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Janna Walter, SC Community Health Nurse Acknowledged as Employee of the Year



Janna Walter, who resides in Grahamsville was presented with an award and recognized as Employee of the Year at the Sullivan County Legislative meeting on Thursday, January 18th (Contd. Pg. 3)

Grey's Woodworks granted SC SPCA "Forever Friend" Status



Debbie Dittert, Shelter Director and Cisco.

In December, the Sullivan County SPCA needed help. An existing storage shed on the property had to be partially converted to an area where the feral cats could stay warm for the winter, cutting down on the already limited storage space available at the shelter. A request made to the amazing people at Grey's Woodworks fixed the problem. They generously donated a beautiful shed and delivered it within two days! Grey's Woodworks has been granted "forever friend" status at the shelter, an acknowledgement given only to those who go above and beyond to help the

animals. This local company truly embodies the spirit of generosity and kindness.

SC Earns Award for Financial Reporting

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck is proud to announce that her office has again been honored with the Financial Reporting Achievement Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The County also received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Neversink Chamber of Commerce gets Some Much-needed Sorting Help from the Monticello High School Kiwanis Key Club during the Chamber's First Annual "Warm Layer" Clothing Donation Event

Destined for local schools, and non-profits, 750 brand new sweatshirts were sorted, labeled and bagged



Monticello, New York - - The Neversink Chamber of Commerce added a clothing component to their annual Toy Drive this year and donated 750 brand new sweatshirts to help those in need.

The sweatshirts, which range in size from toddler to young adult had to be sorted, labeled and bagged so that they could be delivered to local schools and non-profits this week. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Tri-Valley Junior FBLA, FBLA Embarks on Museum and Hockey Field Trip

- Samantha Morgan, Junior FBLA Reporter



Junior FBLA members at the hockey game

The Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA and FBLA recently embarked on a trip to the New York State Museum and the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls, NY, and had a great time! During the trip, we learned about America and its history at the museum, listened to some helpful business tips and knowledge in the industry, and to end it off we got to watch an amazing hockey game! The trip took place on December 15th, and the attendance for this trip was excellent, with 60 members attending!

At the museum we learned all about New York and our history. They showcased the Iroquois life, housing, and how they lived. Other highlights included the women's rights movements, animals and plants, vehicles, and more. And of course we learned a lot about 9/11. I asked around, and the museum was definitely well-liked by almost everyone! (Contd. Pg 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.
Revelation 21:3

OBITUARY

Charles P. Blume, Sr., 93, of Neversink, NY died December 31, 2017 in Harris. Interment of his ashes with military honors will be held in the Spring at the Sullivan Co. Veterans Cemetery in Liberty. VanInwegen-Kenny, Inc. Funeral Home, Monticello, NY 12701, (845) 794-4141.

Mark Turner, of Liberty, passed away on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Achieve Rehab & Nursing. He was 54.

He was the son of Frederick G. Turner and Carol A. Skubon, born on January 25, 1963 in Liberty, NY.

Mark truly loved his job as a truck driver, driving a big rig over the open road was a passion for him. When he wasn't spending time behind the wheel he also enjoyed camping with his grandsons. He was a former member of the Hurleyville and Youngsville Fire Departments. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents: Frederick and Carol; his children: Stacey and Ryan Turner; his grandchildren Skyler, Shane, Katlyn, Khalil, Avery and Julian; his brothers Craig Turner and his wife, Cris and Glen Turner and his wife Terry; and niece and nephews Brandi, Jacob and Derek; his former companion, Luanne Youmans, who is like a grandmother to his grandchildren, especially close to Skyler and Shane; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryant-funeralhome.com

Barbara E. Ferris of Liberty passed away on Monday, January 15, 2018 at home with her loving daughter by her side. She was 67.

She was the daughter of the late Tilly and Lucille Smith Ferris, born on July 16, 1950.

Barbara came to the Catskills the summer of 1969 for Woodstock and made this her home. She worked for many different places over the years; the Kodak Company in Rochester, census bureau of NYC, the Raleigh Hotel and lastly she was an executive secretary for over 20 years at ARC. She was an active member of her community, she was a member of the Hurleyville Fire Department Ladies Axillary. She would love to go back home to Brockport to visit her family. She was extremely family oriented and loved being a grandmother and spending time with her feline and canine companions. On her free time she would often be found supervising her son-in-law in the garden. She was a loving person that will be missed by everyone that knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer Gonzalez and her husband Larry Whipple, her grandchildren Brandon Gonzalez, Andrew Somers, Justin Gonzalez, Grace DeGrot and Larry Whipple VI, her great grandchildren Leyna, and Cloe, her sisters Sharin Passarell and Diane Ferris, her dear friend and Victor, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

After a memorial visitation on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788 from 12-3:00pm. A funeral service was held on January 21, 2018 at the funeral home with Father Bader officiating.

Donations in Barbara's name can be made to the Sullivan County SPCA 104 Rock Hill Drive Rock Hill, NY 12775.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone for your kind thoughts and prayer during this difficult time. The outpouring of your support has been greatly appreciated.

The Denman family

COLLEGE NEWS:

James Conley named to Genesee Community College Fall 2017 Provost's List

James Conley, a resident of Hurleyville, NY was among 228 students from Genesee Community College, including all seven campus locations in Batavia, Albion, Arcade, Dansville,

Lima, Medina and Warsaw, who were named to the Provost's List for the Fall 2017 semester.

Area Students Named to the University 'of Vermont Dean's List

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. Among those students were: Kassondra Little of Ellenville and Jenna Blank of Liberty

SUNY Oswego announces area December 2017 graduates

More than 325 students completed their baccalaureate studies at SUNY Oswego in fall 2017 and were recognized during Commencement in December.

Christopher O. Bruce of Eastwood Avenue in Ellenville, received a bachelor of arts degree in public relations.

Samantha Scott of Parksville, a bachelor of science degree, summa cum laude, in childhood education

News from University of Delaware

Raychelle Osnato of Grahamsville, NY has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

January 23, 1948

The early stages of two new units of the Delaware Valley Water Supply, now under construction at Lackawack, Neversink and Downsville, are being started with essential test borings for dams a mile above Livingston Manor on the Willowemoc and at Jersey Brook a few miles up the river from Rockland on the Beaverkill. These spots are in the heart of the best trout fishing on the East coast.

Several homes in this vicinity were suffering from frozen water pipes on Monday when the temperature dropped to 24 below zero. Cars and trucks also refused to start.

About 40 members of the Western Sullivan County School Boards Association met in Youngsville last Monday. State aid was discussed. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the group unanimously voted to accept the invitation extended by Dr. Karl Messinger, president of the Tri Valley School Board, to hold the next meeting at Grahamsville.

1958 - Last week's storm brought more snow and the coldest temperatures of the winter to the area. Twenty-four inches of snow fell. On Wednesday, 12 trees were across Denning Road one mile below the Strauss estate. Heavy accumulations of ice are still on the trees.

In a letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of South Hill from their son, Thomas, from his base in Anchorage, Alaska, he tells his parents that when he was writing the letter at 7 in the evening, the temperature was 19 below zero and when they rise in the morning, it is 30 below.

1968 - Russell W. Cross of Roundtop Farm in Hurleyville has been named as the Outstanding Young Farmer in Sullivan County for 1967. The honor is awarded annually to the young farmers between the ages of 21 and 35. Runner up was Gene Walter, who presently owns a 65 cow herd on the Concord Farm.

Temperatures 15, 20, 24, 30 degrees below zero according to the location, are not news anymore. 20 degrees at mid-day is not news. It has happened any number of times with the mercury plummeting to zero again by five o'clock.

1978 - The newly formed Tri Valley FFA Alumni Association met last week. Vernon Stratton stated that there are fifty-seven charter members in the organization and they are always looking for new members.

The Grahamsville Gallop has been scheduled for April 8th.

Up in Sundown the latest craze is sledding without a sled on the old logging trail. It is understood that some respectable adults were seen coming down the trail on their bottoms!

A Round About Tri-Valley
Carol Furman

Again, I begin my column on a sad note. It seems we have lost so many of our friends around the start of the year. I really don't like to start off my column listing those who died, however, there are some folks who live out of the area and don't get the Record or the Sullivan County Democrat, who like to be kept informed of local happenings.

Condolences to the family and friends of Charles P. Blume, Sr. of Neversink who passed away on December 31st at the age of 93.

Sympathy to Esta Jacob and her family on the passing of Esta's husband, Michael E. Jacob (Mike) of Grahamsville. Mike, who loved his family and his "German Shepherd children" passed away on January 5th. Mike and Esta were married for almost 45 years. Rita Stewart VanEtten of Liberty died on January 6th, at the age of 84. Rita was the fraternal twin of Richard Stewart of Neversink, who passed away on October 31st, 2017. Congratulations to Lane and Renee Kortright of Neversink on the birth of their daughter, Lydia, on December 20th.

The Neversink Planning Board, at a recent meeting, approved the building of the Dollar General on Route 55 in Grahamsville (Curry). The Board determined that the Dollar General will not result in a substantial or undue adverse effect on other properties, the character of the neighborhood, traffic conditions, parking, public improvements, or other matters of safety. Dollar General plans to break ground in a few months and anticipates that construction will be completed by August.

The weekend of January 13-14, some members of the Tri-Valley FFA went to FFA Camp Oswegatchie and enjoyed various winter activities. They had a great time! Have you been to the new theater in Hurleyville located in the Hurleyville Arts Center (Across from Frankie and Johnnies)? It's a hidden gem in our County. The theater recently showed the movie, "Star Wars", and I believe, "The Greatest Showman" is coming next. I hear the theater is very clean and the seats very comfortable.

On January 28th, some local Scouts will be participating in a Boy Scout Ski Day at Bellayre. There is a gondola at Bellayre that you can ride instead using the ski lift. The boys are excited to try it out.

On February 3rd, the Scouts will travel to James Baird State Park in LaGrange for the annual Klondike Derby. The boys will build a sled and compete in various challenge stations such as setting up camp, first aid skills, orienteering and fire building. A few of our local boys will be earning their cooking badge on that day. The Cub Scout "Pinewood Derby" will take place on February 11th.

