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## Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall

Friday, January 15 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town Hall collaboration with 8th graders from Columbia Secondary School out of New York City. The Mock Town Hall went back into the past to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area.

In preparation for the event, students from both schools learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English, social studies, and science classes.



Both schools also took a field trip to the Time and the Valleys Museum at different points during the year. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of five different stakeholder groups: local residents, local farmers, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## An Involved Parent Makes a Difference in Fallsburg



Ms. Muscia at a table with several students in rapt attention.

For the past two years Fallsburg Central School District has initiated special training with staff and parents to encourage parents to become more engaged in the activities of the students. A partnership with Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) is a major part of the initiative. One of the many ways parents can participate is by volunteering to read to children at the elementary school level.

Just prior to Christmas Break, Ms. Fiorella Murcia took this opportunity and asked Ms. Ellyn Levy, fourth grade teacher at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), if she could read holiday stories to her daughter Bella's class. Ms. Levy selected several books on the subject of sharing, especially for the holiday season. This was part of the school's theme for the children during the month of December. Ms. Muscia was putting the theme into practice by sharing her time and support with the children. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Fallsburg Gets Ready for Winter Carnival



Town of Fallsburg Parks Department Head Gregg Bennett on the left and one of his staff, Mike Kehrley, erecting sign at entrance to Morningside Park in Hurleyville, the site of the upcoming Winter Carnival on Sunday, January 31 from 11 AM to 3 PM.

People can contact Fallsburg Central School District Athletic Director for Suzanne Lenzian at 434-6800, ext 2212, for more information.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Acts 15:18

**OBITUARY**

**Joyce E. Murray** of Kerhonkson, NY, died on Saturday, January 23, 2016. She was 81 years old. Joyce was born on May 12, 1934 in Sundown, NY and was the daughter of William and Flossie (Coddington) VanWagner.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Robert Murray; her daughters, Bonnie and Karen Barringer; her sisters: Pat Stubblebine and Lois Barnum and her brother, Larry VanWagner.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Gerald Barringer; her second husband, Louis Borras and her brothers, Richard and Floyd VanWagner.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 27 th at Palentown Cemetery.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**Local Students Dorothy Monforte and Nicholas Saccone Named to King's College Fall 2015 Dean's List**

Dr. Joseph Evan, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. recently announced the students who have qualified for the Fall 2015 dean's list among those students were Dorothy Monforte of Grahamsville and Nicholas Saccone of Swan Lake.

**Andrew Raymond Named to Dean's List at University of Albany**

Andrew Raymond, a 2015 graduate of Tri-Valley, son of Scott and Maria Raymond, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at the University at Albany. He is majoring in Actuarial and Mathematical Sciences.

**Sarah Heikkinen of Neversink Graduates from SUNY Oneonta.**

Sarah Heikkinen of Neversink graduates from SUNY Oneonta in December 2015. She was honored at a December recognition ceremony hosted by college President Nancy Kleniewski. Sarah is eligible to participate in the college's commencement on May 14. Heikkinen graduated with a BA degree in English.

**Raychelle Osnato has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List**

Raychelle Osnato from Grahamsville, NY has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

**Cadet Justine Zukowski takes top honors at The Citadel in fall 2015: Dean's List and Gold Star Award**

CHARLESTON, SC Members of The Citadel South Carolina Corps of Cadets earned top honors in the fall 2015 semester. Dean's List recognition is given to cadets registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work.

Justine Zukowski of Napanoch, New York was recognized for outstanding academic achievement and earned Dean's List recognition for the fall 2015 semester.

Justine also was awarded Gold Stars by The Citadel for earning a grade point ratio of 3.7 or higher during the 2015 fall semester.

The Citadel, founded in 1842, is a public, coeducational military college in Charleston, S.C., that offers a classic military education for men and women seeking a college experience that is meaningful, academically strong and is focused on educating and developing principled leaders for a strong military and a global workforce.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**January 25, 1956** - Mrs. Hazel Tobias of Sunset Park announces the engagement of her daughter, Lois, to Franklin Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack, N.Y. The bride elect, a graduate of Saugerties High School, class of 1954, is employed by the Rondout National Bank of Kingston. Her fiance, a graduate of Tri Valley High School in 1954, is at present self-employed. A June wedding is planned.

Mrs. Mamie A. Calkins of Deposit, N.Y., passed away on January 18th at the age of 63. Mrs. Calkins was born August 23, 1892 at Divine Corners, the daughter of John Lowe and Elmira Prince. On October 1, 1913 she married Wilbur Calkins. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Hornbeck of Claryville; one son, Harry Calkins of Deposit; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Edwards of Divine Corners, and one grandchild.

**January 16, 1966** - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Oliveira, N.Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Myrtle to Robert John Demetry, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Demetry of Neversink. Miss Cypert is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is a junior physical education major at the State Univ. at Cortland. Her fiance, also a Tri-Valley graduate and also attended Orange County Community College. He is a senior at Syracuse Univ. in the School of Journalism.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Lagueux of Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Robert William Olander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Olander of Amsterdam, N.Y. Miss Lagueux graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and attended the State Univ. at Cobleskill. She is a graduate of Richard I. Beauty School and is employed at the Woodbourne Correctional Institution in the Division of Parole. Her fiance graduated from Wilbur H. Lynch High School and the State Univ. at Cobleskill. He is employed as an assistant bookstore manager at the State Univ. at Cobleskill. An October wedding is planned.

**January 28, 1976** - Staff Sergeant Gerald W. Smith, son of Mrs. Laura Smith of Neversink, has graduated from the Air Training Command's basic course for electronic specialists at Keesler Air Force Base. Sergeant Smith is a 1962 graduate of Tri-Valley High School. His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hussey of Hurleyville.

**February 6, 1986** - Thomas Arthur TerBush of Hall Road, Grahamsville, a corrections officer at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility and a life-long Grahamsville area resident, died on Friday, January 31, 1986 in Eldred. He was 27. The son of Arthur and Betty Ann Roberts TerBush, he was born December 2, 1958 in Monticello. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Wicks TerBush; one son, Kyle TerBush; and one daughter, Kacie TerBush, all at home; his parents of Grahamsville; one brother, Gary TerBush of Grahamsville; his paternal grandmother, Mae TerBush of Grahamsville; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Josephine Roberts of Alexandria, Va.

**Sullivan County Philatelic Society**

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be held on Saturday, February 6 at 1 pm. Art Rosenzweig, club president will speak on non issuing stamp countries. A five lot auction to follow.

We will have our regular trading session, door prizes, and give-aways. Refreshments will be served by a club member. Also in March two or three members will bring in their collections for Show and Tell.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the friends and family of Robert Elmer Morgan, Sr. of Grahamsville who passed away on January 15th at the age of 76.

Sympathy also to the Beimler Family on the passing of Gregg's sister, Laurie, on January 15th. Gregg Beimler is a long-time Tri-Valley high school teacher.

Feel better wishes to Marie Dean of Grahamsville who recently slipped on an icy sidewalk. Marie is spending a little time at Achieve in Liberty.

Scott Ackerley of Grahamsville had hip replacement surgery and is doing well.

Good wishes also go out to Jackie Quick of Grahamsville and Wayne Elberth of Neversink who have been feeling a little under the weather as of late.

I had a phone call from Margaret Dolan of Grahamsville who is staying with her daughter in Tennessee during the winter months. She is doing well and wants to be remembered to all of her local friends. Margaret plans to spend some time vacationing in Myrtle Beach during this winter.

I hear a Dollar General may be coming to Neversink. Can that be true?

I'm sure there are many who read my column who enjoy feeding the birds. I also am a "bird feeder". I enjoy watching their antics as they fly to and from the feeder - it's almost like sitting at an airport and watching the planes take off and land. It doesn't take long to see which birds are attracted to certain kinds of food. The scrappy blue jays seem to like the unsalted peanuts best, while the starlings always go for the bread first. The little birds enjoy the black oil sunflower seeds and so do the woodpeckers and cardinals. Every so often two or three crows will come to pick up some bread. Everyone seems to get along, but all of them seem to respect the blue jays. Blue jays appear to be fearless and they are such gluttons, always trying to stuff as much as they can into their mouths. The most timid are the cardinals and the woodpeckers. There always seems to be a feeding frenzy at the feeders just before it's about to storm. It's funny how they can tell when bad weather is approaching.

