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## **REMINDER:**

*Ye Olde-Tri-Valley Townsman* <u>will not be</u> <u>published</u> during the <u>Week of July 4th</u> July 4th is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

## Local Lions Clubs Screen Fallsburg Children for Early Vision Problems For the past several years, Fallsburg and Tri-Valley Lions

Clubs have been screening young children in the local Head Start Programs and at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.



On the left is Fallsburg Lions Club Member and FCSD Board of Education Member Renee Kates, a kindergarten student just screened, and Tri Valley Lions Club Member and retired FHS teacher Ilene Wizwer wearing the special SEE Camera, Both women are active on the FCSD Wellness Committee.

This year's activity occurred during the winter and was part of Lions International SEE Program or Screen Eyes Early. Many local Lions have been trained to operate a special camera that can detect early vision problems. Lions KidSight USA has a goal of reaching as many pre-school and school-age children that could have common disorders, such as amblyopia or lazy eye. These kinds of conditions can become permanent when not detected before age seven.

Dozens of children received parental permission for eye screening performed by Fallsburg Lions Club members Renee Kates, Robin Pantel and Bob Kaplan and Tri-Valley Lions Ilene and Stuart Wizwer. With each screening, a number of children

show early signs of vision problems and are guided for next step treatment.

The FCSD appreciates this special service provided by Lions Clubs International and their local memberships. They save vision and our children's quality of life. Brianna Worden is Among Neurofibromatosis Patients who Spoke at First Ever NF Listening Session at the U.S. FDA – by Simon Vukelj, CTF



Washington, D.C. - Last week, Brianna Worden of Grahamsville was among six NF patients and caregivers who shared their experiences of living with neurofibromatosis (NF) in the first-ever NF listening session at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The audience included staff members from the FDA's review division and Patient Affairs. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## State Senator Jen Metzger Celebrates New Liberty Office with an Open House Reception



Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) welcomed constituents, community leaders, and elected officials to her newly opened Liberty Satellite Office for an evening of conversation and community connection. (Contd. Pg. 3) Thank You from the Daniel Pierce Library





A heartfelt thank you from the Board, staff, volunteers and the entire library community for passing the Library Budget. This will allow us to continue to offer excellent library services and programs as well as update some of the library's technology. Please stop in and check out a book or sign up for our summer Reading Program. Your library is waiting for you, please come visit us! Thank you again for your support!

## Applying Science to Natural Resource Management in the Catskills – Targeting research efforts to ensure Catskill conservation is guided by science

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An opening reception with refreshments will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahams-ville NY 12740. The show and sale will run until August 31, 2019. Many paintings will remain on display in the lower level throughout the year. (Contd. Pg. 8)

The "Studio Monday Art Group" meets weekly at the library on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The group welcomes new members in all artistic mediums. Call the library at 845-985-7233 for more information.



Cary Institute is spearheading the Catskill Science Collaborative (CSC), an effort to connect scientific research with natural resource management in the Catskill region and educate residents about local science that could affect their lives and livelihoods. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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P O Box 232 Grahamsville, NY 12740 Email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman on-line: http://thetownsman.com **ON THE FRONT BURNER:** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 1 Peter 5:15

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

#### June 22, 1949

Fire damaged a carpenter's workshop of the S. A. Healy co. at the Lackawack Dam shortly after 5 p.m. a week ago Tuesday. The Napanoch Fire Company was called to extinguish the blaze.

It is reported that Camp Wonder Trails will open for the summer this coming Saturday. The camp, pre-viously known as Camp Betar and Camp Ziona is on a the former Burr Porter place.

Mr. Van Furman bought and had delivered last week a one man pick up baler - a machine drawn by a tractor, picks up the hat out of the windrow and bales it. The hay is then drawn to the barn and the storage requires a minimum of space. This is the only machine of its kind in this immediate vicinity.

The U..S. Department of Agriculture informs us that if American hens lay green-yolked eggs they have been eating cottonseed meal or acorns from some types of oaks. The green hue doesn't hurt the egg at all, but children and other finical folk won't eat them. So cottonseed meal customarily is fed only to birds failed for their meat, which comes out the proper color - N.Y. Herald Tribune.

#### June 24, 1959

Once again the Daniel Pierce Library is asking for your help. Due to the unusual expenses incurred this past year for repairs our budget is exhausted. We plan a food sale at Anderson's Store on June 27th from 1 to 5 P.M. Please bring your contribution and help us make this project a big success. Starting June 24th the Library will be open every Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 pm in addition to the regular Saturday hours.

Twenty-three seniors will graduate - Those who received their diplomas from Max Rubenzahl, President of the Board of Education included: Beverly Allen, Myrna Altman, Brooke Anderson, Patsy Ann Banta, Daniel Bologna, John Buswell, Mary Carr, Frederick Clark, Darleene Decker, Francis Distel, Jacob Frank, Jean Goode, William Goldsmith, Sharon Hamilton, Robert Ingram, James Krum, Mary Leonard, Mary McGuire, Theresa McGuire, Julianne Nash, Carol Rosenthal, Lillian Smith and Phillip West.

Donald Short of Neversink was one of the five County youths inducted into the Armed Forces, Monday June 15 at New York. They were sent from Draft Board 17 at Monticello.

Both Woodbourne Correctional Institution escapees have pleaded not guilty to third degree burglary charges stemming from their abortive escape attempt in April, when they entered a farm house to obtain food and clothing.

William H. Grey, son of Mrs. Dorothy Grey of Sundown Road, Grahamsville is presently attending the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Summer Training Unit at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio Cadet Grey who is enrolled in Advanced AFROTC, is attending a four week summer training period as part of his Reserve Office training at College. While at summer training, Cadet Gray actually observes the Air Force in action and participates in many of the Air Force operations. Following graduation at the University of Vermont, he will be eligible for appointment as a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force

There were approximately 800 people at the Stock Car Races at Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Sunday.

The coming Sunday will mark the dedication of a Memorial PUlpit in the Lows Corner Church to the sacred memory of Mrs. Anna Haag. The pulpit has been prepared of most precious material and its the work of an expert cabinet maker. It will be presented to the officiary of the Church and their successors so long as the Church endures.

"Hollerhound Able Amos" nine month old Basset hound puppy, bred and owned by Margaret and Cliff WArren of Yagerville, was a blue ribbon winner at the Greenwich, Connecticut all-breed dog show on Jun 6th.

#### June 14, 29179

Congratulations to Mary Russell and Ann Higgins both of whom won awards for their water colors at the

Catskill Art Show at the Sullivan County Historical Society Museum in Hurleyville on Sunday.

Congratulations also to Bob Dice of Claryville

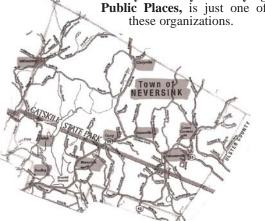
who took second place in Oil Landscapes. The Sullivan County Extension Service Home Ec Division and the Tri-Valley Homemakers honored Marion McGill and Linda Donnelly for outstanding membership and leadership at a dinner held at King's Restaurant in Livingston Manor recently. Also honored was Susan Welch of the Neversink Kilowatts.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club installed its 1979 offi-cers at their June 5th meeting at the Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville. Officers installed for 1979 were President Donald TerBush, Vice Presidents Thomas Arielly, Paul Vetter and George Knox; Secretary Gene Froelich; Treasurer Frank Smith; Lion Tamer Gerhard Henke; and Tail Twister, Vincent Eltz.

## THE FUTURE OF **NEVERSINK RENAISSANCE?**

The Town of Neversink is a close-knit community with history, traditions and an abundance of natural beauty. Our quaint community includes residents. organizations and businesses who take pride in where they live and make it what it is. Neversink

Renaissance, whose mission is to Inspire Community Pride by Beautifying



#### Neversink Renaissance has come to a crossroad for its future.

Does it keep going, continuing with our annual beautification and clean-up efforts while searching for new ways to improve our community? Or does it end its long reign of 19+ years and hand over the roles and responsibilities to its civic organizations to care for on their own? If Neversink Renaissance keeps going, how does it overcome the challenges it faces? One challenge we face is the limited number of volunteers available to help us achieve our mission. We are not unlike any other civic organization facing this same challenge-more work, less volun-teers to help! We know that everyone's time is limited, and you are getting more and more requests to help from all the organizations in our community. So there lies the challenge for Neversink Renaissance. which is an independent organization that relies 100% on volunteers to succeed. Do we keep going or do we throw in the towel?

Neversink Renaissance needs your input on its fate. After all, it is your organization and its our community that Neversink Renaissance lives for. Come to our June meeting to share your ideas and help us decide our future. The meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm in the Daniel Pierce Library **Community Room Refreshments will be served** Please join us We look forward to your open, honest discussion on the future of **Neversink Renaissance** 

## A Round About Tri-Valley - Carol Furman

Get well wishes to Vira Slater of Grahamsville who fell and broke her hip. Vira is recuperating at the Adult Care Center in Liberty.

Congratulations to Joe and Mary Inghrim who were named this year's "T/O Neversink Senior Volunteers of the Year".

Congratulations to Chuck and Regina Hamilton of Neversink who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a get-to-gether organized by their children, Stacey and Ryan. Pete and I also celebrated our 50th with family and friends at the White Wolf in Napanoch.

Congratulations to our local Daniel Pierce Library Team who won the "Battle of the Books", a quiz bowl style competition. The "Country Bumpkins", consisting of Samantha Morgan, Lorna Bragg, Jasmine Irwin and Robert Denman and coached by Tri-Valley teacher, Mr. Matthew Haynes, competed against students from other area public libraries. The Daniel Pierce Library staff and teachers from Tri-Valley collaborated to bring this winning team together.

