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After a victory at the VEX Robotics Competition Northern New York State Championship, the Fallsburg Jr. High School Robotics Team will be traveling to the international VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky April 25-April 28, 2018. Representing both New York State and the United States will be Fallsburg's Hannah Nikolai, Kai Odell Schreier, Hunter Doty, Michael Storms, Lexy Peters and Oliver Norminton. Supporting Coach Don Thomas on the trip is Kai's dad Robert, and Ms. Katrina Uhrig. (Contd. Pg. 4) Senator Bonacic Delivers Remarks at the Catskill Region Annual Legislative Breakfast



Senator Bonacic delivers remarks at the Catskill Regional Annual Legislative Breakfast. To the right of Senator Bonacic is Mark Dorr, Executive Director of the New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) was pleased to join tourism officials and business leaders this morning at the Catskill Region Annual Legislative Breakfast, which was sponsored by the New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association. Senator Bonacic delivered remarks at the event and discussed the state's commitment to tourism, which is one of the top industry's in New York State. He also spoke of legislation he sponsors that would improve the home-sharing marketplace in New York. The event was held at Resorts World Catskills in the Town of Thompson, and brought together tourism officials from Sullivan, Ulster, Greene and Delaware counties.

If you See Something Nice... Say It!

Thank you to all who kept tabs on and helped feed the 'lost Sundown black dog' this past winter.

The good news is – after very careful planning Barbara and Paul Hnatiw were able to slowly gain the confidence of the lost dog. They used both food and their pet golden retriever to lure the frightened dog to them.

Once they safely secured the dog inside the house, it didn't take long for them to gain the dog's confidence. The dog no longer carries the name of the 'lost Sundown black

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'lost Sundown black dog', but Barbara and Paul have named him "Blackie Dog".

They are not sure if they adopted Blackie Dog, or did Blackie Dog adopt them, but it is evident this is a story with a happy ending - Blackie Dog is respectfully enjoying his new happy home with the Hnatiw's.

Thank you Paul and Barbara!

# Missed the First 'Songs and Stories of the Sixties'? There's More!

Hurleyville, NY - The Sullivan County Historical Society is pleased to present the second in a series of free performances and informal talks about the history and culture of the Woodstock era. "Live Music and History: Songs and Stories of the Sixties" is hosted by Little Sparrow and will feature some of the most talented guitarists in our area.

On Sunday, April 8, from 2-3 p.m., guest guitarist Steve Schwartz will join guitarist Aldo Troiani of Little Sparrow in performing and discussing the songs and the guitars that made the '60s such an important time in music history.

Steve is a local legend, both for his extraordinary guitar-playing as well as for his famously eclectic and musician-friendly store in Rock Hill (Steve's Music). He has performed with numerous local bands, including Jazzmosis and the Rock Hill Ramblers.

This series of performances and talks will continue on the first Sunday of each month at the Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center, inside the intimate Timeline Gallery. The following month (Sunday, May 6), Little Sparrow will be joined by saxophonist Larry Ravdin. Larry spent many years playing the illustrious Catskill resorts, accompanying such greats as Sammy Davis Jr., Rita Moreno and Chita Rivera.

Donations are welcomed to benefit the Sullivan County Historical Society. The Cultural Center is located at 265 Main Street in the revitalized downtown of Hurleyville. For more information, visit www.scnyhistory.org or call 845-434-8044.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

# **Days of Yore**

# ... Today's History

April 7, 1948 - The New York City Board of Water Supply may acquire with exceptions, 28 parcels of land in the town of Neversink by depositing \$36,695.51, or approximately half of the 1946 assessed valuation, to the credit of title holders in the National Bank in Liberty.

The Conservation Department received \$29,829.58 for hunting and fishing licenses a sold in Sullivan County last year. The office retained two percent. The report was made by County Clerk Emil Motl.

April 2, 2958 - Lows Corners: The work goes forward at the tunnel. Now that the snow is gone, they are smoothing up the road and the area, and we are about to put the railroad under the bridge.

Miss Pauline Hill and the Senior Class of Tri-Valley Central High School had another smash hit with their productions of "Cheaper by the Dozen", which they presented before an audience of over 400 persons, who crowded into the TVCS auditorium las Friday evening

April 3, 1968 The employment of Miss Kathryn E. Moore as a teacher was approved for 1968-69 by the Board of Education. Miss Moore resides in Grahamsville and has served as Director of Elementary Education in the Middletown School System.

Army PFC James E. Bowers son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers of Divine Corners, is home on a 30 -day leave, after spending some time in Valley Forge GEneral Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa following extensive leg injuries while on duty in Pleika, Viet Nam.

April 6, 1978 - An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on April 8, 1978 at the Tri-Valley Elementary School for Terry McNamara at 7:30 p.m. Scouts, parents and friends of Scouting are welcome to attend.

During the month of April the Reformed Congregations of Claryville, Grahamsville and Woodbourne will celebrate the 350th Anniversary of the Reformed Church in America. It was on April 10, 1628 that the Reverend Jonas Michaelius gathered the people of the settlement of New Amsterdam, now New York City, for the celebration of the Lord's Supper and thus organized the first Dutch Reformed Church in America.

## Ag District Applications Available

Monticello, NY - Between April 1 and 30, Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4.

New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas consisting predominantly of viable agricultural land. Ag operations within the districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farm operations from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and notification to local governments of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

There are two New York State Agricultural Districts in Sullivan County. Agricultural District 1 encompasses towns in northern and western Sullivan County, and Agricultural District 4 covers the County's eastern and southern towns.

For parcels to be included in an Ag District, they must be predominantly viable agricultural land. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Law defines "viable agricultural land" as land "highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development."

Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh at Cornell Cooperative Extension of

Sullivan County at 845-292-6180, or by emailing her atmm2592@cornell.edu.

Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the approval of each recommended addition.

Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for its approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail, and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updated. Applicants will receive notification by the fall.

More information on the benefits of agricultural districts, as well as access to maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts, is available on the Sullivan County website atwww.co.sullivan.nv.us. Type "Agricultural Districts" in the search box, or click on "Agricultural Districts" from the Planning Division page.

# 98.3 WSUL Sports 845 Live from **Doubletop at Resorts World Catskills**

On Wednesday, March 28th 98.3 WSUL will broadcast the Sports 845 program live from Doubletop Bar and Grill at Resorts World Catskills. Sports 845 with Darin Kunis and Chuck Todd is a weekly live 98.3 WSUL program that highlights special guests, national sports and even local Section 9 updates, as well as calls from listeners. The broadcast will take place form 7 pm to 8:30 pm and the public is invited to join the action with the only live call in sports program in the Sullivan Catskills. You must be 21 and older to attend this event.

98.3 WSUL has partnered with Yellow Cab, O'Toole's Harley Davidson, Hudson Valley Building and Trade Council, Roscoe Beer Company and Mr. G's Gar & Grille to present this special event.

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# Legislators Distribute \$236,000 **To Various Community Groups**

Monticello, NY - Eleven longtime community agencies and nonprofits are receiving a total of \$236,048 under the Legislative Discretionary Contract Funding Program.

Legislators agreed this month to award the following amounts to these organizations:

\$60,000 to Sullivan County Head Start, Inc. for an existing program that promotes school readiness of children under 5 from low-income families

\$36,500 to the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance to strengthen administrative services as the arts council of Sullivan County, to provide regrant funding to over 30 arts and cultural groups, to administer grants, to promote the arts, and to assist in cultural planning and networking for artists and arts groups

\$33,048 to Creative Think Tank, Inc. (DREAM Tank) to deter youth from issues with the criminal justice system by organizing college tours, museum visits, music classes, mentoring opportunities and more

\$20,000 to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties to provide and expand bereavement services for adults and children in Sullivan County

\$20,000 to the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Committee to enhance the vistas along NYS Route 97, to assist the "Flyway by the Byway" Pollinator Campaign, and to support various educational and tourism-oriented initiatives for both visitors and locals \$20,000 to the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County to stock fish in local public-access waters; to stock pheasants Countywide; to improve habitat for deer, small game, fish and non-game species; to feed wildlife during the critical winter months; to send children to State Conservation Camp for a week; to provide partial scholarships to high school seniors; to sponsor fish and game seminars and a Youth Day geared to hunting, fishing and conservation; and to host a Youth Ice Fishing Derby. (Contd. Pg. 3)

# A Round About Tri-Valley

### Carol Furman

Congratulations to Julio and Annie Ayala of Neversink on the birth of their son, Kaiden J., on February 20th.

Kudos to Eli and Shane Williams, two Tri-Valley students who were injured in an off-road vehicle accident in 2016, for being selected as the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital "2018 Champions". The Williams boys were chosen to act as ambassadors, representing the State of NY and the Hospital, to raise funds and awareness in recognition of their bravery during their medical challenges and extended hospital stay.

The Tri-Valley Music Concert, held on March 14th, was excellent! The students, representing grades 4-12 performed to a packed auditorium.

Cub Scout Pack 87 held their annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the Neversink Firehouse on March 16th. An 'Arrow of Light and Bridging Ceremony" was held for Weblos 2 boys who will be moving- up to Boy Scouts. The following boys were recognized for their accomplishments: Jonathan Allison, Tyler Conjura, Van Furman, Shayne LaForge, Trevor Osterhout and Wil^m Seward.

