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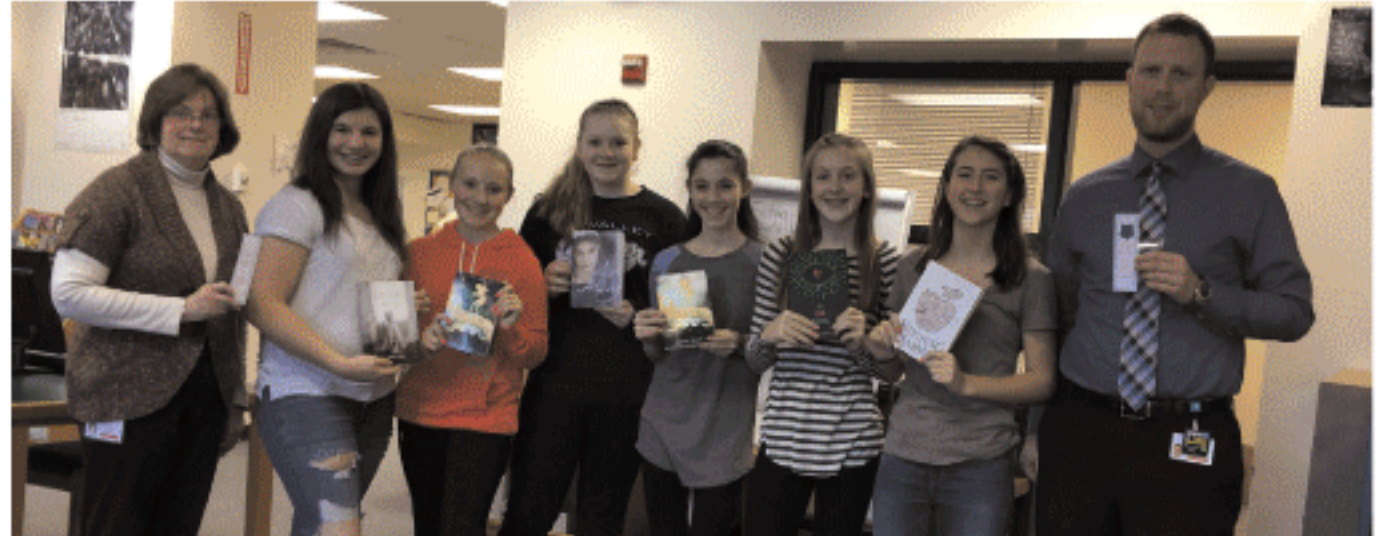
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Window to the Past



On a recent journey with a friend, Bob Drown captured a moment of winter 2017 that has a history going back well over one hundred years. The Van Tran Covered Bridge, originally known as Mott's Flat Bridge, is a wooden covered bridge that was originally built in 1860 by John Davidson. The Van Tran Bridge crosses over the Willowemoc Creek and is located in the Town of Rockland in Livingston Manor. It is a single span town lattice truss with a laminated arch. The span length is 117 feet. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association Participate in Public Education Day of Action



TESSA President Kathi Smith and TVTA Vice President Matt Haynes pose with students and books

On Thursday, January 19, the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools (AROS) hosted a "National Day of Action" for public schools all over the nation. Countless schools put on different events in recognition of this day. (Contd. Pg. 8)

BCES Trail Project Receives Snowshoes



Morgan Outdoors' Proprietor Ms. Lisa Lyons showing the children dried leaves still on a branch of an American Beech Tree.

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) thanks Sullivan Renaissance and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) for securing snowshoes for use on the BCES Trail. CCE had contacted Ms. Lisa Lyons of Livingston Manor's Morgan Outdoors, who arranged for a discounted cost on 16 pair of children's sizes and 2 pair of adult sizes. CCE donated 8 of the smaller ones and the adult pairs. FCSD obtained the balance through the Renaissance Grant. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Senator Bonacic Joins Community Members at Pancake Breakfasts in Sullivan County



Senator Bonacic at the Woodbourne Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) was pleased to join friends, community members, and local volunteer firefighters at three fire company pancake breakfasts in Sullivan County this past weekend, Liberty, Woodbourne, and Roscoe. The events helps raise money for each of the companies. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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Winter Wonderland Not so Pretty for Some

This past weekend's winter storm dumped another 4 to 8 inches of new snow throughout the area. The beauty of a winter snow storm is not having to drive, and being able to stay home and stay safe.

Despite warnings over the weekend of hazardous driving conditions due to the winter storm, there are those who found it necessary to travel.

There were several reports of weather-related accidents in the area.

Fortunately for this driver who slid off the road, a few people passing by were there to give him a helping hand.

Among those who helped to get him back on the road was Governor Andrew Cuomo.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Yet we do speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away -1 Corinthians 2:6

OBITUARY:

Word has been received that long-time resident of Claryville, **George Ratner** passed away on February 5, 2017 at the age of 105 years, 11 months. George was born in 1911. He has lived in Oregon for the past number of years.

James Arthur "Jim" Mentnech, a lifelong Woodbourne resident, age 78, died Saturday, February 11, 2017. He was born June 29, 1938 to



Arthur Mentnech and Mary Cypert Mentnech, the oldest of 7 children.

He was a general contractor who built many custom homes in this area. He loved his grandchildren and anything he could do or build for them. He also loved to restore old trucks. He can be credited for teaching many local carpenters the skilled craft of woodworking and construction.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Irma DuBois, on December 6, 1958 and they enjoyed 58 years together. They had three daughters, Bonnie Lewis (Barry), Janet Mentnech, and Pattie Milisaukas.

He is survived by his wife, daughters and three terrific grandsons: Sean (April), Daniel and Dustin Lewis and three lovely granddaughters: Emily Hubbert, Amy Hubbert and Nevaeh Milisaukas. He is also survived by two brothers, John (Pam), Anthony (Trish), four sisters: Anne(Homer) Waring, Jane Hammer, Judi (Al) Gerow and Alice (Paul) Edelman, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and good in-laws.

Donations in Jim's memory can be made to the Grahamsville Ambulance Squad, PO Box 152, Grahamsville, NY 12740; the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 6317, Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788, or the Devon Mullen Future Fund, 6552, State Route 55, Liberty, NY 12754 or to a charity of ones choice.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 12 to 3 pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Services will follow. A Memorial Mass will be held Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 9 am at The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Jim's ashes will be laid to rest at St. Michael's Cemetery in Ulster Heights in the spring.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:



Pat Wellington and Thomas Reeves have announced their engagement to be married. Pat is a summer resident of Claryville and is the President of The Neversink Association, a local conservation group. Pat and Thom both live in Venice, Florida, but will be in Claryville this spring through September.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Morgan Booth from Shandaken, NY has been named to SUNY Geneseo's Dean's List for the fall semester 2016. To be on the list, a student must have achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Christina Malissa Kackos of Neversink, NY, a senior majoring in biomolecular science and mathematics, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Clarkson University.

Kiara L Cruickshank of Big Indian, NY, a sophomore majoring in political science, was named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 2016 semester at Clarkson University.

Bekah Polonsky of Grahamsville, NY, is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in Psychology. Bekah has been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 Semester.

Kayla Yager Participates in Harvest Share Buddies Partnership -Kayla Yager of Grahamsville, NY, helped launch a new service-learning partnership aimed at getting local elementary school children excited about growing their own food.

With grant funding acquired through SUNY Oneonta's Center for Social Responsibility and

Community, Assistant Professor of Biology Sean Robinson built and installed vegetable grow boxes in all 12 kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms at Riverside Elementary School last fall.

As an added challenge for the fifth-graders, Robinson built hydroponics growing units and placed them side-by-side with the regular grow boxes so the students could see which type of system worked better for their plants. Yager, who is majoring in Biology, was assigned to one of the classrooms as part of a group of three to four student "box buddies." A total of 68 biology and sociology students participated in the program. Throughout the fall semester, the students visited their assigned classrooms several times to help the children plant vegetables and herbs and to present lessons about food, society, the environment and plant biology. Each lesson included group discussion and a hands-on activity, such as a game or worksheet.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

February 13, 1957 - There was no joy in Mudville, Jeffersonville or Manor but the cheers, hooting and hollering reverberate through Grahamsville, especially at Tri Valley High. For the first time in its short history, the Bears have won the championship of the Western Sullivan Basketball League. Happy are the lads who sport the red and blue of the school.

Miss Joan Pomeroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Neversink, was honored at a surprise shower on Wednesday at the Neversink Fire House. Miss Pomeroy is to be married to Mr. William Wiley on Saturday. Hostesses were Barbara and Eva Knox.

February 8, 1967 - Carl DeWire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman DeWire of South Hill. Has received word of his acceptance to Drexel Univ. in Philadelphia, Pa. Carl plans to major in engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffin entertained at the Holiday Inn on Saturday evening in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married on Feb. 3, 1917 by the Reverend Arthur Cole. The highlight of the evening was the beautiful wedding cake baked by Mrs. Grant Muthig. They received more than 75 cards including cards from Alaska and Germany.

February 10, 1977 - Debbie and Jennifer Daggett of Grahamsville, and Elise Mears of RFD Liberty, were competitors for the title of Snow Queen at the Holiday Mt. Winter Carnival held this past weekend.

Miss Ruth DuBois, 83, of Ellenville, died Saturday at Ellenville Community Hospital. The daughter of Melvin and Mary Hornbeck DuBois, she was born August 10, 1893 in Eureka and has lived in the area all her life. Miss DuBois is survived by three cousins: Ronald Vernooy of Brewster, Gary Vernooy of Kingston and Leith Coddington of North Branch.

February 12, 1987 - On Nov. 22 in the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville, Karen Ann Terwilliger and Howard Charles Gildersleeve were married. The Pastor Allen R. MacGhee Jr. officiated. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Mary Terwilliger of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of Howard Gildersleeve of Liberty and Anne Gildersleeve of Neversink. The couple both graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and attended Ulster County Community College. She is employed at County Petroleum in Ferndale. He is employed at the Liberty Trading Post.