Out of the five Sullivan County Varsity Track and Field athletes that participated in the NYS T & F meet, held in Middletown, Tri-Valley senior, Thomas Van Saders, was the only one to medal. Tom earned the right to compete in two events, the Division II 110 meter hurdles and the 400 meter hurdles. He finished 13th in the 110 meter race and went on to medal in the 400 hurdles, taking 4th place in New York State. Quite an accomplishment!

Matt Tierney finished 10th in the Division II 400 meter hurdles and Antoine Perpignand finished 14th in the long jump.

The Tri-Valley FFA dessert and awards night, held on June 7th at the Neversink Fire Hall, was a huge success. Many awards were handed out and there certainly was a large variety of sumptuous desserts and finger foods available.

Children's Day was celebrated at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday, June 9th. The children and their teachers planned and presented a very nice program. This was the last day of Sunday School for the summer. Sunday School will resume on September 8th.

Representatives from the Grahamsville United Methodist Church and the Grahamsville Reformed Church met to further plan for Vacation Bible School, which will be held at the Methodist Church from July 7th through July 11th. Registration forms for children age 3 through grade 6 are available at either church or the D.P. Library. Volunteers are always invited to help serve supper or to help with the children. Contact Wanda Terwilliger at the Methodist Church if you are willing to lend a hand.

The Forestburgh Playhouse opened the summer season by presenting "The Mystery of Irma Vep". I saw the show, and it was well done. It was performed by two actors, each playing two different characters. I can't say that it was one of my favorites, however School dates to remember: June 21st 8:15 am - Bernstein Theatre -Ruth Scully awards presentations, June 24th 9:00 am -Bernstein Theatre - 6th Grade Moving- up Ceremony, June 27th 7:00 pm - Baccalaureate Service and reception for graduating seniors - Daniel Pierce Library, June 29th Tri-Valley Graduation Ceremony - Bernstein Theatre

**Words of Wisdom:** "They were the fathers we never knew, the uncles we never met, the friends who never returned, the heroes we can never repay. They gave us our world. And those simple sounds of freedom we hear today are their voices speaking to us across the years." (President Bill Clinton, 50th Anniversary of D-Day)

#### Brianna Worden is Among Neurofibromatosis Patients to Speak at First Ever NF Listening Session at the U.S. FDA

(From Pg. 1) The speakers included NF parent Maureen Hussey, speaking on behalf of her daughter Maggie, and NF patients Jack Burke, Jesse Sorman, Brianna Worden, McKinnon Galloway, and Aidan Fraser. They were also joined in the conversation with the FDA by Children's Tumor Foundation representatives Annette Bakker, President; Traceann Rose, Patient Engagement Director; and Pam Knight, Clinical Program Director. This meeting took place because of a collaboration with the National Organization of Rare Disorders (NORD).

The goal of the listening session was to serve as a resource for the FDA medical product centers to engage with patients and patient advocates. This face-to-face

meeting of NF patients with representatives from multiple centers at the FDA facilitated the sharing of NF patient perspectives on disease burden, treatment burden, impact on daily activities, quality of life, and priorities to consider in medical product development programs. The objectives are to inform regulatory decision-making, educate review staff about NF, help patients understand the FDA's mission and work, and provide a starting point to inform research & development.

In his presentation, NF patient Jesse Sorman revealed that he summoned tremendous courage to face his fear speaking publicly: "Standing in front of you today is really outside of my comfort zone and I almost didn't even do it. I am here because it's important for you to know how difficult this is for me, so that when you're making a decision about approving a drug that could help people with NF, you will remember that I shared my struggles with you."

Also in attendance today in the audience were Debbie Drell, Director of Membership, National Organization for Rare Disorders; Elizabeth O'Brien Burke, Patient Advocate and Jack's mom; Connie Sorman, Senior Manager, Stewardship and Volunteer Development at CTF and Jesse's mom; Janna Walter, Patient Advocate and Brianna Worden's mom; and Jayce Daniel Walter, Brianna's sibling.

The output of the session will be a high-level summary report that highlights the key themes discussed, and takeaways to be shared both FDA-wide and with the public. Further details about this meeting can be seen as they become available at ctf.org.

## Delaware Valley Opera's season opener; its sensational annual "Opera Gala!"

Coming up on Saturday June 22nd...Delaware Valley Opera's season opener; its sensational annual "Opera Gala!" Come see "sneak previews" of the season ahead (plus other enticing musical snippets!) while enjoying an elaborate buffet dinner and drinks (alcoholic or not, your choice!) and "mixing and mingling" in a fun night out. The merriment takes place at the Delaware Youth Center in Callicoon, NY, and kicks off at 7:00 p.m. Visit: http://www.delawarevalleyopera.com/, or call: (845)887-5980 or (512)694-8037 for advance ticket sales. What a great way to welcome the summer season...don't miss it!

### State Senator Jen Metzger Celebrates New Liberty Office with an Open House Reception

(From Pg. 1) Constituents from Sullivan County and across the 42nd Senate District were encouraged to visit the new office to meet with Senator Metzger and her staff and learn about the services available to them.

The reception featured artwork made by local artists kindly loaned by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) - and placed on display throughout the office for attendees to enjoy.



Elected officials in attendance included Luis Alvarez, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature and Sullivan County Legislator (District 6); Nadia Rajz, Sullivan County Legislator (District 2); William Thony, Village of Jeffersonville Mayor; and Brian Rourke, Town of Liberty Supervisor. Representatives from Sullivan 180, New Hope Community, Sullivan Renaissance, Sullivan County Visitors Association, Sullivan ARC, SYDA Foundation, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Catholic Charities of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County and several local business owners were also in attendance.

Regular operating hours at the Liberty office are Monday - Friday, from 9 am - 5 pm. Assistance is available in both English and Spanish. During operating hours constituents can call (845) 292-0215 to speak with a member of staff. The office (which is accessible by elevator) is located on the third floor of the Left Bank Art Gallery, at 59 N. Main Street in Liberty. 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.

## Fireflies: Cute by Day, but Dazzling at Dusk

Fireflies have fascinated mankind for thousands of years. They were among the first luminescent animals to have been recorded in ancient literature in the *Chinese Book of Odes* that was written somewhere between 1500 and 1000 B.C. Shakespeare' makes reference to fireflies \_\_\_\_\_\_ in *Midsummer Night's Dream*.



A familiar sight on a hot summer night in the Catskills, these little creatures have begun their magical display welcoming the season! They really aren't flies – Fireflies

are actually beetles. They are noturnal members of the family Lampyridae in the beetle order Coleoptera.

Fireflies tend to be brown and soft-bodied, often with the elytra (front wings) more leathery than in other beetles. Fireflies are omnivores (eat both plant and animal) and have an average life span in the wild of about two months. They can grow up to one inch long.

There are about 2,000 firefly species that live in a variety of warm humid environments around the world.

Light production in fireflies is due to a type of chemical reaction called bioluminescence. This process occurs in specialized light-emitting organs, usually on a firefly's lower abdomen. The enzyme luciferase acts on the luciferin, in the presence of magnesium ions, ATP, and oxygen to produce light with almost no heat. Their light is usually intermittent, and flashes in patterns that are unique to each species. Each blinking pattern is an optical signal that helps fireflies find potential mates. Scientists are still not sure how the insects regulate this process to turn their lights on and off. They do know the primary purpose for the blinking light in the adult firefly is for mating selection.

Bioluminescence serves a different function in larvae than it does in adults. It is warning signal to predators, since many firefly larvae contain chemicals that are distasteful or toxic.

What's amazing is that despite the fact there are approximately 175 different species of fireflies in the United States, all flashing and blinking in a beautiful, yet seemingly random display, most are able to easily connect with their own species. What appears whimsical and unpredictable to us, is actually a well-choreographed show, with each species' flashes varying in color, length, and pattern. This evolutionary adaptation has enabled fireflies to survive throughout the years.

Various species will actually divide up the night as well as the summer season, each appearing for about an hour every evening over the course of approximately two weeks, and only in certain temperatures. The hotter and moister the night, the faster most fireflies will flash.

Females deposit their eggs in the ground, which is where larvae develop to adulthood. Underground larvae feed on worms and slugs by injecting them with a numbing fluid. Adults avoid such prey and typically feed on nectar or pollen, though some adults do not eat at all.

Unfortunately the firefly populations are dropping. According to scientists, man-made light pollution may be the main cause, throwing off these little critters' mating signals. The headlights of passing cars, for example, can scramble fireflies' flashing patterns. Habitat loss and pesticides are problems, too.

Summer will officially arrive on Friday. Fireflies will rise from tall-grass summer fields flitting near the forest's edge when the sky is at its magical moment between sunset and full dark. Tiny blurs of transparent wings at first, as the light of day begins to dwindles. First one flash, then other flashes, and then tiny lights will be twinkling everywhere. The whole backyard will be filled with rhythmically pulsing lights. The sky will be too dark to reveal the harmless flying beetles that are the source. The little lights are a source of many of our own magical memories of our childhood and thoughts of fun-filled summer days ahead

"What a loss for future generations if lightning bugs should become only a myth like the fairies.."

-William Shakespeare - Midsummer Night's Dream.

## **Household Hints**

### **Putting Out the Campfire**

When you're ready to turn in for the night but the campfire is still glowing, douse the flames with salt. The fire will burn out more quickly.

