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The Suffragists: Fight for the Vote in Sullivan County A Virtual Program by the Time and the Valleys Museum on Sunday, August 23rd at 2 p.m.

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for a virtual program: The Suffragists: Fight for the Vote in Sullivan County on Sunday, August 23 at 2 p.m. by Sullivan County Historian John Conway.

2020 is the 100 anniversary of women gaining the right two vote in the U.S.. Women won the right to vote after decades of struggle and against strong opposition from men - and some women - who feared that government would be placed "under petticoat rule." Ultimately, it was effective leadership and the development of what became known as "the winning plan" that turned the tide. Sullivan County Historian John Conway examines their strategies, the impact of World War I on the movement, and some prominent local leaders, including Elizabeth Worth Muller.

Admission is FREE and Virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthe-valleysmuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in for the talk. Please call 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org for more information.





About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Exhibitions when reopening:

- Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Is not wisdom found among the aged?

Does not long life bring understanding?

DAYS OF YORE.... **Today's History**

August 9, 1950

At a late afternoon ceremony in St. Andrew's Church, Ellenville, Miss Joan Marie Merigliano, granddaughter of Mrs. H.B. Everett of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Curtis Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Phelps of Beaver Dam.

Four local men escaped with their lives Sunday evening when the 1950 Ford in which they were riding overturned and was complete¬ly wrecked in an accident on the Woodbourne-Loch Sheldrake Road. The car, driven by Bob Allison of Grahamsville, was proceeding toward Liberty when the accident occurred. Riding with Allison were Harold Muthig, Richard Krum and Fred Mickelson, Jr.

The Middletown Times Herald Record will feature an illustrated article on the new Tri Valley School at Grahamsville early this week. It will be recalled that this same paper presented an article on the Townsman on the occasion of its first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Christensen of Greenville, announce the engagement of their daughter Geraldine, to George Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray of Tobasco, N.Y.

August 10. 1960 -

Miss Julianne Nash of Neversink has been named on the recently published Dean's List of the State University College at Cortland. - Julianne is a freshman at the College - and she is majoring in Physical Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Rochester, Minn., are the parents of a daughter, born August 3rd. Mrs. Anderson is the former Claire Porter of Lackawack.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conklin of Grahamsville are the proud parents of a son, Robert Clarence, Jr., born at the Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville on August 1st. 12

Paul Stubits, 8 years old, of Neversink, died Sunday, July 31st in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, while undergoing a heart operation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stubits.

The year was 1878. The place was Grahamsville. A group of enterprising men, with Joseph S. Hall as leader, formed the Neversink Agricultural Society and held the first fair on the flat between Unionville and Grahamsville at the Joseph Hall place (now John Knight's). Not far away was the gray Friend's Meeting House which Leonard Porter had built 36 years earlier.

August 18, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheeley are proud to announce the arrival of a great-granddaughter. The parents of the little miss are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pomeroy of Napanoch.

Happy Birthday to Tami Terwilliger on August 24th, Sharon Tarter on the 26th and Don Krum on the 25th.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. John Carter of Woodbourne on the arrival of a granddaughter early Sunday morning. The young miss weighed 9 Ibs. and is named Sharilyn Sue.

Mrs. Fernald DuBois and three grandchildren, Bonnie, Janet and Patti Mentnech enjoyed a weekend at Monguap Campsite recently. DuBois was with them part of the time.

Mr. Ralph Van Valkenburg, Jr., is the new organist at the Claryville Reformed Church, Mrs. Ruth Cole will remain as substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. John V Cody of Sundown and Garden City announced the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen, to Air Force Lt. Michael Curley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Curley of Hurleyville. The ceremony took place on Saturday, August 1st at St. Anne's Church in Garden City, N.Y.

August 14, 1980

Word has been received that Audrey (Aldrich) Howell became a greatgrandmother by the birth of her greatgrandson, Nathan Scott Luttrell, August llth. That makes your Associate Editor a great-grandmother!!!! No wonder I feel old sometimes.

Pam VanAken recently completed a course for Standard bred driving and management at Cobleskill College and her mom, Ronnie VanAken also attended as chaperon and Counselor. This program was presented by the Sullivan County Extension Service Association-4-H in Liberty.

The Suffragists: Fight for the Vote in SC – A Virtual Program by the

Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1)

1930s Lost Catskill Farm

• NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School

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

Public Health Advisory: Possible COVID-19 Exposure at Picnic at Roscoe Firemen's Field

Roscoe, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is alerting anyone who attended a private family picnic at the Roscoe Firemen's Field on Saturday, July 25, that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus).

"We just received the test results today, confirming the individual was contagious starting around July 24," explained Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "They are currently under quarantine."

The Roscoe Firemen's Field is located at 318 Gulf Road (County Route 123) just south of Roscoe. Although the picnic was held in an outdoors area with a covered pavilion, making it a lower risk, many individuals may not have been wearing masks or maintaining social distancing of 6 feet or more from others.

"The risk is potentially higher if people were not wearing masks and following current guidelines and protocols for prevention of COVID-19 transmission," said McGraw. "If you start to develop symptoms of COVID-19, we urge you to contact either your healthcare provider or Sullivan County Public Health Services at 292-5910 x 0 and ask for an Infection Control nurse."

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Possible symptoms COVID-19 include one or more of the following:

Fever or chills; Cough; Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; Fatigue; Muscle or body aches; Headache; New loss of taste or smell; Sore throat; Congestion or runny nose; Nausea or vomiting; Diarrhea (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, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

The Katydid Choir

The katydids have been signaling us that the countdown to the end of summer has begun in the Catskills. They have been considered a prophet of

weather to come. According to legend, when the katydids first start their song at night it means the first killing frost will occur in ninety days. Later in the summer when the katydid is heard during the day singing from the deep shadows, the first frost is but six weeks away. On the last day before the first hard frost, the katydid will sing its own farewell song.



No, summer isn't over yet, the Katydid is

just reminding us that the first killing frost will be in the middle of October.

Katydids live just about everywhere throughout the Catskills. They are insects of the Tettigoniidae family and are commonly called katydids, bush-crickets or long-horned grasshoppers. They are more closely related to crickets than to grasshoppers.

There are more than 6,400 species of katydids that live in forested areas, thickets and in fields where there are plenty of shrubs and trees. They are often heard and not seen as they usually stay at the tops of the trees where more leaves are available. Most katydids are vegetarians and eat the leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs, especially oaks.

Some Katydids can grow over two inches in length and are a bright leafy green color. They have long oval shaped wings which are held vertically over the body resembling roof shingles. The wings have lots of veins and actually look like leaves. They have very long antennae often extending beyond the tip of the abdomen.

Both male and female katydids make sounds. They rub their front wings together to "sing" to each other. Katydids hear each other with ears that are located on their front legs.

Their breeding season will soon begin in the Catskills during the late summer and early fall. Females will lay eggs on stems of plants. The eggs will hatch the following spring into nymphs that look like katydids, just not fully grown. Katydid nymphs eat and grow, molting their skin several times. Each time the nymph sheds its skin it looks more like an adult. Finally, after its last molt, the nymph will have changed into an adult katydid.

Katydids can fly short distances when threatened, but they prefer to walk and climb. When they do fly, it is more of a downward flutter. If you see a katydid land on the ground, watch it, and it will probaly walk to the nearest tree and begin to climb.