**Words of Wisdom:** Do good and forget. It'll reward you someday.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have." (Thomas Jefferson)

**Tri-Valley Graduate on a Mission**

Dear Future Sponsor,

My name is Schuyler Kraus and I am currently a sophomore at Ithaca College majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Ever since I was young, I have aspired to learn, travel, and help others. I have been given a remarkable opportunity to travel to Guatemala on a mission trip to assist the families living in the Guatemala City Dump Community through Safe Passage in May of 2016.

Safe Passage is a US-registered 501(c)(3) organization. They empower the poorest, at-risk children of families working in the community of the Guatemala City Garbage Dump, by creating opportunities and fostering dignity through the power of education. Safe Passage serves about 500 children ranging in age from 2 to 21 years, and 100 mothers coming from nearly 300 families in the surrounding neighborhoods. Safe Passage provides holistic education programs focused on 3 key areas: full day education, educational reinforcement, and adult literacy and social entrepreneurship.

In Guatemala, schools only offer about 4 hours of education per day. In 2013, Safe Passage introduced full day 1st grade that is fully accredited by the Guatemalan Government through the status of an Experimental School. In 2014, Safe Passage began offering full day grade two and will continue to add a grade per year. Students receive two meals per day, snacks, vitamins, and healthcare. With the help of volunteers like me, Safe Passage is able to provide an extra 4-5 hours of after-school enrichment with programs like: sports, English, computer lab, creative expression (art, music, theater, art therapy), health education, tutoring, and Saturday clubs like karate, photography, breakdance, circus club and more. The adult literacy program helps about 50 mothers to earn their high school degrees, develop computer literacy, and build their self-esteem while the social entrepreneurship programs offer practical business education and a chance to leave the garbage dump for a life of financial independence.

With your help, I will be able to provide the educational support necessary to empower the children and families to break free from the cycle of poverty that surrounds them. Lack of education is the number one cause of poverty. Sponsors will give me the opportunity to advocate and make a difference in the lives of dozens of families living in the Guatemala City Dump Community. Everything helps! For more information, you can visit [www.safepassage.org](http://www.safepassage.org) or contact me at 845-796-8006. Checks can be made out to Schuyler Kraus and mailed to the address below as they will be kept in my team's account. Thank you so much!

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**Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Daniel Pierce Library. All residents of the Tri-Valley area are welcome.

**CCE Offers Agri-Business Workshop Series Starting in Feb**

LIBERTY, NY- Farmers and agricultural businesses can access the expertise of professionals on a range of ag business topics at a workshop series entitled Taking Care of Business: Developing Your Farm Operation starting in February. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is offering this unique opportunity at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. **February 4 | Business Structures & Tax Updates for a Farm Operation | 3:00- 5:00 pm** Jennifer Adduci of Farm Credit East will discuss farm taxation updates and credits, including business structures, such as sole proprietorship, partnerships, LLCs, corporations, schedule F, Farmer Tax Exemption Certificates, and Form 4797.

**March 30 Agricultural Business Planning 6:00- 8:00 pm**

A business plan is an essential road map for business success. This workshop will give participants pragmatic, straightforward tools for setting goals, developing action plans for achieving them, measuring progress on an ongoing basis, and adjusting accordingly.

**April 26 Understanding Farm Leases & Accessing Land | 6:00- 8:00 pm**

Jerry Cosgrove will present on the basic farm lease structures, the dos and don'ts, and expectations from the lease. Cosgrove is a consultant who combines a farming background, legal experience, and a long history of non-profit work and public service. He consults on a range of agricultural, conservation, farm transfer, and rural development issues. He was formerly the associate director of the Local Economies Project. He has served as deputy commissioner of NYS Ag and Markets as well as the Northeast regional director of American Farmland Trust. Participants are asked to bring a copy of any existing farm leases, if available. We welcome landowners with any size parcel of land- from half acre to hundreds of acres- who want to explore the rewarding possibilities of making their land more productive by leasing it to a sustainable farmer. (Contd. Pg. 4)

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**Why Groundhog Day and Not Bear Day?**

Depending on where you're located in the Northern Hemisphere, winter is showing its age and spring is on the horizon. This transition has always been marked by



local traditions. In modern East Coast America we have Groundhog Day while Europe celebrates Candlemas with various other names, too.

Ancient pagans welcomed the anticipation of the growing season in yet another way. They marked the solstices and the equinoxes as a way of measuring the cycle of the year. The dates that fell in the midpoint between the sol-

stices and equinoxes were considered the real beginnings of the seasons. The old pagan holiday of Imbolc falls on February first or second, and was referred to as the beginning of spring when the young lambs were born. In Ireland, February 2nd was holy to Brigid (also known as Bridget or Bride), an ancient deity who symbolized the returning light and fertility after the dark quiet of winter. When the Christians arrived, they weren't able to completely eradicate the beliefs and traditions of the original people, but absorbed and morphed them over the years.

The ancient celebration of the return of light coincided with Candlemas. Christians celebrate Candlemas on February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas, as this was the end of the 40-day purification period after childbirth for Mary under Jewish law. It is also considered to be the day the infant Jesus was first presented in the Temple. For the early Christians in Europe, it was also a custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people. A lighted candle was placed in windows bringing light into each home.

Throughout Europe the feast known as Candlemas became associated with midwinter weather forecasting. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of winter would be stormy and cold.

As it is today, winter weather was tiresome, and for many, downright dangerous as they feared not having enough supplies stocked to last until spring. Checking their provisions at the half-way mark of winter didn't make the supplies last any longer, but signs of spring comforted their worried minds. One omen Europeans looked for was the emergence of hibernating animals. In some parts of Eastern Europe, Candlemas is also known as the Day of the Bear. In France, the marmot became the traditional animal to look for. In England, folks waited for the arrival of the hedgehog. And in Germany, Candlemas was associated with the weather forecasting omen of the emerging badger.

When German settlers arrived near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, during the 18th century, they continued to celebrate the tradition of Candlemas Day. The only difference was, there were no badgers, only groundhogs. Thus they began the tradition of watching the groundhog.

The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak."

Here on the East Coast on Tuesday all eyes will be on the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. You might think it's all about the groundhog, but no, any hibernating animal will do just as well. According to Peggy, "The male groundhog emerges from his hole for 'getting-to-know-you visits' around the groundhog neighborhood. At the end of his walk-around the male groundhog returns to his own burrow, curls up into a furry ball for another month of hibernation. He's probably thinking like Arnold Schwarzenegger: I'll be back."

You have to love a holiday centered around weather and animals. Despite the fact that there may be patches of snow in some places, the dreary skies of winter are beginning to wear themselves out. Look under that patch of snow, and if you look closely, you will see the first hints of the light of spring getting ready to shine through. It is in this spirit that the tradition of Imbolc, Candlemas and Groundhog Day are still celebrated every February 2nd.

Happy Groundhog's Day!

**Household Hints**

**Salt Sense**

Simple table salt has a great number of uses other than simply seasoning your food. You can use salt in many ways when doing your ordinary cleaning.

For example soak stained hankies in salt water before washing or use salt to clean your discolored coffee pot.

## House of the Rising Sun Mysterious Book Report No. 226

by John Dwaine McKenna



At public events-book signings or speaking engagements for example-a question I'm often asked is *Who's your favorite author?* And the answer is always the same . . . *Although I'm informed by many crime writers-Michael Connelly, Elmore Leonard, James Elroy, Poe, Hemingway, Stephen King, Robert Parker, Ken Bruen, Nelson DeMille and Lawrence Sanders to name a few of the many I'm acquainted with-the author I've been most influenced by is James Lee Burke.* I've not only read every one of his books, I've read many of them twice, and find new elements to admire with each review. He inspires me to

try to be a better writer, and at the same time, to be a better person. Burke's characters are imperfect, elementally damaged creatures who often commit human errors of such magnitude that an ordinary person would be crushed . . . mentally, physically and spiritually. And therein lies some of Burke's genius, because those same characters come equipped with moral cores that "burn hotter and whiter than a phosphorous hand grenade on a moonless night in no-man's land." It makes his characters fascinating because-truth-be told-every reader can recognize just a wee bit of themselves in those selfsame individuals. Put another way . . . everyone has the capability and the capacity to do good and bad things.