## THE TOWNSMAN

## American Spy Mysterious Book Report No. 377

by John Dwaine McKenna



Near the end of the Cold War in the mid-1980s, the African continent was busy rediscovering itself. Having thrown off the restraints of colonialism, countries large and small were struggling to determine what form of self-governance best suited them . . . a struggle that promoted much bloodshed. Civil wars, coups and military takeovers were common, as was behind-the-scenes meddling by the world's superpowers, who were eager to gain influence and easy access to the motherlodes of untapped natural resources the region had to offer. It's an epic awakening, and the setting for a searing new thriller by a much admired, talented and whip-smart debut novelist who's on a fast train to stardom. *American Spy*, (Random House, \$27.99, 289 pages, ISBN 978-0-8129-9895-5) by Lauren Wilkerson, is an intelligent, complex,

*American Spy*, (Random House, 527.99, 289 pages, ISBN 978-0-8129-9895-5) by Latten Wilkerson, is an intelligent, complex, engaging, perceptive and chilling espionage novel that will, at times, make you think, make you uncomfortable, make you angry . . . and leave you squirming in place and wondering if you know anything, whatsoever, about another's point-of-view.

It's 1986 as the novel begins, and we meet a thirty year-old black woman named Marie Mitchell who's an intelligence officer working for the FBI in New York City. She's smart, ambitious and frustrated. Pushed aside and relegated to mundane, spirit-destroying, monotonous routine

tasks by the "old boy" network she's surrounded with, Marie is desperate for action of a more meaningful kind. So when she's offered a chance to join a shadowy covert task force that's aimed at undermining the newly-formed government of Thomas Sankara, the charismatic – and communist – leader of Burkina Faso, (Formerly known as Upper Volta. It's at about 10 o'clock, if the African continent was a clock-face.) she jumps at the chance, even though she secretly admires what he's doing for his country.

Marie Mitchell agrees to take the job . . . even though she's a woman in conflict over the untimely and mysterious death of her only sister, as well as a nagging belief that she's being used because of the color of her skin. So begins a year of subversion, seduction, treachery, revolution and a re-examination of what it means to be an American, a spy, a paramour and a traitor to love – all at the same time. Partially inspired by true events, *American Spy* is a powerful and compelling work set against the backdrop of the Cold War and the world's wildest continent. It's the much talked about, highly-praised first novel of an emerging world-class talent who, no doubt, will have much more to say to all of us in the future!

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### Applying Science to Natural Resource Management in the Catskills

(From Pg. 1) Gary Lovett, a forest ecologist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, has been studying Catskill forests and streams for decades and is leading the project. Lovett says, "In the Catskills, the economy is driven by natural resources. Its key industries - tourism, forestry, and agriculture - require well-managed ecosystems. And the health of Catskill forests and streams determines drinking water quality for nine million people in New York City. Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Catskills and its resources requires careful management that is guided by science."

CSC collaborators include universities, government researchers, natural resource management agencies, and other institutions that have an interest in science-based management in the Catskills.

Lovett explains, "Many CSC partners have been working together, loosely, since 2010. Funding from New York State's Environmental Protection Fund has allowed us to formalize our collaboration - an instrumental step in maximizing research impact."

Cary's Jamie Deppen, Coordinator of the CSC, is collecting and organizing data and research results from Catskill research programs. Information will be shared on the CSC website to ensure that managers, researchers, and the interested public can access this information easily and free of charge. Public outreach is a top CSC priority; plans include scientist lectures, guided hikes, and science cafes throughout the Catskill region.

The CSC is also helping to plan the biennial Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring conference, which brings scientists, resource managers, students, and Catskill residents together to share data and identify opportunities for further collaboration.

Bill Rudge, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Region 3 Natural Resources Supervisor, says, "The CSC was created with a grant from DEC, funded through the State's Environmental Protection Fund, to promote research and facilitate communication among researchers and managers working in the region. By bringing together a variety of perspectives and partners working in the Catskills, we can share resources, hone questions, and strategize solutions more efficiently."

Engaging undergraduates in applied research is another CSC goal. This summer, the Catskill Research Fellowship program is supporting four students. Each student will work with two mentors - an academic advisor and a resource manager - to advance targeted Catskill conservation efforts.

Congratulations to the 2019 Catskill Research Fellowship recipients:

**Matthew Borovy** - SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry – Mentors: Dr. Diane Kuehn (SUNY ESF) and Pine Roehrs (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 3)

Project: Visitors' perceptions of risk at trailheads in the Catskill Park

Goal: This study aims to better understand the factors that encourage visitors to use trailhead registries, to determine whether perceived risk and level of trail experience influence trail users' decision to register before heading out.

**Ben Fairbairn** - Hobart and William Smith Colleges Mentors: Dr. Kristen Brubaker (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) and Karen Rauter (Sullivan County Soil and Water

Conservation District)

Project: Working with stakeholders to protect hemlocks for water quality and recreation

Goal: Eastern hemlocks are threatened by the hemlock woolly adelgid, an invasive forest pest. Fairbairn will work with Catskill landowners to strategize woolly adelgid eradication on two affected properties, and understand roadblocks for using treatment methods such as pesticides or bio-controls to protect trees.

Julie Helthaler - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – Mentors: Dr. Victoria Bennett (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) and Mark Vian (New York City Department of Environmental Protection)

Project: Determining the variance of Manning's n as a function of measured discharge and relative roughness in a natural stream channel on the West Branch of the Neversink River Goal: An important factor in stream restoration is designing channels that mimic the natural structure of the streambed. This project aims to understand how the texture of the channel bed affects, and is affected by, flow depths - to guide restoration strategies.

Alexander Jones - SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry – Mentors: Dr. James P. Gibbs (SUNY ESF) and Lisa Masi (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Region 3)

Project: Patterns of timber rattlesnake occurrence in relation to outdoor recreationalists in the Catskills of New York State Goal: Timber rattlesnakes are threatened in the Catskills. Their habitat often coincides with popular public recreation areas. This study will investigate current and potential interactions between rattlesnakes and people in the Catskills, to help guide rattlesnake conservation.

help guide rattlesnake conservation. James Gibbs, Professor of Vertebrate Conservation Biology at SUNY ESF, will be advising student Alexander Jones on the timber rattlesnake conservation project. Gibbs says, "This summer, students are undertaking projects to answer specific research questions identified by conservation agencies working in the Catskills. This program is an excellent model of how resource manager needs can direct research."

Gibbs adds, "These experiences can be transformative to the students, providing them with critical professional growth opportunities while linking them to local resource managers and stakeholders."

Alexander Jones, a junior in the Environmental Science and Forest Biology department at SUNY ESF, is majoring in Conservation Biology. Jones says, "I am very excited to be a part of the Catskill Science Collaborative student fellowship program. It allows me to gain invaluable undergraduate research experience while aiding in the conservation of one of the Northeast's most iconic animals."

of the Northeast's most iconic animals." Lovett concludes, "This is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to get hands-on research experience while providing information that is needed to preserve and protect the Catskills."

Findings from these projects and information on student presentations will be made available on the Catskill Science Collaborative website by the end of the year.

These fellowships are funded by the New York State Environmental Protection Fund, and by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, through its Rondout Neversink Stream Program in cooperation with the Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District.

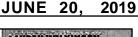
Principal collaborators: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; New York City Department of Environmental Protection; Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; United States Geological Survey ; Catskill Institute for the Environment; New York State Museum; New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ; State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry; Syracuse University; Bard Center for Environmental Policy; The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development; and Marist College.

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in the ecology of: cities, disease, forests, and freshwater. The Catskill Science Collaborative is a group of individuals and institutions dedicated to facilitating collaboration and outreach by those doing environmental research in Catskill Mountain region of New York State. Funded by NY State through Environmental Protection Funds and coordinated by the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the CSC carries forward the goals of the Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM) group, an informal collaboration initiated in 2010. The CSC includes Cary Institute, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster Country, the US Geological Survey, the NY State Museum, and many other research partners.

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## The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda Small-town Connections

We are fortunate to have a small cabin on the Lake Sacandaga in the Town of Northville, New York. Our neighbors, Craig and Joann, affectionately call it "Mayberry." Ironically, the next small town just down the road apiece is Mayfield. If you ever wanted to return to the "Happy Days" era of peace and simplicity, then this sweet little town is for you. The locals welcome the summer tourists, but warn them they must "leave their troubles on the other side of the bridge" that is the portal to a return to the fifties of small town America. The population living in Northville Village is 850; Population under 18 years is 239; Population 18 years and over is 611. When we first moved there, one resident said, "In winter, you can shoot a cannon down Main Street and never injure a soul." The number swells in the summer when people like us come to sample the lifestyle we lost in our childhood days.

The town has one boutique clothing shop and the oldest operating Five and Dime, Newberry's, in the United States. The Five and Ten is the only place to buy men's clothing. There is one place to go for breakfast, three for lunch, and four to have a dinner not cooked on the backyard grill. Flags fly everywhere, and there are two ice cream stands that have lines of customers on a hot, or even cold, summer night. One night, standing in line for a pistachio ice cream cone, I heard my name called. It was Mike from the Boiceville Pharmacy who was in line with his wife and children. Small world.

What are the odds of knowing or meeting people in common in this small little town? First of all, Russ Klippel, whose family once ran the Landmark Restaurant in Boiceville, runs Klippel's Kafe. He also bartends at the Alpine where our neighbor from Deerfield Road, Amanda, is the waitress. Jim Hyde's dad runs the funeral home. Sandy, who walks by our little cabin for a morning constitutional has a son who works at Onteora where I once taught English. Four of our neighbors on our little dirt road live in Boiceville, Shokan, Glenford and Saugerties. The woman who landscapes, known as Bonnie the mower/flower lady, is originally from Grahamsville and her husband reads Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman on-line. The woman at the yard sale raised her family in Oaxaca, Mexico, and we re-lived our experiences of that great city and recipes for Mole.

