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Tri-Valley Lions Club Returns to Tri-Valley! Holds Meeting at Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville (First In 15 + Years!)



In a joyful and historic moment in Catskill Mountain lore, the Tri-Valley Lions Club returned to Tri-Valley, holding their monthly meeting on February 2, 2016 at the newly renovated Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville, after an absence of 15+ years. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Free Tax Preparation at the Daniel Pierce Library

Do you need help filing your taxes? Certified tax preparers will be at the library on Saturday. March 5, at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Call for an appointment (985-7233). There are no fees.

Taxpayers need to bring: Photo I.D.; copy of last year's return; checkbook (if you wish direct deposit refund); social security information for taxpayer, spouse and dependents; and all tax documents for 2015 (W-2, 1099, interest statements, property tax receipts, medical logs, etc.). This program is sponsored by the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation and supported by the R.S.V.P. volunteers.

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Way to Go Tri-Valley 7th and 8th Grade Students!

On Thursday, February 11, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance,

Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Becca Coombe and Heather Winters won the award for Academic Excellence, Shauna Bellacicco and Jessica Geraine won the award for Excellent Work Ethic,

Diana Ter Bush won the award for Leadership, and Jordan Whitney won the award for Most Improved.

In the 7th grade, Nicholas Jucha won the award for Academic Excellence, Hunter Porter and Brooke Trojhan won the award for Excellent Work Ethic, Jasmine Irwin won the award for Leadership, and Cathleen Contrys won the award for Most Improved.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



Left to right: Nicholas Jucha, Cathleen Contrys, Jasmine Irwin, Hunter Porter, Brooke Trojhan



Left to right: Jessica Geraine, Shauna Bellacicco, Heather Winters, Diana Ter Bush, Jordan Whitney, and Becca Coombe

The Piano Plus! Chamber Music Series; Third Season at Olive Free Library

The Piano Plus! chamber music series will enter its third season at Olive Free Library presenting concerts in March, April, and May. The first concert in the series features pianist Rami Sarieddine playing Robert Schumann's, Fantasy Op. 17 in C major and selections from Schubert's Winterreise, on Saturday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. The series features outstanding piano soloists along with a surprise "plus" guest musician who will add an unexpected dash of flavor to the program. Tickets are a

suggested donation of \$12.

The Piano Plus! chamber music concert series will kick off its third concert series with a recital by pianist Rami Sarieddine on Saturday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Sarieddine will play the Sonata for Piano in C minor, Hob.XVI/20, by Joseph Haydn and selections from Schubert's Winterreise among other pieces. Each recital

includes a "plus!" guest to open the second half of the recital with a collaborative piece.

Pianist Rami Sarieddine has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician in Asia, Europe, and the US. Rami studied with John Perry, Gabriel Chodos and Patsy Toh. He attended the New England Conservatory, in Boston, the Royal Academy of Music, in London, and he received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Thornton School of Music - USC, in Los Angeles. A Nicolas Economou Foundation and A.G. Leventis Foundation scholar, he is also a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society. Rami is currently a Collaborative Piano Fellow at the Bard College Conservatory of Music. (Contd. Pg. 6)



Pianist Julia Hsu



Pianist Mei Hsuan Huang

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: O Lord, to us belonged confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 22, 1956 - Bruce Denman Jr., son of former Supervisor and Mrs. Denman of Grahamsville, an agent for the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., has been promoted to district manager, with headquarters in Middletown. He is now taking a training course in N.Y.C.

Mrs. Flossie Osterhoudt of Lackawack has announced the engagement of her daughter, Joan, of Kingston, to Jack Landers, son of Mrs. Carl Landers, also of Kingston. Osterhoudt and Mr. Landers are both employed by IBM.

Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti and the Rev. and Mrs. Irving A. Marsland Jr., who celebrated their wedding anniversaries last Wednesday.

February 23, 1966 - John Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sherman of Grahamsville, was announced last week by the State Education Dept. as having won a N.Y.S. Regents Scholarship. John plans to enter Pennsylvania State Univ. where he intends to follow a chemistry major.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Finch of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret, to Roger J. Anderson, son of Mrs. Oliver Anderson and the late Dr. Oliver Anderson of Minneapolis, Minn. The future bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and the Univ. of Buffalo. She is employed by the Berkeley Dept. of Health. Her fiance is a graduate of the Univ. of St. Thomas in Minn. He has finished his graduate studies in chemistry at the Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley and will continue his post-doctoral studies at Oxford for two years. The wedding will be on April 16th in Calif.

February 25, 1976 - Honorene F. Adams died Monday at Liberty Loomis Hospital, she was 61. Born in Morsston on Nov. 9, 1914 to Edwars and Leonia VanWagner Cutler, she was a resident here for several years. She was married to the late Raymond Adams. She is survived by a son, James Hitt of Livingston Manor; a daughter, Phyllis Cherry of Oregon; a sister, Mrs. Donald Marks of Woodbourne; eight grandchildren; a great-grandson; two nieces and cousins.

March 6, 1986 - Ruth G. Scully of Grahamsville, a teacher at Tri-Valley Elementary School, Grahamsville and an area resident for most of her life, died Thursday, Feb. 27, 1986 at Benedictine Hosp., Kingston. She was 52. The daughter of the late Leslie and Helen Coddington Green, she was born Nov. 9, 1933 in Kerhonkson. She was a graduate of the State University of New York at New Paltz. She was an elementary reading specialist for more than 30 yrs. At TV Elem. School. Survivors include her husband, William V. Scully at home; one brother, Frank Green of Kerhonkson; one sister, Virginia Allen of Kerhonkson; and several nieces and nephews.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Intensifies Flu Prevention Efforts -Flu Shots and Surgical

Facemasks Part of Effort to Stem Flu

Influenza was declared prevalent throughout New York State by Health Commission Dr. Howard Zucker on February 11, 2016. Ellenville Regional Hospital is taking additional steps to prevent the spread of flu, including enhanced efforts to vaccinate all employees and distribution of surgical facemasks. Worn by employees, these offer a physical barrier to flu transmission. This is a comprehensive endeavor to protect patients, visitors, and employees from exposure to the flu virus.

While an annual flu vaccine remains the single best method for preventing the flu, a surgi-

cal facemask, worn by employees, provides added protection to patients, employees, and visitors. Ellenville Regional Hospital offers the flu vaccine to all employees, providers, students and volunteers, and also provides employees, providers, students and volunteers with surgical facemasks, as required by the New York State Department of Health.

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As a matter of standard practice, Ellenville Regional Hospital enforces universally-recognized precautions to prevent the flu. These include hand washing, the use of hand sanitizers, placed conveniently throughout the hospital, as well as goggles, and gowns. In addition, Ellenville Regional Hospital adheres to rigorous infection control guidelines and policies every day to ensure a clean environment for patients, staff, and visitors. These practices are especially important during flu season. Antiseptic wipes are located in patient rooms, work stations, hallways, and other treatment areas and are easily accessible to hospital employees responsible for sanitizing medical equipment and surface areas.

"Flu prevention is a priority at our hospital and our employees work every day to lessen the spread of flu virus by adhering to strict infection control practices and prevention guidelines," said Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO. "In addition, hospitals must document the number and percentage of personnel vaccinated against the flu to state and federal authorities."

Neversink Renaissance to Plan for 2016

Neversink Renaissance will be holding an organizational meeting for 2016 on Wednesday March 2nd at 7:00 in the Daniel Pierce Library basement Community Room. For the first time in a number of years we are anticipating competing against other Sullivan County communities in the Sullivan Renaissance competition. This will be an important meeting to set our community's beautification game plan for this year. With the new Town Park/Little League Field and the Museum Village taking big steps toward completion this summer, Neversink Renaissance expects to play an important role in assisting the community in making both of these spectacular additions to our town. We look forward to coordinating with many of our community organizations to help make this happen. As always, we are excited to welcome new participants in our beautification efforts; so please join us. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Dave Moore at 985-2746.

> **Sullivan County** Philatelic Society

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will have a Show and Tell Session from some of its members at the March 5th meeting that will take place at 1:00 pm at the Ted STroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY.

We will also have a Trading Session, door prizes, and give-aways. This meeting is open to the public, as well as stamp collectors. For information contact Art 794-2586. We are looking to buy anyone's collection.

Trivia Night at Eureka Market on March 5

Eureka Market is helping us kick cabin fever with its first Trivia Night, March 5. Greg Goldstein will emcee the evening's event, where teams of 4 will compete for prizes and bragging rights. The first eight teams to register will be guaranteed a table. So come out and join friends and neighbors for this fun area event.

Register at the café, via their website, or on their Facebook event page. Eureka also hosts Wings Night each Thursday, and \$11 Pizza Night Mondays. 845-985-5116,

eureka-market.com.