Syracuse Univ. has announced that Christina Marion of Olivera, N.Y. has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1986 semester. Ms. Marion is a 1986 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marion, Frost Valley Road, Olivera.

Valentine Cabaret Held Over for One More Performance

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's Valentine Cabaret did its best to warm up last weekend, but not even the troupe of talented performers could forestall Sunday's wicked weather, which canceled the matinee performance. But the singers and musicians are gathering together once more on Sunday, February 19th at the Sullivan County Museum, Art & Cultural Center at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. The Valentine's Cabaret is presented in the style of '30s and '40s Jazz Clubs, but the music is from a broad variety of periods and musical styles. Admission is \$10 and includes desserts and coffee.

Director, Jim Schmidt has ably assembled a talented group of singers who are being accompanied by the versatile Leon on piano. Beautiful ballads and bawdy, belting numbers will make for a full evening or afternoon of entertainment. Featured performers are Shawn Bailey, Karen Beals, Mary Burkart, Terri Hall, Tom Masciopinto, Teri Paris, Ellen Pavloff, Mekayla Perneszi, Amber Schmidt, Lori Schneider, Kim Schneeberger and Stephanie Watson. (Contd. Pg. 15)

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley Boys Alpine Ski Team who earned their first Section IX, Division I Slalom win at Holiday Mountain in Monticello on February 2nd.

I had a phone call from Helen Elias the other day. She and her husband are enjoying the warm Florida weather. They are looking forward to returning to Claryville in May and planting their vegetable garden.

Congrats to the Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America on an exceptional performance at the Spring District Meeting held on February 2nd at Carmel High School. The NYS Leadership Conference will take place in Rochester on April 4-7.

Thank you to Beth McAndrews and the Tri-Valley PTO for organizing the Grade 3-6 Science Fair which was held at the Elementary School on February 3rd. All of the participants did a fine job presenting their projects. Outstanding students from each grade received trophies for their projects. **3rd grade**: Aiden Martin & Jordan Dymond, Gwen Redman, Angelina Raykoff & Savannah Chaboty; **4th grade**: Tyler Conjura (who also won "Best of Show"), Van Furman and Sarah Palmer; **5th grade**: Grace Gozza & Brooke Mulholland, Logan Congelosi and Noah Edwards; **6th grade**: Gail McAndrews, Mateo Scanna and Adam Furman.

Boy Scout Sunday was celebrated on February 12th at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. All of the Scouts will participate in the Service.

On Saturday, February 4th the Boys Scouts participated in the Klondike Derby - a winter event teaching the boys lifetime skills such as shelter building, fire making, first aid, etc.

Our local Boy Scouts will be sponsoring a Fish or Chicken and Chips dinner at the Neversink Fire House on April 22nd. Adults: \$13. and Children under 12: \$8. Please purchase your tickets in advance so the Scouts will have an idea how many dinners they may be serving. Contact any Scout or Neil Terwilliger at 798-3328 for tickets.

Words of Wisdom: Grandparent: A thing so simple even a small child can operate it. The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes. To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

4H Puppy Pals to Host Corned Beef Dinner for Tri-Valley Backpack Program

On Friday, March 17, 2017 the local 4H club, the Puppy Pals, will be holding a dinner from 4:00-7:00 at the Grahamsville Firehouse. The menu for this dinner includes corned beef & cabbage, a hot baked potato bar, roll, dessert, and beverages. You can purchase your meal to dine in or take out. Proceeds will go towards the Tri-Valley School Backpack Program. This program provides children with food who don't have much at home. It benefits many children and families in the district.

There will also be a collection of non-perishable food supplies for the Backpack Program, and the following items will be gratefully accepted: cereal, oatmeal, mac & cheese, Chef Boy R Dee Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, jelly, soup, Ramen, pudding, canned fruit, tuna, granola bars, crackers with cheese/peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, see a Puppy Pals member or email us at puppypal-srock@gmail.com. Tickets will be available for purchase in advance until March 14, or at the door. All tickets are \$12. Please make checks payable to 4H Puppy Pals and write "4H Dinner" in the memo line. We hope to see you there!

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Tree & Shrub Sale

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly and perennials. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced

costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes such as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens and streambank and road bank stabilization.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivanswcd.org. The order deadline is Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Call to Artists: Jeff Bank 2018 Calendar Photo Contest

Photographers are encouraged to submit up to four (4) color images for the ninth annual Jeff Bank 2018 Calendar Photo Contest. Submissions will be accepted March 4 through May 1, 2017. Organized by the Catskill Art Society, the theme of the contest is the Four Seasons of Nature and Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY and Orange County, NY.

Interested artists may submit up to four (4) color photographs, preferably depicting each of the four seasons, for consideration. Recognizable locations are preferred, but not mandatory.

All entries must include a completed application/release form, available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions, or by contacting info@catskillartsociety.org. Images may be submitted by email, on a CD, or on a flash drive with up to four (4) digital JPG files, in color and formatted horizontally. Photos must be at least 2,000 pixels (height) by 3,000 pixels (width). Images should not be heavily altered or manipulated.

All entries must be emailed to info@catskillartsociety.org, hand delivered to the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY or mailed to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 by Monday, May 1.

This initiative is an ongoing partnership between the Catskill Art Society (CAS) and Jeff Bank, started in 2009 to support the local arts community and to give talented photographers a venue to share their work with the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Bradley Diuguid at 845-436-4227 or info@catskillartsociety.org.

Saturday, March 18 - Photography Workshop at 2pm

The Catskill Art Society will offer a free photography workshop for anyone interested in submitting for the annual Jeff Bank Calendar Photo Contest. Participants will learn from a panel of expert artists and curators about the craft of taking photos outdoors, tips for editing, and insider info about what the jury panel is looking for. The event will take place at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

This workshop is free, but advance registrations are encouraged. To register, email: info@catskillartsociety.org or call 845-436-4227.

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SUNY Sullivan to Host "The Vagina Monologues" to Benefit RISE

Loch Sheldrake, NY: For the sixth year, SUNY Sullivan will host two performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise funds for RISE (Rape Intervention Services and Education) of Sullivan County, a program housed at Catskill Regional Medical Center. The performances, scheduled for Thursday, February 23 and Friday, February 24 at 8 pm in the Seelig Theater, are part of V-Day, a global movement to generate awareness and help end violence against women and girls.

Professor Cindy Linden is organizing the production, which will include performances by SUNY Sullivan students, faculty, staff and community members. A \$10 admission donation is suggested. For more information, contact professor Linden at clinden@sunysullivan.edu.

Founded in 1987, RISE of Sullivan County provides an array of services to victims of sexual abuse and offers prevention education. The program advocates for sexual abuse victims. Staff members will accompany the victim to the hospital, police or district attorney after an incident and will provide assistance. RISE also offers confidential individual, family or couples counseling as well as support groups, prevention education, professional training sessions, and operates a 24-hour crisis hotline.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Eagle Our National Emblem

The Eagle became the National emblem in 1782 when the great seal of the United States was adopted. In 1851 Herman Melville wrote, "What is needed more than anything else in the midst of a crisis is a calm, steadying dose of clarity, the kind of omniscient, all-seeing perspective symbolized by an eagle on the wing: 'And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces.'"



Melville's *Moby Dick*, provides a description of the ideal leader, who instead of anger and pain relies on equanimity and judgment, who does their best to remain above the fray, and who even in the darkest of possible moments resists the 'woe that is madness.'

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), is the only eagle unique to North America.

The bald eagle, opportunistic carnivores, flourishes here in the Catskills partly because of the fish in the reservoirs and streams. The eagle subsists mainly on fish, which it swoops down and snatches from the water with its talons. When food is abundant, an eagle can gorge itself by storing up to 2.2 pounds of food in a pouch in the throat called a crop. Gorging allows the bird to fast for several days if food becomes unavailable. Because they are near the top of the food chain, they become an irreplaceable indicator for measuring the health of the entire ecological system in which we all live.

The Bald Eagle builds the largest nest of any North American bird. The height of a tree chosen for nesting appears to be more important than the species of tree. Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackish-brown back and breast; a white head, neck, and tail; and yellow feet and beak. A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches.

Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of mostly tendon. Talons are important tools for hunting and defense. Eagles kill their prey by penetrating its flesh with their talons. They can open and close their talons at will.

Bald eagles mate for life. Courting begins in early April. Eagles lay from 1 to 3 eggs (commonly two) and the eggs usually hatch between late May and early June.

Young eagles are a mixture of brown and white; with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white.

At four months of age, eaglets appear to be larger than their parents because of their longer flight feathers. These feathers serve as nature's training wheels, helping the juveniles stabilize during their early flying days. By the end of the summer, the parent eagles begin to suffer from "empty nest syndrome" as their offspring can generally fly and take off to be on their own.

It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

The Bald Eagle remains a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers, are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans as eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans in their cultures.

The eagle represents freedom. Living on the tops of the highest trees and the heights of our lofty Catskill Mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, whether with strong pinions sweeping into the valleys below, or upward into the boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom!

Household Hints

Clear away crayon stains

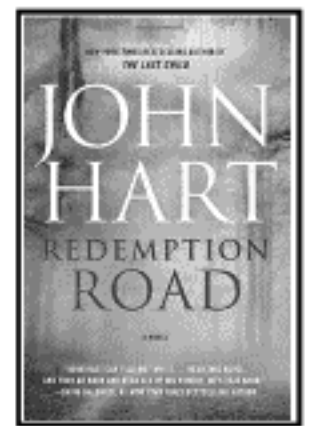
Somehow or other, kids often manage to get crayon marks on their clothing. You can easily get these stains off by rubbing them with a recycled toothbrush soaked in undiluted vinegar before washing them.