We have certainly had more than our share of cold temperatures, even colder wind chill factors, and snowy weather during January. If you are outside for any length of time your fingers and toes tingle with numbness, your nose is red and probably needs a tissue and cheeks get rosy and chapped. Am I the only one longing for warmer days?!!!

Words of Wisdom: "Tell me what you read and I'll tell you who you are" is true enough, but I'd know you better if you told me what you reread. (Francois Mauriac)

Janna Walter, SC Community Health Nurse Acknowledged as Employee of the Year (From Pg. 1)

In a recent memorandum to Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek, Nancy McGraw, Sullivan County Public Health Director made the following recommendation.

"After some discussion with our management staff, I would like to nominate Janna Walter to be recognized as Employee of the Year for our department."

"Janna came to work for Sullivan County Public Health Services in 2012 as a Registered Professional Nurse in the Certified Home Health Care Agency. Soon after completing her orientation training, Janna began to work as a Maternal-Child Health Nurse, specializing in visiting high-risk pregnant women and pediatric patients, due to her background as a Doula and Childbirth Education Specialist. Her clinical work and documentation was performed at a high level from the beginning. She excelled at working with disabled children, doing intensive case management and advocacy to gain access to medical specialists, specialized programs and equipment for her patients. As well as routinely going above and beyond for

her patients, Janna volunteered for any opportunities to train other nurses, perform outreach to prenatal providers, act as a backup for Intake and mentor nursing students."

"Janna became a NYSNA delegate in 2014. She won the Rising Star Award in March 3, 2015, received the Employee of the Quarter Award in October 2015, and was awarded the Public Health Works Honor Roll Award in April 2016. She was promoted to Community Health Nurse on June 6, 2016. As was documented in her first evaluation, "the patient stated that Janna is the best nurse that has ever come into her house. She cares about me and what happens to me." This statement has been echoed by other patients who have called the Director of Patient Services to express their feelings of revelation after a visit from Janna, stating that she had been able to help them in a way that they had never experienced before."

"Janna has been able to accomplish her work while also parenting four children, on of who has struggled with Neurofibromatosis (NF) since an early age. Janna supported her daughter, Brianna, through many years of surgery, disability and pain, empowering her to transform her experience through fundraising to raise awareness of the disease, and going on to win Miss Teen New York International in 2013 and the Children's Tumor Foundation Strength and Honor Awardee in 2015. Brianna's "remarkable and courageous life with NF" is documented at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMGUufdulr8>. Brianna's courageousness is also strong in Janna, and she consistently enriches her nursing practice with caring, empathy, attention to detail, and passionate advocacy. Janna's ability to give transformative care to her patients at Public Health and her overall excellence in every aspect of her work is the reason why I would like to nominate her for Employee of the Year for our Department."

SC Earns Award for Financial Reporting

(From Pg. 1) The award was bestowed this month after an impartial panel of judges determined the County's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) met GFOA's high standards, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" in communicating financial details and motivating people to read it.

"I very much want to thank my staff, including Shannan Armbrust and Lucrezia Anderson, for their hard work, dedication, professionalism and cooperation with the Division of Management and Budget - and all of the departments who help manage and document the financial affairs of the County - which has enabled us to win this prestigious award for at least the past two decades," said Buck. "There is a significant amount of daily work that County staff are required to perform and a professional financial management process that culminates in this annual achievement."

"The fact that we've earned this award year after year is testament to the diligence of the County's talented staff," agreed District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, chair of the Legislature's Management and Budget Committee. "Taxpayers can be proud and confident that their money is properly and transparently managed and reported."

The GFOA is a nonprofit association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC.

General Open Casting Call at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

Act Underground Theatre in Narrowsburg NY is holding a General Open Casting Call at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, Krause Hall, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg on two dates and times: Friday January 26th @ 7:00pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday January 27th @ 2:00pm - 5:00pm. This General Casting Call is for our 2018 Suffering Fools Season. Anyone and everyone interested in acting with Act Underground Theatre. You do not have to be an experienced actor.

This will be a fun two hours and nothing is required for you to prepare. We will have scenes for you to read and the General Call will give us a chance to get to know you and you can get to know us. For more information: email info@actundergroundtheatre.com or call Kyoshin @ 845-588-5043.

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

A Splash of Green

A drive through Peekamoose this time of the year is spectacular, if you love the winter scene. For those who are anxiously waiting for the landscape to turn from white to green, if you look hard enough, you can find some green.

Although the leaves are dull and rather a greenish gold this time of the year, and look a bit wonky, the leaves of the Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*.) do hang on through winter. Mountain Laurel is an evergreen shrub native to the Catskills. Mature plants can reach 6.5 to 10 feet tall.



Dull greenish gold leaves of Mountain Laurel in winter

Leaves are evergreen, sclerophyllous, leathery, 1 to 4 inches long, and 1 to 2 inches wide. The majority of Mountain Laurel leaves survive for 2 to 3 years. Mountain Laurel leaves begin to die in the late spring during their 2nd growing season while a few persist into the 3rd; hence, about half of the leaves on any given plant are the current year's production.

Flowers bloom April to June from buds that form during the previous growing season.

The complete flowerhead including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers will produce a compound flower cluster of showy saucer shaped flowers, 1/2" to 1 inch wide that are generally light pink. Stems are long and narrow with furrows and ridges, often sloughing in narrow strips or flakes. The fruit is a small capsule that bears hundreds of small seeds. Below a basal burl (knotty growth), Mountain Laurel has a thick rootstock that supports numerous other vertical and horizontal roots that may reach up to 30 inches in depth. Mountain Laurel Mountain Laurel is monoecious, having both the male and female reproductive organs. Pollination is by insect or self-mediated. Bumblebees are the primary species of insect-mediated pollination. Mountain Laurel anthers are positioned under tension which is suddenly released when a bumblebee or other insect lands on the flower. If the flowers remain unpollinated, the anther will self-release pollen onto the flower's own pistil. Seeds are contained in small fruit-like capsules each containing 300 to 700 seeds. Seedfall begins in the fall and continues through the spring.

Mountain Laurel stem growth occurs during the spring and ceases during summer.

Mountain-laurel's leaves, buds, flowers and fruits are poisonous and may be lethal to livestock and humans. However, white-tailed deer, eastern cotton tails, black bear, and ruffed grouse are known to utilize this species especially as winter forage or during years of food shortages.

The wood of mountain-laurel has a long history of uses by native and Euro-Americans. It has been used in the manufacturing of pipes, wreaths, roping, furniture, bowls, utensils, and various other household goods and novelties.

For now we can appreciate the splash of green that the Mountain Laurel offers to the winter landscape.

It won't be long though, and the intricate white and pink flowers of the Mountain Laurel will begin to explode into pastel pink bouquets delicately decorating our Catskills Mountains.



The scaly bark on the stem

Household Hints

Keep that Pretty Boquet Colorful
Prolong the life of flowers in a vase

Add two tablespoons of vinegar plus three tablespoons of sugar per quart of warm water and pour into a vase. Place your cut flowers in the vase. Stems should be in three to four inches of water

Paradise Valley

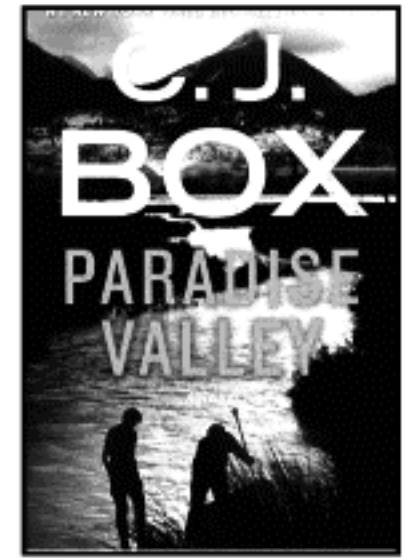
Mysterious Book Report No. 318

by John Dwaine McKenna



Our author this week needs no introduction, as his name has become synonymous with the modern American West. We're referring of course, to the prolific and award-winning Wyoming writer C.J. Box, and his beloved character, Joe Pickett; the iconic Wyoming Game Warden, all-American good guy and dedicated family man. Now, Mr. Box has another character that the MBR thinks will become just as iconic, and just as beloved by readers.

Paradise Valley, (Minotaur Books, \$27.99, 340 pages, ISBN 978-1-250-05104-2) features a female detective named Cassie Dewell, who's been trying to catch a serial killer known to law enforcement as *The Lizard King*. He's a long-haul tractor-trailer driver who kills truck stop prostitutes, known slangy as *Lot Lizards*. Cassie almost caught him three years ago, but he escaped and continued his indiscriminate and wanton cross-country bloodshed. Cassie herself is now working for the Bakken County, North Dakota, Sheriff's Department. She's set what she thinks is a fool-proof trap, luring him and his truck into a local depot. But the plan goes horribly wrong, he escapes again, and Cassie is blamed for the failure. She is disgraced and loses her job after an inquest by her political enemies lays all the failure on her. At the same time a boy named Kyle Westergaard disappears. He's a troubled teen Cassie was mentoring, who's been telling anyone who'll listen, that he's going on a big adventure. Cassie agrees to try and find him, while at the same time, she's hunting for *The Lizard King*. She's on her own following two faint trails which converge in the remotest of places . . . where the indefatigable woman will have to fight for her life. This one is a thriller-diller from start to finish. It'll keep every reader nailed to the page as thrill follows thrill, and adventure follows adventure, as a plucky and determined brave woman hunts for a monster who's terrorizing the highways. C.J. Box is at his best.



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The World We Can Create

Moshe Unger

Thomas Edison is obsessed with making the light bulb cheap and usable. Edison is thinking about it a lot, drawing diagrams, and experimenting. "We will make electricity so cheap that only the rich will burn candles", was his motto.

To succeed, he needs a skillful glass-blower. Edison makes his rounds looking for glass-blowers. He needs the right individual who would dedicate many hours to help him.

Finally, he meets the right glass-blower and they get to work. Every night the glass-blower heads over to Edison's house and spends hours experimenting. They did so for years, until the light bulb emerged as a usable and cheap product.

What is the glass-blower's part in inventing the light-bulb? It's Edison who invented it and without him it wouldn't happen. The glass-blower is dispensable, Edison could probably have gotten another glass-blower to do it. But at the end of the day, this glass-blower was the one who made it happen. His dedication and skill are what changed history. We can definitely consider the glass-blower a co-creator.

