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# SC Students Engage in Intense Competition On Thursday, May 30, 2019, teenagers from around Sullivan



Coach Mr. Matthew Haynes, Samantha Morgan, Lorna Bragg, Jasmine Irwin, and Robert Denman

# Memorial Day in Washington, DC



Charlie shares a very personal and emotion moment with one of the many riders he connected with.

was supposed to be the last – the 32nd Memorial Day Rolling Thunder ride in our nation's capital. Over one-million motorcycles were in the ride to support the return of all POW's and those missing in action.

(Grahamsville). (Contd. Pg.

County gathered at the Daniel Pierce Library to engage in an extremely competitive tournament. These students used facts and author names to answer questions in a quiz bowl style competition, The Battle of the Books. The four teams represented three public libraries: Ethelbert B. Crawford (Monticello) (who had two teams), Mamakating, and Daniel Pierce

On Memorial Day they attended the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Charlie and Iris brought back memories that they will cherish for the rest of their lives

The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will be in Rock Hill September 12-14.

#### WOW! Water on Water, at the Time and the Valleys Museum Sixteen local and award-winning watercolor



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artists share their favorite views, why the scenes are important to them and how, as artists, they interpret what they see. Among the artists whose work is included in this exhibit is Richard Price. His work has won awards in many national and regional exhibitions in the US and his paintings are in private and corpo-rate collections in the US, Canada, Japan and Europe. (Contd. Pg. 11)



Assemblywoman Gunther with one of the award-winning team members eighth grader Christos Vernezos

# **Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators**



Outstanding Friends to Education Award: Colleen Monaghan, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County; Kevin Callagy, Livingston Manor and Roscoe CSD; James Guara, Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation Department; Donna Bright, Sullivan BOCES; Jamie Dymond Brooks, Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department; Heather Bonnell, Eldred CSD; Patti DeVantier, Roscoe CSD; and Trevor Peachy, Sullivan West CSD (SueAnne Boyd, Cornell Cooperative Extension; and Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, Catskill Veterinary Services. (Contd. Pg. 8)

# Neversink Now Part of the Sullivan County Dove Trail



Neversink Supervisor Chris Mathews addressing the attendees at last week's unveiling



Above: Commissioned local artist Margaret Helthaler embellished upon the Town of Neversink's Barn Quilt theme when designing and painting the town's iconic Woodstock Dove is recognized at the unveiling. On the left: Nicole Gorr shares a 'Polaroid moment'by the Dove at the Town of Neversink's Bi-Centennial Park..

Recently noted by Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez regarding the Doves, "They will be a visible reminder of our legacy, our hopes, our dreams and our future.'

# Aileen Gunther and the Fallsburg Robotics Team Share a Special Moment

On May 23, 2019 Coach Don Thomas and 16 Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Robotics Team members were focused on setting up the school cafeteria with a battlefield to demonstrate the kind of competition they had just experienced in the World Competitions in Kentucky. Soon NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Legislative Aide Debbie Levine arrived with Superintendent Dr Ivan Katz to meet everyone. Also, on hand was Ms. Veronica Bitz, Regional Support Manager from REC Foundation, a non-profit arm of the VEX Robotics Company that organizes all regional, state, national and international competitions

Ms. Gunther and Ms. Levine engaged with the students, asking: "How did you get involved? Is it unusual to have so many girls in the group?" The students responded enthusiastically. Seventh grader Meredith Anderman spoke about her motivation and the excitement of operating a robot. Alexandra Ruiz shared how much she enjoyed assembling the robots. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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#### YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWN OF DENNING AND

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# **OBITUARY**

Thomas "Tom" Nash of Neversink, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019

at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in

> The son of the late Vincent and Julia Beda Hegardt Nash, he was born on July 10, 1950 in

> In his younger years, Tom played the tuba in his high school band,

and also a track runner. After graduating high school, he became a member of the Neversink Fire Department where he served since 1969, and was also a past chief, he loved Nascar, baseball and gardening, was an avid hunter, enjoyed playing golf and loved spending time with his friend Don on the farm.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his three beloved children, Robin Nash and her fiance', Bruce Frunzi of Grahamsville, Erin Alvord and her husband, Shawn of Rock Hill, April Meade and her husband, Andrew of Neversink, his six loving grandchildren, Jared Nash, Zackary and Nathan Alvord, Alexander, and Amaya Meade, and Anthony Frunzi, one sister, Julianne Nash, three brothers, James "Jim" Nash, and his wife Sue, John Nash, and Frederick "Fred" Nash and his wife, Mary, one sister-in-law, Helen Denman and his canine companion, "Jack."

Tom was the widower of his wife, Kim and they are now dancing in heaven. He was also predeceased by his brother, George Nash.

Visitation was held on Friday, May 31, 2019 fat the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, A firematic service followed.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's name may be made to the Neversink Fire Department, 7486 State Route 55, Neversink, NY 12765.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or 845-647-8444 visit our website at colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

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

June 8, 1949 not available

#### June 10, 1959

The kindness and generosity of many in this area have made possible the establishment of a scholarship fund in memory of Dale L. Buswell. This fund containing the amount that has accrued as of June of 1963 will be divided equally and presented to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the graduating class of 1963. Approximatel \$475 has thus far been contributed. The committee anticipates that other financial aid will be received to swell thi memorial fund to honor two worthy students, who were classmates of the late Dale L. Buswell.

The attendance was once again record breaking at the Tri Valley Stock Car Races on Sunday afte noon with about 900 persons attending.

We are glad to know that Neversink Day will be repeated this year, Sunday June 21st at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds. Over 150 people were there last year to enjoy this get-together. Eating is slated to begin at 1 P.M. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Past and present residents of Neversink are welcome.

Is Father forgotten at your house? No! A thousand times, No! Father can smugly point to his day, And the gift that was bought With his dough! KUM TO KRŬM'S Youths in Sullivan County were advised y the Draft Board 17 officials at Monticello that they must register for Selective Service on becoming 18 years of age. Registration places are provided in each township, mostly at town clerk's offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krom and two sons, David and Kevi have moved from the Sheeley apt. over the garage, to a newly decorated apt. in the forme Hamilton house, near Banta's shop. The Sheeleys recently purchased the house. Bill Grey is spending a few days with his mother,

Mrs. Russel Grey and family at their house on Sundown Rd. He leaves next Sunday for his training with A.F. R.O.T.C. at Lockbourne Air Force Base in Ohio

Friday evening the Red Hill Fire Tower was hit by lightning. It blew the phone apart and burned out the antenna and radio and smoked it up quite a bit. Claude DePew was off duty at the time.

The William Gatley place in Curry was sold to

Mr. Fernand Roulette of Cornwall Thursday of last week.

#### June 4, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a family dinner at Wenigs in Napanoch on Saturday evening May 24

Tri-Valley captured the Western Sullivan League track title for the third year in a row after winning all of its meets. In addition the track team swept through the Section D Qualifying meet at Liberty defeating allcomers and adding a second trophy to their credit. Bruce Erath established a new league record in the pole vault hitting a new high of 11 feet 6 1/2 inches.

Birthday wishes to Jimmy Rennison on June 6th; Kenny TerBush, June 7th: George W. Smith, Donna Hill, June 8th: James Allison, Leo Bertholf, June 9th; Dennis Ross Barringer, June 11th.

Mr. Ralph Stokes of High Falls has moved into the trailer owned by Wilson Van Wagner. Mr. Stokes is the father of Mrs. Warren Cole.

Happy Birthday to Robert Houghtaling on June 6th; Mrs. Linda Fredenburg on June 7th and Earl Terwilliger on June 10th.

The 90th annual Little World's Fair, sponsored by the Neversink Agricultural Society, will be held on the fairgrounds at Grahamsville on Saturday, August 16.

#### May 31, 1979

Troup 187 welcomes Scott Nyhof to the growing rank of Eagles. Scott will be the 25th Eagle for the group. Rev. and Mrs. Nyhof cordially invite friends and neighbors to attend the Eagle Court of Honor fo their son. Ceremonies will be held at Tri-Valley Elementary School, Friday, June 1, at 7:30.

Tony Arielly, Dave Parker and Mark Terwilliger all set school and League records at the Section Nine Class C Championships Saturday at Ellenville.

Private David Pettis of Neversink graduated from Ft. Dix, N. J. on May 18. Private Pettis is the foster son of Wilma Porter. He is expecting to be transferred to Germany

On Saturday, May 26 the boys of Troop 187 enjoyed an afternoon with Larry Holmes, the heavy-weight champion at Grossingers Hotel. Mr. Holmes went through various workouts and later spoke to the boys and signed autographs.

On May 24, 1979 William Erts of East Branch celebrated his 88th birthday with a few friends and neighbors.