Redemption Road

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 274

by John Dwaine McKenna



One of my personal frustrations in life is that at any given time, there's a pile of forty to sixty or more books on my bookcase waiting to be read and reported on. *Well Okay*, you say, *What's wrong with that?* Sounds like job security to me . . . True, but here's the exasperating part. The shelf life in bookstores for new novels is around 90 to 120 days. After that, they're remaindered – returned to the publisher – to be sold by weight at scrap prices to discount sellers. Back in the bookshops, the shelves are restocked with the newest best-sellers and the process repeats itself over and over again. Consequently, the pressure's always on the columnist . . . yours truly . . . to keep ever up-to-date reviewing the latest and greatest of new releases. It's a vicious, never-ending cycle and I have bite marks all over my backside from the dog-eat-doggedness of it all. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is my long-winded exculpation for failing to report on one of last year's brightest and best and most literate crime novels to come down the pike in quite a while. With many thanks to Otto Penzler at *The Mysterious Bookshop* in New York City for calling it to my attention, here 'tis.

Redemption Road, (Thomas Dunne Books/St Martin's Press, \$27.99, 417 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-38036-6) by John Hart was first published in May 2016. It is the story of a southern town full of lies, secrets, betrayals, and nearly unbearable tension. It's also filled with such drama, suspense, and deep understanding of human shortcomings that each page almost groans with the weight of it all. As the novel begins and the complex plot starts to unfold, a convict is about to be released from prison after serving thirteen years of a much longer sentence for murder. He's an ex-cop, one of the shiniest ever to wear a badge . . . until a woman was found murdered on the altar of an old and revered local church with his DNA under her nails and scratches on his neck. His name is Adrian Wall, and waiting for him upon his release, is a thirteen year-old boy named Gideon Strange. He was only an infant when his mother died but now, he plans to shoot and kill the man who went to the penitentiary for her murder. At the same time, the only cop to believe in Wall's innocence, a fellow detective named Elizabeth Black, has troubles of her own. She's under investigation for the shooting deaths of two men who had kidnapped a young woman and were taking turns abusing her in the basement of an abandoned house. She may be a heroic cop who went in alone-or an avenging angel who put eighteen nine millimeter rounds into the perpetrators. All of that happens in just the first couple of chapters in this dynamic thriller with new revelations on every page, surprises by the boatload and more twisting turns than the path to perdition and the road to ruin put together. *Redemption Road* is a novel you'll think about long after you've read it, and John Hart is an author you'll always be on the lookout for, for the same reason. He's awesome!

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Experts Give Parasite Workshop & FAMACHA Cert for Goats/Sheep

LIBERTY, NY-Internal parasites (gastro-intestinal worms) are the number one health problem affecting goats and sheep in much of the United States. A FAMACHA Certification Workshop on goats and sheep will be offered on Sunday, March 5, 2017, designed to help producers develop integrated parasite management (IPM) programs for their farms. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC) will host this program from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Lunch is included.

Dr. Tatiana Stanton, small ruminant Extension specialist of Cornell University and Rich Toebe, watershed livestock educator of Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County will present.

Participants at this workshop will learn: IPM programs for producers; The basics of internal parasite control; Hands-on training in using the FAMACHA Anemia Guide; Fecal egg analysis

Participants are encouraged to bring a refrigerated sheep or goat fecal sample and a microscope if possible. FAMACHA scorecards will be available for sale at \$12 per card.

Cost is \$20 per person. Scholarships are available. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration can be completed by calling CCEC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCEC programs are appreciated.

NY Growers Course Can Satisfy FSMA & GAP Requirements

LIBERTY, NY-Fruit and vegetable growers and other farmers are invited to a Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) & Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Grower Training on February 27 and 28, 2017. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC) course will be held from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm both days at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Lunch is included and scholarships are available.

Participants at this FSMA & GAP Grower Training will learn:

- FSMA Produce Safety Rule and GAPs
- Co-management of natural resources
- Food safety requirements and writing farm food safety plan

The course can satisfy requirements for the FS Produce Safety Rule and food safety compliance, depending on gross annual farm income.

The training will benefit growers currently selling or interested in selling to food hubs or institutions and those in the NYS Grown and Certified Program.

Cost is \$35 per person. Scholarships are available. Space is limited and registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration can be completed by calling CCEC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCEC programs are appreciated.

Funding has been provided by a US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant to

the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency, as well as by the Local Economies Project of the New World Foundation.

Gillibrand and Senators Demand Answers About Outrageous Price Hike for Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Reversal Drug

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and a group of 31 Senators today demanded answers from a leading pharmaceutical company about the dramatic price hike for a life-saving medication used to respond to opioid overdoses.

Recent reports unveiled that drug maker Kaléo Pharmaceuticals, which manufactures an easy-to-use injector device containing the overdose-reversing drug naloxone, raised its price from \$690 in 2014, to \$4,500 currently. While the Evzio device has the potential to help thousands of individuals survive drug overdoses, the Senators wrote that the inexplicable price hike "threatens to price-out families and communities that depend on naloxone to save lives."

"At a time when Congress has worked to expand access to naloxone products and to assist state and local communities to equip first responders with this life-saving drug, this startling price hike is very concerning," the Senators wrote Wednesday to Kaléo Pharmaceuticals CEO Spencer Williamson.

Student Teams from Across 64 SUNY Campuses and 25 CUNY Campuses Will Create a Technology-Based Platform to Promote Excelsior Scholarship Campaign -SUNY Chancellor Zimpher Announces \$2,000 Cash Prizes for SUNY's Top Three Finishers

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today launched the first ever statewide coding competition for SUNY and CUNY students, the "Making College Possible Coding Challenge," as part of his Excelsior Scholarship Campaign. The challenge invites students to create a digital prototype of a mobile app or website that will provide information about the Excelsior Scholarship and share what "making college possible" means for SUNY and CUNY students.

Governor Cuomo kicked off the Excelsior Scholarship Campaign Tuesday morning at a rally at SUNY Buffalo State College. As part of the campaign, the Governor will tour SUNY and CUNY campuses in support of his plan to make college tuition free for middle-class families across New York. Under this groundbreaking proposal, more than 940,000 middle class families and individuals making up to \$125,000 per year would qualify to attend college tuition-free at all public universities in New York State.

"The cost of college has become too high, with skyrocketing tuition cost and student debt becoming an insurmountable barrier for too many students," Governor Cuomo said. "A college education is a necessity to compete in today's economy, and the Excelsior Scholarship will ensure that college is accessible to New Yorkers across the state -- no matter their income. With our innovative coding chal-

lenge, I look forward to seeing how creative our New York students can be in sharing information with their peers about the Excelsior Scholarship, and telling us what making college possible means to them."

The "Making College Possible Coding Challenge" invites student developers and designers from all 64 SUNY and 25 CUNY campuses to build unique digital prototypes inspired by the Excelsior Scholarship around the theme "making college possible." The prototypes can be for mobile applications or websites, and will be informational tools students and scholarship applicants can use to learn more about the scholarship and life at SUNY and CUNY.

The competition will be conducted in two rounds over the coming weeks, ending with a final judging hosted by Governor Cuomo in New York City. In addition, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher announced that the university system will award its top three finishers an additional \$2,000 per team as an added incentive to compete.

Rock Hill United Methodist Church will be host to Messiah In The Passover

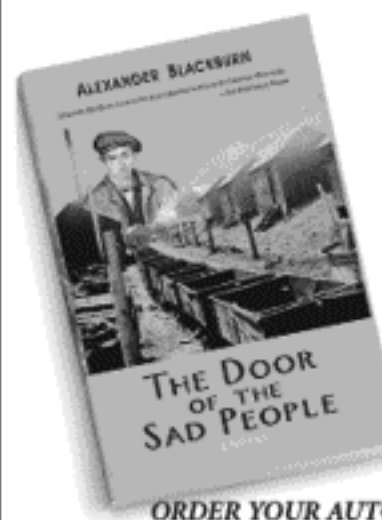
The Rock Hill United Methodist Church will be host to *Messiah In The Passover* on Saturday February 25 at 6 p.m.

Church Pastor Jack Polin noted that the church will have a Seder in the church fellowship hall that will be led by Jeffrey Siegel of Chosen People Ministries.

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus.

The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

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Mending Wall

MENDING WALL by Robert Frost

Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,
And spills the upper boulders in the sun,
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.
The work of hunters is another thing:
I have come after them and made repair
Where they have left not one stone on a stone,
But they would have the rabbit out of hiding,
To please the yelping dogs. The gaps I mean,
No one has seen them made or heard them made,
But at spring mending-time we find them there.
I let my neighbor know beyond the hill;
And on a day we meet to walk the line
And set the wall between us once again.
We keep the wall between us as we go.
To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'
We wear our fingers rough with handling them.
Oh, just another kind of out-door game,
One on a side. It comes to little more:
There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors'.
Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder
If I could put a notion in his head:
'Why do they make good neighbors? Isn't it
Where there are cows?
But here there are no cows.
Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down.' I could say 'Elves' to him,
But it's not elves exactly, and I'd rather
He said it for himself. I see him there
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
He moves in darkness as it seems to me—
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.
He will not go behind his father's saying,
And he likes having thought of it so well
He says again, "Good fences make good neighbors."

The Piano Plus! Chamber Music Series

The Piano Plus! chamber music series will enter its fourth season with a concert on Saturday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. featuring renowned pianist Manon Hutton-DeWys at Olive Free Library.

West Shokan, NY: Each spring for the past four years the Olive Free Library in West Shokan has hosted the Piano Plus! concert series featuring world-class pianists along with guest performers. The series kicks off this year with Manon Hutton-DeWys who has earned widespread critical acclaim for her performances of classical and contemporary music. She will perform the lyrical Brahms Ballades op. 10 as well as the Beethoven Cello sonata op. 69 with cellist Paul Wolfram. Tickets are a suggested \$12 donation at the door.

Hutton-DeWys has performed in some of classical music's best-known venues, including Weill and Zankel Halls at Carnegie Hall, and the Salle Cortot at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. She has also recently appeared at Symphony Space, Bargemusic, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Steinway Hall, the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, Northeastern and Tufts Universities, and The Jerome L. Greene Performance Space, home to radio station WNYC.