In the process of creation, G-d created the world with all scientific systems and gave power to them. Also to humans G-d gave power to create and develop earth. But the greatest thing humans and other living organism can do, is procreate. We can actually create another human being with all its wonders.

Humans are not able to build a human being from scratch, but we have a built-in system of reproduction, and it's something that we can choose to do or not to do. Like Edison and his glass-blower. Edison is the inventor, and the glass-blower is making it happen. G-d gave us the ability to procreate and He breathes the life into the child, but it's still us who makes it happen, and hence we are partners in creation!

In Judaism, the highest ideal is to create a warm and loving family. A warm family creates better people, and it's the place humans find nourishment and courage to go about the hardships in life.

Creating a warm and loving family requires a lifetime of attention and dedication, and that is the beauty of it. The most rewarding place to dedicate ourselves, and the place where our dedication makes the biggest difference, is our families.

It's not only about children; it's the other way around too. When children are dedicated to their parents, or siblings to each other, it creates a beautiful world, a world worth living in.

We all want the world to be a better place, and we should all be involved in making it happen in the broader sense. But the world that each one of us can wholly create, and are the most responsible for, is the family. Once the family is built we can all venture out and create better communities and a better society.

I'd like to dedicate this article to congratulate my wife upon giving birth to a lovely baby boy. We'd like to express our deep appreciation to the wonderful staff and nurses at Catskill Regional Medical Center: Sarah Smith, Kim Paten, Marlene and Judy, amongst others. We were lucky to receive their tender care and dedication! Thank you so much.

Comments? Email: moshe@jaketv.tv

Moshe Unger is an entrepreneur, writer, and founder of Jake TV. His column runs every other Friday in the *Democrat*.

Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Local Students Create Valentines to Thank Veterans Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency proudly presents a "Valentines for Vets" exhibit in the lobby of the County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.

Every year, local students create special Valentine's Day cards to brighten the lives of veterans. Last year thanks to the efforts of teachers and students, more than 2,000 valentines were delivered to hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Castle Point and Albany.

A selection of those Valentine cards will be on display from Tuesday, February 13 through Friday, February 16 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. as part of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week.

"Our veterans can often find themselves far away from home long after they've returned from overseas duty," notes District 3 Legislator Mark McCarthy, who chairs the Legislature's Veterans Committee. "These hospital visits, while necessary, can lead to loneliness and sadness, so let me tell you - every one of the Valentine's Day cards they receive is read and cherished. Knowing the young people of our County and nation care for these men and women brightens their day, and I am ever grateful to our Veterans Service Agency for annually coordinating this uplifting display of care and compassion."

For further information regarding this press release, please contact the Veterans Office at (845) 807-0233.

DEC Accepting Applications for Pheasant Release Program

Applications Due by March 25

The opening of the application period for the cooperative Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program to enhance opportunities for pheasant hunting in New York has begun, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced today. The program provides pheasant hunting opportunities through a partnership among DEC, hunters, 4-H youth groups, and landowners interested in rearing and releasing pheasants.

The Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program began in the early 1900s and is funded through the State Conservation Fund, which is supported by license fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers.

Pheasant eggs and chicks were distributed to farmers and rural youth in the program's early days. Today, day-old chicks are available at no cost to participants that are able to provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site. Approved applicants will receive the day-old chicks in April, May, or June. No chicks obtained through the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program can be released on private shooting preserves, and all release sites must be approved in advance by DEC and must be open for public pheasant hunting opportunities.

Daily care is necessary to monitor the health of the birds and to ensure there is adequate feed and water for the rapidly growing chicks. The pheasants may be released beginning when they are eight weeks old and no later than Dec. 1. Individuals interested in these programs should contact their nearest DEC regional office (please refer to offices listed below) for applications and additional information. In 2017, DEC distributed more than 34,500 day-old pheasant chicks to qualified 4-H and sportsmen and sportswomen applicants. Applications must be filed

with a DEC regional wildlife manager by March 25, 2018 (see contact information below). A "Pheasant Rearing Guide" and applications are available on DEC's website/

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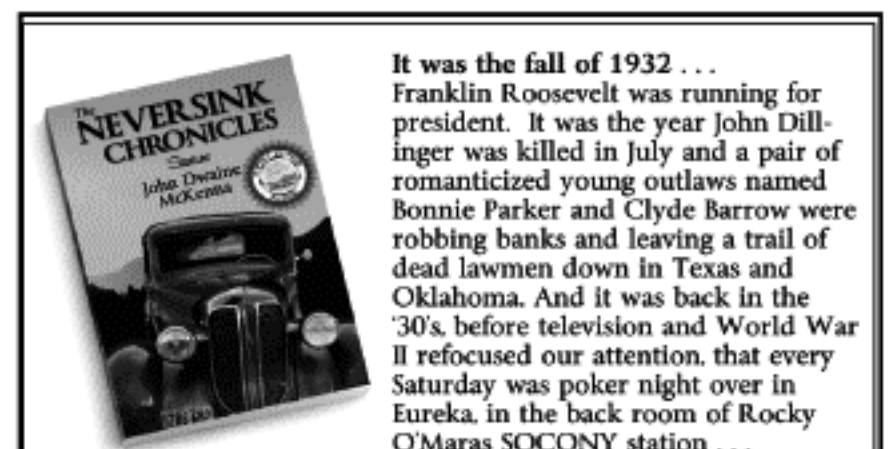
Keep Warm During a Winter Power Outage

Winter is over yet. A message from FEMA - Prepare to stay warm if the power goes out in your winter wonderland.

The freezing rain, ice, and snow of winter storms topple trees and knock down power lines.

Be ready with these power outage preparedness tips from The Ready Campaign:

- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, water, food, prescription medication, cash, first aid supplies, and extra clothing, blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm.
- Have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power. For more information, visit Get Tech Ready.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device, determine a backup plan. For more planning tips, visit Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs.
- Locate the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener and know how to operate it.
- Keep your car's gas tank full. Gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.
- If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to your home. This can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat.
- The power may be out for a prolonged period. Plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat.
- Only use generators outside, away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage or connect it to your home's electrical system. For more information, visit the Generator Safety page of the Department of Energy.



It was the fall of 1932 . . . Franklin Roosevelt was running for president. It was the year John Dillinger was killed in July and a pair of romanticized young outlaws named Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were robbing banks and leaving a trail of dead lawmen down in Texas and Oklahoma. And it was back in the '30's, before television and World War II refocused our attention, that every Saturday was poker night over in Eureka, in the back room of Rocky O'Maras SOCONY station . . .

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Anti-Cabin Fever Holiday

January's holidays need an upgrade. New Year's Day has become the red-headed stepchild of a gala New Year's Eve. It has become a day of network football binge watching and chili cooking in the crock-pot.

Martin Luther King Day, which has been changed to a Monday Holiday, is, unfortunately, reduced to a school and bank holiday with retail stores announcing big sales. The network news pays homage to this great American with a few sound-bites of the "I Have a Dream" speech. There is little tradition that goes along with this day of remembrance. It doesn't even come close to memorializing our great American leader of Civil Rights.

I remember when the Super Bowl used to be in January. Now it, too, has deserted January for a February 4th date this year.

Even the Chinese New Year has left January bereft. The Chinese New Year of the Year 2018 will be Friday, February 16, 2018, year of the Earth Dog. The traditional celebrations of the festival include eating a reunion dinner with family, giving red envelopes, firecrackers, new clothes, and decorations. Big families of several generations sit around round tables and enjoy the food and time together. Also, red underwear is a tradition along with dancing and parades. With our polar vortex with temperatures considerably below other winters, I could wear my red flannel long johns under the many layers of clothes that have become my anti-fashion statement.

Most other months have holidays with their own colors, decorations, traditions, cards and gourmet menus. I think January deserves one too. I think this holiday should be an Anti-cabin Fever Day.

I remember when a nursery/daycare school once had a Hawaiian Day. They turned up the thermostats, trucked in sand, set up kiddie pools with warm water, erected palm trees, and were WARM while the weather outside was the coldest. All the kids wore bathing suits, sunglasses, leis, and ate snacks like pineapple and coconut. They played Hawaiian music and learned hula dancing.

I guess the grown-up version of that day looks more like a Snow-Bird Exodus from the frozen north to Florida, tropical islands and points south. Seems like, as I get older, more and more friends and neighbors take a winter hiatus. For us remaining frozen chickadees in the northeast, I propose a WARM day. Perhaps we could spend the day in flannel pajamas and slippers with the thermostat yanked up to 72 degrees. We could drink hot chocolate with tiny marshmallows or, better yet, Pina Colodas, looking at the deluge of travel magazines and seed catalogues that fill my snow-covered mailbox. Mac and Cheese could be the day's special menu accompanied with banana bread fresh from the oven.

Happy January. We all need something to celebrate right now.

"An American Story: The Phasianidae Family & Friends"

The Olive Free Library is pleased to present a solo exhibition by Susan J. York, titled "An American Story: The Phasianidae Family & Friends" in the library's Community Room Gallery, held from February 17 through April 1, with an opening reception on Saturday, February 17, 2 - 4 pm.

After the completion and launch in 2016 of her "Gathering Goodness Mosaic" (a 108 piece painting project in response to having had a life threatening cancer diagnosis in 2012; this 5'x35' Mosaic celebrates visions of Peace, Love and Joy to bring awareness and support to ovarian cancer through its exhibitions in hospitals), Shokan artist Susan J. York took a look at her native fauna and found herself focusing on the subtle beauty of the wild turkeys that visited her yard. The peaceful setting was in sharp contrast to the daily headlines of campaign slogans, shootings and racial tensions. These disparate areas of focus spawned 19 paintings originally exhibited before the November 2016 election as "American Values: The Phasianidae Family". Post-election, York has added five new canvases for the current exhibition "An American Story: The Phasianidae Family & Friends" to be exhibited in West Shokan at the Olive Free Library.

The Phasianidae Family comprises birds of the pheasant family including peacocks, turkeys, pheasants, partridge and quail. York uses these and other feathered friends to create beautiful paintings with a deeper - sometimes darker - meaning when one looks at the titles or the exhibit taken as a whole.