Enemies of the katydids are birds, bats, spiders, frogs, snakes, and other insect-eaters.

Their brilliant green color makes katydids attractive to the eye. They don't bite or sting. Best of all katydids bring music to the night, often commanding the chorus of summer evenings for us to enjoy. Songs are composed of broadband notes that are loudest at 3-5 kHz and extend all the way to 20 kHz and beyond. They often form huge choruses. When there are many males in a location, each will join one of two singing groups. The two groups will synchronize and alternate their songs, thus creating a powerful sound.

With the warm summer nights in the Catskills this year, we have the perfect opportunity to leave the windows open during the night and fall asleep to nature's lullaby performed by the neighborhood Katydid Choir.

Household Hints:

Stop the Itch of a Bug Bite

Relieve itching by using a cotton ball to dab_mosquito and other bug bites with Vinegar straight from the bottle.

COVID-19 Exposure at Picnic at Roscoe Firemen's Field (From Pg. 3)

If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

Trouble breathing; Persistent pain or pressure in the chest; New confusion; Inability to wake or stay awake; Bluish lips or face

Call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Individuals who have questions regarding access for testing should call their health care provider or the New York State COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-364-3065, or visit the NYSDOH website at https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov. Sullivan County's coronavirus information page, including the latest statistics, can be found at www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

Don't become complacent

"While the number of cases in Sullivan County has been in the single digits for several weeks, this is slowly increasing. We saw active cases increase from five on July 30 to 12 just a week later, on August 7, and there are still over 100 people on quarantine being monitored for symptoms. These are individuals with a known direct exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19," noted McGraw.

First and foremost, keep wearing a mask in situations where you may be around others. Health Affairs conducted a study comparing the COVID-19 growth rate before and after mask mandates in 15 states. The study showed that the first five days after a mandate went into effect, the daily growth rate slowed by .9 percentage points compared to the five days prior. At three weeks, the daily growth rate slowed down by a full 2 percentage points.

Another study investigated coronavirus deaths in 198 countries and found that those with cultural norms or government policies favoring mask-wearing had lower death rates.

Secondly, maintain social distance of at least six (6) feet. According to the Federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact for a prolonged period. Spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. The droplets can also be inhaled into the lungs.

Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms likely also play a role in the spread of COVID-19 - meaning you could be transmitting coronavirus without knowing it.

This becomes particularly important when you are returning to New York from another state. Due to outbreaks and increasing cases elsewhere in the country, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order 205 on June 25, 2020, requiring travelers to New York from certain other areas of the U.S. to self-quarantine for 14 days.

As of August 7, 2020, 34 states and Puerto Rico meet the criteria for required quarantine:

Alaska; Alabama; Arkansas; Arizona; California; Florida; Georgia; Iowa; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maryland; Minnesota; Missouri; Mississippi; Montana; North Carolina; North Dakota; Nebraska; New Mexico; Nevada; Ohio; Oklahoma; Puerto Rico; Rhode Island; South Carolina; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Virginia; Washington; and Wisconsin

(This is based upon a seven-day rolling average of positive tests in excess of 10%, or number of positive cases exceeding 10 per 100,000 residents.)

"Thinking we're past this pandemic, or that we're immune to it, or that we don't need to wear a mask and social distance anymore, is foolish and can have serious consequences for the health of others who may be vulnerable or have underlying health conditions," concluded McGraw. "If we ignore the sound scientific evidence, our active-case figure - and ultimately our death total - will be guaranteed to increase. And the cost of that to our health, our economy and our quality of life is just too high to risk."

A Message from the Neversink Town Historian

The NYS Historian has requested that Local Historians document the effect of the pandemic on the area they represent. In our area, I am the Local Historian for the Town of Neversink which of course, includes the communities of Neversink and Grahamsville and Claryville, right up to the Town of Denning, Ulster County line. It also includes part of Willowemoc.

I think this is an important idea, but would like to carry it further in that I would also like to include writing, art, photography. Specifically, I ask people to think about how your life has been changed due to Covid 19; how your family life has been changed; how your community has been changed.

I can be reached at historian@townofneversink.org. Thank you.

Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian



Annual Meeting of The Neversink Association

On Sunday, September 6, 2020, at noon, members of The Neversink Association will meet at the Frost Valley Y Pavilion on the main campus, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. A BYO picnic is followed by the annual meeting. Members bring blankets or chairs and get to meet up with their neighbors who have been enjoying the summer in the "hollows, valleys and mountaintops" of the Upper Neversink River. (All COVID protocols will be observed).

<u>Ed Ostapczuk</u> will discuss his observations of the Neversink fishery, based upon interactions with USGS biologists and forty-plus years of fishing the watershed.

<u>Kate O'Connor</u> of the NY State Hemlock Initiative will deliver biocontrol research and management updates on the hemlock wooly adelgid, an invasive forest pest which threatens the eastern hemlock in the Neversink watershed.

<u>Andy Kremer</u> will talk about the stream bank restoration on the West Branch of the Neversink River.

The Neversink Association Corporation is a non-profit social club that was founded in 1964 to "preserve and protect the flora and fauna" of the upper Neversink Valley. While the Association itself is not a charity and its dues are not tax deductible, the Neversink Association donates to many local charitable organizations that are similarly dedicated to education about, and protection of, the area's unique environment. New members are always welcomed. To join our association, please send \$20 per household to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville NY 12725. See more information on Instagram or Facebook (www.facebook.com/neversinkassociation)

Assassin's Strike Mysterious Book Report No. 413 by John Dwaine McKenna



If you recognize the names Gabriel Allon, Bob Swagger, or Jason Bourne, you're gonna love David Slayton. He's the protagonist and off-the-books secret agent good guy in Ward Larsen's award-winning series featuring the lone wolf operator and notorious assassin.

Assassin's Strike, (Forge, \$27.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-0-76539156-8) by Ward Larsen, is the seventh and latest in the electrifying, kinetic and attention-grabbing thriller series. It opens with a secret meeting between the presidents of Russia and Iran in Damascus, Syria. The only persons in the room are the two presidents and two interpreters, because they are there to discuss the transfer of certain secret technologies that are outlawed in the rest of the world . . . the use of which is a war crime, as well as a crime against humanity. Shortly after the meeting ends, the Iranian interpreter is thrown to her death in front of a terrified Ludmilla Kravchuk

- President Petrov's interpreter – who assumes that she's next, and runs for her life. She takes refuge with an old acquaintance in the city and tries to contact and solicit help from the Americans. She holes up and waits, hoping and worrying, praying for rescue before Syrian police or the Russians find her.

In America, word of the interpreter's defection reaches the highest levels of the intel community . . . where top CIA officials are desperate to learn what took place at the clandestine meeting, and why. They task an unofficial operator and legendary assassin named David Slayton to attempt the rescue of a middle-aged woman who's untrained for combat operations and basically an intellectual, from deep inside a war-torn country while the full police resources of two nations try to stop them.

As things are happening in Syria, a cattle herder and his son suffer horrifying deaths in Darfur, Africa, when they stumble upon a collection of chemical weapons, hidden in a remote, lawless area of the drought-stricken and war-ravaged nation.