The Piano Plus! series offers outstanding concerts in March, April and May. The second concert will be on April 1, and features the Bard Conservatory Collaborative Pianists Wei Zhou and Tomoki Park playing Beethoven: Hammerklavier; and Janacek: In the Mists. On May 13, Inesa Sinkevych will play Scriabin: 24 Preludes, Op. 11; Debussy: Images, Book 1; and Schumann: Humoreske, Op. 20. All concerts are on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. The series is curated by Bard Conservatory Distinguished

Composer in Residence George Tsontakis. The "plus!" performances have included collaborations with voice, string instruments, and marimba. The concerts are offered in the of the Olive Free Library's community room on the library's beautiful Steinway Model B Grand Piano.

For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org or visit www.olivefreelibrary.org.

Thursday Night Movies at Olive Free Library

February 16 - *Loving* (Rated PG-13) 6:00 pm

From acclaimed writer/director Jeff Nichols, *Loving* celebrates the real-life courage and commitment of an interracial couple, Richard and Mildred Loving (portrayed by Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga), who married and then spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as a family in their hometown. Their civil rights case, *Loving v. Virginia*, went all the way to the Supreme Court, which in 1967 reaffirmed the very foundation of the right to marry - and their love story has become an inspiration to couples ever since.

"*Loving* takes an understated approach to telling a painful -- and still relevant -- real-life tale, with sensitive performances breathing additional life into a superlative historical drama." (Rotten Tomatoes, certified fresh!)

Harry and Snowman - Thursday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. (Not rated) 1 Dutch immigrant, Harry deLeyer, journeyed to the United States after World War II and developed a transformative relationship with a broken down Amish plow horse he rescued off a slaughter truck bound for the glue factory. Harry paid eighty dollars for the horse and named him Snowman. In less than two years, Harry & Snowman went on to win the triple crown of show jumping, beating the nations blue bloods. They were famous for their day and traveled around the world together. Their chance meeting at a Pennsylvania horse auction saved them both and crafted a friendship that lasted a lifetime. Eighty-six year old Harry tells their Cinderella love story firsthand, as he continues to train on today's show jumping circuit. This documentary/drama is rated 93% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes!

Virtual Reality Games & Pizza Night at Olive Free Library

Saturday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in an ocean that abounds with sea life, walk across a plank 80 stories above the ground, or break out of an asteroid and see the galaxy up close. Try out the newest in virtual reality gaming and have some pizza. This program is for ages 8 to adult.

Preregistration is required. Please call the library at 45-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org

Assemblymember Cahill Offers Help to Constituents

Kingston, NY - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) has heard from several constituents in the past months who had a common plea for help - their STAR rebate checks had not arrived when expected. If you are one of these homeowners, Mr. Cahill would like to hear from you.

"We have a great rapport with helpful and knowledgeable folks at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance (DTF)," Assemblymember Cahill noted. "We can't move mountains, but we certainly have had a good measure of success in facilitating contact between those waiting for their checks and the Agency itself."

One example is homeowner Rick Jones of Kerhonkson, who contacted Mr. Cahill's office last October seeking any help that might be available to receive his check. Mr. Jones was frustrated with the wait he experienced. In his words, "...so the school districts get their money sooner and people without school age children get dinged and get their money later. I'm all for public school education of the finest caliber, but if you promise me something you need to deliver." The staff took on his case and received word personally from Mr. Jones that his check arrived in the mail last Friday. "Thank you again and best wishes to Assemblyman Cahill. I appreciate his dogged determination," he said.

"My staff and I are here to serve constituents and work to solve their problems whenever appropriate. Our office is waiting to hear how we can help you," Mr. Cahill concluded.

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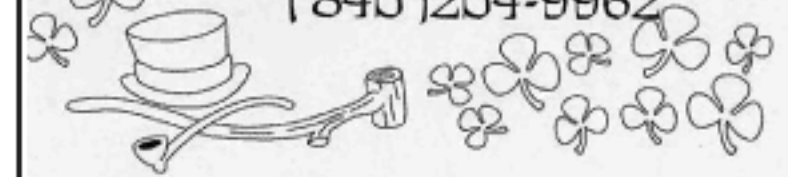
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"Zero Tolerance"

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"With the community's help we continue to fight Welfare fraud and abuse, making sure that Welfare benefits are available for those who truly need them. I urge residents to contact the Department of Social Services Special Investigative Unit through their hotline number at 1-855-SIU-Tips, to report any suspicions of fraud or abuse," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I appreciate the coordinated efforts of the Special Investigations Unit and the Offices of Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright and Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blarcom in enforcing Ulster County's 'Zero Tolerance' program."

Gina Mucci of Marlboro was arrested on February 2, 2017 by the Ulster County Sheriff's Department and charged with Welfare Fraud in the Fourth and Offering a False Instrument for Filing. An investigation conducted by the Ulster County Department of Social Services Special Investigations Unit (SIU), in conjunction with the Office of the Ulster County District Attorney discovered that Ms. Mucci failed to report income to the Department of Social Services from August 2015 through September 2015 and September 2016 through November 2016. This resulted in Ms. Mucci receiving \$1,690.00 in Temporary Assistance and \$327.00 in SNAP benefits to which she was not entitled. Ms. Mucci was processed and released to reappear in Ulster Town Court at a future date.

Joan Milner of Kingston was arrested on February 2, 2017 by the Ulster County Sheriff's Department and charged with Welfare Fraud in the Fourth and Offering a False Instrument for Filing. An investigation conducted by the Ulster County Department of Social Services Special Investigations Unit (SIU), in conjunction with the Office of the Ulster County District Attorney discovered that Ms. Milner failed to report a change in the household composition and income to the Department of Social Services from March 2016 through November 2016. This resulted in Ms. Milner receiving \$1,285.00 in SNAP benefits to which she was not entitled. Ms. Milner was processed and released to reappear in Ulster Town Court at a future date.

All reports of suspected fraud will be investigated. To contact Ulster County's dedicated Welfare anti-fraud and abuse hotline, please call 1-855-SIU-TIPS or 1-855-748-8477.

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Senator Bonacic Congratulates Rowan Wilson on His Confirmation as Associate Justice to the Court of Appeals



Senator Bonacic is pictured with Rowan Wilson and his family. Pictured L-R is his daughter Isabel, his daughter Anna, his wife Grace, and his youngest daughter Elinor.

(Albany, NY)- As Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) congratulated Rowan Wilson today on his confirmation as an Associate Justice on the New York State Court of Appeals. Mr. Wilson is replacing the Hon. Eugene Pigott, who retired at the end of 2016.

"Mr. Wilson is immensely qualified to sit on the Court of Appeals, and I congratulate him on his confirmation," said Senator Bonacic. "As he begins his tenure on the bench, I hope that he will continue to uphold the ideals of integrity, and equality under the law."

Statement from Governor Cuomo on Confirmation of Judge Rowan D. Wilson

"With Rowan Wilson's confirmation as the next Associate Judge on the New York State Court of Appeals, New York gains another supremely qualified and accomplished leader to serve on our state's highest court. Admired for his unassailable integrity, keen intellect and extensive experience handling some of the most pressing legal matters of our time, Judge Wilson is committed to the principles of justice and equality that are the very foundation of New York's judicial system. I thank Chairman Bonacic, members of the Judiciary Committee, and the Senate for their due consideration of this nominee. I congratulate Judge Wilson on his confirmation, and look forward to his service on behalf of all New Yorkers."

Free Maker Space Activities for Children and Teens

A Maker Space is a DIY space where people can gather to create, invent, and learn. It's a great opportunity to play with gadgets, make cool crafts, and get creative.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello will host a Maker Space event on Thursday, February 16, from 4:00-6:00. Children and teens ages 10-18 will have the opportunity to build with Legos, find out what Squigz are, see our 3D printer at work, and more. Participants can stop by for a few minutes, or stay the whole time.

This event is free and does not require registration. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. For more information on library programs, visit

Start a Career Where the Job Opportunities are Abundant - Become a Certified Nurse's Aide

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) course at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello on Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 28th through June 16th, from 5:00 - 9:00 pm. The tuition cost is \$1,680, which includes registration, books, scrubs, CPR, physical exam, PPD, and Proof of Immunity: titers (rubella/rubeola/mumps/varicella). The course consists of 100-hours lecture and 30-hours clinical. There is an additional State Test fee of \$115.

This program provides students with the necessary training to meet the requirements for the New York State Nurse's Assistant Certification. Upon successful completion of the required course hours and clinical experience and the passing of the New York State Department of Health Certificate Exam, students will be qualified to work in hospitals, nursing homes and residential health care facilities.

Individuals interested in the course must have a HS Diploma/High School Equivalency (HSE) or be actively working on HSE and have a 7th grade reading level. Registrants will be required to go through an interview and take a reading and math skill assessment prior to enrollment. The assessment will be scheduled by your Adult Education Counselor.

This class is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students.

This course will also be given on March 6th. To register and find out more information about the course, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:30 pm or visit us

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association Participate in Public Education Day of Action



Bookmarks given away to students

(From Pg. 1) To celebrate the day, the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association (TESSA)-along with First Book-gave away over 600 books to students. Along with the books, the two associations also made bookmarks with the positive message to respect and support public education.



Elementary students select books and Tri-Valley Essential Support Staff Association Participate in Public Education Day of Action.

TVTA and TESSA would like to thank AROS, First Book, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), and our two building principals-Andrea Williams and Margy Tenbus-for helping make this day possible. We believe that public education is an invaluable part of our society and are honored to be a part of it. We definitely respect and support public education!

BCES Trail Project Receives Snowshoes

(From Pg. 1) On Tuesday afternoon, January 31, the campus was graced with two inches of fresh snow; just in time for Wednesday's 5th grade Extended Day Trail Group to use snowshoes. Ms. Lyons, an expert outdoorswoman, explained all the details of the snowshoes and how they are used in different snowy and icy terrains. The children listened intently and asked questions about handouts on animal tracks and different signs that they could encounter in the local forest.