*House of the Rising Sun*, (Simon & Schuster, \$27.99, 433 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-0710-8) by James Lee Burke is his thirty-fifth published work, and it's a masterpiece; possibly his best yet and a sure contender for an unprecedented fourth Edgar award.

The novel opens in 1916 with the protagonist, a former Texas Ranger named Hackberry Holland, searching for his son Ishmael somewhere in Mexico during the Civil War. Ishmael, whose name is not a random choice by Burke, is a captain in the United States Army. He's the commanding officer of an all black cavalry unit known as the Buffalo Soldiers, a legendary group of black fighting men who are scouring the Mexican desert in an attempt to capture Poncho Villa, who crossed the international border into the U.S. and attacked the small village of Columbus, New Mexico on March 9, 1916 with a force of 1500 men. The attackers looted, then burnt the town and murdered nineteen people. In retaliation, President Wilson sent a battalion of men under the command of General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing to capture or kill Poncho Villa. Those are the historical facts against which Mr. Burke opens his novel with imaginary characters Hackberry Holland and his long-lost and abandoned son Ishmael. Hackberry can't find Ishmael, but gets into a gun battle that leaves four Mexican soldiers dead and himself in possession of an artifact that may or may not be the Holy Grail. From there the story flashes back to the late nineteenth century and fills in the blanks with the rest of Hackberry's story as he interacts with many real-life, legendary characters of the old west . . . the gunfighter John Wesley Hardin, Henry Longabaugh and Harvey Logan . . . the latter pair aka Sundance and Kid Curry, members of the notorious *Hole-in-the-Wall Gang* made famous by the movies. Hackberry is a deeply flawed man who's entrusted by fate with a sacred task because, in spite of all his faults, he has a moral center that is unerringly righteous . . . it's what makes him so fascinating . . . and when combined with Burke's lyrical prose, social commentary and heartfelt homage to the American West of the nineteenth century, makes *House of the Rising Sun* a masterpiece.

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### An Involved Parent Makes a Difference in Fallsburg (From Pg. 1)

Ms. Murcia read a couple of books to a very attentive group of fourth graders. Since she has been a co-leader of a Brownie Troop at BCES for the past year, Ms. Murcia is very comfortable with the children, and they are quite at ease with her. The afternoon was a big success for the teacher, the students and the parent. It reinforced the importance of having active parent participation in a child's daily education. Principal Mary Kate Stinehour said that if parents would like to read to children or volunteer in other supportive ways, they should contact their child's teacher just as Ms. Murcia did with Ms. Levy.

### AmeriCorps Program Offers 10-Month Service Experience to Young Adults- 50 Participants to Undertake Environmental Stewardship Projects at 63 State Parks and DEC sites

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the selection of enrollees for New York State's Excelsior Conservation Corps, a new AmeriCorps environmental education and stewardship program for 18 to 25 year olds. Members enrolled in the program will perform meaningful and lasting environmental projects across New York State while gaining hands on experience and skills in conservation careers.

"The Excelsior Conservation Corps offers a unique opportunity for young New Yorkers to gain valuable skills and training while addressing many of the state's environmental needs," Governor Cuomo said. "These members embody New York's leadership in protecting our environment and I am proud to support this very important program."

Out of 209 potential applicants, the Excelsior Conservation Corps has enrolled 50 members from diverse backgrounds, including members from a Youth Works program in Albany and two veterans. Representing all ten regions of the state, these participants will undertake over 80 projects, providing services to 19 different Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation sites and 44 Department of Environmental Conservation properties.

DEC projects include Arden Height Woods Trail improvements in Staten Island where members will build decking over exposed roots, I FISH NY Clinics and Outreach in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx, where members will assist with in-class lessons and fishing clinics, and developing a history trail at Five Rivers Education Center in Albany County. Members will assist State Parks on a variety of slated projects such as the installation of a 500-kilowatt solar system at Robert Moses State Park, which will make the Suffolk County coastal park the first energy neutral park in the nation. Trail maintenance across multiple state parks and historic sites touching numerous regions is another high priority State Park target for the Environmental Conservation Corps (ECC). Many state parks such as Letchworth State Park in the Finger Lakes, Robert Treman State Park in the Southern Tier and Grafton Lakes State Park in the Capital District each have multiple projects that pres-

ent greater opportunity for the members to leave a lasting legacy. The 10-month service program will be administered by the Student Conservation Association, a leading national organization in youth and young adult conservation service and environmental programs.

"When Governor Cuomo and our great partners introduced this program in the fall, we knew it would be a special opportunity for young people across the state to get unprecedented hands on experience in environmental stewardship," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "I'm thrilled to see that so many people took interest in the Excelsior Conservation Corps program and I am confident that it will build upon New York's leadership role in protecting and enhancing the state's natural resources, while empowering the next generation of conservation leaders."

The program is funded through \$1.9 million in combined state and federal funding, including \$1 million from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund, New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the State University of New York. The New York State Commission on National and Community Service, in partnership with the federal Corporation for National and Community Service, has also committed \$850,000 of AmeriCorps funding to the program. Additional funding will be secured by the Student Conservation Association through sponsorships and private donations.

**Excelsior Conservation Corps Activities & Training** -Under the supervision of the Student Conservation Association, program members will assist state agencies including DEC, State Parks, the Environmental Facilities Corporation and State University of New York in open space management; natural resource stewardship; infrastructure and sustainability improvements; recreation and access mapping; and environmental education and outreach at state campgrounds and nature centers. Specific projects will include water improvement projects, safety enhancements on trails and campsites, tidal marsh restoration, invasive species removal and climate change resiliency measures. In addition to environmental stewardship work, members will undergo disaster and volunteer management training to help communities impacted by extreme weather and serve as volunteer leaders during major storm events.

Excelsior Conservation Corps members will be based at Morrisville State College, where they will receive extensive training and certifications in wilderness first aid, trail construction, carpentry, risk management and emergency response, education and outreach, and backcountry living. After completing the program's basic training, members will engage in service work, dividing into smaller teams to tackle priority projects across the state. While on remote and multi-day or week service hitches, members will stay at satellite sites, often camping or staying in cabins at State Parks and DEC campgrounds.

### CCE Offers Agri-Business Workshop

(From Pg. 3) Farmers of all levels of experience who are planning a new farm or wish to expand an existing farm business can benefit from this class. Resources to access or post land will also be covered.

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Cost is \$15 per person per class, \$10 per CCESC enrollee per class, or \$30 per enrollee for the entire series. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25.

Scholarships are available for this educational program, made possible through generous donations from Sullivan Renaissance. In the event of financial hardship or special needs, the public should contact the office.

Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.



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**The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda  
Community Crafters**

The Town of Olive Recreation Committee has given its blessing to the Art Group to expand into a more eclectic adult recreational gathering that meets at the Legion Hall, Mountain Road in Shokan each Monday morning from 10-12. There is still a fairly large group who likes to oil paint, but crocheters, quilters, knitters, jewelry makers, card players, sketchers, and stampers have joined in. The one uniting glue to the group is that we all enjoy each others' company. The din of chatter, chortles and conversation is the background noise for each of us to do our own thing. It is all ART, and to quote FaceBook, "The EARTH without ART is just 'EH'."

Jamie York donated a Keurig Coffee Maker, so bring some pods or coffee (we have refillable pods) for COFFEE: C is for Crafty; O is for Olive; F is for Folk; F is for Finding; E is for Enjoyment, and the last E is for Everyone. We are "Crafty Olive Folk Finding Enjoyment for Everyone."

This group of Community Crafters will have the ability to organize workshops led by artists who have expertise in diverse arts. Our first instructor will be Mason Durrin who will demonstrate techniques in perspective and composition. He will join us on February 1. We envision a workshop each month or so.

The Recreation Committee also suggested using this group as a vehicle to organize cultural field trips, perhaps to a museum or play. Events such as these would be advertised on the Town Website or FaceBook to include others in the Town.