Retired Tri-Valley teacher, Kate Kelly, will be traveling to Honduras on a mission trip in April. This is Kate's third trip to visit and help Honduran youth. This year the mission team will be focusing on distributing children's vitamins and dental supplies. Monetary contributions are welcome for food distributions to poor communities. Checks can be made out to Olancho Aid Foundation and sent to P.O. Box 482, Neversink, NY 12765.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner, which was planned and advertised for several months and was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 14th, will now be held on April 21st. This date change is due to the fact that the Neversink Fire Department recently announced a roast pork dinner fund-raiser for the same night, April 14th. Each week in The Townsman, there is a "Calendar of Events" on the next- to- the- last page of the paper. This listing is hoped to prevent clubs and groups from scheduling events for the same day. Obviously, two roast pork dinners held in our Town on the same night wouldn't have benefited anyone.

Don't forget the Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips dinner planned for Saturday, April 7th from 4:30 - 6:30 at the Neversink Firehouse. Monies raised from the dinner help the Scouts with their camping expenses and other Scout activity costs.

Did anyone happen to read Jim Boxberger's column in the Democrat regarding apple cider vinegar? Jim states that "WebMd" lists some of the benefits which might be derived from taking a tablespoon of raw vine-gar containing the "mother" every day. Some of the claimed benefits are: weight loss, slows digestion, relieves leg cramps, aids upset stomach, helps sore throats, helps with sinus problems, lowers high blood pressure, lowers cholesterol, improves circulation and the list goes on. I've been taking a spoon of raw vinegar mixed with a small amount of water at bedtime for years. Does it help?? It can't hurt!

Words of Wisdom: No one is ever old enough to know better. (Holbrook Jackskon)

# **Tri-Valley PTO Father Daughter Dance**

Kindergartners - 6th grade and 6th through 8th grade elementary school s tudents are encouraged to bring their father, steph-father, uncle, grandfather, or any important male figure, to enjoy an evening of dancing and light refreshments on April 21st.

We will have face painting, photographer, and ice cream station. Cost is \$5 per family.

# Legislators Distribute \$236,000 **To Various Community Groups**

(From Pg. 2) • \$20,000 to the United Way of Sullivan County to provide a part-time assistant to the chief professional officer (the sole employee at this time)

\$8,000 to the Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Clubs to aid its afterschool program at Liberty Elementary School

\$7,000 to Delaware Highlands Conservancy to support the Eagle Watch Program, including recruiting

volunteers, developing bus excursions, assisting schools in transporting kids to view bald eagles, and offering programs free of charge to children from low-income families

\$6,500 to the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan for its 2018 Leadership Summit, "Healthy Sullivan'

\$5,000 to Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County to continue to provide free services to adults Countywide who struggle with reading and/or speaking English

This program uses dedicated funds in the County budget to assist efforts we as a Legislature want to support," explained Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez (District 6).

"It's not just about legislating and advocating - we look for opportunities to go beyond words and put real money behind real efforts," added Legislature Vice Chair Nadia Rajsz (District 2).

These funds can make a key difference for these organizations and the people they serve," noted District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson.

"Having chaired the board of a nonprofit in the past, I know how critical this money is to operations and outreach," said District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy.

"I'm proud to commit these monies to such worthy causes throughout the County," affirmed District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens.

"Deepening and widening the impact of these agencies and nonprofits positively affects the well-being of everyone in the County," said District 5 Legislator Terri Ward.

"We want folks to know that we care about what they care about: quality of life, access to services, activities for their kids, healthy and attractive communities, etc.,' remarked District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello.

"I know many of the leaders of these organizations, and they have thoughtfully and wisely spent the funds we've given their groups in past years, so I look forward to what they'll accomplish with these monies in 2018," explained District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart.

"Our communities would not be what they are without groups such as these, and I am grateful we can help support their efforts in this way," added District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen.

Applications for 2019 will be accepted later this year, with public notification beforehand. The purpose of the application process is to identify local entities, including community and not-for-profit organizations throughout Sullivan County that have specific needs or countywide significance by tying applications to identified County and municipal goals. The applicant must be a not-for-profit agency or civic organization operating within Sullivan County that is not part of County government.

### **Be a Part of Local Storm Response**

Swan Lake, NY - The National Weather Service will be holding a SKYWARN Basic course in Sullivan County on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Services Training Center in Swan Lake. There is no cost to attend.

The SKYWARN spotter program is an essential part of severe weather, flood and winter storm warning operations, as real-time reports from on-site spotters help forecasters immensely," says District 5 Legislator Terri Ward, chair of the Legislature's Public Safety Committee. "Additionally, reports assist local emer-gency management officials by focusing them on the areas most impacted by storms, such as what we just faced here in the County. Severe weather, flood and winter weather reports also help officials and scientists document storm frequency in Sullivan County, which can be useful for planning, mitigation and preparedness. Spotter reports also can be critical during disaster declarations, so by attending this course, you can become an important part of the team response.

If you are interested in attending this course, please register through the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov/bgm/outreachskywarntraining.

# **Calvary Baptist Church** 12th Sportsmen's Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake is having it's 12th Sportsmen's Dinner. This event will be held on Saturday April 7th 2018 4pm-8pm at the Fire Department Located on Rte 52 in Loch Sheldrake NY Fire 12759.

Tickets are \$12 donation for ages 12 years old and up. This includes a game dinner, door prizes and speaker Steve Little shares hunting tips and stories.

Please call 845-985-7410 for tickets and info

Nature Column - Linda Comando A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart and Jean Helthaler.

# Here Comes aCottontail - Hopping Down the Bunny Trail!

Cottontail rabbits are common throughout most parts of the Catskills and can be seen yea r-round. They have grayish-brown fur, with a reddishbrown neck, and a white tail and are easily recognized by their long ears.

Cottontails found south or west of the Hudson River are considered Appalachian, those

found north and east are considered New England. Until recently (1992) the Appalachian cottontail rabbit was thought to be a species of the New England cottontail since they are extremely similar in appearance. One outstanding feature of the Appalachian cottontail is a black spot between its ears. However, scientists distinguish between the two by comparing the bone structure of the skull from above. The Appalachian cottontail has a jagged suture line, while in the Eastern cottontail it is smooth. The suture line is where the nasal bones attach to the skull.

Cottontails usually lives in brushy areas where they can hide and are often found near fields or woods where there is protection. Some of their favorite places to hide are under small pine trees, shrubs, tangled vines, briers, and tall grasses.

Cottontails do not dig their own dens (other than nest holes) but use burrows dug by other species

Cottontails are very territorial. When chased, they will run in a zigzag pattern, running up to 18 mph.

The cottontail is chunky in appearance with large hind feet, long ears and a short fluffy white tail. Its underside fur is white. There is a rusty patch on the tail. During winter the cottontail's fur is more gray than brown. The total length of a cottontail rabbit measures between 14-19 inches, including a small tail that averages 2.1 in. Their average weight is 2.6 lb. The female tends to be heavier, although the sexes broadly overlap in size.

Cottontails are generally twilight to nocturnal feeders and usually spend most of the daylight hours resting in shallow depressions under vegetative cover or other shelter. Although, they can be seen at any time of day, and are most active when visibility is limited, such as rainy or foggy nights as cottontails are preyed upon by many different animals including raccoons, fox, hawks, owls, crows, snakes, opossum, cats, and dogs. Most cottontail rabbits live only about a year, a good reason that rabbits breed so often.

During breeding season the males will fight each other and do a "dance" for the females. Females make a nest lined with plant parts and fur from their belly. The nest is in the ground and shallow. Cottontails will have three to four litters every year and up to nine young per litter.

Reproductive maturity occurs at about 2 to 3 months of age. A majority of females first breed the spring following birth. Males will mate with more than one female. The annual productivity of females may be as high as 35 young

Cottontail young are born with a very fine coat of hair and are blind. Their eyes begin to open by 4 to 7 days. Mothers nurse their young in the morning and evening. The young begin to move out of the nest for short trips by 12 to 16 days and are completely weaned and independent by 4 to 5 weeks and the litter disperses at about 7 weeks. Tis the season of new life and baby bunnies.

Although he is not exactly the Cottontail described in this week's Nature Column, the Easter Bunny is scheduled to be at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 11 am sharp this Saturday! Thank you to the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for making the arrangements for this event.

Happy Easter!

# **Household Hints**

Make Your Own Safe Easter Egg Dye For each dye bath combine 1/2 cup boiling water with 1 tsp vinegar and 10 drops of food coloring in a bowl. Start with 5 drops red and 5 drops yellow, for orange for example, or 6 drops blue and 4 drops green for turquoise. Dip hard-cooked eggs in dye bath for 3-5 minutes, extend time for richer color. Use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove eggs and place on wax paper to dry, blot any excess with a paper towel.



# Light It Up Mysterious Book Report No. 327

by John Dwaine McKenna

As a fifty-plus year resident here in Colorado, the question I'm most often asked by out-of-state friends is: How has the legalization of marijuana affected things there? The short answer . . . stoners love it and are flocking here in large numbers, as are criminals; government is ecstatic over the windfall from tax revenues; cops, school administrators and the armed forces are apoplectic about it. But, if you'd like to learn more about this controversial subject, while at the same time having an enjoyable, legal experience . . . and keep all of your clothes on .