A Round About Tri-Valley -Carol Furman

Well, we couldn't escape the snow forever. I thought that maybe Tri-Valley School was going

away without having to use any of its snow days

Jackie Quick is home from the hospital and on the mend. She wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtful cards and messages of concern.

Retired NYS Bear Biologist, Carl Lindsley, reported that at the end of January, when the weather was warm, at least four mother bears and their young were seen out of their dens trying to start spring a little too early. Most of the bears will collect some leaves and go back to sleep for a little longer.

February is indeed a bleak month. However, my two pairs of red cardinals, the brightly colored male and his more somber lady, do seem to provide bright patches to cheer away some of the bleakness. They come to dine at my feeding areas usually twice each day and really seem to enjoy the black oil sunflowers seeds.

The PTO Geography Bee winners are 1st place: Idris Encarcion, 2nd place: Kash Palmer and 3rd place: Dylan Poley. Congrats to these talented students!

The Tri-Valley PTO is planning to sponsor a Father/Daughter Dance for girls in grades K-6 on Friday, March 11th from 7-9 PM. The girls are encouraged to bring their dad, step dad, grandpa or uncle to enjoy an evening of dancing. The dance will be held in the Elementary School and each young lady will be able to leave with a 4x6 photo. The PTO is asking that you pre-register if you plan to attend.

I really realized that I live in a small town when I was having lunch at the Blue Hill Cafe in Claryville and the package delivery man stopped by, sees me eating and says he has a package for Furmans. He asked if he could put it in my car so he doesn't have to drive up Glade Hill. He even

knew which car was mine!

Seen in the classifieds: FREE, beautiful 6month-old kitten, playful, friendly, very affectionate ORhandsome 32-year-old husband - personable, funny, good job, but hates cats. Says he goes or the cat goes. Come see both and decide which you'd like.

The Vine and Branch Church in Liberty had a very nice valentine's day luncheon for the ladies on February 13th. The men from the church cooked and served the food and even presented each lady present with a beautiful rose. What a

thoughtful thing to do!

Words you love to hear- From the plumber: "Hot water tap is good as new now. All it needed was a little old washer and I had one in my pocket to fit. I had to make a call on this street anyhow. No charge!"

Words of Wisdom: "Going to church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger."

Machines that have broken down will work perfectly when the repairman arrives.

> Tri-Valley Community! Your attention, please!

We are conducting a survey on behalf of the Neversink Renaissance Committee to see if there would be enough interest to hold a farmers' market and/or artisans' market during the summer (including September) at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Please answer the following questions. You may respond to tvangus@hvc.rr.com or 985-7530. If you are interested in being a vendor, please include contact information in your message (e-mail or phone). Thank you.

- 1) As a local consumer, would you attend a farmers'/artisans' market at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds?
- 2) What types of products would you like to find there? (fresh vegetables, canned goods, meats, handmade crafts, etc.)
- 3) Would you be interested in selling your wares at this type of venue?
- 4) What, specifically, would you sell?5) How often would you like to shop/sell? Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?

Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Cloisters Museum Guided Tour

The Town of Neversink Parks and Rec will host a trip to the Cloisters Museum on Saturday, April 23. The motor coach will leave the Town Hall at 8 am and head to Fort Tryon Park in Washington Heights where the Cloisters Museum is located. The museum is devoted to art and architecture of Medieval Europe and includes over 2000 works of art. Bring the family for this wonderful experience.

Adults \$51 and Children under 17 \$36 (must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8). Admission includes museum, tour and transportation.

Also added to the Neversink Parks and Rec events will be a visit to the Red Lion Inn Lunch and Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Wednesday, July 6. The motor coach will leave the Town Hall at 8:30 am and stop at the Red Lion Inn for lunch. After, tour the museum with a guide. Cost of \$52 for Neversink residents and Tri-Valley students is \$52 and \$80 for non-residents that must be paid by March 8.

The cost includes lunch, transportation and muse-

To make your reservation or information contact Jamie Brooks, Director at 845-985-2262 xt 312 or raceri12d@aol.com

> Change of Date for Love Your Heart Day at ERH

You are invited for a roundtable discussion with John T. Respass, MD, FACC, The Hudson Valley Heart Center, Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac Electrophysiology and Theresa Aversano, MSPT, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehab on Tuesday, March 1st from Noon to 1:00 pm.

Bring your questions and enjoy a delicious lunch, free health screenings (starting at 11:30 am) and great raffle prizes. RSVP by February 23rd. Call 845-

647-6400 ext. 293.

Hiking Club Gathering to Bring Catskills Enthusiasts Together at Frost Valley A weekend for hiking groups to

gather for camaraderie and sport

CLARYVILLE - Early spring is a wonderful time to enjoy a Catskills hike: the birds are returning, the trees are budding, and the chilled air keeps you cool as you traverse the rocky terrain. And what better way to hike than with a group of fellow nature enthu-

Frost Valley YMCA has organized a Hiking Club Gathering April 15-17 to bring together the network of hiking groups and clubs who love our Catskills trails (or who have never attempted them, but always

Groups meet at Frost Valley, where they'll be spending the weekend in between trekking trails on both Frost Valley property (which includes about 5,500 acres) and at nearby trailheads. Frost Valley trails include: Catskill History hike, Cable Bridge hike, a hike to a Bear Cave or High Falls waterfall, and more. For off-site hikes, guests are shuttled from the camp to various popular trailheads including Slide Mountain, Giant Ledge, Double Top, and Red

All meals are provided and there are several lodging options for those who plan to spend the weekend (special rates of \$129 per person are given to those who wish to stay in Modern 4-Room Lodges). Activities on camp are included as well, and include special programs, such as: lessons in orienteering, topographical map reading, and essential gear-packing; wildlife ecology; tree and plant identification; and traditional Frost Valley activities (archery, climbing, crafting, and more).

Interviews are available upon request. Please contact Director of Marketing and Communications Amanda Hinski at AHinski@FrostValley.org or (845)

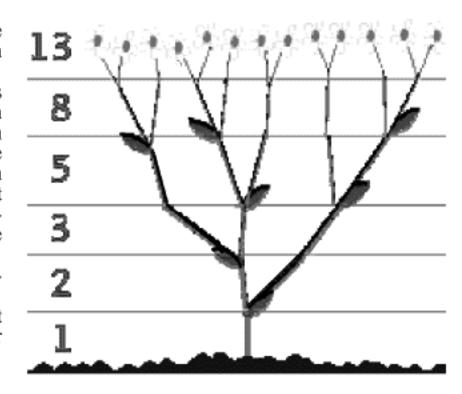
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About Frost Valley YMCA Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all. Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

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 and Joyce Lockhart.

The Secret Formula in Tree Design

With the nicer weather coming, if you have time, take a walk outdoors and take note of the shape of the tree branches and the pattern in the way the tree branches grow.



Have you ever wondered why the branches seem to have this pattern that reaches up to the sky? There are writings from ancient India relating to the secret of the trees and nature and this pattern. In 1209 Leonardo of Pisano (a/k/a Fibonacci) took a scientific approach, using his skills discovered this mathematical formula in nature.

Fibonacci came up with a numerical sequence. Starting with zero (0) and one (1). Fibonacci added the last two numbers in the series together, and the sum became the next number in the sequence. The number sequence started to look like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34.... The number pattern had the formula Fn = Fn-1 + Fn-2 and became the Fibonacci sequence. But it seemed to have mystical powers!

When the numbers in the sequence were put in ratios, the value of the ratio was the same as another number, _, or "phi," which has a value of 1.618. The number "phi" is nicknamed the "divine number". Scientists and naturalists have discovered the Fibonacci sequence appearing in many forms in nature, such as the shape of nautilus shells, the seeds of sunflowers, falcon flight patterns and galaxies flying through space. The ratio between the forearm and the hand is the Golden Ratio! We have one thumb on each hand. 2 bones in each thumb. 3 bones in each of the other fingers and 5 fingers on each hand. The PHI constant is often used in art and design. It is even used for the ever-present plastic credit card -all golden proportion rectangles!

Why do trees have this pattern? We know trees

need sunlight.

And we know in today's world when collecting solar energy the photovoltaic ("PV") array is the way to do it. A photovoltaic array is a linked collection of multiple solar cells. Making electricity requires as much sunlight as possible.

Collecting sunlight is key to the survival of a tree. Leaves are like solar panels of trees that collect sunlight for photosynthesis. Trees in a forest compete with other trees and plants for sunlight. As trees evolve the Fibonacci pattern is in effect helping trees track the Sun moving in the sky collecting the most sunlight even in the thickest forest.

The Fibonacci Sequence allows a very efficient filling of space producing branches that alternate from side to side. The branches will all branch again at the same time. Before the leaves begin to appear, you can see the magical silhouetted pattern against

the background sky. The ancients seemed to know the language of nature. Examples of the Golden Ratio are everywhere. Take a look at the trees in your back yard and see for yourself how they branch in very specific ways-- the Fibonacci sequence.