We discover that the turkey and peacocks are members of the same family. Yet one is revered as a pet or a symbol of fashion, the other is considered a game bird worthy only of being hunted and eaten rather than given equal respect. One screams with human like sounds, the other gobbles and goes about its business.

The white peacock in "Some Days It's All Too Much" is a reflection of our first world problems: being overwhelmed by emotions and unaware of how much we have as we focus inward on problems of self. By contrast the turkey is a native American symbol of abundance and exemplifies gratitude in our Thanksgiving story. The culture difference in "Don't Shoot" is an obvious parallel to issues of Black Lives Matter.

Benjamin Franklin's commentary on the American Turkey as a "... respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America. He is besides, tho' a little vain and silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a Red Coat on." This sliver of history and the Aesop's story of the Peacock's Lament provide the contrast that make the two classes of birds symbols for the Haves and the Have Nots, and subjects to represent racial tension.

"By using birds as characters in this "American Story", I hope to give us a way to look at our own humanity -- or lack thereof -- in how we are treating one another and what we seem to value", York says.

Susan York is a teaching artist who grew up in Maine. She received a Bachelor of Fine Art degree from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, a former board member of the Southern Aroostook Cultural Arts Project, a past member of the Nashville Art Institute, the National Writer's Union, and is co-founder of the Nashville

Illustrators Focus Team.

Susan's artwork has been exhibited in galleries throughout New England and in Tennessee. Her work hangs in private collections in the United States, Canada, Ireland and Great Britain. Examples of her work may be seen at her website: browndoginink.com or you may follow her work through Brown Dog Ink on Facebook.

Susan J. York - An American Story: The Phasianidae Family & Friends

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Art and music is also incorporated into our educational programs and we regularly partner with musicians and other organizations to host cultural events. Check out our events page for the current lineup.

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Upcoming Events

- February 2-4, 2018 - The Winter Hoot
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- March 11, 2018 - Low Lily with John Whelan & Katie McNally in Concert
- May 6, 2018 - Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in Concert
- May 26, 2018 - All-Star Uke Concert

Catskill Park Day 2018

Since 2013, the Catskill Center, Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Park Coalition have annually led groups of volunteers in a day of Catskills advocacy in Albany. The goal is to meet with as many of the 214 New York State legislators as possible on February 6.

The day will be spent discussing the needs of the Catskill Park, Catskill Forest Preserve and our Catskill communities and presenting our legislators with the 2018 budget priorities, as they have been determined by the Catskill Park Coalition.

This year, we'll be asking for a Catskill Park Funding Package of \$14,350,000 to be included in the 2018 New York State Budget. The package is designed to facilitate

* Catskills Economic Development funding line in the amount of \$500,000 directed towards the Catskill Watershed Corporation for shovel-ready access and stewardship projects across the Catskill Park;

* \$10 million in funding to support Catskill Park stewardship, education, improvements and infrastructure maintenance by the NYSDEC and through;

- Continuing the Adventure NY Program;
- Supporting stewardship line in the Environmental Protection Fund;
- Continuing Campground and DEC facility improvements;
- Funding Smart Growth Grants for Catskill Park communities;
- Continuing the Catskill Conservation Corps, Professional Trail Crews and Summit/Trail Stewards programs with partners;
- Implement mountain biking plan at Belleayre Mountain; and
- Feasibility study to connect Empire State Trail to Catskill Trail networks.

* Support the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center as the Visitor Center for the Catskill Park and the gateway to the Catskills region with funding for new exhibits and technology and annual operations support (\$600,000; \$500k for exhibits and \$100k for operations);

* Increase the budget and staffing for the NYSDEC's Division of Lands and Forest to better manage Catskill Park. Hold annual Forest Ranger Academies to maintain and grow Ranger force to maintain public safety (\$1,000,000);

* Funding to support the "Save the Hemlocks" initiative led by Cornell University to reduce the impact of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on hemlock trees by developing effective biocontrols (\$1,500,000);

* Push for carbon neutral/green infrastructure in new projects across the Catskill Park including electric vehicle charging stations and solar panel installations at State Campgrounds, the Catskill Interpretive Center and at Belleayre Ski Center (\$500,000);

* Support continued funding of the Belleayre Ski Center Unit Management Plan for projects not related to private resort expansion; and

* New funding for Catskill Park Scenic Byways to support regional byway coordination and management efforts led the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway and the Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway organizations (\$250,000).

In 2017, the Catskill Park Day action generated a historic \$7.2 million commitment for the Catskill Park from the state of New York and an \$8 million commitment for the Belleayre Ski Center.

The 2017 monies benefitted infrastructure improvements within the "blue line" of the park, continued community Smart Growth Grants and provided funding for improvements to the Belleayre Ski Center. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Catskill Park Day 2018
 (From Pg. 6) In years past, thanks to the support of Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature, the Catskill Park and region have seen strong growth in the marketing and promotion of the Catskills, which has provided a boost to our tourism-based economy.

State programs like the Governor's Catskills Challenge and I Love New York promotions have dramatically raised regional awareness and buoyed the profile of the Catskills. We see the benefits of that promotion at locations like our Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, where we are welcoming and introducing the Catskills to hundreds of new visitors every month.

The day's success is largely determined by public participation. Here's what you can do —

- Spend the day with us in Albany. Make the Catskills personal for all 63 state senators, 150 members of the Assembly and Governor Cuomo by shaking hands and sharing five minutes of what's so special about the Catskills.
- Call the Governor's office at 518-474-8390. Ask him to support the Catskill Park Coalition's \$14m Catskill package and let him know why the Catskills are important to you. And please thank him for the AdventureNY program, \$7.2m in 2017 Catskill Park funding, \$8m in Belleayre funding and his efforts to promote the region.
- Call your local Assembly member. Don't know who they are? Find out at www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search/
- Call your State Senator. Let them know that you support the Catskill Park Coalition's Catskill Package and that you want them to support it. And that you vote! www.nysenate.gov/registration/nojs/form/star/find-my-senator
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Be sure to document your action and share it on social media with the hashtag #catskillparkday2018. We'd love to hear how it went!

The Coalition will also be offering an advocacy primer in January, which will be hosted by the Catskill Center.

Attendees will learn about the Catskill Park Coalition, which the Catskill Center Co-Chairs, learn about the past advocacy successes and discover what the Coalition's 2018 priorities are for the Catskill Park.

Led by the Catskill Center's Executive Director Jeff Senterman, the workshop will introduce attendees to the basics of advocacy in Albany, starting with calls to local representatives, tips for visiting with legislators and advice in how best to raise your voice and make a difference for our Catskill Park.

Attendees will also learn about the Catskill Park Coalition, which the Catskill Center Co-Chairs, about previous advocacy successes and learn more about the Coalition's 2018 priorities for the Catskill Park.

The workshop will help citizens get engaged with 2018 Catskill Park Day, whether or not they can be present in Albany.

For those who are unable to attend in person, a call-in option will be available at (845) 414-3399. A \$5 donation is requested at the door to help support advocacy efforts like this for the Catskills.

The workshop will be held Thursday, Jan 25, at 6pm at the Catskill Center in Arkville. For more information contact Jonathan Mogelev, 845.586.2611 or jmogelev@catskillcenter.org.

The Catskill Park Coalition is an alliance of like-minded groups committed to working together to broaden public appreciation for the Catskill Park and seek additional resources to enhance, maintain, and make available to the public the extraordinary opportunities the Park and its surroundings offer and can offer.

Catskill Park details can be found at <http://catskillcenter.org/catskillparkday/>

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Free fly-tying Classes - Fun with Feathers and Fur

The Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library is offering their annual free fly tying classes beginning on Saturday February 10, and continuing through Saturday, March 10. The classes take place from 10 AM - 2 PM at Phoenicia Rod and Gun Club, 5419 Route 28, Mount Tremper, NY 12457.

The classes open to all aged 14 or above. Participants must provide their own equipment. There are a number of vises for youngsters to use. We will supply feathers and hooks. Experienced tiers are welcome to sit and tie along. People who wish to come observe this art are welcome. Bring a lunch.

The fly tying classes are led by local licensed guide, Hank Rope, with assistance from members of Trout Unlimited. Fly tying is a fantastic combination of art, science, history, culture and skill and we will teach you how!

Registration is required. Call Hank Rope at 845-254 5904 to register.

For the past twenty-one years, the Jerry Bartlett Angling Collection at the Phoenicia Library, has offered workshops, presentations and special events celebrating the rich heritage of Catskill trout fishing and the healthy ecosystem on which it depends. In addition to an extensive collection of books about fishing and fly tying, rods, tackle, historical memorabilia and other resources. For more information on library hours, or to receive annual newsletter, see www.phoenicialibrary.org

Outdoor Adventure Awaits!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of DEC's "Find Your Adventure" e-newsletter. With more than five million acres of public lands, DEC provides countless opportunities to connect with nature. Go hiking in the Catskills or Adirondacks, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on forest lands, camping in wilderness areas, or boating, paddling or fishing on scenic streams and lakes. With this new monthly email, we hope to inspire you to connect to these places and activities.

It is critical that we protect and enhance the natural resources that allow people to access and enjoy outdoor recreation, view birds and wildlife in action, and explore our state's and nation's history.

Through the Adventure NY initiative, (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/62.html>) we are enhancing access to state lands and building on our efforts to provide high-quality outdoor experiences for both residents and visitors to New York. Whether you are planning your first outdoor trip or are an avid outdoor adventurer, we think you'll appreciate the improvements we're making.

No matter where you are in New York, an outdoor adventure awaits you. I encourage you to discover the excitement of the outdoors-starting right now.

Basil Seggos, Commissioner

Neversink Chamber of Commerce gets Some Much-needed Sorting Help

(From Pg. 1) On Thursday, January 18, 2018 the Monticello High School Kiwanis Key Club, in conjunction with Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) coordinator Jane Sorensen held a sorting event with club members and staff after school. All 750 sweatshirts were sorted and 475 were prepared for delivery to seven local schools and organizations.

Leo Giannini, President of the Neversink Chamber said, "During the Toy Drive this year, school coordinators mentioned that insufficient winter clothes and warm blankets were a concern for some children and we knew we had to add a warm layer component to the Toy Drive. One of our members, Thunder View Farms, donated 24 fleece blankets, and the Chamber was able to get a pallet of sweatshirts for the right price. It's fantastic that we are getting these items to children that need them."