Light It Up, (Putnam, \$26.00, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-57563-1) by Nick Petrie, will introduce you to Peter Ash, an ex-marine warrior who raises bad-assery to such a high-level that even Lee Child-who rose to international fame on the back of Jack Reacher-sat up, took notice and wrote a book blurb.

In this, the third Peter Ash novel, (after Burning Bright and The Drifter,) finds him in Denver, "Just for a few days, doing a favor for a friend," named Henry Nygaard, a man he met while repairing hiking trails up in Oregon's remote Willamette National Forest. Ash was supposed to hook up with girlfriend Juna Cassidy back in eastern Oregon, but puts the rendezvous on hold because trouble is brewing in Denver. That's where Henry's daughter, Elle runs a company called Heavy Metal Protection, which performs armed escort duties for the cannabis industry. Because Federal law prohibits the use and sale of pot, weed, ganja, or whatever else it's called, banks refuse to deal with the entire industry. They're federally chartered and insured, so, all transactions with the cannabis crowd take place in cash. Cash only. Cash on the barrelhead. No checks, Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club, American Express, I.O.U's or promises of any kind. Cash means cash . . . and cash means trouble. Elles husband Randy, her operations manager Leonard and three hundred thousand dollars in cash have gone missing. And by the end of his first day on the job, three of Peter Ash's friends, including Henry Nygaard, are dead, and Ash himself has killed four armed hijackers. And that, dear readers, is only the first few chapters in this explosive thriller that features one of the most compelling and deadly characters to come along since Clint played Dirty Harry. If you crave action, adventure and high drama that just never quits, Peter Ash is your go-to guy!

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# **Fallsburg JHS Robotics Team Triumphs** in New York; Returns to **World Championships**

(From Pg. 1) At the end of the NYS tournament, the three Fallsburg middle school teams were ranked first, second and fourth in New York State. Team 99561D led by Kai Odell Schreier, Hannah Nicolai, and Michael Storms won the Skills Award, Excellence Award, and were the Tournament Champions in the Middle School Division.

On March 19, the Fallsburg Board of Education honored the entire Robotics Team of 7th through 12 graders for their achievements, authorized the trip to Kentucky and wished them luck at the World Championship. In thanking the Board, Coach Thomas reflected on how far the students have come in the four years since the team began. The interest has grown considerably in numbers of students and in abilities. As representatives of New York State at the World Championship, Fallsburg is one of 188 teams. VEX Robotics teams number over 18,000 and are located in 40 different countries.

"We have a much stronger shot to be in the finals this year," said Coach Thomas. "We have learned a lot of new techniques. We have upped our game in programming, and we just have better bots this year. Fallsburg is gaining a solid reputation in the competitive world, and other teams seek to partner with the Comets when they determine 'alliances' at the events."

FCSD is excited about the successes of these students and will get a chance to view their team via Livestream connection webcast. For information on livestream for VEX World Robotics Competition: The APP VEX: https://www.robotevents.com/vextv#. free for store app https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/livestream-for-producers/id493086499.

# **Alvarez Named to Statewide Public Safety Committee**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez has been appointed to the New York State Association of Counties' (NYSAC's) Standing Committee on Public Safety.

"NYSAC's standing committees play an important role in helping us shape our policies and positions on legislative issues," NYSAC President MaryEllen Odell wrote to Alvarez in a letter confirming his appointment. ' Your experience and knowledge will add to the quality of our deliberations, and I hope you are able to serve.

"I am honored to be selected for this important committee, which advocates for numerous public safety issues on behalf of counties at the State and federal levels," Alvarez remarked. "I hope to be able to share what I've learned from more than three decades as a local Sheriff's deputy, in addition to my service as a legislator and longtime community advocate.'

NYSAC represents, educates and advocates for New York's 62 counties and their taxpayers before Federal, State and Local officials on matters germane to County governments. For more information, visit www.nysac.org.

# Free Agriculture Career & Job Fair at **SUNY Sullivan**

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY-New York State is a leading agricultural state with 36,300 farms that produced \$4.7 billion in products in 2010. New York ranks among the largest producers in the nation for some products, including ranking second in wine production.

An Agriculture Career & Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) partners with SUNY Sullivan to offer this free job fair from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm at SUNY Sullivan's E-Lobby space across from the Grover Hermann Memorial Library at 112 College Road in Loch Sheldrake.

"While the face of local agriculture has changed over the last three decades, the sector is alive and well, still the number three economic driver in Sullivan County," said Colleen Monaghan, CCESC executive director.

Job seekers, youth, and others can explore new and existing agriculture-related career and internship opportunities. Farmers and agricultural business owners can connect with potential employees and bring awareness to the opportunities the agriculture industry has to offer.

For more information, contact Nat Tompkins, CCESC agriculture business program coordinator at njt54@cornell.edu or 845-292-6180 ext. 107.

This free event is co-sponsored by SUNY Sullivan and Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County.

# **Sullivan County Releases Annual Recycling Data for 2017**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County is pleased to announce another great year for the Countywide recycling program. In 2017, Sullivan County recycled over 12 million

pounds of materials through its transfer stations, offices

and recycling facilities. This includes: 3,337 tons of single-stream recycling/mixed containers

- 1,019 tons of cardboard/paper
- 1,005 tons of scrap metal
- 225 tons of electronics
- 182 tons of tires
- 132 tons of textiles
- 104 tons of used motor oil/antifreeze
- 8.3 tons of household hazardous waste

These figures are just the tip of the recycling iceberg, since many Sullivan County businesses internal back ship arrangements for recyclables never come to County facilities for weighing or cessing. Although materials handled privately do get weighed or recorded by the County's system, businesses benefit from the return sale of these i nonetheless. Local businesses are finding that recy is good for the environment AND the bottom line.

Recycling is a great way to cut down on the am of garbage we produce, which in turn saves custo money through avoided disposal costs at County s waste facilities," said Public Works Comm Chairman Joe Perrello. "By recycling cans, glass, plastic bottles and paper, and by throwing away one less bag of trash each week, a family could save \$8 monthly or \$104 annually by paying to throw out fewer bags of trash!

"Recycling is all about conserving natural resources," he added, "and Sullivan County residents and businesses have shown a willingness to do just that.

For additional information about waste reduction strategies, reuse and recycling, as well as transfer stations' hours of operation, please contact the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling at 845-807-0290. Or visithttp://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/SolidWaste-

Recycling/tabid/3198/Default.aspx.

# **SUNY Sullivan to Host Job Fair**

Loch Sheldrake, NY: To assist companies in filling the myriad of job openings throughout the region, SUNY Sullivan will host a Career & Job Fair on Monday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the deHoyos Gallery (E Lobby area), adjacent to the Grover Hermann Memorial Library. The event is free and open to the Participating agencies and organizations public. include recruitment firms, law enforcement agencies, food manufacturers and food service companies, retail outlets, resorts, and more.

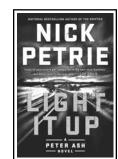
"Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes as companies may be hiring on the spot," said Klu Padu, SUNY Sullivan's Career Placement and Transfer Coordinator. Approximately two dozen employers from throughout Sullivan County and the region will be on hand.

Participants include: Advanced Testing, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Crystal Run Village, Delaware Valley Job Corps, EEA Security, Frost Valley YMCA, Home Depot, Honors Haven Resort, Ideal Snacks, Knapp Consultants, Metz Culinary Management, New York State Police, ShopRite, Ten Mile River Scout Camp, Sullivan ARC, The Center for Discovery, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corp, Valet Park of America, Wal-Mart, and Yo1 Wellness Center.

For more information about the fair, contact Mr. Padu at 845-434-5750, ext. 4202 or email him at kpadu@sunysullivan.edu.

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# The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### **Obsolescence**

When I went to college, I had to buy a slide rule for my science courses. I had to take two years of General Education Core Courses including learning about Asian and African Civilization. I remember memorizing countries' names that no longer exist. I remember reading in my biology book that the human body had 48 chromosomes. It does not. I took a course called New Math that is now Old Math.

I have lots of skills, including diagramming sentences, that really have no place in this modern world. Learning the syntax and vocabulary of English is so engrained in me that I cringe and wince when I read FaceBook posts that fracture our native tongue. Actually, my high school typing class was the most valuable because I can work my way around a key board like a pro. Believe it or not, Latin helps me with vocabulary and spelling. These skills enable me to be a whiz at Wheel of Fortune. I admit it; I am a dinosaur looking around to see what is obsolescing around me. I cannot imagine what is coming next. Flying cars, self-driving cars, children and prisoners chipped like dogs, and satellite-wifi making the world a hotter "hot spot" than it already is from global warming. I am not sure how I would advise the youth to prepare for a career

in the future.

Just in the past two decades, the following have disappeared from our culture: fountain pens; carbon paper; film; VCR's; Cassettes ad CD players in cars; iPods; The Dewey. Decimal System; Stockings, girdles and garter belts; Alarm clocks; Mimeograph

machines and hand calculators; Now, "There's an App for that." There are things on their way out which may be obsolete by the printing of this column like telephone directories, cook books, retail stores, banks, even cash.

As my mind spins imagining the future, I am grateful for some things that never change...like plain old potato chips and coffee. They help fortify me to face the future.

