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Hospital to Honor Walter Sperling, MD The Board of Trustees of Ellenville Regional Hospital and the Ellenville

Regional Hospital Foundation are pleased to announce that Walter Sperling, MD has been chosen as the honoree at

the Hospital's annual
Gala and Silent Auction.
Ellenville Region-al
Hospital's Annual Gala
will be held on Saturday,
October 14, 2017 at the
White Wolf Restaurant and Lounge in Napanoch, NY. This year's event will once again include a Journal and fabulous Silent Auction!

Upon discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Walter Sperling, MD, came to Ellenville in 1966 to join the Ellenville Medical Group, an established, multi-specialty practice. He arrived just in time to see President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicate Ellen-

ville Community Hospital, where he then served as Chief of Medicine for about 30 years. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Fallsburg High School Woodworkers Make a Kiosk for BCES Trail



In the photo left to right are Sam Zheng, Robert Delgado, and Megan Langeland.

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Trail project continues to bring together members of the entire FCSD student body. Since January the High School Woodworking Class of Ms. Pam Garritt has been designing and building a wood kiosk that will stand at the opening of the Trail. Its 32 square foot pine upper surface area will provide space for signage, trail map, rules and regulations, and other important information for hikers. A compartment below will hold some helpful equipment such as binoculars, compasses, and pedometers.

Last fall Mrs. Leah Exner, who is the Project Director for the Trail, spoke with Ms. Garritt about how her class could support the project. Ms. Garritt waited until her students had acquired sufficient skills to not only put the kiosk together but to design it as well. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Creating a Barn Quilt at the Time and the Valleys Museum



A LeMoyne Star Quilt design on a barn located on the Rondout Farm in Grahamsville. (Photo by Kathy Akerley)

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] Creating a Barn Quilt will be held Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. What is a barn quilt? A barn quilt is a quilting square design painted on wood and hung on an old barn. When several barn quilts are installed on different barns at various locations along a route, they creates a barn quilt trail for visitors to follow. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Ellenville Fire District Hosts Annual Banquet



On Saturday, March 25th, the Ellenville Fire District hosted in Annual Banquet at the Ukranian Estates in Kerhonkson, NY. At the banquet, the 2017 EFD Chief's were sworn in by Chan Rivera of FASNY. The District also honored John Avery Jr. as outgoing Chief for his 4 years as District Chief. Also honored was John Avery, III for his bravery in saving lives during the Emerald Pond fire. It was noted that this was the first time that father and son worked together as firefighters.

Howard Troue was named Firefighter of the Year for 2016 for his willingness to always help, for his positive attitude and his hard work as both a firefighter and board

member.

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Hear me O Lord, for thy loving kindness is good; turn unto ON THE FRONT BURNER: me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. Psalm 69:16

Welcome to Our World Avilyn Gwenhwyfar Winter

Maureen and Thorn Winter welcomed their second child, a baby girl on March 22nd.



Avilyn Gwenhwyfar Winter, born at home, weighed 10 lbs 12 oz and was 22 1/2 inches tall.

Everyone, including big sister, River are doing well and enjoying the new addi-tion to their family.

Maternal grandparents are Eileen and Stanley Tyrrell of Suffern, NY and Great grandmother, Janet Russel of Suffern, NY and Florida.

Paternal grandparents are Linda and Frank Comando of

Sundown, NY.

THANK YOU:

The family of Agnes Kortright would like to thank the Neversink Highway Dept, Neversink Ambulance Corp and Mobil Medic. Their excellent response to a medical emergency the night of the blizzard (3/14/17) was greatly appreciated.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Bryan Boyes earns academic merit scholarship to Delaware Valley University

Delaware Valley University is pleased to con-gratulate the recipients of the University's top three merit-based Admission scholarships. Bryan Boyes of Parksville, NY has been selected for an academic merit scholarship to Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. DelVal awards Admission merit scholarships to highachieving high school students based on GPA and test scores

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

April 3, 1957 - Mrs. Irving Marsland, Jr. of Bedford Hills, was one of the models at Wanamaker's Fashion Show held recently held at the Yonkers Shopping Center. Roberta modeled fine gowns at the affair, which was given for the benefit of the Five Points Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNamara of Ellenville are the parents of a son, Michael Earl, born at Veterans' Memorial Hospital on March 27th. The McNamaras are former residents of Grahamsville. The proud grandmother is Mrs.

Edna Foster of Ellenville.

March 29, 1967 - Miss Freda Marlene Plotkin and Norman Rosenshein were united in marriage March 16th at Livingston, N.J. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Gershon B. Chertoff and a reception followed. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Plotkin of Elizabeth, N.J. The groom is the son of Mrs. Leon Rosenshein and the late Leon Rosenshein. She is employed by David C. Bielefeld, Inc. N.Y.C. florists. Her husband graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and attended Orange County Community College. He is a video tape technician for CBS Television.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath, 22 years on April 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie, 14 years on April 5th; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater, 32 years on April 6th.

April 7, 1977 - Congratulations to Lynn

Robinson who has been named to the Dean's List at SUNY Plattsburg for the fall semester and to Cheryl Robinson, who has been named to the Dean's List at the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing for the fall semester.

Lucy M. Carlsen, Supervising Social Worker at the Monticello Clinics of Sullivan County Mental

Health Services, was chosen as Co-Chairman of the Mid-Hudson Regional Task Force on Children and Youth at the Groups March 1977 meeting. Mrs. Carlsen is a charter member of the Task Force. She is married and resides with her husband, Louis in Grahamsville.

April 2, 1987 - Nellie Asthalter of Parksville, a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, March 25, 1987 at her home. She was 72. The daughter of the late William and Pearl Grant Hotchkin, she was born April 29, 1914 in Neversink. Survivors include her husband, Justus "Dutch" Asthalter, at home; two daughters: Mary Lou Boyes of Parksville and Jo Ann Dean of Neversink; two brothers: Earl Hotchkin of Parksville, and George Hotchkin of Bradley; three sisters: Pearl Asthalter, Mary Kahn and Philena Heisler, all of Liberty; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Plan It and Plant It! Free Gardening Seminars

LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance and Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) are hosting two free gardening seminars on April 5 and June 7. Learn how to create, plant and care for flower and vegetable gardens from the ground up, start to finish! CCESC Master Gardener Volunteers will teach horticulture basics and demonstrate how to use these skills in a garden project.

Sullivan Renaissance's Horticulture Program Manager, Diana K. Weiner, shared "Whether you are already involved in a project, would like to vol-unteer or just want to grow your own garden- these

classes are for you!"

"Plan It!" will share the basics of garden design including what will grow on your site, soil preparation and testing, annual seed sowing and perennial plant division. The second class, "Plant It", will give tips on choosing the best plants and tools. The Master Gardener Volunteers will demonstrate composting, planting techniques and maintenance tasks.

Classes will be taught by CCESC Master Gardener Volunteers, led by Dayna Gaeta, Community Horticulture Program Educator.

Participants may attend one or both of the sessions. Classes will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center and Teaching Garden, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Space is limited and pre-registration is requested. To register, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook and Twitter pages.

Sullivan County Accepting Agricultural District Applications

Sullivan County is accepting applications from property owners seeking to be included in New York State Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, for a 30day window beginning April 1st and ending April 30th. New York State Agricultural Districts are geographic areas that consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the districts are afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land. These benefits include protection of farming from unreasonably restrictive local laws, limitations on assessments for newly formed benefit districts, and governments notification of projects that could adversely affect farmland.

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

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

During this thirty day window, property owners may request the addition of their land into an Agricultural District. Applications are available by calling Melinda Meddaugh, at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 845-292-6180, or by emailing her at mm2592@cornell.edu. (Contd. Pg.

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Congratulations to Morgan Shamro, a junior from Tri-Valley School, who was selected by the Sullivan County Democrat for the 2016-2017 First Team Girls Basketball All-Stars. Jaclyn Musa, also a junior from Tri-Valley, made the Second Team of All- Stars.