Left to right Sullivan Renaissance's Ms. Colleen Emery, Morgan Outdoors' Ms. Lisa Lyons, Fallsburg Town Park Director James Goldfarb, FCSD teachers Mr. Aaron Tremper, Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina.

Joining the children along with Ms. Lyons was Ms. Colleen Emery from Renaissance, BCES Trail Coordinators Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina, teacher Mr. Aaron Tremper, who assists with the after school group, and Mr. James Goldfarb, Fallsburg Parks Director and member of FCSD Wellness Committee. Mrs. SueAnn Boyd of CCE, also a member of the Wellness Committee, was unable to attend.

As part of the grant, warm gloves, hats, and snow boots were purchased for children that needed them. After donning the shoes with adult help, the children eagerly ventured forth on the snow,

walking, running and jumping. During the next half hour on the Trail, they found fresh deer tracks, a large tree that had recently fallen onto the trail, the last of some American Beech tree leaves, and a freely flowing creek half-covered with frost. Only a few weeks

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 6:53 AM SUNSET: 5:27 PM
AVERAGE HIGH: 36°F
AVERAGE LOW: 18°F

THURSDAY

HIGH: 29°F LOW: 16°F

FRIDAY

HIGH: 29°F LOW: 18°F

SATURDAY

HIGH: 38°F LOW: 31°F

SUNDAY

HIGH: 45°F LOW: 27°F

MONDAY

HIGH: 46°F LOW: 25°F

TUESDAY

HIGH: 44°F LOW: 34°F

Walker Valley Crafters Offers Group Sessions, Lectures and Workshops- New Members Invited



The Valley Scrappers group is open to all, young and old, regardless of experience level. The group's regular meetings are held at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse (6 Marl Road, Walker Valley, New York) on Tuesdays from 11 until 3:30 the first two Tuesdays of the month and 11a.m. until 8p.m. the rest of the Tuesdays. The group will hold a greeting card making session on March 4 starting at 11a.m. Stampin' Up dealer Gail O'Neill will teach the group how to make ten different cards. For information or to reserve your spot contact Gail at 845-796-8842 or gailsuoneill@gmail.com or Kelli at 845-744-3055 or kellipalinkas@yahoo.com. Veronica Knoll also extends an invitation to other Scrappers, "Come and enjoy a day of paper-crafting on Saturday April 1 from 9:30a.m. until 6p.m. at the

Walker Valley Schoolhouse. We will have a Cricut Expression machine and a Big Shot for you to use. Advance registration is required. For more information contact Veronica at 845-750-7885 or veronicaskisses@yahoo.com."

The Country Quilters will be holding a workshop and lecture at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse (6 Marl Road, Walker Valley, NY 12588) on March 11 starting at 9a.m. According to the group's Vice President, Trisha Moller, the workshop hosted by Jackie Kunkel of Canton Village Quilt Works entitled "Proud Mary" will include, "instruction on how to make a curved piecing block using black and white and splashes of color." Country Quilter's Barbara Hanaburgh explains further, "It is a variation of a Drunkard's Path."

Participants must be registered in advance. Kunkel has been a quilt designer for magazines and fabric companies since 2009. For more information contact Trisha at 845-527-2145. The Country Quilters Guild meets every Monday (all day) at the Walker Valley Schoolhouse for Stitch and Bitch Monday and on the second Wednesday of every month at 7p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. Both new and experienced quilters learn from each other as these creative and community-minded individuals gather and share ideas. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Thelma at 845-778-1901.

Window to the Past

(From Pg. 1) Bob also visited the Beaverkill Bridge that is now under construction that should be completed this year.



Beaverkill Bridge

From there he continued onto the Bendo Covered Bridge in Willowemoc via DeBruce. Bob stated, "Now that is a great ride in either my 1940 Plymouth or my much newer Buick."

The Bendo Bridge blocked with snow, was still is very stately in its winter setting.

Bob then drove back to

Grahamsville, where he went for a walk and got a photo of the covered bridge at the entrance of the Fairgrounds. Bob stated, "I am told that it was built in 1976 to help celebrate the 200th Birthday of our great country."

He ended his winter drive by driving



Bridge at the entrance of the fairgrounds

up to the Halls Mills to get a photo of that covered bridge.

Bob has contributed many beautiful pictures over the years taken while taking drives like this with his buddy, Cooper in the Wayback Machine.

He concluded this beautiful winter journey and said, "I am thinking that this scenic tour should be shared with the powers that be in Sullivan County to promote our naturally beauty and our rich history."



Bendo Bridge



Halls Mills Bridge

Frost Valley YMCA Announces Autism Family Support Weekends: A chance for families to relax, play and connect with one another in a supportive environment.

CLARYVILLE - Frost Valley YMCA is hosting two Autism Family Support Weekends this year: March 24-26 and June 16-18. These fun and inclusive weekends provide families with the opportunity to meet others like them for friendship and support, while enjoying quality time in nature.

Nearly one in 68 U.S. children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), according to estimates from the Center for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network. Because of this, it's important to ensure that families with a child or parent on the spectrum can enjoy quality time together within a supportive environment.

Given Frost Valley's commitment to inclusiveness, individuals with autism are always welcome to participate in weekend programs or summer camps, but this weekend is especially geared to support families, with the assurance that they are part of a community who embraces their differences. Guests experience a variety of activities, such as climbing, hiking, canoeing, crafts, sports, and more. Specially adapted programs also include sensory activities and games to engage guests who are on the spectrum and encourage children to develop relationships and build confidence while trying new things. In addition, group classes and gatherings allow family members to share advice, stories, and knowledge about autism in a way that is both social and educational.

MET Opera - Live in HD Presents, "Rusalka" at SUNY Sullivan

The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents "Rusalka" on Saturday, February 25th in SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theater. Start time is 12:55 pm. Kristine Opolais stars in the role that helped launch her international career, the mythical Rusalka, who sings the haunting "Song to the Moon." Mary Zimmerman brings her wondrous theatrical imagination to Dvorák's fairytale of love and longing, rejection and redemption. Brandon Jovanovich, Jamie Barton, Katarina Dalayman, and Eric Owens complete the all-star cast, and Mark Elder conducts.



Tickets are \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). To order tickets, call the SUNY Sullivan Box Office at (845) 434-

5750, extension 4472, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays.

Poets & Writers 'Bring on the Thaw' at DVAA Literary Reading



On Saturday, February 25 at 2 pm, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Upper Delaware Writers Collective will host "Bring on the Thaw," a literary reading featuring the work of local poets and writers. The free event will take place in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Local writers were invited to compose original prose poetry and flash fiction (under one thousand words) inspired by the word "melt." "We explore all meanings of the word," said UDWC founder Mary Greene. "Whether it's the melting of ice and snow, the melting of a heart, or having a total meltdown."

Writers invited to read at the event include: Tricia C. Adler, Eric Baylin, Norma Ketzis Bernstock, Will Conway, Bizzy Coy, Sheila Dugan, Tracey Gass Ranze, Richard Goffman, Sally Hendee, Kayla C., Patricia Kett, Elaine Koplow, Thomas Lisenbee, Sandy Long, Jane Luchsinger, Mort Malkin, and Rebeca C. Rivera-Robayo.

The reading will be followed by a reception and, in honor of the word "melt," there will be cheese and chocolate fondue. The event is free, and donations are welcome. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

DVAA's winter Salon Series continues throughout the winter with "Shakespeare Songs" performance and talk (March 11), and the second annual Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon (March 18).

For more information, visit www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

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Senator Bonacic Joins Community Members at Pancake Breakfasts in Sullivan County
(From Pg. 1)



Above: Senator Bonacic at Liberty Fire Department Pancake Breakfast. Below: Senator Bonacic at Roscoe Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.



AS Film Club Presents Screening and Discussion of "A Midwinter's Tale"



LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present a screening of the film "A Midwinter's Tale" (1995), featuring a talkback with programmer Bradley Diuguid, at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 11. Part of the CAS Film Club series of screenings, this event will take place at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

Writer/director Kenneth Branagh serves up Hamlet on wry with this silly salute to thespians. This romantic comedy took a merry spin on Shakespeare's best-known tale, featuring actors who later starred in Branagh's classic (and much more serious) film version of "Hamlet" in 1996. If you liked "Waiting for Guffman," "Spinal Tap," or "Slings and Arrows," you'll love "A Midwinter's Tale!"

To be or not to be? To act or not to act? The questions are the same to Joe, a struggling (read: jobless) actor whose every sinew and synapse cries out to perform and to soften the blow of not landing a part in a megabudget sci-fi movie. So in the stalwart (read: desperate) tradition of actors everywhere, Joe vows to put on a show, a special (read: even more desperate) version of the greatest play in the English tongue. What better way to celebrate Christmas than with the Bard's gory tale of murder and revenge?

Runtime: 98 minutes. Black and white. This film is rated R. Contains some profanity and adult situations.

Presented as part of the "Year of Shakespeare" at CAS, a festival celebrating the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's life with a year-long slate of live performances, films, and discussions.

Tickets by \$5 suggested donation accepted at the door. Presented as part of the "CAS Film Club" series.

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Oscar Nominee 'Lion' (PG-13) at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present Garth Davis's *Lion* starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, and Rooney Mara, starting Friday, February 24 at the Callicoon Theater.

Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home.

The film is nominated for six Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Actress.

"If you have ever been a child, raised a child, lost a child or met a child - or any of the above with respect to a mother - this movie will wreck you," says A. O. Scott in the New York Times.

Lion will screen Friday, February 24 through Monday, February 27, nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7.50 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org

Noted Modern Artist Albert Kresch Exhibited in the Elevator Gallery

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present "The Dog of Art," an exhibition of paintings by Albert Kresch, in the Elevator Gallery at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from March 4 through April 9.