The Neversink Chamber of Commerce is requesting that any Sullivan County organization or school that would like to receive sweatshirts please contact admin@neversinkchamber.com for more information.



Jr/Sr High School Concert Brings Joy to Fallsburg



Three soloists from the Chamber Chorus that performed in "Dodi Li"; left to right in the foreground are Jasmine Johnson, Ashley Hernandez and Justin Mednick.

During these chilly winter nights, it was warmth that filled the air during the performances of Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School musicians on January 9 in the school auditorium. The different choruses led by Director Colleen Barber and accompanied by Leon Hilfstien, lifted the audience spirits with beautiful arrangements of "The Seal Lullaby," "Fight Song", and "All I Want for Christmas." The many choral soloists were excellent and had the audience cheering and clapping with each performer. Ms. Barber congratulated the Chamber Chorus, the Junior Chorus and the Senior Chorus for going far outside their comfort zones and reaching new heights of challenging rhythms, memorizing different languages and mixing difficult harmonies.

The Junior and Senior Bands under the direction of Danna Clear added beautiful melodic holiday music, with songs such as "Hanukkah Holiday" and "Hymn of Praise." The fifty-one pieces in the Senior Band filled the stage and played to the delight of all. The Junior Band, with thirty young members, shows that the Music Department is rich with talent for future years. The teachers are thankful to the parents and families that filled the theater and that supported their children to perform so capably.

Join Fallsburg's Fight against Bullying

Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) invites the Fallsburg Community to an exciting presentation called "Sweethearts & Heroes" (S & H) on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. This program is especially designed for parents, guardians, school staff and community members to gain a healthier perspective related to technology and cyber-bullying; to know the differences between bullying versus conflict; and to develop an action plan for what to do if your child falls or experiences bullying in the school or in the community.

During two full school days on February 5 and 6 FCSD staff and students from both school buildings will receive age appropriate training from S & H presenters. These two days and the Community Forum are a major part of FCSD encouraging a safe and secure environment that best supports student learning.

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TUESDAY



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Skate With the Sheriff



On Friday January 19, 2018, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Sullivan County NAACP and Skater's World in Ferndale to present the Sheriff's latest Community Outreach Event entitled "Skate with the Sheriff". Approximately 100 deserving children and their parents were treated to an evening of free roller skating, pizza and prizes courtesy of Team Schiff. Uniformed deputy sheriffs from the Jail and Patrol Divisions were on hand to assist the children and monitor the evening's activities. NAACP Sullivan County Chapter President Sandra Oxford, (an accomplished skater herself), was present to coordinate the event along with Sheriff Mike Schiff and Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. "It was an incredible evening", said Sheriff Schiff. "The kids were so excited and we received a lot of compliments from the parents. Everyone had fun". (Contd. Pg. 11)

Tri-Valley Junior FBLA, FBLA Embarks on Museum and Hockey Field Trip



Junior FBLA members at the museum.

(From Pg. 1) Before the hockey game, we had the opportunity to listen to some helpful speakers on their tips and tricks of business and industry. The speakers were from all different industries, such as teachers, accountants, managers, and more. I think everyone retained some new knowledge from them. We also heard their backstories, where they came from, and how they got to where they are now.

Last, but certainly not least, we all sat down to watch a hockey game. When we first got to the hockey rink we received a tour of the arena from Tri-Valley alum Jon Edwards, who works for the Adirondack Thunder. Thank you to our chaperones Michelle Decker, Kristin Jung, Kate Kelly, Matt Haynes, Kim Patete, and Nancy Peters who made this trip possible. It was very informative and a fun time for all!



One family of Fallsburg residents, mom Allison Wall-Carty and her children 2nd grader Avery and 5th grader Jordyn, who participated in the Anti-Bullying Color Run in October at FHS.

Witness the effectiveness of the S & H staff at work in videos on the website: www.sweetheartsandheroes.com

The interaction between presenters and students is totally inspiring. You will see that "we all have it in us to be someone's Sweetheart and the power to be a Hero." We can make a difference in the lives of our children.

For more information on Sweethearts & Heroes Presentation, please call FCSD Family and Community Engagement Liaison Aleta Lyman at 845-434-6800, Ext. 1223.

Frost Valley Announces New Horse Program for Children on Spring Break

Frost Valley's annual Spring Break Day Camp is a local favorite for families looking to provide children ages 4-15 with growth-filled programming during their school spring break. For years now, the program has allowed children to have fun in the great outdoors, while making new friends, learning life-long skills, and building strong character values. This year, the day camp program will run from March 26 to 30 and will include all the activities children love: hiking, tours of the Maple Sugar House, sports and games, candle making, "Incredible Edibles" (a healthy cooking class in the camp's teaching kitchen), climbing, and more. Weather permitting, campers also take a field trip to a local indoor pool for swimming.



In addition to this perennial favorite, Frost Valley is now offering a brand new program: a Spring Break Horse Camp at East Valley Ranch, on Denning Road just 14 miles from Frost Valley's main camp. This engaging program is designed to give children a chance to learn new skills, re-unite with campers from the summer, and make new friends. Campers will spend half the day learning about grooming, horse care, and the sense of responsibility and confidence that horses foster in children. The remainder of the day will be filled with Frost Valley's signature camp activities such as arts & crafts, games, climbing, and ropes courses. The program is open to children in pre-K to second grade (minimum of four years old) and is appropriate both for campers who have never been around horses as well as campers with plenty of experience. Horseback riding is planned for each day of the program, but will be weather dependent.

Both of these options for local families are guided by Frost Valley's mission and eight core values: caring, community, diversity, honesty, inclusiveness, responsibility, respect, and stewardship. Transportation is available to and from Liberty, Grahamsville, Neversink, and Big Indian and is included in the registration fee. Families are encouraged to register their children soon to avoid the waiting list. Learn more or register online at www.frostvalley.org today. If you have any questions, call 845-985-2291 or email daycamp@frostvalley.org

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Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Honor Roll for First Quarter



Indicating that the event was a family affair are mom GinaMarie Colombo with daughters Gianna and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipient Arianna Colombo Gonzalez.

It was wall-to-wall students and families celebrating the School Year 2017-2018 First Quarter Honor Roll Recipients at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) held in the school Cafetorium on December 19, 2017. The number of Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll was a total of 167 fourth, fifth and sixth graders. The number of parents, guardians, family members and school staff had to be almost three times that amount, with at least seventy standees.

Principal Mary Kate Stinehour welcomed the audience and congratulated the students for their achievement and the families for all the support they offered their children. Along with Assistant Principal David Viglione, certificates went to each Honor Roll awardee by class. The last awards for Superintendent's Honor Roll were given by Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz. Each succeeding group on stage was enveloped in the flash of cell phone cameras in the hands of the proud parents and siblings.

Honor Roll Awards at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School for the First Quarter of 2017-2018 held at the school on December 19, 2018.

FHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team Player Diamond Weeks Recognized for Breaking All-Time Points Record



Senior guard Diamond Weeks of the Fallsburg High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team receiving a plaque from the team's Head Basketball Coach Daniel Redmond that commemorates her breaking the Fallsburg School Basketball All-Time Points Record on January 2, 2018. The record was 1,342 points held by Sam Copeland since 1975. Flanking Diamond and the coach are her proud father and mother, Adrian Weeks and Marian Brown.

Skate With the Sheriff

(From Pg. 8) The Sheriff noted how all too often the news media reports how certain police agencies around the nation are at odds with the communities they serve. "We are lucky here in Sullivan County", said Schiff. "We stay in touch with our community leaders so that we can diffuse any potential problems that may arise. Events like this evening's "Skate with the Sheriff" help to solidify those relationships".

The Sheriff thanked the following members of the community for their assistance in putting on this event: NAACP President Sandra Oxford and NAACP Secretary Elaine Williams, Darrin Edelglass who is the owner of Skater's World, Les Kristt of Kristt Company and the men and women of the Sheriff's Office

The 6th Annual Winter Hoot at Ashokan / Fri-Sun, Feb 2-4

Music, dancing, local food and beverages, film, art and nature activities for all ages, the 6th Annual Winter Hoot welcomes the community, one and all, for a spirit-raising good time in mid-winter! Attend for a few hours or the whole weekend - tickets are "give what you can" at the door. Purchase in advance for guaranteed parking and entry.



Featuring: Spirit Family Reunion, The Mammals (Mike & Ruthy), Anna & Elizabeth Connor Kennedy, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason, Tracy Bomham (As the Crow Flies), adio Jarocho, The Wiyos, Little

Leatherwood (Stephanie Coleman & Little Nora Brown), Megan Downes, Uncle Rock, Jaakim Lartey. 845-657-8333/ www.hoot.love

Located in the storied Catskill Mountains adjacent to the Ashokan Reservoir, the primary water source for New York City, The Ashokan Center is the oldest outdoor environmental education organization in New York State. Our bucolic 385-acre campus is comprised of fields, forests, trails and streams and features a number of historically significant structures including Turnwood Covered Bridge (1885), the original Marletown Schoolhouse (1817), and the Winchell Farmhouse (1780).

To achieve our goal of teaching, inspiring and building community, we conduct residential and day programs for students and teachers of all ages in the following areas: Natural Science including Watershed Studies and Ecology, Living History, and Team Building.

Other programming includes our renowned week-long overnight Ashokan Music & Dance Camps, concerts, dances, and visual art exhibitions.

The Ashokan Center offers a wide variety of music and arts programming including the renowned Ashokan Music & Dance Camps. Led by musicians Jay Ungar and Molly Mason (Jay & Molly), two of Ashokan's most valued supporters, these popular week-long camps are a place where people come together to become better fiddlers, guitarists, mandolin players, uke players, percussionists, singers, dancers and teachers.

Art and music is also incorporated into our educational programs and we regularly partner with musicians and other organizations to host cultural events. Check out our events page for the current lineup.

The Hoot, one of our most popular events, is a biannual music festival presented in collaboration with folk music duo Mike & Ruthy. Tickets for The Hoot may be purchased at HomeoftheHoot.com.