Seriously, this Six-Degrees-Of-Separation-thing is for real. If you take the time (and you should) to talk to strangers, you will discover that you have something in common with them. You will uncover proof that we are all connected, part of the fabric of mankind. In times of discord and intolerance, there is evidence that we are much more alike than we are different from each other.

## NYC DEP: Boating Season Extended

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has updated its rules governing access and activities on more than 137,000 acres of water supply property that are open for recreation in the watershed. The rules, which were last updated in 2010, go into effect on June 30. One major change is the extension of the recreational boating season on four Catskill-Delaware reservoirs, from May 1 through October 31. This will provide an additional six weeks of boating opportunity. The following is a summary of rule changes.

**BOATING:** What are the changes to the recreational boating program? DEP will extend the recreational boating season from May 1 to Oct. 31.

To help prevent the spread of invasive species, DEP has discontinued the use of sailboats, which were more difficult to steam clean and rarely used on the reservoirs.

What are the changes to the fishing boat program? The term of the boat tag will increase from 2 years to 4 years. The new rules also limit boat ownership transfers to open boat storage areas only. Boat transfers will not be permitted in closed boat storage areas. However, those waiting for a spot in a closed boat storage area can submit an application to be put on a waiting list that will be carefully tracked and maintained by DEP.

Is the 10- foot-buffer rule that was proposed still part of the revised rules? No. DEP removed this proposed change from the rules after hearing feedback from the public. Still, boaters are strongly encouraged to store their boats well above the high-water line to prevent them from floating away.

What if I want to give or sell my boat to someone and it's stored in a closed Boat Storage Area? Boat owners can sell or give their boat to any person at any time. Your boat is your personal property. However, boat owners who keep their boats in closed storage areas will not be permitted to transfer their storage location on City-owned property along with the boat. If an open boat storage area is located on the same reservoir, a transferred boat may be relocated to that area.

Why did DEP keep the proposed changes to the transfer restrictions in closed Boat Storage Areas? During the public comment period, DEP received many comments about its proposal to ban the transfer of boats in closed storage areas. Originally, the change was proposed to address issues of equitable access to the reservoirs, and to prevent the commercial sale of boat-storage space along the reservoirs. Fishing on New York City's reservoirs and boat storage along their shorelines are meant to be features of recreational access that are offered free of charge to the public. However, a small number of private businesses and boat owners used the previous recreation rules to sell boats in closed storage areas for exorbitant prices. This practice also exacerbated the length of time that fishermen spent on waiting lists while they waited for a spot to open at some of DEP's most popular reservoirs. Further research found that the transfer of boat tags and boat storage spaces was a violation of regulations set forth in the NYC Administrative Code (Section 24-315) because the practice amounted to an illegal transfer of a City-owned property interest. Since the boat tags and spaces are nontransferable, DEP must now issue a new boat tag to each person who takes ownership of a boat stored at any reservoir. This new process will require the original boat owner to submit to DEP a boat tag surrender form, along with the

new boat owner's application for a boat tag. A boat tag for the new owner will be processed immediately in open boat storage areas only. Otherwise, the new owner of the boat will be put on the waiting list to enter a closed storage area. Those at the top of the waiting list will be given the first chance to store a boat in the newly opened space.

What are the limits and how will they affect boaters? The popularity of the fishing boat program has increased dramatically in recent years. Many boat storage areas on DEP reservoirs east of the Hudson River are closed because they are full. Nearly 500 people are on waiting lists for some reservoirs. More than 13,000 boats are currently stored on DEP reservoirs. The vast majority of boaters (80%) own just one boat. Less than 5% own three or more boats.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RECRE-ATION RULE UPDATE** – To improve the equity of access for fishermen, the new rules will allow DEP to limit the number of boats each person can store alongside its reservoirs. The current DEP Boat Management Policy will allow an individual to store up to 16 boats on DEP reservoirs, but no more than eight on reservoirs east or west of the Hudson River. Individual reservoirs will also have limits, determined both by the reservoir size and capacity. Currently less than 1% of boaters (85 individuals) have eight or more boats. The rules contain a grandfather provision for existing owners of multiple boats. Nobody will be asked to remove their boats.

How else will DEP work to increase access for boaters? In addition to these rules, DEP will develop several plans to increase access to fishing boats throughout the water supply system. We will develop plans for organized clubs to own and manage shared boats, investigate boat sharing or rental programs, and examine the potential expansion or improvement of boat storage areas. DEP also plans to invite boaters to participate in a working group to discuss important topic of interest, such as the protection of natural resources, trash, over-crowding, enhancing and expanding access, and improving boaters' overall experience. I f you're interested in participating in this group, please email tdavidock@dep.nyc.gov.

tdavidock@dep.nyc.gov. **HUNTING AND FISHING** – What are the changes for hunting on DEP lands? The proposed rules include several small changes for hunting on DEP lands. For example, hunters will be allowed to use trail cameras for scouting game. The rules also allows DEP to establish special programs aimed at reducing or managing deer populations.

What changes are proposed for fishing on DEP waters? Aside from boating changes, the only adjustment to fishing rules allows anglers to use electric augers for ice fishing. Ice augers must have a rechargeable battery contained within the auger housing, of they are powered by a handheld power drill. Ice fishing will still be permitted only on some reservoirs east of the Hudson River.

**PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS** – What are the changes to Public Access Areas (PAA)? PAAs are typically located away from DEP reservoirs and do not require the visitor to have a DEP Access Permit. Two rule changes will further improve access to these lands. Previously, DEP was only able to designate a PAA if the full range of outdoor activities - including hunting, hiking, fishing and trapping - was going to be allowed at that location. Properties that included a narrower range of access, such as hiking but not hunting, required a permit and could not be designated as a PAA. The new rules will allow DEP to establish single-use PAAs for lands that are appropriate for some activities but not all. The other significant change would allow PAAs east of the Hudson River, giving DEP the authority to designate permit-free access to water supply lands in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties for the first time.

**OTHER USES** – What other uses will now be permitted under the new rules? Service dogs will now be permitted on Public Access Areas, Permit Areas and Day Use Areas. School-issued ID cards will be an acceptable form of identification for access permits. The proposed rules also allow special event designations, giving DEP the authority to waive access permit requirements for special one-time events such as family fishing days or reservoir clean ups.

**PROHIBITIONS** – Are there any additional activities that will be prohibited by the new rules? The new rules will prohibit smoking, including electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), on all City-owned lands and waters. This rule will promote public health, public safety, and the cleanliness of our natural resources. The smoking ban will also reduce the risk of accidental fires started by unextinguished cigarette butts. The ban aligns with similar policies at other NYC parks and beaches. The proposed rules will also prohibit drone launching/landing on recreation areas, riding horses, and target shooting.

#### Local libraries join NASA and other organizations in celebrating "A Universe of Stories" during the New York State Summer Reading Program Summertime Reading is as Critical as School-Year Reading

The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) is encouraging all children, tweens and teens to participate in the New York State Library's statewide summer reading program. This year's theme, "A Universe of Stories" is highlighting the opportunity to explore space science and technologies while celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon walk. Children, teens and families are encouraged to check out the multitude of offerings awaiting them in their local public libraries. Libraries will be offering public events to bring STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programming to children and teens in their local community that can help to inspire them to dream big, believe in themselves and create their own story.

Summer programs, created especially for kids by youth services librarians, include T-shirt making, group gaming parties, origami workshops, science and engineering experiments for the tweens and teens. In promoting reading as a leisure activity, the Ramapo Catskill Library System invites children and teens to come to the public libraries, make friends, have fun - and read.

Libraries play a critical role in helping children and teens maintain reading levels over the summer, which research shows is as important as the structured reading curriculum during the academic year. Children who participate in library summer reading programs return to school in the fall ready to learn at grade level. In 2017, New York State libraries served over 2.2 million children of all ages who participated at their local neighborhood libraries; a 116,000 increase over the previous year's participation. (Contd. Pg. 7)



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their own reading materials, this positive experience leads to more time spent reading and an improved reading ability in school. But with so many choices available, how does a child know where to start? "Librarians are trained to direct kids to books and other reading materials that best suit their personality, interests, and imagination," says Joanna Goldfarb, RCLS Youth Services Consultant. "As parents structure their kids" summertime activities, they should remember to put reading into the mix. Once children discover the fun of reading for pleasure,

they can't be stopped," says Goldfarb. "Summertime at public libraries opens up a whole new social world for kids," says Grace Riario, RCLS Interim Executive Director, "and, while they're there, we also get them to try a book or two. In addition to traditional books, children and teens can download e-books to their personal electronic devices.

As a supplement to the onsite local library programs, a summer reading website at www.summerreadingnys.org, provides additional activities, age-appropriate booklists and tips for parents to encourage summer reading. To access local library information, visit www.rcls.org, stop in or call your local library. Registration dates vary throughout local communities.



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The member libraries of RCLS are collaborating with STAR Net and its NASA@ My Library program, providing resources and STEM activities to libraries across the nation. STAR Net partners include NASA, the American Library Association, the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and many other organizations. NASA@ My Library is supported by NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

This will be a great opportunity for your community to celebrate space science at your public library throughout the summer. Everyone can join the fun and read at the library through stories, crafts, music and multimedia activities during this year's summer reading programs!

## Town of Neversink Wilderness Rescue

On June 3 at 5:11 p.m., DEC Dispatch received a call from a female hiker reporting that she and three others were lost in the Neversink Unique Area.

The hikers had parked at a lot near Katrina Falls Road where they proceeded to hike to the Yellow Trail and then to the Red Trail to see the waterfalls. Proceeding down the Blue Trail, the hikers became lost.