At the Board of Education meeting held on May 17, the Board appointed Mr. Dale Ellis and Mr. David VanValkenburg to the position of custodian. The Board also approved Mr. Donald Marsh as Cleaner.

On May 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown reached their 60th wedding anniversary!!! Herbert and Esther were married on May 22, 1919 at the Baptist Parsonage in Lows Corners with the Rev.

Samuel A. Marks performing the ceremony. On May 28th the Reformed Church in Grahamsville was 135 years old; it was organized in 1844. The members of the church are compiling a scrapbook containing items pertaining to the 135 years of activity in the church. Anyone having items of this nature and wishing to contribute to this scrapbook may do so by contacting Mrs. Phillip Coombe, Sr. or Rev. Nyhof.

More Happy Anniversary greetings this month to Carl and Jane Houghtaling on May 16th and to Jim and Eileen Minarsky on the 19th.

Liberty. He was 68. Liberty, New York.



#### **A Round About Tri-Vallev** - Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Tom Nash of Neversink who passed away on May 24th at the age of 68. Tom was a member of the Neversink Fire Department for 50 years and was a past fire chief.

A graveside memorial service was held for Mona Barbara DeWitt on May 31st at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery. Mona passed away on December 11, 2018, Congratulations to Matthew and Samantha Garigliano of Grahamsville on the birth of a daughter. Little Rebecca Margaret was born on May 16th.

Congratulations to Anthony and Cassandra Berman of Grahamsville on the birth of their daughter, Isabella, on May 22nd. She joins "big" sister, Emily.

Best wishes to Mr. Robert Hayes, Agricultural Teacher at Tri-Valley on his retirement. Mr. Hayes did a lot for the students and the Tri-Valley Community in his own quiet way. He will definitely be missed and is wished good health and much happiness during his retirement years. Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Boys Varsity Track and Field Team and to their coach, Van "Chip" Furman, on their Section 9 championship

Keep watching the Tri-Valley Boys Varsity Baseball Team. I wouldn't be surprised if they pull-off a Section 9 win also!

Congratulations to Marcia (Herman) Fink on receiving a Renaissance Award for her community service at the 2019 Renaissance Conference. Marcia, a Tri-Valley graduate, is a vigilant volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association and also helps out at the Daniel Pierce Library.

I see that Sherri Reynolds of Sundown is still taking photographs. Her photo of lovely flower petals was in the Record on May 25th.

The annual Soap Box Derby is scheduled for June 1st. Since my article is due by May 30th, I don't have too much info. Thank you to Carol Vandenberg of Liberty for organizing this event each year.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the Town of Neversink Flag Exchange Ceremony on May 27th. The flag of Donald Morton was lowered and a flag in honor of Eugene Fuller, long- time Grahamsville resident who passed away in 2015, was raised. On June 8th and 9th, some local Boy Scouts will be traveling to the Woodland Valley Campgrounds in Phoenicia for an overnight camping trip. The boys hope to complete a steep and challenging hike and will then have the opportunity to go tubing in the river. In closing,

I would like to thank Carol LaMonda, who writes "The Olive Jar" each week in the Townsman, for her articles, which often make me chuckle. Although I have never met Carol, I can tell by reading her articles that we have much in common. I especially enjoyed hearing that she hates housework, probably as much as I do. Although I don't have a Mrs. Clean, (I have a ten-year-old granddaughter who likes to dust) I do utilize Mr. Clean, scented candles and sometimes a glass of merlot! Way to go, Carol! Keep those articles com-

PS: A few swallows did return to our farm, later than usual. Not nearly as many as we used to have.

Words of Wisdom: Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today, because if you enjoy it today you can do it again tomorrow. (James A. Michener)

# SC Students Engage in Intense Competition

The Sullivan County Battle of the (From Pg. 1) Books is an offshoot of the Ramapo Catskill Library System's (RCLS) regional competition in the fall. A group of librarians and teachers met in November to agree upon this year's books: The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill, Brave by Svetlana Chmakova, Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli, Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk, and Dry by Neal and Jarrod Schusterman.

Each team (of no less than two members and no more than ten) was required to read the five books and review plot, setting, character, and theme ideas to prepare for the contest.

Teams were so well prepared this year that only a word or two of each question was posed before a competitor buzzed in for the answer. A double-elimination tournament determined the winners: First Place- Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville; Second Place- Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello (Girls Team); Third Place- Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello (Boys Team); Fourth Place- Mamakating Library.

The Daniel Pierce Library's home team, The Country Pumpkins, was comprised of four students: Lorna Bragg, Robert Denman, Jasmine Irwin, and Samantha Morgan. The public library staff and teachers from Tri-Valley Secondary School collaborated to bring the team together. Coach and Tri-Valley teacher Matthew Haynes is proud of the accomplishment of this young, enthusiastic team!

# THE TOWNSMAN

# SCDW to stage Shakespeare's 'Shrew'

(South Fallsburg, NY) William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew will be presented June 14-16, 21-23 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg as the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop continues its 70th Season, bringing to life the comedic farce. Two young men both long to wed the lovely Bianca. Unfortunately, her wealthy father will not let his daughter marry unless her hot-tempered sister, Katherina also has a suitor. Luckily, the slovenly Petruchio is looking for an affluent woman to marry, so Bianca's suitors pay him to try to woo the extremely volatile Katherina. Director, Harold Tighe has some surprises in store with the way he's staged the classic tale - sure to delight audiences.

The capable cast includes Carlos Holden, Amber Schmidt, Taylor Lamerand, Chris Morgan, Frank Comando, Alan Charney, Ira Simon, Ethan King, Becky Salerno, Anna Puleo, Lonnie Smith, Melissa MacTague, Alexis Costa, Harold Tighe and Jim Fedroff. Lillian Tighe is Producer, Jim Schmidt is Technical Director. Amber Schmidt is Stage Manager. Costumes by Ed Berens, Scenic Design by Harold Tighe and Rachel Keebler of Cobalt Studios.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, June 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, June 16, 23 at 2:00 pm at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street) in South Fallsburg, NY. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors, Students, Military, Veterans. Tickets can be ordered in advance online at www.ShowTix4U.com or will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each show

The Taming of the Shrew is sponsored by Constance and Eileen Slater and made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. For more information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.SCDW.net

# **Catskill Farm HOEDOWN**

**at the Time and the Valleys Museum** [Grahamsville, N.Y.] - On Saturday, July 27th from 5 to 9 p.m., the Time and the Valleys Museum will be hosting a 1930s Catskill Farm HOEDOWN at the Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Held outdoors behind the Museum, the hoedown will include both round and square dancing with music by the Country Travelers with Paul Lounsbury, Bob Hunt, Dave Trestyn, Bill Engle and dance caller Patty Legg, delicious food catered by the Neversink General Store, an entertaining Pie Auction, a silent auction and visit to the 1930s Catskill Farm. An entertaining, enjoyable and nostalgic way to spend a summer evening and also help support the Museum's many educational programs for children and adults.



Back in the 1930s, neighbors, family and friends had good times socializing and dancing to live music during warm summer evenings. The Museum is inviting everyone to join warm summer evenings. The with them to recreate those good old times for one night, at an old fash-ioned 1930s country Hoedown! Tickets to the Hoedown are on sale now, at \$30 per person for members

Photo by Dennis Muthig poing online at www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or send-ing a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740. Call 845 985-7700 for more infor-mation or to art tickets

About the Country Travelers: The Country Travelers started back in 1974 with Pat and George Legg, of Accord. A Round and Square Dance band, they played classic country music at bars and campgrounds throughout the area. Bob Hunt of Ulster Leight clause the band a bat three years are adving the banic Heights joined the band about three years ago playing the banjo and guitar, adding a little bluegrass flair to the group. With the addition of Paul Lounsbury of Grahamsville and his love of folk, traditional and Celtic music and deep bass voice, the group became more versatile. When George Legg passed away last year, Dave Trestyn of Grahamsville started playing bass and singing with the band.

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

#### Le Secret du Caporal La Violette

The little sweet smelling wild violets that seem to be everywhere in the backyard today, have always been kind of "sign" that more sunshine is on it's way.

But that's not all that is special about violets.



There are 450 different species of Viola worldwide. and you can eat all of them!

Flowers are usually violet colored, but can vary from deep-blue-violet to completely white. These small dainty

flowers are edible! They are delicious and decorative in any salad and a lovely embellishment to a cake or dessert

Plus they taste sweet as they look!

Sweet violets have also been used through the ages in medicinal preparations, culinary concoctions, perfumes, dyes and cosmetics.

They are the state flower of New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. People in ancient Rome and medieval Europe crushed the violets and spread them throughout the castle for their fragrance.