- Upcoming Events
- o February 2-4, 2018 | The Winter Hoot
 - o February 18, 2018 | Andrew Collins Trio in Concert
 - o March 11, 2018 | Low Lily with John Whelan & Katie McNally in Concert
 - o May 6, 2018 | Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in Concert
 - o May 26, 2018 | All-Star Uke Concert

Mock Book Awards Held at Sullivan BOCES

LIBERTY - On January 18th, School Library Media Specialists from Sullivan Counties Schools met for the 11th Annual Mock Book Awards. The Mock Book Awards allows area Library Media Specialists the opportunity to come together to discuss and rate newly published school-aged books.

This program gives us the opportunity to discuss literature, best practices and collaborate among our colleagues," said Lindsay Marchetti, School Library Media

Specialist at the Tri-Valley Secondary School. "Over the years, books are becoming more diverse and having this opportunity for librarians to come together to talk about what's new and how to get students exposed to the diversity is beneficial. We all face the challenge of getting students interested in reading. This event is the beginning of the next step to getting the students to read more."

"My plan is to bring today's books back to my students. This along participating in the BOCES Library Services' 'March Book Madness' and 'Battle of the Books' programs and participating in 'Read Across America', will help me reach my goal of getting our students exposed to a variety of books. At Tri-Valley, we encourage students to read books, e-books, and audio books. Through these platforms, students are able to read in the method that works best for them," added Marchetti.

The awards are divided into three categories, Newbery, Caldecott, and Printz.

The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children up to age 14. The Caldecott Medal is given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The Printz Award is an award for fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or an anthology that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature ages 12 through 18

The following books were selected by the group as the best books for the 2017-2018 school year.

Newbery Medal (children's book):
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Honor Books:
Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sang King
See you in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng

Caldecott Medal (illustrated picture books):
Red & Lulu by Matt Tavares

Honor Books:
Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers & illustrated by Shawn Harris
Before She was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome & illustrated by James E. Ransome

Printz Medal (young adult books):
The Hate U Give: a novel by Angie Thomas

Honor books:
Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor
Allegedly by Tiffany D. Jackson
For information about Sullivan BOCES' School Library System, please at call (845) 295-4090 or visit scbores.org.

Water Resources Art & Poetry Contest Inspires Next Generation of Environmentalists

Students from New York City and the Upstate Watersheds are invited to submit Original Works of Art and Poetry; Work of the 2017 Art Champions is Available on DEP's Flickr Page

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Vincent Sapienza today announced the launch of the 32nd annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter or parochial schools, and those who are home-schooled, in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for New York's shared water resources. Entries will be accepted online until March 9, 2018.

"With some turning their backs on science and our environment, there has never been a more important time to inspire young New Yorkers to learn about, protect and celebrate our shared natural resources," said DEP Commissioner Sapienza. "For 32 years, the annual Art and Poetry contest has given young New Yorkers a wonderful opportunity to use their artistic abilities to learn about and express the importance of protecting our environment and water resources."

Students can submit poems and artwork including paintings, collages, three-dimensional models, photography, animation and videos of dance performances, public service announcements and songs based on five central themes: water, the drinking water system, wastewater treatment, harbor water quality and stewardship/climate change.

Last year, about 1,800 New York City and watershed students representing 100 schools

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submitted either original poems or artwork about New York's water resources. In May, all participants were honored at a celebration at the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center in Long Island City, Queens, where the artwork and poems were displayed. For this year's contest, teachers, parents and students can visit www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry to view the contest guidelines and resource materials, submit entries online, see past winners, and learn more about New York City water.

DEP's Water Resources Art and Poetry program helps raise awareness about the importance of clean, high-quality drinking water, and what it takes to maintain New York City's water supply and wastewater treatment systems. The 2018 contest will focus on five central themes that incorporate STEM and humanities disciplines:

- o Water, A Precious Resource: To recognize the importance of a clean and plentiful supply of water.
- o New York City Water Supply System: To explore the history of the New York City Water Supply System and its present-day source, operation, delivery, protection and maintenance.
- o New York City Wastewater Treatment System: To examine our sewer infrastructure; and the purpose of, and process for, cleaning wastewater in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson Watersheds.
- o Harbor Water Quality and Healthy Marine Ecosystems: To discover the richness of our marine life, and opportunities for recreation and commerce on local waterbodies; and to understand the work that is being done to monitor and ensure healthy water quality.
- o Water Stewardship and Climate Change: What Can We Do To Help? To consider our influence on the environment and how we can address and help resolve environmental issues that impact our neighborhoods, our city, and beyond.

Entries will be judged based on creativity in interpreting one or more of the contest themes, accuracy of information, originality, and skill. An impartial panel of judges will review the entries and select art and poetry winners from each category (grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12).

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City. The water is delivered from a watershed that extends more than 125 miles from the city, comprising 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes. Approximately 7,000 miles of water mains, tunnels and aqueducts bring water to homes and businesses throughout the five boroughs, and 7,500 miles of sewers and 96 pump stations take wastewater to 14 in-city treatment plants. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 in the upstate watershed. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program, with a planned \$20.7 billion in investments 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, or follow us on Twitter.

More Than 2,500 Athletes Expected to Compete in 17 Sports Over Three Days as 38th Empire State Winter Games Begin on February 1

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the 38th annual Empire State Winter Games will kick off on Thursday, February 1 and will run until Sunday, February 4 in Lake Placid. More than 2,500 participants will compete in 17 different sports during the three-day multi-sport festival.

"The North Country is home to world-class winter sports and this February, New York welcomes thousands of athletes and winter sports enthusiasts to enjoy the 38th Empire State Winter Games," Governor Cuomo said. "I encourage families from near and far to watch the games and enjoy all that the North Country has to offer."

This multi-sport destination festival gives amateur athletes the opportunity to compete in world-class Olympic venues in more than 30 events. The Games will kick off with an inaugural Torch Relay departing from New York City.

The 2018 Empire State Winter Games includes an expanded outdoor village located on Lake Placid's Main Street. The Village will host the ESGW cauldron, a Jumbotron with livestreaming, ESGW television event coverage, live music, spectator speed tubing, and the 2018 ESGW winter bike and NorX competitions. One of 2018's new events, the inaugural Rail Jam competition, will take place at Malone's Titus Mountain. The Village will also feature samples of soups and chili prepared by local chefs for Taste of the Games.

Outdoor sporting events will be held at the Saranac Lake Civic Center, and Nordic and alpine skiing will be held at Dewey Mountain and Mount Pisgah in Saranac Lake. Additionally, Paul Smith's College's Visitors Interpretive Center will host snowshoe racing events.

Olympic Regional Development Authority President and CEO Mike Pratt said, "This has been an extremely exciting winter on ORDA's venues. Lake Placid has hosted five international events that have played significant roles in selecting Olympic teams around the world. Everyone at ORDA takes tremendous pride in not only hosting World Cup and world championship caliber competition, but also events like this that inspire future Olympians."

AG Schneiderman Leads Coalition of 22 Attorneys General in Filing Petition for Review, Formally Commencing Lawsuit

NEW YORK - Today, New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman led a coalition of 22 Attorneys General in filing a multistate lawsuit to block the Federal Communications Commission's illegal rollback of net neutrality. The coalition filed a petition for review in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, formally commencing the lawsuit against the FCC and the federal government.

"An open internet - and the free exchange of ideas it allows - is critical to our democratic process," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "The repeal of net neutrality would turn internet service providers into gatekeepers - allowing them to put profits over consumers while controlling what we see, what we do, and what we say online. This would be a disaster for New York consumers and businesses, and for everyone who cares about a free and open internet. That's why I'm proud to lead this broad coalition of 22 Attorneys General in filing suit to stop the FCC's illegal rollback of net neutrality."

Click here to read the petition. The lawsuit is led by Attorney General Schneiderman, and filed by the Attorneys General of New York, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

The repeal of net neutrality would have dire consequences for consumers and businesses in New York and across the country that rely on a free and open internet - allowing internet service providers to block certain content, charge consumers more to access certain sites, and throttle or slow the quality of content from content providers that don't pay more.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, the FCC cannot make "arbitrary and capricious" changes to existing policies, such as net neutrality. The FCC's new rule fails to justify the Commission's departure from its long-standing policy and practice of defending net neutrality, while misinterpreting and disregarding critical record evidence on industry practices and harm to consumers and businesses (which were detailed in Attorney General Schneiderman's comments submitted last year). Moreover, the rule wrongly reclassifies broadband internet as a Title I information service, rather than a Title II telecommunications service, based on an erroneous and unreasonable interpretation of the Telecommunications Act. Finally, the rule improperly and unlawfully includes sweeping preemption of state and local laws.

Assemblymember Cahill Comments on 2018 Budget Priorities

Today Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Kingston) issued the following statement in reply to Governor Cuomo's 2018 Executive Budget presentation, a \$168.2 billion proposal which focuses on restructuring the state tax code in the face of federal tax law changes and the need to fill a \$4 billion budget gap:

"In the face of a massive deficit, this year is posed to be one of the most fiscally challenging in recent memory. The Governor offered proposals, plans and studies to meet constraints created by lower than anticipated tax receipts and the all-out assault on New York from the federal government and President Trump. Congressional action to eliminate the deductibility of state and local taxes is projected to cost New York taxpayers \$14 billion at a time when critical programs, particularly health care are also suffering massive cuts. The Governor pointed to the \$48 billion more New Yorkers send to Washington than it receives from the federal government in services. Our budget process now appears to be defined by plugging holes to fund massive tax breaks across the country for the nation's largest corporations.

The proposal to transition to a state payroll tax can be a step in the right direction to counteract the Congressional mandate that our residents subsidize this federal tax plan. Less clear were references by the Governor to charitable structures which would be set up to provide traditional state services. The federal tax laws regarding deductibility are clear; individuals receiving services cannot claim those expenses against their individual tax liability. The Executive is correct that these are extremely difficult times. Resorting to gimmicks and vague plans that would likely be ignored by the federal government and overruled by the courts do not rise to the challenges we face. Besides mentioning that these payments may not be matched 'dollar for dollar' the Governor himself made reference to the questionable legality of these proposals, but offered minimal clarification to residents.