# The Olive Free Library (OFL) hosts a new Art Exhibition: Two Neighbors

The Olive Free Library (OFL) hosts a new Art Exhibition: Two Neighbors: Town of Denning Artists in the Town of Olive in its Community Room Art Gallery. Come on Saturday, April 14, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to the Olive Free Library to meet the artists from Olive's neighbor Denning from hurgeoring new photographics Articles Denning, from burgeoning new photographer, Amanda Barnum, to Mercedes Catania's provocative drawings, to critically acclaimed visual artist Orlando Reyes, to Jöerg Madlener, a German painter and set designer, and others.

The genesis of this exhibition is the passion of a new member of the Olive Free Library's Art Exhibition Committee, Ed Mues. Not an artist himself, Ed is a confessed 'art junkie' from childhood. A former Town of Olive resident, he retains a deep fondness for the Olive Free Library from his 1976 migration from NYC.

An avid reader, Ed came across an OFL ad looking for volunteers for the Exhibition Committee. A brief meeting was all that was necessary. Ed had an assignment near and dear to his heart. Two neighboring towns in Ulster County sharing a single road, Peekamoose Road, seem destined to share art with one another. This was Ed's vision as his first

assignment; the committee embraced it. Ed's residency in Denning began in October 1989. As has always been his forte, he rapidly befriended artists of many and diverse disciplines: amateurs and professionals. Ed's take on it all? Every artist starts as an amateur.

# Participating Artists: Amanda Barnum

Amanda Barnum has lived in Sundown her whole life. She developed a passion for photography while studying at SUNY Sullivan from 2001 to 2004. Amanda graduated with an AAS in Computer Graphics and an AAS in Photography. She enjoys taking pictures of nature. Hovey Brock

The basic question that guides Hovey Brock's practice is "What is subjective experience?" Is it an illusion, an epiphenomenon of our conscious processes, or something else? Different media give Hovey different perspectives. In painting, he observes how his own consciousness plays the work. The time-based medium of video mirrors the flow of subjective experience. In social practice, he sees how his self-awareness requires a social context in order to come into being. Mercedes Catania

Mercedes Catania is a student of healing and justice and an uncontrollable doodler. As a descendant of "real" artists, she never thought she could claim that title. Yet art is something Mercedes can't keep from coming out of her. Strange, abstract and often simple, she began to channel drawings to assist in energy healing. When Mercedes real-ized the impact these had on clients' energy fields, she understood how healing even the most simple drawings could be. Her life is a process and her art is an anchor, a healer, and a mirror.

Steve Ellis Steve Ellis is an artist working in Denning, N.Y. and New York's Lower East Side. He paints lighters, ripped print media, ripped print media on fire, crumpled packaging, guitar picks, whiskey bottles, broken bottles, crashed cars, and bad weather. All subjects represent a narrative parallel inspired by experience. For near 20 years he has exhibited nationally and internationally in spaces ranging from the Conde Nast lobby at 4 Times Square to the Jerry Lee Williams Memorial Outhouse Gallery in upstate New York. Steve's series have investigated the transitory beauty of mundane to glamorous, dangerous and disposable still lifes, and uses pop culture iconography to explore various issues including contemporary consumerism, idolatry, the environment and the death of print media. Ellis' works are held in pri-vate collections in Tokyo, Rome, Australia, Seoul, Moscow, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas, New York, and London. Jim Lee

Jim Lee is represented by Nicelle Beauchene, NYC. He has shown internationally at Galerie VidalCuglietta, Brussels; Motus Fort, Tokyo; FDC Satellite, Brussels; and

Galerie Markus Winter, Berlin. Additionally, he has been included in exhibitions at Ratio 3, San Francisco; LAND, Los Angeles; Islip Art Museum, NY; Galerie Ruth Leuchter, Dusseldorf; Galerie Lelong, New York; Andrae Kaufmann Gallery, Berlin; IMOCA, Indianapolis; White Flag Projects, St. Louis; Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta; Larry Becker Contemporary Art, Philadelphia; and the Neuberger Museum of Art in Purchase, NY. Lee lives and works in Brooklyn, NY and has a home in Denning, NY. Jöerg Madlener

Jöerg Madlener is a German visual artist who was born in 1939. As an artist in painting, drawing, and photogra-phy he has been assistant professor at the Technical University in Darmstadt, Germany and in two Art Academies in Brussels. He is the founder and director of International Dolomite Academy for Painting and Digital Photography in Italy from 2000 to 2005. He studied architecture and philosophy, and teaches art theory. He has been a set designer for theater and opera in Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, and the U.S. His work is in public collections like Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Museum of Modern Art in Brusssels, and the Bayrische Staatsgemaeldesammlung in Munich among others. Jöerg shares his time between N.J. and Denning. **Pixie Piera** 

Born in Woodstock, New York, of artist parents, who were part of the Maverick art colony, Pixie Piera was edu-cated in Woodstock and New York City. Banderas Piera was started in 1977, first making decorative banners and evolving into Jackets, Coats and Doublets. The name Banderas, Spanish for banners or flags, was chosen first for its description of the initial objects. Over time Pixie realized that the garments she made were really banners of personal expression for the people who bought them, whether intentional or not. She created these expressions for specific individuals even though she had not yet met them personally. Esoterically 'custom made'. Each time someone would buy a jacket, the transaction became a ery special experience. For the maker and for the owner!

Orlando Reyes Orlando Reyes is a painter, curator and arts entrepre-neur residing in Jersey City, New Jersey. His paintings are experimental compositions of chemical reactions, in which paint fractals manifest as studies of life, line, and which paint fractals mannest as studies of file, file, and nature. Born in 1968 to Puerto Rican parents, Reyes grew up during the birth of Hip Hop, and found his creative voice through break dancing and graffiti. An early expo-sure to large scale, public painting via graffiti, led Reyes to pursue two apprenticeships under established fine art painters in 1983. In 1991, Reyes took his art to a public realm as he helped launch a series of socially engaged, street-based art campaigns around controversial issues such as AIDS, art censorship, and the corporate irresponsibility. His travels took him to Europe from 2000-2003, where he carried out various solo shows and private com-missions in fine art metropolises, including Copenhagen, Brussels, Paris, and Florence. His love for and mastery of color and pigment eventually led him into an abstract and non-linear approach, culminating in the complete aban-donment of brushes. Reyes' present day painting approach incorporates the use of specially designed tools as a way of pursuing an organic, pigment-centered style. His cultural, urban, and nomadic roots resonate throughout his art. Reyes' work continues to be exhibited in galleries, museums and in public, both nationally and internationally. He shares his time between N.J. and Denning. Saito San

Saito San Saito San was born in 1928 in Shizuoka, Japan. He graduated from Kanazawa College of Art in 1952 and received a scholarship to attend the Art Students League from 1958-1959. Saito San studied oil painting and lithog-raphy. He returned to the United States in 1966 and now resides in upstate New York. In 1969, Saito's painting was published in *Time Life Magazine* for the Osaka Expo 70 published in *Time Life Magazine* for the Osaka Expo 70 campaign. Later, the same painting was purchased and placed in the permanent art collection at S.C. Johnson & Son. He won awards in The Chautauqua New York National Art Festival in 1960, The Boston Art Festival in 1960, The North Shore Art Society in Little Neck Long Island in 1971, and The Cooperstown Clark Memorial in



1983. Saito's paintings have been shown in numerous one man and group shows in the United States and Japan. From the early 1980's to the present, Saito has submitted art for many local shows in the upstate New York area including the Catskills, Cooperstown, Kingston, Monticello and Woodstock.

Two Neighbors: Town of Denning Artists in the Town

*Two Neighbors: Town of Denning Artists in the Town of Olive* Exhibition Dates: April 14 - May 26, 2018 Opening Reception: Saturday, April 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Location: Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A. West Shokan, NY 12494

Telephone: 845.657.2842 For exhibition hours, check the library's website at olivefreelibrary.org

The Piano Plus! Concert Series is celebrating its fifth season with a concert featuring Joanne Polk at Olive Free Library West Shokan, NY: Each spring for the past five years the Olive Free Library in West Shokan has hosted the Piano Plus! Concert series featuring world-class pianists along with guest performers. Tickets are a suggested \$12 donawith guest performers. These are a suggested \$12 dona-tion at the door. The second concert of the series will fea-ture Joanne Polk playing selections from Cecile Chaminade, Fanny Mendelssohn, Amy Beach, and more. Pianist Joanne Polk was catapulted into the public eye

with her recordings of the complete piano works of American composer Amy Beach (1867-1944) on the Arabesque Recordings label. Ms. Polk celebrated the centennial of Beach's Piano Concerto by giving the work its London premiere with the English Chamber Orchestra at the Barbican Center under the baton of Paul Goodwin. A few days later, Ms. Polk performed the Piano Concerto with the Women's Philharmonic in San Francisco with conductor Apo Hsu in a performance described as "bril-liant" by critic Joshua Kosman of the San Francisco Chronicle. He went on to describe Ms. Polk's performance as, "an enormously vital, imaginative reading. Her playing was expansive in the opening movement, brit-tle and keep in the delightful scherzo. She brought a light

tle and keen in the delightful scherzo. She brought a light touch to the foreshortened slow movement and fearless

technical panache to the showy conclusion." The first recording in the Beach series, by the still waters, received the 1998 INDIE award for best solo recording. Empress of Night, the fifth volume of Ms. Polk's survey of Beach's piano works, includes the Piano Concerto with the English Chamber Orchestra, Paul Goodwin conducting. (Contd. Pg. 7)

Cocktail Hour & Six Course Dinner Silent & Live Auctions Door Prizes and Raffles! Join us for a great night of fun! 6:00pm The Rockland House Rockland Road, Roscoe For Tickets contact Ann Marie Dennis 607-498-5665



**At Olive Free Library** (From Pg. 6) The sixth volume of the series, Morning Glories, joins Ms. Polk with the Lark Quartet in three outstanding chamber music works by Amy Beach. Two all-Beach performances at Merkin Concert Hall, which featured Joanne Polk and the Lark Quartet, were applauded by the New York Times, as they deemed Polk's performances "polished and assured." The American Record Guide reported, "Polk



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# **SC Legislative Proclamation Recognizes** March as Red Cross Month.