The Spring Fling Dinner held at the Sundown Methodist on Saturday, March 25th was very nice. It is unusual these days when you can attend an event and know the names of everyone who is present. It was like dining with friends and family

The Grahamsville Reformed Church will be hosting their first dinner of 2017 on Saturday, April 8th. The pork dinner, with all the trimmings, will

run from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Boy Scout Troop 97 has been busy recycling bottles and cans and helping out at the Fire Department pancake breakfast. They are getting ready to work at their Fish/Chicken and Chips Dinner, which will be held at the Neversink Fire House on April 22nd. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:30 and take-outs are available. It helps if you purchase your tickets ahead of time. Contact any Scout or Neil Terwilliger for tickets.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be held at the Grahamsville Methodist Church at 7:30 pm. The Claryville Reformed Church will hold their Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm. The Grahamsville Reformed Church will hold their annual Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am on South Hill. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Tri-Valley Secondary School presented "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculation" by Don Zolidis on March 31 and April 1 in the Bernstein Theater. The show took you on a trip through the original Grimm Fairy Tales. The performers worked hard and did an

Kyle Walter, who graduated from Tri-Valley in 1988, was featured in the "Men At Work" section of the Democrat. Kyle lives in Loch Shelddrake with his wife and daughters and is an agency owner for Farm Family Insurance in Liberty.

Did you know that the placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enables it to see all four feet at all times? I guess that is why they are so sure-footed.

Words of Wisdom: The amount of sleep required by an average person is "five more minutes".

Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters.

NEVERSINK NEWS- Hulda Vernooy

Neversink General Store is adding something new. They are offering a Catering Service. Check them out on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/NGSCatering/

Creating a Barn Quilt at the Time and the Valleys Museum (From Pg. 1)

On April 9th, Neversink Renaissance members David Moore and Barbara Purcell will demonstrate how to create a barn quilt and give a history of the Barn Quilts of Neversink. There are currently over a dozen barn quilts in the Town of Neversink, and it is hoped that this program will inspire more individuals to create barn quilts in Neversink and in other towns as well. The program is FREE and refreshments are included.

For more information on this program or other upcoming programs email: info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org, visit www.timeandthevalleysmu-

seum.org or call 845 985-7700.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

Groups, camps and schools are always welcome two interactive educational programs are available for schools year round - NYC's Water System and the Importance of Water. Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

SC Accepting Agricultural District Applications (From Pg. 2) Applications will be reviewed by the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, who will then make recommendations to the County Legislature regarding property to be added to the districts this year. The County Legislature will hold a public hearing and then vote on the approval of each recommended addition. Subsequent to County approval, an updated district map with a report showing the new parcels for inclusion in the districts will be submitted to the State Department of Agriculture and Markets for State

approval. Upon approval by Agriculture and Markets, each property owner will be notified by mail and the real property tax records for each parcel will be updat-

ed. Applicants will receive notification by the fall.

Maps of Sullivan County's agricultural districts and other relevant information is available on the Sullivan County website at www.co.sullivan.ny.us.

Catskill Waters Kicks Off with Open House and Info Sessions This Land is Your Land-Share Your Knowledge

Woodstock and Grahamsville: Catskill Waters, a participatory art project directed by artist Keiko Sono of Bearsville and Karen Rauter of Rondout Neversink Stream Management, launches in action with information sessions and open house. Catskill Waters honors residents in the Neversink and Rondout watersheds as the first stewards of drinking water for 8.5 people in New York City.

The project begins by interviewing and collecting stories, and archiving and sharing them on Youtube and in podcasts. They will then select a few storytellers and match them with artists, who will spend months getting to know each other and collaborating on artworks that will embody their stewardship, of both the land and collaborative process.

The completed works will journey down south, along with rich documentation and the trove of stories, making stops in the Hudson Valley and beyond, arriving in New York City for the final exhibition in late 2018 or early 2019.

Catskill Waters is a fluid project, open to participation by residents and artists of our vibrant community. Anyone who has a story to tell, knowledge to share, or creative talent to employ, should come to one of our information sessions:

Thursday, April 6, 6-8 pm at Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY and Saturday, April 29, 2-4:30 pm Root Beer Float Open House at Claryville

Church Hall, Claryville. NY

Catskill Waters is made possible with funds from Rondout Neversink Stream Program, a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District funded by New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

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Tunnel Boring Machine for Delaware Aqueduct Repair to be Named for Trailblazing Engineer -

Unique machine to honor Nora Stanton Blatch Deforest Barney, noted suffragist and first woman to earn a civil engineering degree in the United States



Nora Stanton Blatch Deforest Barney, photo courtesy of the Library of Congress

The New York City De-partment of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that it will pay tribute to a trailblazing engineer and civil rights activist by naming one of the world's most advanced tunnel boring machines in her honor. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Pussy Willows are Wearing Those Fur Coats for a Good Reason

On the way home from Jeffersonville on Saturday, despite all the ice covered branches we could see some furry little Pussy Willows along the way. The closer we go to Grahamsville, the more apparent it became that the local Pussy Willows are showing off their furry little coats.

This furry little coat is a catkin, or a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels. This fur coat will help keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through spring. When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin can rise above air temperatures by trapping the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the



Pussy Willow buds with bud scales

development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollenbearing anthers begin to protrude and the stigmas are visible.

Until last week all the Pussy Willows (Salix discolor, a member of the willow family, Salicaceae) that I had seen still had their hard exterior, a bud scale, the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud.

The leaves are oval shaped and come after the

catkins have bloomed.

Catkins

Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have male and female reproductive organs in sepa-rate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female, that means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow trees usually appear earlier than those on the female plants. Chances are that if you encounter a stand of pussy willows in late winter or very early spring, it's the male catkins that you

The catkins of males yield numerous tiny staminate flowers typically consisting of a pollen-containing anther and a filament, later in spring. The female catkins will bear pistillate flowers, comprised of the stig-

ma, style, and ovary.

Pussy Willow is highly variable in its identifying characteristics. Typically it grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Willows, in general, grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy Willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy Willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and

blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide. Pussy Willow trees are native to wetlands in the Catskills. They regenerate asexually by sprouting and sexually through seed production and germination. Pussy Willow flowers are insect and wind pollinated as the small willow seeds are easily dispersed by wind.

How many of us remember seeing a large vase overflowing with pussy willow branches sitting on the dining room table - a sure sign of spring. In fact, even to this day, picking a bunch of Pussy Willows is certainly a rite of spring even though, we too have still been wearing our 'winter coats'!

<u> Household Hints</u>

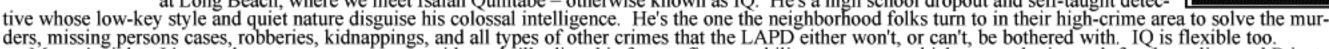
Getting Ready to Boil up those Easter Eggs? What You Need: Hard-boiled eggs. (HINT: When boiling eggs, add some vinegar to the water to prevent white from leaking out of a cracked egg and making peeling Easter Eggs easier.) All the ingredients you need are probably already in your cupboards. In a cup, stir together 1/2 cup boiling water, 1 tablespoon. vinegar, and 20 drops of liquid food coloring. Immerse eggs in dye until you have desired color. Using a slotted spoon remove eggs from dye and transfer to rack to drain. Refrigerate when dry.

Mysterious Book Report No. 281 by John Dwaine McKenna



One sure way to know you're reading a great book, is when you just don't want it to end. Perhaps it's because you've found the main character to be so fascinating, endearing or heroic that you don't want to break contact with him; or the story is so compelling, you have to know, What happens next? Those are the novels we remember and tell others about . . . maybe even re-read some time. This week the MBR has just such a character by a debut author, and the shortest title we've ever seen.

IQ (Mulholland Books/Little Brown, \$26.00, 321 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-26772-4) by Joe Ide, instantly transports the reader from that cozy book nook and plunges her into the mean, drug and gang-infested streets of south central Los Angeles at Long Beach, where we meet Isaiah Quintabe – otherwise known as IQ. He's a high school dropout and self-taught detec-



Money's tight. It's not always easy to come up with, so he'll adjust his fees to fit your ability to pay . . . which can make it tough for the unlicensed Private Investigator to pay his bills at times. Times like now. IQ hasn't had a cash-paying client in months. Nearly desperate, he takes on a case he'd usually turn down: that of a hip-hop mogul and gangsta rap artist whose life has been threatened by persons unknown. The suspect list is long, and includes several disgruntled employees, a couple of hangers-on, an attack dog that's the size of a Shetland pony and a professional hit man who never misses. It's more than he bargained for . . . and almost too much for IQ to overcome as he pits his intellect and inductive reasoning skills against the thugs and killers, envious competitors and the mean streets he was born and raised upon. IQ is the most unique character you'll encounter in a long long time . . . and one you'll not forget. Read the book and make his acquaintance. You'll be glad you did. You'll also find yourself telling all your friends about it . . . and dying for the next book to come out so you can reconnect with young Isaiah Quintabe . . . whom we all know as IQ!