Dispatch had the caller place a call to 911 to get coordinates, which were relayed to Forest Rangers Matthew Hettenbaugh and Howard Kreft, who arrived on the scene. By 5:59 p.m., the hikers were located and walking out of the woods. The incident concluded at 6:56 p.m.

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## **Twenty-Nine Career & Tech Students Inducted into** National Technical Honor Society



(Left to right) sitting Alida Goldsmith, Ellenville CS; Derrick Hanslmaier, SWCS; Maggie Herbert, SWCS; Jahaira Cordero, FCS; Kathryn Hendrickson, RCS; Jordan LoCascio, LCS; and Alissa Maybloom, MCS. Second row: Allen Holland, MCS; Makayla Rupprecht, TVCS; John Madera, RCS; Ashlin Wood, TVCS; Clarissa Lewis, SWCS, Cheyenne Brooks, TVCS; Brittany Scott, SWCS; Bailey Yewchuck, MCS; and Thomas Vaeth, MCS. Back row: Kelsey Kellam, LCS; Megan Mapes, ECS; Jared Rakowicz, SWCS; Julianne Feigenbutz, SWCS; Brant Gorton, TVCS; Brianna Hynson, TVCS; Aden Johnson, SWCS; Stephanie Kirk, RCS; Destiny Nash, MCS; Taran Payton, FCS; and Taylor Roseo, RCS. Missing from photo: Cosmetology students Dakota Deck, TVCS and Digna Reyes, LCS

LIBERTY: The Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES inducted twenty-nine students into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## 34th Annual Academic Achievement Dinner Recognizes Top Students

LIBERTY - On May 30, Sullivan BOCES held its Thirty-fourth Annual Academic Achievement Dinner to honor the County's top students. The Superintendents of Schools, Principals, and Board Presidents attended the event. Mr. Jay Quaintance, President of SUNY Sullivan, was the guest speaker.



Left to right) front row: Cheyanne Ryder, Sarah Kleinberger, Asabelle (Jerikah) Fleischman, Faith Valentine, Camille Sensiba, Diana TerBush, Jenna Cammerino, lead him to his current role in education. He emphasized that the Lauren Salerno, Emma Silverstein, and Hayley Weiner. Second row: Taylor Roseo, students should let their experiences help define their role and passion. "It's not about your role, but what Hannah Jennings, Olivia Shultis, Cadence Mannino, Abrielle Milling, Morgan Rose drives you and creates your passion," said Quaintance. He told the students it was his experiences that McHugh, Sofia Heimowitz, Jillian Mungeer, Isabel Nearing, and Taylor Fein. Back united his skills, interest, and aptitude which lead him to find his passion and life's purpose and to help Edward Spear, Thomas Cammerino, Patrick Kinney, and Paul Symanski. Missing: Jahaira Condero, Baileigh Dinkel, and Sarah Grodin

Jahaira Condero, Hayley Weiner, and Baileigh Liberty: Paul Symanski, Sarah Kleinberger, Abrielle Milling,

Benjamin Quackenbush, and Asabelle (Jerikah) Fleischman Livingston Manor: Faith Valentine, and Thomas Mills

Cammerino, Sofia Heimowitz, Nicholas Dollard, Abraham Corces, Sarah Grodin, Edward Spear, Emma Silverstein, and

Sullivan West: Camille Sensiba, Cadence Mannino, and Isabel

Tri-Valley: Morgan Rose McHugh, Jillian Mungeer, and Diana

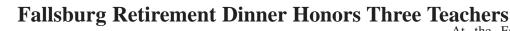
Mr. Quaintance spoke to the students of his experiences that

with people who can help nurture their interest and talents. He told them not to shy away from the curiosity that something else may be interesting. "This very thing may be something that you never imagined, but it may be a perfect fit," he said. The college president closed with the statement, "When you have the opportunity, take a different path - If you don't like it leave it. If you have the opportunity to help others



row: Benjamin Quackenbush, Nicholas Dollard, Abraham Corces, Thomas Mills, others access to quality education. Quaintance encouraged the students to follow their interests and engage and elevate them, do it. We will all be better off.'

At the ceremony, the students received a backpack donated by the Times Herald Record.



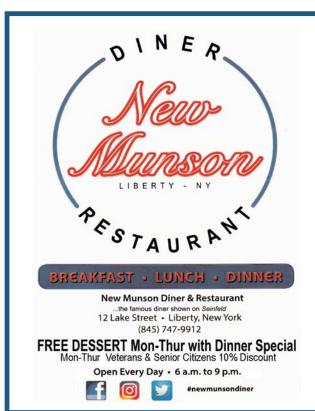


Left to right are BCES Kindergarten and First Grade Inclusion Teacher Judy Lucyk, First Grade Teacher Ericka Gamella and Music Teacher Andrea Henderson.



At the Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Retirement Dinner on June 14, 2019 three teachers from Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) were celebrated. Music Teacher Andrea Henderson and Kindergarten and Inclusion Teacher Judy Lucyk are retiring and First Grade Teacher Ericka Gamella was honored for twenty years of service.

Over fifty colleagues, retired faculty, family and friends joined the festivities at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill. Fifth Grade Teacher Christine Decker welcomed everyone to the event that was filled with lots of appreciation for the three educators that have offered so much over the years to the students passing through the halls of BCES.



## Frost Valley YMCA Announces a Limited Number of Day **Camp Spots Are Available**



Claryville - With summer day camp starting in a little over a week and some programs filling quickly, Frost Valley YMCA is encouraging interested parents not to wait to register their child. Frost Valley offers many one- and two-week sessions between July 1st and August 30th for children in pre-k through tenth grade.

A variety of Day Camp programs keep campers active, engaged, and delighted. In addition to its already popular options, Frost Valley will be offering exciting new programs this year including: Fun with Food, Mini Chef, Picture This, and Shoot for the Stars.

We are committed to nurturing the potential of every child," says Jessie Emmons, Frost Valley's Director of Community Programs. "Our Day Camp programs intentionally foster achievement, relationships, and belonging because we know these are the building blocks for healthy child development."

Last year several programs had waiting lists, and this year the following programs are nearly full: Mini Monet-Session 1a; Fish, Frogs, & Amphibians- Session 1b; Hoof-Beats- Sessions 2 & 4; Shoot for the Stars-Session 2b; Saddle-Up- Session 3; Western Adventures- Sessions 3 & 4; Pony Camp- Session B; and Mini Chef- Session 2b. Find a full list of programs online at www.frostvalley.org or call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 for more information.

Frost Valley's Day Camp registration is open and financial assistance applications are available. Learn more about Day Camp online at www.frostvalley.org. Parents looking to give their child a positive, safe, and exciting summer camp experience are encouraged to register right away to ensure their child's spot. To register your child for day camp, call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or email registrar@frostvalley.org.

## Fallsburg High School Displays Art in Hurleyville

On May 23, 2019 Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School art teachers Tobi Magnetico and Susan Urban, with assis-



Above: A table of ceramic art pieces Below: Alto saxophonists Band Director Ms. Danna Clear and student Ms. Kimberly Mahler



Dozens of ceramic pieces were exquisitely placed on wooden tables or on metallic displays throughout the room. It was truly a bountiful output of energy and creativity for these young artists. Their teachers and mentors were so pleased that

they arranged for the entries in the Livingston Manor Show and the display in nearby Hurleyville.

During the opening there were light refreshments and beverages on a table located in the middle of the gallery. Clarinetists and alto sax players, including Band Director Danna Clear, from the FHS Band played soft music as parents and friends of the artists enjoyed the afternoon. Everything was very professional and handled just as it might be in a New York City gallery. The main differences were that it was in the neighborhood of the school and had that hometown warmth, without traffic, loud noise, and having to find a place to park a car.

tance from many of their students, were busy hanging and displaying a magnifi-cent display of artwork in the Hurleyville Art Gallery that would remain through Memorial Day weekend. The space is a storefront on the revitalized Main Street, adjacent to The Hurleyville Sentinel and nearby Pickled Owl Restaurant. The walls are white and the wide windows allow for vivid sunlight to enter.

On these walls were well over 100 paintings, etchings, collages and other projects from the classrooms of the Fallsburg students. Some had been entered in the High School Art Show at the Catskill Art Society in Livingston Manor and had many blue-ribbon awards next to the works.



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**Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston** Manor held Worship Service to celebrate the Holiday of Shavuot and honor the Children of the Hebrew School



On Friday, Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston Manor, New York, held a beautiful Worship Service to celebrate the holiday of Shavuot and to honor the children of the Hebrew School. Under the direction of the Education Principal, Dimona Galli, the students were given a called to the Bimah by Rabbi Frederic Pomerantz. They were given a wonderful opportunity to lead the congregation in several prayers and stand with their parents with the sacred Torah. Refreshments followed at a joyful Oneg Shabbat in the social hall.

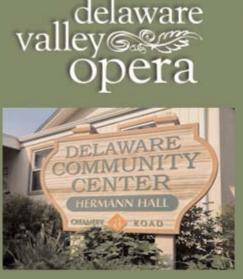
The Congregation welcomes new families, individuals and guests. They offer seasonal membership as well. Applications for Hebrew School in the fall can be discussed by calling 845-439-3600

## **Opera Gala "Season Kick-Off"**

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Join us for an evening of music and good food as we showcase some of the incredible talent the DVO has to offer.

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First and foremost, despite their recent problems, Congratulations to the Neversink General Store on winning the People's Choice Award at the Roscoe Beer Company's BBQ, BLUES & BREWS event on Saturday, June 15. They were up against some stiff competition in the other five vendors which included local notables Big Kev, Buffalo Beef & Uncle Wobbles.

