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Claryville Post Office Celebrates Grand Re-opening



Pictured from left to right are Postmaster Karen Gorr, Town of Denning Supervisor David Brooks, and USPS Westchester District Manager Richard Conte

On Friday, June 23 2017, The Claryville Post Office celebrated its grand re-opening after being relocated to the Town of Denning building for 3 years. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Town of Denning Supervisor Mr. David Brooks by Mr. Richard Conte, USPS Westchester District Manager.

The new Claryville Post Office is located at the Claryville Center next to Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe.

A Beach Party at the Fairgrounds!



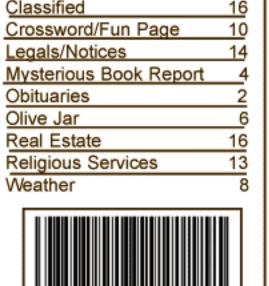
Last Tuesday night 53 Tri Valley School Students enjoyed the Swimming Beach Party at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Thunder in the Valley Pow Wow



Mary Lou Stapleton, coordinator of the event for many years engages in a conversation with Chris Hunsicker, who played several original flute pieces, including a song dedicated to the Catskill Mountains. Chris is an artist and resides in

Pennsylvania. This is is second year at the Pow Calendar of Events 15 Wow and he will be back! Classified 16 10 14





Luis Ramos from the Taino Tribe performed nouse culture with his people. Luis explained his Native through their This young Navaho brave per-American roots. It was his family that individual greeted Columbus when he arrived at awareness of Puerto Rico in 1493 on the island Columbus the gifts of first named San Juan Bautista, then nature and all changed it to Puerto Rico, 'rich port" when her beauty. they found gold in the river.

This year's Thunder in the Valley Pow Wow held at Big Indian Valley this past weekend brought Native

American tribes from all the Americas together, raising awareness that despite the years of warring in the past, these nations are now united sharing one Earth, one God, one consciousness while each preserves its own indige-

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formed the Crow Dance with members of different tribes that were from all over the Americas. Their message depicted in the dance was universal.

Car Cruise-in Delights SCACC Residents



On Thursday, June 29th, residents of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center delighted to another classic car "cruise-in," courtesy of the Catskill Regional Chapter of the Antique

This annual event, coordinated by the club's president Vicky Krauss, was thoroughly enjoyed by residents of the Center. About ten cars made the "cruise," and the car owners visited with the center's residents, sharing reminiscences about the "good old days." The Sullivan County Adult Care Center extends its gratitude to the AACA members for making this special event possible.

In the picture to the left, Geraldine Rundle takes in the sights at the annual Classic Car Cruise-in which was held at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center on June 29th.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And there came a voice out of the cloud saying, this is my beloved son, hear him. St. Luke 9:35

OBITUARIES

Michael Edward Ruef, a life-long resident of Hasbrouck, NY, departed this earth on July 1, 2017, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Known to many as "Mike the Mailman," Mike worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier until his retirement. Prior to that, he worked as a greens keeper for the Town of Fallsburg golf courses and on his family's dairy farm alongside his father and brother. Mike was drafted in the U.S. Army at age 21 and served stateside during the Vietnam Conflict in 1966. Upon his return, he, his sister Julia and their spouses established the Neversink River Campgrounds in 1969 on land they purchased from their father. The camp and familial farmland were sources of great pride for Mike, and the place he loved the most.

Mike was an avid hiker and scaled most, if not all, of the high peaks of the beautiful Catskill Mountains. A hike with Mike was always a day filled with laughter and joy. His Easter Sunday hikes were legendary, and each year upon reaching the summit, he would exclaim "this is my church!" Mike was an avid gardener, cultivating over an acre of vegetables each season, almost all of which he gave away to anyone who wanted them. He loved trees, planting over 1,000 in his lifetime. He was a kind and generous man who opened his heart and home to his friends, family and those in need.

Mike was predeceased by his mother, Alberta (Moritz) Ruef and father, Martin Ruef as well as his brother, Jacob Ruef. He is survived and will be missed dearly by his faithful "calendar dog," Bailey, his sons, Martin (Allison) Ruef and Daniel Ruef; companion Patricia Hyzer; stepchildren Michael Beiling, Patricia (Alex) Horvath and their families; Brian Hyzer and Eric (Jennifer) Hyzer; grandchildren Jared Nash, Elena Ruef and Abigail Ruef; sister Julia Dolgas and her companion James Dole; nieces and nephews James Ruef, Melissa Ruef, John (Rosana) Dolgas, Mark Dolgas and Heidi (Brendan) Pavese and their families. Mike is also survived by the many friends and campers who loved him dearly and will miss him immensely.

Mike's family would like to send their heartfelt thanks to the hospice workers who helped them and Mike during his time of need.

A service to celebrate Mike's life will be held on Diabetes research. Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at the Grahamsville Church-Grahamsville Reformed Cemetery, Rte. 55 in Grahamsville, NY, and officiated by the Reverand Paul Z. Ruter of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mike's memory to the Catskill Center, 43355 Rte 28, Arkville, NY 12406 or online at www.catskillcenter.org.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhomes.com .

Paul Demetry, a resident of Neversink, NY, passed away at his residence on Saturday July 1, 2017 at the age of 65. Paul was the son of the late John and Mary Liszak Demetry and was born on January 23, 1952 in Bronx, NY.

Paul was a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School where he still holds the record for the 100 yard dash. He graduated from Iona College. Paul had a passion for music and played the guitar. He was an avid sportsman, especially playing golf with his friends. Paul enjoyed spending time with friends and family and will be missed by them.

Survivors include his sister, Lorraine Petrocelli and her husband Frank of Liberty; brother, Robert Demetry of Warwick, NY; nieces and nephews, Lisa Petrocelli, Frank Petrocelli, Daniel Demetry, Jean Carrick and Sara Demetry; great-nephews Joseph and Benjamin Petrocelli and many longtime friends. In addition to his parents, Paul was predeceased by his loving canine companion, Snickers.

A Memorial Funeral Mass was held on Saturday July 15, 2017 at St. Peter's Church in Liberty, NY. Fr. William Scafidi officiated.

The Demetry family requests that memorial contributions in Paul's name be made to Sullivan County SPCA, PO 995, Rock Hill, NY 12775.

Funeral arrangements were by Ramsay's Funeral Homes Inc. Liberty, NY.

Anne M. Davis of Neversink, NY a lifelong Sullivan County resident passed away unexpectedly on Monday July 10, 2017 at Catskill Regional Medical Center at the age of 82. She was born on May 7, 1935 to the late Charles McGuire and Mary McCormick McGuire.

Anne was retired from Sullivan County Community College where she was a security guard. She was a collector of Indian Memorabilia and had a great love for her grandchildren. She was also a pet lover, especially her dogs.

She is survived by her husband, Maynard Davis, at home; sons, Howard Gildersleeve and his wife Karen of Neversink, NY and Michael Gildersleeve and his wife Karen of Sidney, NY; daughters, Carol Houghtaling and her husband, James of Willowemoc, NY and Olga Avery of Neversink, NY; grandchildren, Carrie, Elton, Dominick, Michael, Jonathan, Charity, Christie, Brandon, Anne Marie and Jordan and great-grandchildren, Cortney, Cierra, Jayson and Justin.

She was predeceased by a son, Patrick Gildersleeve and sisters, Margaret Baker and Katherine Edwards.

Cremation took place at Cedar Hill Crematory in Middle Hope, NY and interment of her cremains will be in Liberty Cemetery at a future date. Funeral arrangements were by Ramsay's Funeral Homes Inc. Liberty, NY

Karen Stemen was born on November 28, 1945 and passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017. Karen was a resident of Grahamsville, New York at the time of passing. Karen's family returned to her father's birth state of Wisconsin where Karen went to school and graduated from Custer High School in 1964. Family & friends are invited to gather on Thursday, July 27 from 11am-2pm at the VanInwegen-Kenny Funeral Home, 401 Broadway in Monticello with a memorial service starting at 1:30pm. Memorial contributions can be made to charities that benefit Lupus and

COLLEGE NEWS:

Christopher Bruce of Ellenville named to SUNY Oswego Deans' List

Christopher O. Bruce of Ellenville, a senior public relations major, earned Deans' List recognition at SUNY Oswego for spring 2017. He was among students who received a grade point average of 3.3 to 3.79. Oswego students receiving a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0 earn President's List recognition.

SUNY Oswego names area students to President's List

SUNY Oswego has named high-performing students from the area to the President's List for spring 2017 for earning grade point averages of 3.80 and above on the 4.00 scale.

Abigail Craft of Ellenville, a senior majoring in psychology

Marin Wenig of Ellenville, a senior majoring in human resource management

Katherine Zenteno of Ellenville, a senior majoring in broadcasting and mass communica-

Samantha Scott of Parksville, a senior majoring in childhood education

SUNY Oswego announces area graduates for spring 2017

Graduates from the area include:

Abigail Craft of Ellenville earned her degree in psychology

Braiden W. DeGraw of Hurleyville earned his degree in public justice (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of the following local residents who recently passed away: Paul M. Demetry, age 65 of Neversink, Michael Ruef, age 73 of Hasbrouck, Anne M. Davis, age 82 of Neversink and Karen L Stemen, age 71 of Grahamsville.

