Gayle McGovern, then members of the Human Relations Committee of the Human Services Board (the precursor to the Human Rights Commission). Honig was instrumental in creating the structure of the Board and advocating for a comprehensive human rights law protecting all County residents, which laid the foundation for the present law. The law's inclusivity was, however, ahead of its time and faced opposition due to its inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected class. A diverse coalition of local clergy, community organizations and advocates including the Ulster County NAACP and Council of Churches formed as a result urging the Legislature to pass the law.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"I am proud to sign the Ulster County Human Rights Protection Act into law. All people regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity or orientation who feel they have been discriminated against will now have the ability to have their cases heard and resolved right here in Ulster County," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "Diversity and inclusion are not only principals that should be basic to us as Americans, but are vital for a vibrant and thriving County that is welcoming to all. The Human Rights Protection Act represents a hard-fought victory for the Human Rights Commission and advocates who have worked for over two decades to get the law passed. I commend Nina Dawson, the Director of the Human Rights Commission, the Human Rights Task Force, and all of those, past and present, who have served on the Commission for their dedication to ensure that justice, equality and fairness is available to each and every resident of Ulster County."

Nina Dawson, Ulster County Commissioner of Human Rights

"The Ulster County Human Rights Protection Act of 2018 gives the Ulster County Human Rights Commission the ability to mediate complaints made to the commission right here in Ulster County," said Nina Dawson, Ulster County Commissioner of Human Rights. "This law strengthens the Commission's capacity to investigate, hear and resolve local discrimination complaints. I am very proud of the efforts of the Human Rights Commission over the years to advance this legislation. This has long been a top priority for the Commission and its previous Commissioners, including my predecessor Evelyn Clarke, and its many advocates. The signing of this law by County Executive Mike Hein shows decisive leadership for Ulster County. I am honored to be a part of such an important part of our County's history. It is the responsibility as the Ulster County Human Rights Commission to support the rights of all people."

Richard Frumess, Founder of R & F Handmade Paints

"The passage of the Ulster County Human Rights Protection Act is vital to our County not only morally, but also to its thriving business and arts community," said Richard Frumess founder of R&F Handmade Paints. "Tolerance, inclusivity and openness are values necessary to support creativity and promote new ideas that can help to unite the community. The contributions of advocates over the past twenty plus years have paved helped to create the welcoming community that we have today. I thank Ulster County Executive Mike Hein for his support and leadership in helping to bring this law to fruition."

Jeff Rindler, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

"The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center applauds County Executive Mike Hein and Legislative Chair Kenneth Ronk for their leadership, vision and commitment to a Human Rights Law that protects everyone in Ulster County," said Jeff Rindler, Executive Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. "I am proud to serve on the Human Rights Commission and was honored to be a part of the group that drafted the law that will allow Ulster County to 'take care of their own' by offering skilled mediation and - if necessary - damages to settle a dispute. This allows those who do not have the means or wherewithal to go to Albany a local option to have their complaints addressed. It's a great day for Ulster County."

The Human Rights Commission exists to foster respect for the rights of all citizens and to explore opportunities for improving relations among all people of Ulster County. The current Ulster County Human Rights Commissioners are: Lynn Johnson, Joseph Donaldson, Carl Brown, David Clegg-Chair, Maria Elena Ferrer-Harrington, Alice Cook, JoAnne Myers, Shari Gold, Jeff Rindler, Anne Roschelle, and Thomas Maerling.

Letter to the Editor:

Navy In Dire Straits

As a former Navy enlisted and Naval officer who served on 13 ships, including destroyers, radar pickets, aircraft carriers and auxiliary ships, I am concerned with the lack of readiness of the Fleet.

Former Secretary of the Navy, John Lehman, under President Reagan, surged U.S. Naval power into Soviet Union ocean domains, and this helped to end the Cold War. A similar situation currently exists with China in the South China Sea, but we have too few ships available to patrol the area.

The July 8, 2018 issue of *USA Today*--The Arizona Republic points out the dire condition of the Pacific 7th Fleet ships. It stated "from 2015 to 2016 the pace of operations for 7th Fleet cruisers and destroyers increased 40 percent, from 116 days underway to 162 days." This is without any increase in ships and personnel, and it continues today.

