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## The Neversink Association Annual Picnic Meeting



*Neversink Association Board*

The Neversink Association held its annual BYO picnic and annual meeting on 9/6/20 at the Frost Valley Y in Claryville. Over 70 members attended this year's "socially distanced" meeting where masks and temperature checks were required and seating was spaced at least 6 feet apart.

Ed Ostapchuk of Trout Unlimited spoke of his years of fishing the Neversink River in Claryville area. He also gave information about Ed Sens, a local fisherman and fly tier extraordinaire who lived and fished in our area. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## SC Deputy Sheriff Robert Cintron School Resource Officer of the Year



Deputy Sheriff Robert Cintron of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been named School Resource Officer of the year by the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association. (Contd. Pg. 2)

## Fallsburg CSD Kicks Off School Year

To welcome back students, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) held a special parade through thirteen key locations along school bus routes in the Town of Fallsburg on September 11, 2020.



*Van at Main Street Houses, where members of the community are passing out masks and a kit to color the mask*

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

Proverbs 29:6

## SC Deputy Sheriff Robert Cintron School Resource Officer of the Year

(From Pg. 1)

Deputy Cintron, who is assigned to the Sheriff's Patrol Youth Division, serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the BOCES main campus in Liberty.

Sheriff Mike Schiff congratulated Deputy Cintron on his award and thanked him for his outstanding service to the people of Sullivan County.

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History

#### September 13, 1950

Miss Elaine Steur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Steur of the Bronx, became the bride of Mr. Stanley Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink, Saturday evening in New York. They were married by the Rev. Abraham Lewis.

John George of Eureka will sell his farm, farm equipment and his herd of pure bred registered Jerseys at auction Saturday, September 23rd starting at 12:30. In the family for over 75 years, the 293 acre farm belonged to Mrs. George's father, Abram Moore when the Georges bought it about 40 years ago.

Attention all fishermen! Stop, read and consider! A trout, 23 inches long, weighing 4 lbs. 5 oz. was caught last Friday up in Peekamoose. For all particulars and details, inquire of Loron Dean at the Sundown Post Office. Is he or isn't he the champion big fish man of this area??

Mrs. Chan Dayton escaped with minor injuries Sunday morning when the Mercury sedan she was driving skidded and rolled over four times on the Woodbourne Road near the Ted Shaut house.

#### September 14, 1960

Miss Joann Roosa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roosa of Hasbrouck, and a 1957 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, received an educational award and \$250 from Vassar Brothers Hospital in

Poughkeepsie for further study in the field of obstetrical nursing. Miss Roosa, who had served as salutatorian for the Class of '57 at TVCS, completed her nursing requirements at Vassar Brothers, ranking third in her graduating class.

The marriage of Miss Ella Margaret Mehlig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mehlig of Barclay Heights, Saugerties, to Frederic Eugene J Finch, son of Mr. and Mrs. son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Finch of Grahamsville, took place on Saturday, September 10th.

Wilbur Bell of Youngsville, died Monday, September 5th in Liberty, N.Y. at the age of 82. He was born March 10, 1878 in Claryville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Bell. Surviving are three sons, a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Slater of Grahamsville; a sister, 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Haag of Staten Island, N.Y. and Greenville are the proud parents of a baby boy born on August 28th at the Richmond Memorial Hosp. in Staten Island. Mr. and Mrs. George Haag, Sr. are the paternal grandparents. The baby arrived on the 21st wedding anniversary of his parents.

#### September 23, 1970

On Friday, September 18th, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sheeley celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. They were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and enjoyed a cake provided by Mrs. Don Terwilliger.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barkley, Jr. 12 years on the 26th; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coombe, Jr., 11 years on the 26th; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Denman, 47 years on the 29th.

We wish to share the news that a white deer has been seen by most of us here in Sundown and hope the trusting animal will survive the hunting season.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheeley had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheeley of Boiceville. Congratulations to Leo who retires Tuesday from the New York City Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Fred Ahrens is adding a porch to his house and Mr. Ransie Hamilton has been helping him with the project. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DAYS OF YORE....

### Today's History (From Pg. 2)

#### September 18, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. George Dean of Neversink are the proud parents of a 6 lb. 3 oz. baby girl, Kylie Lynn, born August 28th at the Englewood Hospital, N.J. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sosnowski of Woodbourne. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean, Jr. of Neversink.

We have just learned that Fred Wright of Neversink will be celebrating his 90th birthday, Thursday, September 18th. Happy Birthday, Fred!

Mrs. Pearl Galloway is still catching skunks in her traps. Saturday a.m. another one showed up and took his time about leaving the trap. 4 skunks and four hours later, Natalie Mattison came face to face with a skunk right outside her door. I think Natalie ran faster than the skunk!!

Elizabeth Pfeiffer, formerly of Kingston, N.Y., died at United Hospital in Port Chester, N.Y. on August 25, 1980. Born October 2, 1896 to the late Sarah and Joseph Richards, she grew up on Lackawack Hill.

The Tri-Valley Chapter of FFA began this past summer with Chapter President Dwight Coombe attending the FFA Washington, D.C. leadership conference. FFA members from all over the U.S. gathered for a week of leadership training, congressional visits, and sight-seeing

## Drive Through Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Saturday, September 26, 4 to 6:30 p.m.  
Time and the Valleys Museum

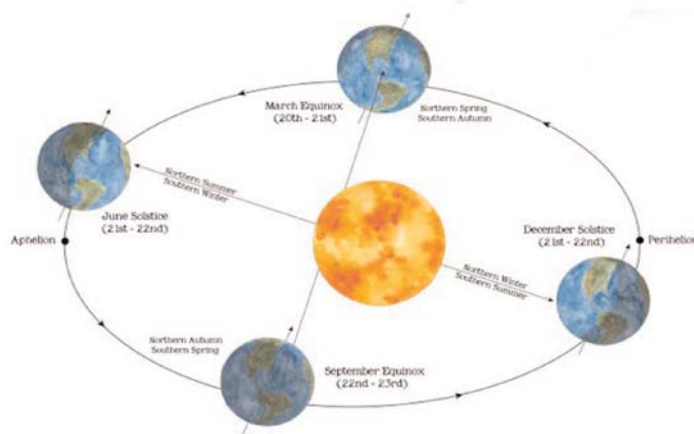


The Drive Through (Contactless!) Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, September 26th, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum parking lot, 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55), Grahamsville NY. The BBQ includes: delicious \_ BBQ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, baked beans, cornbread, brownie and ice cream. (Contd. Pg. 10)

## 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.*

COVID had changed so many of the 'norms' that we took foreganted would always be there, but one thing that is consistent throughout the Catskills this time of year is the fact that summer is in its final days. The sun is rising later each day and setting earlier each evening as the arc of the sun shifts toward the south. Birds and butterflies are migrating southward following the path of the sun. Now with so many staying home due to COVID we may not notice these changes.



Earlier generations spent most of their time out of doors and followed the cycles of the Sun using the sky as both clock and calendar and could easily see when the sun's path across the sky changed the location of the sunrise and sunset

throughout the year. Stone circles like Stonehenge, dating back more than 3,000 years, are aligned to the Solstices and the Equinoxes.

Today, we know each equinox and solstice is an astronomical event caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and ceaseless orbit around the sun.

The Earth does not orbit upright, but is tilted on its axis by 23 1/2 degrees. Earth's Northern and Southern Hemispheres trade places in receiving the sun's light. Thus we have an equinox twice a year, spring and fall. It is when the tilt of the Earth's axis and Earth's orbit around the sun combine in such a way that the axis is inclined neither away from nor toward the sun. At the equinoxes, the sun appears overhead at noon if seen from Earth's equator. The sun will be on the celestial equator, and the celestial equator intersects all of our horizons at points due east and due west. At the equinox the sun will rise due east and set due west. If you have a chance and do go outside around sunset or sunrise and notice the location of the sun on the horizon relative to familiar landmarks. Return to the same spot a day or two later at sunrise or sunset, and continue to do so and you will notice the sun moving further and further south.

If you look up at the night sky, you will see Fomalhaut, the Autumn Star making its way across the heavens each night. You will also see the point where the Ecliptic crosses the Celestial Equator. It is presently lying in the constellation Virgo, which is one of the 12 sun signs of the zodiac. When the Sun passes this point each year, the Autumnal Equinox has occurred and nights begin to grow longer than days, and continue to do so in the Northern Hemisphere until the Winter Solstice in December when the sun appears at its lowest altitude above the horizon at noon.

The Autumn Equinox is not celebrated quite as intensely as the Winter Solstice or Midsummer Solstice, but it is a good time to get out those warm woolies, stoke up the fire and prepare for the winter ahead. Take out a little time this weekend to enjoy the last days of summer before the Autumn Equinox on Wednesday, September 23rd, a seasonal signpost of Earth's orbit around the sun!

## Household Hints:

### Clear away crayon stains

Somehow or other, kids often manage to get crayon marks on their clothing. You can easily get these stains off by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them.

## The Neversink Association Annual Picnic Meeting

(From Pg. 1)



*Photo by Thom Reeves*

*Ed Ostapchuk of Trout Unlimited*



Local resident, Andrew Kremer, showed slides of the "Clothes Pool," a huge river protection project presently underway on Frost Valley Road by the Rondout Neversink Stream Management Program.



*Photo by Thom Reeves*

*Local resident, Andrew Kremer*



*Photo by Thom Reeves*

*Kate O'Connor, NYS Hemlock Initiative*

Kate O'Connor, NYS Hemlock Initiative, spoke about the woolly adelgid, an invasive that is killing hemlock trees and explained that spraying must be done to control it at this time. A bio-control (insect) is being developed but not available in large enough numbers presently.

David White described the organizing he and his wife Jenny Lee have been involved with this summer regarding the overuse of a fishing access site in Claryville. Huge numbers of people have been misusing the site by cooking, littering and dangerous parking along the roadway while they are swimming.

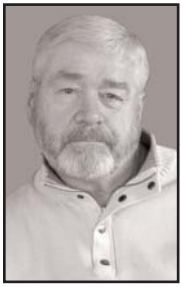
Retiring President of the Board, Andrew Ford, presented Jerry Huncosky, CEO of Frost Valley Y, with a donation of \$1000 from the Association. Donations were also made this fiscal year to 11 other area conservation organizations.

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## Then She Vanished

### Mysterious Book Report No. 418

#### by John Dwaine McKenna

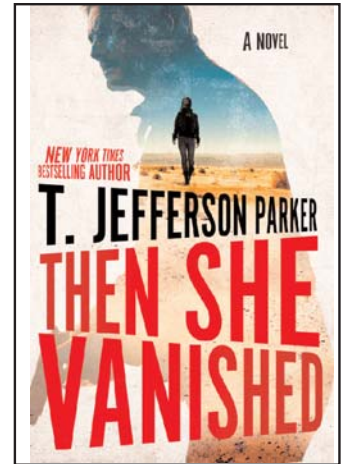


California private eye Roland Ford—a tough ex-marine, grieving widower and insightful detective—takes on his toughest case yet in author T. Jefferson Parker's fourth and newest novel: *Then She Vanished*, (G.P. Putnam's sons, \$27.00, 338 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-53767-0).