Congratulations to Matt Haynes, a teacher at Tri-Valley, and his new bride, Sarah Space, who were married on July 8th.

Congratulations to Joseph and Nick Quick of Grahamsville, who caught quite a large trout in the Rondout Reservoir last week.

Kudos to Cory McAbier, a Tri-Valley graduate, who earned the "Rookie of The Year" award from the NY School Bus Contractors Association at the annual NYS School Bus Safety Competition held at Rockland Lake State Park in Valley Cottage, NY. Cory also took 1st place in the category of Conventional Bus (type C). Corey works for Rolling V and drives a bus for the Tri-Valley School District. Way to go, Corey!!

Neversink Parks and Rec had a nice day for their community yard sale on July 8th. A lot of bargain hunters came to browse and shop.

Fathers and daughters all enjoyed the Girl Scout Father/Daughter Dinner held in Memorial Hall at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on July 9th. Thanks to all the moms who furnished covered dishes to pass.

Sullivan County Archers, the Sullivan Conservation Club and NY Bow Hunters held a 3-day youth archery camp in Monticello July 8 - 10. Local boys Vincent Mingo, Cole Terwilliger and Adam Furman took advantage of the opportunity and had a wonderful time. These future hunters learned many skills that should make them successful hunters. Thanks to all who helped to make this such a positive experience for the boys.

The Boy Scout Fish/Chicken and chips dinner will be held at the Neversink Fire hall on Saturday, September 30th. The Scouts will soon be selling tickets for this event. Fund—raisers such as this help to pay some of the cost for summer scout camp attendance.

It was nice to see several local families at the Forestburgh Theater's presentation of "The Little Mermaid". Again, another excellent stage presentation at Forestburgh!

Words of Wisdom: If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than many others, (author unknown)

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

July 17, 1957 - James H. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray of Grahamsville, and an Air Force ROTC cadet at Syracuse University, completed his junior year in advanced ROTC and is attending 4 weeks of summer training at Ethan Allen AFB, Vermont as part of his Reserve Officer training at college. Following his graduation from Syracuse, he will be eligible for appointment as second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. Cadet Gray is the grandson of Mrs. Andrew George of S. Hill and Mr. Will Gray of the Sundown Road.

Ice cream is now a household word,
it wasn't always so.
Ice cream was once a dish for kings, only
the rich could know.
They say old Nero sent his slaves
off to the hills for snow to make fruit
Honey in Rome so long ago.
Ice cream, the perfect dessert KUM TO KRUM'S

July 26, 1967 - On Sunday, July 23, the Class of 1952 held a reunion to celebrate the 15th anniversary of its graduation from Tri-Valley. The Class of 1952 was the first high school class to graduate from Tri-Valley School. The class members and their families enjoyed a chicken barbecue at the Aden Hunting Club. It was decided to have another reunion in 1972.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Brooks, 16 years on the 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNamara, 12 years on the 30th; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morton, 15 years on August 1st; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur TerBush, 10 years on the 4th.

August 4, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brenner of Pepacton Hollow Road and New York City, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Kelly Brenner, born July 29th. Paternal grandparents are David and Becky Brenner of Grahamsville. Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Frances Kelly of Brentwood, L.I.

July 23, 1987 - Dorothy and Paul Conklin are the proud parents of a son, John Paul, born on July 4, 1987 at Harris Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. John Paul was named after Dorothy's father, John McQuire and after his father, Paul Conklin.

Robert Worden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Worden of Neversink, graduated in May from Sullivan County Community College with a spring semester grade average of 3.33. He will attend SUNY at Stony Brook in September and major in Psychology.

SLAC Invites You to Their Monthly Meeting

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to our monthly meeting on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello.

Topic: Voter Fraud

Voter Suppression Voter Encouragement

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's proposals for New York State voting reform.

Speaker: Jennifer Wilson, Program Director of NY State League of Women Voters.

Happy 52nd Birthday to Medicare!

Updates on Threats to Social Security and Medicaid.

COME! Bring a friend and learn together and plan actions to strengthen Senior's and future Senior's protections.

SLAC, P.O. Box 303, Kiamesha Lake, NY 12751. Questions? Call 807-0241.

SLAC is affiliated with StateWide Senior Action Council, senior@org.com.

Call Sullivan Connects for questions on Long Term Care - 807-2057.

College News (From Pg. 2)

SUNY New Paltz 2017 Commencement

The State University of New York at New Paltz announces the conferral of more than 1,200 undergraduate degrees following the conclusion of the spring 2017 semester.

The College would like to congratulate the following area Class of 2017 graduates: Gabriel Berrian of Ellenville; Melissa Cavrell of Fallsburg; Khafifa Javed of Woodbourne; Mikaela Milk of Liberty; Elizabeth Pace of Napanoch; Paul Pritchard of Ellenville; Asiyah Rahman of Ellenville; Ivon Silva of Napanoch; Geneva Turner of Olivebridge; and Zakary Walizadeh of Liberty

Courtney Dromazos Earns Graduate Degree from SUNY New Paltz

Courtney Dromazos of Hurleyville, N.Y. was one of more than 200 SUNY New Paltz graduate students who earned advanced degrees and certificates during the spring 2017 semester. Congratulations!

Local residents named to Dean's List at RIT

The following local residents made the Dean's List for the 2017 spring semester at Rochester Institute of Technology:Emily Bockman of Hurleyville who is studying ASL-English interpretation; Mona Lin of Ellenville who is studying graphic design; Joseph Kleinberger of Parksville who is studying industrial engineering; Elizabeth Grese of Liberty who is studying international hospitality and service management; and Gan Lin of Ellenville who is studying new media design.

Congratulations to all

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.

The Lady Slipper

The lady slipper flower - also known as the moccasin flower is one of North America's own much respected wild native orchid. Lady's slipper orchids are in the genus Cypripedium in the Orchidaceae family. Cypripedium is derived from the Greek words "Cypris" an early reference in Greek myth to Aphrodite, and "pedilon" for sandal.

The lady slipper flower is a hardy perennial that is able to withstand the winters in the Catskills where they emerge and flower between late spring through July



when there is plentiful moisture and cool temperatures. They grow in a wide range of habitat types, but seem to prefer an association with conifers. They take many years to grow and develop from seed to mature plants relying on a process called symbiosis (mutually benefi-

cial relationship between different people or groups) to survive, which is typical of most orchid species. In this case a fungus found in the soil, is needed for the plant to grow and thrive. The fungus breaks open the lady slipper seed and attaches to it, passing on the food and nutrients needed for it to flourish. Once the lady slipper plant is mature and producing its own nutrients, the fungus will extract nutrients from the orchid roots.

The Pink Lady's Slipper is a herbaceous perennial with thick fibrous roots. It has two large, basal leaves; that seem to grow from the base of the plant, next to the ground. The leaves are strongly veined, elliptic in shape, about 4inches long and are thinly pubescent (have a thin covering of short hairs). They are a medium green in color and may have lighter colored spots. A single flower 10"-14" stalk arises from between the two leaves growing above the ground. Each stalk produces a solitary flower. The large, inflated lip of the flower (the slipper part) is usually dark pink in color, but the shade will vary. The sepals and petals surrounding the lip are usually reddish brown, but may be tinged with green. The sideways

pointing petals are twisted into a spiral.

Pollination in lady's slippers includes deception and entrapment! The flowers have little or no nectar to reward insects. Ttheir bright colors are attractive. The shape of the slipper part of the flower (the lip) encourages insects to crawl inside. They enter through the fissure in the front of the lip, then find that they cannot exit the way they entered. The inside of the lip is designed to guide the insect to the only exit, out the base of the lip, where it must pass by the flower's stigma, depositing any pollen the insect may have been carrying. Then as it leaves the opening in the lip it brushes past the anthers, collecting more pollen, which potentially will be carried to another lady's slipper of the same species. Once successfully pollinated, a capsule containing many thousands of tiny seeds will develop and ripen by late summer. The sides of the capsule then split open and the seeds are shed into the summer breeze. Successful pollination is not that common in most lady's slippers, however, when it occurs, seed production can be quite a drain on the plant. Often they fail to bloom in the year following the production of a seed pod, and may lie dormant below ground, not even putting up any leaves in the following year.

Once established, lady slipper plants will propagate on their own and live for many years if left undisturbed. Because a picked lady slipper will not rejuvenate itself, and the plant has a less than 5% transplant success rate, they are often considered "off limits" to pickers and diggers. Although regulations on picking or transplanting lady slipper plants vary from state to state, either practice is generally discouraged and it is illegal to pick or dig up lady slipper plants on Federal properties.

According to Native American folklore a young maiden ran barefoot in the snow in search of medicine to save her tribe. On the way back from her mission her feet became swollen and frozen. Not long after, beautiful lady slipper flowers grew along the path she walked, a reminder of her bravery.

It is not too late to find a coniferous woodland and

look for some pink-lady's slippers. Go on a warm, sunny day when the bumblebees are in flight, sit down next to a patch of lady's slippers, and wait. When a bee or some other pollinator shows up, watch carefully and enjoy the flowers and watch yet another of nature's astonishing grand schemes.