Albert Kresch's aim and desire is to create a synthesis of structure and freedom, and to make paintings that create their own light rather than imitate the observed light of nature. Over a storied career, his work has gone from the birth of Abstract Expressionism to a combination of representational and semi-abstract, where he works now. He is best known for landscapes and still life compositions painted with evocatively rhythmic forms and vibrant colors.

Born in 1922, Albert Kresch is a New York School painter who began his career at the Jane Street Gallery in the 1940's. Among his peers were Leland Bell, Louisa Mattiasdottir, Nell Blaine, Virginia Admiral, Judith Rothschild, and Robert De Niro Sr. Friendships with Poets Denise Levertov and Frank O'Hara reflect the breadth of his interests. His painting philosophy was a subject of Levertov's poems "The Dog of Art" and "Kresch's Studio." Kresch won a Fulbright scholarship in 1953, aided in part by a letter of recommendation from Willem de Kooning. He was elected a member of the National Academy in 2005.

Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

March 4, 2017 - Opening Reception
CAS will host a free Opening Reception on Saturday, March 4 from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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Rohan Patrick Presents "iTraits of (H.I.M) Haile Selassie" at the Laundry King

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present "iTraits of (H.I.M.) Haile Sleassie I," a multi-media exhibition by Rohan Patrick that combines video, digital audio production and digital imagery. The exhibition will be at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from March 4 through March 26.

Rohan Patrick's work is about combining the new and the old, merging technology with decades of old photos. The subject of his most recent exhibition is Haile Selassie I, aka Lij Tafari Makonnen, Ethiopia's regent from 1916 to 1930 and Emperor from 1930 to 1974. He was a member of the Solomonic Dynasty whose members claim patrilineal descent from King Solomon of Israel and the Queen of Sheba. The Rastafari movement revered Haile Selassie as the returned messiah of the Bible. Rohan Patrick explores his subject through video, audio and in his digital imagery on paper, through the use of line and color.

Hartford Universities. He has an MFA in Fine Arts and received the Distinguished Alumnus award from SUNY Fredonia. Rohan started his career teaching art at Bridgeport University before founding Rallery, his graphic design/advertising agency. He continues to produce artwork ranging from the American plight of 9/11 to historic figures to sights right in our Sullivan County neighborhoods. Rohan Patrick is married with three children, writes content for his blog, and teaches art to seniors and youth via his Gifted at Play Program. You can find his work online at www.rohanpatrick.studio.blogspot.com.

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Senator Bonacic Votes in Favor of Legislation to Bring Ride-Sharing and Economic Benefits to Upstate New York

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined with a majority of his Senate colleagues in voting yes on legislation that will bring ride-sharing to upstate communities and improve local economies. The bill, S.4159, would provide the framework for ride-sharing companies to expand operations outside of New York City and enable new jobs to be created by offering more safe, reliable transportation to upstate residents and visitors.

"The vast majority or my constituents live in rural areas of New York State where transportation options are limited," said Senator Bonacic. "I'm pleased to support this legislation which will serve a dual purpose of providing New Yorkers with additional transportation options, and also provide jobs to those living in upstate."

The bill includes protections for both drivers and consumers as part of a regulatory framework authorizing Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Uber and Lyft to operate in upstate communities. Additionally, it requires criminal and driving history background checks, passenger notifications of driver information and trip charges, and the adoption of non-discrimination and zero-tolerance and alcohol policies.

Renewable Heating and Cooling Policy Framework Will Further Development of Renewable Heating and Cooling Initiatives to Stimulate Market Growth - Technology Supports New York State's Clean Energy Goal of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions 40 Percent by 2030

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a \$15 million proposal to accelerate the use of renewable heating and cooling technologies in New York to stimulate the clean energy economy. The new policy framework released by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority includes a proposed two-year, \$15-million program to provide rebates for the installation of ground-source heat pumps. This plan will support the state's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New York 40 percent by 2030 from 1990 levels.

"New York has made great strides to combat climate change by supporting the use of new technologies and growing our clean energy economy," Governor Cuomo said. "We will continue to make green investments that will encourage the use of clean, affordable energy to reduce our carbon footprint and support sustainable communities throughout the state."

Currently, fossil-fuel based thermal energy - primarily natural gas, propane and oil - is the main energy source for space heating, space cooling and domestic hot water in the residential and commercial sectors. It is responsible for approximately 32 percent of New York's energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing emissions is integral to the Governor's Reforming the Energy Vision strategy for a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers.

Renewable heating and cooling technologies not only provide environmental benefits, they can provide energy bill savings, increased comfort levels and health benefits compared to conventional heating and cooling technologies.

The NYSERDA framework, the "Renewable Heating and Cooling Policy Framework: Options to Advance Industry Growth and Markets in New York," sets out policy options and market-based solutions for the next few years, and identifies approaches for longer term action. Interested parties are invited to comment on the framework.

The proposed \$15 million rebate program would provide about \$6,000 for a typical residential consumer for the installation of a ground-source heat pump. This technology has tremendous potential to provide New Yorkers with a heating and cooling system that is energy efficient and reliable. However, it is not yet cost-competitive with conventional technologies so providing rebates will help stimulate market growth.

In addition to the rebate, the framework identifies a range of options for the next few years to lower costs, reduce barriers and grow the market, including:

- o Community-based outreach, education and bulk procurements.
- o Integrating renewable heating and cooling in new

housing developments and campuses, which can be more economically efficient and lower cost due to the scale of the projects.

- o Developing a unified and streamlined permitting process.
- o Reducing project development risks by providing support for feasibility and engineering studies.
- o Introducing renewable heating and cooling technology into existing trade and distribution channels.
- o Advancing new business models and financing innovations that can mitigate high upfront costs by spreading them over time.

The framework also explores methods to implement renewable heating and cooling mandates for public buildings, new construction, and renovation.

"The expanded use of renewable heating and cooling technologies is critical to helping New York reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said Richard Kauffman, Chairman, Energy and Finance, New York State. "The policy framework outlines several opportunities that we can explore for the best path forward in our efforts to expand the reach of clean energy throughout our state and curb climate-changing emissions."

NYSERDA, which developed the framework, will work with stakeholders and launch renewable heating and cooling programs in 2017 upon approval by the Department of Public Service, as part of the Clean Energy Fund. Once approved, NYSERDA expects to offer the rebate program in the Spring. NYSERDA, DPS, and the New York Power Authority will be collaborating to advance the framework.

"Accelerating clean heating and cooling technologies like ground-source heat pumps is another significant step under Governor Cuomo's direction to make New York the cleanest and most energy efficient state in the country," said John B. Rhodes, President and CEO, NYSERDA. "The recommendations outlined in the Framework strongly support New York's nation-leading clean energy strategy and we look forward to working with the industry to bring these ideas to fruition."

"This proposal will help to streamline the implementation of renewable energy technology all across New York State," said Gil C. Quinones, NYPA president and CEO. "By undertaking screenings and feasibility assessments for geothermal heat pump projects, we will accelerate their installation and expedite achieving a clean energy economy for all New Yorkers."

Roger Downs, Conservation Director, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter said, "The Sierra Club applauds Governor Cuomo's leadership in energy efficient technologies such as geothermal. Geothermal heating and cooling represents one of New York's best and most cost-effective strategies to achieving our net zero energy goals and deserves the same financial encouragement as other desirable energy sources like wind and solar."

Several barriers currently stand in the way of widespread market adoption of renewable heating and cooling technologies. These include higher upfront costs than conventional technologies, cost-effectiveness challenges, inadequate access to low-cost investment capital, limited customer awareness and confidence in the technologies, and a range of supply chain barriers to growth. In addition, heating and cooling equipment is typically only replaced toward the end of its useful life - about 15-20 years - so the opportunity to switch to renewable energy is limited.

NYSERDA will accept written comments on the policy framework through close of business on March 10, 2017. It will also conduct a webinar on March 2, at 10:00 a.m. Parties interested in submitting comments on the framework or participating in the webinar, should contact NYSERDA at renewableheatingandcooling@nyserdanyc.gov

About Reforming the Energy Vision

Reforming the Energy Vision is Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's strategy to lead on climate change and grow New York's economy. REV is building a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers by stimulating investment in clean technologies like solar, wind, and energy efficiency and generating 50 percent of the state's electricity needs from renewable energy by 2030. Already, REV has driven 730 percent growth in the statewide solar market, enabled over 105,000 low-income households to permanently cut their energy bills with energy efficiency, and created thousands of jobs in manufacturing, engineering, and other clean tech sectors. REV is ensuring New York State reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and achieves the internationally-recognized target of reducing emissions 80 percent by 2050. To learn more about REV, including the Governor's \$5 billion investment in clean energy technology and innovation, please visit www.ny.gov/REV4NY and follow us at @Rev4NY.

Message from Congressman John Faso

This week the House of Representatives voted on H.R. 387, the Email Privacy Act, bipartisan legislation that passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Email Privacy Act ensures that as technology advances, our privacy protections under the Fourth Amendment are not diminished in the process. Currently, under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the government may access emails on a public server that are more than six months old without a warrant. Under the current version of the ECPA, emails newer than six months old are already protected. H.R. 387 modifies the ECPA to state that governmental agencies must obtain a warrant to search Americans' emails, regardless of when they were sent.

I became an original cosponsor of H.R. 931, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017. This bill was introduced by Congressman Chris Collins of Western New York.

For decades, firefighters have been exposed to chemicals and toxins that other citizens have not. This exposure puts our brave men and women at an increased risk for cancer. In fact, some studies show that roughly 60 percent of firefighter line-of-duty deaths can be attributed to cancer. Unfortunately, our society and medical professionals still do not have complete data on this correlation. This lack of data limits medical researchers' ability to fully examine these cancer trends and develop new safety protocols. H.R. 931 will create a specialized voluntary national firefighter cancer registry. This data set will allow researchers to better understand the correlation between the chemicals used to suppress fires and their cancer-causing effects. I am proud to be an original cosponsor on this piece of legislation that will potentially lead to new discoveries and advancements in safety protocols and, hopefully, save lives.