Sullivan County Legislature Luis Alvarez, center, pre-sented Community Relations Volunteer Ambassador Bette Popovich, left, and Senior Disaster Program Manager John Cascone of the American Red Cross in Greater New York with a legislative proclamation recognizing March as Red Cross Month.

Sullivan County is grateful for all the support and assistance of the Red Cross, especially during the recent devastating blizzard.

# Fallsburg Central School District Workshop for Families

"Listening and Responding to Children" Workshop presented by Ms. Aleta Lymon, Facilitator of Family and Community Engagement at Fallsburg Central School District was held at the Fallsburg Town Library on Thursday evening March 1, 2018,



Ms. Aleta Lymon facilitated a workshop for families on Listening and Responding to Children. Participants learned to clearly communicate with children, to explore ways of listening and responding that may improve communication, and to identify parents' style and strengths in communicating with their children. Ms. Lymon will present other workshops throughout the school year and summer to support families and children in the School District. For more information, please call Aleta Lymon at 845-434-6800, Èxt. 1223.

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 has installed a new slate of officers who offi-

# **Monti Elks Install New Officers**



Ruler Lisa Muller at a cere-mony on March 24th. The

Monticello Lodge has over

300 members.

has installed a new slate of officers who offi-cially take over on April 1st. The Exalted Ruler is Bob Linzer, Leading Knight Julie LiGreci, Loyal Knight Victor Marinello, Lecturing Knight Meagan Galligan, Esquire Rachael Muniz, Inner Guard Christine Loucks, Tiler Brian Bock, Treasurer Sue Mapledoram, Secretary Past State Vice President Jim Gerrard II, Trustees: Martha Rojas, Brian Johnson, Past Exalted Ruler Rich Hugel, Past Exalted Ruler Frank Muller and Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller. New Monticello Elks Exalted Ruler Bob Linzer holds the gavel of authority just pre-sented to him by Past Exalted Past Exalted Ruler Lisa Muller.

Presiding over the ceremony was State Vice President Mike Gagliardi. The Elk of the Year is Past Exalted Ruler Ronni Scannell, Officer of the Year is Past Exalted Ruler Frank Muller and the Citizen of the Year is Kathie Johnson.

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UC Executive Mike Hein Honored by Mid-Hudson Business Development Center on National SBDC Day

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein received the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center's Honorary Mid-Hudson SBDC Counselor Award this morning because of his exceptional efforts on behalf of businesses in our community.



Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive -- "It is an honor to be recognized

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive – "It is an honor to be recognized by such a dedicated and hard-working team who understand the importance of small businesses to our community and our local economy and work tirelessly to help them succeed. The efforts of Arnaldo Sehwerert and his staff are admirable. They roll up their sleeves and work with entrepreneurs from the time of business conception to the ribbon cutting, and then on through business growth and expansion. I will share this Award with my Office of Economic Development, Office of Employment & Training and Tourism and Planning departments, because together we strive to make Ulster County a wonderful home for small business." Sam Kandel, Business Counselor at the Mid-Hudson SBDC – "Serving the needs of the small business community in Ulster County is a distinct honor. What we at the SBDC invest in time and energy with our clients, the community gets back in spades with investment, iob creation, and economic prosperity."

back in spades with investment, job creation, and economic prosperity." John Moriarty, Business Counselor at the Mid-Hudson SBDC SBDC "I think the SBDC support to our clients helps them "beat the odds" as they step out into a business environment that is complicated and tough."

# Sullivan County Activists Attend Planned Parenthood Day of Action in Albany on March 13th



On Tuesday, March 13th, twelve Planned Parenthood volunteers from Sullivan County traveled to Albany to attend the Planned Parenthood Lobby Sullivan County traveled to Albany to attend the Planned Parenthood Lobby Day along with another 1,500 like minded men and women. The attendees lis-tened to speeches from NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards, NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, NYS Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, NYS Assembly Leader Carl Heastie and others. At approximately 3:00pm, after several hours of lobbying our representatives, the NYS Assembly voted on the Women's Agenda legisla-tion with the passage of three bills. We are very proud to have been involved in achieving this victory! The Sullivan County group included Joan Stoddard tion with the passage of three bills. We are very proud to have been involved in achieving this victory! The Sullivan County group included Joan Stoddard (SCDC Liberty Committeewoman & DWSC Secretary), Carol Montana (SCDC Executive Comm., Neversink Democratic Comm. & DWSC Vice President) and Donna Schick (SCDC Chairwoman, NYS Democratic Rural Conference Board Member, NYS Fed. of Democratic Women President & Sullivan County Human Rights Commissioner.) Other local activist volunteers included Barb Schmitt, Cindy Coker, Alexandra Lalieu, Kevin McDaniel, Victoria Smith, Brandon Jersey, Janet Barbarite, Mary Mancuso, and Eva deNardis. This was a first time experience for several delegation members who found the day exhilarating and empowering to see firsthand how government operates

day exhilarating and empowering to see firsthand how government operates. They also realized that some aspects of the Women's Agenda easily were passed in the State Assembly but may not come to a vote in the State Senate unless more constituents voice their strong support. Volunteers will be calling for telephone calls to be placed and letters to be written in order to achieve the progress that is required for the women of New York.

# Summer Is Just Months Away - and so is Camp!

While it may be hard to think about summer plans when snow is still on the ground, summer is just a few months away and this the perfect time to start thinking about fun, safe, and active ways for your child or teen to spend their days when school's out.



Registration is in full swing for Frost Valley YMCA's various Overnight and Day Camp programs and sessions are filling fast. Frost Valley provides an enriching summer experience to children ages four-17. Counselors extensively trained in childcare and recreation lead campers through days of adventure and excitement, with a foundation focused on achievement, relationships, and belonging.

Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp offers children in our community various one- or twoweek sessions between June 25 and August 31, and registration is available online at FrostValley.org or by calling 845-985-2291. For families who would like to visit the camp first, or have other questions, Frost Valley is hosting several free Day Camp Open House informational events this spring. During an Open House, families tour the grounds where camp is held; learn about Frost Valley's fun programs, secure environment, and experienced leadership; and discover how day camp can help a child or teen build confidence and charac-

ter while having fun and making friends. Day Camp Open Houses will take place April 29, May 20, and June 10 from 10am-1pm, and the last two Overnight Camp Open Houses will take place on April 15 and May 20 from 11:30am-3pm. If these Sundays don't work for you, Frost Valley is happy to accommodate a private tour. Families who attend a free open house will enjoy a tour, presentation, Q&A session, lunch in the camp's dining hall, and more. Please contact Frost Valley in advance to reserve your spot.

Don't forget! Mark your calendars to enjoy an afternoon of family fun and wellness at Frost Valley YMCA on Sunday, May 20, from 1-4 pm during Healthy Kids Day. This annual community event is free to attend, and focuses on inspiring kids and families to develop healthier lifestyles. Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national initiative to improve family health and well being through games, healthy eating, arts and crafts, and more. Although the event is free, reservations are highly recommended, and can be made at 845-985-2291 or FrostValley.org/Contact-Us.





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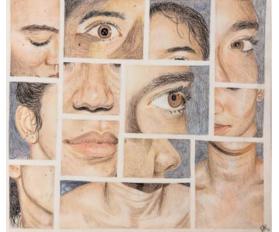
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# Local Student Artwork on Display at the **CAS Sullivan County High School Art Show**

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society, in partnership with SC BOCES, proudly presents the annual CAS Sullivan County High School Art Show, a new exhibition of work by Sullivan County public high school students, running April 20 - May 5, 2018 at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street,



Julia Batista, Self Portrait from Multiple Perspectives, 2017-8. Fallsburg High School

#### April 21, 2018 from 11am-2pm - Public Opening Reception

The Catskill Art Society and SC BOCES will host a free opening reception for the CAS Sullivan County High School Art Show on Saturday, April 21 from 11am to 2pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided by SC BOCES

#### About the Catskill Art Society

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

M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Livingston Manor, NY. This exhibition, appearing throughout the gallery, will present the work of high school students from all eight of the county's districts (The Cener for Discovery, Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan BOCES, and Tri-Valley CSD). The show celebrates the creativity of our region's youth and showcases the diversity of expression across Sullivan County.