This is a group unencumbered by by-laws, attendance, minutes and officers. It is a gathering. Just show up on Monday Mornings for COFFEE (or TEA: Trying Every Art).

Remember what Picasso said about art: "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." And he also reminded us, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

**Assembly member Cahill: Assembly to Make a "Digital Leap" with Passage of New Rules**

"In 2014, New York State voters launched the Assembly into the digital age by amending the state constitution to allow paperless tracking of legislation. This means that instead of placing physical copies of bills on legislators' desks while they 'age' for the required 3 days, legislators can now read the measures electronically on tablets giving Assemblymembers and the public a chance to review them before a vote. On Wednesday January 6, the Assembly adopted rules fully implementing the digital system.

Not only will this change upgrade the technology of the Assembly by making the government more efficient, it will be much more environmentally friendly, eliminating the need for the enormous amounts of paper that are printed each legislative session. This change will also save taxpayers millions of dollars in paper and printing costs. The Assembly Majority will continue looking for ways to ensure government operates as effectively as possible."

The constitutional law mandating printed bills was established in 1938. The change was made possible by The New York Electronic Bills Amendment, Proposal 2 on the November 4, 2014 ballot, where it was approved by 77 percent of the voters.

**Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces Healthcare Career Job Fair at Ulster Works Career Center Tuesday, February 2nd from 1 pm - 4 pm**

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that the Ulster Works Career Center will be holding a Healthcare Career Job Fair on Tuesday, February 2nd from 1pm until 4pm at their offices located at 601 Development Court in Kingston. Hiring managers from The Institute for Family Health, Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley, Normann Staffing, Ten Broeck Commons, AM/PM Homecare Companions; Golden Hill Nursing Home and Any-Time Home Care, Inc. will be available to fill more than fifty openings in a wide range of healthcare positions.

"This is yet another example of employment opportunities that are available in Ulster County. I want to thank Lisa Berger and the entire staff of the Office of Employment and Training for this strong effort to match job opportunities with potential employees," said County Executive Mike Hein. "This is exactly the kind of efforts that have helped lower the unemployment rate in Ulster County one job at a time."

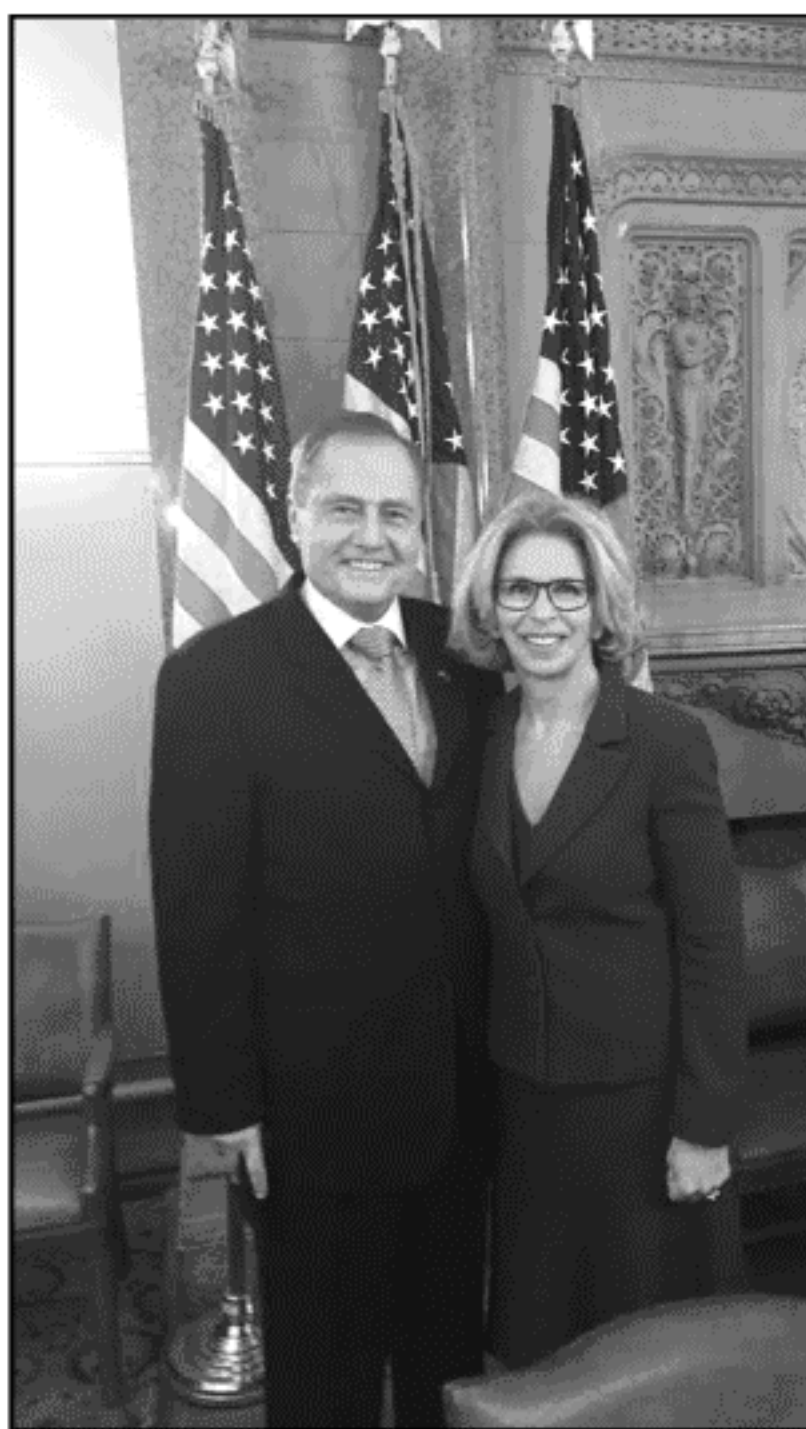
The Job Fair will focus on medical jobs openings for CNA's, LPN's, RN's, PCA's and HHA's, as well as Patient Service Representatives and Medical Office Assistants. Positions are also available for Social Workers, RN Manager, Practice Administrators, Central Registration Staff, Transporters, and Food and Environmental Services Workers. For a complete list of job openings by employer please visit [www.UlsterWorks.com/job-fairs](http://www.UlsterWorks.com/job-fairs).

There are more than fifty jobs open locally in Kingston, New Paltz, Ellenville, Port Ewen and other locations throughout the County. For those

interested in the healthcare profession, but who lack the necessary credentials, staff of Ulster Works Career Center will be available to discuss training opportunities.

The Ulster Works Career Center is overseen by Ulster County's Office of Employment and Training. For more information about the Ulster Works Career Center Healthcare Job Fair please visit their website at [www.UlsterWorks.com](http://www.UlsterWorks.com); or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/UlsterWorksOneStop](http://www.facebook.com/UlsterWorksOneStop) or call 845-340-3170.

**Statement from Senator John Bonacic of the Confirmation of Janet DiFiore as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals**



State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, released the following statement on the confirmation of Janet DiFiore as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

"I would like to congratulate Janet DiFiore on her confirmation as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Mrs. DiFiore has substantial legal and judicial experience that will serve her well during her time on the Court. It is my hope that she will remain independent, be a fair arbiter of the law, and uphold equal justice for all New Yorkers."

Prior to her confirmation as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Mrs. DiFiore served as the District Attorney of Westchester County.

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**Statement from Governor Cuomo on the Confirmation of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore**

"Janet DiFiore's confirmation as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and head of New York's judicial branch marks an exciting step forward for our state and for all New Yorkers. She has demonstrated unparalleled integrity and independence throughout her career as both a judge and prosecutor, and her commitment to the highest ethical standards makes her one of New York's finest public servants. Her keen intellect, unassailable credibility, and diverse experience will serve the Court well and ensure a stronger and fairer state for all. I congratulate Chief Judge DiFiore on her confirmation, and look forward to seeing her lead the Court for years to come."

**Statement on Senate Confirmation of Janet DiFiore as Chief Judge of the State of New York**

New York State Bar Association President David P. Miranda today issued the following statement: "We commend the state Senate for voting to confirm Janet DiFiore as chief judge of the State of New York."