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Fallsburg High School Woodworkers Make a Kiosk for BCES Trail

(From Pg. 1) Students Kenny Alcantara and Carmine Malanka created the design on paper with illustrations and later renderings of a finished product. They then assembled a small scale model made from Popsicle sticks and wood scraps and turned it over to the builders.

The Woodworking Class is now assembling the kiosk that takes up an entire classroom sized work bench. The three carpenters putting everything together are Sam Zheng, Robert Delgado and Megan Langeland. Their goal is to have it fully assembled and ready for application of finishes by the end of April. They will then have it delivered to Mrs. Exner and her team at BCES just in time for spring and the opening of the new Trail.

Tunnel Boring Machine for Delaware Aqueduct Repair to be Named for Trailblazing Engineer (From Pg. 3)

An Ohio company has recently completed the manufacture and testing of a \$30 million tunnel boring machine that will be used to repair New York City's Delaware Aqueduct, the world's longest tunnel. DEP will name the massive machine after Nora Stanton Blatch Deforest Barney, noted suffragist and the first woman in the United States to earn a civil engineering degree. Nora, who worked as a draftsman on the City's first reservoir and aqueduct in the Catskill Mountains, worked as an engineer and draftsman for the was also the first female member of the American American Bridge Company, Radley Steel Society of Civil Engineers.

'The month of March is set aside each year to celebrate the extraordinary achievements and contributions of women in our country," DEP Acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "Nora Stanton Blatch Barney was a talented engineer, for the New York City Board of Water Supply, architect and mathematician who paved the way for other women to employ their talents in these fields. While she worked on the City's landmark water supply facilities in the Catskills, Nora also led the fight for women's rights at the voting booth and in the workplace. Her achievements will provide considerable inspiration as we forge ahead with the largest repair in the history of New York City's water supply."

"Grandma's success in life is not spontaneous combustion," said Coline Jenkins, Nora's granddaughter. "As a child, she learned from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, her grandmother, guide and philosopher. Nora learned the facts of life and the history of women and her long subjugation. Later Nora became the embodiment of Elizabeth's vision of women by gaining access to higher education and professions, long denied to women. We're happy that New York City is recognizing Nora's important contributions by putting her name at the head of this impressive tunneling machine. There is great symbolism in this - Nora will be pushing forward and breaking ground, as she did in life.'

Nora's daughter, Rhoada Barney Jenkins, also reflected on her mother's contributions. "She always believed in pushing," she said. "You don't question a hurricane.

"It's important to take time to appreciate the individuals, values and grit that shaped our public infrastructure," said Eric Jenkins-Sahlin, Nora's great grandson. "Naming this uniquely advanced tunnel boring machine after Nora is a fun celebration of a visionary who worked tirelessly towards a brighter future, both technically and socially. I will

never take a sip of New York tap water for granted

again!"

"Cornell Engineering has been producing amazing female engineers since our beginning," said Lance R. Collins, the Joseph Silbert Dean of Engineering at Cornell University. "It is therefore fitting that the tunnel boring machine for the Delaware Aqueduct be named after Nora Stanton Blatch Barney, C.E 1905, as it represents her courage and her can-do attitude, at a time when women had not been given access to those roles." "As the first woman to earn junior member status in the American Society of Civil Engineers and now a fellow in the Society, Nora Stanton Blatch embodies ASCE's vision to build a better quality of life, as will the tunnel boring machine that now bears her name," said Norma Jean Mattei, P.E. Ph.D., President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. "It is fitting that this innovative, groundbreaking machine that will improve the New York City water supply system be named after a problem solver like Nora, as this is the type of work she advocated for and pursued in her-at the time-unconventional career.

Nora attended Cornell University and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1905. She was the first woman in the United States to earn a college degree in civil engineering. That year, she also became first woman to gain membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, as a junior member. After she graduated from Cornell, Nora Construction Company, and the New York Public Service Commission. Later in life she became a developer and architect on Long Island and in

Greenwich, Connecticut.

From 1906-1908, Nora worked as a draftsman which was developing the first parts of the Catskill Water Supply System. She was paid \$1,200 per year for her work - the highest salary for draftsmen at the project. All the others fulfilling that job were men. Little exact information is known about Nora's work on water supply infrastructure in the Catskills. But a 1908 story from The New York Times said she had "done much difficult work on dams and weirs" for the project - an explanation that would suggest she drafted some of the infrastructure for Ashokan Reservoir and the headworks of the Catskill Aqueduct.

Nora was also noted for her work in the women's rights movement. Her involvement was something of an heirloom passed down by her grandmother and mother. Her grandmother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, authored the "Declaration of Sentiments" that was presented at the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, marking the start of an organized push for women's rights and women's suffrage in the United States. Nora's mother, Harriot Stanton Blatch, was also a noted suffragist who injected new energy by broadening the movement to include working-class women in New York City, and by organizing parades up Fifth Avenue, protests at Carnegie Hall, and lobbying efforts at the State Capitol in Albany. Nora continued in that tradition. She founded a suffrage club at Cornell, became president of the Women's Political Union in 1915, and led the charge for an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would have guaranteed women equal rights in the workplace. The amendment was not ratified, but it has been debated in Congress almost every year since it was

introduced, including as recently as 2015.



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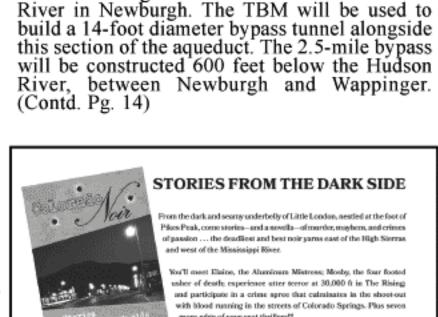
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Nora Stanton Blatch Deforest Barney died in 1971 at the age of 87.

In her honor, DEP has emblazoned "NORA" on a unique

tunnel boring machine (TBM) that will be used to repair the Delaware Aqueduct. The Robbins Company, based in Ohio, recently completed the manufacture and testing of the TBM. The machine will be dismantled and shipped in pieces to DEP's construction site in Newburgh, NY, beginning this month. All parts of the TBM are expected to arrive by early summer.

The TBM is an integral part of DEP's program to fix two leaks in the 85-mile-long Delaware Aqueduct. The largest of the two leaks is located along the western banks of the Hudson



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Giving

Lent is a time that most people GIVE UP something. I think it might better be considered a time to GIVE something. That thought led me to sharing what one of my Onteora co-workers does by GIVING of her time, money and talent to make the lives of little children better during times of sickness and accidents.

Donna Kopf retired from Onteora, but not really. She continued to sub at Woodstock School and, in her spare time, started a project called My Friend Rag Doll. Check out her website: myfriendragdoll.com.

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Senator Bonacic Meets with Members of the Black Rock Fish and Game Club



(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) met in his Albany office today with members of the Black Rock Fish and Game Club. The topics discussed at the meeting included 2nd amendment protections, as well as environmental conservation protections and educational programs. For more information on the Black Rock Fish and Game Club and everything that it offers to its members, visit:

http://www.blackrockclub.org/.

Ulster County Continues its Amazing Rise in National Health Rankings UC Is Now The Highest Ranked County In The Mid-Hudson Region

Kingston, N.Y. - Upon taking office in 2009, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein set forth an aggressive goal to work towards making Ulster the healthiest county in New York State. This was no small task because in 2010, the first year of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation national health rankings, Ulster was ranked in the bottom half, thirty-third out of New York State's sixty-two counties (33/62). However, with its steady rise since then, today's release of the 2017 Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings finds Ulster County has now climbed to fifteen (15/62), and is the highest ranked county in the Mid-Hudson region.