Violets are fond of deep, humus-rich and slightly sandy soil, and prefer moist, shaded locations such as those found in open areas under trees. They are easily propagated from seed, cuttings or by division of the creeping rhizome in spring or fall.

Violets are low-growing leafy plants about 6" high. You can identify violets by their distinctive rounded, heartshaped leaves with branching parallel veins. You'll see one leaf per stem coming from the base of the plant. Violets have five petals, the wide lower ones form landing platforms with honey guide lines for pollinating insects.

The first showy flowers on long stems are usually sterile but if you look closer you'll see smaller blooms lower down that develop little three-sided capsules like a tri-cornered hat which contain seeds. Winter cold and frost break down the seed husks for spring germination.

The familiar purple flowers of the Violaceae family mark the coming of spring and warmer weather worldwide.

When Napoleon left France for Elba, his supporters wore violets as a secret sign of their allegiance.

During the exile of Napoleon I at Elba, in the year 1814, preceding Napoleon's abdication, the French Bonapartists chose, as their emblem, the violet. They nicknamed Napoleon "Caporal Violet, the little flower that returns with

Postcards spring". from a color print by Jean-Dominique Etienne Canu, Le Secret du Caporal La Violette, picturing a bunch of innocent looking violets soon flooded France, but when scrutinized closely, the violets in the bouquet revealed the outlines of portraits of Napoleon, Marie Louise and of their three year old son, Charles, King of Rome.

Can you Napoleon, his wife and his son the a bunch of violets?

#### **Household Hints** Clean sink drains.

Pour salt mixed with hot water down the kitchen sink regularly to deodorize and keep grease from building up.

Flight of the Fox

**Mysterious Book Report No. 343** by John Dwaine McKenna

An electrifying, propulsive and timely thriller was just released that, by all rights, should shoot to the top of every bestseller list in the country. If ever an author stepped up to the plate, took a swing, hit it right on the sweet spot and out of the park ... this is it.

Flight of the Fox, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$18.95, 381 pages, ISBN 978-1-946502-61-2) by Gray Basnight is a tour de force of a government agency that's so out of control it will do anything to protect itself and its secrets. It's a story that could have been ripped right out of yesterdays, todays, or tomorrows headlines . . . and no matter which side of the political divide you're currently on ... this gripping yarn about a black-ops unit within the Federal Bureau of Investigation will keep you enthralled to the very last page.

The novel begins in Bethel, New York. It's the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock, and near the world-class Bethel Performing Arts Teagarden, is resting his once-broken – and still mending –knees on the deck of his vacation home. He's in mourning over the death of his wife, who was killed in the same accident that damaged his legs. As he watches the hummingbirds at their feeder and reminisces, a strange, baseball-sized minidrone flies up and tries to kill him. It's followed by a cluster of three more, each one programmed for assassinating him. All of this happens because a

government archivist – the son of another math professor who's a personal friend – sent Teagarden an old, handwritten file that's in code, along with a notation explaining, *This has been kicking around the archives, apparently lost and ignored, for decades. Perhaps you could have some fun decoding it*. And so begins the innocent math professors terrifying run for his life, as teams of FBI hitmen try to stop any publication of the explosive file that their superiors have been hunting for more than fifty years. From Bethel to New York City, Washington D.C. to the Florida Keys, the chase, the dead bodies, and the near-misses just keep on coming in this dark and realistic thriller that will keep you nailed to every word on every page from start to finish. Simply put, if you like Robert Ludlum, you don't want to miss this novel. Flight of the Fox is one for the ages and bound to become a cult classic!

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# **Gray Basnight Interview**

#### **Interview Questions**

Here's our next author interview with Gray Basnight, writer of Flight of the Fox, along with an excerpt to whet your appetite for more of this timely and thrilling novel. Interview With The Author

Why do you write?

It's an important question that, in some ways, is unanswerable. Why artists and writers are compelled to create is elusive, but I feel compelled to do it and with all that said here's why I write . . . Damned if I know - but I can't seem NOT to!

2. Where do you write?

The one-bedroom apartment where I live in New York City has a small, four-foot by seven-foot walk-in closet I converted into an office. I call it my in utero work chamber.

3. Who's your favorite literary character?

I have two, Robinson Crusoe and Moll Flanders, the central protagonists in their own novels by Daniel Dafoe. Both books are beautifully written, life-enhancing stories about people playing the hand they were dealt.

#### 4. Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I do not outline in the traditional sense, but I do outline in my own way. For me, the story idea arrives with the full arc of the narrative. I do not yet know all details, but can see the beginning, the middle, and the end. And I know the sentiment I want the reader to feel when the book is closed for the last time.

This method seems to help limit overly long and timewasting digressions, while at the same time, it preserves the opportunity for more discovery along the way.

5. How can we, as writers, encourage more people to read? I like the word "entertainment," but I also like the word

"enrichment."

In "Flight of the Fox," Sam Teagarden is named in honor of my Shakespeare professor at N.C. Wesleyan College, who also taught freshman English. He demanded dedication to the fundamentals of reading and writing from all his students - most of whom were no older than 18. During one lecture, a student objected that he was "Teaching over our heads." Dr. Tea's response was: "Raise your heads!"

That worked for me then, and it still works now. As writers, agents, editors, publishers, and reviewers we all need to do as much as we can to offer entertainment as well as something enriching that makes us raise our heads, and think.

We all need to raise our heads . . . a profound senti*ment. I couldn't agree more.* 

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

The primary rule is: butt in chair. If you're not sitting at the keyboard several hours a day, you're not going to be a writer.

Excerpt from *Flight of the Fox*: Chapter Three Saturday Afternoon, July 20, 2019 Sam Teagarden's House, Bethel, NY

Sam Teagarden mistook the tiny drone for a hummingbird. Sitting on the sundeck near the bird feeder filled with sweet red liquid, he was accustomed to the motorized sounds of ruby-throated visitors. Yet there was something about the revved-up buzz of this particular bird that was not natural. Whatever it was, that unnatural-something-drew his attention from the unopened manila envelope at the top of the snailmail pile he'd picked up at the rural post office an hour earlier. Glancing at the dangling feeder, he saw that the muted mechanical whirr was not coming from a hummingbird at all. It was a compact helicopter about the size of a baseball, hovering just beyond the railing.

His second mistake was to assume it was a toy. "Well, hello there," Teagarden said. It held steady, as though watching him.

He leaned from the round table to peer through the gaps in the sundeck floorboards. He expected to see the shadowy outline of the boy who lived on the other side of the wooded

"That you Billy? You down there playing a trick on old Abe?

Eleven-year-old Billy Carney enjoyed sneaking up, squirt-ing a water pistol, and calling him "Old Abe," because he had a beard similar to President Lincoln.

"C'mon up here, Billy. Let's chat some more about the great mysteries of mathematics." But there was no answer. "Hey, Billy the Kid-you down there with your remote con-trol?"

Still no response.

The glare of the afternoon sun made it difficult to see. He scanned the yard's edge and tree line of the adjacent undeveloped lot. No Billy out there either.

His voice, however, did cause movement. It awakened Coconut, Teagarden's old and overweight yellow Lab who had the good sense to be lounging in the shade of the screened-in porch adjacent to the sundeck. Hearing his owner call Billy, and knowing perfectly well who Billy was, he rose and lumbered to the screen door where he, too, took

interest in the hovering device. "Oarff." His tone held more idle curiosity than canine threat.

Beyond the railing, the drone appeared to hear Coconut's languid bark and reacted by climbing to a higher angle at the edge of the table's umbrella shading Teagarden's papers and laptop. It was almost as though it were trying to gain a view without glare.

Teagarden watched it glide back and forth. He saw then that it couldn't possibly belong to Billy Carney because it was certainly no toy. It was a complex device, delicate but substantial, engineered with metal parts affixed by miniature rivets. As a mathematics professor and numerical analyst, he couldn't help admiring its perfect geometry. The body was little more than the open frame of a three-dimensional diamond, nearly like a lighter-than-air box kite. A camera lens hung in the geometric center that looked like a manic little techno-fetus as it feverishly spun 360°. Short twin antennae protruded at the front and a trio of rotor blades held it aloft, each tilting independently to adjust for wind or, in this case, the afternoon sun

"Oarff," the Labrador complained again, more forcefully than before, his tail vigorously wagging. "Don't ask me Coco, I've got no idea what the damn thing is.'