On the issue of education, parents, students and community members sought leadership in ensuring that our State gets serious about funding our schools so that every child receives an equitable education regardless of their zip code. Unfortunately, today's budget release is 1.2% shy of previous state projections when it comes to education aid. New York's questionable past when it comes to appropriately funding education means that we must do more every step of the way. The announcement that a \$769 million dollar or 3% increase would be offered is an encouraging start but well shy of the \$1.6 billion increase amount proposed by the Board of Regents. We must remain steadfast that funds are focused on ensuring that all students in our schools everywhere in New York are provided with a 21st century education.

While the Governor rightfully pointed out that property taxes are amongst the highest in the nation. The idea that shared services can provide some temporary relief and savings for individual communities does not provide the long term solutions necessary to combat the threat to the fiscal security of homeowners and families across the State. Now is the time to consider larger solutions such as the source of education funding, school district boundaries and the services provided by our Boards of Cooperative Education Services. Sadly, the Governor mention of this problem provides little in substance for tangible solutions.

Health care funding also commanded an appropriate focus in the address. After acknowledging drastic federal cuts, the Governor proposed new taxes on health insurance and short term fixes through money grabs from non-profit health insurance companies converting into for profit entities. At a time where

there is growing uncertainty about our nation's healthcare system instead of disruptive proposals it is important that New York provides a balance in the marketplace that ensures access and continuity of care.

Other funding efforts released in today's address included another attempt by the State to create an internet sales tax. If successful, such a tax is projected to create \$80 million from online purchases. Another \$127 million is expected through a new tax on prescription opioids.

The address, short on specifics, leaves the legislature with a great deal of work ahead. We are all eagerly awaiting the details of the Governor's proposals. It is incumbent upon the Legislature to ensure that despite these financial hurdles, that New York State government continues to provide a framework which promotes economic security for middle class families and upward mobility for our citizens. Today is an important day in presenting a plan for the State Budget, but is only the beginning of a critical process of revision.

Statement from Senator Bonacic in Response to Governor Cuomo's State Budget Address

(Albany, NY)- "The Governor's Executive Budget is a starting point in this year's budget process. Now it is the Legislature's turn to put its imprint on our state spending plan for New York. When it comes to this year's budget, my focus is going to be on controlling spending, cutting taxes, creating jobs, and investing in key areas that will improve the quality of life for middle-class families."

"Many weeks of legislative budget hearings will begin immediately, allowing us to examine every detail, make changes and build upon what the Governor has proposed. I am committed to working with my colleagues in both chambers to produce a good budget that improves the lives of middle-class taxpayers in New York State."

Senator Bonacic Joins His Senate Republican Colleagues in Unveiling the 2018 Affordability Agenda

(Albany, NY)-State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) stood with his colleagues in the Senate Republican Conference as they unveiled their 2018 affordability agenda designed to help individuals, families, and seniors continue to live, work, and succeed in New York. The Senate is advancing a three-pronged "Blueprint for a Stronger New York" that focuses on making the state less costly and more attractive for hardworking New Yorkers. When combined together, the Senate's Affordability, Opportunity, and Security agendas comprise a powerful and comprehensive plan to give all New Yorkers the opportunity to succeed.

The announcement details the first part: an Affordability Agenda that focuses on broad-based relief for families and seniors. The Affordability blueprint includes:

- Lower Income Taxes;
- Lower Property Taxes;
- Lower Energy Taxes;
- Lower Taxes on Retirement Income; and
- Reforms to Control Spending and Prevent Tax Increases.

"The Senate Republicans affordability agenda will seek to lower taxes for middle-class New Yorkers, allowing them to keep more money in their paychecks while also decreasing the cost of living for hardworking taxpayers," said Senator Bonacic.

Also, Senator Bonacic voted in favor of legislation (S.365) that enacts a permanent two-percent spending cap, and legislation (S.1207) that would make the two-percent tax cap permanent. For the last seven years, the self-imposed two-percent state spending cap has saved New Yorkers \$41 billion, while the property tax cap has protected taxpayers from \$23 billion in projected tax increases.

"My colleagues and I in the Senate Republican Conference have been laser-focused on reducing taxes for middle-class families and I am confident that with the permanent spending cap and permanent tax cap, we will see continued economic growth, said Bonacic.

For more information visit, www.nysenate.gov.



The Grahamsville United Methodist Church invites you to visit the Thrift Ministry in our recently improved building on the hill!

Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, and linens can now be found under one roof. "The Boutique" which offers new and gently used items is now located on the first floor of the thrift building.

Upcoming Saturday sales from 9:00 to noon:
February 17
March 17

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
356 State Route 55,
Grahamsville
985-2283

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Church St., Napanoch
YARD and CLOTHING SALE
Every Friday: 10 am-2:00 pm
Comics, dolls, household items, Christmas items, Children's clothes, Adult Clothing, vintage items, much more.

Join the Thrift Ministry Team at **Grahamsville United Methodist Church**
Volunteers Needed!
Please call the church (985-2283) for further information.

CrossWay Assembly of God
Service Times  Meet the new Pastor, **Camille Regolec**
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer 7 pm
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Ellenville, New York
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Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Pot Roast Dinner



Saturday, January 27, 2018
4:00 - 7:00
Eat In or Take Out
Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 18th



Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free
\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Boy Scout Troop 97
Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner
Neversink Fire House
April 7th
from 4:30pm to 6:30pm
We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert.
Adults \$13.00
Children under 12 \$8.00
Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from:
Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97
Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328
or Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

LATE ANNOUNCEMENT:
Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District 2018 Annual Tree & Shrub Program
The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District announces their 2018 Annual Tree & Shrub Program. For a complete list of Trees & Shrubs offered visit: Sullivanswcd.org. We will also post a complete list in the next issue of *The Townsman*.
Order Deadline is Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Pickup Dates are Friday, April 20, 2018 From: 8:30am - 4:00pm and Saturday, April 21, 2018 From: 8:30am - 11:00am
Please try to place your order by March 15th if you want to make sure to get what you order. All orders after this date are filled with remaining inventory.



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except:
Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm
Music by Fred VanWagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!
5277 State Rt. 42• South Fallsburg
845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041
Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY
Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Feb. 3, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
February 3rd
THIRD SATURDAY THRIFT SALE
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church
The Church with a friendly welcome
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

The annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 6, 2018 at the Daniel Pierce Library at 7:00 pm

1/18; 1/25

With Flu-Related Hospitalizations Up, Sullivan County Offering Vaccinations

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health officials and staff participated on a statewide conference call today to get an update from the NYS Department of Health Commissioner about the increase in the number of influenza cases and hospitalizations across New York. Sullivan County Public Health Services has implemented local flu surveillance reporting protocols in collaboration with area healthcare providers to help monitor flu prevalence in the County.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), it is difficult to say how severe this flu season will ultimately be, but at this time hospitalization rates are now higher than what was reported during the same week in prior years. The proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza is now above the epidemic threshold, which means that more deaths are occurring due to pneumonia and influenza than would be expected at this time of year.

Another 10 flu-related pediatric deaths were reported nationally this week, bringing the total number of flu-related pediatric deaths reported to CDC so far to 30. These flu activity indicators are notable for the sheer volume and intensity of flu that is occurring in most of the country at the same time.

Here are a few main points on flu activity this year so far:

- o It's likely there will be significant flu activity for many weeks to come.
- o So far, influenza A (H3N2) viruses have been most common this season.
- o H3N2-predominant seasons have been associated with more severe illness, especially among people older than 65 years and children.
- o Vaccine effectiveness (VE) against H3N2 viruses in the past has been around 30%, whereas effectiveness against H1N1 viruses has been about 60% and effectiveness against influenza B viruses has been around 50%.

The relatively lower vaccine effectiveness seen against H3N2 viruses may, in part, be caused by egg-adapted changes introduced when H3N2 viruses are optimized for growth in eggs, which is required for the egg-based production used to produce most U.S. flu vaccines.

Flu is difficult to predict. It's not possible to say in advance precisely when the 2017-2018 flu season will peak or end, how severe it will be, or what viruses will circulate over the course of the flu season.

It's not too late to get vaccinated. As long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination should continue throughout the flu season, even in January or later. We cannot know which viruses will circulate over the season and which virus will predominate. Flu vaccine protects against three or four different flu viruses, depending on which vaccine you get.

A 2017 study was the first of its kind to show that flu vaccination can significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from influenza.

Getting vaccinated yourself protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

While flu vaccine is not perfect and some people who get vaccinated may still get flu, there is some data to suggest that flu vaccination may make illness milder.

Influenza Treatment: Antiviral Medications

o Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over the counter.

o Influenza antiviral drugs are the only drugs approved to treat influenza infection.

o Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. Antiviral drugs fight viruses (like flu viruses) in your body; antibiotics fight infections in your body that are caused by bacteria.

o Antiviral drugs can make flu illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.

o There also are data showing that antiviral drugs may prevent serious flu complications such as preventing pneumonia and hospitalizations in outpatients, and reducing mortality and length of stay in hospitalized patients.

o Antiviral drugs work best when started within two days of symptoms first appearing, but there are data to suggest they can still be beneficial in very ill patients even up to five days after getting sick. This would be especially important for a person who is at high risk of serious flu complications and who is very sick.

Sullivan County Public Health Services will be providing flu vaccinations at its clinic at 50 Community Lane, Liberty, to residents by appointment only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning January 22, until supplies last. You must call 845-292-5910 x 0 to make an appointment during business hours (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

Alternatively, you can go to <https://vaccinefinder.org> or www.cdc.gov/flu to find a location near you where you can get vaccinated at a local pharmacy, or go to your healthcare provider.

In addition to getting a flu shot, it's important to practice good hand-hygiene: Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds to protect yourself from germs and avoid spreading them to others. Carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to use when soap and water are not available. Choose a product with at least 60% alcohol. Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. Instead, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. For more information about the flu, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/seasonal>

Fallsburg Volunteer Training Emphasizes Sensitivity to Diverse Cultures

On January 11, 2018, the Fallsburg Volunteer in the Classroom (VIC) program presented a lively morning of diversity training with Aleta Lymon, Family and Community Engagement Liaison for Fallsburg schools. The training focused on recognizing the developmental needs of Fallsburg's students, how they process information, and how to engage them in learning.



In the photo are seated Board of Education Member Dr. Stephanie Phillips; standing left to right volunteers Sonya Smith, Christina Frunzi and Maria Vanessa Delgado, FCSD Family and Community Engagement Liaison Aleta Lymon, volunteer Andrea Hook, and FCSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz. Arriving after the photo was taken were volunteer Diosdado Santiago and Board Member Renee Kates.