Household Hints

Trap fruit flies

Did you bring home fruit flies from the market? You can make traps for them that can be used anywhere around your house by filling an old jar about halfway with apple cider. Punch a few holes in the lid, screw it back on, and you're good to go.

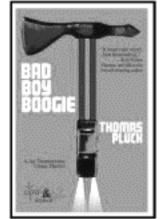
Bad Boy Boogie

Mysterious Book Report No. 296

by John Dwaine McKenna



For all of my adult life, New Jersey was a place I landed in and took off from at Newark International, rented a car and headed up the Garden State Parkway, bound for the family homestead in the Catskills. Jersey was a place overcrowded with traffic, bad roads and wretched, impatient, sue-happy drivers . . . somewhere I wanted to pass through as fast and expediently as possible. Then came *The Sopranos* on HBO, and years later, *Boardwalk Empire*, plus another network show about the Shore which showed the Garden State in a more entertaining fashion that softened my attitude and improved my feelings some. Now, comes a new novel that takes all that Jersey swagger and epic bad-assiveness to a whole new level . to the utter delight of every crime fiction lover who reads it.



Bad Boy Boogie, (Down and Out Books, PB, \$17.95, 334 pages, ISBN 978-1-943402-59-5) by Thomas Pluck, takes place in Nutley, just across the Hudson River from New York City, and begins when forty-something Jay Desmarteaux comes back to town after a twenty-five year jolt in the Jersey State Prison at Rahway for murdering a savage, psychopathic, vicious high school bully. Jay's come back to the scene of the crime to pick up the pieces of his life and extract a measure of revenge by living well, in the words of Okie, his mentor while in the penitentiary. Unfortunately for Jay however, the father of the boy he killed is now the Mayor, who burns with desire to extract a revenge . . . as does the Chief of Police and several of his officers. Now grown-up, they were the dead boys high school posse, and all of them want to inflict some pain on their old enemy, Jay Desmarteaux. Jay just wants to have a job, find his missing adoptive parents and tête-àtête with his old girlfriend, but she's married the rich kid who testified against him at the murder trial. As if that's not enough to deal with, there's an organized crime captain, who wants Jay gone, or dead. Maybe both. All Jay has left to fight with are his wits, a tomahawk his father carried in the Viet Nam war and the friendship of Tony, a bullied follower back in high school, now a bulked up gym rat and owner of an auto repair business catering to high-end performance cars. The task is near-impossible, the odds of Jay coming out alive slim, and the corruption bottomless in this electrifying piece of stylish and tough as tough can be, cutting edge noir. Bad Boy Boogie lives up to every aspect of its name and carries that theme through to the end. It's one awesomely entertaining summer read and Thomas Pluck is a writer we'll be on the lookout for from now on because his tough guy writing is so good and his characters are so bad!

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AARP Driver Safety Program

An AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: South Fallsburg Senior Center Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM. NO WALK-INS. To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASÉ CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP

Community Driver Safety Program

A Community Driver Safety Program Defensive Driving Class will be held at the Bethel Senior Center 3594 Route 55 Kauneonga Lake, New York on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 9:00AM-4:00PM (this allows one hour for lunch)

To register for a class contact Manny Safer, some additions to our services to the community have been added: Our telephone service is toll free and is answered by a live person Monday thru Friday from 9am to 6pm. After these hours and on weekends and holidays you can leave a voice message with your name and phone number for a call back.

This new voice mail service will also transcribe your message to our computer. The toll free number is (877) 910-7843. Pre-payment is requested in

order to confirm your spot in the class.

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in a one day session, which will consist of lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. This program will help reduce your auto insurance by 10% and may reduce up to four points on your license. The fee is \$25 per person over 50 years of age and \$35 per person under 50 years of age.

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A Community Driver Safety Program Defensive Driving Class will be held at 4895 State Route 52 Jeffersonville, New York on Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 9:00AM-4:00PM (this allows one hour for lunch)

To register for the class contact Manny Safer, some additions to our services to the community have been added: Our telephone service is toll free and is answered by a live person Monday thru Friday from 9am to 6pm. After these hours and on week-ends and holidays you can leave a voice message with your name and phone number for a call back. This new voice mail service will also

transcribe your message to our computer. The toll free number is (877) 910-7843. Pre-payment is requested in order to confirm your spot in the class.

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Sullivan County Prescription Drug **Take-Back Day Is Coming**

Sullivan County, NY - The Sullivan County Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force (a subcommittee of the Rural Health Network led by Sullivan County Public Health Services) is again partnering with local law enforcement agencies and Catholic Charities of Orange/Sullivan to announce another Drug Take Back Day to be held Saturday, July 22. Well over 500 pounds of unwanted prescription

medications have been collected over the past year as a result of numerous sponsored Take Back Days and the 24/7 availability of Drug Drop Boxes placed throughout the county. Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw indicates that Take Back Days continue to be a successful local public health initiative based on collaborative efforts of many agencies to combat drug abuse and to ensure our communities are safe through appropriate disposal of unwanted drugs and medications.

"We have not only made an impact on reducing the likelihood of prescription drugs falling into the wrong hands and being abused or sold on the streets but have improved access for residents for safe disposal sites. The environment is also being protected because people are not flushing them or throwing them in the garbage, which ends up in a landfill.

These medications are safely disposed of through a partnership with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office on County-sponsored Take Back Days, who transport the medications for incineration in Poughkeepsie. No questions are asked of those dropping off unwanted pills. They can be sealed in a plastic bag or in vials with labels removed or identifying information crossed out with a magic marker. No liquids or needles can be accepted.

Unwanted pills can be dropped off (one day only) on July 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Manor Pharmacy in Livingston Manor and at NYC DEP Police Precinct on Rt. 42 in Grahamsville. The permanent locations 24/7 are the Fallsburg, Liberty, and Monticello Police Stations. A fourth drop off location is available at the Dept. of Family Services in Liberty from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

The Sullivan County Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, a subcommittee of the Rural Health Network, meets regularly at Sullivan County Public Health Services to discuss ideas for prevention strategies and outreach events. For more information, please call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910 x2222.

Make the Pledge: "Yes, I'll Spend Ten!"

Everyone is always told to "buy local!" Now, a collective of seven farmers markets in Sullivan County are sharing ten reasons to do it - and giving out everything from free tote bags to bumpers stickers as a way to reward shoppers for their support. By combining feedback from 398 Catskills market

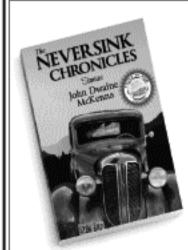
shoppers surveyed in 2016 with the latest research, the collective hopes that each person will find at least one reason to visit their local farmers market...and spend \$10. From making it easier to eat healthy (94% of market shoppers agree), to enjoying the chance to meet friendly farmers (92% of market shoppers agree), there are eight other powerful reasons to consider.

"From an economic standpoint, buying food directly from local producers keeps our dollars local. For example, farmers earn at least 90 cents on the dollar when they sell at farmers markets - but less than 17 cents when they sell to big grocery store chains. Why not keep more money in the Catskills, and help our hardworking farmers make a good living? Plus, studies show that when consumers buy local, 3.7x more money stays in the community - as opposed to a chain," said Melinda Meddaugh, Ag & Food Systems Program Leader for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sulfivan County.

Finding that a massive 98% of market shoppers believe that farmers markets are good for the local economy, the collective wants to turn belief into action by asking for each community member to pledge. To reward shoppers for their visit, the collective is giving away free tote bags, magnets, bumper stickers, jar openers and other fun prizes to anyone who makes a pledge There are 3 ways to make a

1. AT THE MARKET Shoppers can make their pledge, spend \$10, then get their free gift ONLINE www.homegrownwith

heart.com/spendten Shoppers can then pick up their gift at any market listed (Contd. Pg. 6)



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Pete Tosi Memorial Pool

Out little town is so fortunate to have this pool in Davis Park in West Shokan. So far the weather this year is "pool-worthy." Not only is the pool delightfully refreshing, but it gathers neighbors around its perimeter to chat, and read, and soak in the panorama of green mountains and blue skies. Even the late afternoon thunderheads seem to circle and bypass this pasis. So far

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There are the lap swimmers like Kate McGloughlin and the reader/dunkers like Carole Roberts. The kiddie L reverberates with "Marco Polo" shouts and splashes. Life guards are children of friends, and all is right in the world. Political and Economic discussions melt in the sunshine and are replaced by small talk and

polite conversation.

The pool did not come easily into being. Nothing new comes without the naysayers and the penny pinchers. The pool is named after Pete Tosi who sat wisely on the Town Board for many years and was an advocate for sports and children. The nickname "Pool Pete" cost him many votes of people who feared strangers might come and water trolls might send resident taxes sky high.

In 2003, the pool was dedicated to Pete Tosi.

Make the Pledge: "Yes, I'll Spend Ten!" (From Pg. 4)

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by "liking" the Spend Ten post. They can then tell the market manager they liked the post for their gift

"There's a common misconception that farmers markets are too expensive. Unfortunately, this is the number one reason shoppers avoid the markets. This campaign is a chance to prove that's not true! Plus, for those who receive SNAP/EBT/Food Stamps, the farmers markets in Liberty, Monticello, and Callicoon give shoppers \$4 for every \$10 they spend through the FreshConnect program. It's an amazing value and a win-win for Catskills farmers - and consumers," said Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw.