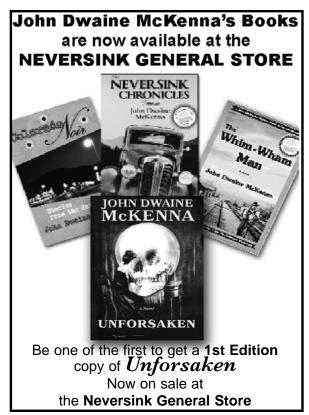
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Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

## **Upcoming local readings with Gray** Basnight for his political thriller Flight of the Fox.



Flight of the Fox <u>Synopsis</u>: innocent math professor tries to decode a mystery file that lands in his inbox while a team of hitmen chase him from Bethel, NY to NYC and down the East Coast. (Contd. Pg. 6)







# The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda Letter from Peeka

"I didn't get a chance to say 'Good-bye' to you when I took my last breathe last week. I just wanted to tell you all what a fine life I had here before I crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. I know the Rainbow Bridge is just a metaphor, but I was a smart little dog who believed in an Emersonian after-life. So, do not feel sad for me: I am still here in spirit and energy.

I was fortunate enough to have three families. My girl Dana found me, a designer dog of Pekingese and Poodle, a Peek-a-Poo, at the pet shop at which she volunteered. She cleverly named me 'Peeka'. She brought me home to live with her brother and parents.

My second family was my animal pack. Since I lived to be fourteen, I shared my lifespan with my cat Spot, and four dogs named Kahlua, Tonche, Diva and Hudson. All of these fellow critters were bigger than me, but I was the boss. Spot and Hudson are still looking for me here on earth, but I can't tell you what joy I felt to be reunited with my old buddies in this place where we frolic like puppies. We used to be called the 'Tres Amigos' when we spent time with my other family while the humans worked and kids went to school.

I got to be dropped off each morning and picked up each evening at the older family of grandparents. Here I took walks, waded in the stream, chased chipmunks, and got treats. I used to hide Milk Bones in the grumpy man's shoes and gym bag. He would call me 'Rat Dog', but he would let me cuddle with him in bed. If they went on vacation, I had an aunt that would come spoil me.

But I digress. There is a reason I am writing all you humans this letter. It was very recently that I discovered LIVERWURST spread on a dog biscuit. That is what I didn't get a chance to tell you. You humans have such a long life that you sometimes forget this important thing about living. You have to live each day to the fullest even if it becomes hard sometimes because there is something new and wonderful to experience. I sure am glad I lived long enough to know my three families and to get to have LIVERWURST."

## **Upcoming local readings with Gray Basnight for his political thriller** Flight of the Fox

(From Pg. 4) Their goal is to suppress dark government crimes from decades past. His goal is for the truth to be told. The action switches between the J. Edgar Hoover era and Professor Sam Teagarden's decoding of the mystery file in 2019, in the midst of the iconic Woodstock Festival 50th anniversary. As the professor runs for his life, armed only with his wits and intellect, he worries whether the truth will be told, and if he'll be seen as a hero whistle blower or a pariah. Or worse, will he end up dead?

#### <u>Area Appearances</u>

June 8, 2 pm: Middletown Thrall Library Reading/Signing, open to all (Middletown, NY)

June 27, 1pm: Liberty Library - Book Club Q&A/Signing, open to all (Liberty, NY)

#### The buzz

'An electrifying, propulsive and timely thriller ... a tour de force of a government agency that's so out of control it will do anything to protect itself ... could have been ripped right out of yesterdays, todays, or tomorrows headlines..." - Tri-Valley Townsman – Mysterious Book Report

"... a love letter to the classic espionage thrillers of the Cold War... serves as commentary on the state of high-tech surveillance in American life... fun, entertaining read that flies by faster than its own predatory drones ... for anyone worried about the machinations of the US government, especially the FBI." - Editor's Pick by Foreward Reviews

• "...gripping premise ... told at a blistering pace ... all the good ingredients to be a page-turner: conspiracies, government dishonesty, espionage, and paranoia ... an effort worthy of Robert Ludlum." - Key West Citizen

"An explosively paranoid thriller that pays homage to classics of the genre. Basnight delivers nonstop action and an everyman hero to root for." - Joseph Finder, New York Times bestselling author of The Switch.

'Basnight's novel does double duty. It's both a fastpaced and furious thriller and a thought provoking commentary on a government gone wild." - Reed Farrel Coleman, New York Times bestselling author of What You Break

#### About Gray Basnight

Gray is deeply immersed in fiction writing, after almost three decades in broadcast news; preceded by a few years pursuing acting. Prior to Flight of the Fox, his other published novels are The Cop with the Pink Pistol, a modern NYC-detective mystery; and Shadows in the Fire, a Civil War historical novel about two young slaves on the edge of freedom as Richmond falls in April 1865. When not writing, he's thinking about writing while walking his Golden Retriever, watching movies, and all other daily activities. He, his wife and their dog split their time between NYC and Sullivan County, NY. He has lived in New York long enough to consider himself a native, though he grew up in Richmond, VA. More info atwww.GrayBasnight.com; follow Gray on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/gray.basnight) or Twitter (@GrayBasnight).

#### **Shandaken Historical Museum Presentation with Evan Prichard on** Wampum Belt Replica and 1665 Treaty

The Shandaken Historical Museum in Pine Hill happy



have acquired the replica Wampum Belt and treaty that was signed by Governor Richard Nicolls and the Sachems and peo-

to

ple called the Esopus Indians on October 7 th 1665.



We would like to thank Nina Postupack Ulster County Clerk and her staff for working with us so we can share this with our community in Shandaken.

The museum is having a celebration on June 8th to present this with a presentation with Evan Prichard on the belt and treaty. Along with this we will have Jennifer Lee demonstrating putting up a wigwam and 1800 history living and Dennis Yerry sharing stories and drumming in our tipi we have on the grounds.

The museum is located on 26 Academy Street in Pine Hill and open Fri-Sunday 10-4 and Mon 10-2, with FREE admission .to contact the museum 845-254-4460.

#### **Phoenicia Library holds Annual Fair & Plant Sale**

The Phoenicia Library will hold its Annual Fair & Plant Sale on Saturday, June 8th from 10 am to 1pm. The fair will feature a silent auction with a plethora of items from local businesses, restaurants, and craftspeople, including Peekamoose Restaurant, The Phoenicia Diner, The Tender Land Home, and more. Our focus will be "Exceptional Catskill Experiences."

The plant sale will include a giant selection of seedlings, plush greenery, and local Catskill favorites. Additionally, there will be a huge bake sale of cakes, cookies, pies, muffins, and more. Proceeds from all sale items will benefit the library.

Free children's activities will be a big part of the day with button making crafts and a musical performance by Uncle Rock at 12 pm. An appearance by Felicia the Bear, the official Phoenicia Library mascot, will also take place. There will be some games in the back yard for little ones.

"This is our big library event of the year and a great way to celebrate our patrons and the comsaid Phoenicia Library Trustee Beth munity,"

Waterman, one of the organiz-United Methodist Church of Shady

ers of this year's fair. The fair will take place at the Phoenicia Library (48 Main Street, Phoenicia, NY 12464). The plant sale will be set up across the street at the Gazebo (Main Street and Route 214, Phoenicia, NY 12464). For more information, please visithttp://phoenicialibrary.org/.

Nina Postupack, UC **Clerk Announces Presentation on Rural Cemeteries of Plattekill** at the Matthewis

Persen House Museum Kingston, NY - Ulster County

Clerk Nina Postupack is pleased to announce that on Saturday, June 8, the Plattekill Historical Preservation Society will host the Matthewis Persen House located at 74 John Street in uptown Kingston, at the corner of John and Crown Streets.

On Saturday, June 8 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, join members of the Plattekill Historical Preservation Society for an informational display on 18th & 19th century rural cemeteries. Plattekill is home to 19 known burial grounds, most are long since abandoned and overgrown. View maps and meet with members about their ongoing efforts to revitalize these forgotten sites. Admission is free and all are welcome.

For further information about this and other outreach programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040 or visit us on Facebook.





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transportation to and from New York City so that you can have the day on your own. Cost of the luxury tour bus for that day is \$30.00 per person. The second trip, on July 19, will include a guided tour of the Chelsea Market, Meat Packing District, High Line Park, and art galleries. Cost is \$50.00 per person. The bus will take participants to Chinatown for lunch on their own.

In addition, on Wednesday, August 14, the Primetimers will charter a bus from Monticello to New York City, where participants can spend the day on their own. Cost for this trip will be \$30 per person.

All are welcome, but space is limited and the buses fill quickly, so early reservations are recommended.

For information and reservations, call Paula 845-794-2314 or Sue 845-796-3777. On the morning of the trip, buses will leave at 8:00 am from the Temple Sholom parking lot, 5 East Dillon Rd., Monticello.

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# Sullivan County School Boards Association's Annual Meeting Honors Local Educators (From Pg. 1) Rock Hill: On May 29, the Sullivan County School Boards Association

(SCSBA) recognized eighteen individuals for their contributions to education. School board members, superintendents, school administrators,

teachers, school districts staff and family members of the honorees attended the meeting.