Although seemingly random and unrelated events taking place on two different continents, the killings in Africa are linked to Slayton's mission in the Middle East. They're all being orchestrated by a shadowy figure who dreams of being the fifth Rashidun of Islam. A man who intends to unite the religion by igniting a war throughout the region with a massive false flag attack . . . an attack that will change the world and elevate a notorious clan to power. The only thing standing in his way is a single individual named David Slayton in this high-octane thrill-fest that will leave you standing on your chair and cheering for the quiet hero and the red, white and blue!

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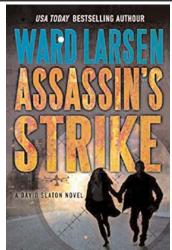
John Dwaine McKenna's Books

RCLS Libraries Team Up with Local School Districts to Get Students Reading More Students use Sora reading app to access library digital collections this summer and fall

Middletown, NY - August 3, 2020 - Schools that use the Sora student reading app are invited to participate in the OverDrive Connect program this summer and in the fall, which links school and library collections in the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS). Sora, the school equivalent of the public library Libby app, is a new user-friendly reading app for students created by OverDrive.

A public library card is not required. The partnership allows students who do not have library cards to access RCLS's digital collections. With the Sora student reading app, students can use their school ID to gain access to age-appropriate eBooks and audiobooks from any of RCLS's 47 libraries, as well as to their school's digital collection.

"We are pleased to offer this service to students within our communities," says Grace Riario, Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System. "Sora allows students to access materials and may borrow items from any of the public libraries without the concern of late fees." (Contd. Pg. 13)



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The Olive Jar-By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Back to School?

My anxiety is in high gear. As a working teacher, I would, at this point in August, begin to lament the fact that my good intentions for summer projects

were still not done. I would begin to count the days left

of summer vacation. I would hear the katydids in the evening and know that fall was just around the corner

and Labor Day loomed in the near distance. My "teacher dreams", night-mares really, would kick in with visions of students paying me no mind, with me forgetting my schedule and coming late to class, and with me needing a bathroom when my lunchtime break was an hour away.

This year, my fourteenth year of retirement, my worries are for all the students who do not know what to expect from a school year focused on Covid-19 fears. At this moment, individual districts have distinct plans all revolving around masks, sanitizing, and social distancing with reduced numbers and off and on days, mixing remote and in-school learning. Now as the time for reopening approaches, some districts are revising their plans to delay in-school options for a quarter, ten weeks, and doing remote learning until we see what the virus has in store. The uncertainty of the viral spread has college students, public schools, day care, and parent work schedules up in the air.

Meanwhile, commercials are hawking backpacks, composition books, new outfits, and school supplies like school will be school as usual when school will be nothing like school as usual.

I cannot imagine children with masks, desks and tables in empty spaces, and teachers dressed in hazmat gear and shields. School is messy; school is crowded with activity; school is social. The school of this fall proposes to be sterile, sedentary, and pedantic. School had become a place for interaction, for collaboration, for cooperative projects. The classroom air should be filled with questions, comments, talking, movement, and sharing of ideas. The high energy of excitement should buzz through the air now stifled by an airborne virus. My fear is that students will return expecting what school was not what it must be now by curtailed protocols for health safety.

No one asked me, but my two cents has been spent. Opening school, in my opinion, is premature. I would hope students might enter a building with

more confidence of a cure, a vaccine, or a containment through testing and tracing. I am optimistic that the opening of school will someday soon be one of excitement and expectation, not fraught with anxiety.



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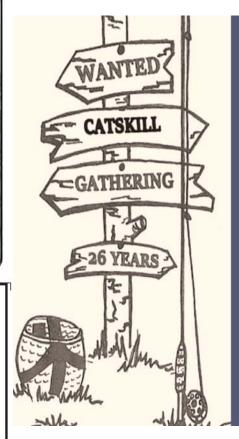
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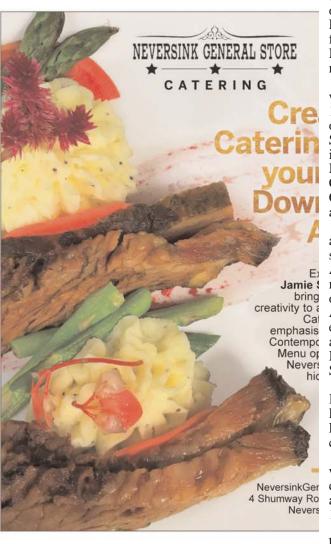
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By popular demand: Shandelee Music Festival Offers Third Virtual Concert



The overwhelming success and high praise for two previous virtual concerts has left Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) fans hungry for more. So, a third and fourth concert have been scheduled - the third on August 23 and the fourth on September 20. Both will be broadcast on Facebook Live.

At 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, the SMF will present a concert featuring violinists Jisun Kang and Khullip Jeung, accompanied by pianist Min Young Kang. The trio will be playing music by Leclair, Beethoven, Stravinsky and Frolov.

Violinist Jisun Kang, an internationally recognized soloist, chamber and orchestral musician, is also a gifted teaching artist. She is the concertmaster of the New York Tutti Ensemble and principal of the Classical Note Philharmonic. Ms. Kang won her first competition after studying the violin for only six months. Since then she has studied at Juilliard, and the Manhattan School of Music. She is a multiple award winner, a participant at numerous festivals, and an active educator.

Khullip Jeung is a world-renowned violin soloist and chamber musician, who debuted with the Honolulu Symphony at the age of nine. At the age of 15, he began attending Juilliard on scholarship, staying there through receipt of his Master of Music. Mr. Jeung has appeared on Saturday Night Live, Saturday AM, Superkids and other tv and radio broadcasts. He has been invited to judge many competitions including the New York International Music Competition. Mr. Jeung is on the faculty of The Juilliard School Pre-College, Mannes College of Music, and Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY), and during the summers he teaches at music festivals around the world.

Pianist Min Young Kang is a chamber musician, collaborative pianist, and music director. She received a Master of Music Degree on full scholarship from the Eastman School of Music and completed a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree with a full scholarship from the Manhattan School of Music. A multiple prize winner at several competitions, Ms. Yang has also been recognized with numerous awards, including the Talisman Energy Emerging Artist Award. She has served as an official piano collaborator for the entrance auditions at the Yale, Manhattan and Mannes School of Music. As a vocal pianist, she has worked with the Center of Contemporary Opera and Manhattan Summer Voice Festival. She is a current staff pianist at Mannes School of Music in New York City.

The SMF virtual concert with Jisun Kang, Khullip Jeung and Min Young Kang at 5 p.m. on August 23 will be offered through Facebook Live - a public page open to everyone, with no subscription and no admission required. For more information visit www.shandelee.org/exciting-upcoming-virtual-concerts.

The SMF needs your help to continue their mission of bringing you world class music for the Sullivan Catskills and beyond. Please make a donation during the concert or at www.shandelee.org/donate or by sending a check to Shandelee Music Festival, P.O. Box 1264, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. The SMF is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.

For more information "like" the SMF Facebook page, visit http://Shandelee.org or call 845-439-3277.

Outdoor & Online Screenings at the 9th Annual Big Eddy Film Festival

September 24 - 26, 2020 in Sullivan County, NY



Grab your popcorn and enjoy curated independent films that offer a fresh perspective on this unique moment in time as the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents the 9th annual Big Eddy Film Festival, September 24 - 26, 2020.