As National Farmers Market Week fast approaches (it kicks off August 7th), the collective is aiming to have hundreds of pledges to "Spend Ten" - to jump start peak produce season in the Catskills. To see the statistics for each of the ten reasons - and to make a pledge.

U.S. Climate Alliance, Co-Chaired by Governors Cuomo, Brown and Inslee, Releases Guiding Principles in Commitment to Uphold Paris Agreement

Colorado Joins U.S. Climate Alliance as Newest Member

14 Members Represent More Than 33 Percent of U.S. Population and \$7.16 Trillion in GDP

New Website Provides Updates on State Progress After U.S. Is Lone Holdout at

The United States Climate Alliance today announced the launch of a new website to inform Americans on state actions to address climate change after the U.S. was the lone holdout in affirming the Paris Agreement at the G20 Summit. The new website includes information about the composition of the Alliance, member commitments, and guiding principles, while providing updates on the progress members are making to meet or exceed the emission reductions targets of the Paris Agreement.

In response to the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., and Washington State Governor Jay Inslee formed the Alliance to convene states and territories committed to achieving the U.S. goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 26-28 percent from 2005 levels.

Today, the United States Climate Alliance includes 14 members representing more than 33 percent of the U.S. population and \$7.16 trillion in GDP. The members include California, Colorado, New York, Washington, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Puerto

Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

"As the federal government abdicates its responsibility and ignores basic science, states across the nation are picking up the mantle of climate leadership," said Governor Cuomo. "The U.S. Climate Alliance is committed to meeting the standards set forth in the Paris Agreement regardless of Washington's irresponsible actions. Together we are showing the world it's possible to protect our planet while also creating good-paying jobs and growing our economies. This new website will keep citizens updated on all the actions taken by the Alliance."

"While some bury their heads in the sand, this coalition of states is committed to taking responsible climate action and fulfilling the Paris Agreement,"

said Governor Brown.

"Since launching the Alliance last month we are proud to now be 14 members strong," said Governor Inslee. "We are ready to leverage our considerable collective authority to act on climate through policies related to clean energy, utilities, transportation and more."

The Alliance today released guiding principles for its members:

States are continuing to lead on climate change: Alliance states recognize that climate change presents a serious threat to the environment and our residents, communities, and economy.

State-level climate action is benefitting our economies and strengthening our communities: Alliance members are growing our clean energy economies and creating new jobs, while reducing air pollution, improving public health, and building

States are showing the nation and the world that ambitious climate action is achievable: Despite the U.S. federal government's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, Alliance members are committed to supporting the international agreement, and are pursuing aggressive climate action to make progress toward its goals.

The new website is available at www.usclimatealliance.org

Workforce Development Training Grants available through SUNY Sullivan

Loch Sheldrake, NY: Business owners interested in receiving funding to train their workers can apply to SUNY Sullivan for workforce development training grants. The SUNY Community College Workforce Development Training Grant Program is funded by the 2017/18 New York State budget and is administered by the State University of New York (SUNY).

According to Dr. Stephen Mitchell, SUNY Sullivan's Associate Vice President of Planning Human Resources and Facilities, the purpose of the program is to provide workforce training courses to businesses and organizations to promote and encourage the location and development of new business in the state, as well as to create and retain employment opportunities in the state and local communities. Specifically, the primary program priorities that will drive the selection process include the following:

o New employers requiring training for startup including START-UP NY companies.

o Employers locating to the state (or newly located to the state).

 Employers expanding their operations and/or creating new jobs.

 Employers that seek to improve productivity, efficiency, effectiveness and profitability as a result of the training.

 Employers where training is key to remaining in the state.

 Employers where training is essential to survival and job retention.
 Firms that are small and without assistance

would not be able to afford any training.

o Firms that show promise of increased sales, new products or new markets as a result of the training.

products, or new markets as a result of the training.
o Collaboration with other state, workforce or
community partners.

Clear links to the economic development objectives of the region (i.e. link to regional economic development council projects or initiatives).

Businesses or any size are encouraged to apply. The maximum training award is \$30,000, with a 25% cash and in-kind match required. Projects that are selected may begin on or after September 1, 2017 and must be completed by August 1, 2018. Dr. Mitchell noted that while funding of business-specific projects will be the priority, proposals for non-profit, non-state governmental organizations will also be considered.

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Businesses should contact Dr. Mitchell by July 21 in order to be considered for a grant. He can be reached by email at smitchell@sunysullivan.edu, or by phone at (845) 434-5750, ext. 4377.

With Lyme Disease Cases Increasing in Ulster County, Senator Gillibrand to Urge Trump Administration to Quickly Implement Her Lyme Disease Law

In 2015 alone, New York State reported 3,252 confirmed cases of Lyme disease to the CDC Gillibrand's Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act was signed into law at the end of 2016, but has not yet been implemented by the new Administration

Trump Administration's proposed budget would cut NIH funding by 22%, which could decrease critical Lyme disease research for prevention diagnosis and treatments

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Milton, NY - Monday, July 10, at 11:15 AM, U.S.
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand will visit the Cluett
Schantz Memorial Park in Ulster County to urge
the Trump Administration to implement herLyme
and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education,
and Research Act, which became law as a part of
the 21st Century Cures Act in December 2016.
This critical law will ensure federal coordination
on urgently needed research for prevention, diagnosis and treatments for Lyme and other tickborne diseases.

Lyme Disease is the most commonly reported vector-borne illness in the U.S., and New York is among the states most significantly affected by this disease. In 2015, New York reported 3,252 confirmed cases of Lyme disease to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, the CDC estimates that the actual number of diagnosed cases is as many as ten times the number of cases that states report to the CDC. The New York State Department of Health estimates that Ulster County had 514 cases of Lyme disease in 2015.

Gillibrand will be joined by Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Marlborough Town Supervisor Al Lanzetta, New York State Assemblyman Frank Skartados, Dr. Joshua Ginsburg, President, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, and Jill Auerbach, Chairperson, Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association.

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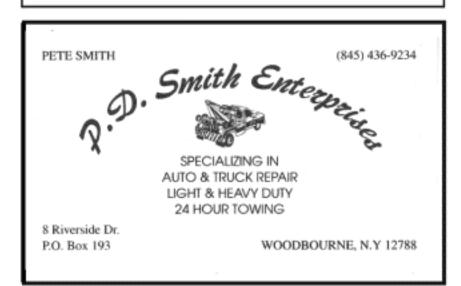
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mer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in Prosilio in the search to order your copy of Prosilio

SUNY Sullivan awarded \$1.4 million grant to help local high school students graduate, attend college and pursue a career (Loch Sheldrake, NY): SUNY Sullivan has been

awarded a \$1.4 million Liberty Partnerships Program grant from the New York Stated Education Department. The five-award will provide approximately \$281,000 per year to the college to serve 255 students annually from the Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello School Districts in the seventh through twelfth grades.

The grant, which begins September 1, will also partner with three community-based organizations: SALT (Sullivan Agencies Leading Together), Catholic Charities and the Hurleyville Maker's Lab. All partners will combine resources to increase high school graduation rates and promote college readiness and career development. Risk factors and red flags that signal a student's chance of not completing high school will be addressed.

"The college is extremely pleased to partner with the Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty school districts as well as our community-based organizations to help increase the success rates of our Sullivan County youth," said Jay Quaintance, SUNY Sullivan President. "Dropping out of high school impedes a student's attainment of a college degree, decreases the availability of a skilled workforce in our county, and prevents our residents from earning a livable wage.

"With Sullivan County poised for significant economic growth, SUNY Sullivan wants to make sure our residents have the necessary skills to secure good-paying jobs while at the same time ensuring that our county has the skilled workforce needed for business success and growth."

The partners will work together to evaluate stu-





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dents, prepare individual learning plans, organize students into appropriate tutoring and mentoring cohorts, and refer students who are experiencing academic or personal/emotional crisis to agencies, including Catholic Charities, that specialize in recovery and intervention.

Staff members funded by the grant will develop a customized learning program to help with each student's academic and personal success. Civic responsibility, leadership skills, and volunteerism will also be highlighted. Students will participate in service learning projects that will improve their communities, and they will help other students in the program.

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Mentorship, tutoring, as well as college and career readiness and study skills classes will also be incorporated, along with guest speakers and field trips. The program will be held throughout the school year, as well as during the summer months. Financial assistance for participating students who seek to attend SUNY Sullivan while in high school will also be provided.

"(w)RECK/LESS" Recent Work by Barbara Zweig at Alliance Gallery

"(w)RECK/LESS," an exhibit of recent work by Barbara Zweig, opens with a reception on Friday, August 4 from 7 to 9 pm at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through August 26.

"The camouflage pattern appeals to me as it is immediately recognizable and rich in associations." says Zweig, who has worked for years in fashion and costume production. "It is used as an attempt to conceal a human in nature. The works in this show are from an ongoing series that addresses our relationship to nature and the dominance that humans exert over it."