"A dramatic leap from 33rd to 15th in such a short period of time has only been possible because of extraordinary community-wide efforts and an overarching commitment to public health that permeates almost every decision we make," said Ulster County Executive Mike

"There are so many variables that affect overall community health that play such a pivotal role in the overall strength, sustainability and quality of life of a community. In order to encourage outdoor recreation we have made unprecedented investments in our infrastructure making our roads wider for pedestrians and bicyclists and we continue to build a world-class interconnected rail trail system. We take environmental stewardship seriously; we continue to invest in renewable energy and install and expand the largest network of municipal electric vehicle charging stations in New York State and so much more. It has long been recognized that individuals with a higher education have better health outcomes, which is one of the reasons we have also made affordable college education available in mid-town Kingston at the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster improving access for everyone. All this in addition to leading successful efforts to implement cutting edge health related public policy."

The real winners of today's announcement by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are the people of Ulster County," continued County Executive Hein, "and

although we are proud of our progress and continued rise, rest assured, we are excited at the opportunity to get even better.

Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of

Health and Mental Health

"In 2010, Ulster County was ranked the 33rd healthiest out of 62 counties in New York. Today, at number 15, we have more than halved that number. County Executive Hein and I are pleased to represent policy decisions and a diverse community of wonderful people and organizations who are fully engaged in improving health outcomes for all. This is an ongoing process and we will work harder than ever to make sure that Ulster County continues to improve," said Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, Dr. Carol Smith.

The County Health Rankings consist of collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It compares counties within each state on more than 30 factors that impact health, including social determinants such as education, jobs, housing, exercise, transportation, and more. Over the past several years the Rankings, available at www.countyhealthrankings.org have become an important tool and measuring stick for local communities working to build an ever improving Culture of Health.

ERH Partners with Center for Donation and Transplant to Honor Organ & Tissue Donors, Celebrate Donate Life Month

 Ellenville Regional Hospital will participate in month-long activities to celebrate National Donate Life Month, a celebration held throughout the month of April that showcases the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation and encourages New Yorkers to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Donor Registry.

For the duration of April, Ellenville will fly a Donate Life flag. The intent of the flag is to not only celebrate the heroic decision to donate life, but to raise awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation. The flags are provided by the Center for Donation and Transplant (CDT), the organ procurement organization that facilitates organ and tissue donation in 30 counties throughout New York and Western Vermont. Once the flags are raised and flown, CDT's family services specialists send the flags to the donors' families as a keepsake to remember their loved one.

The hospital will also join CDT in participating in a number of different events supporting the lifesaving gifts given by donors and raising awareness about the importance of signing up on the New York State Donate Life Registry, including a donor registry drive on Friday, April 14th and participation in National Wear Blue and Green Day, held on April 21, 2017.

One organ donor can potentially save the lives of eight people, and improve the lives of 70 more through tissue donation. In 2016 more than 33,000 lives were saved throughout the country as a result of organ donation and thousands more were improved through tissue transplantation.

ERH Surgical Services Team remains ready to provide needed care, in whatever capacity, to patients and their families who are in need.", said John Breslin, RN, BSN, CNOR, Manager, Surgical and Specialty

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"Ellenville Regional Hospital has always been a compassionate and supportive partner in helping us save lives and offer hope and healing to donor families through the gift of donation," Michael Thibault, Executive Director of CDT, said. "During Donate Life Month we pause to find even greater meaning in honoring the families and legacies of the individuals who help make life possible through organ, eye and tissue donation. Even with all the lives that have been saved through donation, hundreds of thousands more are still waiting for their lifesaving call, which is why we encourage all New Yorkers to consider registering on the state's organ and tissue registry and help make their wishes

10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Sadly, an average of one New Yorker passes every 15 hours because the organs they need are not available. Despite the urgent need, New York State ranks as one of the lowest states in the nation when it comes to the number of eligible residents on the New York State Donate Life Registry, with only 28 percent of eligi-ble residents registered in comparison to the nation-al average of 50 percent. Those that do receive the call that they've long been waiting for - that a matching, healthy, transplantable organ has been found - are given a second chance at life.

To register as a donor or for more information about how to get involved, please visit the Center for Donation and Transplant's website at

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Olive Free Library Calendar of Events

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La La Land – Saturday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.

Lego Fun Projects Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. Raising Chickens for

Monday, April 10, 1:00 p.m. Kids Matinee: Trolls (PG)

Tuesday, April 11, 10-3 p.m. Community Quilting Saturday, April 15, 1:00 p.m. Kids Matinee: Moana (PG)

Saturday, April 15, 4:00 p.m Book Discussion

Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. Beekeeping Support Group

Saturday, April 22, Earth Day Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m. Community Dinner offered by Boy Scout Troop 163

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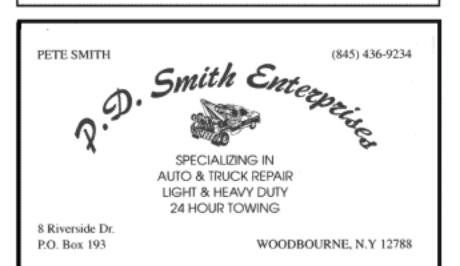
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UC Exec Mike Hein Submits a Resolution to Allow Spouses of Veterans to be Eligible for Burial in the

County Veterans' Cemetery -Proposal Would Ensure That the Final Resting Place of Veterans is Near Their Loved One Ulster County Executive Mike Hein submitted a resolution

that would allow for the burial of spouses of Veterans at the Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery and pay for the associated costs for any spouse who does not have the financial means to do so, just as the County already does for our Veterans.

"We know in our hearts that all members of our military families sacrifice so much, and we will now pay for any spouse who wishes to join their loved one and does not have the means - because whether it is our freedoms or our future, the truth is we owe our Veterans everything," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein.

The Ulster County Veterans Cemetery is located at the New Paltz Rural Cemetery. The resolution will now be considered by the Ulster County Legislature at its next meeting on

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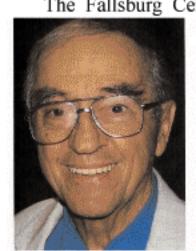
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Mr. Longo has been hon-ored with countless awards for his own artwork and contribu-

tions to founding and supporting Sullivan County artist societies and exhibitions. During more than sixty-five years active service to Fallsburg Lions Club and Lions Club International, he earned the highest achievement in Lionism-the Melvin Jones Award. His award winning commemorative pins have adorned the jackets of proud Lions throughout the world. Even today he is working on the pin for Woodbourne Landscape Supply makes Donation for Trail at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School



Tyler Gold is the President Woodbourne Landscape Supply.

The company recently donated 14 pieces of 1/2 inch rebar that will be used to hang bluebird houses and secure railroad ties along the Trail at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Teacher Speaks to Students about Hiking

As part of the after school program on the BCES Trail, Project Director Leah Exner invited physical education teacher Ms. Kate Santoianni to speak with the students about hiking prepared-ness and safety. She loves to hike and knows a lot about being in the woods with proper equipment. Ms. Santoianni

came with lots of "show and tell" materials that included a paper, a metallic and a digital compass; hand warmers; backpack, water bottles, maps, a



Ms. Santoianni answering questions about using a compass on a hiking trail.

hammock, emergency blankets and sun block. She demonstrated how each piece of equipment worked and how useful it was to be properly outfitted when exploring nature's beauty in the woods. She also addressed how to

navigate carefully through rough terrain.

The physical education teacher's outdoor skills and athletic skills were evident and provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about these skills and how to use protective materials when out in nature. Her talk is a fine example of how the entire Fallsburg School District has cooperated on the BCES Trail Project to benefit the community and celebrate the outdoors.

Neather FORECAST SUNRISE: 6:35 AM SUNSET: 7:23 PM AVERAGE HIGH: 50°F AVERAGE LOW: 32°F THURSDAY HIGH: 49°F LOW: 40°F FRIDAY HIGH: 46 °F LOW: 35°F SATURDAY HIGH: 47 °F LOW: 33 °F SUNDAY HIGH: 58 °F LOW: 37 °F MONDAY HIGH: 69°F LOW: 40°F TUESDAY HIGH: 70°F LOW: 44°F

the International Convention in 2018. Woodridge Kiwanis honored him with their Everyday Hero Award and acknowledged him for his incredible mural of the O&W Railroad that is visible to all who pass through the Village.

He cherishes his time in the Army Air Corps as one of World War II's Greatest Generation. Two years ago, he flew to Washington as part of the Honor Flight program. In the fall he went to Del Rio, Texas for a reunion of the few surviving airmen and their families.