The festival will expand beyond the movie theater for one-of-a-kind experiences, both outdoor and online. Tailgate at our pop-up Narrowsburg drive-in and watch a classic movie you've never seen on the big screen on Thursday, September 24. Bring a lawn blanket to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts on September 25 and 26, as the Big Eddy presents two unforgettable nights of films under stars at the picturesque Bethel Woods Terrace Stage. You can also cozy up at home throughout the weekend (and beyond) with several brand-new films (and filmmaker conversations) streaming through the new Big Eddy online festival platform.

"We're so excited to be able to expand the Big Eddy Film Festival this year, through exciting new partnerships, and virtual streaming technology," says festival director Tina Spangler. "Of course, the public's safety is top of mind, so offering the option for our attendees to experience the festival from their own homes is important. Also, the outdoor venues we've lined up are not only unique spaces, but are also large enough to allow for ample social distance."

"Now more than ever, we value collaboration and partnerships with neighboring organizations that seek to provide opportunities for our mutual audiences," says Bethel Woods CEO Eric Frances. "We are thrilled to share our space with a likeminded organization like DVAA and look forward to welcoming the community for a weekend of film and culture in a safe environment." The DVAA will calibrate final festival plans and audience sizes based on recommendations from the CDC and New York State as the festival draws near.

Attend the Festival

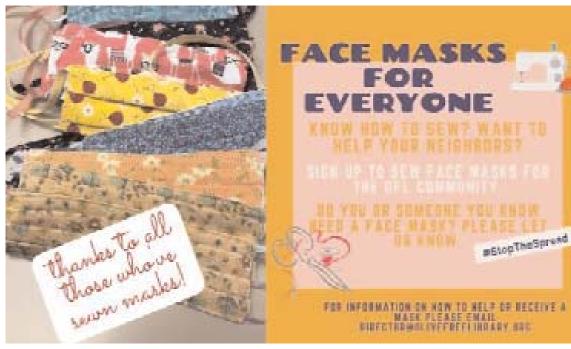
Special All-Access Festival Passes will go on sale in late August. Individual film tickets will be available in early September. For more information and tickets, visit BigEddyFilmFest.com or call DVAA 845-252-7576.

About the Big Eddy Film Festival

Produced by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance of Narrowsburg, NY (DVAA), the Big Eddy Film Festival aims to advance the traditional art of storytelling by showing the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. To learn more, visit http://www.BigEddyFilmFest.com.

About the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Founded in 1976, DVAA serves as Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY. Our mission is to advance the arts in the region through the support and encouragement of artists; innovative programs; advocacy; and alliances with arts organizations, business, and government. With year-round exhibitions, performing arts programming, festivals, regrant programs, and more, DVAA is a vital hub for the region's cultural community. To learn more visit http://www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.



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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I sincerely hope you all had an excellent week. Mine was filled with what seemed like very intense ups and downs.

I was able to connect with AL DEFINO's daughter Alicia, a lovely woman with a lovely voice and a lovely family. Someone sent her a copy of my last week's SCENE TOO and she felt it very moving and wants to share it on AL's page for his friends around the country and the world. It was enough to make me feel like crying.

My friend who had to go into Columbia Presbyterian to correct heart issues, came through the operation and at last word was recuperating well.

Then my computer, which had been acting up for a while, I had to stop using. I had ordered another (because going into a store is still on my 'not just yet' list) that at this writing has still not shipped. I was talking to a friend in the city and he says "Oh, you just need a new fan. I can do that for you." So upstate he comes with his little bag of tools, a new fan and changes it out. My 'old' computer works like new and I've cancelled the other.

This same friend put all of the heavy dead appliances out on the porch where Saturday, two other friends disposed of it all for me.

Sunday afternoon I FINALLY made it out to CABERNET FRANK'S for a late lunch. I LOVE their food!!!

And now the flip side.....

My main key ring disappeared on Thursday. It is somewhere in the apartment because I haven't been anywhere. And I'm still searching for it. I have a second set of car keys, house keys and mailbox keys but not second keys on everything. Being in somewhat panic mode, I didn't make it out to CABERNET FRANK'S for the open mic hosted by LITTLE SPARROW with SLAM ALLEN. It would have been great to see everyone again.

And if that wasn't fun enough, I lost power and internet and had spotty phone service for close to six hours. But I wasn't alone apparently all or parts of Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake and surrounding areas did as well. Still haven't heard why.

Friday was the storm. Now that I liked! Power stayed on for the most part through the torrential rains. But I didn't receive the reminder notification that THE JOHNNY JULES BAND would be at CABERNET FRANK'S. *sigh*. That would have been a great diversion from the last few days....but I missed it too.

Saturday night, out went the power again for a few hours, but this time the evening dark had settled in. When it's dark here, IT IS DARK. By then I was SO done with this week

Then upon coming back from brunch, I found out my friend's mother died.

I have to be honest, I'm still fighting the urge to stay in like over the last few months. Still haven't found my main keys BUT, I'm definitely getting out to SOMETHING this week....

- o CABERNET FRANK'S, Parksville, Outdoor setting, masks required Tuesday, August 11, my friend SARAH HULSE will be here 7pm-9.
- o Wednesday, August 13, a new acquaintance, NICK HEATHEN will be hosting something called HEATHEN WEDNESDAYS from 7-9pm. I like this guy and hope to hear more of his originals.
- o **HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL**, Grahamsville Indoor setting, masks required.

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Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth herquirkyjourney.com

Everyone Should Take At Least One Solo Trip in Their Lives

When I began my so-called "traveling career" back in 2014, I wasn't alone. I'd made the decision

with my boyfriend at the time. After that initial jump to travel and live abroad together, we traveled for four years. We lived in new countries, experienced new cultures, and backpacked through a plethora of places together.

After being in a relationship for five years, however, we decided it was finally time to end it as it simply wasn't working for either of us- right after moving to China and starting yearlong contracts at our new jobs.

As I moved out of our apartment and into my own place for

the first time in my life, I remember the nervousness and horror of being by myself. I was genuinely scared to



be alone-yes, in China, but overall in life. But, for the next couple of months, I healed and worked on myself.

Then, right before winter vacation began (which is one month long in China!) only three months after we broke up, I made a huge decision: go on my first solo trip. All on my own, I did my research of where exactly I wanted to go,

how much it would cost, where I'd stay, how I'd get there, etc. Even during the research stage, I loved the idea that I could finally go where I wanted, do what I wanted, see what I wanted, stay where I wanted-everything was my own decision and no one else's! No checking in with somebody else or doing something I didn't want to do! "Freedom" had finally become an achievable concept for me.

And yet, when actually getting on that airplane, flying to Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and taking the taxi to my AirBNB at night, I was nearly crippled with anxiety. I thought I'd made a mistake. I thought I couldn't do it. No way I'd survive this three-week-long trip in Cambodia and Thailand alone. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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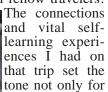
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Her Quirky Journey Everyone Should Take At Least One Solo Trip in Their Lives

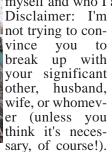
(From Pg. 11) But, when I went to the rooftop bar at my AirBNB

for a drink to relax my nerves, I immediately made friends with three extremely friendly folks from Malaysia. We drank, told stories, connected, then even went exploring the following day together! And this kept happening throughout my three weeks. I met so many people and made so many friends everywhere I went. I even went on a date and traveled with him in Cambodia for a few days! Talk about moving right on, right?!