Zweig, who received a BFA from Andrews University in Michigan, works primarily in oil and canvas, along with a variety of mixed media. Her current paintings are on shaped canvases, many layered or built out with additional materials like nylon, sheer polyester, PVC canvas, or second layers of cut canvas.

"I am most interested in form, in overall shape, and in the image used, and how they work together," she says.

Zweig was born in Chicago, IL and currently lives and works in Northeast PA.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

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would be 'peek'. And in his language the word for beaver is 'amoo', with the plural being 'amoos''. Thus the name, Peeka-moose would translate to waters where beaver play and had nothing to do with a peeking moose!

Other legends and stories were told.

No one could leave the Pow Wow without feeling wiser and gaining a greater bond to the Earth and respect for one another.







Luis leads in a fun snake dance around the fire

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SCCO Announces Second Season

(Monticello) The Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra (SCCO) has announced the dates

of its second season. The performances will include three chamber music concerts and three full orchestra concerts. The first concert kicks off the SCCO Chamber Music Series. It's enti-"Sounds tled. Austria", with a piano, violin and bass trio. Works by Mendelssohn, Mozart and Schubert will be performed. The concert is August 26, 2017 at 3 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 15 St. John Street, Monticello, NY.

The remainder of the second season includes: "Dances and Serenades": September 9, 2017, Eugene D. 7:00pm Nesin Theatre for the John Street, Monticello, NY. September 10, 2017, 3:00pm, Reformed Presbyterian Church, White Lake,

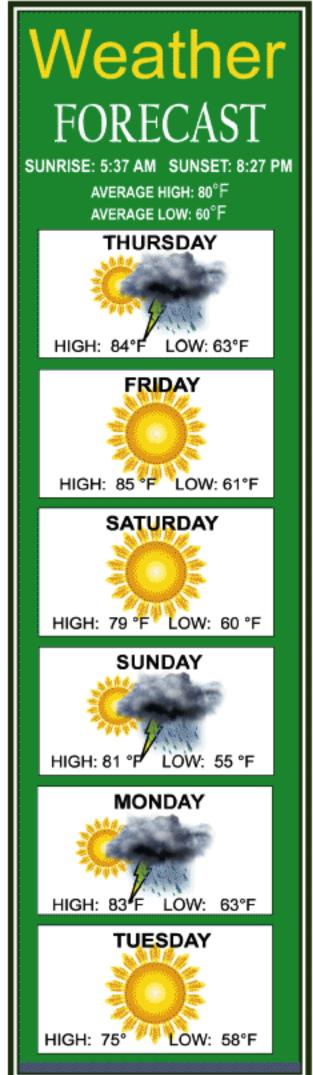
turalarts.org (Contd. Pg. 11)

Performing Arts, 22 St. Regional Medical Center in Harris on August 27th.

"Sounds of Russia" (Chamber Music Series): October 28, 2017, 7:00pm, Nesin Theatre, Monticello, NY. October 29, 2017, 3:00pm, Liberty Museum & Arts Center, 46 South Main St., Liberty, NY.

"Intrigue of the Masquerade": January 27, 2018, 7:00pm Nesin Theatre, Monticello. January 28, 2018, 3:00pm, St. James Episcopal Church, 7 Mountain View Drive, Callicoon, NY. "Sounds of the Americas" (Chamber Music Series): April 28, 2018, 7:00pm Nesin Theatre, Monticello April 29, 2018, 3:00pm, Grahamsville, NY (location to be

determined). "The Carnival's in Town": June 9, 2018, 7:00pm Nesin Theatre, Monticello. June 2018, Time: to be announced, Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. Individual tickets for the SCCO 2017-2018 Season are \$20. Seniors are \$18 and students are free. Purchase season tickets and save. Visit: www.nesinculturalarts.org or call (845) 798-9006. For questions contact Marina Lombardi at marina@nesincul-





Akiko Hosoi (violin) and Mariko Furukawa (piano) will perform "Sounds of Austria" on August 26th with Andrew Trombley on double bass. They will also entertain the Skilled Nursing Unit at Catskill

Israeli Teens to Attend Kidney Camp
Program in the United States

Three Israeli teenagers with kidney disease will be attending sleep-away camp at the Frost Valley YMCA in New York's Catskills Mountains this summer as part of The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation's kidney camp program. The foundation, based in Teaneck, N.J., has been sponsoring the program for forty-three years. More than 1,800 youngsters with kidney disease from the U.S. have attended the program since it began. This is the first summer the program will include kidney kids from another country. mer the program will include kidney kids from another country.



Pictured left to right: Dr. Lewis Reisman, pediatric nephrologist; Israeli campers Bar-Shalom, Aviv, and Stiven; Neomi Zanhendler, pediatric nephrology nurse; and Jerry Huncosky, Frost Valley CEO.

All three Israeli teens have received transplants and are medically stable. They will be traveling to the United States with the transplant nurse at Schneider Children's Medical Center in Peta Tikvah, a community outside of Tel Aviv. Dr. Lew Reisman, a pediatric nephrologist who lives in Israel and donates his time each summer to work in the camp's dialysis center, will greet them when they arrive and drive them to Frost Valley.

In addition to the Israeli teens, thirty other kidney kids from the northeastern United States will attend the program. They suffer from chronic kidney

disease, are on dialysis, or have received a transplant.

Frost Valley, the premier YMCA camp in the country, runs the program. It's located on 5,000 beautiful acres of woodlands that include a Take, streams, and hiking trails; sports fields and a new arts and crafts vil-lage offer a variety of additional activities. More than 4,400 kids will attend camp this summer. (Contd. Pg. 11)



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SCCO Announces Second Season

(From Pg. 8) In addition to the second season, SCCO will be taking its concerts on the road to provide music in residential facilities. On August 27, 2017, SCCO will be performing a concert for residents of the Skilled Nursing Unit at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, NY. This performance is made possible by a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Israeli Teens to Attend Kidney Camp
Program in the United States

(From Pg. 9) The Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York City
oversees the kidney campers' medical care. A pediatric nephrologist and several pediatric nephrology nurses are always on duty in the state-of-the-art
Ruth Gottscho Dialysis Center in the camp's wellness center.

The foundation's kidney camp program is the only one in the world that

The foundation's kidney camp program is the only one in the world that mainstreams kidney campers with the regular camp population. They live in cabins and participate in camp activities with healthy campers. During their two week stay, kidney campers receive the dialysis and/or medications they need at the dialysis center.

The Israeli kidney campers grew up in Israel but have different back-grounds. Stiven, 16, was born in Russia; Aviv, 17, was born in the U.S. to

Israeli-American parents; and

Bar-Shalom, 16, is an Israeli of North African descent. All experienced kidney failure when they were young and received transplants at the Schneider Center.

Dr. Reisman was born in Poland and grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from Brooklyn College just before his twenty-first birthday and became involved in the Jewish youth movement. Shortly after graduation, the Six-Day War began, and Reisman headed to Israel to volunteer. He spent the summer on a kibbutz and then attended The Hebrew University- Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem. While there, he met his wife, Dalia, who was

Hadassah Hospital's head nurse of pediatrics at the time.

For Reisman, having Israeli kids with kidney disease participate in the Gottscho kidney camp program has been a longtime dream of his. "At Frost Valley, the Israeli teens will experience the best that is America while assuring them continued quality medical supervision," he says. "The camp's a special place that fosters tolerance, acceptance, and love of fellow man. They'll meet a wide cross-section of American youth from various social and religious backgrounds."

Reisman also feels it will be a learning experience for the rest of the camp

population.
"The Israeli kids represent all that's good about Israel. American kids will have the opportunity to get to know Israeli youngsters, giving them a deeper understanding of a society that's always in the news."

Frost Valley has a history of inclusiveness that was begun with the kidney camp program in 1975. Through its Tokyo Partnership, a contingent of Japanese kids and staff travels to Frost Valley every summer, and counselors and other staff members hail from a number of countries. In addition, young-sters with developmental disabilities attend the camp's Mainstreaming at Camp (MAC) program. This summer for the first time, Frost Valley will also be welcoming several campers with hearing loss, the result of a new partnership with the Clark Schools for Hearing and Speech in Massachusetts.

The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation was established in memory of Ruth Gottscho, who died of kidney disease in 1960 at age 15. Her parents, Eva and Ira Gottscho, were determined to help others suffering from the same

disorder.

"Dialysis, which would have saved Ruth's life, was then in the experimental stage," said Ruth's sister, Judy Gottscho Eichinger, chair of the foundation. "But even when dialysis became available a few years later, it was expensive and, until Medicare began funding it in 1972, not many patients could afford it.'

One of the foundation's first programs was to buy more than 100 dialysis machines, lend them to patients, and train their families to perform home dialysis. When a patient no longer needed the machine - either because he or she had died or received a transplant - it was returned, refurbished, and lent

After Medicare began funding dialysis, the foundation turned to other services, including Israeli Kidney Campers helping low-income dialysis patients with the cost of medication and transportation to receive treatment. But the foundation's main focus was to help children with kidney disease experience summer camping.

"My sister always dreamed of going to sleep-away camp but couldn't because of her illness," said Eichinger. "She was very jealous when her

friends and I went away to camp."

Summer camp was important to her family, Eichinger said. Her parents

originally met as counselors at summer camp.