In one of the many letters of nomination in support of induction into the Hall of Fame, a teaching colleague Terry Dungan said: "He has always been fully involved in the life around him using his Art to enrich that life. It is this notion of service, giving his time and his Art to serve his Community that has been a hallmark of Bob

In the classroom, Mr. Longo inspired young people to acquire a life-long love of art. Former student and teaching colleague Mrs. Eileen Kalter stated, "In Mr. Longo's class, the emphasis was on art appreciation. And we do appreciate all he has done for our community and especially for Fallsburg Central School."

The official induction into the Fallsburg Hall of Fame is on June 25, 2017 as part of the High School Graduation ceremonies. It will be an opportunity for the school to show its appreciation for a man who has embodied selfless service and is a living treasure to thousands of students and their families in Fallsburg.

Giving (From Pg. 6)In this photo, she is donating personally to an Alzheimer's Nursing Home. Most are sent to

Donna bringing a donation to an Alzheimer's Nursing Home

Hospitals at personal cost to Donna.

Donna volunteered for the Linus Project that makes quilts for children in times of distress. That was how I found out about

her rag doll project. Since then, a few friends (some Onteora retirees like Lois Ostapczuk, Sue Coccoza, Cheryl Kosarek, Jerry Curtis, and Sandy Friedel) have been helping her stuff these adorable, flannel, printed

rag dolls.

To the right is a picture of a pile I stuffed today while binge watching those TV shows that come on after nine o'clock! Each one of these boy and girl dolls gets packaged and sent with a note of encouragement.

Below is an excerpt from her website.

"My Friend Rag Doll was founded with the single goal of helping to make life a little easier for children and their fami-



My Friend Rag Dolls

lies during trying times. Whether it's a round of chemotherapy, a broken leg or any situation where a child is deprived of basic comforts. These situations can be scary. Sometimes having a friend to hold during those trying times can make all the difference in the world.

My goal is to help and comfort hundreds of children by donating My Friend Rag Dolls to local hospitals, charities and other organizations whose mission is to support and help children. Since I began two years ago, I have personally sewn and donated over 2000 dolls to hospitals, charities and other organizations that help and support children. The reactions by children and their caregivers are positively overwhelming and have tremendous impact on the lives of the children who have received them."

One Lucky Bird!



Recently ECOs Wes Leubner and Drahms Tony were on patrol when they received a call from the Harrison Police Department reporting an injured hawk had

been clipped by a passing vehicle. The ECOs responded to the area and were flagged down by NYS Thruway Authority staff who had removed the immobile bird from the busy highway and placed it in a nearby maintenance barn with a high ceiling and large open doors. However, the bird seemed unable to fly. The ECOs determined that the bird was a Red-Tailed hawk and that it had an injured wing. They transported the hawk to a nearby Veterinary Hospital for immediate assessment and care. After initial care, the bird will be turned over to Green Chimneys, a rehabilitation facility that specializes in the care and recovery of migratory birds. Green Chimneys is also host to numerous nature/environmental learning programs open to the public, allowing children enrolled in their programs to actively participate in the rehabilitation of injured wildlife.

Frost Valley Wins "Best Kids Camp"



The votes are in and the ballots are counted and Frost Valley YMCA was voted the Best Kids Camp as part of the 2016 River Reporter's Readers' Choice Best Awards. The Best Awards highlight the best of our communitiesthe people, places and businesses that are worth frequenting. What make's this award so important is the fact that the winners were selected by River Reporter readers and consumers of Sullivan, Delaware, Orange, Wayne and Pike counties.

Talya Shlang, Associate Director of Marketing and Public Relations joined over 50 other winners at the Catskill Mountains Resort in Barryville, NY on March 9, to accept the award on behalf of Frost Valley for Best Kids Camp. When asked what makes Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp stand out and able to provide a magical summer experience to children from the local community, Talya res-ponded, "For our staff, this isn't just a job. Frost Valley is a way of life, and that really shines through for our guests and campers."

Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp offers children in our community various one- or two-week sessions between June 26 and September 1. Open Houses are on April 30, May 11, and June 11 from 10am-1pm. Registration is available online at FrostValley.org or by calling 845-985-2291.

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It Must Be Spring - The Wayback Machine is Out and About!



Just in from Bob Drown "Sherman and Mr Peabody fired
up the "Wayback Machine"
Sunday afternoon.

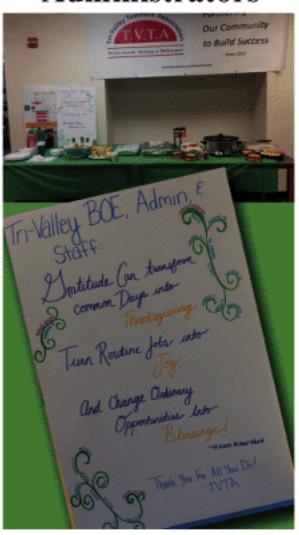
Once we completed our walk at the fairgrounds we made the trip down Rt 55 to the Ulster County end of South Hill Road and up over South Hill to Rt 42. We even stopped to take photos of my favorite sights: the Plymouth at the covered bridge; the Gazebo; and naturally Cooper, (Mr Peabody) looking out the Plymouth. Just a nice early Spring Sunday to go for a ride and enjoy are beautiful area."

And it looks like the Fairgrounds is free of snow and will be just perfect to welcome the Easter Bunny on the 15th for the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!





Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes Board of Education and Administrators



On Thursday, March 30, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) prepared dinner for our administrators, board members, and Ms. Booth before they started their busy evening with the board meeting. This was to honor them for their hard work, time and dedication to the district. Thank you for being our partners in education!

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Hospital to Honor Walter Sperling, MD

(From Pg. 1) (From Pg. 1)
In 2010, Dr. Sperling sold his practice to The Institute for Family Health and shortly afterwards joined The Institute as a Physician but also launching his career there as a teacher of 3rd and 4th year medical students. In August 2011, he also became the Medical Director at Ellenville Regional Hospital. Dr. Sperling and his wife Sue just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Over the course of the past 50 years, Dr. Sperling has cared for generations of the local residents, as well as summer hotels guests from New York City who would seek him out for his excellent and

would seek him out for his excellent and compassionate care. Dr. Sperling was awarded the 2014 Dr. Gary Ogden Rural Health Practitioner of the Year Award by the New York State Association for Rural Health, was honored by the Ellenville Chapter of the NAACP for his commit-ment to care of all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, and also honored by Congregation Ezrath Israel for his service to the community. Sperling has served as Commander of Jewish War Veterans, Ellenville Post. Dr. Sperling's lifelong commitment to the Ellenville community, and to Ellenville Hospital, made him an obvious choice as Gala honoree!

Please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043 for further information regarding the Gala and Silent Auction.

Maple Woods Farm in Divine Corners Horsemanship Camp Programs

Maple Woods Farm in Divine Corners, is excited to provide fun and Horsemanship Camp educational Programs over Spring Break, April 10-15th. Horse-crazy kids who are currently riding or interested in working around horses and gaining confidence are wel-come to inquire and sign up!

Monday and Tuesday are for riders who are currently riding with confidence at the walk, trot and canter. We will be working on lateral movements, lead changes, cavelleti work, equitation patterns and more! Wednesday and Thursday are for children who are solid beginners, walking and trotting with confidence. The lesson plans include Posting/ Identifying diagonals, schooling figures with balance, trail riding and preparing to canter!

Friday's agenda is open for anyone, with or without horse experience, to gain confidence and leadership skills working with our Shetland ponies. We will be doing numerous ground schools and obstacle courses with the ponies. Each day is handson and full of activity!! All sessions are taught by CHA Master Instructor and Clinician, Amy Barkley-Carey.

Camp is 10am-3pm daily, please pack a lunch! Two full scholarships will be offered for Friday only! Contact Amy Barkley-Carey for more information and to reserve your spot! (845) 796-8753

Energize NY and Solarize Sullivan to be Introduced to the SC Business and Not-for profit Community

MONTICELLO - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek is pleased to announce an upcoming event to introduce two exciting new cost effective and environmentally beneficial programs to Sullivan County commercial and not for profit property owners. Energize NY PACE Finance and Solarize Sullivan will be presented at an informational forum on April 18, 2017 in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center, located at 100 North Street

in Monticello, NY.
"Sullivan County is committed to promoting a clean and healthy environment," said Potosek "Programs like Energize NY and Solarize Sullivan represent a chance to engage our business and not for profit communities in these efforts presenting opportunities to improve their operations, save money and take advantage of all the environmental benefits associated with clean energy technologies."