"Ms. DiFiore's breadth of experience, intellect and collegiality will serve her well as she leads the Court of Appeals. As both a judge and a prosecutor, she has demonstrated her commitment to justice and fairness in the courtroom.

"She also recognizes that achieving justice in the courtroom may require innovative approaches, such when she created a Multi-disciplinary Team for Elder Abuse in Westchester County. Or it may require changes in state law. She has actively served on commissions calling for wrongful conviction reform, raising the age of criminal responsibility and other justice measures.

"We applaud Governor Cuomo for nominating her and other superb jurists to our state's highest court."

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 ... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

**New Scholarship Program Provides Five Full Scholarships to SUNY Colleges for Outstanding Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the State University of New York is now accepting applications for the Carey Gabay Scholarship Program. This scholarship was announced by Governor Cuomo last year in honor of Carey Gabay, an attorney and public servant, who was tragically killed as an innocent victim of gun violence in October at the age of 43. This program will provide full-ride scholarships to five incoming SUNY students who exemplify Carey's commitment to social justice, leadership, and mentoring, as well as his personal story of succeeding academically despite having an economically disadvantaged background.

"Carey was the perfect example of how hard work and service to others can make a difference in life. He could have done anything and yet, and chose to take his success and use it to give back to his community," said Governor Cuomo. "We remember Carey in the work that we do every day to improve the lives of New Yorkers, and we hope that these scholarships will help other young people change the world through public service. Carey proved that, when given the opportunity to succeed, anything is possible, so I encourage eligible students to apply for these scholarships and help us continue to build a better state for all."

Carey grew up living in public housing and attending public school in the Bronx. After a successful high school career, he went on to graduate from Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He had a longstanding commitment to public service and giving back those around him, and while at Harvard University, he ran to become the president of his undergraduate student body. More recently, he worked tirelessly in public service, first as an

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The Carey Gabay Scholarship Program will annually award full-ride scholarships to five students to attend four-year SUNY colleges beginning in the 2016-17 school year. These scholarships will cover all costs of attendance, including tuition, room and board, college fees, books and supplies, and transportation and personal expenses. Applications are due on March 15, 2016.

**NY's Transit Industry Calls For Increased Infrastructure Funding - Executive Budget is Good Start; Adequate Capital & Operating Funding Plan Still Needed**

The New York Public Transit Association (NYPTA), which represents over 100 transit systems across the state, today called for an annual state capital investment of \$100 million to meet transit infrastructure needs of upstate and suburban downstate transit systems.

The state must finalize a funding plan for the MTA's \$26 billion capital program and NYSDOT's \$22 billion program. NYPTA testified today before the New York State Legislature's Joint Budget Hearing on Transportation that any state plan to fund transportation must include adequate funding for upstate and suburban downstate transit systems.

"The Governor has committed to providing \$8.3 billion to fund the MTA capital program," said Carm Basile, President of NYPTA. "We fully support this level of funding and believe that the rest of the state's transit systems deserve an adequately funded capital plan as well."

New York's transit systems have identified \$1 billion in infrastructure investment needed over the next five years, with a funding shortfall over \$500 million. These transit systems need to replace over-age buses, repair outdated facilities and modernize fare payment systems in order to continue to provide safe, reliable service to communities throughout the state. Increased transit operating support is needed to meet growing demands for more and better service.

"There is an urgent need to invest \$500 million over the next five years to improve transit infrastructure upstate and in the downstate suburbs, and support the growth of our communities," said Bill Carpenter, Vice-President of NYPTA who testified at a hearing. "These systems operate 3,000 buses and together would rank as the 7th largest transit system in the nation."

Transit ridership is rising in many areas of the state and both the public and business community are demanding more and better service. Transit services provided across New York State are an important component of the regional transportation network and critical to the economic growth of communities. The mobility provided by transit connects citizens to jobs, businesses, education, recreation and health care.

NYPTA recommends a state of investment of \$100 million per year in upstate and suburban downstate transit infrastructure, and a \$20 million increase in State Transit Operating Assistance above Executive Budget levels. This funding will allow these systems to modernize aging infrastructure and continue providing high quality service to the public.



THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS:

Penne with a Spinach Alfredo Sauce, w/ or w/o Grilled Chicken Veggie Burger (now a menu item!) Meatloaf & Mash w/Sautéed Veggies (now a menu item!)

EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY

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The SYDA Foundation Donated \$4,000 to the Fallsburg Central School District



Bob Pratt, SYDA Foundation Manager for Global Facilities, Gail Fairbank-Roch, SYDA Foundation Human Resources Outreach Supervisor, and Dr. Ivan Katz, Fallsburg Central School District Superintendent.

On January 22, 2016, Dr. Ivan Katz, Superintendent for the Fallsburg Central School District, received a donation from the SYDA Foundation in the amount of \$4,000. Bob Pratt, SYDA Foundation Manager for Global Facilities and a school district parent, presented the donation. Also present was Gail Fairbank-Roch, who is the SYDA Foundation Human Resources Outreach Supervisor.

Dr. Katz stated, "The SYDA Foundation has been a great community partner over the years and has shown great support for the Fallsburg Central School District. We are proud to have such a community partner." Mr. Pratt said that he appreciates the quality of the education kids receive at Fallsburg, and he also likes the facilities improvements that have taken place in the district over the past two summers.

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:16 AM SUNSET: 5:01 PM AVERAGE HIGH: 32°F AVERAGE LOW: 21°F

THURSDAY weather forecast: sun and cloud icon, HIGH: 33°F LOW: 20°F

FRIDAY weather forecast: cloud and snowflake icon, HIGH: 27°F LOW: 17°F

SATURDAY weather forecast: sun and cloud icon, HIGH: 39°F LOW: 28°F

SUNDAY weather forecast: sun and cloud icon, HIGH: 41°F LOW: 25°F

MONDAY weather forecast: sun and cloud icon, HIGH: 40°F LOW: 29°F

TUESDAY weather forecast: sun and cloud icon, HIGH: 42°F LOW: 30°F

Fallsburg Families Celebrate Honor Students

Over two hundred grandparents, parents and siblings acknowledged fourth, fifth and sixth graders for earning first quarter Superintendent Honor Roll and Honor Roll awards just before Christmas break at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School on December 15, 2015. It was standing room only in the auditorium/cafeteria as Principal Mary Kate Stinehour presented the awards. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz had the privilege of handing out Superintendent Honor Roll certificates to the highest academic achievers.

Because so many people have cell phones with cameras, proud parents came forward to capture the children holding up their awards. Smiles and applause were abundant throughout the early morning ceremony. It was special to receive this recognition at this season of giving, especially for the families that put such a strong value on their child's education and their own participation in supporting the school's activities.



Three fifth grade Superintendent Honor Roll students Isaias Argueta Hernandez, Maria Alas and Kailan Odell Schreier.

Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall (From Pg. 1) On Friday morning, Columbia Secondary School came to Tri-Valley. Eighth grade students were mixed in their groups (half from one school, half from the other) and had the first part of the morning to meet in their groups and plan out their arguments. This also gave students time to get to know each other.



During the Town Hall, students debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government talked about the desperate need for clean water. The local residents and farmers focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their lives and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event-local resident and President of the Time and the Valleys Museum Board, Dick Coombe, as well as a panel of esteemed guests: Julius Colon, 9th grade student; Skyler Espinosa, 9th grade student; Diane Galusha, published author of Liquid Assets and Communications Director/Education Coordinator at Catskill Watershed Corporation; Jen Garigliano, Chief of Staff NYC Environmental Protection; Tom Palmer, Tri-Valley Superintendent; Barbara Purcell, local history expert and Board of Trustee Member of the Time and the Valleys Museum; Devin Simon, 9th grade student; and Carol Smythe, town historian and Board of Trustee Member of the Time and the Valleys Museum. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.

After the event, all students, teachers, and panel members had time to sit down and eat lunch together. The lunch was catered by the Sullivan County BOCES culinary program students under the direction of instructor and local resident Kathy Poppo. The lunch was also a huge success, as it gave everyone more time to get to know each other. This Mock Town Hall was organized through the collaboration of Dan Novak, Assistant Principal at Columbia Secondary School, and Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher at Tri-Valley. It is something they both believe will now become a yearly tradition.