The novel begins when Ford is hired by state representative Dalton Strait—who's in the midst of a tight reelection campaign—to find his wife Natalie, who has disappeared without a trace. She suffers from bipolar disorder . . . and she's done it before . . . eventually turning up in Las Vegas, 100 grand in the hole. It ought to be a simple and straightforward missing persons case, but it isn't, because the more we learn about Dalton Strait, the more complex and deadly Ford's job becomes.

Like a lot about California, much about Strait is an illusion. Is he a war hero or a coward? An honest politician or a crook who's abusing the public trust? And finally, is Natalie in danger, having been abducted, or is Dalton Strait engineering an elaborate campaign hoax in an attempt for sympathy and publicity? Is Natalie a victim, a participant, or a runaway who doesn't want to be found? Ford's doubts about his flaky client get bigger with every new revelation.

Meanwhile, something called the Chaos Committee is setting off bombs in post offices, and sending them to public officials, urging people to join the anarchy and promising more of the same still to come. And just how does the disappearance of Natalie Strait tie in . . . or does it? As Roland Ford is drawn deeper and deeper into the quagmire that surrounds his client, his own life is increasingly at risk, and his mounting doubts multiply the chances that he won't solve this complex southern California whodunit from the hand of a master!



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## Interview With The Author: T. Jefferson Parker

by  
John Dwaine McKenna

We are in rarefied air today, speaking with writer T. Jefferson Parker, an extraordinary three-time winner of the prestigious MWA, or Mystery Writers of America, Edgar Award for fiction and the author of twenty-six crime-fiction thrillers. Thanks so much Mr. Parker for sharing your time and insights with us. Here's our first question:



*Why do you write?*

I caught the bug in college and it never let go. It's something to do with wanting to show others the fascinating, wonderful, spooky, mysterious world I see. It has to do with stories.

*Where do you write?*

I've got a wonderful office on the lot here in Fallbrook. It's a metal building, like a small aircraft hangar, but the inside is finished off as an office and library. I love it. It's my spot. Every single thing in it is something that's important to me.

*What do you write about?*

Life and crime in Southern California, mostly. My tales are all contemporary, rooted in the here and now. I see myself as a reporter still, which is what I used to do for a living.

*Are any of your characters autobiographical?*

There are bits and pieces of me in most every character. But mainly my characters aren't me. I haven't done anything worth writing a novel about. My characters have! (Contd. Pg. 19)

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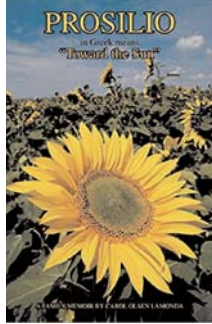



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### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* 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: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



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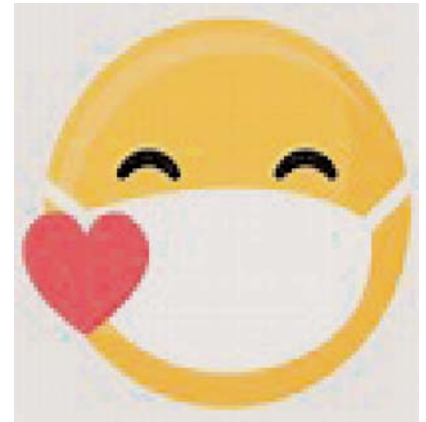
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## Covid Fashion Tips

Since most of us are living "virtually" our fashion statements only need to be able to be **s c r e e n -** wide and waist deep. Since we are seated most of the time, our bottom halves can throw fashion to the diseased droplet-infested wind and be comfortable and not necessarily stylish. Students and teachers can sport yoga pants, sweat pants and even pajama bottoms paired with a more public-acceptable, fashionable top.



Masks are so common now that the fashion industry has kicked into high gear marketing whimsical, comical, and lively patterned ones. One can have a business or school logo printed on them, or one can personalize a face covering with your favorite pet or boyfriend's picture. You

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can even find sets of masks, scarves, gloves and socks for those OCD matchy, matchy folk.

Last year's winter coat and hats will do for this year since you will not be going out very often, perhaps only to forage for groceries and more hand sanitizer.

High heels and black wing tips are definitely out when sneakers or comfortable slippers can be your working from home shoes.

I do recommend updating your pajama wardrobe since there may be days when your daytime lounging pajamas (no one is stopping by anyway) may need a change from your slept-in-these-already ones.

Earrings are a nuisance because they get caught up in the elastic of a mask. Wearing your hair longer and in a pony tail serves two purposes. First, you cut down on visits to a hair salon and the pony tail makes a nice anchor for the mask that slips down the back of your head. Men, you might want to shave off that beard that is just a droplet magnet and nest for Covid.

Whatever the outfit, make sure you have pockets...pockets to hold sanitizer, credit card, mask, gloves, and wipes.

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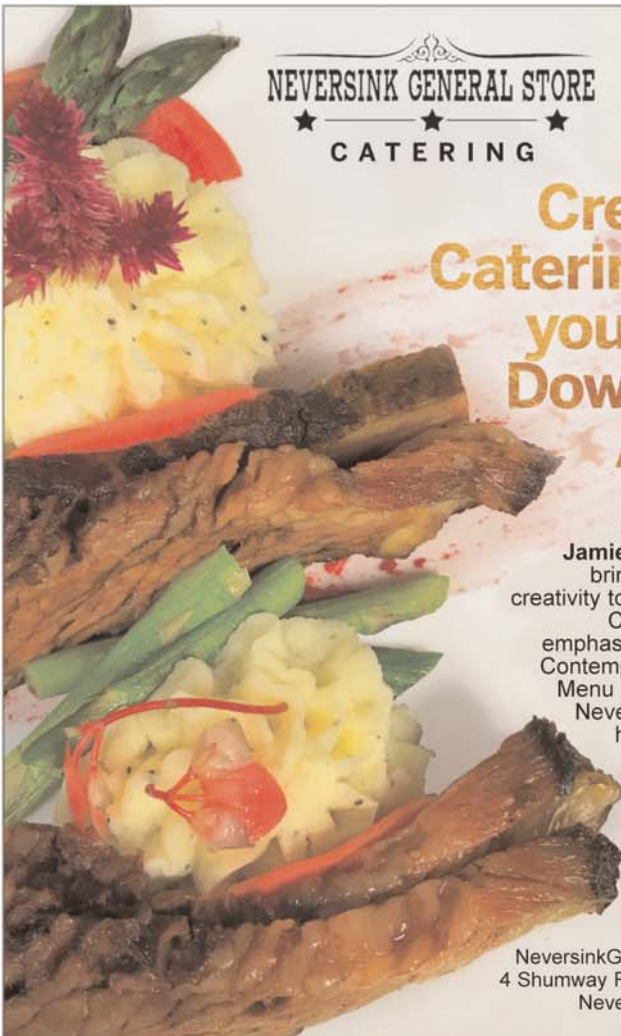
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(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) has announced that online registration for classes will open on September 10, 2020. NCA programs will be operating as a hybrid of virtual and in-person settings to ensure the safety of families and artists. Classes begin the week of September 21st. Courses include: Chorus, Dance, Visual Arts and Theatre plus Honors Chorus and Handbell Choir by invitation only. These classes will have one tuition fee for the semester: \$75 for Young Children classes and \$125 for Older Children classes. Students may register for as many classes as they desire. Visit [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org) to learn more and to register.

There is still availability in NCA's Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM) program which offers individual instrument/voice lessons, ensembles and music theory education. Program and tuition inquiries for AYM should be sent to [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org).

NCA's Arts Haven day program will be available to students enrolled in NCA programs. Space is limited. Contact [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org) if interested.

NCA has also announced that it has received multiple new grants. These grants include: New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Community Based Learning, Associated Chamber Music Players Foundation Grant, NYSCA National Endowment for the Arts Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Grant and Episcopal Charities COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. NCA is grateful for this support and the support of other grant funders, businesses and community members.

For more information on Nesin Cultural Arts' programs, visit [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org) or contact Marina Lombardi at: [marina@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:marina@nesinculturalarts.org) or (845) 798-9006.





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## Drive Through Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

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**Time and the Valleys Museum** (From Pg. 3)

The BBQ is being catered by the Neversink General Store, with ice cream donated by Gillette Creamery, and also includes a trivia booklet for activities to do at home. Enjoy a delicious dinner, support the Museum and never leave your car!

Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque \$12 per meal and are available on line: <https://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/product/chicken-take-out-bbq-tickets/>, or by sending a check to: Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville NY 12740. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is opening on Sunday September 20th! The Museum will be open Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. through October.

**Exhibitions:**

- o **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o **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.

- o **1930s Lost Catskill Farm** an outdoor experience with farm house, 1870s barn, electric plant, milk house, outhouse and workshop with working waterwheel!

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members.

For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail [info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org](mailto:info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).



## The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Don't you love it when your phone rings before 5:30am from a restricted number? Mornings and I don't get along in the best of circumstances. Yuck.

Last week I told you about my excursions but I didn't tell you about those of the week before. Well OK, one excursion. I like CABERNET FRANK'S, that you all know. Of all the places I've been in this restrictive environment, this is one of the few places locally that made me feel safe, whatever that means in this atmosphere.



The end of August, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND appeared at the Sunday afternoon live music offering there. Always a pleasure to see my friends. Beyond that, this band has worked more in more venues than any other group over this very difficult summer. I think that says a great deal about the caliber of what they offer. I have watched audiences of New York City-ers who fled the city for the less virus dangerous air of Sullivan County clapping and singing along with their music. I have watched mixed crowds, the city-ers and loyal fans singing along and clapping, and in some cases dancing, to their music.

The professionalism of JOHNNY JULES, BOBBY D, and DAVID D'ARCY has built a following that crosses all socio-economic lines that is extremely rare and I'm proud to call them friends.

They were joined on that Sunday by the wonderful PAUL SHARP, first on Mandolin then sweetening it all with the fiddle. And then, when they took a break, one of my new favorites took the stage, JESSICA CAMPBELL of Beaverkill Farm. This lady is relatively new to music in general, but you'd never know it. Not only does she cover known songs, throwing her own unique spin on them, but she owns that stage once she takes it. This is extremely rare with newbees and makes her someone to watch in the future. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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## Her Quirky Journey

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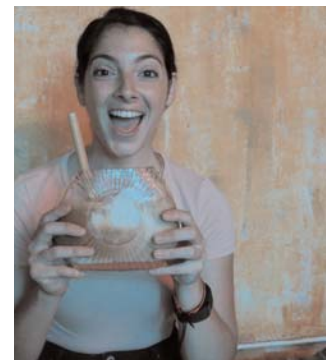
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### 3 Most Interesting Coffees I've Ever Had

Secret's out: I love coffee. I drink it every day and, when I travel, I make it a mission to try every place's coffee- and all versions of it. Naturally, I love trying all of the different food items a country or city has to offer. But, coffee is my main goal. And, when I'm backpacking, I make it a plan to go to a unique and highly-rated cafe and drink the local coffee. Having said that, I do love American coffee. It's special in its own way! As much of a "coffee snob" as I am, I love Dunkin' Donuts! However, I haven't just tried black or "regular" coffee around the world. I've tried all kinds...and some of them are made in truly fascinating and sometimes strange ways!