Catherine Owens, Legislator for District 4 and Chairperson of the Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee, remarked, "Energize NY and Solarize Sullivan are two programs that have my full support. I am beyond pleased with the fact that we are able to present these programs to our community not only as environmentally friendly initiatives, but as cost saving initiatives as well. I am proud to be a part of this.

Sullivan County's new Energize NY PACE Finance program is a way for commercial and not for profit property owners to secure upfront capital for long-term energy investments in their buildings. PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing is now available for commercial and nonprofit buildings in Sullivan County to fund qualified energy efficiency and renewable

energy measures.

With low-cost financing for up to 100% of the project cost, owners can make capital improvements without any capital expense. Financing is based on the property's potential to save energy and carry the tax charge, not on the property owner's credit, so you can save your capital expenditure budgets for other projects. Learn more about Energize NY PACE Finance here. You can also fill out a quick Pre-Application online to find out how much you are eligible for.

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renewable energy improvements and address aging equipment issues," said Mark Thielking, Executive Director of Energize NY. "PACE financing enables building owners, who often have limited capital options to pay large upfront costs, to complete more comprehensive cost-effective energy improvements without overburdening their balance sheets."

Catskill Mountainkeeper's Solarize Sullivan program is a campaign to make it easier and more affordable for homeowners and businesses to go solar, grow Sullivan County's green workforce and help New York State make the transition to renewable energy. The Solarize Sullivan program is a four month, local effort that brings together groups of potential solar customers through widespread outreach and education. This model helps customers choose a solar installation company that is offering competitive and transparent pricing. Historically, Solarize campaigns lower the cost of solar 10 to 20 percent. Residents and businesses who sign up for solar installations by September 31st, 2017 will be able to take advantage of group rates that are below market prices.

The combination of Solarize Sullivan's discount pricing and the Energize NY PACE Finance program puts solar within reach for Sullivan County business owners, helping to reduce Sullivan County's reliance on fossil fuels, create local jobs, and preserve the Catskill's natural environment," said Hailley Delisle, Campaign Coordinator for Solarize Sullivan.

This event is being hosted by Sullivan County with support from its economic development partners, including the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, the Sullivan County Visitors Association and the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development.

Cathy Paty, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce said, "We are thrilled to work with our economic development partners and the County on promoting these valuable sustainable energy programs to ensure the economic and environmental success of our Sullivan Catskill businesses.'

Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Visitors Association, echoed those sentiments. "The Sullivan Catskills Visitor Association is pleased to team with the county and our fellow economic agency partners to encourage an energy efficient future in the Sullivan Catskills for its visitors and residents."

Commercial and not for profit property owners are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Each program will be featured with a presentation and we anticipate leaving ample time for question and answer.

Luis Alvarez, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, summed up the event and programs fittingly. "Sullivan County is a beautiful location to live and work. As legislators, it is our job to support and promote economic development that will allow our citizens to thrive, while at the same time acting as good stewards of the environment. These programs allow us to do both."

For more information about this event, or to RSVP, please contact Heather Brown, Sullivan County Sustainability Coordinator at (845) 807-0453 or heather.brown@co.sul-

livan.ny.us. For more information about this press release, please contact the Sullivan County Manager's Office at

(845) 807-0450.

Governor Cuomo Launches Third Round of New NY Broadband Program - Round III Targets All Remaining Communities Across the State that Currently Lack Broadband Access

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today launched the Request for Proposals for Round III of the New NY Broadband Program, the final round of funding to secure access to high-speed internet for all New Yorkers by the end of 2018. Round III targets all remaining unserved areas across the state, seeking to provide access to high-speed broadband to even

the most rural Upstate communities.

"High-speed internet is essential for connecting our communities and ensuring that all of New York can compete in the global economy," Governor Cuomo said. "With this third round of the NY Broadband Program, we are helping to ensure high speed internet access in every corner of this state, empowering New Yorkers no matter where in the Empire State they call home and truly achieving

Broadband for all.'

New NY Broadband Program award recipients will be selected through a "reverse-auction" methodology, which prioritizes bidders seeking the lowest amount of state investment per new location served. Each RFP issued by the Broadband Program Office has contained refinements and enhancements that have enabled the BPO to design an innovative auction process across the state, preserving state funds and driving robust, cost-effective broadband deployments. Through the cumulative process of these three RFPs, the state seeks to achieve its ultimate goal of broadband access for

The Broadband Program Office has made Round III RFP guidelines available and will begin accepting applications for broadband funding on the Consolidated Funding Application portal starting on June 6, 2017, and applications must be submitted by August 15, 2017. The New NY Broadband Program sets as a requirement for service a goal of 100 Mbps download speeds, with 25 Mbps acceptable in the most remote and rural

Round III will consist of two separate, simultaneous auction processes, which together will target all remaining unserved and underserved areas in the state. The majority of the locations in Round III will be addressed through the "New York Auction," which is modeled after the two previous rounds and will consist solely of state funding. Additionally, the "New York CAF Auction," will focus on the remaining areas, which are eligible for \$170 million in Connect America Funds (CAF) recently allocated to New York State by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

A significant enhancement to the Round III RFP is the inclusion of this federal matching fund allowing eligible areas to complete broadband projects with both state and federal capital. Federal CAF funding will help to facilitate the Program's goal in those areas, providing additional resources necessary to accomplish broadband for all.

The RFP launch comes on the heels of the New NY Broadband Round II awards, which are driving \$268 million in public-private investment and sup-porting more than 50 projects that will reach approximately 89,500 homes and institutions in unserved and underserved communities. The Round II awards, along with Upstate broadband buildouts and upgrades by New York State, will ensure that 98 percent of New Yorkers have access to the high-speed broadband required to succeed in a modern economy.

About the New NY Broadband Program Recognizing the importance of broadband infrastructure and building on prior State investments in broadband deployment, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in 2015, with legislative support, established the \$500 million New NY Broadband Program. The Program provides New York State grant funding to support projects that deliver highspeed Internet access to Unserved and Underserved areas of the State, with priority to Unserved areas, Libraries, and Educational Opportunity Centers.

An "Unserved" area is defined as an area where the fastest available advertised Internet download speed offered by a wireline-based provider is less than 25 Mbps. An "Underserved" area is defined as an area where broadband service is only available from a wireline-based provider at advertised Internet download speeds between 25 Mbps and 99 Mbps. The Program is the largest and most ambitious state investment in broadband in the nation, with a goal of achieving statewide broadband access in New York by the end of 2018.

Senator Bonacic Invites Nominees for Veterans' Hall of Fame Honor

(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) invites nominations from the 42nd Senate District for induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame represents extraordinary New Yorkers whose heroism in the United States Armed Forces is complimented by their service to the people in their community.

The New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame was created to pay tribute and celebrate exceptional veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves, both in the mili-

tary and civilian life.

"This program provides an opportunity to acknowledge and honor the efforts of men and women who demonstrated tremendous courage during their time in the military," said Senator Bonacic. "The Veteran's Hall of Fame recognizes their sacrifice and commitment to help secure the freedoms we enjoy today.

The selected veteran from the 42nd District will participate in a ceremony followed by a luncheon on Tuesday May 16th in Albany. The photograph and biography of each honoree across the state will become part of a special online exhibit which tells the stories of the many contributions veterans make dur-

ing and after their time in military service.

Veterans residing in the 42nd State Senate District are eligible to be nominated. The 42nd Senate District includes the following communities: all of Sullivan County; the following Towns in Delaware County: Masonville, Tompkins, Walton, Hamden, Delhi, and Colchester, the following Towns in Orange County: Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Mount Hope, Tuxedo, Wallkill, Warwick, Wawayanda; Cities of Middletown and Port Jervis; and Ulster County: the Towns of Denning, Gardiner, New Paltz, Rosendale, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing.

If you would like to nominate a veteran, please send an email to Senator Bonacic's office at tdowns@nysenate gov, or call 845-344-3311, explaining the reason your nominee should be inducted into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame. Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 250 words along with the veteran's rank and file at the time of discharge or end of military service. Please remember to include the town or city of residence and phone number of the nominee. Those making nominations should also include their own name and contact information. Nominations must be received no later than April 14, 2017.