Visitors will view over three hundred artworks in eleven media categories: Black & White Drawing, Black & White Photography, Ceramics & Glass, Color Drawing, Color Photography, Design, Digital Art, Film & Animation, Mixed Media/Printmaking, Painting, and Sculpture. CAS puts together an outside jury panel of artists and experts - different each year - that award a first and second place ribbon in each category. Blue Ribbon winners receive complimentary enrollment in a CAS art class series and Red Ribbon winners receive a \$50 scholarship for any class at the CAS Arts Center through the end of this year. Students will also be invited to CAS to select a Student Prize award in each category as well.

Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursdays - Saturdays from 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

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Walker Valley's Shawangunk Day will take place on August 18, 2018 from 10a.m. to 4p.m. The day's events are FREE to the public and will

The day's events are FREE to the public and will include Touch-a-truck, Auto Show, Art Show, Crafts and Vendors, Quilt Show and Local History.

Festivities will take place at several locations along Route 52 and Marl Road, including: the Firehouse, the Schoolhouse, Walker Valley Auto, The Mountain View Church, Walker Valley Veterinary Hospital, and the Cobblestone.

For further information or to apply to be a vendor please see our Website athttps://www.walkervalleyny.com/.

# **Calico Geese Quilt Exhibition**

A Quilt Exhibition presented by Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County, N.Y. is being held at Liberty Public Library, Liberty, New York on through April 11th, 2018 during Regular Library hours. The exhibit is free no charge. Come view the quilts created by members & vote for your favorite in our *Viewer's Choice Contest* 

# Cochecton Artist Allan Rubin To Show Tin Can Sculptures at DVAA

"Canon," an exhibition of Allan Rubin's sculptures inspired by self portraits of famous artists, opens at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main\_St, Narrowsburg, NY on Friday, April 6, with a reception from 7 to 9 pm. The show will be on view at the Alliance Gallery through May 5. The exhibit will feature almost 50 small-scale painted sculptures fashioned from recycled metal food cans.

"I began this series of reinterpreted masters' self portraits as three-dimensional sculptures made of metal cans," Rubin says. "I recreate each artist's image and emulate his/her style on shapes the cans dictate."

A few years ago Rubin reinvented himself at an age that many people might think of retiring. "My studio was full to overflowing with outrageously large and unwieldy pieces that I felt were no longer taking me forward," Rubin recalls. "Thanks to DVAA's annual Art In Sixes show, I experimented with using recycled metal food cans as a medium upon which to paint smaller portraits. This

# LIFE IS A STORY... Make Yours a Best Seller

SUNY Sullivan's 22nd Annual Women's Conference Saturday, April 21, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Marion Grodin started as a writer for network sitcoms "It's a Living" and "Princesses" and later went on to sell six screenplays. For the last decade, Marion has been one of the hottest comics in the country. She is a favorite at NYC's top clubs, including Standup NY and Gotham Comedy Club, where she regularly headlines. She is always willing to be as self-revealing as she is probing of the audience. Marion has toured with Linda Ronstadt and opened for Lewis Black, Judy Gold, and Robert Klein. She has shared the stage with Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, Roseanne Barr and Robin Williams. Marion has been on NBC's "Late Night" with Conan O'Brien and ABC's "The View". In addition, she worked with her father on "The Charles Grodin Show" as his comedy producer. Marion knows that laughter is truly the best medicine, having survived breast cancer, divorce, and various addictions including an inappropriate relationship with Haagen Dazs.

BROCHURE TO FOLLOW 112 College Road . Loch Sheldrake . NY . 12759 845-434-5750, ext. 4377 led to a desire to represent and celebrate the canon of painting masters that has inspired and influenced me from the beginning as a painter," he says.

Supportive friends supplied Rubin with their used cans. Even local restaurants chipped in their bags of recyclable large juice and sauce cans. Coffee cans became heads, tomato and olive oil cans the torsos. Bean cans made great arms. Sardine cans were best for hands.

Rubin notes that when he was a student in the late 1960s, his art history textbook did not include a single female painter. "I intend to try to remedy that oversight by including as many worthy women artists as I can Google," he says.

This is the fifth solo show at DVAA for Rubin, who received a BFA in Painting at The Cooper Union in 1970. Over his nearly 50 year career he has gone from painting surreal landscapes to large shaped aerial interpretations of New York City and the Delaware River Valley (DVAA, 1992), to aerial topographical painted constructions (DVAA, 1994), through expressionistic landscapes (DVAA, 1998), large branch and canvas abstract portrait sculptures (DVAA, 2007), and now to smaller figural painted sculptures in oil on metal cans.

Born, raised and schooled in New York City, Rubin relocated with his life partner Candy Spilner to Cochecton, NY in 1989. They have thrived in our creative community of friends and neighbors, and frequently exhibit at galleries across Sullivan County.

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.

# Rain Gardens & Xeriscape Lessons for Gardeners in a Changing Climate

LIBERTY, NY- These are challenging times for gardeners, according to Barbara Bravo, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Ulster County Master Gardener Volunteer. In the years to come, people will need to be prepared for unaccustomed weather events, be it too much or too little precipitation and long periods of drought conditions.

The public can learn about Rain Gardens & Xeriscape on Monday, April 9, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County offers this unique workshop from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Barbara Bravo will present what conditions are needed for both garden types, how to select and prepare a site, as well as plant recommendations.

"Xeriscape, a term first defined in Denver, CO by the Denver Water Department in 1981, is a style of gardening that works naturally with nature and minimizes water use," says Bravo.

"Plants selected for Xeriscape gardens are capable of thriving without supplemental watering once established. Another important consideration is the practicality of lawns and how we might re-envision our backyards. Rain Gardens are basically a shallow sunken garden designed to capture and retain rainwater. Plants selected for these gardens are chosen for their ability to endure both flooding and dry periods. Rain Gardens process rainwater that has been redirected from impervious surfaces removing pollutants and allowing it to return to ground water, bypassing storm drains." Cost is \$ 15 per person or \$10 per CCE Sullivan County

Cost is \$ 15 per person or \$10 per CCE Sullivan County enrollee. Anyone can enroll for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Registration can be completed by calling 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivancce.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities.

# Learn How Community Choice Aggregation Can Benefit Your Hometown State Agencies to Present on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m.

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy will hold an informational session for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) on Tuesday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

Representatives from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Communities and Local Government and NY-Sun teams will be on hand to provide an overview of CCA in New York State and to provide



insight on the interaction between CCA and Community Distributed Generation projects (CDGs).

"Community Choice Aggregation allows participating local governments to procure energy supply service and distributed energy resources for eligible customers in the community," explained District 4 Legislator Catherine Owens, chair of the Legislature's Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee. "The CCA initiative is part of New York State's 'Reforming the Energy Vision' (REV), which is Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's comprehensive energy strategy for New York. REV helps consumers make more informed energy choices, develop new energy products and services, and protect the environment while creating new jobs and economic opportunity throughout the State."

"Community Choice Aggregation can empower local communities to have more control of their overall energy costs, while encouraging investment in local clean energy development, improving customer choice and value, and protecting our environment," said Sullivan County Sustainability Coordinator Heather Brown. "It is my hope that local representatives that attend this session will leave with a clear understanding of what CCA is, and that they will feel confident in future discussions and decisions related to this initiative."

This event is free and open to the public. Town and Village board members are particularly encouraged to attend. For further information, contact the Sullivan County Office of Sustainable Energy at (845) 807-0578.

# Enhance Your Curb Appeal Grants for facades, signage, and landscaping

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance is accepting applications from Sullivan County businesses who would like to participate in the Business Assistance Grant Program. The program provides financial and technical assistance aimed at improving curb appeal.

Business Assistance Grants of up to \$2,500 are available for façade improvements, signage, outdoor seating and landscaping. Businesses may also request a free design consultation with an architect, landscape architect or other qualified design professional. Last year, Sullivan Renaissance awarded nearly \$25,000 in Business Assistance Grants to 23 businesses.

Through this program, Sullivan Renaissance partners with the Sullivan County Division of Planning and the Sullivan County Industrial Development Agency, which administer revolving loan programs that assist entrepreneurs looking to establish or expand businesses in Sullivan County.

Business Assistance grant applications are due by April 1, 2018. For more information about the program call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. To learn more about Sullivan Renaissance's grant programs, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with additional support from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Bold Gold Media Group, the *River Reporter*, the *Sullivan County Democrat*, and the *Times Herald Record*.

# Note From Former Congressman Chris Gibson

Greetings everyone,

First, thank you to all who have reached out to inquire how we are doing and to express well wishes. I'm really enjoying teaching at Williams College and our family is well. Our girls, Katie and Maggie, are thriving at College and grow-ing with the experience. Connor is a Junior at Ichabod Crane High School and enjoying his musical pursuits. Mary

Crane High School and enjoying his musical pursuits. Mary Jo continues to work supporting veterans mental health at the VA hospital in Albany. We are blessed. Second, thank you to everyone who has read my new book, *Rally Point: Five Tasks to Unite the Country and Revitalize the American Dream*, and provided feedback. I share your passion for this exceptional country and felt compelled to write it. Glad you enjoyed it!