I was honestly more often wandering and spending time with fellow travelers!



my future solo trips, but for understanding myself and who I am in general!



That's not the case. I'm simply saying that, if you want to go travel, you shouldn't let anyone stop you-including yourself. Go on that trip- and if you want to go with someone, but they're giving you the runaround, just go without them! Life's too short to waste it waiting on others.

On top of this, solo travel is the perfect way of reconnecting with yourself. We can sometimes get muddled and lose ourselves in our significant others and the people with whom we constantly spend our time. Solo travel is simply a way to remind yourself of who you are, what brings you joy, and what makes you you.







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RCLS Libraries Team Up with Local School Districts to Get Students Reading More Students use Sora reading app to access library digital collections this summer and fall

(From PG. 5) How OverDrive Connect works:

- o Students add their local public library in the Sora app.
- o Students are presented with all the age-appropriate titles available to them from the library's digital collection.
- o Titles are borrowed using existing school credentials.

OverDrive is in the process of contacting schools and signing them on.

To learn whether your child has access to Sora, parents are encouraged to contact their local school district. For further relating to eContent (books, magazines, movies), communities are encouraged to contact their public library.

"RCLS libraries have a robust collection of materials within Sora for all ages and interests within the schools," Riario says.

NYS Family Literacy Grant funds were used to purchase digital early literacy materials in English and Spanish that can be accessed through Sora.

The OverDrive and Libby apps remain an option for students to enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming video titles.

About OverDrive

OverDrive is the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools worldwide. OverDrive is dedicated to creating "a world enlightened by reading" by delivering the industry's largest catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, and other digital media to a growing network of 50,000 libraries and schools in 78 countries. For more information, please visit OverDrive's website at https://www.overdrive.com/

About Sora

Sora is a new user-friendly reading app for students by OverDrive. It was designed around the modern student reading experience. It empowers students to discover and enjoy ebooks and audiobooks from their school, for both leisure and classassigned reading. Sora was created to excite kids about reading and remove distractions to promote a focus on learning. For information, please visit Sora's website https://help.soraapp.com/en-us/home.htm

About RCLS

The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) is a non-profit, cooperative public library system serving 47 chartered public libraries in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Southern Ulster Counties, New York encompassing a total of 2,459 square miles with a population of 803,351 (2010 US Census). For more information, please visit RCLS's website at http://rcls.org/

DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers Highlights:

Distressed Humpback Whale Freed -Marine District, NY Harbor

On July 27, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) notified DEC's Division of Law Enforcement and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries of a distressed humpback whale in Ambrose Channel, one of the busiest waterways in New York Harbor. The distressed whale was reportedly anchored to the sea floor with its tail entangled by an unknown material, leaving it unable to breathe freely and at severe risk of being struck by ships entering and leaving the harbor. DEC



Division of Law Enforcement's Marine Unit and the Division of Marine Resources were crucial members of the rescue team that assisted the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society and Center for Coastal Studies free the distressed humpback whale from what turned out to be a commercial fishing trawl net. The rescue operation took four days as DEC

and partners that also included Monmouth University and Turtles Fly Too supported the disentanglement team flown in from Massachusetts. A U.S. Corp of Engineers vessel used heavy equipment to secure and haul some of the material the disentanglement team cut away to relieve pressure on the whale's tail. Finally, on Thursday, July 30, the whale was freed with minimal injury and swam away to continue its journey. Additional photos and videos available on DEC's Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Trapped Timber Rattlesnake Surprises Vacationers

On August 2, ECO LaPoint responded to a residence in the town of Hague, Warren County, for a report of a trapped timber rattlesnake at residence where a family was vacationing. Upon arriving at the home, ECO LaPoint located the snake outside trapped under a tote. Using snake tongs issued by DEC, along with a cloth bag and bucket lid, he safely secured the rattlesnake in the bucket and removed it from the premises. ECO LaPoint transported the rattlesnake to DEC's Green Island maintenance facility where it was temporarily held until it could be released to a suitable location. Timber rattlesnakes are a threatened species in New York.

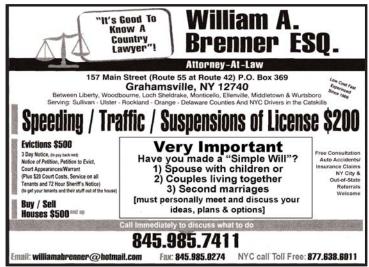
From DEC Website:

Timber Rattlesnake Fact Sheet

Scientific Name: Crotalus horridus New York Status: Threatened Description - A dark-phase timber rattlesnake. The color of the head determines whether it is dark or light phase. Measuring from 3 to 4.5 feet or more in length, the timber rattlesnake is the largest venomous snake in New York. The record length is 74 _ inches. Despite their size, cryptic coloration allows them to be easily concealed. Two color patterns are commonly found: a light phase, which has black or dark brown crossbands on a lighter background color of yellow, brown or gray, and a dark phase, which has dark crossbands on a dark background.



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Governor Cuomo Makes Important Announcements

The infection rate statewide-in every region-is below the established threshold and therefore all school districts are permitted to open this fall. Whether your school will be in-person, remote, or a hybrid model, will be determined locally by each individual school district under strict Department of Health guidelines.

Every school district was required to submit a reopening plan to the Department of Health, which will be carefully reviewed. Additionally, school districts must post their remote learning plans, as well as plans for testing and tracing students and staff, on their websites. These plans must be transparent and accessible.

Parents and teachers must feel safe and secure in each school district's plan to return to school, and to that end, school districts are required to engage all parties. Specifically, they must set dates for 3-5 discussion sessions with parents and the community, to be held by August 21, and at least one separate discussion session for teachers specifically.

Based on our infection rate of about one percent, New York State is in the best possible situation right now. If anybody can open schools safely, we can. We can bring the same level of intelligence to the schools reopening that we brought to the economic reopening.

. Over 4 million TV viewers across the U.S. have seen New York's "Mask Up America" PSAs. In partnership with the Ad Council, these ads-featuring the voices of Morgan Freeman, Jeffrey Wright, Robert De Niro, and many othersare aimed at promoting mask-wearing not just in New York but around the country.

UC and Ellenville Regional Hospital Partner to Combat Opioid Epidemic

Through the work of the High Risk Mitigation Team, Ulster County and Ellenville Regional Hospital will leverage over 3 million dollars in grant funding to better understand overdoses and establish preventative measures to reduce overdoses and related fatalities throughout the County

Ellenville, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan joined by President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital Steve Kelley announced a new partnership that will expand Ulster County's High Risk Mitigation Team to the City of Kingston and strengthen its reach into other parts of Ulster County. Through this new effort, Ellenville Regional Hospital will fund two Care Managers to serve communities outside the City of Kingston and the Ulster County Health Department will fund one Care Manager to focus on Kingston along with assisting the program in reviewing all county overdoses and connecting the many treatment facilities.

"As County Executive, combating the opioid epidemic has been one of my top priorities. We know that the pressures created by COVID-19



President & CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital Steve Kelley, County Executive Pat Ryan, and Chair of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Board Julius Collins.

have led to an increase in opioid overdoses and fatalities in Ulster County,' Ulster County Executive Pat Rvan said. "In light of this, we must double down on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. I am confident that these initiatives-the

High Risk Mitigation Team along with our strong partnership with Ellenville Regional Hospital-will help to save lives."