**1. Vietnamese Coconut Coffee-** By now, you must know my obsession with Vietnam! This right here is one of the biggest reasons I love it: the coffee. Vietnam has some of the greatest coffee I've ever had- in all of its beautiful forms. The most common is the Vietnamese iced coffee, or "cà phê á," which is made in a small metal drip, then mixed with condensed milk and ice. However, my favorite version is their coconut coffee: drip coffee, sweetened condensed milk, and coconut cream. So refreshing, sweet, and perfect for their impossibly humid weather!



**2. Bosnian coffee** - It looks a lot like Turkish coffee, but don't ever say that to a Bosnian because there are differences between the two and they will be very offended if you compare the two! There's a very methodical process behind making this divine stuff: boil the water, pour the coffee grounds on top, wait for them to settle, add ice water, stir until creamy, spoon the cream into your small cup, then pour the coffee on top! Scrumptious- and truly revitalizing! The little Turkish delight that's always served on the side isn't so bad, either! (Contd. Pg. 12)



### The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) The prediction of rain had been in this past Sunday's forecast until that morning. And without that threat, off I went to see DAVID MILNER. This Canadian born performer also commands the stage but in a very quintessential Canadian way. His style is easy going and you can't help but just plain like him and then you realize just how talented



he is. He kind of sneaks up on you. Once again, I had not planned to stay past a one set and ended up staying until he packed up. And I wasn't the only one. Those who were there when I got there, a little after 4, stayed. They had ordered food, weren't drinking heavily, they stayed for the music. Through the rain, yes, it rained. A random audience member rushed to set up the huge umbrellas on hand to keep the rain off David so he could continue. Like I said before, it's that Canadian thing.

With the leaves beginning to change and some nights dipping into the 40s, I fear the live music scene will be drying up soon. Many I know were too nervous to come out even in outdoor, socially distant settings so audiences have been extremely sparse, unlike previous years. For the musicians, this is their lives, and in many cases, their livelihood and I fear what this winter will bring, with CoVid showing no signs of disappearing.

Stay well, stay strong  
Until next time^^.

### Her Quirky Journey

#### 3 Most Interesting Coffees I've Ever Had

(From Pg. 11)

3. Kopi Luwak, or "Cat Poop Coffee." - Yes. I drank "cat poop coffee." This delicacy in Bali is one of the more bizarre delicacies I've tried- and one of the most expensive coffees in the world! It's a fascinating process: coffee cherries have been eaten by a civet cat, digested, pooped out,



then made into coffee! Apparently, their enzymes produce a smoother cup of coffee. But, to me, it didn't taste particularly different from any other coffee I've had. It was a little overrated, honestly. But, it was an experience all on its own!

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## 'Sullivan Rx' Prescribes Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market Coupons to Garnet Health Patients

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - As residents across Sullivan County adapt to challenges associated with the Covid-19 pandemic, a new health initiative supports ongoing efforts towards a healthier community.



Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County, Garnet Health Doctors, Sullivan County Public Health Services, SNAP-Ed NY, and Sullivan Renaissance announce Sullivan Rx, a new program making it possible for healthcare providers at Garnet Health Doctors in Monticello to prescribe coupons for fresh fruits and vegetables to patients, redeemable at the CCE Sullivan Fresh Market-on-the-Move.

"We are happy to support this initiative and join the partnership to 'prescribe' healthy food as medicine and make it accessible," said Sullivan Renaissance Executive Director Denise Frangipane.

Dr. Joseph Chavez Carey, Medical Director of Primary Care at Garnet Health Doctors, shared in the excitement of this initiative stating, "We are excited to be partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension to help our families access healthy food in these difficult times. Being able to eat a healthy, balanced diet is so important for the health of our children and for our community."

To participate in the Sullivan Fresh Rx program, ask any healthcare provider at Garnet Health Doctors- Monticello for your \$5 coupon to a Sullivan Fresh market. Then, visit any of the five Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Markets to redeem your coupon for fresh fruits and vegetables by 10/1/2020.

The CCE Sullivan Fresh Market-on-the-Move stops in Monticello across from the Sullivan County Government Center on Mondays from 11am to 2pm, in Liberty at the Sullivan County Public Health building on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm, in Loch Sheldrake Public Parking Lot on Wednesdays from 3 to 5pm, in Wurtsboro at the Community Church on Thursdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm, and in Fallsburg at the Town Hall on Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30pm.

Questions about Sullivan Rx can be directed to the Garnet Health Community Coordinator at 845-794-3300, ext. 2727.

For more information on the 2020 Sullivan Fresh Farmers' Market season, visit [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org).

The Sullivan Rx pilot program is supported in part by Sullivan Renaissance and Garnet Health.

## Kiwanis of Woodridge Enters 'Legacy of Play' Contest

Kiwanis International teams up with Kiwanis Vision Partner Landscape Structures to give one Kiwanis club \$25,000 of playground equipment. The Legacy of Play Contest celebrates the belief that investing in communities through legacy signature projects is important to the success of a Kiwanis club. With its emphasis on inclusive play, Landscape Structures helps Kiwanis achieve our goal of bringing play to all children.

Kiwanis of Woodridge, NY Foundation, Inc. has submitted an entry hoping to win the money to include handicap accessible playground equipment at Morningside Park. It is our goal to allow children of all abilities to play and interact together while having fun. We need your help! Votes will determine a winner. If you would like to help us achieve our goal, and to vote on our submission, please go to the following link: <https://play.kiwanis.org/contestants/kiwanis-of-woodridge-ny/> The Voting period is: September 14 through September 27, 2020. The Winner will be announced: October 7, 2020. The Kiwanis of Woodridge appreciates, and thanks you for, your vote!

# Fallsburg CSD Kicks Off School Year

(From Pg. 1) The event was sponsored by the Comet Chapter of My Brother's Keeper (MBK). Leading the event to its first destination was the Director of Family and Community Engagement and Advisor to MBK, Dr. Aleta Lymon.

Following her were a Prestige Production van filled with school supplies and ice cream treats and cars with the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz, BCES Principal Mary Kate Stinehour, and Chair of the FCSD Wellness Committee and Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian, with her dog Huckleberry.

Also supporting the event were the Advisors to the FHS



*Mother and two children are at Brian Ingber Park*



*Mother and two children receiving ice cream from Special Education Teacher Sharon Blake*

Student Government Association (SGA) Elisa Baum and Isabel Mejia; Boys Modified Basketball Coach Michael Ballard; SGA Volunteers Emily Collura and Tamia Caston; Special Education Teacher Sharon Blake and her husband Jimmy, who is a cafeteria monitor at BCES; and Prestige staff Corey Gips and Jaison Rivera. Everyone was busy setting up at each location, handing out the goodies to eager children, and then packing up for the next stop.



*The van with children and staff at the stop in Woodridge Municipal Hall Parking Lot.*

The event observed social distancing protocols. 6-foot perimeters and traffic patterns were set up at each location. In order to receive goodies every participant wore a mask. To ensure that people did not stay and linger only 20 minutes was allotted for each location.

The van was equipped with music and a sound system, including the jingling bells of an ice cream truck. It was quite a sight to watch kids and families streaming out of their homes as the van approached each residence area. The piper bells truly awakened the taste buds of the children. It was an afternoon delight for a few hundred happy students that began at BCES at 1:00 PM and ended in the Mountindale Municipal Lot at 7:00 PM.

“Preparing for remote learning has been a challenge for everyone,” said Dr. Lymon. This event provided a great opportunity for students and parents to ask any remaining questions regarding the challenges of remote learning. Parents also received resources on wi-fi hot spots while their children obtained needed school supplies.

School officially resumes on Monday, September 14.



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Marion Rubenzahl

Before you start,  
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Thank you Marion!

## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

## Town of Neversink FALL CLEANUP 2020

Fall Cleanup will be held on Saturday October 17, 2020, Wednesday October 21, 2020 and Saturday October 24, 2020. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with Blue 2020 permits will be allowed 2 loads. Permit cards will be punched for the load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires, permit cards will be punched. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during fall cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Fall Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

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## HEAP Season Begins Next Month

Liberty, NY - As one Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season comes to a close, another is about to begin.

"The 2019-2020 HEAP eligibility period is now ending after an unprecedented nine months," notes Sullivan County Director of Temporary Assistance Giselle Stekete. "It was extended several times because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, before ending on August 31. However, the Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and the Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) components remain active through September 30. They provide funding to have trained professionals inspect, service and even replace furnaces, boilers, stoves and other heating equipment."

The 2020-2021 HERR and C&T programs will begin the very next day, October 1, while HEAP's Regular component will start November 2. The Regular component of HEAP provides a one-time payment to help pay for the fuel to heat a home. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled.

Income thresholds for 2020-2021 Regular HEAP:  
Household Size

	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$2,610
2	\$3,413
3	\$4,216
4	\$5,019
5	\$5,822
6	\$6,625

Note that Sullivan County's new 4% Energy Tax will apply to recipients of HEAP who are not otherwise on Public Assistance. The tax is assessed on all heating fuel deliveries in Sullivan County, regardless of where the fuel vendor is

located (including out-of-state vendors).

To apply for a 2020-2021 HEAP grant, go to <https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin>. The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 or [heap@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:heap@co.sullivan.ny.us). The fax number is 845-292-4651. In-person applicant interviews will NOT be required this year, due to coronavirus. All interviews will be conducted via phone.

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces That Over 2,000 Residents Have Recovered from COVID-19

- *Delivering on County Executive Ryan's Big Five priority to make county government more responsive and responsible, Ulster County has led the way in responding to COVID-19*
- *Since March over 80,000 coronavirus diagnostic tests have been issued in Ulster County*
- *The daily positive test rate has remained under 1.5% for 41 straight days*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County has had over 2,000 residents recover from COVID-19. Since reporting the county's first positive case on March 8th, Ulster County has issued over 80,000 coronavirus diagnostic tests and currently, the daily positive test rate has remained under 1.5% for 41 straight days. Delivering on County Executive Pat Ryan's Big Five priority to make county government more responsive and responsible, Ulster County has led the way in responding to COVID-19.

"I want to thank the tremendous work of front line workers who have kept our numbers down and helped those impacted recover," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "While this is encouraging news, it does not mean we can ignore the important safety precautions we must all follow to combat COVID-19. It is absolutely critical that we all continue to practice social distancing, wear masks, and wash our hands to avoid a second wave."