Usually when these events list 'music' along with a headliner like SLAM ALLEN, with a time span from 11am to 4ish I expect other groups until such time as the headliner goes on. Imagine my delight when there was SLAM performing at 1:30 when I arrived! I enjoy SLAM, always have. After a tour of the BBQ tent (and yes, sampling. I love



good smoked BBQ), I joined the fifty or so other people who were just there, listening. This was not his regular show. There was far more of that amazing guitar work I'd heard so much about. Mr Allen possesses the ability to mesmerize and he certainly had us all in the palm of his hand.

But the fun didn't start in Roscoe on Saturday. I found out last minute that a new favorite, DAVID MILNER was performing at the Pickled Owl in Hurleyville. This guy is so much fun to watch and hear! This is the performer, that the first time I saw him, his amp (amplifier) went out completely. So what did he do? He unplugged and went table



to table like a troubadour. Well all went well this time. He grew up in British Columbia, and even though he has no accent that Canadian influence gives a subtle cadence, a unique richness if you will, that sets him apart.

Then, Saturday night, I found myself back at the Pickled Owl for THE ACQUAINTANCES and

their blending of TEX RITTER through the GRATEFUL DEAD with a few originals thrown in including a favorite of mine "My Next Big Mistake" written by guitarist JEFF ENTIN. Generally, this is a trio, but that night they were the duo of Jeff and bass player BOB BLUM and as a duo, they still filled the room with their comfortable renditions. Wishing drummer LARRY BALESTRA a speedy recoverv from a mild illness attributed to a recent 10 mile bike ride for charity.

Lots doing out there, so put on your sweater or jacket, grab your umbrella (it IS Summer in the Catskills) and get out there to see and hear some music.!

Until next time, here's what's coming up next week ....

#### WEDNESDAY June 19th:

Open Studio for all knitters, crocheters at FIBER ON MAIN, 227 Main St, Hurleyville; 4pm to 7 Open Mic at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL of GRA-

HAMSVILLE, 304 Main St, Grahamsville 7pm THURSDAY June 20th:

Open Mic hosted by FISHER/KEAN at CABERNET FRANK'S; 7pm

FRIDAY June 21st

DAVID KRAII at CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St, Parksville; 8pm

PAUL KEAN & FRIENDS at THE PICKLED OWL, 218 Main St, Hurleyville; 7pm

#### SATURDAY June 22nd:

• Class on knitting cables taught by moi, FIBER ON MAIN, Hurleyville. I limit the class size and I believe this class is filled.

• CATS OUT OF THE BAG at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE, 304 Main St., Grahamsville; 8pm \$5 at the door. • Grahamsville's own ALBI at THE PICKLED OWL, 218

Main St, Hurleyville; 7pm • KT MURPH and BABY TALK at the DANCING CAT

SALOON, 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel; 8:30pm

#### SUNDAY June 23rd:

(Hold onto your hat!) KAUNEONGA BLOCK PARTY, Kauneonga Lake: This year, the absolute finest performing all day: JAZZMOSIS, THE SEARCH AND RESCUE ORCHES-TRA, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND, KEITH NEWMAN, SLAM ALLEN; 12pm TO 5

• THE JOHNNY JULES BAND at the FAT LADY CAFÉ, 13 Horseshoe Lake Road, Kauneonga Lake; 6:30pm
ALBI at the ROSCOE BEER COMPANY, 145

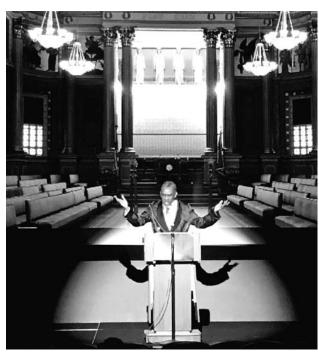
Rockland Rd, Roscoe; 1pm • DAVID KRAII at CABERNET FRANK'S, 38 Main St,

Parksville; 1pm • BARRY and FRIENDS at the DANCING CAT DIS-

TILLERY, 2037 State Rte 17B, Bethel; 12pm

(*PHEW*!!!)

Bethel: "What to the American Slave is Your Fourth of July" - A Performance by Oliver King on the 167th Anniversary of Frederick Douglass' historic July 5, 1852 speech in Rochester, NY



Oliver King is bringing his award-winning performance of Frederick Douglass' historic 1852 speech - "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro" to Bethel on Friday, July 5, 2019 at 7 PM. Hosted by the Bethel Council of the Arts ("BCA") at ARTSPACE, its gallery, performance and exhibition space located at 3575 State Route 55 in the heart of Kauneonga Lake, King will once again take to the podium and become Frederick Douglass

for the evening. During the 1850s, Frederick Douglass typically spent about six months of the year travelling extensively giving lectures. During the winter of 1855-1856 he gave over 70 lectures during a tour that covered almost five thousand miles. And his speaking engagements and activism did not halt at the end of a tour. From his home in Rochester, New York, he took part in local abolition-related events.

On July 5, 1852, Douglass gave a speech at an event commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, held at Rochester's Corinthian Hall, for the Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society. It was biting oratory, in which the speaker told his audience, "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn." And he asked them, "Do you mean, citizens, to mock me, by asking me to speak to-day?

Within the now-famous address is what historians have called probably the most moving passage in all of Douglass' speeches.

What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence; your shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very hour".

Douglass' observations are disturbingly relevant today as we address an ever-evolving multi-racial and multicultural society - and the BCA is very excited to kick off its 2019 season with a performance of this revealing, entertaining and thought-provoking oration.

This event is a fund raiser for the BCA. The admission charge for the event is \$10.00 for paid BCA members and \$15.00 for non-members. Seating is limited and we recommend that you reserve your seat by emailing BCA@BethelArt.org using the reference "Douglass" in the subject line on or before July 1st. Payment can be made at the door by cash, check or credit card. The 45minute performance will be followed by a reception open to BCA members and all event attendees. Refreshments will be served.

Show attendees at ARTSPACE will be surrounded by the BCA's second exhibit of the 2019 season featuring its annual BCA Juried Group Show.

ARTSPACE aims to provide an opportunity to gather in a convivial setting, meet local artists, enjoy the exhibited works, and relax and socialize with friends, neighbors and visitors. In addition to rotating gallery exhibits, ARTSPACE features THESHOP@ARTSPACE showcasing unique visual art, photographs and handmade jewelry and crafts created by local artists in a shop-like setting that are available for purchase

ARTSPACE will be open during the 2019 season on Fridays from 2 PM to 8 PM, on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 PM to 8 PM, and on Mondays from 12 PM to 6 PM.

## BETHEL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS – About the Artist:

Oliver King is a resident of Kauneonga Lake, NY and has appeared in and/or choreographed many local productions, including those of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, the Delaware Valley Opera, the Sullivan County B&B Association, and the Town of Bethel.

### **Two Casino Trips** Are Open for Reservations

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Both trips are open to all. They depart at 9:00 am from the Temple Sholom parking lot at 5 East Dillon Avenue in Monticello. For reservations and information contact Paula Schroeder at 845-794-2314 or Sue Kantor at 845-796-3777.

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#### **Twenty-Nine Career & Tech Students Inducted** into National Technical Honor Society

(From Pg. 8) The Honor Society inducts only a select group of individuals into its society each year. Part of the induction is to participate in an extensive referral and interview process. This year 11.9 percent of Career and Tech Education (CTE) population at Sullivan BOCES were inducted into this distinct group.

Scott Palermo, Executive Principal of Career & Technical Education Center welcomed the group and congratulated the inductees. "You have worked for this designation, and you have reached your goal," said Palermo. The 2019 inductees include Animal Science: Alida Goldsmith,

Ellenville CS; Derrick Hanslmaier, SWCS; Maggie Herbert, SWCS; Clarissa Lewis, SWCS; Megan Mapes, ECS; Cosmetology: Cheyenne Brooks, TVCS; Dakota Deck, TVCS; Digna Reyes, LCS; Makayla Rupprecht, TVCS; Early Childhood Education: John Madera, RCS; Ashlin Wood, TVCS; Health Occupations: Jahaira Cordero, FCS: Kathrvn Hendrickson, RCS: Jordan LoCascio, LCS; Alissa Maybloom, MCS; Taylor Roseo, RCS; Brittany Scott, SWCS; Bailey Yewchuck, MCS; Natural Resources: Allen Holland, MCS; Kelsey Kellam, LCS; Jared Rakowicz, SWCS; Public Safety Services: Julianne Feigenbutz, SWCS; Brant Gorton, TVCS; Brianna Hynson, TVCS; Aden Johnson, SWCS; Stephanie Kirk, RCS; Destiny Nash, MCS; Taran Payton, FCS; and Thomas Vaeth, MCS.

Debra Heidt Dunwell, Honor Society Advisor, explained the meaning behind the design of the National Technical Honor Society logo. The plumb line down the center stands for stability and trueness. The seven stars stand for leadership, scholarship, skills, honesty, citizenship, service, and responsibility. Purple represents honor and achievement: white, truth and honesty; and silver, value and worth. All of these descriptors represent the characteristics of the inductees

According to Robert Dufour, Ed.D, District Superintendent of Sullivan BOCES. "Although we only have the CTE students for a few hours a day, we try to make that time as relevant to their lives as possible. At BOCES, we offer a unique program, we offer skill set, and we offer a future-that's what BOCES is all about."

"I want to thank each of you for coming to our programs. You are what makes our jobs meaningful. Tonight is your night-you worked hard for this because this designation is something you wanted to do for yourself - for that, I congratulate you," Dufour added.