**Contest Brings New Children's Books to Local Library**

Big news for the Daniel Pierce Library! Katia Martin, Day Camp and Community Programs director at Frost Valley YMCA, recently won a contest that will stock this wonderful library with \$500 worth of children's books.



The contest, run by local parenting and family magazine *Hudson Valley Parent*, was featured on Facebook. This publication is known to feature a wide array of information about camps, schools, parties, places to go, enrichment activities and health. Katia, who is involved in many community projects both through her position at Frost Valley and as a mother of two active children, saw this contest as a great opportunity and jumped at the chance to help her local library.

"I was not expecting to win, but when I did, I was thrilled that I could help in bringing a donation of

books to our library, and in return, to our community at large," Katia says. "We have an amazing library with so many great resources for this community. There is nothing else like it!"

Looking for more family-oriented community fun? Frost Valley YMCA is participating in the upcoming Maple Weekends. This year's events take place on the weekends of March 19-20 and April 2-3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Guests will have the chance to see the tap-to-table process, identify a sugar maple tree, explore, and try a sample of fresh syrup. The weekends are free and advance registration is not required at Frost Valley unless you plan to stay for the weekend. For more information, please visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org).

**An Hour of Code Continues at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School**



Several fourth grade students in Ms. Jessica Bradley's class at computers practicing the lessons presented by Math Coach and Teacher Peter Dworetzky.

President Obama mentioned the importance of children learning how to code in the State of the Union Message as a preparation for jobs in the twenty-first century.

Watching Ms. Jessica Bradley's fourth graders learning how to make the computers follow their instructions and experiencing the satisfaction of mastering simple commands is exciting. Classroom teachers and aides work closely alongside Mr. Dworetzky and offer hands-on support for the children. It is not unusual to see one student supporting their neighbor in demonstrating the methods being taught.

With each year the students are building their knowledge and understanding the importance of computers and programming. They are preparing for the time when they may become programmers themselves and when they will be using the techniques in more complex and creative ways.

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For the second year in a row, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School students from K-5 attended workshops in the practice of computer coding led by Math Coach and Teacher Peter Dworetzky. The students are building their skills that computer programmers use every day in their work. Through a free program that includes video presentation and on-line applications, even the youngest learners get to use and understand the computer in how to give and follow directions and make pictorial characters move in ways guided by the child through basic commands.

Many of the older students, such as fourth graders, are familiar with basic computer games like Minecraft, and use the game to give more complex commands and directions. This nation-wide program called "Hour of Code" is being offered to schools throughout the world, including in several districts in Sullivan and Orange County, New York. Just last week



Please join us for **Love Your Heart Day** - a roundtable discussion with **John T. Respass, MD, FACC, The Hudson Valley Heart Center, Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiac Electrophysiology**

**Theresa Aversano, MSPT, Director of Physical Medicine and Rehab**

**Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon - 1:00pm**

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

RSVP required by February 8<sup>th</sup> Call 845 647-6400 ext. 293



## Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

Office: 273 Main Street, Grahamsville  
 Mail: PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
 Racerj12d@aol.com T: 845-985-2262 ext.312

### Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain WHEN: Sundays, January 3rd - March 6th.

DETAILS: Sign your family up for Skiing/Snowboarding and receive discounted rates. Skiing hours are 10 am to 5 pm.

SUNDAYS ONLY. SIGN-UP: Pay just \$12 pp for Lift Tickets, \$12 pp for Ski Rentals, \$20 pp for snowboard rentals, Group Lesson 8 and older \$12 pp, Group Lesson 6 & 7 \$26 pp. 5 and under \$70 lesson To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

**It is never too early to secure your seats for an upcoming trip!**

### Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre WHEN: Thursday, May 5

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9:30 am to ride the motor coach bus to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 6 pm.

SIGN-UP: \$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

### Intrepid: Sea, Air, Space Museum Complex WHEN: Saturday, June 4.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8 am to ride the motor coach bus to NYC, return approximately 5:30 pm. Includes access to Intrepid, Submarine Growler, the film Story of Intrepid, the Space Shuttle Pavilion and a bag lunch.

SIGN-UP: \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 8.

### Pizza Hut Fundraiser WHEN: Thursday, June 23.

DETAILS: Join us at the Liberty Pizza Hut between 5 pm and 9 pm and eat dinner 20% of your purchase will be donated to our organization. Please pick up a form at the Town Hall to bring with you for us to get credit.

### Explore Fort Delaware, Narrowsburg, NY WHEN: Friday, July 8.

DETAILS: Come discover local history. The interactive staff will bring you back 250 years. Meet at Fort Delaware 6615 State Route 97 Narrowsburg. Your name will be on a list at the Front Desk and you can go through the museum at your own pace. There is a pavilion available for picnic lunch and a gift shop. There are several dining options nearby in Town. Transportation is not being provided by Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Dept.

SIGN-UP: \$2 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$5 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 7.

### 4th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair WHEN: Saturday, July 9.

DETAILS: Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm for a super Saturday of sales. With both new and used items, something for everyone! Reserve your space now! We need vendors to sell new items as well! Free Parking and Admission!

SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 7.

### Medieval Times Lunch & Tournament WHEN: Wednesday, July 13.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8 am to ride the motor coach bus to Lyndhurst, NJ return approximately 5:30 pm. Experience spectacular horsemanship, sword play, games of skill between brave knights. Includes lunch, transportation, banner and program.

SIGN-UP: \$28 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$50 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 10.

### Hudson Valley Renegades Baseball Game, Fireworks, Dinner WHEN: Friday, Friday, July 15.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 4:45 pm to ride the motor coach bus to Wappingers Falls, return approximately 11 pm. Includes 2 hour Picnic Dinner, the game, fireworks and transportation.

SIGN-UP: \$12 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$42 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 10.

### Bear Mtn State Park WHEN: Saturday, August 13

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am to ride the motor coach bus to Bear Mtn, return approximately 6 pm. Please bring coolers with food, swimsuits, change of clothes, sunscreen Includes swimming, hiking, 1 ride on the merry go round per person.

SIGN-UP: \$7 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$21 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 7.

### Back to School Fun Night

WHEN: Friday, August 26.

DETAILS: Join us at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for a walking taco dinner, and fun! The Spencer Daniels Agency is going to be bringing inflatables, Check them out at [www.spencerdaniels.com](http://www.spencerdaniels.com). There will be carnival games with prizes, a face painter, dance party with music, popcorn, and tattoos. Each child who attends will be entered into the raffle for a bookbag filled with school supplies to start the year off on the right foot. Drinks will be available in a special container for \$3 on the day of the event. All other activities are included in the below price per person. This event will be limited to the first 100 children to sign up.

SIGN-UP: \$7 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$17 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 7.

*For Clarification: There are 2 prices advertised for most events. If Town of Neversink tax dollars are used to offset the cost of the trip only those adults who live in Neversink pay resident price all others pay the non-resident price. ALL TVCS students pay resident price. If you need to contact the Director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between 3 pm and 6 pm. Any other time please leave a voicemail at 985-2262 ext.312 or email me at [racelj12d@aol.com](mailto:racelj12d@aol.com).*

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*Trips may be canceled due to lack of number of sufficient participants (35) or inclement weather.*

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## Celebrating Kindness Quilt Created By Area Youth Will Be Displayed In The Lobby of the Ulster County Office Building To Highlight The Week - Proposed Legislation Protects Youth From the Serious Issue of Cyberbullying

County Executive Mike Hein proclaimed the week of January 18th No Name-Calling Week in Ulster County while introducing a local law to protect youth from the serious issue of Cyberbullying. He was joined by Dr. Carol Smith, Ulster County Commissioner of Health and Mental Health; Vanessa Shelmandine, the Director of Programs and Services at the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center; James Delaune, Ulster County Legislator; Ellen Pendegar, Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Association of Ulster County, Inc.; Evelyn Clarke, Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau together with members from the Ulster County Youth Board; as well as representatives from the New Progressive Baptist Church. No Name-Calling Week (NNCW) is a national bullying prevention campaign developed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) and is co-sponsored by the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley. The focus is to "Celebrate Kindness" while working to create safe schools free from name-calling, bullying and bias. This is the 6th consecutive year that Ulster County is participating in No Name-Calling Week. To highlight No Name-Calling Week, the County Executive collaborated with local youth groups and students, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kingston, the New Progressive Baptist Church, and the Kingston High School Gay Straight Alliance in order to create a quilt compiled of individual squares designed with messages of celebrating kindness and ending bullying and name-calling.