Household Hints

Remove Bumper Stickers

Remove old bumper stickers on your car. Saturate the top and sides of the sticker with undiluted distilled vinegar and wait 10-15 minutes for the vinegar to soak through. Then use an expired credit card (or one of those promotional plastic cards that come in the mail) to scrape it off. Use more full-strength vinegar to get rid of any remaining gluey residue.

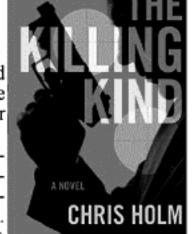
The Killing Kind

Mysterious Book Report No. 229

by John Dwaine McKenna

Every now and then, in the process of doing the Mysterious Book Reports, I run across a work that's so well written and the author's concept is so original that I become an instant fan. This week's novel is one of them. It's been published to rave reviews by the likes of Stuart Neville, Megan Abbott, Joseph Finder and David Baldacci; all of whom are best-selling thriller and crime fiction writers.

The Killing Kind, (Mulholland Books/ Hatchette, \$26.00, 306 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-25953-8) by Chris Holm is a highoctane thrill ride that blasts off on page one and never comes back to earth. It features one of the most unusual antiheros in modern crime fiction. His name is Michael Hendricks . . . and he's a hit man. Ex-Special Forces, he was part of an off-the-books team who did black-ops business for the U.S. Government when complete deniability was required. When a mission goes bad, almost all of the team is killed in action. Hendricks survives, but is assumed KIA along with the others – it's when he walks away from his former life and becomes a contract killer.



The big difference however, is that he kills other hit men. Using the skill set he learned in the Special Forces and the help of a talented hacker friend, Hendricks is able to intercept organized crime murder contracts. He contacts the condemned individual, tells them they've been green-lighted to be liquidated, and offers to save them by killing the killer . . . for a fee of ten times the contract price. He's good at it. So good in fact, that organized crime is feeling the effects of Hendricks' work, and it's costing them money. A lot of money. They don't know who Michael Hendricks is, but that doesn't stop them from hiring the services of the best European assassin in the world and putting a one million dollar bounty on the head of the unknown hit man. And so begins an exquisite and protracted game of cat-and-mouse in which no one is safe from sudden death .- not even the woman Hendricks loves and lost, who's pregnant with another man's child. The novel is a propulsive, and hard-edged thrill ride from the first page to the last as Michael Hendricks dispenses his own brand of justice, according to his own set of rules. Like all great antiheros, he exhibits both good and bad characteristics and it's left to the reader to decide which carries the most weight. One thing's for sure, The Killing Kind will smack into your consciousness like a 225-grain hollowpoint. I'm all in.

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Whosis?

A few months ago Mrs. Comando, the Editor and Publisher of The Tri-Valley Townsman, asked if we'd put together a short autobiographical sketch because she's asked with some regularity about the author of *The Mysterious Book Report* which appears every week in the paper. So here's the answer to the question Who is this guy?

My name is John Dwaine McKenna. I was born in 1946 at Hamilton Avenue Hospital in Monticello, New York – the eldest son of John A. and Catherine F. "Kitty" McKenna, who are both deceased and laid to rest in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. I have two younger brothers, one deceased and the other living in Grahamsville with his family. We all grew up on the family farm on Thunder Hill, where our dad was a school bus contractor for the Tri-Valley Central School District in the 1960s and 70s. I started kindergarten at the new centralized school in 1951 and graduated from there in 1964 . . . as a member of the first class to go from K through 12th grade in the new consolidated district that replaced all the time-honored one room schoolhouses. Among others, my classmates included: Mike Curley, Bob and Karen Curry, Carl and Jane Houghtaling, Ray Goode, Louise DuBois, Tom Henderson, and Sandra Gerry. There were thirty-three of us who stood on the blue flagstone patio at the schools main entrance in our caps and gowns for our June 1964 graduation photo. Joel Rubenzahl was the class valedictorian and Edward Condon was the salutatorian. I was the class president and captain of the '63 eight-man football team, which went 7-1 under the coaching of Al Hall and Owen Davis. Tragedy struck us in the fall of our senior year when our classmate-and my second cousin-Charlie Grey lost his life in a single car accident on the Sundown Road. Charlie's death was, and still is, felt personally by all of us who were his childhood friends. He's commemorated in a short story entitled The Destiny of Sky Riders, which can be found in The Neversink Chronicles. After graduation, I went to college, joined the army reserves, got married, moved to New York City, worked and attended CCNY, moved to Colorado in 1968, where I attended the Colorado College, had two kids, got divorced in '72 and remarried in 1976 to my wife, June, to whom I am still happily married, forty years later. Career-wise I've been a serial business owner, a salesman, stock and bond broker, compliance officer and registered options principal for a regional brokerage firm with coastto coast offices, and served as an arbitrator for the NASD (National Association of Securities Dealers) from 1986 to 1992. After that I had a retail store until the millennium, when every-

It wasn't because the clocks started running backwards, or all of the computers quit at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999 as some doomsday fools had predicted. No.

thing in life changed.

Nothing like that. Everything in life changed, because in February 2000 I fell while getting out of a chair, hit the floor at just the right angle, and in that instant became a quadriplegic. My spinal cord was damaged beyond repair. But in another twist of fate, it wasn't severed. I still had movement and limited muscle control in both arms and legs after an emergency oper-ation the next day that fused the bones in my neck which, along with a titanium plate, relieved the pressure on the spinal cord and allowed me to do physical therapy. I spent the next two and a half months in rehab at a local hospital, doing physical and mental therapy, as well as getting used to an entirely new reality. June was right there with me every step of the way . . . getting her own counseling, making her own adjustments: learning how to cope with the different, often difficult, evermore challenged man she was married to and now the caregiver

It's a long hard, bitter road to walk. Over the next ten years there were two more neck surgeries, thousands of hours of physical therapy and a prolonged period in which I went through all the stages of grief before coming to the conclusion that I had to decide if I was going to live, or if I was going to die, and then get busy doing it. I had to find the reasons and the will to live.

My first and foremost cause was June. Through all the therapy, pain and despondency she was there for me . . . always supportive, always encouraging, always caring, loving and understanding. She's been the rock I clung to and my shelter from the storm. Without her, I would not be writing this now. Together, we came to the conclusion that I needed to be engaged and doing something. Something of a positive nature that made a difference, and hopefully, something that would repay a portion of the enormous karmic debt I'd run up. There were literally hundreds of people-nurses, therapists, aides, counselors, physicians, personal trainers, biomechanists, wheelchair technicians, personal friends and a self-described "Simple Brain Surgeon" named Steve Murk, who opened me up in the OR and literally put his hands on my soul, saying, "When I felt your spinal cord pulsing, I knew you'd be able to move again." -who gave so much of themselves to help put me, a perfect stranger, back together again. And of course it had to be something I was still able to do, considering my new physical limitations.

As the desire to do something to show my gratitude got stronger, it brought with it the realization that I wanted to leave something of myself behind after I was go**ne.** Proof, as it were, of having lived. It prompted me to revisit my collegiate writing skills. It wasn't much at first, I produced a lot of *dreck* at first. I wrote and wrote-then threw it all away and started over. Gradually it got better and I started to think about a book. The result was my first book: The Neversink Chronicles which went on to win a first prize for fiction with the Colorado Independent Publisher's Association. Two other

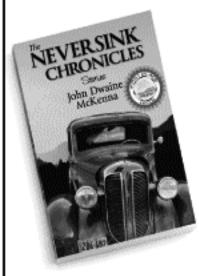
events were happening at the same time. Always a voracious reader, friends were constantly asking me what book I was currently involved in, if I liked it, and why. At the same time, back in Grahamsville, New York the magnificent new two and a half million dollar library and museum, built entirely through donations, volunteer labor and community support, was about to open it's doors.

Thanks to my life-long friend Mike Curley and a subscription to the Tri-Valley Townsman, I was aware of all the developments back in my childhood home. I took a chance, and called Linda Comando, to ask if she'd like a weekly book column featuring mysteries and thrillers. -to coincide with the opening of the best new library and

museum by a Dam Sit.

That was almost five years ago. Now, 230 book reports later, with a large, and growing group of dedi-cated readers, the MBR has it's own new website . . . MysteriousBookReport.com. In addition, the MBRs are featured on Amazon, Facebook, Pinterest and LinkedIn as well as at Rhyolitepress.com. You can receive them every Monday morning anywhere in the world on your E-reader of choice (after they appear in The Townsman) by liking me on Facebook. And hey! Just in case you know an editor publisher or producer who's looking for additional proven and wildly-popular, ready-to-run content . . . we're looking for other newspapers, radio stations or intergalactic news agencies of any and all kinds to carry the Mysterious Book Report. Write us at: johndwainemckenna.com.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda A Good Coach

A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are. -Ara Parasheghian

Carol Okoren was a good coach. She will not be remembered for her scores or statistics, although those were outstanding; she will be remembered as the person she was and the way she inspired others.