The Sullivan BOCES Career and Technical Education Center offers Sullivan County juniors and seniors a choice of fifteen career and technical programs. Career and Tech students not only earn credits toward their high school diploma but also gain valuable hands-on experience in a specific career. Most of the pro-

grams also offer the opportunity to earn college credits. Among the wide variety of programs offered at the BOCES are: Animal Science, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Construction/Electrical Technologies, Early Childhood, Health Occupations, New Vision Health, Innovative Design Nutreel Descrete Philips Section Section 2010 Design, Natural Resources, Public Safety Services, and Welding, and three new offerings-Broadcasting and Music Production, Commercial Drone Aviation Pilot, and Hospitality and Tourism. The Career & Tech Center also offers a Pre-Tech Program for 9th and 10th-grade students.

In addition to the programs offered, students are part of SkillsUSA, an organization for trade, industrial, technical, and health occupation students, which conducts contests on the local, state and national levels, in which students demonstrate their occupational skills, public speaking abilities, and leadership potential.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center, visit scboces.org and like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

#### Two Group Exhibits Open at DVAA

"Made in 1969," a group exhibition of artwork made in 1969 or by artists born in 1969, and "Bungalow," a group show curated by Elizabeth Ennis, open at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, June 22, with a reception from 3 to 5 pm. The shows will be on view through August 3. MADE IN 1969' IN ALLIANCE GALLERY

The year 1969 stands as an iconic and transformational moment for the generations that followed, not only in American history, but worldwide. It was the year of the Apollo Moon landing. It marked the final performance of the Beatles atop the building of Apple Studios. The US government instituted the draft lot-tery to continue the war in Vietnam. The Manson Murders gripped the nation. The Stonewall Riots sparked the Gay Revolution. And

here in Sullivan County, the Woodstock Festival happened. In celebration of the golden anniversary Woodstock, which took place just 20 minutes from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), we will present the exhibition, Made in 1969. On view in our galleries from June 22 - August 3, 2019, the show features works by area artists made in 1969 as well as a selection of works by artists who were born in 1969, providing a unique prism with which we can consider the 50th anniversary.

The visual arts both expressed much of the pathos of that era while also undergoing its own revolutions reflective of the collective changes taking place on the social, political, and cultural front. The works on display in Made in 1969 represent many of the trends, inquiries and narratives that were being addressed in that time and include paintings, sculpture, drawing, batik, assemblage, and photography.

The show's premise is poignantly articulated in the pairing of drawings by the artist Bill Beirne, made in1969 and sculpture

made in 2019 by his daughter, the artist Brenna Beirne who was born in that iconic year. The exhibition features works made in 1969 by Jane Biron,

Mickey Campbell, Betty Craft, Doug Craft, Daria Dorosh, Micheline Gingras, Marion Kaselle, Richard Kreznar, Mitchell Lewis, Deanna Lickey, Elizabeth McAlpin,Brandi Merolla, Marjorie Morrow, Allan Rubin, Hank Schneider, Candy Spilner, Martin Springhetti, Naomi Teppich, John Tomlinson, Gail Tuchman, Nancy E Wells, and Irenaeus Yurchuk

Works by artists born in 1969 include Brenna Beirne, Elizabeth McAlpinand Charles Wilkin. The exhibition is curated by DVAA's executive director Ariel

Shanberg and its gallery director, Rocky Pinciotti. 'BUNGALOW' IN LOFT GALLERY

The Catskill bungalow has long represented an escape from New York City, a summer exodus away from the heat and grit of the city, a retreat from urban life. The bungalow has been idealized in film, literature, and art, from the movie "Dirty Dancing" to the Maus graphic novel.\_Visitors to the Catskills know there are many abandoned bungalow colonies and "kuchaleyns" (the Yiddish name for cabins with kitchens, also known as "cookalones") throughout the region. They were frequented by middle and working class Jewish New Yorkers and immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe, but also included Luxton Lake in Narrowsburg, NY, a popular vacation spot for African-American New Yorkers in the 1950s and 1960s. With the collapse of the summer tourist economy in the Catskills, more and more structures, from the lowly bungalow to giant resort hotels, have been abandoned and left to ruin, trespass, and vandalism: perfect material for artists.

Abandoned buildings are as much a part of the Catskills as its rivers and hills, the viewscape of all who live in or visit the area. "Bungalow" presents artists' works in all media - including film, sculpture, and sound - that recall the past and present of these structures and the rich culture they represent, along with their diminished state today, with an eerie beauty all their own. The show includes photographs by Robyn Almquist and Glenn Lieberman; films by Lisa Crafts, Caitlin Parker and Elizabeth Ennis; Caitlin Parker's "Ghost House" multimedia sculpture; paintings by Andrea Brown, Barbara Friedman, Marc Travanti, Amy Talluto, Nancy Sadler, David Sandlin, and James Karpowicz; and fabricated vignette viewers by Michael Staats. Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street,

Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am -5 pm. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

#### Senate Passes Seven Bills by Metzger to Support New York's Farmers and Grow the State's Agricultural Economy

Albany, NY... The State Senate passed seven bills sponsored by Senator Jen Metzger to reduce the student debt carried by young farmers, eliminate unnecessary regulatory burdens, and expand access to technical assistance and markets. The package also included legislation co-sponsored by Metzger to expand farmers markets and encourage new farmers through a BOCES apprentice program. All of the bills won wide bipartisan support in the Senate.

This package of legislation supports our long-term commitment to New York's agricultural community, made up primarily of family-owned farms. We are making it easier for a new generation of farmers to enter the field, and helping existing farmers expand markets for the rich diversity of products that we produce," said Senator Metzger, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "These bills also help to mitigate some of the financial and other obstacles that farmers face, particularly new farmers

Making Farming Easier for a New Generation of Farmers A third of New York farmers are 65 or older. Several bills ers are able to do. help to address the issue of succession of farm ownership by supporting new and young farmers:

Young Farmer Loan Forgiveness (Metzger - S5715): Expands eligibility under the New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program, which helps young and beginning farmers, who obtain an undergraduate degree from a New program offers young farmers up to \$10,000 per year in student debt forgiveness for up to five years. The bill removes the requirement that an applicant must have graduated from college within the previous two years and replaces it with the qualification that an applicant must not have previously farmed for more than ten consecutive years.

Expanding Beginning Farmers Fund Eligibility (Metzger -S5716): Making it easier for new farmers to access grant funding by easing some of the restrictions on eligibility. In particular, it takes into consideration the importance of farm investments and allows new farmers who may be reporting less than \$10,000 in annual farm income to be considered for funding. a young farmer apprentice program, under the direction of als that invest in the next generation of farmers."



Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), to help the next generation of farmers learn and develop skills. Helping Farms Expand Markets for their Goods

Several bills offer technical assistance to New York farmers and help to expand markets:

Food Hub Support (Metzger - S4653): This bill helps New York farmers compete in regional and national markets by providing technical assistance to small-scale producers and processors looking for opportunities to coordinate with each other to achieve economies of scale. Using mechanisms such as food hubs to aggregate, process, and transport agricultural products. New York farms will be able to better meet the needs of larger-scale purchasers. It also provides information about local, state, federal and private grants available to farmers to help them to scale their operations.

Agriculture Hotline (Metzger - S4655): Creates a "one-stop" hotline, developed under the guidance of Cornell Cooperative Extension, to offer farmers and those interested in becoming involved in the agriculture industry with information on farm management, finances, grant opportunities, research, marketing and more.

Farmers Markets in Parks (Metzger - S5822A): Permits the establishment of farmers' markets at local and state parks, increasing New Yorker's access to locally grown and produced food, and providing new opportunities for producers to reach local consumers.

Expanding Regional Markets (Kennedy - S251): Creates and expands regional farmers' markets focused on bulk and wholesale volume purchasers. This bill facilitates bringing more New York grown and produced products to New York consumers, with a particular emphasis on areas known as 'food deserts' that lack access to fresh, local produce

Alleviating Regulatory Burdens These bills make it easier for farms to operate and reduce unnecessary costs:

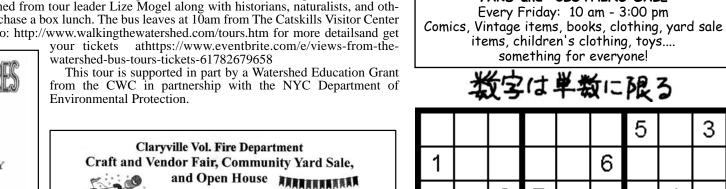
Agricultural District Protections (Metzger - S5437): This bill allows contractors working on a farm to be included under agricultural district protections so that they are not subjected to nuisance and other lawsuits resulting from doing the job the farm hired them to do. Reducing Farm Vehicle Paperwork (Metzger - S4945): This bill alleviates a regulatory burden on farmers by reducing the paperwork required for farm plated vehicles, while continuing to give New York farmers a reduced rate for vehicle and plate registration for vehicles used exclusively in agricultural production.

Keeping Agricultural Property Taxes Affordable (Metzger S5755): Passed last week, this bill will help keep down property taxes for farmers by providing a 10-year tax exemption on agricultural buildings and structures, and making it easier to receive an agricultural assessment by streamlining the process. The bill also allows farmers to appeal to a small claims court in a valuation dispute, just like residential landown-

What I'm seeing as a trend with the Senator is a push to help new and smaller farms expand into agriculture, which is crucial to the success of the industry in the state," explains Sarah Dressel of Dressel Farms, the first woman and youngest person to lead the New York Apple Association. "As a young farmer, I'm very aware of how fortunate I am to have the farm establishment that my family has built, York State college or university, pursue careers in farming. The and how tough it is for other young people to get involved. The program offers young farmers up to \$10,000 per year in student average age of the American farmer is almost 60, so having legislation like this that appeals to younger entrepreneurs is so important. It's encouraging to see Senator Metzger take such a vested interest in keeping agriculture viable within the state.