Since Ulster County's first case of COVID-19 emerged in early March, Ulster County has taken a proactive response to control and counter the pandemic. County Executive Pat Ryan has held over fifty Town Halls and briefings to update the community on the evolving public health situation. On March 13, Ulster County was the first County to close schools ahead of the statewide decision to do so. Additionally, Ulster County is believed to be the first County to set up a fully staffed COVID-19 hotline when the first case appeared.

Ulster County also worked proactively to get testing running up and early. Ulster was the first County to, on its own, set up a mobile drive-through testing site at Tech City. Additionally, Ulster County laid out an aggressive plan to protect seniors who are vulnerable to COVID-19. County Executive Ryan directed the Health Department to put extra emphasis on protecting senior living facilities and established a rapid response team. The rapid response team supported these facilities with testing, PPE, and setting up health protocols.

There are currently 119 active cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County.



## Interview With The Author: T. Jefferson Parker

by  
John Dwaine McKenna (From Pg. 5)

*When do you write?*

I like mornings. The head is clear and the phones aren't ringing and the email and text messages are on Do Not Disturb! Plus you're open to things when it's early. Not enough has happened yet in the day to distract or disturb you. And the story comes.

*Do you plot-outline or wing it?*

I've done both. My preference is to start with a brief story proposal and get my editor enthused, then, when I feel ready to begin, write that first sentence. After that it's a free-for-all. Sometimes the finished book looks a lot like that proposal, sometimes just faintly, sometimes very much not. You have to be ready to write a book that's better than the proposal. That's the goal. The proposal/outline/synopsis is the lowest denominator. What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Read a lot of good things. It's the only way you'll learn to write good things. Then, beg, borrow or steal at least one hour every day to write. Do not let anyone take that hour away from you. Defend it with your life. If you can write one double-spaced page in one hour, you'll have a 365-page manuscript at the end of a year. That's how books get written.

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And now, as a special treat for our MBR audience, and with thanks to the folks over at Putnam, here's three more questions and answers about the character Roland Ford from *A Conversation with T. Jefferson Parker*

***How well do you, as his writer and creator, know Roland Ford at this point? Is he still surprising you and are you finding stories wandering off in directions even you didn't expect?***

I think I know half of him. He's a half-finished man. He's yet to experience a lasting relationship or fatherhood. He's experienced loss in combat, loss in love and loss in his personal life but he hasn't replaced those losses. I suspect he won't be able to. Maybe that's one of the themes of the Roland Ford series, is that you can't find what is lost, you can only fill the tank with something else. As he says on the first page of THEN SHE VANISHED: 'We don't heal stronger in the broken places but we do heal.'

***With this book, you've also reached a milestone: 2020 marks your 35th year as a bestselling mystery writer. What are your thoughts on the genre today, and how have you seen it evolve since your debut novel, Laguna Heat, was published?***

I think the mystery/thriller genres are healthy as ever. Look at this year's Edgar nominations and you'll find really good, staunch writing, timely storylines and a wide breadth of subject matter. I think we writers have changed with the times that have formed us. In a loose but important sense, our villains have evolved from the privately psychotic (Poe's guilt ridden murderers, Raskolnikov, Hannibal Lecter) to the publicly theatrical (Richard III, the Joker, Chaos Committee). Roland, in just four books, has faced down a professional torturer who has written a book about his exploits; an American-born terrorist who pledges his fealty to the Islamic State on Facebook; white haters who throw public rallies and want to poison thousands of Muslims living in the United States; and the aforementioned anarchists. These villains are brash and loud, and are born of racial, religious and political and cultural grievance. So the mystery genre is trying its best to capture and define our times.

***Can you tell us what's next for Roland Ford?***

Only that, as always, Roland will get far more than he bargains for! 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.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Libert, NY please go to: [stpeters/bulletin](http://stpeters/bulletin)

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

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

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE  
CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**Sundown United Methodist Church**

**Covered Dish Supper**

5:30 pm

To be Announced

*Sundown United Methodist Church Hall*



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Saturday Thrift Sale**

9:00 am to 12 noon  
To be Announced

**Thrift Sale**  
9am-12 noon  
Luncheon  
11 am - 12:30 pm  
To be Announced



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5277 State Rt. 42 • South Fallsburg  
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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**

**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**Daily Mass Schedule:** Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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



**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peakamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor Seung Jin Hong  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

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

**Regular Office Hours**  
Wednesday 9 am - Noon  
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

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

*Grahamsville Reformed Church*

*The Church with a friendly welcome*

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent  
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
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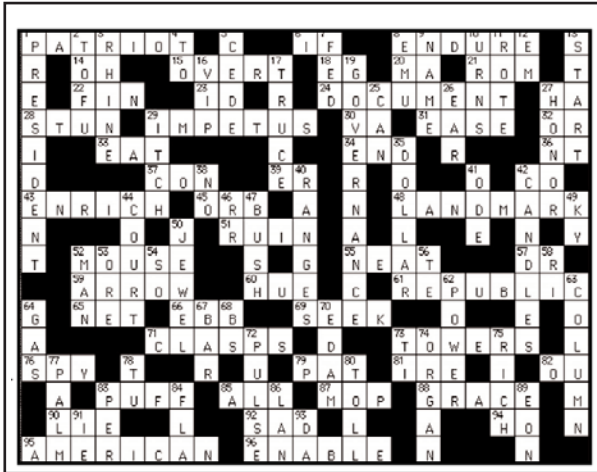
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**AL-ANON MEETINGS-** <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



**All Aboard!** **Cancelled until further notice**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
**FREE FUN**  
 every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

3	4	9	1	6	2	8	5	7
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6	8	1	4	7	3	5	2	9
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 or visit our Virtual Mall [gnohome.net](http://gnohome.net)

# Chicken BBQ

Sat. Sept. 19th

From 1 PM till 4 P.M.

at the Ulster Heights

Rod And Gun Club

Sherman Road, Ellenville, N Y.

Take outs only • Pre Pay, \$12

For Reservations call Bill 845 647 5190

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3 tents of accessories, jewelry, home décor items and clothing, Halloween and Christmas items. Fabulous finds!

Wednesday, September 16th

9 AM to 3 PM

and

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Healthy pre-packaged snacks, nuts and dried fruits. Wonderful selection to choose from. Terrific prices.

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Hand Sanitizers at each tent.

Social distancing rules apply.

A portion of the proceeds goes to the ERH Auxiliary

## **Additional Bowhunting and Muzzleloading Opportunities Proposed for Southern Zone between Christmas and New Year's Day; Public Comments Accepted through November 8**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today released a proposal to potentially expand deer hunting opportunities in the Southern Zone in the future. The proposed regulations would create additional bowhunting and muzzleloader hunting opportunities from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, and would only apply to New York's Southern Zone.

The new season would provide an additional seven days of late season hunting with bows and muzzleloaders. Hunters must purchase the bowhunting or muzzleloading privilege to participate in the late bow or muzzleloader seasons and may use all deer carcass tags valid during those seasons.

This proposal to expand the hunting season is only for the Southern Zone. In the Northern Zone, deer may already be moving to wintering areas by late December. Hunting seasons that occur when deer are migrating or are already concentrated in wintering areas could result in localized overharvest.

This proposed, additional hunting opportunity does not impact when snowmobile trails may open. Snowmobile trails are opened after the end of the regular big game hunting season, subject to adequate snow cover and local agreements.

Details of the proposal are published in the Sept. 9 New York State Register. DEC encourages the public to comment on the proposed regulations through Nov. 8, 2020. Comments may be submitted by email or in writing to: Jeremy Hurst, NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4754.

## **DEC Forest Ranger Highlights Recent Forest Ranger Actions**

### **Town of Hunter - Kaaterskill Wild Forest Wilderness Rescue:**

On Sept. 3 at 11:54 a.m., Forest Rangers received a call from DEC's Central Dispatch regarding a 39-year-old man from Croton-on-Hudson who slipped while hiking the escarpment trail near the Artist Rock and heard a snap in his ankle. Forest Rangers Fox, Breigle, and Assistant Forest Ranger France responded along with Greene County EMS and volunteers from the Haines Falls, Cedar Grove, and Tannersville fire departments. The responders packed the hiker in a litter and carried him out to a waiting ambulance for transport to a local hospital. The incident concluded by 2:30 p.m.

### **Town of Shandaken - Slide Wilderness Area Wilderness Rescue:**

On Sept. 5 at 4:30 p.m., a 32-year-old woman from Bellmawr, New Jersey, hiking the red trail to the summit of Wittenburg Mountain called Ulster County 911 requested assistance off the mountain due to a pre-existing medical condition that made it difficult for her to walk. Forest Rangers Martin, Brand, Griggsby, and Rusher responded to GPS coordinates that placed her three miles from the trailhead. Rangers assisted the subject for the first mile back, but her condition deteriorated rapidly, requiring a carry-out. Volunteers from the Phoenecia, Olive, Pine Hill, and Shandaken fire departments provided resources to assist Rangers with carrying the hiker out of the woods. At 1:30 a.m., the hiker was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.

### **Town of Deerpark Wildland Fire:**

On Sept. 5, Orange County 911 requested the assistance of Forest Ranger Parlier with a wildland fire on private property in the town of Deerpark. The unattended brush fire had spread and was later contained to approximately two acres through the use of an excavator the landowner had on site and the assistance of the Cuddeback, Huguenot, Otisville, Westbrookville, Sparrowbrush, and Port Jervis fire departments. The fire was declared out at approximately 3:45 p.m.

### **Town of Hunter - Indian Head Wilderness Area- Plattekill Clove Wilderness Rescue:**

On Sept. 6 at 9 p.m., a group of nine hikers called Greene County 911 reporting they were lost due to darkness and cliffs near the creek in Plattekill Clove. Forest Rangers Dawson, Fox, Breigle, and Slade responded to assist. The Rangers made voice contact with the hikers and bushwhacked to their location through steep terrain. Rangers utilized rope systems to assist the hikers up the steep terrain and back up to the road. All were out of the woods by 4:18 a.m.

### **Town of Tompkins - Steam Mill State Forest Delaware County**

#### **Law Enforcement:**

On Sept. 6, Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO) Osborne contacted Forest Ranger Seeley to inform him about a tip he received about a party planned that night in Steam Mill State Forest. The Officers formulated a plan for Rangers Seeley, Bink, and ECO Osborne to patrol the area to look for the group. The Rangers and ECO located the party at 11:30 p.m. and discovered approximately 40 people around a large bonfire with a lot of alcohol. The Officers collected identification from the attendees and instructed the group to clean up the beer cans and put the fire out. The Rangers and ECO issued a total of 32 tickets to individuals between the ages of 16 and 20 for possessing alcohol under the age of 21 on State land. Ranger Seeley then administered a breath test with an Intoximeter to anyone who planned on driving to ensure their safety. Those who could not drive could leave their vehicles for the night and received rides from sober attendees. The incident concluded at 4:30 a.m.