"I am pleased to participate once again with the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center in Kingston and the Safe Schools Round Table of the Hudson Valley to address the serious issue of bullying," said County Executive Mike Hein. "I appreciate the efforts of all of the youth who participated in creating this amazing Quilt which displays the importance of celebrating kindness and that bullying is not acceptable. Bullying is very real and is a problem which not only affects the students involved but their teachers and families as well. In the United States, statistics show that one out of four children is bullied on a daily basis. There are many different forms of bullying such as name-calling, attacking someone physically, or cyberbullying. It is important for children to know that they are not alone, and for people to know there are resources available in Ulster County which speak to bullying issues."

"One type of bullying, Cyberbullying, is becoming more and more prevalent with the advancements in technology and the speed in which information moves today," said County Executive Hein. "Cyberbullying happens when a child or teenager is harassed, embarrassed, threatened, humiliated or tormented using digital technology which can include the internet and text messaging through mobile devices. This behavior can be devastating to the victim and their family, and can lead to anxiety, depression, and in severe cases suicide. Statistics show that approximately forty-two percent of children have been bullied online with one in four being verbally attacked more than once, thirty-five percent of children have been threatened online, and over twenty-five percent of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet. To address this serious issue, I am proposing important legislation as a tool for law enforcement to hold those who are engaging in Cyberbullying accountable. Our children are precious and it is important that they know that there is help and protection available to address Cyberbullying in Ulster County."

This new local law will fill in the gaps left by current Cyberbullying legislation by providing a mechanism for law enforcement agencies to charge those who engage in Cyberbullying activities aimed at inflicting emotional harm on minors. In addition, this legislation will protect all minors, not just students, and will protect children at all times regardless of educational environment. Aimed at addressing the serious effects that Cyberbullying can have on a minor, the proposed law includes a \$1,000 fine or up to one year in jail.

**Vanessa Shelmandine, Project Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center** "The Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center, the largest LGBTQ civil rights organization serving the mid-Hudson Valley since 2005, is proud once again to partner with Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and our local students in recognizing "No Name-Calling Week," said Vanessa Shelmandine, Director of Program and Services at the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. "This annual anti-bullying event, which started nationally in 2003, was brought to our region by GLSEN Hudson Valley. No Name-Calling Week encourages us to celebrate and practice kindness with our words. We applaud the County Executive for including safety and respect for all in his initiative to make Ulster County the healthiest County in New York State."

**Rob Conlon, Co-Chair, GLSEN Hudson Valley** "GLSEN Hudson Valley supports schools in eradicating bullying and harassment through programs like No Name-Calling Week. We are thrilled to have Ulster County Executive Mike Hein as a partner in this critical work," said Rob Conlon, Co-Chair of GLSEN Hudson Valley. "His leadership models the promise of No Name-Calling Week. When we Celebrate Kindness we create healthy, safe, and respectful schools for all students in Ulster County."

**Amy Kapes, LMSW, Kingston High School Social Worker** "KHS is very excited to be part of County Executive Hein's effort to raise awareness about bullying and LGBTQ issues," said Amy Kapes, LMSW, Kingston High School Social Worker. "We are proud of our community and leaders for their commitment and concern for our youth and hope that Ulster County continues to be at the forefront of creating safe schools for ALL children."

According to BullyingStatistics.Org: • Bullying can include various types of behavior from physical attacks, to destroying one's personal property or clothing, verbal abuse, starting rumors, and name-calling; • One of four children will be bullied sometime throughout their adolescence; • About 77 percent of students have admitted to being the victim of one form of bullying or another • Approximately 56 percent of all students have witnessed a bullying crime take place while at school; • About 42 percent of students have been bullied while online; • Over 25% of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the internet; and • There is a strong connection between bullying, being bullied and suicide, according to a study from the Yale School of Medicine. Suicide continues to be one of the leading causes of death among children under the age of 14 and "bullycide" is a term used to describe suicide as the result of bullying.

Cyberbullying can take many forms: • Sending mean messages or threats to a person's email account or cell phone • Spreading rumors online or through texts; • Posting hurtful or threatening messages on social networking sites or web pages; • Stealing a person's account information to break into their account and send damaging messages; • Pretending to be someone else online to hurt another person; • Taking unflattering pictures of a person and spreading them through cell phones or the Internet; and • Sexting, or circulating sexually suggestive pictures or messages about a person

In past years, Ulster County has highlighted NNCW by creating bullying prevention videos for middle school students and elementary school students which can be seen on the Ulster County website [www.ulstercountyny.gov](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov) or on YouTube at [http://youtu.be/\\_eTPNXCVRHg](http://youtu.be/_eTPNXCVRHg) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9a8iJAP8Gys>. To learn more about NNCW please visit <http://www.glsen.org/nonamecallingweek> or <http://lgbtqcenter.org/safe-schools-round-table/>.

Anti-Bullying and Bullying Prevention Resources in Ulster County: The Ulster County Victims Assistance Hotline 845-340-3442; The Family of Woodstock Hotline 845-338-2370 [www.FamilyofWoodstockinc.org](http://www.FamilyofWoodstockinc.org); Ulster County Mental Health Association 845-399-9090 [www.MHainUlster.com](http://www.MHainUlster.com); or Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center 845-331-5300 [www.LGBTQcenter.org](http://www.LGBTQcenter.org);

## NYSAC, County Executives Join State Lawmakers to Support State Funding for Indigent Defense Services

NYSAC stood with state lawmakers and county leaders in support of legislation that will address funding of indigent legal services in New York State. The bill (S-6341/A-6202B), introduced by Senator John A. DeFrancisco and Assemblymember Patricia A. Fahy, would require the state to reimburse counties for providing indigent legal services.

This bill would provide county taxpayers with significant mandate relief through a full state fiscal takeover of indigent defense services, while at the same time providing significant service increases that will help those in need.

"I am pleased to stand with Assemblywoman Fahy, Senator DeFrancisco and my government colleagues in support of legislation that would require the state to live up to the promise of fair representation of indigent defendants dictated by the Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright* in 1963. With costs to providing defense for the poor escalating, this legislation provides a phased-in approach to rectifying New York's fragmented system of justice and helps the state meet its longstanding obligation to protect the rights of all residents, regardless of income or social status," said Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy.



Counties are currently responsible for funding indigent legal services. Many counties do not have a system of supervising caseloads nor standards to ensure comparable compensation for defenders. The bill will amend the law to provide for the state to take over full funding of the program in 2018. NYSAC has been calling for reforms to the indigent defense system for years.

"There are, of course, many priorities facing the state. This issue, access to justice, must be one of them. We need one system of justice in this state; equal access to justice should prevail statewide. This is the state's obligation, not the counties' and local taxpayers'. We call upon the state to implement these changes as part of the budget negotiations," said NYSAC President William Cherry, the Schoharie County Treasurer.

Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro said, "Our ability to provide enhanced local services is limited. This legislation is important to implement the constitutional safeguards under the constitution."

"Having the state assume fiscal responsibility for this mandated service will result in improved service delivery for those in most need. I applaud the legislative effort to assist the local taxpayers," said Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell.

Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino said "Every dollar that we have to spend on state mandated programs and services, takes away critical funding for needed local services. This measure will help us keep local dollars to serve our local communities."

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario said, "county leaders are united in support of this legislation, and we thank Assemblywoman Fahy and Senate DeFrancisco for their leadership on this issue."

From left to right are Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Rensselaer County Executive Kathleen Jimino, Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy; Albany County Executive Dan McCoy; NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario; and Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell.

**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
(Never known to fail)

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

There are none that can withstand your power.