Starting in 1990 our Navy went from 600 to 283 ships today, and the missions have significantly increased during this time. A minimum of 300 ships are needed to project U.S. Naval power around the world, complete missions, and conduct safe operations. Probably an additional 50,000 Naval personnel are needed.

Our Navy is in dire straits.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

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Tri-Valley Scoring

Thomas Van Sadars - 2 goals, 1 assist

Matthew Tierney - 2 goals

Sean Rush - 1 assist

**Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Roast Turkey Dinner**

October 13, 2018

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a **RECESSED MEETING** of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at **7:30 P.M. on Monday, September 24, 2018.**

The purpose of the meeting is to continue business from the September 12, 2018 meeting, review the tentative 2019 Budget and any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: September 13, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT
The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018-2019:

Health Aide (Civil Service Title)
Assists nurses in providing a variety of health services to public school students. Duties carried out under supervision of RPN (School).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER:
(a) Two years of experience assisting in office work and/or patient-contract services in a health facility, clinic, school health office, physician's office or similar setting and completion of an approved basic first aid course or certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.
(b) Possession of a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State and one (1) year of the experience listed in (A) above; or
(c) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

NOTE: Study in a nursing program approved by the State Education Department may be substituted for the above experience on a year-for-year basis.

Interested parties should send letters of interest and application materials to:
Mr. Robert Martinelli, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845) 985-2296 x 5516
robertmartinelli@trivalleycsd.org

Cut-off date to apply: September 21, 2018
9/13; 9/20

ANNOUNCEMENT
The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018-2019:

Teacher Aide
10-Month Position (September - June)
Salary and benefits as per TESSA Bargaining Agreement

Interested parties should send letters of interest and application materials to:
Mr. Robert Whitaker, School Business Official
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 x 5201

Cut-off date for accepting letters of interest:
September 21, 2018
9/13; 9/20

SUNY Sullivan Unveils Fall Community Cooking Classes

Friday nights were never so YUM! Join us this fall for a fun-filled experience with classes taught by Chef Mary Magnifico! In these sessions YOU become the chef!

These classes will provide the novice (and not-so-novice) home cook with hands-on participation in the preparation of mouth-watering dishes-ingredients are provided for all classes. Students will eat what they cook. Clean up is part of the instruction. Materials needed for each class: apron (optional), a paring knife, and an 8-inch chef's knife. Minimum 8 students to run class.

Each class is \$45.00 per person per class (\$40.00 for seniors) or \$130 for three classes. SUNY Sullivan students are FREE with a valid ID. All classes take place on campus in room H028 (SUNY Sullivan Culinary Kitchen) from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, except for the Kids class on November 10th, which is 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

The Instructor

Chef Mary Magnifico is a classically-trained Chef, graduating from SUNY Sullivan's Professional Chef Program with High Honors in 2014. SUNY Sullivan taught Chef Mary the skills necessary to start up and maintain a food service business, in addition to making amazing desserts and other baked goods! She is the owner of Chestnut Creek Baked Goods in Grahamsville.

Classes:

The Greek Kitchen

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, October 5 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
Opa! Take your taste buds to the gorgeous Greek Islands! In this class learn an assortment of Mediterranean favorites. You'll learn the unique Greek methods working with Greek cheese, bulgur, sometimes-tricky Phyllo dough, olives, and an assortment of other authentic ingredients. Enjoy your creations at the end of this class! Minimum of 8 participants.

Asian Cooking Class!

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, October 12 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
Join us for this all-inclusive class! In this class learn how to cook a fabulous Asian dinner in one of SUNY Sullivan's culinary kitchens with tons of assistance from Chef Mary! Enjoy your hard work by dining on your masterpieces and sipping special saki's chosen by your chef! Make this evening a celebration! This class will focus on "Asian foods with flair"! 21 and over if you plan to partake in the spirit portion of this event. Minimum of 8 participants.