### **Hamlet of Kauneonga Lake Fire Grants Awarded:**

The Kauneonga Lake Fire Department in Sullivan County is one of the first of hundreds of rural fire departments to receive a grant through the federal Volunteer Fire Assistance Program. Grants of up to \$1,500 provide assistance to rural fire departments for wildfire suppression efforts. The Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program is funded by the U.S. Forest Service and administered by DEC Forest Rangers. Last year, the program provided grants to 371 fire departments across New York State. DEC received a federal appropriation of \$583,180 for 2020. Eligible fire departments include those that serve a single town with a population under 10,000, those that serve multiple communities, one of which is a rural town with fewer than 10,000 residents, and fire departments in towns with a population of 10,000 or more that meet requirements. For more information about next year's applications or additional information about the grant program, contact DEC at (518) 402-8839, write to NYSDEC, Division of Forest Protection, 625 Broadway, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12233-2560, or visit the DEC website.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY and Adirondack Backcountry Information webpage for more information.

# WE'RE OPEN

*For Limited Hours & Services  
Here's what you need to know:*



## LIMITED HOURS

We are excited to welcome you back! Our hours are currently limited to the following:

Curbside Pick-up hours:

Monday - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Building Hours:

Monday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## RETURNING ITEMS

We ask that all items be returned through the book drop only for the safety of our staff. Upon return items will sit in "quarantine" for four (4) days. You will not accrue any fines during that time. After quarantine we will check the books back in and they will be removed from your account. We appreciate your patience with this new procedure.



## LIMITED CAPACITY

Occupancy in the building will be limited to maintain social distancing. Please follow signs and designated floor markings. During this time we are open for limited browsing, copying, printing, and limited computer usage. If you need WiFi our patio is available to you at all times. We ask that you bring a mask and maintain proper social distancing from other patrons.



## LIMITED COMPUTER USE

Computers have been spaced six (6) feet apart on the adult circulation floor and will be the only computers available at this time. Computers will be sanitized between each use. Please call to make an appointment as we have only a limited number of computers available.



## CONTINUED VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

While our in person programs are on hold, we are continuing to offer virtual programming. Please check our website and facebook page for the upcoming program schedule.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you again!



## Daniel Pierce Library

328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268

Grahamsville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-985-7233

<http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>  
Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

9/16/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm  
9/26/2020 Time and the Valley Musuem **Drive Through Take Out Chicken BBQ** - 4 pm - 6 :30 pm (See pg. 9 for flyer)  
10/13/2020 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

**Save the Date!**

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

**Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021** Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

## Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Seeking Help to Celebrate 65th Anniversary

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

Please contact Jean Keesler at [jkeesler1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkeesler1@yahoo.com) or call 845-985-7479.

## Time and the Valley Museum in Search of a Hoop!

The museum is looking for a 'hoop' that children used to play "Roll the Hoop" or "Trundling" with. The hoop can either be from a wagon wheel or a barrel.

Please call 845-985-7012 if you happen to have a 'hoop' that you would like to donate. Thank you!

## The Rhinebeck Jewish Center High Holy Days

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center will be open for the High Holidays, with all services taking place in a spacious outdoor tent, maintaining strict social distancing and in full compliance with CDC guidelines. We wish the entire community a Shanah Tovah Umetukah - a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – ROSH HASHANAH EVE

Light candles at 6:41 PM

Services: 6:45 PM

Dinner following Services. Seating is limited in order to maintain social distancing between families, so RSVPs are required. Please call 845-876-7666 or email [RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com](mailto:RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com) to reserve your spot. Suggested donation \$36 per adult, \$25 per child.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH – ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Morning Services: 9:30 AM

Children's Service: 10:30 AM

Sermon: 11:00 AM

Light candles after 7:39 PM

Services: 7:30 PM

## Tri-Valley Elementary School

### WANTED:

Local establishments to display student  
**KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at  
985-2296 ext. 5306

or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH -ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Morning Services: 9:30 AM

Children's Service: 10:30 AM

Shofar: 11:45 AM

Tashlich Service: 5:30 PM @ American Legion Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH – YOM KIPPUR EVE

Kol Nidrei Service: 6:30 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - YOM KIPPUR

Morning Service: 10:00 AM

Youth Service Begins: 11:00 AM

Yizkor Memorial Service: 12:15 PM

Torah Study with Rabbi Hecht: 3:00 PM

Mincha: 5:00 PM

Ne'ilah: 6:00 PM

Shofar sounding, followed by Evening Service and prepackaged break-fast: 7:25 PM

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center is located at 102 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck NY

The RJC has served the needs of families in the Hudson Valley for over a decade. To learn more about the Rhinebeck Jewish Center and how we can best serve you and your family, please visit

<http://www.rhinebeckjewishcenter.com> or call 845.876.7666.

You can also learn more about the RJC on Facebook <https://facebook.com/rhinebeckjewishcenter> or follow us on Instagram @rhinebeckjewishcenter

## **UC Executive Ryan Takes Action on Making Government More Responsive and Responsible Through the Recovery Service Center**

*Delivering on his "Big Five" priority, the Recovery Service Center provides assistance for county government services in the wake of COVID-19*

*The Recovery Service Center has received over 28,000 calls and processed over 10,000 service requests*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Ryan during his Facebook Live briefing provided an update on the Ulster County Recovery Service Center (RSC). The RSC supports members of the community on a wide range of issues and topics, from helping residents navigate through often complex county service needs to the ability to submit general inquiries and complaints. The Ulster County Recovery Service Center offers live specially-trained County staff from numerous departments at a single point of contact. During its more than 180 days of activity, the County's call center has received over 28,000 calls, resulting in over 10,000 service requests - a responsive, responsible, and personalized relationship with Ulster County residents.

"Now more than ever, COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of local government and the daily role that we must play in assisting our residents," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "The Ulster County Recovery Service Center makes it easier for our residents to get the support they need, and it does it in a way that is more streamlined and efficient. I'm proud that Team Ulster County has continued to innovate throughout our response to this crisis, and I am certain that the transformative impact of the RSC will continue to help make county government more responsive and responsible, even during the challenging financial conditions we face in 2021."

Due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, County Executive Ryan has projected a 34.2 million dollar decline in revenues. With the county focused on controlling costs while providing essential services, the cross-functional teams working at the RSC are breaking down silos and enabling the county to quickly respond to this rapidly evolving situation.

"When we are faced with declining revenues, we have to get more creative about how we serve our residents in order to remain responsive," County Executive Ryan said. "The Recovery Service Center is an example of that - it's a model for how we can rethink the traditional silos of departments and create a center of excellence for customer service, even while we look for ways to cut costs."

When the first positive case of COVID-19 was announced in Ulster County on March 8th, County Executive Pat Ryan directed the Innovation Team to set up a call center to field residents' concerns. In less than three days on March 11th, the call center was set up, which is believed to be on the first one of its kind to set up in the State. Ulster County employees, public health nurses, 911 operators, and Ulster Corps volunteers were live on the phones with Ulster County residents and businesses.

This summer, as New York phased its re-opening, the COVID-19 Hotline transitioned into the Recovery Service Center (RSC), to help guide constituents impacted by the pandemic to County and partner programs that could help during the recovery period - services like food assistance, housing support, and mental health services.

During the County's "Get Tested Week" in July, the RSC matched callers to testing locations that fit their individual needs and helped others find general information about COVID testing in Ulster County.

"The RSC helps County Government to be responsive and responsible by having a team behind the call center that listens and helps constituents, and consistently updates and streamlines information, forms, and processes," said Director of the Office for the Aging Susan Koppenhaver. "When I was answering phones at the RSC, it was gratifying to hear so many different people, from all ages and walks of life, tell us how glad they were to have someone to call who could answer their questions or find out the facts."

"The Ulster County RSC was invaluable to me in reporting information about COVID-19 compliance during these trying times. The people that I have spoken to through the hotline have been polite and forthcoming with important information and made me feel listened to. Thank you so much for your support; it was very much appreciated," says Elisa Shafran, a Saugerties resident who spoke with the RSC three times this summer on different topics.

Live agents, who are specially-trained county staff assigned from the County's various departments, are available via phone (845-443-8888) Monday and Friday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 or email (RSC@co.ulster.ny.us).

## **Galligan Announces Murder Indictment of John McArdle for May 2020 Shooting in Cohecton**

Sullivan County's Acting District Attorney Meagan K. Galligan announced the indictment of John McArdle, 77, of Cohecton, for the May homicide of a Pennsylvania man in the Town of Cohecton. Police responded to a 911 report of a shooting at about 1 AM on May 10, 2020, on Skipperene Road and discovered Anthony Bertolini, 40, of Beach Lake, dead of gunshot wounds. Members of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, and the District Attorney's Office, including Galligan, immediately launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the shooting. McArdle was taken into custody that day.

McArdle is now formally accused of Murder in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. The Indictment alleges that, at the time of the shooting, McArdle was illegally in possession of multiple weapons, loaded and unloaded, including rifles and a revolver, and intentionally killed Bertolini by shooting him with a rifle. If convicted of Murder in the Second Degree, McArdle faces up to life in prison. He is being held at the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Galligan said, "There is no more serious charge than the purposeful taking of a life. I want to thank our first responders and the police who responded to this scene for their professionalism and restraint."

*A criminal charge is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.*

## In-Person Hunter Education Courses Are Resuming, Online Courses Extended

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reported that DEC is experiencing record-breaking sales of hunting and trapping licenses for upcoming seasons. Sales for big game hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) were nearly triple prior years' sales on opening day, more than double on the second day and nearly double the first two weeks. DEC also announced that in-person Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, and Trapper Education courses have resumed with appropriate social distancing and other precautions to limit the community spread of COVID-19. DEC transformed the Hunter Ed program at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to offer online certification, resulting in a dramatic 105-percent increase in participants completing the course compared to the traditional in-person courses offered in 2019.

"With New Yorkers looking for more ways to enjoy the outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing tremendous interest in outdoor recreation and in the sports of fishing, hunting, and trapping, including record sales of big game hunting and trapping licenses," said Commissioner Seggos. "New York is home to some of the best hunting and fishing opportunities in the nation. DEC's efforts to make sure hunters and anglers are able to purchase fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and take hunter safety courses from the comfort of their homes, are making the outdoors even more accessible and we will continue to offer our new online courses as we transition back to offering in-person courses."

DEC launched the State's new automated system for selling fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses in July, and on Aug. 10, the system was activated for big game license sales and DMPs. The new DEC Automated Licensing System (DECALS) includes user-friendly information to help locate vendors, receive instant copies of a license, enter and view harvest information, and more. On the first day of big game sales this year, DEC reported \$922,444 in sales, compared to \$347,103 in 2019. Over the first two weeks of license sales, sales have reached more than \$6.2 million compared to approximately \$3.5 million for the first two weeks in 2019. Purchasing a hunting or trapping license helps to support DEC conservation projects and ensures natural resources are protected for generations to come. Through the purchase of New York sporting licenses, hunters and anglers help generate an estimated \$75 million to help conserve fish and wildlife, enhance habitat, and protect natural resources. Hunting and fishing build a sense of stewardship of fish and wildlife resources and habitats, provide an opportunity for experienced hunters and anglers to share their knowledge with others, and promote participation in hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting through the mentoring of young hunters and anglers. New York's hunters and anglers contribute an estimated \$4.9 billion to the economy in spending, which supports more than 56,000 jobs and \$623 million in state and local taxes.