I am also an original cosponsor of H.R. 909, a measure to protect victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence from emotional and psychological trauma caused by acts of violence or threats of violence against their pets, also known as the PAWS Act. This bill was introduced by Congresswoman Katherine Clark of Massachusetts.

For victims of domestic violence, animals often serve as an important source of love and support. Studies show that many women have even delayed leaving abusive situations when they felt their pet's safety was at risk. In order to address these harmful situations, H.R. 909 establishes a grant program to help shelters accommodate domestic abuse victims and their companion animals. I am proud to support this legislation that will empower abused women.

Beware of Recent Phone Scams

Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams - from a few dollars to their life savings. Scammers will say anything to cheat people out of money. Some seem very friendly - calling you by your first name, making small talk, and asking about your family. They may claim to work for a company you trust, or they may send mail or place ads to convince you to call them.

If you get a call from someone you don't know who is trying to sell you something you hadn't planned to buy, say "No thanks." And, if they pressure you about giving up personal information - like your credit card or Social Security number - it's likely a scam. Hang up and report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

Signs of a Scam - Often, scammers who operate by phone don't want to give you time to think about their pitch; they just want you to say "yes." But some are so cunning that, even if you ask for more information, they seem happy to comply. They may direct you to a website or otherwise send information featuring "satisfied customers." These customers, known as shells, are likely as fake as their praise for the company.

Here are a few red flags to help you spot telemarketing scams. If you hear a line that sounds like this, say "no, thank you," hang up, and file a complaint with the FTC:

<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#&panel1-1>

"You've been specially selected (for this offer); You'll get a free bonus if you buy our product; You've won one of five valuable prizes; You've won big money in a foreign lottery; This investment is low risk and provides a higher return than you can get anywhere else; You have to make up your mind right away; You trust me, right? You don't need to check our company with anyone; We'll just put the shipping and handling charges on your credit card; Join the National Do Not Call List"

Register your home and mobile phone numbers with the National Do Not Call Registry. This won't stop all unsolicited calls, but it will stop most.

If your number is on the registry and you still get calls, they're probably from scammers ignoring the law. Hang up, and report them at www.donotcall.gov.

**Claryville Fire Dept.
Corned Beef
& Cabbage Supper**



Saturday, March 11
Serving from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Adults \$13.00
Beverage included
Children under 12, \$8.00,
under 5 yrs. Free

\$50 from the dinner is donated to
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

**Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast**



Sunday, February 19
Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free

\$50 from the Breakfasts Donated to the
Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

**Regional and International Student-led
Teams Square off at VEXU Robotics
Competition at SUNY Sullivan**

College students from the United States and Canada will descend upon SUNY SULLIVAN on February 18, 2017 for the Catskills VEXU Robotics Tournament. Teams will come together for a non-stop, action-packed day of competition where they will battle against each other with robots created from VEX EDR. Participants will square off in the game VEXU Robotics Competition Starstruck, which is played by scoring stars and cubes in scoring zones and by hanging robots in a designated hanging bar. VEX Robotics Competition Starstruck was developed by VEX Robotics, Inc. and the Robotics Education & Competition (REC) Foundation, leaders in educational and competitive robotics.

The Catskills VEXU Robotics Tournament is one in a series of tournaments supported by the REC Foundation and various national, regional and local sponsors. The competition season culminates each spring, with the top performing teams from local and state VEX Robotics Competitions competing against each other at the VEX Robotics World Championship. At the VEX Robotics World Championship, these exemplary teams will have the opportunity to challenge their top-ranked peers from over 30 countries around the world, including Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Competing schools: Fairmont State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, State University of New York (SUNY) Sullivan, University of Toronto Scarborough, Rutgers University

**4th of July Committee
2017
Spaghetti
Dinner**



5-7pm

Sat., Feb. 25

To Benefit our July 4th Celebration



Elks Lodge

Route 55, Napanoch

\$7 per person

Under 5: FREE with Parent

NO Cancellations
for Inclement Weather

**Spring Fling
March 25 • 5 pm
Chicken & Biscuits**

\$10 per person

Reservations Only (Deadline for Reservations Mar 20)

Call: 985-2455

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

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Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except:

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All are welcome!

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
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Bible Class 9:00 am

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Rev. Paul Nulton

John Bult, Organist

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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

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

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 am

Thursday
Prayer 7 pm



Meet the
new Pastor,
**Camille
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P. O. Box 480

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Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:
Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff

845-985-2283

e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for grades K-7 - 10:30 a.m.

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283

e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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5:30 pm

**Covered Dish
Supper**

Spring Fling

March 25 • 5 pm

Chicken & Biscuits • \$10

Reservations Only

(Deadline for

Reservations Mar 20)

Call: 985-2455

Sundown

United Methodist

Church Hall

Grahamsville

United

Methodist

Church

Third Saturday

Thrift Sale

9 am- 1 pm

February 18

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

845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for services to draft concept mountain bike and cross-country ski trail plans in the Shandaken Wild Forest and Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area of the Catskill Park. Funding is provided from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Bids must be received by 4pm on February 24, 2017. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking a Program Specialist for our water quality programs. Must have a 4 year degree and/or construction related experience. Knowledge of Access, Excel, Word and ArcMap. The salary is between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Excellent Benefits. Please send a resume to Mr. Alan L. Rosa, P.O. Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455. EOE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a **RECESSED MEETING** of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at **7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017.**

The purpose of the meeting is to continue business from the February 8, 2017 meeting and any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: February 9, 2017

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Would you like to learn Small Engine Maintenance?

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Small Engine Maintenance course on Saturday, February 25th and March 4th at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The cost is \$185.

Regular maintenance and service are part of keeping a small engine in running condition. Master the tune-up procedures and schedules for small 2-stroke and 4-stroke engines. Change spark plugs, filters, and oil. Practice troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair of fuel and ignition systems. It's always rewarding to repair your own equipment.

Bring your motorcycle, snowmobile, lawn mower, chain saw, or other small engine to this hands-on class, as well as your owner's manual, tools, and eye protection.

Learn skills you can utilize for years to come.

This course will also be given on May 6th

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:30 pm or visit us at scooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a 4-hour Pistol Permit Pre-Licensing Course on Saturday, February 25th at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost is \$85.

This is a non-shooting course which introduces the pistol permit applicant to the basic skills necessary for safe storage and handling of firearms and ammunition, and provides a brief overview of New York State laws that cover firearms and use of force. Upon completion of this course students will receive an NRA Firearms safety certificate that they will present with their pistol permit application.

Students will be taught the basic rules of firearms handling, the primary cause of firearms accidents, basic firearms nomenclature, safe loading and unloading procedures and components, basic care and cleaning and ways to safely store firearms in the home. Students will also receive instructions on

TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PART-TIME BUILDING MAINTENANCE PERSON

This part-time position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks involved in the maintenance and repair of buildings, grounds, and equipment. The duties of the position may require basic duties involving standard building trades and will also involve unskilled tasks such as snow removal, lawn maintenance and brush removal.

The position is available starting mid-March at an hourly rate of \$22.00 per hour not to exceed 17.5 hours per week, paid bi-weekly.

Applications must be received by March 1, 2017. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Chris Mathews, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Chris Mathews, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

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what to look for when purchasing their first handgun. This course will also be given on the following dates: Mar. 25 ; April 22; May 20 and June 24

The instructor for this course is a 22 year veteran of law enforcement, a New York State Certified Firearms Instructor, FBI Certified Firearms Instructor, Police Academy Use of Force Instructor, NRA Certified Instructor and retired United States Marine.

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Watershed Recreation

Many of New York City's reservoirs and watershed lands are open to the public for fishing, hiking, boating and other types of outdoor recreation. The interactive map above can help outdoor enthusiasts find City-owned properties and understand the types of recreation that are permitted in each area. Currently, recreation access is available on nearly 34,000 acres of reservoirs and more than 130,000 acres of watershed lands, offering unique opportunities to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Catskills and Hudson Valley.

More than half of these lands are open to recreation without a permit, but recreation on the reservoirs and some lands will require a free DEP Access Permit

Attention Hunters and Hikers and Outdoor Enthusiasts

Portions of the following DEP recreational units will be temporarily closed to public access as necessary for completion of forest management projects. The remaining lands outside the project areas in these recreational units will remain open to the recreational uses posted on the property signage with a DEP Access Permit and New York State Sporting License where needed. Under no circumstances should you enter these areas or come within 300 feet of active work.

Signs delineating these project areas have been posted.

1. Ashokan Day Use Area: Ashokan Reservoir, Town of Olive, Ulster County. Walking areas from the east end of the Olivebridge (main) Dam to the Dividing Weir, including the West Dike and the Waldo Smith Monument will be closed during December 2016 for hazard tree removal and forest management work, addressing dead, dying and high risk red pine trees subject to damage from the southern pine beetle. The Olivebridge Dam from the Five Pines parking area and the Middle Dike from the Frying Pan will remain open. Work was expected to be completed and areas reopened by January 1, 2017.

2. Ashokan North Recreational Unit: Ashokan Reservoir, Town of Olive, Ulster County. Approximately 45 acres including gates W-5 and W-6 and the Butternut Creek area will be subject to closure for completion of hazard tree and forest management work. Closures will be posted accordingly and are expected to continue through March 31. The rest of the unit will remain open.

3. Bushkill Recreational Unit: Ashokan Reservoir, Town of Olive, Ulster County. Approximately 208

Tri-Valley CSD Superintendent's Message

Dear School Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you in the very best of health and spirits, even though the weather has been unyielding, unpredictable, and ever-changing. We have used five of our seven Emergency Days so far this year, and it is only the first week of February. We have seen winter weather as late as April hit our area in the last several years. March is traditionally a month that can have significant snowstorms. One year we used five of our days in one week in October because of Superstorm Sandy. With all of this past experience, we have made the decision that Monday, February 20, 2017 will be a day of educational instruction for staff and students.