She died this week, but thousands of students and players will remember her because she was that kind of person. Carol taught elementary, middle and high school Physical Education and coached track, field hockey, and basketball at Onteora. FaceBook is alive with tributes to those who were fortunate enough to know her. By the way, her good friend Deb Cease, who also taught P.E., said the little elementary students used to think her name was "Jim" because the classroom teachers would always say, "We're going to go to 'Gym' now." Students at Onteora would look forward to going to gym because they had such wonderful teachers and

coaches like Carol Okoren.

I wish I had had a gym teacher like Carol. I took gym is a dowdy red-bloomered, one-piece gym suit and had to line up alphabetically and count off for attendance. I doubt that my teacher ever knew my name. We took gym with girls and did calisthenics and things with a ball or scarf that never resembled a game. I, obviously, graduated eleven years before Title IX which said, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

P.E. was not fun, back in the day, and sports were limited for girls. A girl could be a twirler or a cheerleader. I was neither. I did try out for twirling, but hitting

one of the judges on the head with a fly-away baton during the opening routine dashed my hopes. That meant that out of my graduating class of almost four hun-

dred, about a dozen and a half girls got to do sports.

One story on FaceBook came from Colleen McGloughlin who remembered that Ms. Okoren said she "threw like a girl." Colleen, a feisty middle schooler replied, "well," and laughed. So did Ms. Okoren. Well, I not only "threw like a girl" but I ran like a female chicken on fire. I wish I had an opportunity, like students do today, to participate in real lifetime sports rather than learning to "allemande left" in square dancing. I don't think I have had to "allemande" left (or right) or use the fraction 3/7 in the past sixty years. However, I was fortunate enough to have Carol Okoren for a friend, and from her I did learn what made a good sport, a good teacher, and a good coach.

The Piano Plus! Chamber Music Series; Third Season at Olive Free Library

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The series features outstanding pianists offering concerts in March, April and May. The second concert will be on April 23, and feature pianists Julia Hsu and Peter Serkin playing piano pieces for four hands. On



Pianist Rami Sarieddine has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician in Asia, Europe, and the United States

May 28, Mei Hsuan Huang will offer the last concert in the series. All concerts are on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. The series, curated by Conservatory Distinguished Composer Residence George Tsontakis, brings world-class musi-

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DEP Promotes Eight Veteran Members of Police Division -Ceremony also marks the retirement of Capt. Eugene Sass, who served for 21 years Police Protect Lands, Reservoirs and Infrastructure that Provide Water to more than 9.4 Million New Yorkers

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) promoted eight veteran environ-mental police officers during a ceremony at the Staff Sgt. Robert H. Dietz DEP Police Academy in Kingston, N.Y. One lieutenant was promoted to captain, three sergeants were promoted to lieutenant, and four officers were promoted to sergeant. The promoted officers reside in Brooklyn, Broome, Defaware, Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. The ceremony also marked the retirement of Capt. Eugene Sass, a 21-year vet-

eran of the DEP Police Division who was admired and respected by his colleagues, watershed residents and elected leaders in communities around the water supply system. Over the last decade, DEP has nearly doubled the size of its Police Division to its current 190 sworn mem-

"New Yorkers are fortunate to have a highly skilled, trained and dedicated police force to protect our water supply system and the lands that surround it," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "I want to extend my sincere thanks to Capt. Eugene Sass for his long and distinguished career with the DEP Police, and my congratulations to the eight veteran officers who earned

their promotions today.

The DEP Police Division was established more than 100 years ago. It is charged with protecting the city's water supply system, which includes more than 2,000 square miles of watershed land across nine counties, hundreds of miles of tunnels and aqueducts, 14 wastewater treatment plants, laboratories, and chlorination facilities. DEP police patrol the watershed by foot, bicycle, all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, boat and helicopter. They also maintain specially trained units that include a detective bureau, emergency service unit, canine unit and aviation unit.

The following lieutenant was promoted to

Capt. Christian R. Gallagher was appointed to the DEP Police in July 2001, and began his career on patrol in the Neversink Precinct. He was selected for the Emergency Services Unit and has been assigned to the unit since its inception in 2003 and has served as a precision rifleman, assistant team leader and team leader. He was promoted to Sergeant in March 2007 and lieutenant in April 2011. He currently serves as the Grahamsville Precinct Commanding Officer. Prior to his service with the DEP Police, he served on active duty with the U.S. Army for eight years as a light infantryman. He also served in the New York Army National Guard for 12 years until his recent retirement.

The following sergeants were promoted to

lieutenants:

Lt. Randall Hurlbert was appointed to the DEP Police in December 2003, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Croton Precinct. In January 2006 he was selected for and transferred to the Special Operations Division, Aviation Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in December 2012 and currently serves as the Aviation Unit Sergeant. Lt. Hurlbert attended Dutchess Community College for Business Administration.

Lt. Patrick Natale was appointed to the DEP Police in September 1999, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Downsville Precinct. He was promoted to Sergeant in January 2003. He currently serves as a Patrol Sergeant out of the Beerston precinct; he previously worked out of the Chief of Operations Office. Lt. Natale attended SUNY Brockport and Broome Community College.

Lt. David Wiswall was appointed to the DEP Police in August 1998, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of Ashokan Precinct. In March 2001 he was promoted to Detective and in June 2004 he was promoted to Sergeant, remaining active until this current date.

Lt. Wiswall previously served four years active duty in the U.S. Army.

The following environmental police officers

were promoted to sergeant:

Sgt. Corey Albert was appointed to the DEP Police in March 2007, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Hillview Precinct. Sgt. Albert is currently enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice where he is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Sgt. Brian Beilman was appointed to the DEP Police in December 2005, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of Ashokan Precinct. In 2007 he transferred to the Gilboa Precinct and in 2011 he transferred back to the Ashokan Precinct. Sgt. Beilman previously served four years active duty in the U.S. Navy.

Sgt. Jesse Ryan was appointed to the DEP Police in September 2009, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Eastview Precinct. Sgt. Ryan graduated from Westchester Community College with an associate's degree in

Criminal Justice.

Sgt. Daniel Wahl was appointed to the DEP Police in September 2011, and began his career in the Patrol Division reporting out of the Beerston Precinct. Sgt. Wahl graduated from Broome Community College with an associate's degree in Criminal Justice.

DEP also celebrated the retirement of Capt. Eugene Sass, who was first appointed to the DEP Police in August 1994. He began his career on patrol in the Ashokan Precinct. He was promoted to Sergeant in July 1995, Lieutenant in May 1999, and Captain in June 2003. Currently the com-manding officer of the Special Operations Division, Capt. Sass previously served as the commanding officer of the west-of-Hudson Patrol Division and the Ashokan Precinct Commander. Prior to joining the DEP Police, Capt. Sass served

in the U.S. Navy for 21 years.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with nearly \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

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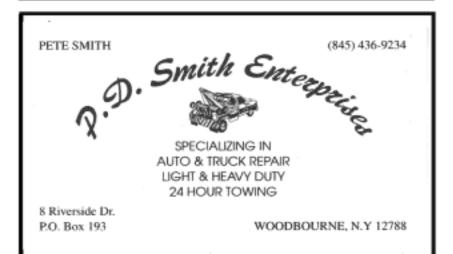
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This is a non-shooting course which introduces the pistol permit applicant to the basic skills necessary for safe storage and handling of firearms and ammunition, and provides a brief overview of New York State laws that cover firearms and use of force. 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 what to look for when purchasing their first handgun.

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.

The course will also be given on the following dates: Mar. 26; Apr. 23; May 21; and Jun. 25.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at schoces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.





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Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek Announces Receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Monticello, N.Y. - County Manager Joshua Potosek has announced that the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award has been awarded the County Manager's Office for the Sullivan County 2016 Tentative Budget by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Sullivan County Manager's Office and the Division of Management and Budget. It reflects the commitment of these offices and their staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

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County Manager Potosek thanks and commends Janet Young, Commissioner of Management and Budget, and Heather Brown, Research Analyst for the hard work and dedication put into preparing and completing the Tentative Budget. "The Tentative Budget prepared and submitted to the Legislature entails a tremendous amount of work and dedication by the County Manager's Office, Division of Management and Budget along with the Commissioners, Department Heads and fiscal staff of the County," said Potosek. "The 2016 Tentative Budget was designed to provide its reader with a better understanding of County government operations, the issues that County officials are currently facing (and how they are addressing those issues), and how decisions for the County are made, which lead the County's achievement of receiving this renowned award."

For further information contact Joshua Potosek, County Manager, at 845-807-0450.

BOCES to offer Vegetarian Entrees Cooking Class

MONTICELLO -The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Vegetarian Entrees class, February 25th, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty NY in the Culinary Arts Kitchen. The cost is \$30 plus \$18 materials fees.