UC Mike Hein Announces that UC will Recognize National Autism Awareness Month- UC Office Building Will Be Lit Blue For The Month Of April

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that Ulster County will recognize Autism Awareness Day by lighting the Ulster County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston and the cupola at 1 Pearl Street in Kingston with blue lighting for the month of April to highlight World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd and National Autism Awareness Month. Every year thousands of landmarks, schools, businesses and homes unite by shining blue lights in honor of the millions of individuals and

families affected by autism.

"More than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder according to the Autism Society," said County Executive Mike Hein. "It is important to highlight autism in order to raise awareness and understanding, and consider how to best assist families who are working to serve their children. It is also an opportunity to recognize the unique talents and skills of those children and adults living with autism spectrum disorder. Lighting the County building blue is one small way we can honor those in our community who have autism as well as those who are living and working with autism on a daily basis."

Dr. Carol Smith, Commissioner of Health & Mental Health, "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that 1 in every 68 children in our nation is born with Autism Spectrum Disorder, or ASD as it is known. This presents children with ASD and their families with significant lifetime challenges and costs. In Ulster County, it is important to us to increase awareness, acceptance and appreciation of those with ASD, and to best support them and those who care for them," said Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health.

For more information on Autism please visit: o The Center for Spectrum Services http://center-

forspectrumservices.org/ o Ulster-Greene ARC https://www.thearcug.org/ Anderson o The Center for Autism http://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/

o Hudson Valley Autism Resource Center

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 Autism Society Hudson Valley - Autism Society of America http://www.autism-society.org/chapter512/

o Centers for Disease Control and Preventionhttps://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html

> "Libraries Transform" Lives and Communities: Celebrate National Library Week

National Library Week is April 9 - 15, is a time to remind the public about the contributions libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities every day. Today's libraries are faced with the challenges of responding to the ever changing needs and interests of their communities. Libraries and librarians throughout the country provide their communities with tailor-made collections and services for people of diverse backgrounds, language abilities and technological skills. The Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) and its member libraries during National Library Week are celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries and to highlight the transforming role that libraries play in the lives of people and communities. The library helps children and adults alike to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. Celebrate today by visiting your library - in person or online and discov-er how "Libraries Transform" and help people to thrive in the digital age.

"Libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers providing free and open access to information for all people," said Robert Hubsher, RCLS Executive Director. "Today's libraries continue this tradition, supporting the edu-cation of our children, the life-long educational needs of adults and the growing need for digital literacy. Libraries help to level the playing field by making both print and digital information affordable, available and accessible to all people and providing guidance and support in finding the right information

in a suitable format."

"The library has always been a place of unlimited possibilities. Whatever your interest or need, the library and the library staff are here to provide you the resources you need to accomplish your goals and dreams. National Library Week is the perfect time to visit your local library and see that libraries help to ensure the American dream and promote democracy by providing service to all regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status.'

National Library Week 2017 marks the seventeenth year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), and libraries across the country to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and

librarians in the 21st century.

Everyday more than 120,000 librarians nationwide connect students, families, senior citizens, businesspeople, teachers and professors with the information they want and need to be successful in a swiftly changing and increasingly global era. With today's tough economy, libraries offer free resources to help people find jobs and learn new skills. With tools to help you search for a new job, resources to help your kids with their homework and, of course, books to expand the horizons of your dreams - it's all free at your library. People of all ages and backgrounds find entertainment, develop skills and come to find their place in the community. People gather for book discussions, for storytime with their children, or to volunteer or look for volunteer work. The local library helps the community thrive.

What makes the library unique is access to trained professionals - librarians - to help people find and interpret the information they need. In a recent survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project and the University of Illinois, seven in ten library visitors reported receiving assistance from library staff, and 88% say they found a lot or some of what

they were seeking.

National Library Week is the perfect time to cel-ebrate the fact that "Libraries Transform" lives and communities. For more information on special events and programs being held during National Library Week, contact your local library listed in the white pages of your telephone book or visit the Ramapo Catskill Library System's Website at www.rcls.org.

The Ramapo Catskill Library System is a state mandated organization serving 47 member libraries in Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and part of Ulster Counties. RCLS provides centralized automation, consulting and support services, delivery of materials, coordinates and facilitates cooperation among member libraries, and is engaged in advocacy for and promotion of public libraries.

Join us at Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Churches as we observe a reverent Holy Week and a joyful Easter

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship - April 9 Sundown United Methodist Church - 8:30 a.m. Grahamsville United Methodist Church -10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday Communion Service - April 13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil - April 14 Grahamsville United Methodist Church -Sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer from 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 14 Grahamsville United Methodist Church -7:30 p.m.

> Easter Celebrations - April 16 Early Community Easter Service On South Hill - 7:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion Sundown United Methodist Church - 8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast following the worship service.

Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion Grahamsville United Methodist Church - 10:30 a.m.

Call 845-985-2283 for further information.

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church **Spring Bazaar**

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

211 Foordmore Rd, Kerhonkson (off Rte.209 at the Heritage Energy tank) is holding its Spring Bazaar Saturday, April 8, 2017 10am to 1pm • Featured are the usual home-baked goodies, Ukrainian foods from a Ukrainian meat market in NYC (kobasa, kabanos, kishka, etc), pyrogies made by the church ladies and gift items.

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Easter Week Schedule

Monday, April 10th - Reconciliation Monday 3:45 - 5:00 pm & 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 13th - Holy Thursday- 8:00 pm

Friday, April 14th -Good Friday Services - 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross - 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 15th -Confession - 3:45 - 4:15 pm

Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 16th - Easter Sunday -Mass at 9:00 am & 11:30 am

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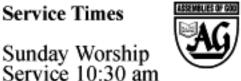
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church Rte. 55, Grahamsville

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available! For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283 e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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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 Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICE:

Catskill Watershed Corp-oration (CWC) is seeking a qualified engineer/firm for professional engineering and project management services on projects involving demolition of structures acquired as part of the New York City Funded Flood Buyout Program within the NYC West of Hudson Watershed. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 31, 2017 at 1 PM at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaret-ville, NY 12455. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 14, 2017. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 4/6-21

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for boat launch sites on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, April 14, 2017. For bid documents please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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Quotes requested 2017 Lawn maintenance Grahamsville Fire District

The Commissioners of the Grahamsville Fire District are requesting cost proposals for lawn maintenance at the Grahamsville Firehouse for the 2017 season. The proposal should cover lawn mowing and trimming on an as needed basis to maintain a professional appearance to the Firehouse grounds.

If you are interested in performing this work, please submit a cost quote to the District at PO Box 343 Grahamsville, NY 12740 by April 14, 2017, to be opened at the regular meeting on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

For more information, contact District Secretary Scott Raymond at 985-2784 on weekdays between 4:00 and 9:00 pm.

By direction, Scott L. Raymond Secretary - Grahamsville Fire District 4/6

Trailblazing Engineer (From Pg. 4) It will be connected to structurally sound portions of the existing Delaware Aqueduct to convey water around the leaking section. The leaking stretch will be plugged and permanently taken out of service.

The new tunnel will be driven by the TBM and more than 100 workers at the site. The TBM is a massive and unique piece of equipment. The entire machine - including its cutter head, body and trailing gear - is more than 470 feet long and weighs 2.7 million pounds. Its cutter head is 21.6 feet in diameter. The TBM was built to withstand 30 bar of pressure - believed to be the most of any TBM ever manufactured. (That's about 11 times the amount of pressure from a garden hose.)

The machine needs to withstand that much pressure because workers encountered huge inflows of water under immense head pressure when the aqueduct was first built more than 70 years ago. The TBM is also equipped with dewatering equipment to pump 2,500 gallons per minute away from the tunnel as the machine drives it. In addition, the machine is outfitted with equipment to install and grout the concrete lining of the tunnel, and to convey pulverized rock to a system of railroad cars that will follow the TBM as it pushes forward.

Repairing and Monitoring Leaks in the

Delaware Aqueduct

DEP has monitored the two portions of the aqueduct with leaks - one in the Orange County town of Newburgh, and the other in the Ulster County town of Wawarsing - since the 1990s. The leaks release an estimated 20 million gallons per day, about 95 percent of that escaping the tunnel through the leak in Newburgh. DEP has continuously tested and monitored the leaks by using dye, backflow, and hydrostatic tests, and hourly flow

monitors provide near real-time data on the location and volume of the leaks. In 2003, 2009 and 2014, DEP used an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) - a cutting-edge, self-propelled submarine-shaped vehicle built in partnership with engineers at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts - to conduct a detailed survey of the entire 45-mile length of tunnel between Rondout Reservoir and West Branch Reservoir. The AUV took 360-degree photographs while gathering sonar, velocity, and pressure data to assist in determining the location, size and characteristics of the leaks. All the data gathered thus far clearly show that the rate of water leaking from the tunnel has remained constant and the cracks have not worsened since DEP began monitoring them in 1992.