Licenses and permits can be purchased at any one of DEC's license-issuing agents, online, or by telephone at 866-933-2257. The new hunting and trapping licenses are valid from Sept. 1, 2020, through Aug. 31, 2021, while annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase. DMPs are also available at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or online through Oct. 1, 2020.

DMPs are used to manage the deer herd and are issued through an instant random selection process at the point of sale. The 2020 chances of selection for a DMP in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through license issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Information Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on Deer Management Permits and this fall's Deer Season Forecast is available on DEC's website. DEC reminds hunters that lifetime license tag sets for the 2020-21 license year are currently being mailed and should be received by all hunters by Sept. 1. Hunters do not need tags in hand to apply for DMPs or to purchase additional privileges. Lifetime information is stored in the DECALS database.

The new Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, an easy-to-read compendium of pertinent rules and regulations, is available on the DEC Hunting Regulations webpage. A summary of hunting and trapping regulations is currently available at license issuing agents, and copies of the full hunting and trapping regulations guide are available at license issuing agents.

### Hunter Education

With the cancellation of in-person courses earlier this year during the State's response to COVID-19, DEC quickly innovated to help prospective hunters planning to take cancelled in-person hunter safety courses and created a new online Hunter Education course. The results were dramatic, more than doubling certifications from 2019, with more than 76,800 people registered for the online Hunter Ed course and 40,278 completions. Nearly 70 percent of those completing the online course are 21 or over, and almost 40 percent of participants are women. The new online Bowhunter Ed course has seen more than 20,980 registered participants and 10,934 have completed the course. Both courses can be accessed at DEC's website. The online courses have been extended indefinitely. As all of New York has now entered Phase 4 of reopening, in-person Hunter Education, Bowhunter Education, and Trapper Education courses are resuming. While the popularity of the online Hunter Ed and Bowhunter Ed courses has been unprecedented, some potential new hunters want to take the traditional course, which offers a field day component. Social distancing, health and safety, and disinfectant protocols have been put in place to ensure courses are conducted in a way that minimizes risk to participants. The online courses will remain available for those who prefer an online course. For more information about taking a traditional field-based course, visit DEC's website.

DEC also encourages outdoor enthusiasts to consider purchasing a Habitat & Access Stamp each year. Support for the Habitat Stamp has also skyrocketed this year, with a nearly 300 percent increase-7,337 in 2020 compared to 2,559 in 2019-in sales over the first two weeks of big game license sales. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish- and wildlife-related activities. This year's Habitat & Access Stamp features a northern leopard frog. Last year's stamp featured a bull moose and was the most popular stamp in DEC history, with more than 25,000 sold.

Through initiatives like NY Open for Hunting and Fishing and Adventure NY, DEC is making strategic investments to expand access to healthy, active, outdoor recreation, connect more New Yorkers and visitors to nature and the outdoors, protect natural resources, and boost local economies. Read more about Adventure NY on DEC's website.



## **DEC Announces Opening of Early Bear Hunting Seasons**

### *Bear Hunting Season Opens Sept. 12 in Portions of Southeastern New York, Sept. 19 in Northern New York*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that black bear hunting seasons open this weekend in the southeastern part of the state and next weekend in the north country.

"Early black bear hunting seasons are an important tool to manage bear populations and provide a great opportunity for hunters to enjoy a late summer outing," said Commissioner Seggos. "Bears are feeding heavily this time of year, gorging on wild nuts, berries, apples, and frequently in corn fields, as well. Hunters can increase their odds of finding a bear by keying in on concentrated natural food sources."

In southeastern New York, the early bear season runs from Sept. 12 to Sept. 27 in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 3A, 3C, 3H, 3J, 3K, 3M, 3P, 3R, 4P, 4R, and 4W. The early bowhunting season for bears will open in all of the Southern Zone on Oct. 1, followed by the regular firearms season beginning Nov. 21.

In northern New York, the early bear season runs from Sept. 19 to Oct. 16 in WMUs 5A, 5C, 5F, 5G, 5H, 5J, 6C, 6F, 6H, and 6J. Bowhunting season for bears also begins on Sept. 19 in the other Northern Zone units (WMUs 6A, 6G, 6K, and 6N). Muzzleloader season opens in all northern WMUs on Oct. 17, followed by the regular firearms season for bears on Oct. 24.

New this year, DEC has added WMU 4W to the early bear season in the Southern Zone. The bear population in 4W has been growing and additional bear harvest is necessary to meet the management objective of maintaining a moderate bear population density in the unit. To view all WMU locations and boundaries, visit DEC's Wildlife Management Units.

During the early season, bear hunters may use a bow (with appropriate bowhunting eligibility), crossbow, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, or rifle (where allowed). Because of the likelihood of warm weather, bear hunters should be prepared to skin and cool harvested bears as soon as possible to protect the quality of the meat. Hunters may opt to skin and quarter the bear in the field, then pack out the meat in game bags to a waiting cooler of ice. From roasts, stews, burgers, and sausage to barbecued ribs, bear meat makes excellent table fare. Hunters may also consider rendering bear fat into grease or lard, which is a great oil for cooking or baking and can be used to waterproof leather or to lubricate patches for muzzleloading.

Hunters are required to report their bear harvest within seven days, and DEC also encourages hunters to submit a premolar tooth and the scaled-dressed weights of harvested bears. DEC uses teeth to determine the bear's age and weight to monitor physical condition. This data helps DEC biologists monitor bear population dynamics and trends. Hunters who report their harvest and submit a premolar tooth from the bear are eligible to receive a commemorative NYS Black Bear Management Cooperator Patch.

DEC regulates black bear hunting to manage populations toward levels that are acceptable to the public. Information about black bear hunting in New York, including season dates regulations, is available on DEC's website. Additionally, DEC's booklet *Hunting the Black Bear in New York* (PDF), includes tips on bear hunting and proper care of harvested bears.

## **Senator Metzger Calls on FCC to Reject Petition by Charter (Spectrum) to Impose Data Caps and Charge Customers Based on Usage**

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) has called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reject a request made by Charter Communications, Inc., known by the trade name, Spectrum, for permission to sunset conditions of its merger agreement that limit charges to customers for internet service. Senator Metzger, who serves on the State Senate's Energy and Telecommunications Committee, sent a letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai urging the Commission to reject Charter's request to impose data caps and charges based on usage.

"It is outrageous to me that Spectrum is looking to back out of conditions of its merger agreement and have free rein to charge internet customers for data based on usage, especially in the middle of a pandemic, when people across my district and the country are struggling financially and are more dependent than ever on the internet for school, work, and healthcare," said Senator Metzger. "Is there no low to which the company will not stoop?"

"For much of my Senate District and large portions of the state of New York, Spectrum has an effective monopoly over the market for internet service, and customers have no other choice if unhappy with the company's service. The lack of competition is an enormous problem, and customers need protections from abuse of this monopoly power."

Metzger has introduced two bills in the State Senate to address broadband problems in New York, one of which (S7988) requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to establish service quality standards for internet companies, and will set a baseline for providing safe, reliable, and affordable internet service for all New Yorkers. The penalties provided for in this legislation, similar to those applicable to utility companies, will keep internet service providers accountable for their actions and promises to customers. Metzger's second bill S8805, which passed both houses in July, directs the PSC to map internet access, speeds, and cost statewide and prioritize access for communities that have experienced negative economic and social impacts due to absent or insufficient service.

Charter-Spectrum was fined \$174 million in 2018 for its false reporting on, and advertising of, the speeds and quality of the internet service the company provided to New Yorkers. In 2019, Charter was further required to pay \$12 million for violating the conditions of the merger agreement with Time Warner Cable Inc. that was approved by the New York State Public Service Commission. Most recently, when the FCC proposed Phase 1 of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Charter petitioned to prevent grants to internet service providers for buildout in areas of the state where Charter had committed to deploy service but had not done so. The competitive landscape for internet service in New York has not changed since 2016, and Charter is doing its best to keep it that way.

## UC Executive Pat Ryan Signs Consumer Protection Legislation

The new law will protect consumers from unfair trade practice and price gouging on any consumer goods or services within the County of Ulster during a declared emergency

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan signed into law a bill that will protect consumers from unfair trade practice and price gouging on any consumer goods or services within the County of Ulster during a declared emergency.

Through the new legislation, businesses would be prohibited from increasing the price on products including but not limited to, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, sanitizing wipes, and other items of necessity during the pandemic or other items of necessity in the event of a declared emergency. Violators of the law may be referred to the District Attorney of Ulster County for prosecution. In addition, a fine may be levied from \$250 to \$5,000 per day for violators.

"One of my Big Five priorities is to deliver a more responsive and responsible government to the people of Ulster County and this piece of legislation does just that," said County Executive Ryan. "It is unfortunate that such a law is needed, but I am proud that here in Ulster County we are doing everything in our power to protect consumers from individuals who are looking to profit off of residents in their most vulnerable moments. I want to thank Minority Leader Ronk, Legislator Lopez, along with their colleagues for their work on this initiative."

"I am proud to say that the residents of Ulster County will be protected for years to come against profiteers using natural disasters and states of emergency to take advantage of our most vulnerable populations," said Minority Leader Ken Ronk. "This law will ensure that price gouging during our worst times will not be tolerated in Ulster County."

"Ulster County is still a place where most local businesses look out for their neighbors," said Legislator Craig Lopez. "This law will offer protections to consumers and legitimate business owners alike from the unscrupulous price gouging and 'snake-oil-salesmen' that seem to pop up to prey on the public during and after an emergency. As the sponsor, I'd like to thank my colleagues for the unanimous bipartisan support and county executive Pat Ryan for signing this very important legislation into law."

During or immediately after a declared state of emergency, businesses are prohibited from increasing prices by more than 25% on items less than \$499.99; 15% on items between \$500 and \$2,499.99; 10% on items between \$2,500 and \$9,999.99; and more than 2% on items that cost \$100,000 or more.

Individuals looking to make a claim under the law should reach out to the Recovery Service Center (845-443-8888) Monday and Friday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 or email (RSC@co.ulster.ny.us(link sends e-mail).