I wanted to let you know Amazon is running a sale on the book right now. If you wanted to get a copy for a friend, or for others who haven't picked it up yet, you can get it for 10/(24%) of this link: \$19 (24% off) at this link

https://www.amazon.com/Rally-Point-Country-Revitalize-American/dp/1538760584

I also will be doing some book-signing events over the next few months if you wanted to link-up in personal to dis-cuss. Here's the list:

April 19 - Northshire Books, Saratoga, 6:00pm; April 21 -Colonie Barnes & Noble, 1-4pm; May 30 - Ulster County Chamber Breakfast at the Best Western in Kingston, 7:30am; June 5 - Capital District Prayer Breakfast at the Desmond Hotel, 7:15am;

Finally, for those interested, we can also stay in touch via Twitter. Here's my handle: @ChrisGibsonNY

Best wishes from Kinderhook. Chris and Mary Jo Gibson

# Work Week with Congressman Faso

# While not Ideal, the Omnibus had Priorities for the Nation

and Upstate New York The budget process in Washington is seriously broken, and the timing of this legislation - more than six months into the fiscal year - is a perfect illustration of this dysfunction. Nonetheless, the omnibus appropriations bill includes numerous priorities for Upstate New York communities, families, and businesses. Many of the provisions in this bill were issues I advocated for, including rebuilding the military, increased funding for mental health serv-ices, more robust funding for combating the opioid crisis, and numerous environmental improvements. Most important, this legislation reverses serious declines in military readiness and addresses critical priorities set forth by Defense Secretary James Mattis. President Trump signed this legislation into law on Friday afternoon. Want to know what was in the legislation? Find out by reading up on the ten priorities I highlighted here: https://faso.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID= 932

VA Launches New Tool to Help Veterans Track Benefits Appeals The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs launched a new online tool to help veterans track the status of their appeals process in a prompt and convenient manner. The tool will allow Veterans to access detailed information about the status of their benefits appeals, and receive alerts for any actions that they may need to take as a part of the process.

This is an encouraging step forward for the VA as it has consistently fallen behind in offering veterans services that leverage the most modern technology. Last year, I voted to support H.R. 2288, the Veterans Appeals Improvement and modernization Act of 2017, which was also signed into law by President Trump. We must continue to look for ways to improve health care for our veterans and modernize practices at the VA.

### **USDA Opens Grant Process for Broadband Infrastructure**

Access to broadband is a necessity in a rapidly evolving world. Many rural communities in Upstate New York still lack access to broadband, and that puts students, emergency responders, busi-nesses, and others in those communities at a disadvantage. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Connect Program is a great opportunity for stakeholders at the local and state lev-els to gain access to funding for improving broadband infrastruc-ture in order to bridge the digital divide.

The grant process just recently opened and the deadline is May 14th. Click here to learn more about the program, including how to apply, and be sure to contact my Kinderhook office (518-610-8133) if you have any questions.

In addition, the government funding bill contains significant increases for rural broadband projects. Local officials and local internet providers should contact my office for additional information.

# Senator Bonacic Supports a Package of Bills to Protect NY's First Responders (Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope)

voted in favor of a package of bills today aimed at protecting New York's first responders. The legislation would increase pro-tections for the state's law enforcement community, firefighters, and other emergency service workers, including the

"Community Heroes Protection Act."

The measures are in direct response to the numerous inci-dents of violence directed at New York's first responders and would increase penalties for assaults or threats to police, increase safety at correctional facilities, and increase benefits for those who became sick from their heroic service during the World Trade Center recovery.

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The "Community Heroes Protection Act" was inspired by those who have lost their lives, were wounded, or targeted specifically because of their profession as community protectors, such as last year's fatal shooting of NYPD Officer Miosotis Familia. The bill (S1114A), which Senator Bonacic co-sponsors, would make certain crimes explicitly committed against law enforce-

ment, firefighters, and first responders punishable as hate crimes. "Our first responders are our protectors, keeping us safe from harm, and they need to know that their government has their back," said Senator Bonacic. "I'm pleased to support these bills because I know they will increase much-needed protections for these brave men and women.

In addition to the "Community Heroes Protection Act", the other pieces of legislation passed today includes: • S1747, helps protect retired police officers from retaliation

by individuals who had been arrested by the officers when they were still on active duty;
S1984, strengthens existing penalties by creating a new

crime when a terrorist threat is made against a police officer; • "S2125, prohibits civilian drone use within 1,000 feet of a correctional facility;

• S5337, expands the permitted use of TSA body image scanner devices in correctional facilities across the state as part of an effort to reduce a high level of inmate "slashing" violence

S6898B, expands line of duty sick leave to include every public officer or employee who, on the job, engaged in World Trade Center rescue, recovery, or cleanup activities; and
S1202 in rescue, recovery, or cleanup activities; and

• S1302 increases penalties for criminals who target law enforcement through vehicle vandalism. As a result of serving and protecting communities all across the state, law enforcement personnel are placed in dangerous situations on a daily basis.

In addition to the bills taken up today, the Senate Republican conference has been a consistent advocate for the law enforce-ment community throughout the state. In last year's budget the Senate secured \$4 million to help retrofit NYPD patrol cars and command vehicles with bulletproof windows and door panels to help save the lives of law enforcement.

# Job Fair To Connect Young Adults With More Than 40 Ulster County Area Businesses Kingston, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces

that the 10th Annual Ulster County Executive Mike Helli announces that the 10th Annual Ulster County Young Adult Job Fair is being held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Andy Murphy Midtown Center located at 467 Broadway in Kingston. More than 40 businesses from every corner of the county are attending this event to promote jobs in healthcare, banking, recreation, retail and manufacturing. Full-time, part-time and summer jobs are all available. The job fair is open to young people ages 16 to 24. "Our Young Adult Job Fair is a great opportunity for our young people to find work right here in Ulster County. There will be hir-ng measure with real ich openings at this avent. This is a great

ing managers with real job openings at this event. This is a great ing managers with real job openings at this event. This is a great opportunity for any young person who is looking for a job, whether they are seeking a full-time, part-time or summer posi-tion. We urge you to join us to find what you have been looking for," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Jobs not only help young people learn vital skills and gain experience to assist them with their future and average it also benefits the applevers and with their future endeavors, it also benefits the employers and their business.

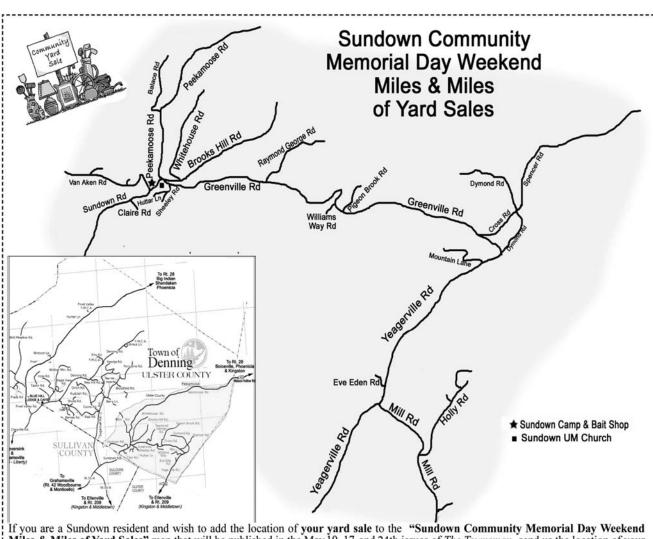
We are delighted with the response we have received from businesses," said Lisa Berger, Director of Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training and Workforce Development Board. "We have hiring managers looking for applicants that they can grow into long-term employees, therefore job seekers should have résumés with them and be dressed for an interview."

Anyone attending this year's job fair will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire which is being generously donated by Key Bank. Attendees will also be eligible for a \$25 iTunes gift card

The Young Adult Job Fair is organized by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Ulster County Workforce Development Board with staff support from Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training

Young adults attending the job fair should come "dressed to impress." Clothes that are clean, neat and professional are pre-ferred. Young adults should bring copies of their résumé. If

they do not have one printed out, résumés on a USB drive or emailed to themselves will be able to be printed onsite. Businesses wishing to participate in the job fair should call: Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training (845) 340-3170. For a list of businesses attending the job fair visit: https://www.ulsterworks.com/youth-and-young-adults.