In 2010, the City announced a plan to address the leaks by building the bypass tunnel around the portion of the aqueduct in Newburgh, and also grouting closed the smaller leaks in Wawarsing. The project began with the excavation of two vertical shafts in Newburgh and Wappinger to gain access to the subsurface. These shafts, 845 and 675 feet deep respectively, were completed last year. Workers are currently building an underground chamber at the bottom of the Newburgh shaft. The chamber - about 40 feet high, 40 feet wide and 100 feet long - will serve as a staging area for the tunnel boring machine and the spot from which excavated rock is brought to the surface by a crane. The tunnel boring machine is expected to drive about 50 feet of the tunnel each day.

The existing Delaware Aqueduct will stay in service while the bypass tunnel is under construction. Once the bypass tunnel is nearly complete and water supply augmentation and conservation measures are in place, the existing tunnel will be taken out of service and excavation will begin to connect the bypass tunnel to structurally sound portions of the existing aqueduct. This work is anticipated to happen late in the year 2022. Engineers expect it will take roughly five to eight months to connect the bypass tunnel. While the Delaware Aqueduct is shut down, work crews will also enter the aqueduct in Wawarsing to seal the small leaks there, roughly 35 miles northwest of the bypass tunnel.

The project, which comprises the largest repair effort in the 175-year history of New York City's upstate water supply, will mark the first time that the Delaware Aqueduct will be drained since 1958. In 2013, City employees installed new pumps inside a shaft at the lowest point of the Delaware Aqueduct to eventually dewater the tunnel. Those pumps will be tested several times before the tunnel is drained in 2021. The nine pumps are capable of removing a maximum of 80 million gallons of water a day from the tunnel - more than quadruple the capacity of the pumps they replaced from the 1940s. The largest of the pumps are three vertical turbine pumps that each measure 23 feet tall and weigh 9 tons.

The bypass tunnel project is expected to create nearly 200 jobs over the next eight years. In 2012, DEP signed a project labor agreement (PLA) with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trade Council that ensured the vast majority of those jobs would be filled by local workers. Also, the PLA is expected to save the City up to \$23 million over the life of the project. With 18 different local labor agreements that could potentially apply to the project, the PLA provides for a unified approach to shifts and time off, and the increased coordination under one agreement allows for more cost-effective scheduling and increased flexi-

bility.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$166 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with \$20.7 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more infor-mation, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com

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The Technical Services Director will be

The Technical Services Director will be responsible for the overall management of the Company's network, client servers, databases and related equipment. Experience required includes 7-10 years of progressive quantifiable experience with a minimum of 5 years of experience managing and directing IT network related activity in a resort casino environment. Previous pre-opening/expansion experience managing technical services functions in a resort casino is strongly preferred. Please submit your resume to hr@empireresorts.com

PROJECT MANAGER - IT

The Project Manager will be responsible managing the full life cycle of IT projects ensuring quality delivery of critical time based projects and managing the budgets, resources and risks associated using industry standard methodologies. Experience required includes 5 - 7 years of quantifiable experience in an IT management capacity. PMI certification strongly preferred. Please submit your resume to hr@empireresorts.com

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DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

The Director of Facilities will be responsible for the overall management of facilities operations and the functioning of building systems and property maintenance and ensure smooth transition from preopening to full operation. Experience required includes 5 - 7 years of relevant experience with a minimum of 5 years managing facility maintenance for a high-volume luxury resort. Previous pre-opening experience in a resort casino strongly preferred. Please submit your resume to hr@empireresorts.com.

The Director of EEO & Diversity will be responsible for planning and managing the Company's Affirmative Action Plan of Equal Opportunity programs and activities to enhance and promote Company-wide inclusive diversity. The Director of EEO & Diversity will work closely with department leadership, including the Purchasing Department, regarding AA/EO programs relevant to contractors, subcontractors, assignees, lessees, agents vendors and suppliers. Experience required includes 3 - 7 years of relevant experience in Human Resources with a minimum of 3 years in a manager level position in an EEO and diversity role. Previous experience with MWBE vendors and suppliers' initiatives in hospitality/gaming environment strongly preferred. Please submit your resume to hr@empireresorts.com.

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To schedule an appointment to donate, call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Or visit: redcrossblood.org and enter: LibertyCommunity to schedule your appointment.

By scheduling an appointment ahead of time, you jump the line upon your scheduled arrival.



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312 www.townofneversink.org

May 1 - May 5 Screen Free Week Sat-May 13 Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie Sat-June 3 Country Living Fair Rhinebeck

Fairgrounds Fri-June 9 Mamma Mia Westchester

Broadway Dinner Theatre

Fri-June 16 Transportation to NYC Fri-July 7 Swimming Beach Party Grahamsville Fairgrounds

Sat-July 22 New York State Museum

Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume

Fri-Aug 26 Amimal Embassy Presentation Fri-Oct 6 Annie Get Your Gun Westchester

Broadway Dinner Theatre Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge

Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment. It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



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Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

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 845-434call 8044.

AL-ANON MEETINGShttp://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



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Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm

4/6/17 4/8/17 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm - Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

4/11/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall

4/12/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall 4/13/17

4/14/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY

4/15/17 Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon 4/17/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse

4/18/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

4/19/17 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7am-Noon

4/25/17 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale (9am -12:30pm) and Luncheon (11 am-1 pm) 4/25/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall

Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall 5/2/17

5/3/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

5/6/17 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

Save the Date!

April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House May 6. 2017 Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk 8:30-9:00 am Sign-in Grahamsville First Aid Building

May 26-29, 2017 Sundown Community Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

Saturday, May 27 - Farmers' Market - 10 am - 1 pm at the Neversink General Store June 7, 2017 Rabies Clinic 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older

Sunday, July 9, 2017 6th Annual Matty Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament Saturday, July 29 - Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ

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

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

Flown of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Flown 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.

Mark Your Calendars for the Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Memorial Day Weekend

Residents of Sundown are planning to hold a "Miles and Miles of Yard Sale" event throughout the Memorial Day Weekend.

If you love yard sales and bargains - then make sure you get to Sundown over the Memorial Day Weekend!

We will publish a a map of all the roads and back roads of Sundown in the May 12th, 19th and 26th issue of The Townsman that will include the location of each of the scheduled yard sale happenings over the Memorial Day Weekend.

If you are a Sundown resident and want to participate in this event and have not returned a form - forms are available for download on our website: thetownsman.com or send us an email (tvtownsman@yahoo.com) and we will send you a copy or let you know where you can get a copy.

There is no cost to join in the fun and profit of the Miles and Miles of Yard Sale.

Keep watching *The Townsman* for updates on this event. So far we have quite a few that have already sent back their form with their location, time, dates, etc.

Lots of folks started getting ready early this past winter when the Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Event was just a rumor. Now we know it really spring cleaning in the attic, garage and basement and get ready for the **BIG ONE!** - Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!

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AARP Driver

Safety Program

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

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

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

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

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

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Quiz: 1. Who played Sheriff McGee? 2. Who played Lucius K. Winfield?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood

SUNDOWN

April 1st - Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm at the Sundown UMC Hall.

REMINDER: It is Spring and Sundown Camp and Bait Shop is opened!

<u>NEVERSINK</u>

Sunday, April 2 - Neversink Grahamsville Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast 7am-12 noon at Neversink Fire House

GRAHAMSVILLE

April 8, 2017 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner April 8 2017 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

Creating a Barn Quilt will be held Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum, on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville,

April 15th, The Easter Bunny is coming to Grahamsville - 11 a.m. sharp at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Sponsored by The Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary

CLARYVILLE

Claryville Fire Dept.All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 9 Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon. Come have your picture taken with the EASTER BUNNY!

<u>KERHONKSON</u>

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church at 211 Foordmore Rd, Kerhonkson (off Rte.209 at the Heritage Energy tank), is holding its Spring Bazaar Saturday, April 8, 2017 10am to 1pm.

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