This is "Presidents' Day." This decision is not intended to create hardships for anyone, but rather, to provide a day of education to which each student is entitled.

As you may recall, we used to be able to have several days off in February for a mid-Winter Recess, but the weather patterns necessitated stopping that practice. We make several tough decisions on a daily basis for each aspect of school life. These decisions involve multiple people, organizations, and NYSED law. The decision to close is never a hasty decision, nor is the decision to open on a day that was previously reserved as a holiday or vacation day. I understand the frustration a late-notice change can create. Our mandate is to be available to provide children with a public education. We must make unpopular decisions with little advanced notice on occasion, and I can assure you it is a meticulous and lengthy process for each decision.

We will continue to post news updates on our website, on Spectrum Cable News, on the Hudson Valley media stations, and on WABC-TV and WNBC-TV station as well as send out our automated phone messages and emails. We appreciate your understanding during these next two months as we all look forward to the end of winter.

Sincerely,
Thomas W. Palmer
Superintendent

acres including gates W-14, W-15, W-16 and W-17, the Bushkill and Traver Hollow Creek areas will be subject to closure for completion of forest management to mitigate damage from the invasive exotic pest, emerald ash borer. Closures will be posted accordingly and all users must remain a safe distance from any active work area. The rest of the unit will remain open and work is expected to be completed by summer 2017.

4. East Neversink Recreational Unit: Town of Neversink, Sullivan County. Approximately 300 acres to the west of Wilson Shields Road will be closed due to an active timber harvest. The sale areas are marked with orange and blue paint. The closed hunting area surrounds only the harvest area and hunting is still allowed along the Shields Road north and south of the closed area.

SUNY Sullivan to Host Job Fair on February 22

Loch Sheldrake, NY: SUNY Sullivan will host a Career & Job Fair on Wednesday, February 22 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the deHoyos Gallery (E Lobby area), adjacent to the Grover Hermann Memorial Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Attendees will have an opportunity to speak with close to two dozen employers from throughout the region. They include: New York State Police, Montreign Resort Casino, Catskill Regional Medical Center, Home Depot, ShopRite, Ideal Snacks, Sullivan ARC, Advance Testing, The Center for Discovery, Delaware Valley Job Corps, Crystal Run Village, U.S. Marines, U.S. Army, Honors Haven Resort, Combined Insurance, Chartwells, Lander's River Trips, Jellystone Park, and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Attendees should bring their resumes as some companies will be hiring on the spot," said Klu Padu, SUNY Sullivan's Career Placement and Transfer Coordinator. For more information about the fair, contact Mr. Padu at 845-434-5750, ext. 4202 or email him at kpadu@sunysullivan.edu.



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

Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding
Sundays Jan 1 to March 5
Get your discount pass for \$6
 Fri-Mar 17 **Bowling** Liberty Bowl
 Tue-Apr 11 **Jonah Sight & Sound**
 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 25 **Back to School Fun Night**
 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!



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 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 call 845-434-8044.

AL-ANON MEETINGS-
<http://www.al-anon.ala-teen.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

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 2/15/17 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/17 Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon
- 2/19/17 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am - noon
- 2/20/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/20/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 2/21/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/28/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 3/1/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 3/2/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/4/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/7/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/11/17 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** - 4-7 pm
- 3/7/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

- Friday, March 17, 2017 **4H Club Puppy Pals Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** 4:00-7:00 at the Grahamsville Firehouse.
- 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
- June 7, 2017 **Rabies Clinic** 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older

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>

TRI-VALLEY AREA

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 FROST VALLEY YMCA
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LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)
 CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD • LIBERTY CITGO

ELLENVILLE/NAPANOCH

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

Valentine Cabaret Held Over for One More Performance (From Pg. 2) Extend Valentine's Day and come in out of the cold for an afternoon of warm music (and delectable desserts!) Tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to curtain and can also be purchased in advance, online by logging on to www.ShowTix4U.com -it's recommended you plan on arriving early. There's limited parking behind the museum or ample space along Main Street. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto: www.SCDW.net

BOCES to Offer Office Procedures and Management Course

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Office Procedures and Management (OPM) at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Classes will run each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27th through March 22nd, from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Tuition: \$546 per module. Funding is available for eligible students.

This unique course offers a mock office setting where the student can develop his or her computer and typing skills while interacting with other students. The course is designed so a student will have marketable skills at the end of the course, along with a certificate of completion. Each module is self-paced with individualized instruction. A Skills Assessment & Career Plan interview is available at no cost. This class is NYSED ACCES approved for current HSE and ESOL students.

Modules include:
 MS Publisher; Intro to Computer/Internet; Typing; MS Excel; MS Word; MS Powerpoint; MS Outlook; Civil Service Prep; and Quickbooks: offered to qualified individuals

This course will also be offered on the following dates: Apr. 10th - May 3rd and May 22nd - Jun. 19th

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:30 pm or visit us at scbores.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

TVCS PTO EVENTS & NEWS

"It takes a village to raise a child"
Open Rec- located in the Secondary School gym on Saturdays 6-8pm, 7th-12th grade students welcome. February 25.

Father-Daughter "Little SweetHeart" Dance- Friday, March 10th 6-8pm Elementary school gym. \$5.00/ family. Ladies in grades K-6 encouraged to bring their dad, step-dad, grandfather, uncle, or male role model to enjoy a night of dancing. Formal dress. Refreshments will be provided.

Spelling Bee- April 5- in the Theater for grades 2nd-6th, study guides will be sent home to interested students.

Geo Bee- 2nd Annual PTO Sponsored "National Geographic Bee" date TBA

Color Run Race- Save the date June 10th. In Collaboration with the 7&8th grade student council, CIA, and TVTA we will be hosting our first 5k fun walk/run more information to come soon

We are hosting Sullivan County All County Chorus on March 3 & 4. We will be providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to 450-500 students plus parents. The PTO is in need of volunteers and food donations. Please visit our PTO Facebookpage for donation needs or send an email to stephanielowitz@icloud.com for more information.

Box Tops/Juice Pouches/Campbell Soup Labels- The PTO is still seeking box tops, Campbell soup labels, juice pouches and granola bar wrappers. Please remind your children to recycle their juice pouches and wrappers in the collection boxes. Our organization will receive money for recycling these items.

Monthly Meeting Schedule:
 Secondary School Cafeteria
 February 16; March 16; April 20; May 18 and June 15.

Regular Board Meeting #12
Thursday, February 16, 2017
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740
 FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017
 SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY UPPER LEVEL - ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:00 P.M.
 SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL - REGULAR BOARD MEETING #12 - 7:00 P.M.
 THIS AGENDA IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY TO THE COMMUNITY. THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
 MISSION STATEMENT: "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION WILL ALWAYS BE TRI-VALLEY'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY."



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 845.985.5116

Catskills Real Estate for Sale

- SOLD 3-4 BR renovated farmhouse w/rustic style interior & 96 glorious acres of woods and meadows. Listing price: \$399,000
- SOLD Exceptional Catskills estate on scenic road w/ponds, fenced paddocks, barn, tennis court. Listing price: \$950,000
- 3BR arts & crafts w/2 barns, North Branch. \$309,000
- Beaverkill cottage, 4br/2.5 ba 90% complete, w/pond. \$580,000
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- 2BR cottage on .75 acs. in Claryville \$67,000
- 4BR house + guest cottage in Grahamsville hamlet. \$164,000
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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 have a lot of 'stuff' that you want to get rid of - save it for that weekend and join the rest of us and have your own yard sale in your own yard. This is a great opportunity for those who live on those back roads to finally get noticed and have a yard sale!

If you want to get together with family, friends or neighbors in Sundown for a yard sale - that's fine, too!

Sometime in March we will be putting a map together of Sundown that will include all the roads in Sundown. The map will be published in *The Townsman* with instructions to 'spot' your location on the map and include times, details, etc. for your yard sale. You will send it back to us so we can prepare a final map with your information. The map will appear in the paper both of the two weeks prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. There is no cost to join the *Miles and Miles of Yard Sale*.

Keep watching *The Townsman* for updates on this event. We will also keep the public informed of what we are doing so they can plan their Memorial Day Weekend and put this Sundown event on their calendars.

Start cleaning that attic, garage and basement and get ready for the **BIG ONE!** - **Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

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Pocketful of Miracles
 (Comedy, 1961)



A good-hearted gangster turns an old apple seller into a society matron so she can impress her daughter. **Directed by: Frank Capra and starring Glenn Ford, Bette Davis, and Hope Lange.** A *Pocketful of Miracles* is capricious, winsome, whimsical and all together delightful!

Superbly directed by the peerless Frank Capra (*IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*), this remake of *LADY FOR A DAY* is pure Hollywood....**See this film on TCM starting at 10:15 PM Monday evening, February 20, 2017, B/W, 137 min, CC, Rated TV-G, Widescreen.**

Quiz:

1. Who played Joy Boy ?
2. Who played Hutching, the butler? (Hint - he narrated on the *Rocky & Bullwinkle Show*)

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
 March 4 - Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm at the Sundown UMC Hall

GRAHAMSVILLE
 Feb 18 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am- 1 pm

CLARYVILLE
 Make your reservations now for a deliciously romantic **Valentine's Surf and Turf Dinner** this Friday or Saturday night at the Blue Hill Lodge! See information on Page 9.

St. Patrick's Day is not too far off. That means the **Claryville Fire Department** will be hosting their **Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.** Mark your calendar - **March 11th** for this year's St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

LOCH SHELDRAKE
 At SUNY Sullivan - Mets Live - Saturday, February 25, 2017 **RUSALKA** (Start - 12:55 pm)

FALLSBURG
 Fallsburg Winter Carnival has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2017, from 12 to 3 PM at Morningside Park in Hurleyville. Please contact James Goldfarb, at Fallsburg Parks & Recreation Department for information at 845-434-5877.

NAPANOCH
 Sat., Feb. 25 4th of July Committee 2017 Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm at the Elks Lodge, Rt 55, Napanoch. See pg 13 for details

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