Beginning in 1972, Eva Gottscho began seeking a camp that would main-stream children with kidney disease into the regular camp program. (Ira Gottscho had died in 1971.) She approached several camps in New Jersey, but none was willing to start such a program.

"There were a number of programs that were devoted to particular illnesses, but a camp where children with kidney disease would share the same activities and living quarters with regular campers was unheard of," said Eichinger.

Gottscho then approached Frost Valley YMCA camp. "They were eager to do it. They have always reached out and done new things in camping,

In 1974, Frost Valley and The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation added a small dialysis unit to the camp's modest wellness center, and Einstein College of Medicine, associated with Montefiore Medical Center, oversaw construction to make sure it met required standards. Kidney campers began coming to Frost Valley in 1975.

Contributions to help fund the kidney camp program can be made online at www.gottschokidney.org, or mailed to The Ruth Gottscho Kidney Foundation, 515 Warwick Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666. The foundation is a

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Shandelee Music Festival Expands 24th Season to Six Concerts

It's an exciting year for the Shandelee Music Festival - their 24th season of

bringing world class music to the Sullivan Catskills.

The 2017 Sunset Concert Series begins on Saturday, August 5 with An Evening of Classical Jazz featuring the Fred Moyer Jazz Trio. The season continues Thursday, August 10 with An Evening of Chamber Music featuring the Verona Quartet, followed by An Evening of Guitar Duo on Saturday, August 12, with Duo Siqueira Lima. Another Evening of Chamber Music follows on Tuesday, August 15 with the Manhattan Chamber Players. The unique Rising Star Artist Concert takes place on Thursday, August 17 and features Ivan Vihor on solo piano. And ending the 2017 Sunset Concert Series is An Evening of Chamber Music with Borislay Strulev (cello) and Irina Nuzova (piano).

All performances in the Sunset Concert Series begin at 8 p.m. As in past years, all concerts will be followed by a specialty dessert reception. The comfortable, climate-controlled, Shandelee Music Festival Sunset Concert Pavilion is located at 442 J. Young Road, Livingston Manor. The grounds and the Pavilion are complete-

ly accessible to all.

Concert tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30.00 for Shandelee Music Festival members, and \$10.00 for students 17 and under. Advanced concert reservations are required by calling 845-439-3277. Additionally, Sunset Concert Series' subscriptions are available for a 10 percent discount. For more information, please visit www.shandelee.org.

About the Shandelee Music Festival: The Shandelee Music Festival encourages and promotes the careers of young, exceptional classical musicians through an annual series of summer concerts in New York's Catskill Mountains. Concert locations include SMF's own Sunset Concert Pavilion, Bethel Center for the Performing Arts Event Gallery, and public enrichment appearances in local schools and special care facilities. Founded in 1993, SMF operates as a private, not-forprofit corporation.

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Sky Productions in a performance of Shorts & Sweets on Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m. The program performed by Big Sky's Artistic Director, Carol Montana along with actress DeLois "Cookie" House, will include jokes and short stories on a variety of subjects. Please bring along a snack or dessert to share. Admission is free. The library is located at 128 Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro. Call 845-888-8004 for more information.



Cookie House

Sullivan County Debuts Addiction/Mental Health Info Line



Monticello, NY - Taking another significant step towards improving Sullivan County's health, Public Health Director Nancy McGraw joined local, regional and state officials Friday in unveiling a new information line for those seeking referrals to addiction and mental health resources and professionals: 866-832-5575.

"In collaboration with Sullivan Agencies Leading Together (S.A.L.T.) and with funds from New York State, Sullivan County Public Health Services continues to do all that we can to be there for those who need us when they need us," McGraw affirmed. "We want to get the message out there that yes, we have very alarming overdose rates in the County, but there is hope, and this is one way to stop the stigma and help people find the resources they need."

The billboard itself is located along Route 42 in Kiamesha Lake, a heavily traveled corridor just north of Monticello. Two smaller versions are now on display at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello and Public Health Services in Liberty. The County also is printing handheld

and wallet-size copies for easy distribution.

It should be noted this is not an emergency services number. People with life-threatening issues should dial 911. But both 866-832-5575 and #HopeNY will put callers and texters in touch with real people willing and ready to assist them, 24/7, in determining how best to access the places and programs which serve those struggling with addiction and mental health concerns.

If you have a problem or a member of your family has a problem, call this number," NYS Senator John Bonacic remarked. "This is a guide. They will tell you where you can go, what treatment you can have, if you have insurance, the inpatient/outpatient services you can access. Please call - there is help out there!"

S.A.L.T member Catholic Charities, which operates the Recovery Center in Monticello, is one of the agencies that will staff the help line when Public Health Services is closed.

"It's an honor for us to serve. It's important for us to recognize and identify the times in our lives when we really do feel kind of hopeless," explained Martin Colavito, Director of Prevention and Adolescent Services at Catholic Charities. "And everybody in this room is part of that solution."

"Together, we are committed to ensuring that members of our community can get the help they need," agreed Angelica Marrero, representing Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. "There

"I think that's the part we want to let folks know: there is hope, and people recover," Sullivan County Health & Family Services Commissioner Joseph Todora acknowledged. "I believe in recovery. I see it working on a regular basis. Their lives are pretty good, they're holding a job, they're out in our communities. So when we tell you that there is hope, there are examples around

District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy deeply touched listeners with a searingly personal account

of his struggle with addiction starting at age 15. He urged people to reach out, to not be afraid of any stigma, and to start a new chapter like he did.

"I sought help on December 15, 1985. There were no numbers to call where I grew up, but I knew a fellow to call," he poignantly related. "And I just want to reach out to anyone who's suffering themselves to let you know that there are people all around you, people that you don't even know, that are in recovery - they've been through it, they know about it, they understand it, and they

The opioid epidemic has certainly not spared Sullivan County. Health and law enforcement offi-

cials are keenly aware of this and are taking action to address the issue on all sides.

"The U.S. is 5% of the world's population, and we consume 99% of the world's hydrocodone supply," District Attorney James Farrell somberly noted to shocked listeners. "We have to tell our children that these drugs are dangerous, that they can kill you. So what are we doing? We're trying to get people before they become addicted, to educate our youth, to make them aware, before it starts.

"We need to take measures at the federal level to stop the mixed signals that we're sending to our children. The U.S. is one of only two countries in the world that allows direct advertising of pharmaceutical products to the public," said District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, who recently led his colleagues in launching a lawsuit to stop drug companies from engaging in irresponsible advertising. "It's time now to end that epidemic of planting a seed in our children's minds that the only solution to their issues is a 'magic pill."

"This billboard says, 'This county is doing something about it," Deputy Sullivan County Manager Daniel Depew stated. "As County Manager Josh Potosek has said, Sullivan County has declared war on anything that has a negative impact on our health, and we are going to make sure everything we do addresses those issues first, so we can become a pinnacle, an example - not of

where we were, but where we're going.

"As chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee," remarked District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz after the unveiling, "I'm proud of our staff, especially Public Health, and I'm grateful to all the involved agencies which unified to make this possible for the benefit of our residents. We are moving forward in a positive direction."

For more information and copies of the handheld/wallet-size versions of the billboard, Public Health Services welcomes calls to 845-292-5910 during regular business hours

Governor Cuomo Directs Flags to Half-staff
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directed that flags on all state government buildings be flown at half-staff on Monday, July 17 to honor the 16 members of the armed services killed when an aircraft assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 452 crashed in Mississippi on July 10. The Marine Corps Reserve unit is based at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, and nine of the Marine Reservists on board were members of

VMGR-452. "On behalf of all New Yorkers, I extend my deepest condolences to the families of the 15 Marines and the Navy sailor who tragically died in a military plane crash earlier this week in Mississippi," said Governor Cuomo. "These service members, many of whom were based out of Stewart Air National Guard Base, answered the call to serve this nation and defend its ideals. I share in the pain and the heartbreak caused by the deaths of these brave service members and urge everyone to keep them and their loved ones in your prayers during this difficult and trying time."

Members of VMGR-452 killed in the crash were: Major Caine M. Goyette; Capt. Sean Elliot; Gunnery Sgt. Mark A. Hopkins; Gunnery Sgt. Brendan C. Johnson; Staff Sgt. Joshua M. Snowden; Sgt. Julian M. Kevianne; Sgt. Owen J. Lennon; Corporal Daniel I. Baldassare Corporal Collin J. Schaaff

Six Marines and a Navy Petty Officer assigned to the 2nd Raider Battalion, Special Operations Command, were also killed in the crash.

Governor Cuomo Announces Approval of 154 Smart Schools Investment Plans, Totaling \$103.2 Million - Closes the "Digital Divide" and Increases access to Technology and High-Speed Broadband in Hundreds of Schools across New York

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced approval of 154 Smart Schools Investment Plans aimed at reimagining teaching and learning for the 21st century. The approved plans, totaling \$103.2 million, are part of the \$2 billion Smart Schools Bond Act - a sweeping education technology initiative first proposed by the Governor and overwhelmingly approved by voters. The investments authorized today will modernize classrooms across New York and equip students with the skills they need to thrive in the global economy.