Join Chef Kathy Poppo to discover how easy it can be to prepare balanced, satisfying meals that include all the essentials of good health. You'll learn how to turn meat-based recipes into vegetarian delights through simple substitutions, and how to cook with tofu, beans, nuts, and grains. Whether you're a would-be vegetarian, a vegetarian looking for new flavors, or one of the many Americans who've added meatless nights to their weekly menu, you'll be exhilarated by the tastes you discover in this meat-free class. Dress appropriately and bring an apron for participation.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4915 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at schoces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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Lion Inn for lunch, after Tour the Museum with guide. Return approximately 6 pm. Includes lunch, transportation, and Museum admission.

SIGN-UP: \$52 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$80 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department



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Tri-Valley Lions ClubReturns to Tri-Valley! (From Pg. 1) Blue Hill



Lodge owner, Irina Nicoletti and Business Organizer, Savannah, along with the staff of waitresses cooking chefs, wel-comed home the Tri-Valley Lions. And the focal Lions (combined Lions and Lioness') drove up the hill (and

some drove down out of the woods) to celebrate a delicious dinner and camaraderie among friends.

Over 30 members and guests turned out.

The Tri-Valley Chapter of the Lions was established 39 years ago, in 1977 by foresighted innovator Don TerBush. The International Lions are dedicated to assisting sight and the blind (similar to the Shriner's club assisting burn victims). The Tri-Valley Lions club charter was signed by all 74 charter members on November 18, 1977

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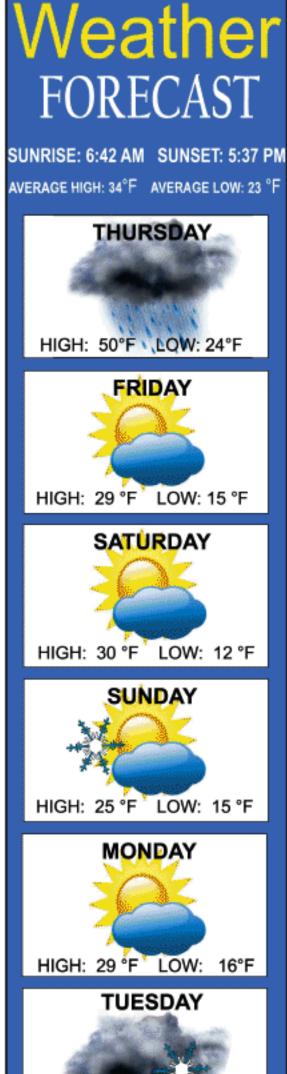
The community-minded Lions held their Charter Meeting at the "old" Blue Hill Lodge. Initially, exclusively a men's club, Don TerBush naturally was elected President, Franklin Smith, Treasurer, and William Brenner, Secretary. When membership grew, Gene Froehlich was elected co-secretary. The Tri-Valley Lions became one

of the largest Lions Clubs in the United States.

Eventually the women (wives and other ladies) in 1979 also wanted, or, for convincing reasons, felt they deserved a "night out" once a month. So they created the Tri-Valley Lioness Club, and elected Sylvia Rubenstein (TerBush) as its Charter President. Whatever its appeal, the Tri-Valley Lionesses soon became the largest Lioness Club in the world. (Contd. Pg. 12)







LOW: 26°F

Cub Scout pack 87 Annual Pinewood Derby



Sunday On February 21st Cub Scout pack 87 tried out a brand new race at their track annual Pinewood Derby. All scouts made cars and them raced according to den. There were also uniform inspections as well as a craft. The winners are as follows: Tiger Den -James Morgan; Wolf Den Gregson Mckenna; Bear William Den-Seward; Weblo 1-Ethan Raykoff; Weblo 2- Jacob

One-Man Band Performs at SC Adult Care Center

HIGH: 30°F



"Gary Cormier, known as "Gary C - The One-Man Band" recently performed two concerts at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Liberty. His first concert was New Year's Day and the second was February 5. Cormier played the clarinet and the tenor saxophone utilizing computer technology to provide big-band ac-companiment. His selections were from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Both per-

formances were warmly received by all in attendance. Pictured with Gary Cormier is resident, Ann Jones. In Ms. Jones youth she sang on New York City radio impersonating comic actress and singer Martha Raye as one of the contestants on Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour."

Lucak; Best Design- Cole Terwilliger; Pack Champion- William Seward. Congratulations to all!

Register Now for Spring Break Day Camp

Spring Break comes early this year, and believe it or not, the weeklong break is less than a month away. If a tropical trip isn't in the forecast for your family, Frost Valley YMCA offers kids and teens ages 4-15 a wonderful way to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of the new season: Spring Break Day Camp.

From March 21-25, Spring Break Day Campers will enjoy crafts, games, hiking, candle making, healthy cooking lessons, climbing, and other active programs, while surrounded by nature. Weather permitting, campers have the opportunity to take an offsite trip to a local indoor pool, and they'll experience a tour of Frost Valley's Maple Sugar House to learn how maple syrup is made (and to taste some from a fresh batch). A visit the Frost Valley Farm is a traditional favorite - there they'll meet and pet baby farm animals. Lunch, snacks, and transportation are all included. It's five days of fun, adventures, learning, developing, and making new friends.



Visit FrostValley.org to learn more or call (845) 985-2291 to register today. Don't forget: When spring is in the air, Catskills maple syrup is in the making! Frost Valley YMCA's free annual Maple Sugaring Open Houses take place March 19 & 20 and April 2 & 3 from 10 am-4 pm. During these family-friendly events, guests have the opportunity to learn about the entire tree-to-table process of how delicious Catskills maple syrup is made. They'll enjoy an educational walk along the nature trails by the Frost Valley Maple Sugar House to

learn about the tapping process, how to identify sugar maple trees, and about the evaporation method that boils sap into syrup. At the end of the tour, they'll receive a sample of Frost Valley's fresh maple syrup to taste. Bottles and small jugs of syrup are also available for purchase.

ERH to Host Artwork by Featured Artist Lynne Friedman

Lynne Friedman's selected paintings will be on display in the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from March 7 - April 29. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043. A painter in oil for over 30 years Lynne Friedman may be seen working outdoors in the warm weather in and around Mohonk, Minnewaska and the Shawangunk Mountains taking in the beauty of the landscape. She maintains her studio in Rosendale, NY, where she lives with her playwright husband Sid Norinsky and a wonderful cat named Puff.

Lynne's work has been shown in a solo exhibit at the Booth Western Art Museum in Georgia, the James McNeil Whistler Museum in Mass., the Galleria

Nacional Museum in Costa Rica, and numerous solo shows in New York City including at the Prince Street Gallery in the Chelsea District and Artifact on the Lower East Side. Her most recent show was at LaGuardia Community College in the Fall 2015. Her work was selected by the U.S. Department of State Art-In-Embassies Program for the US Embassy in Djibouti, W. Africa and the Marshall Islands. Her work is in many corporate and private col-lections including Pfizer, McGraw Hill, IBM, Pace University, Ritz Carlton Hotels and City National Bank.

Lynne received a BA and MFA in Art from Queens College, an Ed.D from Columbia

University and studied at the New York Studio School. Previously a college art teacher, she most recently has taught for the SUNY New Paltz Lifetime Learning Institute and is a board member of the Arts Society of Kingston.

The landscape paintings she has chosen for the Ellenville Regional Hospital Healing Arts Gallery are meant to bring the healing power of art to viewers, transforming public and patient areas into an inspiring environment that encourages a sense of serenity and hope for patients. ages a sense of serenity and hope for patients, their families, and healthcare providers. These paintings are inspired by her observations of the seasons in the Mid-Hudson Valley and on travels. Some of her works are in other healthcare facilities including Northern Westchester Hospital, Westchester Medical Center, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, Robert Wood Johnson Hospital (NJ) and corporate collec-

Her website: www.lynnefriedmanart.com

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Theresa Aversano, MSPT, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehab

Tuesday, March 1st from Noon - 1:00pm (date changed due to inclement weather)

Bring your questions, we will provide a delicious lunch, free health screenings (starting at 11:30am) and great raffle prizes!

RSVP required by February 23rd Call 845 647-6400 ext. 293

UC Ballet to Host Metropolitan and Regional Dance Companies at its 33rd Annual Festival of Dance

On Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 8 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 33rd Annual Festival of Dance, to be held at Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1983, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night!

The Festival of Dance is an electrifying, explosive, and dynamic coming together of dance companies and dance styles from around the metropolitan area and around the region. Highlighted will be performances by returning favorites: Silver Screen Ballroom, Syncopated City Dance Company, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, Center for Creative Education Presents Energy Dance Company in collaboration with Percussion Orchestra of Kingston, and our own Ulster Ballet Company. Also performing in this high quality, original program will be newcomers, NEVILLE Dance Theatre and Nai-Ni Chen Dance

Company.