Knife Skills 101

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, October 26 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
Join Chef Mary for an instructional class on how to perform basic cutting and preparation techniques. Learn culinary knife skills that will guide you toward creating delicious meals. This class is designed to help you cook safer and more efficiently in your home kitchen. Minimum of 8 participants.

Farm to Table: Vegetarian Delight

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, November 9 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
Vegetarianism and Veganism are evolving trends in today's food world. With that said, many extremely tasty recipes have come out of this practice. In this class learn how to source and use alternative foods that provide great taste, healthy choices and other protein options. As always, come hungry as you will eat what you create. Minimum of 8 participants.

Kids: Way Cool Cooking Class

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, November 10 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
In this class your little chef will have the opportunity to make (from scratch) several favorite American comfort

food dishes such as mac and cheese and more. Students will eat what they make and go home with recipes and pro chef hats! Minimum 8 kids for this class to run.

Tipsy Desserts

Cost: \$45.00 per person / \$40 seniors
Date: Friday, December 7 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: H028

Presenter: Mary Magnifico
Adult desserts are all the rage! Whether incorporating rosé, Kahlua, whiskey, champagne, or tequila as essential ingredients, Chef Mary will tantalize your taste buds with a few fabulous new desserts that your guests will be toasting too! Get ready for some boozy desserts! 21 and older to participate. Minimum of 8 participants.

Upcoming Events at Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello

Library to Offer Free Practice SAT Exam

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello will be offering a free practice SAT exam for teens on Saturday, September 22nd at 11am. This is a great opportunity for students to find their starting point in studying for the SAT exam. The test, proctored by leading test prep agency, Princeton Review, will take approximately 4 hours. Space is limited and registration is required. To register please call the library at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. Students are expected to bring their own pencils and calculators. If you do not have pencils or a calculator, contact the youth services librarian and we will do our best to assist.

After the exam, Princeton Review will contact each student with a detailed score report including analysis of strengths and weaknesses and recommended plan for improvement. Space will fill up fast. Call now to reserve your spot. This free practice exam will take place once in the fall and once in the spring of each year. The library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.

Weekly Story Times for Children at Monticello Library

Swing by the library at 479 Broadway in Monticello and enjoy a story time! The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library has weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers. Story times in 2018 will start Monday, September 17th at 10am.

Story times are every Monday at 10am and Friday at 11am. This is an early literacy program for little ones and their caregivers. This program uses rhymes, movement, songs, books, crafts, and music to develop skills that will help children develop the early literacy skills they will need when they begin to read. Story times are appropriate for ages 2-5. We also offer a weekly Tinker Tots program, Thursdays at 10am for children birth-age 5. For more information on any of our children's programming visit our website at ebcpl.org.

All story times are free and open to the public. Walk-ins are always welcome and registration is not required. In case of inclement weather, story times will be cancelled if Monticello Central School District announces a closing or delayed opening, even if the library opens at our regular time.

For more information or to register for story times, call the library children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5, visit the library website: ebcpl.org, or follow the library on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the handle @ebcplibrary.

Too Cool: A Program About Making Good Choices Offered at E B Crawford Public Library in Monticello

Too Cool is a program offered in coordination with Catholic Charities. This program session is for children in grades 2-4. Children will participate in a 5-week program designed to help them learn about making good choices & setting personal goals. Participants will learn about these things through games & other fun activities. Healthy snacks will be provided at each session. Space is limited and registration is required. Too Cool will be held on Tuesdays at 4pm beginning September 25th and running through October 23rd.

For more information or to register, call the library children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5, visit the library website: ebcpl.org, or follow the library on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using the handle @ebcplibrary.