"By investing in modern technology for classrooms across the state, we expand educational opportunity, increase student engagement, boost achievement, and close the digital divide," Governor Cuomo said. "This funding equips students with the skills and technology they need to succeed in the modern economy and build a

stronger New York for all."

The Smart Schools Review Board met today for the fifth time to consider investment plans submitted by school districts. The Board is comprised of the Director of the Budget, the Chancellor of the State University of New York, and the Commissioner of the State Education Department.

The plans approved today were submitted by 136 school districts and 8 special education schools. Projects include \$43.3 million for school connectivity projects, \$40.6 million for classroom technology purchases, \$15.6 mil lion for high-tech security projects, and \$3.7 million to construct prekindergarten classrooms and to replace transportable classrooms.

In 2014, Governor Cuomo called for New York State to invest \$2 billion in its schools through a Smart Schools Bond Act - an initiative that would finance educational technology and infrastructure, providing students access to the latest technology and connectivity needed to succeed and compete in the 21st century economy. New Yorkers agreed, as the voters authorized the Smart Schools Bond Act that November.

Following the proposal of the Bond Act, Governor Cuomo established the Smart Schools Commission to gather information on strategies for how schools can most effectively invest the bond funds. This advisory commission produced a final report recommending a focus on expanding robust broadband and wireless connectivity and utilizing transformative technologies. The plans approved today by the Smart Schools Review Board reflect many of the best practices identified by the Commission.

State Budget Director Robert F. Mujica said, "The Smart Schools program is revolutionizing classrooms in New York and the plans approved today will advance learning, ensure connectivity, and position students for success in the economy of tomorrow."

State Education Department Commissioner MaryEllen Elia said, "We are making sure that our schools have the right technological tools and capacity to connect students with the world to help prepare those children for the future? whether that's in college or the work force. Districts are making ma jor investments in school connectivity, school security, and in individual devices that will allow students to expand their knowledge, to practice skills where they need additional help, and to learn how to

communicate and share their knowledge with others." SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher said, "Our students are better served when advances in technology, resources, and tools get in the hands of our teachers. The governor's ongoing investment in Smart Schools does just that, and more students continue to benefit. The financial support provided today will boost our students' abilities to succeed in the classroom, in their future

careers, and in life."

Sundown Community from Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

If you are a Tri-Valley resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the "Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" listing that will be published in the July 26th issue of The Townsman send us the exact location including street address and zip code where you are having your yard sale. Fill out this form and return it to: The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740; drop it in The Townsman 'Drop Box" on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building, or send us an email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com We must receive your information by Friday, July 21, 2017 in order to be included in the listing. There is no charge to list your yard sale.

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P.S. The next Sundown Community Miles & Miles of Yard Sales will be held over Labor Day Weekend.

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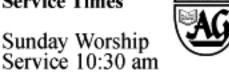


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Federation Takeout Southern Style BBQ Dinner to Raise Funds for Oven

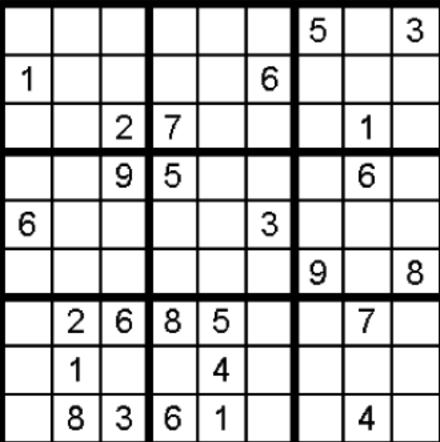
The Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless is hosting a takeout Southern Style BBQ chicken dinner with all the fixings on Friday, July 28th from 4-7pm at the Federation's 9 Monticello St location in Monticello. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. The purpose of the dinner is to raise funds to replace their oven.

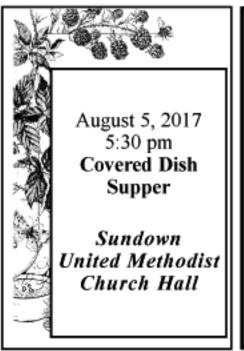
According to director Kathy Kreiter, the Federation provides service to any and all Sullivan County residents in need. "In addition to the homeless population, many of our senior citizens and others on fixed incomes are among the folks we see here on a daily basis." Kreiter notes. "Unfortunately, we have been without an oven for over three months. We have been cooking everything on top of the stove. Preparing over one hundred meals a day like this has been extremely challenging."

Sponsors for the dinner include Murray's Chicken, Walmart, The Farmer's Market, Shoprite of Monticello and Zakarin & Sons. Anyone bringing food donations will be entered for a special door prize raffle. In addition to the aforementioned programs, they also operate several housing programs and a food pantry exclusively for Veterans. For more information on the dinner, or Federation services,

please call Kathy or Esther at (845) 794-2604









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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

Tri-Valley Central School District Seeks Candidates for Appointment to School Board Vacancy

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education is seeking applicants to fill a Board seat left vacant by the resignation of Ms. Lori Schmitz effective June 30, 2017. The individual appointed by the Board will serve until the next annual election, which is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest explaining why they wish to temporarily fill the open seat, noting relevant qualifications as appropriate. The Board will accept letters of interest to fill the Board position until 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2017. Your letter of interest and accompanying information should be mailed or returned to: Tri-Valley Central School District, Attn: District Clerk, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740.

The Board will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the full Board of Education for approval to fill the vacancy at a meeting in August. Pursuant to State Law, to be eligible to serve you must be: 1) a citizen of the United States; 2) 18 years of age or older; 3) a legal resident of the school district for one year prior to appointment, and 4) able to read and write.

Applicants cannot be a current employee of the Tri-Valley Central School District, may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, and cannot have a member of the same household currently serving on the Tri-Valley Central School District School Board.

Thank you for your interest.

Keith Edwards, President
Tri-Valley Central School District
Board of Education 7/6; 7/13; 7/20

Tri-Valley Central School District Seeks Candidates for Appointment to School Board Vacancy

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education is seeking applicants to fill a Board seat left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Keith Edwards effective July 5, 2017. The individual appointed by the Board will serve until the next annual election, which is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest explaining why they wish to temporarily fill the open seat, noting relevant qualifications as appropriate. The Board will accept letters of interest to fill the Board position until 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2017. Your letter of interest and accompanying information should be mailed or returned to: Tri-Valley Central School District, Attn: District Clerk, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740.

The Board will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the full Board of Education for approval to fill the vacancy at a meeting in August. Pursuant to State Law, to be eligible to serve you must be: 1) a citizen of the United States; 2) 18 years of age or older; 3) a legal resident of the school district for one year prior to appointment, and 4) able to read and write.

Applicants cannot be a current employee of the Tri-Valley Central School District, may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, and cannot have a member of the same household currently serving on the Tri-Valley Central School District School Board.

7/13; 7/20

Thank you for your interest.

Patrick Kelly, President Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Neversink Chamber of Commerce July 14 Meeting Canceled

Please note: Due to the library being scheduled with other events and numerous members away on vacation, we will **NOT** be having a meeting July 24th and will meet next on August 28that 7:00pm at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Major Show, Lavern Kelley, Farmer Artist: A Retrospective on view through July 30

Livingston Manor, NY-The Catskill Art Society is hosting a major retrospective of works by the late Lavern Kelley, self-taught farmer artist from the Oneonta area, now on view at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, through July 30. Kelley is a nationally recognized folk artist whose carvings are in the collections of The Smithsonian's American Art Museum, the Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, and Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, as well as in many private collections. He is especially known for his iconic sculptures of trucks, which in his lifetime literally replaced horsepower. The exhibition also features a large number of drawings of agricultural activities that Kelley made between 1944 and 1952; carved figures, of farm people, baseball players, women, and other powerful figures; and artfully composed photographs of his carved trucks, positioned outdoors in such a way as to appear to be full-scale actual vehicles.

The exhibition curator, Sydney L. Waller, and Patterson Sims, another Lavern Kelley devotee, wrote about Kelley's work in a 52-page publication co-produced with and now available at the CAS, Livingston Manor, and The Art Garage, Cooperstown. The publication, Lavern Kelley: Farmer Artist, includes many illustrations of trucks and drawings, essays by Sims and Ms Waller, and 15 pages of delightful excerpts from Mr. Kelley's unpublished memoir. Many of the works of art can be purchased at CAS. CAS will also offer rural life notecards based on Kelley's drawings, and reproductions of some of his photographs that include the artist's carefully written narrative about the artwork featured in the photograph, along with related comments.

In addition to presenting the most extensive display to date of Kelley trucks and tractors-more than 50 are on display— the exhibition features a number Kelley's remarkable 'trompe l'oeil' composed photographs, with hand-written narratives; and drawings that depict farming and trucking activities of the 1940s and early 1950s, created during that time period, many exhibited for the first time. In these twosided works on paper Kelley recorded the newest farming practices of the day, now considered old fashioned.

"Kelley never intended to make a living as an artist," noted the CAS board president, David Barnes. "He probably never could have explained why he picked up a pocketknife and began carving and recreating the life he saw around him at the family farm in Oneonta, NY; he just felt compelled to do it." He noted that Lavern Kelley's sculptures of trucks and farm equipment, and his drawings, are a time capsule of farm life in rural New York in the first half of the 20th century.