Tania DeFrank, Executive Director of the SCSBA, welcomed the group followed by opening remarks from SCSBA President, Stacey Sharoff. Ari Mir-Pontier, Constituent Service Manager from the Office of New York State Senator Jen Metzger, addressed the group on behalf of Senator Metzger as did Matthew McPhillips, from Assemblywoman's Gunther office.

Patrick Longo, Member Relations Manager for the New York State School Boards Association, attended the meeting and spoke to the audience of the importance of educating our youth. He thanked the school board members and educators for their dedication and impact on the youth of Sullivan County. Longo shared a story of a past student

In that interaction, the student mentioned 'it's just.' For Longo, the words had a negative connotation he later realized most of us used to describe ourselves - 'I'm just.' "As educators, we need to change this negative connotation and encourage our student to be mighty, not defeated. We need to inspire our students and teach them they are mightier than they think and mightier than they are told," stated Longo.

For the School Boards Association, the night was about the honorees. Ms. Sharoff paid tribute to the school board members who were leaving their respective boards at the end of June. Their time and years of service are something that has had a positive impact on the school districts of Sullivan County. Carol Bliefernich, Eldred CSD (10 yrs of service); Dr. Stephanie Phillips, Fallsburg CSD (3 yrs); Debra Feinberg, Livingston Manor CSD (6yrs); John Keifer, Monticello CSD (3 yrs); and

Scott Mickelson, Sullivan BOCES (7 yrs).

SCSBA also gave special recognition to Donna Bright, who will retire this year. Ms. Bright is the District Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES.

The School Boards Association recognized eight individuals for their defined impact on the education in Sullivan County by receiving the prestigious Outstanding Educator Award. This year's recipients include Joshua Glantz, high school social studies, English and keyboarding teacher at Eldred CSD; Leah Exner, elementary teacher at Fallsburg CSD; Maria 'Pia' Caro, English teacher at Liberty CSD; Laurie Allen-Kuehn, special education teacher at Livingston Manor CSD; Gary Silverman, middle school science teacher at Monticello CSD; Donna Greenthal, second grade teacher at Roscoe CSD; Nancy Ference, a social worker at Sullivan West CSD, and Debra Swett, a teacher at Tri-Valley CSD. Each of their contributions has influenced so many lives over their years of service.

The SCSBA also recognizes ten Outstanding Friends to Education. This award recognizes people who have con-tributed to promoting education in Sullivan County. This



Outstanding Educator Award: Nancy Ference, Sullivan West CSD; Laurie Allen-Kuehn, Livingston Manor CSD; Leah Exner, Fallsburg CSD; Maria 'Pia' Caro, Liberty CSD; Joshua Glantz, Eldred CSD; Debra Swett, Tri-Valley CSD; Donna Greenthal, Roscoe CSD; and Gary Silverman, Monticello CSD. (Story Pg. 8)

year's recipients are Donna Bright, District Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the District Superintendent at Sullivan BOCES. Her influence has reached far beyond her role as an administrative assistant and district clerk to include being a coach for new district clerks. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is not only a friend to education but also a friend to Sullivan County. The organization is committed to increasing access to healthier foods and enhancing wellness for all. Heather Bonnell, a senior clerk typist at Eldred high school, has been instrumental in assisting the district build relationships with the families within the district. SueAnn Boyd, Healthy Schools Program Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, was recognized for her work to champion efforts to make Sullivan County a healthier and happier place for all. James Guara, assistant director of the Liberty Parks and Recreation Department, is a key partner for the Liberty CSD in instilling Liberty Pride throughout the community and is dedicated to student learning. Kevin Callagy, the business official for the Livingston Manor and Roscoe CSD, continually helps the district in all areas, especially when it benefits or supports students. Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, Catskill Veterinary Services is an active member of the community. Dr. Joe continues to give back to the community and the Monticello CSD. Peter DeVantier, In memoriam, was recog-



nized as an extraordinary man who contributed his entire life to the students of the Roscoe CSD and his community. His wife Patti accepted the award. Trevor Peachy, a school board member at Sullivan West CSD, is devoted to students and volunteers many hours giving back to his community and coaching. Jamie Dymond Brooks, Director of the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department works hard to provide experiences that are fun, informative and enriching to all those who take part in the Tri-Valley CSD community. Each is devoted members of their school districts and is always there to help whenever there is a need. Thank you for all you have done.

### Aileen Gunther and the Fallsburg Robotics Team Share a Special Moment



Left to right: Legislative Aide Ms. Debbie Levine, Robotics Team Coach Don Thomas, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Regional Support Manager of REC Foundation Ms. Veronica Bitz and FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz

(From Pg. 1) Just before the mock battle began in the cafeteria, Ms. Gunther approached award-winning Jr. High School Team Member Christos Vernezos. She heard that he was the son of Dmitri and Paula, who managed two restaurants in Aileen's District. Ms. Gunther shared how much she loved Christos' mom and dad.

The school photographer asked to take a picture. Christos put his right arm around the Assemblywoman's right shoulder and the photo was taken. Then Christos asked her to wait, and he searched through his back pack until he found what he wanted – the medal he earned in Louisville. He quickly put it around his neck and asked Ms. Gunther to stand next to him. This time he held his hand firmly on her shoulder and had the biggest smile on his face.

The Assemblywoman could feel his pride and confidence as well. It was a beautiful shared connection of the heart.

When asked how she could support the Robotics Program, Mr. Thomas asked her to encourage robotics programs in all the Sullivan County school districts. Her experience with Meredith and Christos revealed the dramatic impact of this fascinating activity on these young people. Aileen Gunther will be glad to be their advocate.

# Frost Valley YMCA Offers Day Camp Open House on June 9, 2019



Claryville - With summer right around the corner, now is the perfect time for parents to register their child for summer day camp. Frost Valley YMCA invites all interested community members who want to learn more about its Day Camp Programs to attend a free Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 9th.

From July 1st to August 30th, Frost Valley offers several one-week and two-week Day Camp programs for children in pre-k through tenth grade. A variety of programs keep campers active, engaged, and delighted. In addition to its already popular Day Camp programs, Frost Valley will be offering exciting new programs this year including: Fun with Food, Mini Chef, Picture This, and Shoot for the Stars.

Open House attendees will have a chance to tour the beautiful grounds,

hear a presentation, get answers to their questions, and enjoy lunch in the dining hall. Please call 845-985-2291 in advance to reserve your spot. Families who are unable to attend one of these dates may schedule a private tour by calling 845-985-2291 ext. 306.

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

# WJFF Radio Catskill to Honor Community Members Patricia Adams and Duke Devlin as "Voices for the Catskills" at July 20th Celebration

In line with WJFF's mission to bring community voices together, Radio Catskill is delighted to honor area luminaries Patricia Adams and Duke Devlin as "Voices for the Catskills" at our July 20 Community Service Awards Celebration at The Arnold House.

These two individuals are exemplary in their dedication to promoting and preserving our area's resources and heritage. They join an auspicious list of previous Community Service Award recipients that includes Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Barbara Martinsons, Kathy Dodge, and Dick Riseling (2017); Judge Josephine Finn, Glen Wooddell (2016); and Sandra Oxford, Elaine Giguere (2015) WJFF General Manager Dan Rigney says "Patricia and Duke are two of our areas greatest treasures.

Duke's dedication to telling the story of a little 1969 concert gathering to all wh would listen helped fuel the dream that became Bethel Woods; while Patricia's quiet dedication to preservation, education and community building is an inspiration to all."

#### **HONOREES BIOS**

Duke Devlin - The Catskills owe much of its vitality to the legacy of Woodstock. One voice can be said to Having arrived have kept the world-renowned music festival alive above others: that of Duke Devlin. for three days of "peace, love and music," Devlin never left, in body or spirit, and became a local legend as interpreter of the cultura phenomenon that reverberated around the globe. Duke befriended Max and Miriam



Yasgur, Michael Lang and John Roberts, and just about everyone he met at the Woodstock monument where he entertained visitors with his humorous anecdotes and observations. His retelling of the story of the 1969 Woodstock Festival has touched many thousands of local residents and visitors to the Catskills. Duke also worked for Sullivan County BOCES for many years, was a volunteer for WJFF and was the official site interpreter at Bethel Woods for close to a decade.

Patricia Adams is a writer, educator, historian and environmentalist whose contributions to her community are as numerous as they are integral to her family life. From teaching in correctional facilities to serving on nonprofit boards, Patricia has always nonprofit

been part of the fabric of the community in which she lives. Currently she is a member of SUNY Sullivan's Board of Trustees and board member of the Friends of Beaverkill Community. She has written and edited several publications including The Heritage Edition of Stories of the Beaverkill, and co-authored others with her husband John,

most notably A Force for Nature that chronicles the environmental movement in the U.S. Weekly she entertains WJFF listeners with her clever literary program, "From the Desk of.."