'Young farmers in New York State are working hard to build careers in agriculture," says Martin Lemos, Interim Executive Director of the National Young Farmers Coalition. "They are seeking out training opportunities, investing in their operations, and managing the risks of running a small business in order to sustain our state's farm communities. As the average age of farmers in our state nears 60 years, our agricultural economy depends on the success of these enterprising farmers. We are grateful to Chairwoman Young Farmer Apprentice Program (May - S3837): Creates Metzger and Senator May for their leadership in advancing propos-

Learn how water shaped the past and present, and no date will influence the future of the Catskills on a Views from the Watershed bus tour Sat. July 13. The tour will visit the Ashokan and the Pepacton Reservoirs and resonant places in between. Tour-goers will hear stories of the watershed from tour leader Lize Mogel along with historians, naturalists, and others. Tickets are \$25 and there's an option to pre-purchase a box lunch. The bus leaves at 10am from The Catskills Visitor Center in Mount Tremper, and returns by 4:30pm. Go to: http://www.walkingthewatershed.com/tours.htm for more detailsand get



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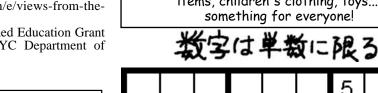


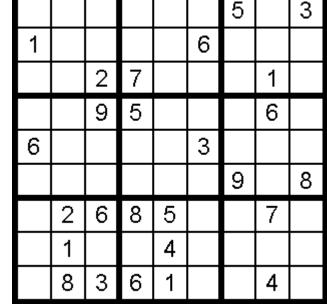
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## **LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

Tri-Valley will have a Board Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019., Proposed anticipated Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. - Secondary School Library Upper Level, Regular Meeting #23 - 7:00 p.m. -Secondary School Library Lower Level

## UC Executive Announces Orders Regarding Measles Vaccination for Children and Staff Attending or Working at Summer Camps

Move is Directly Proportional to the Risk and is Designed to Protect Visitors and Residents Alike, Especially Children KINGSTON, N.Y. - In response to a growing outbreak of measles throughout New York City and the Lower Hudson Valley, which has recently expanded to include cases in Sullivan and Greene Counties, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan has directed Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith to issue orders requiring measles vaccination or immunity for all campers and staff, except those with a valid medical exemption, who wish to attend or work at day or overnight camps in Ulster County. Measles is a highly contagious disease that can lead to serious health complications and death, and children and those with com-

promised immune systems are particularly vulnerable. Ulster County Executive Patrick K. Ryan

"As County Executive, I take the health of our residents and extremely seriously," said Ulster County Executive Patrick K. Ryan. "That is why we are taking proactive action to reduce the risk of a potential outbreak, which would be devastating for Ulster County. These orders reiterate what we know already to be true: that vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent an outbreak of this highly-contagious condition. I am grateful for the cooperation of our camp operators and workers, and I thank them in advance for their understanding as we address this challenge.' Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health

"Measles is a highly contagious disease that can cause serious, life-threatening illness. Our primary responsibility as a Health Department is to protect the health and safety of everyone who resides in or visits Ulster County. Our response is directly proportional to the risk and we simply cannot allow for the possibility of a catastrophic and widespread measles epidemic taking hold in Ulster County."

Details of the order are attached and all inquiries may be directed to the Ulster County Department of Health at 845-340-3009. Following are the details of the Order for Both Campers and Staff:

A. All children's day and overnight camps must maintain a list of all campers and staff who will attend or work at the specified summer day camp and/or children's overnight camp, including their dates of birth and the dates they received the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine, or proof of a valid medical

exemption or immunity. B. The Camp Director shall provide a notarized affidavit, affirming under penalties of perjury that the camp is maintaining immu-nization records for every camper and staff member, as well as a completed "Camper Measles Immunization Records Summary to Identify Potentially Susceptible Individuals."

C. Camp Directors shall allow only campers or staff members who have provided either 1) proof of immunity, 2) proof of complete MMR vaccination, or 3) a valid medical exemption to attend or work at a day camp and/or children's overnight camp in Ulster County, until such time that this Commissioner's Order is lifted.

D. Notwithstanding, a Camp Director may permit a camper or staff member who is in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine to attend camp. A camper is "in the process of receiving the MMR vaccine" or "in-process" if the camper has received at least a first dose of the MMR vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of the MMR vaccine twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered, and has not been recently exposed to an individual with measles. If a camper is in attendance when the second dose is scheduled, such camper shall receive the second dose, or shall be excluded from camp after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered.

É. Prior to camp entry, the Camp Health Director shall verify all campers and staff have evidence of immunity to measles or a valid medical exemption. Upon arrival to camp, the Health Director or designee shall screen campers, as part of the initial health screening pursuant to the camp's safety plan, for signs or symptoms of the measles illness.

## **DEC Announces Falconry**, Wildlife Rehabilitator and Leashed Tracking Dog Examinations July 19 Registration Deadline for Aug. 9 Exams

Examinations for New Yorkers seeking a license to practice the sport of falconry, become a volunteer wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, has been announced by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

The exams will run from 10 a.m. to noon at most DEC Regional Offices across the state. A list of DEC Regional Offices can be found on the DEC website. The deadline for registering to take these free exams is Friday, July 19, 2019. Exam registration forms can be found on DEC's Special Licenses website.

Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must:

score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;

be at least 14 years of age; possess a valid New York State hunting license; and maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors.

#### Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. There is no cost for the license, which is good for five years To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, appli-

cants must: score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;

be at least 16 years of age; and

be interviewed by DEC Regional wildlife staff. Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded, or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service in aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. A leashed tracking dog study guide is available at no cost from DEC. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year license and a \$25 nonrefundable application fee.

To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and possess a valid New York State hunting license.

To apply for any of these exams, visit the DEC Special Licenses Unit website and fill out an exam registration form. You can mail, fax, or email the completed form to: NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4752; Phone: 518-402-8985, Fax: 518-402-8925, email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov

#### **Governor Cuomo Announces State Historic Preservation Board Recommends 18 Nominations for State and National Registers** of Historic Places New York Continues to Lead the Way in

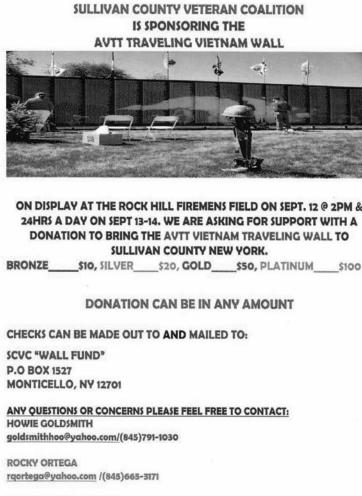
Recognizing Varied History Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that

the New York State Board for Historic Preservation has recommended adding 18 properties, resources and districts to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The nominations reflect the striking diversity of New York State's history and range from the last New York City home of author and civil rights activist James Baldwin to the Adirondack farm that inspired noted artist Rockwell Kent.

Among the 18 properties is the Hasbrouck Stone House in Fallsburg: The house was constructed ca. 1815 for the family of Anthony Hasbrouck (1788-1840), a member of one of the region's preeminent and early settling families. Hasbrouck, a very prominent citizen himself, was murdered in the house in 1840 in one of Sullivan County's earliest and most notorious murder cases. The house is a significant example of regional vernacular stone house design.

"These historic locations highlight so much of what it is exceptional and exciting about New York's history and honor the legacy of some of the state's most distinguished leaders," Governor Cuomo said. "By placing these landmarks on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, we are helping to ensure these places and their caretakers have the funding needed to preserve, improve and promote the best of the Empire State.'

State and National Registers listing can assist property owners in revitalizing buildings, making them eligible



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for various public preservation programs and services, such as matching state grants and state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits. Since the Governor signed legislation to bolster the state's use of rehabilitation tax credits in 2013, the state and federal program has spurred billions of dollars in completed investments of historic commercial properties and tens of millions in owner-occupied historic homes

The State and National Registers are the official lists of buildings, structures, districts, landscapes, objects, and sites significant in the history, architecture, archeology and culture of New York State and the nation. There are more than 120,000 historic buildings, structures and sites throughout the state listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as components of historic districts. Property owners, municipalities and organizations from communities throughout the state sponsored the nominations.

Once the recommendations are approved by the state historic preservation officer, the properties are listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and then nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, where they are reviewed and, once approved, entered on the National Register.

#### Metzger Bill to Raise Farmer and Farmworker Awareness about Lyme **Passes New York State Senate**

Albany, NY... The New York State Senate yesterday passed a bill introduced by Senator Jen Metzger to raise awareness among farmers and farm workers about Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. The bill directs New York State Agriculture and Markets to implement a campaign focused on the agricultural community that includes how to recognize symptoms, available treatments, and preventive measures.

Lyme disease is a terrible fact of life for anyone who spends time outdoors, especially for farmers and farm workers, and the geographic spread and incidence of tick-borne illnesses is only growing worse with climate change," said Senator Jen Metzger, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee. "Addressing this public health crisis is a top priority of mine, and this legislation will help farmers and farm workers better understand how to protect themselves and their livestock from these potentially debilitating diseases." In the US, the CDC estimates that there are approximately 300,000

new cases of Lyme disease every year, most of them unreported. In 2016, there were 7,543 confirmed cases of Lyme disease in New York, a more than 100% increase over the previous year. In 2017, that number increased another 16% to more than 8700 reported cases.

The legislative package on Lyme also included two bills co-spon-sored by Senator Metzger: a bill introduced by Senator Gaughran would look to ensure that insurance companies would cover longterm treatment of Lyme disease for those who need it; and a bill introduced by Senator Harckham requiring the reporting of tick-borne and Lyme disease infections after death in order to better understand the prevalence of the disease.

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