The exhibition includes a farmstead Kelley created in the 1980s, that features a "toy" red barn with sliding doors, a farmhouse with green shutters, a semi-autobiographical portrait of a boy feeding hogs, authentically carved Holsteins and vintage tractors, and even a team of horses pulling a log wagon, all carved with a penknife.

His sculptures, one on loan from Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, and one, a proud farmer with his Holstein, on loan from the Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College, and many other rural life figures, connect Kelley to a larger

American Regionalism arts movement, according to Robyn Almquist, Interim Co-Executive Director. She also noted that although Kelley had probably never heard of Thomas Hart Benton, or Grant Wood, or the other well-known artists of his time, like them he depicted the life of the American worker and farmer.

Exhibition curator, Sydney L. Waller, first "dis-

covered" Kelley in the 1980s, when running a nonprofit arts center. With her co-director Ann Gourlay Gabler, she helped catapult him out of relative obscurity into well-deserved recognition for his remarkable body of work that he had been creating since he was a child. His father actively discouraged his artistic impulses as he needed Kelley and his brother to work long hours on the family farm to help make ends meet. Waller represents the Lavern Kelley estate. She is the founder and director of The Art Garage, Cooperstown, NY.

Lavern Kelley: Farmer Artist/A Retrospective is on view during regular gallery hours, Thursdays -Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Monday's 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible. Admission is free.

Sullivan County revenue climbed in 2016; 2017 trending similarly Monticello, NY

Sullivan County officials were given good news today by independent auditors: County Government's fiscal health is better than it's been in years. Auditor Matt Montalbo of the auditing firm of Drescher & Malecki called it a "favorable operation in 2016" while delivering his and colleague Carl Widmer's report to legislators this morning in the Management & Budget Committee. "It has been a very positive year financially," agreed County Treasurer Nancy Buck, whose staff worked closely with the auditing firm to ensure accurate figures. According to Montalbo, Sullivan County ended 2016 with \$9.4 million more in revenue than in 2015. Two one-time payments added millions to County coffers in 2016: \$8.2 million from a refinancing of the County's Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation bonds, and \$2.5 million from the statemandated licensing fee for the Resorts World Catskills casino. However, even without those revenues, County Government's income still increased by \$6 million, or about 5%. And while expenses rose by \$11 million in 2016, the total \$167 million in expenditures was outpaced by a total \$176 million in revenues, according to Montalbo's report. He also noted that the County paid its entire retirement obligation in 2016, rather than amortizing it as in past years.

After five years of essentially flat income but everclimbing expenses, County officials welcomed the news. "We are happy to say there was no need to borrow funds this past year," Buck remarked. "In fact, we paid off all our Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) with the refinanced Tobacco funds, and we are on track not to have to issue any Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) this year. My staff and I are nevertheless keeping a careful eye on cash flow, and I can promise taxpayers we will not become complacent amidst better financial times."

"These numbers are both gratifying and impressive," noted County Manager Josh Potosek. "They demonstrate our ongoing conservative approach to budgeting, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used only where and when necessary. While the numbers continue to look good for 2017, I and the Management & Budget staff are maintaining that fiscally responsible approach for the future."

"I thank Josh, Nancy and every member of the County's workforce who helped us ultimately claim this true achievement," said Legislator Scott Samuelson, who chairs the Management & Budget Committee. "They work hard every day to carefully handle the money we entrust to them, and to see us once again with a healthy fund balance – while on the cusp of a new era of development and tourism in Sullivan County – is cause for great excitement and optimism."

"This news is very good," acknowledged Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez. "It's a reflection of this Legislature's mandate to 'mind the store,' and taxpayers should take heart that we take the business of their government seriously. That means that even with this welcome infusion of revenues amidst an improving economy, we will continue to ensure those monies are appropriately spent." The good news continues into 2017, as well, with Buck reporting today that sales tax revenues for the first half of 2017 are nearly \$700,000 higher than this time last year. Mortgage and room taxes are also up over 2016, and the opening of a variety of new businesses large and small in Sullivan County over the next year promises to increase revenues, tourism and the quality of life for the County and its municipalities. Attached graphic caption: Revenues for Sullivan County have been trending higher than expenses since 2014, and that trend is accelerating.



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Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge

Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

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

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each

month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

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Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm

7/24/17 There will be **NO MEETING** of the **Neversink Chamber of Commerce in July** Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale (9am -12:30pm) and Luncheon (11 am-1 pm) 7/25/17

7/29/27 Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ

7/29-30/17 Blue Hole to Blue Hill Miles & Miles of Yard Sale -Sign up by Friday if you want to be included. See pg 13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall 8/1/17

8/2/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

8/3/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm Budget Preparation 8/5/17 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm 8/8/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall

8/9/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm

8/10/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall

8/15/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

8/16/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm 8/19/17

Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon 8/20/17 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7am-Noon 8/21/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse

Save the Date!

Neversink Farmers' Market - Open Every Saturday - 10 am - 2 pm at the Neversink General Store Saturday, July 29 - Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ

Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft and Vendor Fair—Sat., August 26th 2017 (vendors wanted)

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 Daniel Pierce Library Giant Pumpkin Parade and Party

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

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Unless otherwise noted, all <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</u> preceding the second Tuesday.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Things to do and Upcoming Events

7/19/17- Lot 14 Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

7/23/17 - 10 am - 4 pm Narrowsburg's 27th annual Riverfest, a free event presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

7/26/17- Mickey Barnett Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

7/29/27 -Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ -10 am-5 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds Free admission 7/29 & 7/30/2017 - Blue Hole to Blue Hill Miles and Miles of Yard Sale -Tri-Valley area -See 7/26 issue for details

8/2/17 -Take Trio - Napanoch concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)

8/2/17- Papa J& Mo' Soul w/Jason Rosen Rock Hil Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

8/5/17- 10:00-2:00 pm TROUT TOWN PROUD Craft Fair/Duck Race 3:00 pm in Riverside Park.

8/5/17 Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club Chicken BBQ, Sherman Rd., 1 - 4 pm Call 845-647-5190. \$10 pp

8/9/17 Crossing Hudson-Napanoch concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)

8/9/17- Evolver Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

8/167/17 Soul City-Napanoch concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)

8/16/17 - Jazzmosis Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

7/21-8/13/17 Shado wland Stages continues its 33rd season with "The Foreigner," a comedy by Larry Shu 8/5/17 Walker Valley -Valley-wide yard sale on August 5, 2017 kellipalinkas@yahoo.com for info

8/18- 8/20/17 The 138th Grahamsville Little World's Fair -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

8/23/17 - Break Away-Napanoch concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion)

8/23/17 - Breakneck Annie Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

8/26/17 Sundown UMC Annual Chicken BBQ - 4 pm - 7 pm

8/26/17 Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Claryville Firehouse

8/30/17 Rivers Edge-Napanoch concert Series 6-7:30 pm Senior Center Napanoch (Rain: Elks Club Pavillion) 8/30/17 - Slam Allen Rock Hill Summer Concert Series 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive

Time and the Valleys Museum located on Rt. 55 (Mains St.) in Grahamsville is open through Labor Day. Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. Current exhibitions: Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactivities such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more: Tunnels. Toil and Trouble:

New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel; and Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The Neversink Renaissance Barn Quilt Tour is available anytime Brochures with a map for each Barn Quilt tour are available at the Sundown Camp & Bait Shop, Grahamsville Deli, the Neversink General Store, the Blue Hill Lodge and Neversink and Denning Town Hall).

Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm get fresh produce and more at the Neversink Farmer's Market on

Rt. 55 in Neversink (parking lot of Neversink General Store).

The Claryville Art Center is now showing the creations of artist John Bradford and world famous artist Alex Kaletsky; The Claryville Art Center is right next to the Blue Hill Lodge that is opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy good food and a refreshing cold beer with your meal or a relaxing glass of wine.

There is plenty to do in Tri-Valley. If you are a resident, and haven't visited the Time and The Valleys Museum, The Claryville Art Center, or attended any of the annual events, this is the time to do it!

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The "Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" will be held Sat., July 29 & Sun., July 30



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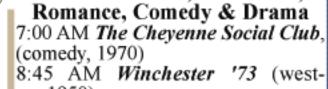
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8:00 PM The Barefoot Contessa, (drama, 1954) 10:30 PM The Night of the Iguana, (drama, 1964) 12:45 AM Knights of the Round Table (romance,

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August 26 - Annual Chicken BBQ 4-7 pm Call John 985-7065 or Louise 985-2028 for tickets.

GRAHAMSVILLE July 15 -Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon

August 19 -Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** (9am -12:30pm) and **Luncheon** (11 am-1 pm)

<u>NEVERSINK</u>

Neversink Farmers' Market every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Route 55, Neversink, NY (Neversink General Store parking lot)

<u>CLARYVILLE</u>

John Bradford American Tales Exhibition at the Claryville Art Center, 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. The exhibit will be on view through August 14th.

August 20 - All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast at Claryville Firehouse - 7 am to Noon

Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair All Vendors are wanted! Saturday August 26th 2017 Rain or Shine 10 AM - 4 PM For more information or to register, please con-845-985-2943; Jennifer jmpisan12@gmail.com or Jean 845-985-7479. Payments and registration need to be submitted by August 4st.

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