"This innovative approach is the first true prevention program to monitor and respond to events that predict overdoses," President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital Steve Kelley said. "We are thrilled to work with County Executive Pat Ryan and our many dedicated partners at this critical moment to help individuals and families struggling with opioids. This effort will undoubtedly help our most vulnerable and save countless lives."

The High Risk Mitigation Team will take a population health approach and work closely with those struggling with addiction to ensure they receive comprehensive, personalized support and services. The team will carefully follow their treatment so they don't slip through the cracks in existing systems. Services will include: linking to peer services, treatment, harm reduction measures, medication assisted treatment, OUD prevention education, and recovery services.

Last week, County Executive Ryan signed a resolution accepting \$501,853 to help combat the opioid epidemic in Ulster County. The funding is part of a \$2.5 million grant through the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Columbia University is administering, coordinating, and executing the study, which is designed to assist counties in reducing opioid fatalities. The funds will be used over a three year period and will help deliver a comprehensive intervention package that will prevent use of opioids, treat addiction and promote recovery.

In addition, Ellenville Regional Hospital has received the Rural Responses to the Opioid Epidemic grant from The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for \$635,000 to develop an overdose response and fatality review team serving rural communities in Ulster County. Ulster County was also awarded \$216,000 from the New York State Opioid Data to Action (OD2A) grant funding to provide linkage to care, and improve provider and health systems support.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Bernard Lange for the prpose of an Area Variance for relief of setbacks for location of an above ground pool to be located at Wagners Rd., Neversink, NY (SBL# 31.-1-6.1). Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be

BY ORDER OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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From the Sullivan County **Sheriff's Office:**

The Sheriff's Office has arrested four individuals involved in a local check forgery ring. The checks, which belonged to a local business in Monticello,



were forged in such a way that they appeared to be payroll checks. The checks were then cashed at banks and gas stations in the Towns of Thompson and



Fallsburg. The following defendants were charged by Sheriff's Detectives as follows

Richard Licata, 68, Monticello - 3 counts of Felony Richard Licata Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 3rd Degree and 3 counts of Misdemeanor Criminal

Possession Stolen Property 5th Degree.



Maurice Kemble, Monticello - 1 count of Felony Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 3rd Degree and 1 count of Misdemeanor Criminal Posses-sion Stolen Property 5th Degree.



count of Felony Criminal Possession

Jamil Fasenntao of a Forged Instrument in the 3rd Degree and 1 count of Misdemeanor Criminal Possession Stolen Property 5th Degree.

Rachel Amore, 32, Bloomingburg - 10 counts of Felony Forgery 1st Degree and Misdemeanor Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th

Licata, Kemble and Fasenntao were issued appearance tickets and released pending a future court date. Amore was arraigned in a virtual courtroom by County Court Judge James Farrell and released on her own recognizance.

The total theft amounted to \$3100.00.

Sheriff Mike Schiff said that the investigation is continuing.

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Nearly \$12 Million in Emergency Federal Funding for Coronavirus Testing Across New York State - Funding Will Expand New York's

Testing Ability During the COVID-19 Health Crisis

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$11,649,036 in federal funding to help health centers respond to and contain the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding was allocated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Expanding Capacity for Coronavirus Testing (ECT) program.

"As New York rebuilds and recovers from this unprecedented health and economic crisis, it's imperative that hospitals and health centers have the resources they need to execute an aggressive testing strategy to keep the virus at bay," said Senator Schumer. "This federal funding does just that by increasing the testing capacity of hospitals and health centers across the state. I will continue to fight tooth and nail for the federal resources to keep our communities safe and to be proactive in the battle against COVID-19."

"With mounting pressure to open schools and businesses, we must ensure that all New Yorkers have access to COVID-19 testing," said Senator Gillibrand. "This essential funding will make testing and treatment more accessible across New York State and will help keep our communities safe from this devastating virus. I will continue advocating for the resources needed to remain resilient during these unprecedented times."

Funding recipients listed below:

New York Department of Health \$9,649,028; Rochester/Finger Lakes Region; His Branches, Inc \$144,587; New York City Region Lasante Health Center, Inc. \$165,767; Catholic Charities
 Neighborhood Services, Inc. \$1,345,387; Hudson Valley Region -Community Medical and Dental Care, Inc \$344,267

Senator Jen Metzger Secures Vital Search and Rescue Funding for Woodridge Joint Fire District

Woodridge, NY...Earlier today, Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) held a press conference outside the Woodridge Joint Fire District's firehouse to announce \$50,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Capital (SAM) funding for the Village's fire department. The SAM grant will enable the purchase of extrication equipment and an all-terrain vehicle for search and rescue operations.



State Senator Jen Metzger with Woodridge Joint Fire District Chief Eric Akerley and Fallsburg Town Clerk and Secretary / Treasurer to the Woodridge Joint Fire District, Donna Akerley

Working to complete the grant application was a family endeavor. Fallsburg Town Clerk Donna Akerley, wife of Woodridge Fire Chief Eric Akerley who serves as the Woodridge Fire District's Secretary and Treasurer, worked with her husband and Metzger's office to complete all the paperwork required to get the fire department nominated for the grant.

"We depend on our volunteer fire departments and EMS to keep us safe, and this funding will ensure that the Woodridge Joint Fire District has the proper tools to perform search and rescue operations safely and expeditiously, and will save lives," said Senator Jen Metzger.

Woodridge Joint Fire District Chief Eric Akerley said, "On behalf of our membership and our Commissioners, I would like to thank Senator Metzger for securing this Grant Award. Because of the combined efforts of your staff member Mandy Fallon, and my wife Donna Akerley, the Fire District's Secretary / Treasurer as well as the Town Clerk for the Town of Fallsburg, and the foresight of our Fire Commissioners to guarantee the funding for overages, we are now able to purchase much needed equipment."

Town of Fallsburg Supervisor Steven Vegliante said, "I am honored to join Senator Metzger at this important announcement...The Woodridge Fire Department will always hold a special place in my heart, and this important grant will assist their members in their life saving efforts. Thank you Senator Metzger for securing these funds that will help save the lives of Fallsburg residents!"

Assemblymember Cahill Joins the Community to Encourage All New Yorkers to Complete the 2020 Census

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) joined the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce to record a public service announcement released Tuesday August 4, 2020 encouraging all New Yorkson to complete the 2020 Commerce.

Yorkers to complete the 2020 Census.

"It is the civic duty of everyone living in this country to fill out the Census," Cahill said. "More than just a population count, the data collected on the census is used to allocate funding from all levels of government. There has been a historic underreporting of the populations of New Paltz and Kingston. This leads to a reduced level of funding and negatively impacts school aid, road repair and infrastructure

projects to name a few."

"While the Hudson Valley is an attractive residential destination and is fortunate to have so many universities and vibrant college communities, this leads to a large number of transient shifts in population. New residents forget and college students may believe they must be counted with their parents. If this is their home, I encourage them to fill out the census at their college residency, whether in a dormitory or their off-campus apartment where they are spending at least nine months of the year. If they are new residents in transition, but they now call our area home, be sure to let the census folks know," added Cahill.