# SGA Installation and Induction into Honor Society at Fallsburg

On the evening of May 23, 2019, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School installed all Student Government Association (SGA) officers from 6th grade through 12th grade for the school year 2019-2020. Immediately following was the induction of new members to National Junior High School (NJHS) and National High School Honor Societies (NHS).

In welcoming the students, their families, and school staff, Assistant Principal Frank Godlewski praised the parents for their support of the children's educational achievements. He also pointed out that the title on



the NHS.

pair of awards during the evening. Father, BOE Member and former teacher Mike Weiner won the Community Citizenship Award that was presented by daughter Hayley. Soon she returned to the stage to receive the SGA Longevity Award.

everyone moved to the school cafeteria to enjoy refreshing sandwiches and a sumptuous dessert.

Russian Mule

Russian Mule Tasting Room at the **Claryville Art Center** is now open HOURS OF OPERATION <u> Fri – 3 pm to 8 pm</u> Sat - 12 pm - 8 pm

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the evening program was the longest one in the history of Guinness Book of Records. Then teachers and SGA Advisors Elisa Baum and Isabel Mejia welcomed Ethan Mednick to the stage.



Mike Weiner and his daughter Hayley, who received special awards during the evening.

dles representing the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership and character. Twenty-six students became members of the NJHS; nineteen students entered

The Weiner Family enjoyed a

At the end of the evening,

As outgoing Chief Justice, Mednick swore in the new SGA Chief Justice Kimberly Mahler so she could administer the Oath of Office to the new SGA Executive Council. President Tulsi Patel was re-elected, Sadia Abohussien is Vice President, Emily Collura is Treasurer, and Tamia Caston is Secretary. President Patel welcomed all the class officers and looked forward to the exciting work they will do together.

National Honor Society Advisor Penny Esposito came to the podium on behalf of herself and Co-Advisor Kasey Conrow. In the solemn ceremony that followed existing leaders Sadia Abohussien, Ethan Mednick, Kimberly Mahler, and Tulsi Patel lighted can-



the new SGA Executive Council for 2019-2020 left to right, Chief Justice Kimberly Mahler, Secretary Tamia Caston, Vice President Sadia Abohussien, President Tulsi Patel, and Treasurer Emily Collura.

#### The Scene Too By Jane Harrison

I have to say that for the years I've been writing about live music in Sullivan County, I don't remember ever having the music scene seem to explode all at once like it has this year. After some thought, I believe it's the influence of the 50th Anniversary of the history making Woodstock Festival at the site now known as Bethel Woods, as the name "Woodstock" belongs to Michael Lang, co-creator of the iconic music event.

Michael Lang recently popped in briefly at the Neversink General Store in Neversink on May 19th. His own WOODSTOCK 50 at Watkins Glen seems to be dead in the water as the disagreements between he and financier Dentsu have escalated into mudslinging and the courts. Dentsu pulled financial backing, but not before Lang had the entire festival booked including several major names, and tickets had gone on sale, leaving everyone in shock. I guess we'll see how this turns out but it's a shame.

Speaking of the Neversink General Store, they opened their BBQ shack Memorial Day weekend. I highly recommend the brisket and the ribs!

I attended two and a half other 'fests' over Memorial Day weekend. BOBFEST on Saturday May 25th was David Trestyn's tribute to Bob Dylan on his recent birthday, whom Dave rightly called 'The Shakespeare of our generation', at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL of Grahamsville. I wasn't sure what to expect but I should have known: several bands and solo artists all paying homage, everything from the obscure to his well known works. RALPH HOUSEMAN kicked off the day solo, followed by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND who could only do three tunes, including one of my all time favorites "YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE", because they were headed out to the Dancing Cat as the 'almost opening night' band. (The Dancing Cat has just opened for the season. Joining Johnny on stage were two surprises, Lillian Scoles on 'fiddle' and Bill Griesbeck on guitar. I run into each of them often, but who knew they were musicians and who knew they were that good? You two have been



from me! Up next was Gary Convers, a name and artist new to me, who, solo, brought out some of Dylan's more obscure tunes then he recruited a band from those musicians in the

keeping things

audience which included Paul Lounsbury and his violin, Cecil Allen on guitar, Nicky Redd on drums, Ricky Ray on guitar, and Dave Trestyn on guitar. They were followed by LITTLE SPARROW (Carol Smith and Aldo Troiani) along with Mike Baglione, who other musicians consider the 'best picker around'. Aldo served up the most haunting adaptation of "ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER" I have ever heard. BOBFEST gets an absolute two thumbs up!!!

CABFEST at Cabernet Frank's in Parksville on Sunday afternoon, May 26th where performer after performer graced the outside stage. I was able to chat with Debbie Fisher before she was scheduled to go on stage and I was privileged to see the newest dove she was commissioned to do in its layout stage. I also had the privilege of speaking with Rose, owner of the Arrowhead Ranch about her horse rescue. And you'll be reading in depth about that in the near future. That's one of the wonderful things about CABERNET FRANK'S. It attracts the most interesting people!!!

And the 'half Fest?' Well that was NATIONAL HAM-BURGER DAY at the iconic Hector's in Bethel. THE JOHNNY JULES BAND entertained while I enjoyed the best, freshest, hand formed patty, with real cheese and sides of beans and homemade potato salad for the exorbitant price of...\$4. If that doesn't classify it as a 'Fest', I don't know what does.



It doesn't get much better for me than being able to see THE JOHNNY JULES BAND three times in 2 weeks, but that's what presented itself Friday May 31, and I took advantage of it...off to Cabernet Frank's I went again (does that make me a 'groupie')? You all know I'm a 'blues lady' and if there's a better Blues/Country band in the area, I haven't found it yet. That aside, I was able to see their ability to adapt to the venue presented with out losing the soul of the band. Just moved them up another notch in my esteem as this is an art and I'm quite sure this is why they are in demand. And before anyone asks, David D'Arcy's back is much better.



DEBBIE FISHER opened the Rock Hill Farmer's Market Saturday June 1. This Saturday she was joined by GREG CASTRO, a very very fine guitarist. The pleasure of hearing them together was only equaled by finding rhubarb on sale by one of the farmers.

Remember what I said about possibly needing a clone? Well this is what's coming up this next week:

Friday June 7: CAPTAIN MAGIC at Cabernet Frank's, Parksville; 8pm

#### Saturday, June 8

THE TROUT PARADE, Livingston Manor; 10AM. MC again this year? CABERNET FRANK!

WORLD WIDE Knit in Public day. Fireman's Park, Hurleyville (Next to Fiber on Main); 12pm

SARAH HULSE at the Catskill Brewery, Livingston Manor; 4pm. One of her last local performances before she goes on tour.

RICH YOUNG at Cabernet Frank's for the Trout Parade After Party, Parksville; 4:30pm. My favorite Brit is on tour here in the colonies!!; 4:30pm

MARC DELGADO at the Pickled Owl, Hurleyville 6pm to 9

#### Until next time.....

#### The Cats Out of the Bag

On Saturday, June 22, Cats Out of the Bag will play from 8-10 pm at Heartbeat Music Hall, 304 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY, ticket price is \$5 at the door.

Claryville-based musician, Eric Wood, arranged for the band to perform to kick-off summer fun in the community. Eric Wood has shared the stage with Richard Thompson, Shawn Colvin and Suzanne Vega. More information on Eric and his solo career can be found on the internet at: *www.ericwood.com* or

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1000104694 64320

In addition to Eric Wood, Cats Out of the Bag Band members include:

• *Megan Gould* who has recorded with Philip Glass and Lou Reed and performed on stage with David Byrne

• *Mark Dziuba* who has performed Jazz, Blues, Rock and Bluegrass with musicians internationally, ad is a professor at SUNY New Paltz, directing the Jazz Studies program

•  $T \dot{X}iques$  has toured and/or recorded with Garth Hudson, Savoy Brown, Roswell Rudd, Ira Coleman and John Medeski

After meeting in New York City and before the recent formation of Cats Out of the Bag with violinist Megan Gould, composer /singer /guitarist Eric Wood, bassist /percussionist T Xiques and guitarist Mark Dziuba recorded and toured in Europe together for over a decade. Megan Gould joined the band last year. Recordings, press reviews, and photos of the band can be seen at www.ericwood.com

T Xiques grew up in Putnam Valley NY in a musical family. His father, Ed Xiques performed and recorded

with Frank Sinatra, Aerosmith, Liza Minelli and The Jackson Five. T has toured and /or recorded with Garth Hudson, Savoy Brown, Roswell Rudd, Ira Coleman and John Medeski.