From the metropolitan area comes Silver Screen Ballroom, partner dancing at its best, in the style of movie greats, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Syncopated City Dance Company, a dynamic New York City Company, takes its inspiration from the jazz era of the 1920s to the 1950s. NEVILLE Dance Theatre, excels in bringing innovative and emotionally charged contemporary dance works that explore our shared world and the vastness of the human spirit to audiences of all ages. Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, fuses the dynamic freedom of American modern dance with the grace and splendor of Asian art. From the Albany region comes, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company presenting provocative contemporary modern dance, is celebrating its 25th performance season. From the Mid-Hudson Valley comes, Center for Creative Education Presents Energy Dance Company in collaboration with Percussion Orchestra of Kingston, sure to excite the audience with its entertaining versions of Hip-Hop, Reggae and Latin Dance Styles as well as unique rhythms of drumming. The Ulster Ballet, will not only be hosting the event, but will be presenting original choreography as well.

Tickets for Ulster Ballet's Festival of Dance are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and UPAC/Bardavon members, and \$15 for children under 12. Discounted tickets are available to groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit

Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000.

In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$15 to employees of HealthQuest; Health Alliance; Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center; Marist, Bard and Vassar Colleges; City of Kingston and County of Ulster employees, members of the YMCA, and Kingston and New York City Police and Firefighters. Present your employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPAC box office when purchasing tickets.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For further information, visit www.ulsterballet.org

or call 845-246-4316.

Time to Get Into a New York State Certified Agricultural District

The Ulster County Legislature will accept requests from March 1 through March 30, 2016 from landowners wanting to have their agricultural lands included within a NYS Certified Agricultural District.

Landowners seeking inclusion into a Certified Agricultural District must submit a completed Agricultural District Inclusion Application with tax map identification number(s), a copy of the relevant portion to the tax map, and a description of the land to Burt Samuelson, Ulster County Planning Dept., 244 Fair St., PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402-1800 within this thirty-day period.

Applications must be received from March 1 and March 30, 2016 at the Ulster County Planning Department. Applications should be mailed

or hand delivered.

The Agricultural District Inclusion Application and a brochure explaining Agricultural Districts are available through the following website at http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/annual-agricultural-district-inclusions. To receive an application, brochure or more information about the inclusion process, please contact Burt Samuelson at (845) 339-2490 or via email bsam@co.ulster.ny.us.

Agricultural District Law adopted by the New York State Legislature in 1971 provides for the creation of Agricultural Districts to protect and promote the availability of land for farming purposes. Lands within Districts are protected from unreasonable local regulation of farm practices, the acquisition by public entities through the use of eminent domain, and the advance of public funds to construct facilities that encourage non-farm development. Additionally, land used in agricultural production within an Agricultural District is not subject to benefit assessments, special ad valorem levies or other rates and fees for the financing of improvements such as water, sewer or non-farm drainage.

Ulster County has four certified Agricultural Districts containing over 70,000 acres of farmland.



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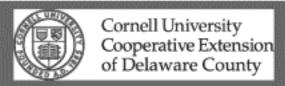
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YOUTH SUMMIT AGENDA

8:30-9:00.....Registration

9:00-9:30.....Student/School Welcome

9:30-10:30Keynote Presentation—

Welcome to the Anthropod Professor Curt Stager

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10:30-10:45.....Food Break

10:45-11:45......Workshops - choose to attend one workshop:

- 1) Climate Change Bill Negotiations Game
- 2) Climate Change in the Media
- 3) Climate Change and What you Can Do About It
- 4) New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps
- 5) Know About Your (Climate) Rights!
- Power of Creativity in Your Community
 School Based Solutions for Climate Char
- School-Based Solutions for Climate Change
 Student Scientist Panel on the Environment

Youth on the Move (youth split into thirds and rotate every half hour)

11:45-12:151/3 group - Lunch

12:15-12:451/3 group – Exhibit and Poster Expo* 12:45-1:15........1/3 group – Adirondack Youth Workshop

1:20-1:45.....School Action Plans

1:45-2:00.....Youth Action Plan Presentations

2:00-2:30.....Closing

*We invite you to participate in the Exhibit and Poster Expo an excellent opportunity for schools and students to share stories, research, and projects related to Climate Change. Students are expected to be with their exhibits/posters to answer questions and provide additional information as time permits. Posters may include: Title, Goals/Objectives, Accomplishments, Challenges/Opportunities and References.

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Keynote Presentation by Curt Stager

Paul Smith's College Professor

Welcome to the Anthropocene

We humans are now so numerous, our technology so powerful, and our lives so interconnected that we have become a force of nature on a geological scale. By running our civilization on fossil fuels, we are both creating and destroying climates that our descendants will live in tens, if not hundreds of thousands of years from now. Lessons from the deep past offer glimpses of what Earth's future may be like as a result of choices we make within the next few decades. The great challenge of this generation will be to find smart, ethical, and sustainable paths forward as pioneers of the new Anthropocene Epoch, the Age of Humans.



Tri-Valley Lions Club Returns to Tri-Valley! (From Pg.8)

In time however, the monthly meetings were moved out of the Tri-Valley area to larger quarters in Frankie and Johnny's in Hurleyville, in the Town of Fallsburg. The local membership declined and the Tri-Valley Lions and Lioness' combined their organizations.

During the past few years, the Blue Hill Lodge, within the quiet, remote hills of Claryville, under the new ownership of Irina and Frank Nicoletti, and their creative business organizer, Savannah, has renovated several buildings, remaking the area into the "Claryville Center". There is now a museum, a cultural center, a liquor store, an expanded restaurant and the future site of their very own brewery.

And most important, Irina has hired several expert chefs, known for their distinguished and delicious cooking. Word soon came to current Lions President, Gene Froehlich, who presented it to the

Lions Board of Directors.

They voted to hold the February meeting back at the Blue Hill Lodge after about a 25 to 30 year interval. And the Blue Hill Lodge staff and chefs gave the Lions a royal welcome. For hors d'oeuvres, there was "Pelmeni", a Russian delicacy in sweet white sauce with mushrooms. "Pelmeni" is a cross between a "pierogi" and a "tortellini" (Italian). This description provided by Lioness Lorraine who goes to the Blue Hill Lodge with friends. This "Pelmeni" was served with fresh salad and garlic bread.

After Lions President Gene Froehlich convened the Lions meeting with "The Pledge of Allegiance" and the singing of "God Bless America". Carmen Salvamini read the minutes, Treasurer Liza Salvamini gave her report, Tail Twister, Phyllis Moore collected quarters for Lions not wearing their pins, and Lion William Brenner was fined \$0.50 for taking flash pictures and disturbing everybody.

Lions business included preparations for the Journey for Sight on May 7th, meeting at the First Aid Building. We are looking for Walkers and Volunteers to help out. On February 13th is the WVOS Heart-A-Thon. The Lions voted to pay \$150.00 out of the Charity Account. Paula and Mike Ryan held the raffle drawing as all the winners' names were pulled out of the bowl.

Then all the waitresses and Irina herself served the main courses - while still hot - a choice between Chicken Marsala, Tilapia (fish) or Chicken Parmesan. For dessert, along with coffee or tea, the Lions were

served cheesecake with berry sauce on top.

At the conclusion of the Lions Dinner, President Froehlich invited the waitresses and the cooking staff out. They were given a standing ovation by the appreciative Lions. Before the meeting ended, the Tri-Valley Lions voted unanimously to hold our March meeting at the Blue Hill Lodge.

In addition, now that the Lions are back home in Tri-Valley, all the local folks are invited as paying guests to attend the next Lions meeting at a special "Lions Meeting Price" - weather permitting - on March 1st, 2016 at 6:30PM sharp. For reservations for a "Friends of the Community" invite, and other information, call Mary Ann Harob at telephone number (845) 985-2621, or you can call Savannah at the Blue Hill Lodge at (845) 985-0248. This way, Agnes will be sure to have enough food, staff and tables set up and the Lions welcoming committee will be ready to invite members of our Tri-Valley community.

Respectfully Submitted, William A. Brenner

Gillibrand Urges USDA to Expand Barley Crop Insurance Coverage to NYS Producers to Boost Local Breweries & Distilleries - Currently, Barley Crop Insurance is Only Available in 28 Counties Across NY

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today wrote to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) urging the Agency to expand crop insurance for barley in all counties in New York where production is possible. Crop insurance would afford additional protection to growers of barley and help farmers meet the current demands of local breweries and distilleries. Since 2011, there has been a 72 percent increase in farm based breweries, cideries, and distilleries in New York, which has created significant demand for barley and other small grains.