## UC Legislature Weekly Update for the Week of September 14 - September 18, 2020

Monday, September 14

o 5:00 PM - Community Services Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 999 6663 9166, Passcode: 886725, Dial in Number: (646) 558-8656

o 6:00 PM - Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance

by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 954 6755 1724  
o 6:30 PM - Ulster County Board of Health via Teleconference: (845) 443-8880, Code: 113156

o 6:45 PM - (or immediately following Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee) Democratic Caucus Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 945 7938 0179

Tuesday, September 15

o 2:00 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB

o 4:30 PM - Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 816 5986 7497, By Phone (646) 558-8656

o 5:30 PM - Ways & Means Committee Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 916 8128 3173

o 6:15 PM - (or immediately following Ways & Means Committee) Republican Caucus Powered by Zoom Meeting. Public Attendance by phone (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 975 2259 9654

o 7:00 PM - Public Hearing: Application for US Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) Administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal: PK30 Systems, Inc. meeting details below.

o Immediately Following the Public Hearing - Legislative Session  
Powered by Zoom Meeting and available via vimeo livestream at  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>

Public Comment administered by "Call In Studio": Dial 205-ULSTER-0 or (205) 857-8370 to be connected.

Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk via email to [vfab@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:vfab@co.ulster.ny.us)

PUBLIC COMMENT will be restricted to agenda items only.

Wednesday, September 16

o 3:30 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB

Thursday, September 17

o 2:30 PM - Ulster County Housing Development Corporation in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB

o 5:30 PM - Youth Board Powered by Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 899 2882 7776, Passcode: 8wKrr0, Dial in Number: (646) 558-8656

Friday, September 18

o No Meetings

Regards,

Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

**Blue Mountains Trout News**  
**Newsletter of the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed**  
**Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #559**



**Chapter meetings:** While the chapter hasn't formally met in several months it still remains active in various activities and Zoom meetings, plus the Board held several online Zoom meetings and a recent in-person one outdoors. Local rainfall is still collected and analyzed, the East Branch Delaware River stream temperature study proceeded into its fifth consecutive year, we recently conducted our 2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study following a successful 2019 effort, while members participated in various meetings with several different organizations the last several months. We are alive and still active; so it's time to report on some of these activities as we haven't had a newsletter since June 4th.

We are planning a social outdoor get-together on Sunday, Sept. 27th at 3 PM, following by fishing the Esopus Creek. Mark your calendar now, details will be forth coming in another mailing. We are also planning to host election of officers and directors in September, via email voting. If you would like to be involved on the board, please submit your name/interest to Mark Loete mark@loetephoto.com

or Tony Coccozza Flyfish@hvc.rr.com. Details on the election will be included in the next mailing as well. Thank you for your patience, and stay safe.

**East Branch Delaware River:** On Aug. 21st Peter Marx participated in a Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed (CDRW) meeting in preparation of the 2020 Annual Forum as our chapter rep. Jeff Skelding from the Friends of the Upper Delaware requested CDRW members gather to discuss common concerns prior to this event. The 2020 Forum will be conducted online, Sept. 14th-17th; info found here: <http://www.delriverwatershed.org/2020-forum>

This summer marked the fifth consecutive year chapter members--- Lenny Millen, George Markos, and Peter Marx--- deployed stream temperature loggers at multiple locations upstream and down of the Halcottsville Dam. Additionally, Tracy Brown--- Trout Unlimited's Northeast Restoration Manager NY and CT--- has applied for a grant to understand potential challenges faced by trout in the East Branch while developing mitigation strategies and management activities to reduce potential impacts and increase wild and native trout populations. Since 2016 chapter members have worked with various volunteers, NYS DEC Region 4 Fisheries, the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District/Catskill Stream Buffer Initiative, the Arbor Day Foundation, and TU National on various restoration activities that included multiple tree/shrub plantings, tagging trout, and data collection of stream temperatures through summer months. Perhaps a small group of chapter members working at this, but with vast, impacting, far-reaching effects for a noted wild trout river.

**Esopus Creek:** On Aug. 25th New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) zoomed its semi-annual public meeting of their Shandaken Tunnel SPDES permit via online. Some twenty-five participants were involved including: DEP, NYS DEC (Regions 3, 4, and Albany), AWSMP, Dept. of Health, Tony Coccozza and myself for the chapter.

DEP discussed the progress of various activities at the Schoharie Reservoir and Shandaken Tunnel itself also providing turbidity and temperature data of water diverted through the

Tunnel, plus a list of ongoing activities and tentative dates. To begin with DEP, after consulting with NYS DEC stopped scheduled work on the Shandaken Tunnel's intake control gates, being done by contract divers, on July 30th. Work was temporarily halted to allow additional cooler diversions into Esopus Creek via the Portal, much needed due to the hot, dry conditions. Kudos to both NYC DEP and NYS DEC for working together to protect the Esopus Creek's resources and wild trout fishery.

In future months DEP anticipates it will need to shut down the Shandaken Tunnel one week in 2020 for inspection purposes and twice in 2021. Once in 2021 for two weeks to remove temporary structures, and a second time for up to six weeks to install the High Level Intake (HLI). The HLI will allow a single unadjustable flow be withdrawn from the Schoharie Reservoir at elevations 1080 to 1125, and should add to conserving cold water and possibly reducing turbidity.

DEP is targeting construction of a High Level Outlet (HLO) in Gilboa Dam sometime after 2021, provided it does not conflict with completion of the Delaware Adequate Bypass Project. The HLO is being installed to provide conservation water releases into Schoharie Creek, downstream of Gilboa Dam. DEP is still working with DEC on modelling studies regarding conservation releases to Schoharie Creek and cold water releases to Esopus Creek. With the possible exception of the HLO, DEP anticipates being done with their Schoharie Reservoir projects by the end of 2024. Tony and I were both pleased with the information presented by DEP, and thank presenters as such.

It seems that almost every summer, discharges from the Shandaken Tunnel tend to be a bit more turbid. DEP has stated this is caused by a seiche in Schoharie Reservoir. A seiche is an under-water sine wave that rocks back and forth, that can cause and carry turbidity as it oscillates. FYI: <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/seiche.html> Not everyone buys into this theory, but I do. If one looks at the turbidity chart for the Coldbrook USGS gage--- [https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/uv?cb\\_63680=on&format=gif\\_default&site\\_no=01362500&period=&begin\\_date=2020-08-13&end\\_date=2020-08-20](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/uv?cb_63680=on&format=gif_default&site_no=01362500&period=&begin_date=2020-08-13&end_date=2020-08-20) --- it oscillates also, based upon discharges from the Shandaken Tunnel, in dry weather, when it hasn't rained for long periods of time.

**Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP):** The Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM) Conference, mentioned in a prior newsletter and scheduled for October 2020, will be rescheduled for 2021 due to the Covid-19. However, AWSMP has announced a "Love Your Stream Video and Art Project" featuring videos, photos, and/or artwork of the Esopus Creek watershed. Check here for details: [https://ashokanstreams.org/love-your-stream-video-and-art-project/?fbclid=IwAR1o2Q9qtKY4\\_7z0jMC5Yhv5rsbXUpe64C-7HjHQxedbJF0DSRpFz0NjiQ](https://ashokanstreams.org/love-your-stream-video-and-art-project/?fbclid=IwAR1o2Q9qtKY4_7z0jMC5Yhv5rsbXUpe64C-7HjHQxedbJF0DSRpFz0NjiQ) AWSMP has also produced a series of educational videos you might find of interest and worth checking:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyx7cud0j11Ervyru4TGU-w> Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP): The RNSP produced the video "Reading Catskill Streams" that you might find of interest also. I've worked with Haley Springton on various USGS outings, shocking the Rondout Creek and upper Neversink. FYI: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=070kENtImsw&list=PLb8Y\\_p5TLNctRjZSK99Xej3q11QjecFKo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=070kENtImsw&list=PLb8Y_p5TLNctRjZSK99Xej3q11QjecFKo)

**2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout study:** On August 28th, with assistance from NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries--- as part of their Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture surveys--- we undertook our 2020 Catskill Brook Trout Study. Last year we caught some thirty-five brook trout from a West Shokan tributary that we collected small cadual fin samples which Spencer A. Bruce, Ph.D. State University of New York at Albany, analyzed the DNA. We did this via flyfishing for the trout. (Contd. Pg. 30)

### Blue Mountains Trout News (From Pg. 29)

This year with help from DEC Aquatic Biologist Mike DiSarno and Tech Garrett Vigrass, chapter members Mark Loete, Tony Coccozza, Chet Karwatowski, Russell Martin, and myself, shocked approximately 650 feet of a small creek located outside Phoenicia. We turned up 37 brook trout, 102 browns, and 21 rainbows--- all wild trout. We only collected fin samples from 34 brook trout. These have been provided to Dr. Bruce, but we might not get a report until early 2021 as his lab is being refurbished and Covid could cause delays.

This project is being done in partnership with the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) under a NYS DEC License to Collect or Possess Scientific Application (LCPSCI). Earlier in the year, AWSMP awarded our chapter a \$1500 grant allowing study costs to be split 50/50. It's amazing but every time I assist in shocking a Catskill stream, seeing how many, and how large, some of the trout are, I can't help but wonder: "How come I can't catch a few of these; they all must have PhD's in avoiding angler hooks."

**NYS DEC Shandaken Wild Forest UMP:** The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is seeking public input on a proposed recreation and management plan for six parcels totaling 6,032 acres of Forest Preserve land in the town of Shandaken, Ulster County, and the town of Lexington, Greene County. Collectively these lands are classified and managed by DEC as the Shandaken Wild Forest as defined in the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan.

The draft 2020 Shandaken Wild Forest plan proposes:

- \_ Developing 10.1 miles of new and improved multi-use trails on the newly acquired lands on Belleayre Mountain that are now a part of the Shandaken Wild Forest;
- \_ Building an accessible fishing platform to expand fishing opportunities on the Allaben parcel;
- \_ Removal of buildings and debris on the Lower Birch Creek parcel that pose a threat to public health and safety;
- \_ Improvements to the impoundment on the Lower Birch Pond on the Lower Birch Creek parcel; and
- \_ Establishing a scenic vista on the Giggle Hollow parcel.

DEC encourages the public to comment on the draft plan, which is available on DEC's website, along with a PDF of a PowerPoint presentation of the unit and the proposals.

Public comment will be accepted through Sept. 28th, 2020. Following a review of public comments received, DEC will finalize the plan and begin the process of implementation. Comments can be submitted by email to R3.ump@dec.ny.gov or by mail to NYSDEC 21 South Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561 Att: Pine Roehrs.

DEC's entire press release on this matter found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/121208.html>

**Garbage 2020:** 2020 will certainly be recorded in the history books as a year to remember. Covid19 has clearly disrupted the lives of almost everyone, while claiming the lives of many. Yet,



that's not our only issue, our region--- and many National Parks--- have been inundated with visitors who are intent on leaving piles of trash behind. Garbage has been a real pandemic also, it's

been a sad mess at many NYS DEC Catskill Trailheads and especially along the upper Rondout Creek and Blue Hole specifically. Funded educational Stewards at the Blue Hole have reported that foot traffic has more than doubled from 2019 to 2020, and they attribute the spike to Covid19 travel restrictions. Almost on any given weekend, NYS DEC has numerous vehicles, ECO's, and Forest Rangers there, diverting their limited resources from other regional needs. And it's not uncommon to see NYS Trooper vehicles there also. The Catskills have been crowded, no two ways about it. Chapter member and board of director, Russell Martin--- a NYS DEC Forest Ranger--- has been involved in several rescues this year.