Using a PowerPoint Presentation with evidenced-based research, Ms. Lymon emphasized that culture plays a role in the way students communicate their thoughts. Researchers K. Garland and K. Bryan acknowledge that teachers must clearly relate teaching content to the cultural backgrounds of their students, as culture is central to learning.

Diversity training is especially relevant to VIC participants because 52% of current Fallsburg elementary students are Latino. It is estimated that by 2050 more than 1 in 3 children in the United States will be Latino.

Even the volunteers at the January 11 meeting represent the diversity of Sullivan County. Their backgrounds vary and their professional experiences include: information technology, psychology, special needs children, teaching, sales, healthcare, sports, and business. A special feature for the participants was a five minute video, "Being a Culturally Responsive Teacher."

The film showed teachers experiencing breakthroughs in classrooms when students sensed that the teachers began "to see them, believe in them and respect them." Teachers recognized the importance of creating a safe environment with strategies to engage students. Overall, both teachers in the film and volunteers at the training understood how diversity can be used in the advancement of learning.

The Fallsburg school system welcomes the contributions of its diverse volunteers. To become a Volunteer in the Classroom, call school board member Dr. Stephanie Phillips, 845-436-9857, or pick up an application in the Superintendent's office of Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School.

**LIFE IS A STORY...
Make Yours a Best Seller**

**SUNY Sullivan's 22nd
Annual Women's Conference
Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Keynote Speaker: Marion Grodin started as a writer for network sitcoms "It's a Living" and "Princesses" and later went on to sell six screenplays. For the last decade, Marion has been one of the hottest comics in the country. She is a favorite at NYC's top clubs, including Standup NY and Gotham Comedy Club, where she regularly headlines. She is always willing to be as self-revealing as she is probing of the audience. Marion has toured with Linda Ronstadt and opened for Lewis Black, Judy Gold, and Robert Klein. She has shared the stage with Jerry Seinfeld, Dave Chappelle, Roseanne Barr and Robin Williams. Marion has been on NBC's "Late Night" with Conan O'Brien and ABC's "The View". In addition, she worked with her father on "The Charles Grodin Show" as his comedy producer. Marion knows that laughter is truly the best medicine, having survived breast cancer, divorce, and various addictions including an inappropriate relationship with Haagen Dazs.

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Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

2018 Upcoming Events

- Jan 7 - Mar 4 Sundays Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.
- 2/9 Free Roller Skating Trip to Skaters World
- 2/10 Great American Outdoor Show
- 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation
- 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week
- 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch
- 6/1 Sister Act Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre - **SOLD OUT!**
- 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson
- 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert
- 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair
- 9/15 Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair - Plan Now for this event-Reserve your spot today!
- 9/29 Garlic Festival
- 10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze
- 10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat
- 11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover
- 12/1 Transportation to NYC
- 12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree Lighting
- 12/15 Disney on Ice

- 1/27/18 Grahamsville United Methodist Church **Pot Roast Dinner** 4:00 - 7:00 Eat In or Take Out
- 2/3/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/6/18 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Town of Denning Town Hall
- 2/10/18 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec **Great American Outdoor Show** in Harrisburg, PA
- 2/13/18 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/18/17 Claryville Fire Department **All You Can Eat Breakfast** - 7 am to Noon
- 2/20/18 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 2/17/18 Third Saturday Thrift Sale - Grahamsville UMC 9 am - 12 Noon
- 2/21/18 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/26/18 Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting. 7 pm Daniel Pierece Library Community Room

REMINDER: To all municipalities and local organizations, if you haven't already sent us a copy of your 2018 Calendar of Events to please send it as soon as possible to: *The Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
 We want to continue to post your meetings and events on our local calendar each week during the coming year.

SAVE THE DATE!

May 25-28, 2018 **Sundown Community 2nd Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!**
 Apr 7 - **Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner** 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

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- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- ZANETTI'S SERVICE STATION
- 3 GOLDEN'S CONVENIENCE STORE (Seasonal)

- LOCH SHELDRAKE** • VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
- FALLSBURG** • FALLSBURG TOWN HALL
- WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)
- CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD

- ELLENVILLE/NAPANOCH**
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- EWCOO
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- PETER'S MARKET
- THORTON HARDWARE
- SHOPRITE
- IL PARIDSO

2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 11th	May 10th	September 13th
February 15th	June 14th	October 11th
March 15th	July 12th	November 15th
April 12th	August 16th	December 13th

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
 PAYMENT BY:
 CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY — NO CASH OR CREDIT

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.



Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair

Both New and Used Items
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

UNDER PAVILION:
 New Items Only Space for Crafters and Home Demonstrators
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 8230 State Rt 55
 Grahamsville, NY
OUT ON LAWN:
 Yard Sale Space Marked & Assigned
 No More than One Family Per Space
 There will be no duplicate Home Party Demonstrators
 One item from each vendor is required for Raffle to Benefit Parks & Rec
 For All those Under Pavilion
Food will be **available** for sale throughout the day
 Mail to: Neversink Parks & Rec Dept. P O Box 307
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 or stop by the Town Hall on Tuesdays between 3 pm and 6 pm

In conjunction with the 19th Annual Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Tractor Show

Sweethearts & Heroes Anti-Bullying Presentation coming to the Fallsburg Community

Sweethearts & Heroes Anti-Bullying Presentation coming to the Fallsburg community on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 6 to 7:30 PM in the Fallsburg High School Auditorium.
 This outstanding experiential program created by a team of three U.S. Army veterans in upstate New York has changed attitudes and culture in school districts with over one million children.
 Residents from Sullivan County are encouraged to attend this free program that empowers bystanders and treats bullies and their victims to help eliminate bullying from our schools and communities.

Public Announcement:

Congressional Debate - NY District 19

In just a few short months, you'll be voting for one of these 6 candidates to run against Faso for the honor of representing the citizens of NY District 19 in Congress:

- Jeff Beals
- Dave Clegg
- Antonio Delgado
- Brian Flynn
- Gareth Rhodes
- Pat Ryan

How will you choose? Who will best represent the interests of NY District 19? And who will be the candidate best able to beat Faso in this all-important election?

Please join us as all 6 candidates debate in one of the first debates of the primary season, moderated by Brian Hollander, Editor of the *Woodstock Times* and co-sponsored by The Denning Democratic Committee.

Sunday, February 4th, 1pm - 4pm
 Mescal Hornbeck (Woodstock) Community Center
 56 Rock City Rd
 Woodstock, NY 12498

Sponsored by the Ulster County Democratic Women, and the Democratic Committees of Denning, Olive, Shandaken, Hurley, and Woodstock.

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

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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Loch Sheldrake Fire Company



February 3rd, 10a-4p
 Vendors & Buyers wanted

Warm yourself at OUR house with some great deals! INDOOR Flea Market, Raffles & Food!
 Call to reserve your Vendor spot ASAP! 434-2724

Date Change

Denning Dems Meeting
 Saturday, January 27 at 11 a.m.
 at Grahamsville Library
 Community Room



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Old-time organ with bench. Yours for the taking. 845-985-2488

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If you have a craft you wish to sell - send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 along with \$1 for each item that you want posted for one month. We will display your item for the **Whole Wide World** to see at www.gnomhome.net

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 The word "doula" comes from ancient Greek and is now used to refer to "a woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to the mother before, during, and just after childbirth"



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REMINDER- CHECK YOUR MEDICINE CABINETS!

Prescription Take-Back Day!
 January 27, 2018



24 Hr. Locations:
 FALLSBURG POLICE
 19 RAILROAD PLAZA
 434-4422
 LIBERTY POLICE
 159 NORTH MAIN STREET
 292-4422
 MONTICELLO POLICE
 2 PLEASANT STREET
 794-4422
 Dept. of Family Services
 Robert Travis Building
 16 Community Lane
 Liberty, NY
 8-8 pm Mon-Fri ONLY

Sponsored by
 Sullivan County Rural Health Network & Prescription Drug Task Force, Sullivan County Sheriff, Liberty Police, Fallsburg Police, Monticello Police and Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange/Sullivan

The purpose of this day is to remind persons to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs, old vitamins, and/or veterinary meds. For more information call the locations listed or for more info Public Health at 845-511-2222

No needles or liquids will be accepted.

According to New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, most people take medicines only for the reasons their doctors prescribe them. However, an estimated 20 percent of people in the United States (48 million people ages 12 and older) have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. This is prescription drug abuse. It is a serious and growing problem. According to Partnership for a Drug Free America, studies show that each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. If you know of someone who is addicted to prescription drugs call the County Addiction In-fu Referral 866 832 5575 or call Catholic Charities in Monticello at 845-794-8180.

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Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia History, that needs Remembering on TCM

Tuesday morning, at 6:00 AM **Operation Pacific** (War - John Wayne, Patricia O'Neal, Ward Bond 1951); at 8:00 AM **They Were Expendable** (war - Robert Montgomery, John Wayne, Donna Reed, 1945); at 10:30 AM, **Cry 'Havoc'** - Female volunteers join some overworked American nurses on the beleaguered island of Bataan during WW2. (war - 1944); at 12:30 PM, **Force of Arms** (romance - 1951); at 2:15 PM **China Sky** (war - 1945); at 4:00 PM **The Hasty Heart**, (drama - 1950); at 6:00 PM **Bright Victory** (drama - 1951). TCM PRIMETIME-WHAT'S ON TONIGHT: NYC LANDMARKS - 8:00 PM **King Kong**, A film crew discovers the "eighth wonder of the world," a giant prehistoric ape, and brings him back to New York, where he wreaks havoc. (adventure - 1933) Dir: Merian C. Cooper. Cast: Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong, Bruce Cabot. At 10:00 PM **The Producers**, (comedy - 1967); 11:45 PM **On the Town** (1949); Wednesday morning - 1:45 AM **North by Northwest** (suspense, 1959); 4:15 AM **The Eddy Duchin Story** (musical - 1956). All **STARTING** at 6:00 AM Tuesday January 30, 2018. Rated TV-G, Color/BW CC.

Quiz:

1. In The Producers, who played Franz Liebkind?
2. Who played Lorenzo St. Du Bois(Hitler)?

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