Mark Dziuba has been a guitarist, improvisor and composer for most of his life. He has performed with a who'swho of Jazz, Blues, Rock and Bluegrass musicians internationally and has taught and performed at workshops for over 40 years. Mark is currently a tenured professor at The State University of New York at New Paltz where he directs the Jazz Studies program. He was part of the internationally acclaimed National Guitar Workshop for 25 years and has been a part of the Crown of the Continent Guitar Festival since its birth. He is a published author and has been a featured soloist on numerous recordings. Mark continues to explore the world of improvised music and can be found performing weekly in his area and abroad.

Megan Gould is one of NYC's most versatile performers of Middle East and Greek music. She's performed all over the world at venues including Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Royal Albert Hall and Lincoln Center. She's recorded with Phillip Glass and Lou Reed and performed on stage with David Byrne, Sean Lennon, The Silk Road Ensemble and Natalie Merchant. She is the 2nd principle violinist in the Bard Conductor's Institute Orchestra.

Eric Wood recorded his first LP release, Letters From the Earth 20 years ago. It reached #6 album of the year in Italy and #11 in the Czech Republic the same year. Afterwards, he went on to record two more albums, *Illustrated Night* and *Don't Just Dance* with T Xiques. In the US, Eric shared bills with Richard Thompson, Shawn Colvin and Suzanne Vega. *Letters From the Earth* was #9 in Billboard Magazine's 'Year-End Critics Top Ten Picks' (January 3, 1998). The New Yorker called Eric Wood "a compelling singer-songwriter poised for a breakthrough." These recordings are available on Spotify, YouTube and iTunes.

Much of the material Wood has written and composed for this new band, **Cats Out of the Bag** focuses attention on hardships currently endured by an increasingly larger part of the population. The music fuses Jazz, American and Balkan Folk idioms.

Cats Out of the Bag's latest album, *Hairpin Curve*, is available on Simon Recordings and online.

# WOW! Water on Water, at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1) Richard Price is President and Signature Member of the North East Watercolor Society (northeastws.com), and a Signature Member of the Illinois Watercolor Society and Central New York Watercolor Society. Originally influenced by the paintings of Sargent, Burchfield, Homer, Wyeth and Hopper, he took workshops with Tony Couch, Dominick Distefano, Mel Stabin and others. His work has won awards in many national and regional exhibitions in the US and his paintings are in private and corporate collections in the US, Canada, Japan and Europe. **Artist's Statement** 

"Most of my work is based on reality as a starting point. I combine images and add or subtract elements as I search for the right effect. The textures of old buildings might suggest surrogate portraits of their owners, given character by the harsh northeast winters. Though hardship and solitude play a role, there is always light, a note of hope that shines through the beautiful shades of grey that life is made of. I continually study design principles, color theories, drawing techniques and the works of other artists to allow me to express these things in new and exciting ways. My goal in painting is to become the best painter I possibly can. Although there is no end to this pursuit, it is a meaningful and long lasting motivation for an artist."

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water People and the Catskills, the Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. The Catskill Farm is open WEEKEND ONLY. Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), Sullivan County, admission for adults is a suggested donation of \$5, children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration between the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and over 1,500 museums across America to provide free admission to active duty military members (with ID) and up to five family members. This free admission for members of the military and their families runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. To schedule a group tour for children or adults, please call 845-985-7700.

#### Sullivan 180 Supports SC Food Fitness & Faith Summit Growning a Culture of Health and Well-Being in Your Faith-Based Community

[FERNDALE] – Sullivan 180 is proud to announce the upcoming Sullivan County Food, Fitness & Faith Summit being held on Tuesday June 11th at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This one-day training is a collaborative effort among Sullivan 180, Catskill Regional Medical Center, the American Heart Association, ArchCare, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Eat Smart New York, HealtheConnections, Public Health, the Office for the Aging and numerous faith based organizations in the county. These partners have teamed up to provide a comprehensive day of education, information and inspiration to those that wish to grow a culture of health at their faith based organization.

This Summit is part of a larger county wide movement to start wellness committees, implement health promotion policies and most importantly, connect community members with services and resources to help them live their healthiest life in Sullivan County. While Sullivan has struggled historically with low placement in the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings, these partners are working on creating a community that actively embraces healthy living, including the places where they worship. By working together, the organizations are utilizing a Collective Impact Model–a best practice for solving complex, pressing social issues such as the ones facing Sullivan County.

This training will feature speakers from faith based health initiatives, experts on local health data, panelists discussing topics such as getting started with wellness promotion in your church, temple, parish, mosque or other faith based group, meeting the needs of your seniors, feeding your flock and supporting the mental health of your members. The training will include Sullivan county based faith and wellness success stories and the afternoon highlight will be an energetic speed networking session with approximately six of our county's best free wellness resources that are ready to support faith based health champions in this work.

"We are tremendously proud of the work that has already happened in the county to grow worksite wellness programs. Sullivan County worksites have grown wellness committees, adopted healthy meetings guidelines, become water friendly worksites, implemented healthy vending standards, created lactation spaces, formed teams for local walks and races and so much more. The committee is thrilled to share our resources with yet another vital sector of the community where people go to seek support and take care of their spiritual health – our county faith community. We are confident that this day will be just the start of growing a vibrant health ministry in Sullivan County," said Director of Community Health for Greater Hudson Valley Health System, Amanda Langseder.

Pre-registration for the training is required. Registration is \$15 (plus additional service charge) to cover the cost of refreshments and materials. A healthy breakfast and lunch will be provided. Congregations that register two participants may send up to three more for no additional charge. For more information, or to register, call Sullivan 180 at (845)295-2680 or register at https://bit.ly/2JwY0Oe

Sullivan 180's mission is to build a healthy, vibrant Sullivan County where everyone has a sense of purpose, connection to family and community and access to fresh foods and an active lifestyle. Learn more at Sullivan180.org

DEP Announces Final Update to Watershed Recreation Rules

Updated rules provide more access for fishing, boating and hiking across 137,000 acres

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today released the final version of updated rules that govern access and activities on more than 137,000 acres of water supply property that are open for recreation in the watershed. The new rules, which go into effect on June 30, include many updates that will improve recreational access City's reservoirs and the watershed lands that surround them. DEP currently allows a wide range of low-impact recreational activities at 19 reservoirs, three lakes and thousands of acres of watershed land. These scenic areas in the Catskills and Hudson Valley include access for fishing, boating, hiking, hunting and more. To protect the water supply and promote outdoor recreation, the City governs recreational activities through a set of rules that outline requirements for permitting, the types of activities that are allowed, and the kinds of equipment that can be used on water supply property. The watershed recreation rules were last updated in 2010. Since then, DEP has expanded access to additional lands, started a successful recreational boating program on four reservoirs in the Catskills, hosted dozens of recreational events, and met with thousands of watershed residents and visitors who recreate on water supply

properties. In July 2018, DEP hosted to public hearings to gather feedback on a draft update to the recreation rules. Those discussions helped to inform a number of minor changes that were included as part of the final update to the recreation rules.

Some of the most significant changes in the final recreation rules include the following:

o The season for recreational boating will be expanded by approximately six weeks, running from May 1 to Oct. 31. The season currently begins on Memorial Day weekend and ends on Columbus Day each year.

o The new rules give DEP the authority to waive access permit requirements for special one-time events, such as family fishing days or reservoir cleanups, making it easier for our neighbors and visitors to participate in these events.

o The term for fishing boat tags will be extended to four years. They were previously valid for two years.

o Anglers who use some east-of-Hudson reservoirs for ice fishing would be allowed to use electric augers. Previously only hand augers were permitted.

o The draft updates released in 2018 included a requirement for fishing boats to be stored at least 10 feet away from the high water mark at any reservoir or lake. The final update does not include this as a requirement, but rather a recommendation to ensure that fishing boats do not float away as water levels rise in the reservoirs.

o The final rules include two changes to improve the fairness of access for those who seek to store a fishing boat alongside DEP's reservoirs and lakes. They include the following:

o DEP will no longer allow the transfer of fishing boats in closed storage areas. Boat owners can sell their boat to any person at any time. Their boats are their personal property. However, they cannot sell the storage space alongside the reservoir with their boats. This practice amounted to an illegal transfer of a City-owned property interest, which violates a provision of the NYC Administrative Code.

o DEP will also limit the number of boats that a single person can store alongside its reservoirs. There are currently 13,000 boats stored alongside the reservoirs. The vast majority of boaters (80 percent) own just one boat. Less than 5 percent own three or more boats. The current DEP Boat Management Policy will allow a person to store up to 16 boats on DEP reservoirs, but no more than eight east or west of the Hudson River. Individual reservoirs will also have lim-

its, determined by both the reservoir size and storage capacity. Currently, less than 1 percent of boaters (85 individuals) have eight or more boats. The rules contain a grandfather provision for existing owners. Nobody will be asked to remove their boats. This change will improve access for more visitors, as some of the most popular reservoirs currently have a waiting list of nearly 500 people.

o Hunters will now be allowed to use trail cameras for scouting game.

o The draft updates released in 2018 included a requirement for hunters to wear blaze or safety orange for both big and small game hunting. This requirement was not included in the final rules. Rather, rules for hunting attire on DEP property will reflect whatever statewide rules are in place throughout New York.

o Service dogs will be permitted on recreational lands.