**Catskill Stream Fish Community Surveys:** Despite the many challenges posed by 2020, Barry Baldigo and Scott George, with their USGS Troy-based team--- plus staff members from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program (RNSP) --- completed electrofishing surveys at 7 sites across the East and West Branches of the Neversink River. However, unlike the 2017-2019 surveys which were primary aimed at assessing recovery from acidification, the main objective of the 2020 surveys was to evaluate the response of trout populations and fish communities to stream restoration projects. Scott and Barry expect findings from their 2017-2019 assessment to be published and publicly available by late 2020 or early 2021. This research was funded through a partnership between the RNSP and the USGS.

NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries Unit was able to conduct trout surveys on the following streams so far this season: North Branch Callicoon Creek, Cedar Pond Brook, Mongaup Creek, and Neversink River below NYC's reservoir. The Fisheries Unit plans on sampling the Esopus Creek, East Branch Croton River and the Amawalk River this upcoming month. This updated data will be beneficial moving forward with implementing/evaluating the proposed trout stream management plan and putting the stream reaches into the appropriate management category.

**Mountain River** - The Esopus Creek: Headwaters to the Hudson: This much anticipated film by Tobe Carey, is scheduled for an Oct. 1st release. It's the dramatic story of New York State's famed Esopus Creek from its Catskill Mountain headwaters to the Hudson River, 65 miles to the east. The feature-length documentary, Mountain River, follows the Esopus Creek, from its headwaters on Slide Mountain in New York's Catskill Mountains, to the Ashokan Reservoir, and the Hudson River at Saugerties - a fascinating journey of 65 miles.

The story begins with the ancient geologic forces that formed the Catskills and goes on to explore the Native American and colonial settlements along the Esopus. The documentary covers the history of New York City's Ashokan Reservoir, the development of waterpower on the stream, and the innovative beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution along the Esopus in Saugerties.

The film celebrates the Upper Esopus as a world class trout fishery, a recreational resource and a critical source of clean, unfiltered water for millions of New Yorkers. Below the Ashokan Reservoir, the Lower Esopus flows through steep gorges, rich agricultural lands and several towns on its way to the Hudson River. Mountain River highlights the continuing environmental challenges and conservation efforts on the creek, and it reminds us to treat the Esopus with respect.

The film is filled with personal stories and anecdotes and features a lively mix of vintage and contemporary photographs and images. Footage includes interviews with New York City and New York State experts, local historians, and conservationists, as well as on-the-creek fly fishing plus stories from anglers and residents. Extensive aerial footage offers a new perspective on the Esopus, the Ashokan Reservoir and the Hudson. (Contd. Pg. 31)

**Blue Mountains Trout News** (From Pg. 29)

Music performed by Tim Kapeluck and friends, Jay Ungar and Molly Mason and family, Evan Pritchard, and the late Artie Traum and friends. Mountain River is produced by Tobe Carey and Mark Loete, and directed by Tobe Carey; it is a production of Willow Mixed Media: willowmixedmedia.org.

**NYS DEC Inland Trout Management Proposal:** NYS DEC is in the progress of finalizing the New York Trout Stream Management Plan and developing new Inland Trout Management Regulations based on the management strategies associated with that plan. DEC held several public meetings over a two year period, established a small focus group, which I participated along with one or two anglers from every DEC Region and all DEC's Fishery Managers, and requested public comments--- to which they received almost five hundred. The focus group was given feedback in late July, where it was learned this process had been delayed by Covid19 and internal DEC hatchery issues.

It is anticipated in the weeks ahead the general public will be provided status on comments received and one last opportunity to comment on new Regulations. On behalf of the chapter, Mark Loete submitted a June 20th letter to DEC based upon several Zoom board of director meetings held to review these proposals. As we learn more, we'll pass the information along to our membership.

**Ashokan Quarry Trail:** When I'm not fishing this time of year, I would to hike with my wife and recently we did an easy one with lots of history and some nice views. Kudos to NYC DEP, the Catskill Mountain Club, and AWSMP for undertaking the Ashokan Quarry Trail. Read about it here: <https://catskillmountainclub.org/events/where-to-go/ashokan-quarry-trail/>

**Acid rain report:** Jody Hoyt provided the following reports for the months of June, July, and August. During June there were 7 measurable events with 4.24 inches of rain having a 6.2 weighted average pH. In July there were 8 events with 4.13 inches of rain and a weighted average pH of 5.6, while in August there were 9 events with 6.45 inches of rain having a weighted average pH of 5.4 as measured in Boiceville. By comparison in 2019 June had 9 events with 4.94 inches of rain and a 6.0 weighted pH, in July there were 6 events with 2.48 inches of rain and a 5.9 weighed pH, while in August there were 8 events with 6.93 inches of rain and a 5.6 weighed pH. Thanks Jody for your years of effort on this activity. Summer is not officially over yet, but NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) is already reporting it was one of the hottest summer's on record and trends that keep going in that direction. FYI: <https://www.noaa.gov/news/july-2020-was-record-hot-for-many-us-states>

**Stone dams:** Once again, after months of sitting home and social distancing it's that time in nature year when brown and brook trout will soon spawn. After this hot summer some of our creeks and tributaries are at low flows following erratic rain patterns. When out and about, if you come upon stone dams, that created summer wading pools, think about breaching them so spawning trout can migrate upstream. You don't have to remove all the rocks, just created an opening so the stream can flow through it. If done by hand, no NYS DEC permit is required, provided no equipment is used. However, if done on private property, secure the landowner's permission first. Let's apply some "trout CPR": conserve, protect, and restore

**17th Annual Catskill Lark in the Park:** This year's Catskill Lark in the Park will run from Saturday Oct. 3rd through Monday Oct. 12th. At this point, other than the dates, not much is known about it, but information might be found here as it unfolds: <https://catskillslark.org/>

**Membership:** As of this newsletter, our membership stands at 111 members. Since the last newsletter, we welcome several new members: Olivia Bruno, Boiceville; Samantha Citrin, West

Shokan; Ben Derosa, Chichester; Vince Fogliano, Shokan; David Lydick, Pine Hill; Dave Paynter, Woodstock; and J.R. Wehmeir, Roxbury. Welcome, one and all! When recruiting new TU members, the fee is half the "regular" membership fee for \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from National, applications:

[http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU\\_membership\\_brochure2018\\_web.pdf](http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf) For membership questions, contact me at: [Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com](mailto:Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com)

**Newsletter:** The last issue of *Blue Mountains trout news* was the May/June issue sent out in early June. This issue was sent electronically to all chapter members and friends that we have valid email addresses. If you received this and would rather not, please hit REPLY and write REMOVE and hit SEND. Plus a paper copy was also mailed to the few chapter members that we do not have email addresses

Beyond our watersheds and other news: A northern snakehead was recently caught in the Delaware River, in Sullivan County near Callicoon. Jody Hoyt participated in an online CTISP Invasive Species meeting recently and reports NYS DEC urges anglers to kill and report any snakeheads encountered. More information here:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/121203.html> and <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/45470.html>

In case you missed it, there was an interesting article titled "Brook Trout Return to Lake Colden" on pgs. 19-21 of the April 2020 issue of the New York State Conservationist. This lake has been fishless for decades due to acid rain, but recently brook trout re-established themselves.

**NYS DEC I Fish NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing** found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/98506.html>

NY Times fly casting in New York City: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/05/magazine/fly-casting-on-city-streets-is-weird-thats-why-i-love-it.html>

CBS This Morning, why fly fishing is so popular: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAJVgN4IZOE>

The USGS Office of the Delaware River Master maintains diversion rates for the NYC Delaware Basin reservoirs available here: <https://webapps.usgs.gov/odrm/data/data.html>

Here's an interesting read from Penn State regrading brook trout: <https://news.psu.edu/story/621981/2020/06/03/research/larger-streams-are-critical-wild-brook-trout-conservation>

In early July DEC announced a new online system for license sales: <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>

**Useful links:**

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: <https://apwctu.org/>

Minutes of the most recent chapter meetings can be viewed here. Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>

**CWC Watershed Currents:** <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

**Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District:** <http://www.dcswwcd.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

**Esopus Creek hatching chart:** <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases: [https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking\\_water/release\\_channel\\_levels.shtml](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml)

**Rondout Neversink Stream Program:** <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Until next time,  
Ed Ostapczuk  
Sept. 9th, 2020

**Thank you Ed for all your hard work!**

## Last Stretch of the Census Videos and Events Created to Raise Response

Monticello, NY - The final chance to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census is here, and Sullivan County still ranks second-to-last in Statewide response rates.

“Up to \$3,000 in Federal aid is lost per year for each person who is not counted in the Census, and after the close of this Census on September 30, 2020, we will have to wait a full 10 years before we get another chance,” noted Sullivan County Census Coordinator Saraïd Gonzalez. “With only 35.2% of our population responding to date, that’s millions of dollars that we risk never receiving - unless we all step up and do the right thing: fill out the Census.”

It’s easy and takes just 10 minutes:

- o Don't wait to receive a paper Census form - you may not get one
- o Fill it out online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)
- o Or fill it out over the phone at 1-844-330-2020
- o Espanol: 1-844-468-2020
- o Other languages: [www.2020census.gov/en/languages.html](http://www.2020census.gov/en/languages.html)

“Is this your second home? Do you rent rather than own your residence? Are you a college student here? Are you not a U.S. citizen? Doesn't matter - you count if you're here,” said

Sullivan County Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg, co-chair of the County's Complete Census Count Committee. “But the only way you can count ... is to be counted.”

Any personally identifying information in responses to the U.S. Census are protected by law and cannot be divulged to other agencies.

“There will be no repercussions or consequences to you by filling out the Census,” promised Gonzalez. “On the other hand, there will be many consequences - for all of us in Sullivan County - if you don't take the time to complete it. Please fill out the Census, for you, your family and the rest of your neighbors and friends here.”

In an effort to “get out the count,” Sullivan County and its partner agencies - Sullivan 180, Ramapo-Catskill Library System, Maternal Infant Services Network and Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - have utilized State grant funding to create a blitz of videos, ads and events. See those outreach materials, and get the latest updates, at

[www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyCounts](http://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyCounts).

## Music on Market returns!

On September 17, at 7:30 PM we will return with a traditional Korean song and dance by Walking with People in association with Korus Players Company & The Secret Theatre.

This is a ticketed event, you will need to have a ticket to watch the concert which will be live on Zoom. Click the link below to get your tickets now!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-on-market-presents-walking-with-people-theatre-tickets-120306803889>

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**HONORING MICKEY ROONEY IN  
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HUCKLEBERRY FINN,**

(Adventure, 1939)

Who can resist Sam Clemens, the genius that loved humanity and created, *Mark Twain*, and those wonderful coming of age stories.

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