The 2020 census has never been easier to complete. It is available in over a dozen languages, including Spanish and for the first time can be completed entirely online or by phone. It is completely confidential and can be taken by everyone regardless of immigration status, not just citizens. Residents that have not filled out the online form have been mailed a paper version of the questionnaire that can be mailed back to the Census Bureau. In addition, starting August 6th enumerators will begin in-person door-knocking.

"The easiest way to complete this enumeration is at 2020Census.gov. Those with additional questions should feel free to call my District Office in Kingston at 845-338-9610," concluded Assemblymember Cahill.

Assemblymember Cahill's census PSA with subsequent Spanish translation, provided by Salvador Altamirano-Segura of Family of Woodstock, Inc., can be found at https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=668005737394940.

UC Announces State Funding for Census Outreach

Ulster County is eligible to receive up to \$138,000 of grant funding for census efforts

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced during his Facebook live briefing that Ulster County will begin a robust Census 2020 outreach program utilizing funding allocated to the County by New York State. Ulster County's current Census Response Rate is 56.7% just shy of the state response rate 58.7%. The County will work with several non-profit partners and community groups to ensure that a greater number of hard-to-count individuals and areas in the County are reached.

"The Census, beyond its role in choosing our elected representatives, is used for the allocation of a myriad of federal funds that include health care, schools, and housing" County Executive Ryan said. "A complete count of the individuals living in Ulster County assures that these services receive a fair share and ultimately impact the lives of our residents."

New York State has recently announced that it has allocated funding to provide grants to counties for census outreach, and Ulster County is eligible to receive up to \$138,000. Currently, the 2020 Census efforts, and those of the County have been affected by the pandemic that has limited face-to-face contact. The County plans to use this money, in conjunction with our community partners, to redesign our outreach program using social media, digital town halls, print media, and other activities such as phone banking and peer-to-peer texting, to get the word out. Census numbers will be used to determine how much emergency relief Ulster County will get in response to the pandemic in addition to many critical services.

Our community partner's efforts will be directed towards the hard-to-count individuals that they serve, including seniors, youth, minorities, the farm community, and those with lan-

guage barriers.

"CCE of Ulster County is pleased to see Ulster County initiate a comprehensive census outreach program," Jared Buono, Executive Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension said. "The 2020 Census comes at a critical time where the allocation of federal funds for activities such as food and nutrition programming, assistance to farmers is being dramatically challenged by COVID19. At CCE, we welcome the opportunity to assist in reaching rural and farm communities, youth, and those in our other programs. I urge all of those living in Ulster County to Complete the Census."

Complete the census now at: http://my2020census.gov

Senate Agriculture Chair Jen Metzger on How Residents Should Manage Unsolicited Packages of Seeds Received in the Mail

"New Yorkers are receiving unsolicited packages of seeds in the mail, and the United States Department of Agriculture and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets are asking residents who receive seeds that they did not order to please mail the sealed seed package(s) with the original packaging directly to the USDA. Recipients are asked to include their contact information and any relevant details. Handling or planting seeds from questionable sources is strongly discouraged."

Households in many states across the U.S. have been receiving packages of seeds from foreign countries, falsely labeled as other products. As Chair of the State Senate's Committee on Agriculture, Senator Metzger advises area residents and all New Yorkers to refrain from handling or planting what could be invasive species that may be harmful to native plants and crops, as well as to livestock and wildlife in NYS.

Unsolicited seeds should be immediately sent to the following address with the recipient's contact information: Office of the State Plant Health Director of New York c/o Christopher Zaloga, United States Department of Agriculture

500 New Karner Road Albany, NY 12205

For more information, please visit NYS Ag & Markets' website.



FOR UPDATES PLEASE VISIT: www.facebook.com/WingsnWheelsforWarriors

The participant cost for this event is \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the show. If you wish to pre-register please fill in the form below and mail it to our office along with a check or money order written to Disabled American Veterans

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As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again open, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church 68 Clinton St., Napanoch

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Saturday Thrift Sale

9:00 am to 12 noon To be Announced Thrift Sale

9am-12 noon Luncheon 11 am - 12:30 pm To be

Announced

Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a m. Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m. Pastor Seung Jin Hong 845-985-2283

e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

Regular Office Hours
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm
If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator (845) 434-7643

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Pastor Kenneth Ronk Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am P O Box 238 - Route 55 Grahamsville, NY 12740 845-985-7480

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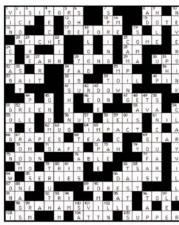
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VETERANS always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword





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Download this week's bulletin at:
stpeters/Bulletin%20August%209.pdf

Facebook: St. Peter's Church, Liberty Saturday evenings at 7PM: Mass in Spanish Sunday mornings at 10 AM: Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live. You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to http://www.facebook.com

andvisiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY.

** If you plan to join us for Mass in person, please see *PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE BEFORE MASS* we have put in place to keep us all safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. While the church is open for Mass, all individuals who are 65 years of age or older, those with underlying health considerations and those who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in the Mass on Facebook Live.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed and Deacon Don will be waiting on the front steps of the church, weather permitting, each Sunday until 11:30 AM to distribute Holy Communion. They will only be able to offer the Eucharist in the hand. Please be sure to wear a face covering, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others, and most importantly, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers.

DAILY PRAYER

Father will continue to gather with us in daily prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live. We will pray morning prayers at 9AM and evening vespers at 6 PM. You may send your prayer petitions to Father and he will include them in daily prayer.

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is open every Saturday from 9am - 12noon. If you, or someoneyou know, could benefit from some help with food during these difficult times, simply come up the driveway next to the rectory and you will see us set up outside.

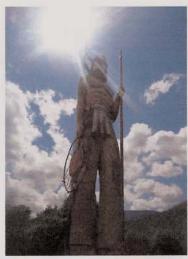
All are most welcome!

** PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE BEFORE MASS

- We ask you to arrive at the church no later than 9:30 AM for 10 AM Mass. (Please arrive by 6:45PM for 7 PM Spanish Mass.)
- When approaching the church, please keep in mind that all individuals and groups must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals and groups.
- Everyone must wear a face covering at all times.
- There will be hand sanitizer available for those who would like to use some before entering the church.
- Before entering the church, everyone will have their temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked not to enter the church.
- Everyone will be escorted to a seat by an usher who has been designated and trained by Father Ed. Seating will be assigned from the front of the church to the back, and will be based on the next available seat, keeping social distancing in mind. Single individuals will be seated on one side of the church and families of 2 or more will be seated on the other side.
- There will be no holy water in the church.
- We will continue to send bulletins to parishioners electronically. There will be no paper bulletins in the church.

DURING MASS

- Please keep your mask on during the entire Mass, except for the brief moment when receiving Holy Communion.
- The collection will not be taken up in the traditional way. Instead, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the church.



Free Concert's

In Big Indian Park Big Indian, NY



August 16 Dick Bowden's Bluegrass Rangers 5-7



August 30 Country Express 5-7

These concerts are brought to you by the Big Indian beautification Committee if you would like to be on our schedule for next year or for more information or make a donation call Martie Gailes at 845-254-5354



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Monday - 10:30 - 1:30 Tuesday - 10:00 - 6:00 Wednesday - 10:00 - 4:30 Thursday - 10:00 - 6:00 Friday - 10:00 - 4:30



LIMITED HOURS FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO MAKE CERTAIN OF CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS **DUE TO COVID-19**

Many organization and municipalities are now using the internet to conduct meetings and to communicate withtheir members and the community. We welcome all organizations and municipalities who will be utilizing the internet to to do so and to submit their contact information (URL) and we will post the information on our Calendar of Events.