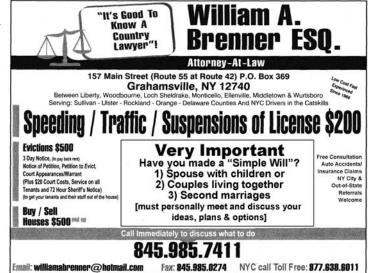
o School-issued identification, IDNYC, and a passport will now be accepted as forms of identification to receive a DEP Access Permit.

o Sailboats will no longer be permitted on reservoirs that allow recreational boating.

o The launching and landing of drones from City property is prohibited.

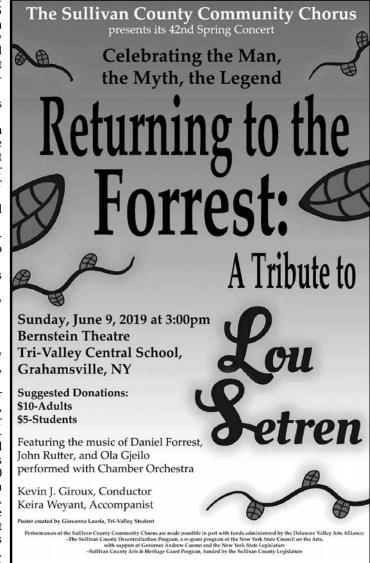
Target shooting on City property is prohibited.

Horses on City property are prohibited. 0 Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, on City property is also prohibited to promote public health, public safety and cleanliness of our natural resources. The City's watershed recreation rules apply to water supply properties in Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Over the past decade, DEP has worked in partnership with local government officials, nonprofits and outdoor recreation groups to improve and expand access for recreation. DEP currently owns more than 137,000 acres of land and water that are open for recreation in more than 400 locations throughout the watershed. A DEP Access Permit is required for recreation on the reservoirs and their immediate buffer lands. That permit can be obtained and printed from home by using DEP's system atwww.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit. online Thousands of acres are also open for recreation without



a DEP permit. In 2008, DEP first established Public Access Areas to allow recreation without a permit on certain watershed lands. Since then, the number of acres open for recreation without a permit has more than tripled from 20,009 to 74,115.

In 2016, DEP also released an interactive recreation mapping tool to help outdoor enthusiasts find accessible lands and waters more easily. The RecMapper utility combines maps of recreation areas with data related to parcel size, location, uses allowed on each parcel, and other helpful information. It allows users to interactively explore recreation areas by zooming in to any portion of the Croton, Catskill or Delaware watersheds. The map includes City recreation areas, and those owned and managed by the State of New York. All the recreation parcels are highlighted on the map and users can get helpful information by clicking on them. The RecMapper also includes street maps, topographic maps and satellite imagery to help users find each site and understand its steepness, forest cover and other conditions. The tool was designed to work on computers, cell phones and tablets. It is regularly updated as new recreation areas are opened. The RecMapper can be found by visiting www.nyc.gov/dep/recmap. Other informa-tion about recreation in the watershed can be found atwww.nyc.gov/dep/recreation.



# SC Community Chorus Spring Concert at TVCS Bernstein Theatre

Fresh back from singing at Carnegie Hall, Sullivan County Community Chorus will be performing their Spring Concert on Sunday, June 9, 3:00pm at The Bernstein Theatre at Tri Valley School. They will be singing works from Dan Forest, John Rutter, et al with a chamber orchestra.

# Monti Elks Salute Our Flag

(Monticello) Monticello Elks Lodge #1544 is sponsoring a Flag Day ceremony on Sunday, June 9th. The 11am service is at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello. The public is invited to hear and see the history of the American Flag. Each of the flags will be displayed. Elks Past NY State President Phil Conaty of are community leaders, police and firefighters, Scouts and veterans.

to mandate the observance of Flag Day (June 14th). More than 40 years later, President Harry Truman, who was also an Elk, signed into law a declaration naming Flag Day as an official national holiday. Every Elks Lodge across the U.S. holds an annual Flag Day service on or near June 14th, a day to fly the flag.



The Sullivan County Retired Teachers' Association will hold its June Meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the White Sulphur Inn, 3332 State Route 52, White Sulphur Springs, Coffee will be available at 9:30, business meeting at 10:15 and the program at 11:00. The guest presenters will be Gordon MacAdam and Paul Lounsbury who will be talking about the "One Room Schoolhouse Project in the Town of Thompson." Through them and the rest of their committee, over 20 historic markers have been placed at the schoolhouse sites.

Following the presentation will be a buffet lunch the cost of which is \$20. Please make your reservations by June 7 by calling Nancy/John 845-439-4706, Joan 845-482-3563 or Leon 845-292-6903. All retired teachers are invited to attend



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YARD and CLOTHING SALE

Every Friday: 10 am - 3:00 pm Comics, Vintage items, books, clothing, yard sale

items, children's clothing, toys ....

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# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/Daniel Pierce Library Vote, OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Library Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 At 6:30 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

# PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$442,779 (which sum consists of \$434,950 previously authorized plus an additional \$7,829) for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

# PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$442,779 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2019-2020 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 6, 2019 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 11, 2019. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any gualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 4, 2019) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 10, 2019), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any gualified voter may file a written challenge of the gualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education **Tri-Valley Central School District** Grahamsville, New York Norma Peña, District Clerk

Dated: March 29, 2019

4/25; 5/9; 5/16; 6/6/19

The Town of Denning 'Republican Caucus Notice Notice is hereby given that a Republican Caucus will be held in and for the: TOWN OF: DENNING Tim/ Date: 9:30 am - June 8th, 2019 Place: Denning Town Hall For th epurpose of nominating Republican Candicates for Town Offices for said Town to be fobed for at the November 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION Dated: May 24, 2019 Signed: Gregory Vurckio

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking a qualified contractor for removal of a fuel oil underground storage tank at a residence in the Town of Hunter, Greene County to be purchased pursuant to a town approved flood buyout. Bids must be received at CWC by 4pm, June 20, 2019. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

5/26/; 6/6/; 6/13/19

# Senator Jen Metzger's Statement on **DEC Issuing Certificate of Completion** for the Competitive Power Ventures

(CPV) Title V Permit Application The DEC issued a certificate of completion for the Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) Title V permit application, which opens a 45-day public comment period. The DEC will also be scheduling at least one public hearing, but has yet to announce the date(s). I intend to submit comments, and plan to enter into the official record the results of the health survey conducted by my office in February-March 2019, which catalogues numerous health complaints from 79 residents in the surrounding area. The most frequent issues reported were chronic headache and cough.

I remain deeply concerned about the impacts of CPV on the surrounding residents and on the environ-ment, and I continue to publicly question CPV's suitability as an applicant. I strongly encourage affected residents to submit comments and to testify at the hearings. Public comments must be submitted in writing no later than July 12, 2019. Comments can be submitted to: Christopher M Hogan

NYSDEC Headquarters

625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

(518) 402-9167

DEPPermitting@dec.ny.gov

For more information, please see the ENB - Region 3 Notices at

https://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20190529\_not3.html

#### State Senator Jen Metzger to Host Open House at Liberty Satellite Office

(LIBERTY, NY) - State Senator Jen Metzger invites constituents to an open house at her Liberty Satellite Office on Monday, June 10, 2019, (4 pm - 6 pm), located at 59 N. Main Street, Liberty, NY 12754.

The free public event will allow district residents to stop by the office, visit with Senator Metzger and her staff, and discuss state programs, issues, and services. Representatives from the Office of the New York State Comptroller will also be in attendance to help constituents search for unclaimed funds. Children and families are welcome to attend. There is free parking available onsite as well as street parking and a municipal lot (located within walking distance) behind the Liberty office past Manzi's Cafe.

This open house will offer a great opportunity for constituents to get acquainted with our staff and the services available to them at our Liberty office. I look forward to seeing many new faces and old friends!' Said Senator Metzger.

Senator Metzger's Liberty Satellite Office has a full-time staff available to help constituents address issues that are of concern to them. The Liberty office will begin serving constituents on Monday, June 3, with regular office hours from Monday-Friday 9 am -5 pm. During operating hours, constituents can call (845) 292-0215 to speak with a member of our staff. Please be advised that the Liberty office line will be in service starting Thursday, June 6, 2019.

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