Currently, there are 28 counties in New York with barley crop insurance including Albany, Dutchess, Monroe, Orleans, Allegany, Erie, Montgomery, Otsego, Cattaraugus, Genesee, Niagara, Seneca, Cayuga, Herkimer, Oneida, Steuben, Chautauqua, Jefferson, Onondaga, Tioga, Cortland, Livingston, Ontario, Wyoming, Delaware, Madison, Orange and Yates. Gillibrand in her letter to the USDA explained there are many producers outside these areas that would benefit from crop insurance for barley. By expanding the current barley crop and developing a production history, insurers would have the data they need to create coverage for valuable malting barley that already covers nearly 2,000 acres of New York farmland.

"Expanding crop insurance for barley is a crucial first step to sustain and improve the viability of our farms and connected industries," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, first New York Senator to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years. "A key to encouraging producers to plant these crops is to ensure that they can manage their risk with appropriate crop protection programs. Also expanding crop insurance would help meet the growing demand of the brewery and distillery industries here in New York."

"Senator Gillibrand has been a tireless advocate for expanding barley crop insurance to all of New York's counties, providing expanded opportunity for the Empire State's farmers to meet the growing demand of New York breweries looking for local grains of exceptional quality," said Kathryn J. Boor, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. "This vital step in risk management dovetails perfectly with the pioneering work being done by the college's School of Integrative Plant Science's faculty in the development of new strains of malting barley that thrive in our state's climate and novel pathogen mitigation techniques, providing our farmers with the tools they need to thrive."

Bipartisan "Governors' Energy Accord Coalition" To Focus on Finding Innovative Solutions and Policies To Drive NY's Clean Energy Economy

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced New York's participation in the bipartisan Governors' Energy Accord Coalition, a multi-state effort to develop and implement clean energy policies and initiatives that expand clean energy sources, modernize energy infrastructure and build a clean energy economy. Today's action follows the Governor's announcement in January of a \$5 billion Clean Energy Fund which is part of New York State's overall commitment to lead the nation in the fight against climate change.

"From the creation of a \$5 billion Clean Energy Fund to implementing our ambitious Clean Energy Standard, New York is fully committed to our role as a national leader in growing the clean tech economy," Governor Cuomo said. "We are proud to join with other states seeking to achieve the same goal and by working together, we can develop an effective national energy policy to ensure a safer, greener and more sustainable

future for all."

By signing this accord, Governor Cuomo is joining the governors of 16 other states including California, Connecticut, Delaware Hawaii, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington. These states have pledged to diversify energy generation and expand clean energy sources, modernize the energy infrastructure, encourage clean transportation options and work together to make transformational energy policy changes and plan for the needed energy transition to clean, renewable energy.

Additionally, the accord further advances Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) strategy which is taking bold steps to reduce greenhouse gases, drive renewable energy and energy efficiency, grow jobs and stimulate economic activity. Recent actions by the Governor to support

these efforts have included:

o Launched a 10-year, \$5 billion Clean Energy Fund that will support the State's Clean Energy Standard, which mandates that by 2030, 50 percent of electricity consumed in New York must result from clean and renewable energy sources.

o Established some of the nation's most ambitious energy goals that include reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050, 23 percent decrease in energy consumption in buildings and mak-

ing the state coal free by 2020.

o Partnering with neighboring states in the innovative market-based Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), New York has reduced greenhouse gas emissions from power plants by more than 45 percent since 2005 and other harmful air pollutants more than 90 percent, providing billions of dollars in public health benefits.

o Signed the "Under 2 MOU," a commitment between states, provinces and cities worldwide to keep the earth's average temperature from increasing 2 degrees Celsius

by 2100.

o Leading outreach efforts to partners in RGGI and to California, Quebec and Ontario to explore potential approaches to linking their carbon reduction programs to build a broader, more beneficial market.

o The Governor's 2016 State of the State proposals to install solar power on 150,000 home and businesses;

converting State University at New York (SUNY) facilities to renewable energy by the year 2020; creation of a Clean Energy Workforce Opportunity Program to educate the next generation of clean energy workers.

o Proposed increasing the Environmental Protection Fund to \$300 million, the highest level of funding in the program's history and dedicating new funding for climate change mitigation and adaption projects. o Joined the International Zero Emissions Vehicle coalition and, with the other states participating in the

Transportation and Climate Initiative, developing

potential market based and other strategies to reduce emissions from the transportation sector.

Congressman Gibson Statement on Removal of Lyme Treatment Guidelines from NGC Website

Washington, DC - Congressmen Chris Gibson (NY-19) issued the following statement today on the removal of the Infectious Diseases Society of America's (IDSA) Lyme disease treatment guidelines from the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC)

website.

"The IDSA's Lyme treatment guidelines have been woefully inadequate in addressing the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease, chronic Lyme, and related tick-borne illnesses plaguing families across New York," said Congressman Gibson. "Dated treatment guidelines not only prolong patient suffering, they give health insurers a pass on providing the support these patients need for adequate care. Following years of legitimate public outcry, I am pleased the IDSA's Lyme treatment guidelines have been removed from the NGC website. I am hopeful the IDSA will now undertake a complete revision of these standards, including substantive input from people who are living with and treating Lyme. I have always maintained that these revisions are necessary to improve patient care, bring relief to families coping with astronomical medical bills, and ultimately stop this public health scourge.

In 2014, Congressman Gibson's Tick-borne Disease Research Transparency and Accountability Act became the first standalone bill addressing Lyme disease to pass the House. That bill was not brought to a vote in the Senate, leading to its inclusion as part of the recently approved 21st Century Cures Act, which expands federal programs designed to speed the development and approval of

disease treatments and cures.

Congressman Gibson's Lyme legislation creates an interagency working group consisting of federal and non-federal partners, including experienced Lyme physicians and patient advocates with a broad spectrum of scientific viewpoints. The working group is tasked with ensuring coordination among federal agencies like the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control to maximize research priorities.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to consult with the working group to submit a strategic plan to Congress that includes benchmarks to measure progress. The plan must include a proposal for improving the outcomes of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, including

progress related to chronic symptoms.

The 21st Century Cures Act awaits passage in

the Senate.

Cloisters Museum

Saturday, Apríl 23

Details: Leave the Town Hall 8 am to ride the motor coach bus to NYC for a guided tour of the Cloisters Museum located in Fort Tryon Park in the Washington Heights section of Upper Manhattan. The Museum is devoted to the art and architecture of Medieval Europe

and includes over 2000 works of art. Please bring a bag lunch and money to make purchases if you wish.

Family Fun Day



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Sign-up: All Adults \$51 /All Children under 17 \$36 must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8 this includes admission to museum, tour and transportation.

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Jamie Dymond Brooks, Director www.townofneversink.org rocerj12d@aal.com Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce Meeting

February 22, 2016 • 7 pm * Daniel Pierce Library Community Meeting Room

Bring a friend, your ideas and some of your business cards to exchange with other small business owners like yourself. Want your name added to our email list? Send an email to: jamiebrooks@sprague-killeen.com

Election of officers will be held at the March 28th, 2016 meeting.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request).

There are none that can withstand your power.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (3 times) Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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Sunday, March 6, 2016 7am til 12 noon

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Third Saturday Thrift Sale

March 19 9 am to 1 pm

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Service Times

Sunday Worship

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Bible Study 7 pm

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Sunday School 9:30 am

Children's Church 10:30 am

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Sundown United Methodist Church

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

NOTICE OF PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District in the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, at a meeting held on the 4th day of February, 2016, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum.

RESOLUTION #1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO TRANSFER UP TO SIXTY THOUSAND (\$60,000.00) DOLLARS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO THE OPERATING ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL OF TWO BUILDINGS CONTAINING ASBESTOS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE DISTRICT KNOWN AS 7498 NYS ROUTE 55, NEVERSINK, NEW YORK.

This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Commissioner Kenneth Bivins Yes [x] No []
Commissioner Tom Brown Yes [x] No []
Commissioner Jon Shamro ABSENT
Commissioner Paul Lepke Yes [x] No []
Commissioner Howard Petro Yes [x] No []

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

By Order of the

Neversink Fire District Board of Commissioners

Dated: February 4, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that March 1, 2016 is the final day for ALL EXEMPTION FORMS to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323, Monday thru Friday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on or before April 1, of each year with the Town Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

Town of Neversink Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk Dated: February 19, 2016

Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM

In the Intermediate

School Library
For info: www.trivalleycsd.org

Walking Advocate to Give Keynote - Former host of "America's Walking" to speak at Renaissance Conference

[FERNDALE] - Nationally recognized public health, planning, and transportation consultant, Mark Fenton, will deliver the keynote address at Sullivan Renaissance's Annual Conference, on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The conference "Building Beautiful, Healthy and Active Communities" will take place in the Event Gallery at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, N.Y. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

Fenton's keynote, Creating Healthy Communities with Stickier Designs, will address the idea that simply telling people to exercise more has been ineffective. Communities can be built to encourage walking and bicycling use as a routine part of daily life. "The big news is the very things we do to encourage healthier lifestyles also create more beautiful, appealing, and functional settings, more vibrant local economies, and more sustainable physical environments. This thought provoking presentation will offer a picture of "stickier" communities that all can embrace and work toward together," said Fenton.