Send your information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
Town of Denning - http://www.denning.us
Town of Neversink - https://townofneversink.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8/16/2020 Claryville Fire Department ** All You can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7am -12 noon (See Pg. 26) 8/19/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm 8/29/2020 Claryville Fire Department **Annual Craft and Vendor Fair 10 am- 4 pm (See Pg. 27)

** We will be following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19! Please remember that we will be doing everything possible to keep all of our members and customers safe and healthy

Save the Date!

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions and concerns we had to make the difficult decision to postpone Matthew Bertholf's Memorial Horseshoe Tournament until next year. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2021 and will be held at the Neversink Fire Department's Pavilion. Next year will the 10th anniversary of this tournament. Looking forward to seeing you then!!! Our 2020 scholarship recipients are Logan Cossack and Michael Babcock.

2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit Thursdays, Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020 via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling (jmd30@cornell.edu) or call 607-865-6531.

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month with the audit/workshop meetings being held the Monday preced-

ing 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.

COVID-19 ONLINE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

This on-line support group is new and is for those who have lost a loved one to Covid-19. The link below goes to our page with all information. Go to:

https://hospiceoforange.com/grief-symptoms-can-be-heightened-during-this-current-community-health-crisis/

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.

Time and the Valleys Museum **Searching for a Picture**

The Time and the Valleys Museum exhibit committee is searching for a photo of Helen Aldrich. If anyone has one please contact Phyllis Coombe at: phyllisncoombe@hvc.rr.com or 845-985-7530 and she will help to arrange to get the pictures.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com or call 845-985-7479.

Time and the Valleys One Room School Project

Ouestion??

Does anyone in the community have info about a possible Beaver Dam or Curry school? If so would you please share with our researchers? 845-985-7012

The Staff is also looking forward to hearing from community families whose ancestors might have experienced schooling at one room schools. We are specifically looking for the following pre 1920 items: lunch pails or boxes; children's clothing and toys; two 48 star flags; ice skates; bikes; pictures or other memorabilia of former schools.

Adopt A Bench at CFFCM



The new CFFCM Welcome Center renovations are almost complete and we are working hard on putting the final touches on our new trail system. Our beautiful birch lined rail trail now continues down into a peaceful birding area. An education circle lies tucked away in the Ironwood forest before a timeless overlook appears above the rivers edge.

You can now adopt a bench along our trails and preserve a memory forever. Show your support for CFFCM by having a custom message on a bronze plaque secured to a bench, giving visitors a place to relax and appreciate our beautiful surroundings. This can



be a gift, "in honor/memory of", a special occasion, or to promote your business. Adopt a Bench today starting at \$3,000. If you are interested go to:

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CFFCM Suggested Links The Wuff W ex with Suga

The Wuff W ay with Susan Thrasher

Susan Thrasher is the author of "Thrasher's Fly Fishing Guide," as well as the owner of the Southern Brookies Fly Fishing School, and a disciple of the great Joan Wulff.

http://www.itinerantangler.com/podcasts/podcast212.mp3

How to Catch Fish that Behave Hot n Cold

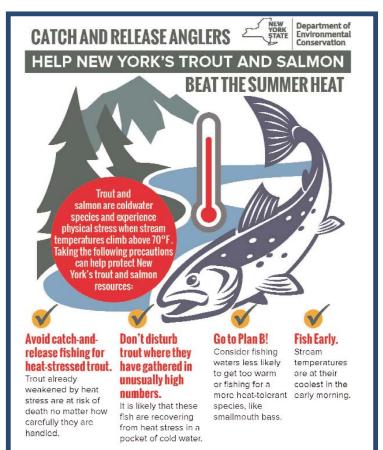
An article discussing the ways in which warm and cool water and weather conditions contribute to trout behavior. https://www.fly-fisherman.com/editorial/Temps-for-Trout-How-to-Catch-Fish-that-Behave-Hot-n-Cold/379972

Chicken BBQ

Sat. Sept. 19th
From 1 PM till 4 P.M.
at the Ulster Heights Rod And Gun Club
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Take outs only
Pre Pay, \$12
For Reservations call Bill 845 647 5190

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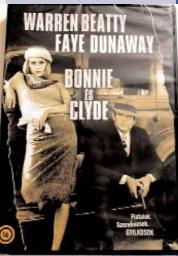
BONNIE & CLYDE

6:00 PM; Color, 110 min. CC, TV-14. Directed by Arthur Penn. Starring Warren Beatty, Faye



waitress, as she is intrigued by his brazen manner and bored, she decides to become his partner in crime. Together they stage a series of amateur holdups that provide them with excitement but little monetary reward. Eventually they take on C. W. Moss, a dimwitted garage mechanic, who serves as their getaway driver. Finally they are joined by Clyde's brother Buck, who was recently released from prison, and his wife, Blanche, a selfish, whining preacher's daughter.

Dunaway, Michael J. Pollard, Gene Hackman. Estelle Parsons, Gene Wilder. In the early 1930's the depression was at it's height when Clyde Barrow impresses Bonnie Parker, to try to steal her mother's car. Giving up her job as a



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The some-what fictional account of how gambling came to Las Vegas, and how the commission of organized crime in the gaming industry was created, and how organized crime infiltrated the gaming business and politics.

HENRY WARREN BEATTY was born in Richmond, Virginia on March 30,1937 and his career choice was decided at an early age. Warren's mother Kathlyn was a drama teacher, and his older sister, Shirley (who later adopted her middle name, MacLean, for her stage name, Shirley MacLaine) had found success on Broadway in "The Pajama Game."

Beatty made a name for himself on the high school football field, but his sister's fame inspired him to try his hand at acting, studying with the great Stella Adler at the Actors Conservatory in New York City. Beatty, a womanizer at heart, of epic proportions – who should he marry? He married the highly talented and the very attractive actor Annette Benning – his choice of wife.

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In the film the "Bugsy"

- 1. Where was Harry Greenberg killed?
- 2. How much money did Virginia Hill steal?

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The story of the hit musical that changed Broadway forever and brought the genius of Lin Manuel Miranda to the attention of legions of fans across the world. Featuring interviews with Miranda, as well as the cast and crew of *Hamilton*. Director Elio España. Starring Lin Manuel Miranda, Tommy Kail.

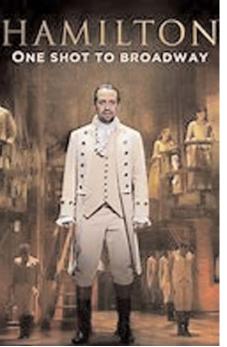
Genres Arts, Entertainment, and Culture, Documentary Subtitles

English [CC]

The filmed version of the original Broadway smash hit "Hamilton" combines the best elements of live theater, film and streaming in an astounding blend of hip-hop, jazz, R&B and Broadway.

Presenting the tale of American founding father Alexander Hamilton, this revolutionary moment in theater is the story of America then, told by America now.

A behind-the-scenes look at the unique combination of rap and American history that inspired the original musical, "Hamilton." Directed by Elio Espana.



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Stay safe and stay well, Knarf Odnamoe Gnome