If you are a Sundown resident and wish to add the location of **your yard sale** to the **"Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales"** map that will be published in the May 10, 17 and 24th issues of *The Townsman* -send us the location of your yard sale. Spot it on the map and **fill out** this **form** and **return** it to: *The Townsman*, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in *The* Townsman 'Drop Box" on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building by Friday, April 20, 2017. TELE #

NAME ADDRESS

If you choose to have your yard sale only on certain days during the Memorial Day Weekend please indicate date(s) of your sale:

Only the location of your yard sale and date(s) will be indicated on the map unless otherwise noted. (e.g. Johnson Family Yard Sale; Antiques & More; etc.). If you have any suggestions - send them along, too.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Library Lower Level in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the <u>VOTE</u> upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2018-2019 school year budget and the <u>VOTING</u> for members of the Board of Education, and <u>VOTING</u> on the below propositions and any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 16, 2018. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2018, there are four Board seats available. Two seats will be three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

> Kimberly Botsford Brent Clarke

A third seat will have a term commencing May 16, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 (currently held by Kathy Poppo, who was appointed to replace Lori Schmitz). A fourth seat will have a term commencing May 16, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021 (currently held by Joseph Colon, who was appointed to replace Keith Edwards). The successful candidate with the highest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 16, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. The successful candidate with the lowest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 16, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. The successful candidate with the lowest number of votes will be seated immediately for the term commencing May 16, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. Newly-elected Board Members will take the Oath of Office at the Board of Education Meeting scheduled for May 15, 2018, immediately following the close of the vote (after 8:00 p.m.). Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 and Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 10th, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 15, 2018. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

March 29, 2018; April 12, 2018; April 26, 2018; May 3, 2018

By order of the Board of Education Norma Peña, District Clerk Dated: March 30, 2018 The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 13, 2018. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE 3/22; 3/29; 4/5 9x3

### Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday April 5th at the Neversink Fire House, located at 7486 NYS Route 55, Neversink, NY 12765. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss items relating to the annual dinner to be held May 5th 2018. 3/29

#### NOTICE

The Town of Neversink <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u> for the fiscal year 2017

has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK TOWN OF NEVERSINK DATED: March 22, 2018 3/29

# Museum Assistant Position Available

The Time and the Valleys Museum, located in Grahamsville, Sullivan County is seeking a parttime Museum Assistant. Responsibilities include assisting with weekend programs; creating flyers and press releases, maintaining membership and contact lists and emailing media contacts requiring strong computer skills. Also, coordinating, contacting and assisting volunteers; covering reception desk, running register and assisting visitors (when necessary) and some scanning and clerical work. 10 hours a week, including one weekend day. Strong computer and writing skills, self starter and able to work independently, good with people. Graphic design skills helpful. Please email resume and cover letter to info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or mail to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740 by April 15th. Call 845 985-7700 for more information.

Tri-Valley Central School Board of Education Meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Anticipated Executive Session, Secondary School Library Upper Level.



# **Town of Neversink Parks &** Recreation Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

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www.townofneversink.org

- 2018 Updoming Events 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch 6/9 - 7th-12th Grade Free Paint Ball Trip 6/16 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert Water Fun at Grahamsville 7/13 Free Fairgrounds 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair 9/29 Garlic Festival 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover 12/1 Transportation to NYC
  - 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice

**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233. The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting

date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

AL-ANON MEETINGS- http://www.al-anon.alateen.org Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immacu-late Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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



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# 12th Sportsmen's Dinner Saturday April 7th 2018 • 4pm-8pm Loch Sheldrake Fire House (Rt. 52) Tickets \$12 donation for ages 12 years old and up. This includes a game dinner, door prizes Steve Little will share h unting tips and stories. Please call 845-985-7410 for tickets and info.

**Calvary Baptist Church** 

# **Ulster County Jewish Federation 2018 EVENTS**

Thursday evening, April 12, 7pm, HOLO-CAUST MEMORIAL PROGRAM

In cooperation with the Jewish Congregation of New Paltz, 8 Church Street. Join our candlelight Yom HaShoah service with second generation survivors, remembering those who perished in the Holocaust with poetry, songs and readings. FREE.

Sunday, May 6, 1:00-5:30pm, CELEBRA-TION OF ISRAEL AT 70!

Celebrate ISRAEL at 70 and enjoy Israeli food, songs and dance (led by the Vanaver Caravan), and children's activities

April 21, 2018 4:00-7:00 pm Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Homemade App;lesauce, Salad, Bread Drinks and Assorted Desserts

# ADULTS: \$13.00 CHILD 5-12: \$8.00 **UNDER 5: FREE**

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH HALL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOD BLESS YOU!

at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation's beautiful grounds, sponsored by the Israel Advocacy Committee of the Ulster County Jewish Federation. Further information will be available at www.ucjf.org FREE.

Sunday, June 3, 1:00-5:30pm, 6th ANNU-AL KINGSTON MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

At Gallo Park on the Strand in the Rondout District. Enjoy international

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SAVE THE DATE!         Apr 7 - Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner 4:30pm to 6:30pm         May 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight Walk: Sign-in 8:15-9am First Aid Building - 9am Walk on Fairgrounds May 25-28, 2018 Sundown Community 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!         Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic June 6 – 5-7:30 pm Animals must be 3 months old. Horsebarn on Fairgrounds June 9 TV PTO Fun Run/Walk for Kindness & Community Day Free day of fun-filled activities: Jumpy house, obstacle course, dunk tank, batting cage, face painting, corn hole, can jam, touch a truck and many more activities. 9-2pm				
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<b>TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS</b> ARE AS FOLLOWS: Unless otherwise noted, all <u>Town Board meetings</u> are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at <u>7:00 pm.</u> Town Board Meetings are the <u>second Tuesday of each month</u> with the <u>audit/workshop meetings</u> being held the <u>Monday preceding the second</u> <u>Tuesday.</u> <u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u> . Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.				
Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner Neversink Fire House April 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert. Adults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00Schedule - Neversink TownDanuary 11thMay 10thSeptFebruary 15thJune 14thOctoMarch 15thJuly 12thNoveAdults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FPlease purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from: Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328 or Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN F		January 11thMay 10thSeptember 13thFebruary 15thJune 14thOctober 11thMarch 15thJuly 12thNovember 15thApril 12thAugust 16thDecember 13thDMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOMCONFERENCE ROOM		
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GRAND Opening: Friday, June 8 - IMMI-GRANT GIFTS TO AMERICA Series The third annual series, hosted by the Reher Center for Immigrant Culture & History, will take place at the historic bakery site, 99-101 Broadway, Kingston. This project includes a photographic exhibit with commentary about immigrant experiences, created by Kingston High School students; a film night on Tuesday, June 12; and panel discussion on Migratory Mourning Friday, June 15, facilitated by project coordinator Maria Elena Ferrer-Harrington. Visitwww.rehercenter.org; email: director.rehercenter@gmail.com; or call: 845-338-8131.

Thursday, September 6, 5-8pm, 22nd Annual FALL FOR ART

Our 22nd annual juried art show, sale & cocktail reception benefitting area charities & featuring 30 local artists. At The Chateau, 270 Boulevard, Route 32, Kingston, NY. Special Recipient: Ulster County SPCA. Sponsorships available, visit: www.fallforart.org; email: info@fallforart.org or call 845-338-8131.

Visit www.ucjf.org or Call 845-338-8131 for details.

# THE TOWNSMAN

Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall

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

Thrift Sale and Luncheon - Grahamsville UMC



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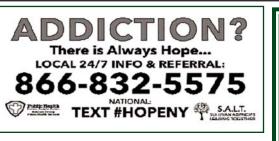
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# SUNDOWN COMMUNITY MILES AND MILES OF YARD SALES!

The 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sales will be held May 25, 26, 27 & 28. Keep watching *The Townsman* for details. A map and application form is on page 12 of this issue for those who wish to participate.

Just clip out the application – put a spot on the map where your Yard Sale will be held – then fill out the bottom portion of the form and either mail it or drop it in the Townsman Drop Box at the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

Like last year, there is no fee - just fun! We will be asking those who participate or anyone else who wishes, to donate a baked good item for the **Sundown Methodist Church's Bake Sale** that will be held on Saturday, May 26th at the Sundown Methodisth Church Hall when they will hold their **BIG Annual Yard Sale**.

If you are not planning on a Yard Sale, but have gently used items you would like to donate to the Sundown UMC's Yard Sale – please arrange to bring them he church hall by Tuesday, May 1st.





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THE TRIALS OF JESUS THE CHRIST 7:30 AM Solomon and Sheba (Epic, 1959) Epic tale of the Biblical king's seduction by a pagan queen. Dir: King Vidor Cast: Yul Brynner, Gina Lollobrigida, George Sanders.

10:00 AM **The Bible:** (Epic, 1966) John Huston narrates this dramatization of the Book of Genesis. **Dir: John Huston Cast: Michael Parks, Ulla Bergryd, Richard Harris.** 

1:00 PM **Ben-Hur** (Epic, 1959) While seeking revenge, a rebellious Israelite prince crosses paths with Jesus, The Christ. **Dir: William Wyler Cast: Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Haya Harareet.** 

5:00 PM King of Kings (Epic, 1961) Epic retelling of Christ's life and the effects of his teachings Dir: Nicholas Ray Cast: Jeffrey Hunter, Siobhan McKenna, Robert Ryan.

8:00 PM *Easter Parade* (Musical, 1948) When his partner leaves him, a vaudeville star trains an untried performer to take her place, finding love in the process. Dir: Charles Walters *Cast: Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Peter Lawford.* 

10:00 PM *Holiday Inn* (Musical, 1942) When he loses in love, a song-and-dance man retires from show business to run a country inn. Dir: Mark Sandrich Cast: *Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds.* 

Starting at 7:30 AM B/W/Color CC, TV-PG,

In *Easter Parade* 

1. Who played Hannah Brown?

2. Who played Don Hewes?

# What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood<sup>tm</sup>

# **SUNDOWN**

**April 7** - **Covered Dish Supper -** Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

Residents of Sundown – when you start your Spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside all those things you want to sell at this year's **2nd Annual Memorial Day Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**! Keep watching *The Townsman* for details.

**P.S.** Just in case you don't want to have a Yard Sale and are cleaning those closets and wonder what to do with all that 'stuff' – Sundown Methodist Church will be receiving gently used articles for their **BIG Annual Yard Sale** on Saturday, May 26. Articles will be received for the sale through now and up to May 1st.

# **GRAHAMSVILLE**

April 3 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** April 7- Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** from 9 am to noon

# **CLARYVILLE**

**All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** Sunday, April 15th. Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon (See Pg. 13 for details.

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