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

- 9/28 **Skate Time** (free event)
- 10/26 **Kelder's Farm** (free event)
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the **PTO Trunk or Treat**
- 11/3-11/4 **Kalahari Indoor Water Park Sleepover**
- 11/30 **Middletown Cinema**
- 12/1 **Transportation to NYC**
- 12/2 **Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting**
- 12/15 **Disney on Ice**



Daniel Pierce Library
 hours of operation

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

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

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

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

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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5	9	6	2	7	8	3	4	1
2	4	8	1	5	3	9	6	7
3	1	7	6	9	4	8	2	5

- 9/20/18 Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting 7:30 pm
- 9/24/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 7 pm Community Room (lower level) Daniel Pierce Library
- 9/25/18 **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** - Grahamsville UMC: Thrift Sale 9:00am-12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm
- 10/3/18 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm
- 10/6/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 10/9/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 10/10/18 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 10/16/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10/11//18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 10/15/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T meeting 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 10/16/18 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 10/16/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 10/17/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 10/20//18 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** - Grahamsville UMC - 9 - 12 noon
- 10/21//18 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
- 11/3/18 Claryville Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 9m

SAVE THE DATE!

September 29th Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish Fry from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Serving chicken and fish
Oct. 6, 2018 Giant Pumpkin Parade and Party from 9:00 - 4:00 line up for the parade is at 8:30, parade begins at 9:00 and as always it's **Rain or Shine**

Claryville Roast Pork Dinner Sat November 3rd 4-7 pm

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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.

HAUNTED HISTORY LANTERN TOUR
 FAMILY-FRIENDLY
 Local Histories & Mysteries told by Costumed Storytellers
October 13, 2018
 (Rain date October 20)
5:30-9:30 PM
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 I would like to invite you to a special event which I have put together for my **Ferry Godmother Family**.

Workshop FREE Medicare and Gap Coverage in 2018

The seminar is for anyone who is aging into Medicare (turning 65 years old) or just shopping around to learn more about how it works. This is an excellent way to get informed, learn and understand the upcoming changes to Medicare, eligibility requirements, and the annual enrollment period, which allows Medicare recipients to switch plans. The workshop is FREE, but registration is required because the classes fill up quickly.

Attend a FREE Medicare seminar to learn about:

* The benefits of the Medicare program and how to apply.

* Information about the parts of Medicare: Part A: hospital insurance; Part B: medical insurance – outpatient visits, lab work, preventive services; Part C: health plans; and Part D: prescription drug coverage; Medicare Supplement Plans
 * How to use New York State-sponsored pharmaceutical coverage (EPIC) for drug costs savings.
 * Medicare programs in place for people with limited income and resources.
 * Open question and answer format

Where:
 Tech World 72 Broadway
 Newburgh, NY 12550

When:
 Saturday, September 22
 at 9:30 am

Qualify

To attend, you must be aging into Medicare, OR 65 and older, OR on permanent disability for at least 24 months.

Event Sponsor

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is the largest health insurer in New York that provides health coverage for more than four million members through Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Presenting will be Healthcare professionals with over 10 years experience in the industry.

One of These Things Just Doesn't Belong

On Aug. 27, ECOs Jeremy Fadden and Melissa Burgess responded to a spill complaint at a marina on Greenwood

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE

Boy Scout Troop 97
Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

Neversink Fire House September 29th
 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert. There will also be a tricky tray table.

Adults \$14.00
Children under 12 \$8.00

Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from:
 Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97
 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328
 Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

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Lake. Arriving on scene, the officers discovered that a backhoe had somehow made its way into the lake.

ECO Fadden spoke with representatives from the Orange/Rockland Power Authority, the owner of the machine, and learned that the machine's parking brake had malfunctioned, causing it to roll into the lake. No one was in the machine at the time of the accident.

The ECOs worked with DEC Spills Response to place petroleum-absorbing booms around the excavator in case of leaks and the backhoe was removed from the lake within a few hours of the accident. There were no impacts to the lake and no charges were filed.



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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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- Quiz: 1.** Name a Guitar Player in "The Band"?
2. Name a Producer with "The Band"
3. Name a Drum Kits player in "The Band"?
4. Name a Keyboard player in "The Band"?"

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What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN

Fall is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for this great annual fall event! **Sat., Sept. 29 Sundown Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon** 9 am - 3 pm

Oct. 6- 5:30 pm Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall

GRAHAMSVILLE

Sept 25 Thrift Sale and Luncheon - Grahamsville UMC: Thrift Sale 9:00am-12 noon; Luncheon 10:45am-12:30pm

CLARYVILLE

Nov. 3, 2018 Claryville Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 9m

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