Fenton will also lead an afternoon workshop, Implementing Healthy Designs - from Pilots to Policy, to address the two primary concerns of residents and policy makers understanding the technical details and paying for healthier designs. He will discuss tools ranging from pilot installations and demonstration projects, to policy change and institutional embrace.

Sullivan Renaissance is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County to bring Mark Fenton to the area. He will arrive prior to the conference to visit Sullivan County communities. His observations of local examples will be incorporated into his presentations. Mark's visit will also provide information and recommendations for healthy school and community initiatives.

The Conference will bloom with spring flowers and offer tools and resources to help attendees Build Beautiful, Healthy and Active Communities. Registration for this free event begins at 9:00 a.m. with light breakfast and an expo. The keynote address begins at 10:00 a.m.

The program also includes Municipal Grant Announcements, presentation of eight Renaissance Awards, and featured speakers who will discuss creative ways of Dealing with Distressed Properties, Transforming Gateways and Curb Appeal for Homes and Businesses. An expo will feature garden displays and vendors including Delaware Valley Farm and Garden, Liberty Agway Home and Garden and Monticello Farm Home and Garden offering products and services of interest to attendees. Guests will have an opportunity to purchase local, natural and organic goods from Thanksgiving Farm, Northern Farmhouse Pasta, Java Love Coffee Roasting Company and Heirloom Botanicals.

In an effort to promote healthier living, free health screenings and a smoothie station will be offered by Catskill Regional Medical Center. Complimentary pedometers and information will be offered to participants who avail themselves of the free health screenings. The event closes with an optional interpretive walk of the Bethel Woods grounds with Jeff Allison, Bethel Woods Docent Program Chairman.

For more information or to register, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. To register on line, go to http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/. To download a conference brochure, go to

http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/_doc/Annual_Conference_Brochure/Annual_Conference Brochure.pdf.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

Gibson for New York Week One Momentum Strong

One week after filing paperwork with the NYS Board of Elections to explore running for Governor in 2018, momentum continues to grow for Congressman Gibson.

Over 100 stories on the launch appeared in every region of New York State, from Long Island to Syracuse, Albany to Buffalo, Auburn to Saranac Lake, and on radio, TV, and online. In addition, the new Gibson for New York website has garnered volunteer sign-ups and visits from around the state.

"Without question, there is a long way to go until November 2018. But, as I learned in the Army, the best way to approach a difficult mission is through time and preparation. That is what we have begun in earnest on February 8," said Gibson.

"While service to my constituents will remain my top priority for the next 10 months, there is much we can do to strengthen our team for the future. I have been overwhelmed with the positive response as I have traveled across New York State - just last week, I spoke to Republican Committees in Orange, Fulton and Clinton Counties and look forward to traveling to New York City and Essex County this week," finished Gibson.

Congressman Gibson has traveled to 42 of New York's 62 counties in the last year. To learn more about Chris Gibson and his platform, visit: GibsonforNY.com

Constitutional Responsibilities Come First

Late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's biggest fans and greatest detractors might not see eye to eye on much, but on this they would agree: Justice Scalia believed first and foremost in the Constitution of the United States. The specific words were the focus for many of his decisions and dissents during his three decades on the bench of the Supreme Court.

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution states that the President shall have the power to nominate, with the advice and consent of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court. Nowhere in the Constitution does it say the President or the U.S. Senate should put aside these responsibilities because of politics or a presidential election, and we cannot let partisan bickering cripple the nation's highest court.

Washington gridlock has already succeeded in largely immobilizing the legislative and executive branches of our federal government. To allow it to now paralyze the judicial branch, in defiance of the U.S. Constitution, would be a disservice to both parties and to Justice Scalia's legacy. And this is not an academic exercise. The current Supreme Court term could be one of the most important in the last 50 years, with cases affecting women's health, immigration and workers' rights.

This only underscores the fact that the American people deserve an orderly and swift confirmation process, and that's why I wrote an op-ed, which you can read here.

The Constitution lays out clearly the guiding principles of our government's responsibilities to the people. Some of the most important responsibilities are shared between the different branches of government for the very reason that divided control would force both parties to work together. We will have failed our founding fathers and the document they signed if our parties' leaders are no longer willing to even try.

Politics are always hard to put aside, even harder in an election year. But in this moment both Democrats and Republicans need to put their Constitutional responsibilities first. That's what we've done here in New York, that's what needs to finally happen in Washington D.C. and that's what the legacy of Justice Scalia deserves.

Sincerely,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation www.townofneversink.org

Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain Sundays, January 3- March 6. To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

Cloisters Museum, April 23 - Adults \$51; Children under 17-\$36. Must be paid by March 8. (See pg 12)

Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Thursday, May 5 -\$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

Intrepid: Sea, Air, Space Museum Complex Saturday, June 4. \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 23.
Explore Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg, NY July 8.\$2
Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$5
non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 7.
4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor
Fair Saturday, July 9.

Red Lion Lunch & Norman Rockwell Museum Stockbridge, MA- July 6; \$52 Nevesink Residents/Tri-Valley Students; Non-residents \$8. Must be paid by March 8. (See pg 8)



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July 14 December 15

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Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning Town Hall

3/1/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning
 3/2/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm

3/3/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm

3/5/16 Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm

3/8/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 6 pm

3/9/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm 3/9/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm

3/10/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm

3/10/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm 3/15/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm

3/17/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3/19/16 Third Saturday Thrift Sale Grahamsville UM Church 9-1

3/20/16 Become a Museum Docent Time and the Valleys Museum 2 p.m.

3/25/16 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY

4/20/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date

Sat., May 7, 2016 Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk

Neversink Parks & Rec 4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 9. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm \$15 per space.

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

<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. 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.

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY (located on Route 55)

Dinner includes salad, spaghetti with Chef Verdino's secret sauce, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea. Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration including an historic parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, Children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent.

There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

For more information, please call 914 388-3665.

6th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade
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and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 6th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12th at 2PM. The day's activities kick off at 1PM with a special kids section and activities, which will include face painting, crafts and activities for kids by the Y.M.C.A of Sullivan County. This year's parade will feature bagpipers, the a Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community marchers, antique cars, horses, veterans and more!

For more information on marching or to become a Rock Hill Business and Community Association member visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/rhbca12775 or contact Gary Budnik at rhbca12775@gmail.com

or call 845-866-3783.

Thank you to our parade sponsors: by Dutch's Tavern, Black Bear Fuel Oil, The Y.M.C.A of Sullivan County, Holiday Mountain Ski and Fun Park, the Trading Post of Rock Hill, Rock Hill Tax Service, Rock Hill Service Center and Pizza the Rock.

Leap Year Pancake Breakfast

Happy Leap year!! Congratulations once again to Lucy Kunz for being chosen to represent Roscoe Central School for the Girls Soccer Team. This year she will be traveling to Lake Como, Florence, Milan along with other cities in Italy. Lucy is an Honor Student, President of the Honor Society, President of Student Council, Recipient of the Eisenhower Leadership Award and the list continues... On Sunday, February 28th from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm a Leap Year Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Cooks falls Firehouse as a fund raiser to help with the expense of this amazing once in a life time European trip. For further info please call: 607-498-4496. Free Will Offering

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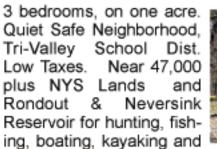
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BROTHERS (1941), Siamese twins, separated in infancy, join forces to avenge their parents' murder. Dir: Gregory Ratoff Cast Douglas Fairbanks, Ruth Warrick, Akim Tamiroff is great. - 8:00PM Adventure ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS (1939) A team of flyers risk their lives to deliver the mail in a mountainous South American country,.Dir: Howard Hawks Cast:Cary Grant, Jean Arthur, Richard Barthelmess, Great people to people film. - 12:00 AM Horror THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (1939), A deformed bell ringer rescues a gypsy girl falsely accused of witchcraft and murder. Dir: William Dieterle Cast: Charles Laughton, at his best, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell.

See these films Monday February 29, 2016 *Quiz:* 1. Who played *Quasimodo*?

2. Who played Esmeralda?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhoodtm?

The next Third Saturday Thrift Sale will be held at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm.

<u>SUNDOWN</u>

Celebrate winter's end with friends and neighbors and good food at he Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper on Saturday evening, March 19th at 5 pm in the Church Hall.

ELLENVILLE-WAWARSING

It's never too early to think summer and the July 4th Celebration in Ellenville! Mark your calendars for **February 27th** when the Ellenville Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will hold their Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch (located on Rt. 55) from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. See their ad on page 15. The proceeds of the dinner will benefit the 4th of July Celebration including the parade and fireworks. For more information call 914-388-3665.

> Knarf Odnamoe Gnomes