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

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (3 times)

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

**Hurleyville Maker's Lab Soft Opening**

The Hurleyville Maker's Lab (HML), 202 Main Street in Hurleyville, NY, hosted a soft opening on Monday January 25, 2016 officially opening its doors to community members and Sullivan County makers. The HML opening event included tours, membership information and refreshments. "If you are curious about the Maker's Lab building or the maker movement in general, please join your neighbors and friends at this event", said HML director Mark McNamara.

The Hurleyville Maker's Lab is a place for people who like to build, invent, tinker and learn new skills. HML provides modern rapid fabrication tools and equipment in order to produce ideas in any material in an expedited product development environment. HML offers an open collaborative environment where intergenerational mentorships and parent/child partnerships are encouraged.

Tools and equipment include:

- Full plastics, electronics, wood and metal shops.
- Rapid prototyping equipment including two 3D printers, a CNC router and a laser cutting machine.
- Computer lab / multi-platform digital creation space with interactive projector and large format printing capabilities.
- Multi-use spaces are available for a myriad of activities including painting, working with

fabrics, music creation, seminars and meet-ups. • Universally designed kitchen and gathering space.

The Hurleyville Maker's Lab (HML) is an anchor of the Center For Discovery's Main Street initiative. The HML is a privately funded initiative whose mission is to foster the maker and creative spirit in all of us. The Hurleyville Maker's Lab has been generously supported by The Walter J. Scherr Foundation, The Taft Foundation and The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation.

For more information, Denise Sullivan, Community Liaison: dsullivan@tcf.org - 845 807 7797

**Loch Sheldrake Fire Department announces**

**Vendors Wanted for Indoor Flea Market**  
Sat February 6th, 2016

10am to 4pm

Setup begins at 9AM

@the Loch Sheldrake Fire House Social Hall

Route 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759

Donation: \$20.00 for table space

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**FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**

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**Claryville Fire Dept.**  
All you can eat



**President's Day Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, Feb. 21

Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon

Adults \$9

Children under 12 Yrs. \$5  
under 5 yrs. free

\$50 from each monthly breakfast is donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

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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.

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

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Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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**Third Saturday Thrift Sale**

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1 pm

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**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 8, 2016 at the Daniel Pierce Library at 7:00pm

1/21; 1/29

**CWC News:**

**New Byways Look to Drive Visitors to the Region**



Representatives from Greene, Ulster and Delaware Counties got together January 14 to discuss common issues and the potential for cross-promotion of the Mountain Cloves and Catskill Mountains Scenic Byways in the Town of Hunter and the Route 28 corridor. Both byways have been officially designated by the state in an effort to enhance visitorship and appreciation of the natural and cultural wonders of the region. Websites, brochures and special events are in the works.

**After Two Decades at the Table, DeWan Steps Aside**

Deborah DeWan, the environmental community's representative on the CWC's Board of Directors, was lauded at her final board meeting January 5. She became involved in negotiations between NYC, Watershed municipalities and the environmental community in 1994, three years before the Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) creating the CWC was signed. "It's been an honor to have had the opportunity to play a role in the formative years of this organization, and to see it come this far," she said. DeWan cited the responsibilities of her job as Executive Director of Rondout Valley Growers as the reason for stepping down from the post. Environmental signers of the MOA will recommend her replacement, to be appointed by the Governor.



**Take a Walk on the Wild Side at CWC**



"Wildlife Portraits: Hand-colored Photographs by Walt Meade," can be seen at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville through March 30. Visitors are welcome weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit celebrates the life and art of the Roxbury naturalist, teacher and photographer who would have turned 100 in 2015.

**More Homeowners Get Septic Help**

Homeowners in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed who repaired or replaced their septic system in 2015 but, because of distance from a watercourse, were not eligible for funding through the Catskill Watershed Corporation at the time may now apply for reimbursement.

Because there were unexpended septic program funds at the end of the year, the CWC Board of Directors voted January 5 to accept reimbursement applications for septic rehabilitation completed between December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 regardless of whether or not those systems are located in an existing priority area. To obtain an application form and for more information on the septic program, call 845-586-1400

**Letter to the Editor: Navy Boats In Peril**

As a former Navy enlisted and Navy officer, I am disappointed with the capture of our two riverine boats and crews by the Iranians in the Persian Gulf.

I understand one of the boats had a navigation problem, either mechanical or human error, and it wandered into Iranian waters. But why couldn't the other boat tow it away from Iranian waters? Furthermore, why wasn't a warship accompanying the two small boats as they traversed waters in close proximity to an unfriendly country? Why didn't the riverine boats communicate their problems to their commanding officer, who should have been monitoring their transit from Kuwait to Bahrain? If they did communicate their situation, what were the instructions they received from higher command?

It appears to me the personnel on the riverine boats and the command hierarchy viewed the movement of the boats as a routine operation, and they were caught off guard by the problems encountered, and they were not prepared to conduct contingency operations. It reminds me of the capture of the USS Pueblo off of North Korea many years ago.

This incident could embolden the Iranians and other unfriendly countries to test our military prowess.  
Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, NH

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND STAFF:**

To Editor & Staff:

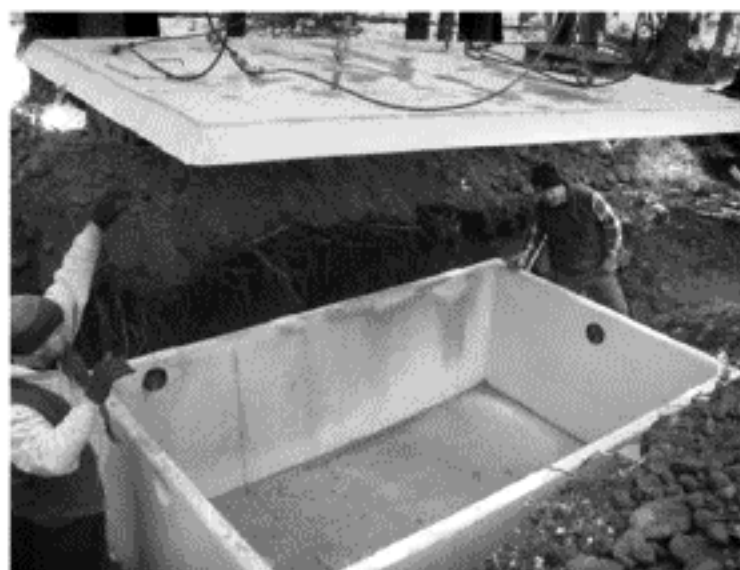
I am always impressed with your skill in reporting area news and welcome each publication. This week I paid special attention to your "call" for volunteers. I was born in Neversink and I think it was about the first word I spoke. I am 85 years old now and I still consider Neversink "home". Growing up with Freer and Raffa families before I became a Langton was as good as it gets. Having eight aunts, fifteen cousins and ten uncles was always interesting. Now I am lucky to have three cousins left in the Freer family. None of us live in Neversink but our family is in both cemeteries.

I would be very happy to provide pictures and other information about "my" Neversink. I have three ring binders bulging with information that I think would be of interest to you. I hope we might find a way to re-live 100 years of a town. I live in Lake Katrine (near Kingston) and am hoping to hear from you that you are interested in taking a look at what I have.

Thank you for all your time and work over the years  
Sincerely,  
Joan Langton  
Lake Katrine, NY

PS I have donated a dollhouse to the Grahamsville Museum that was made by my Uncle Harry Freer when I was 5 years old. I will be interested in seeing how it is displayed when I visit. I have additional dollhouse furniture that they may want to add.

**Putting a Lid on It**



A little bit of winter didn't deter Sheeley Oil & Excavating from installing a new septic system at the home of Brandon Plank in Claryville in January.

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

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

**Happy Days Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre** Thursday, May 5 - Leave the Town Hall 9:30 am to ride the motor coach bus to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 6 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 9 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

See Page 11 in this week's issue for Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Clip and Save Calendar of Events



**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.*

**2016 Town of Neversink  
Motor Vehicle Schedule**

January 14	July 14
February 11	August 11
March 10	September 5
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 16	December 15

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

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

**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 for card games

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- 2/2/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/3/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/4/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/4/16 TVCS Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 2/6/16 **Take Your Child to the Library Day -**
- 2/6/16 Sundown United Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm
- 2/9/15 Town of Denning Business Meeting 7 pm
- 2/9/16 Daniel Pierce Library Mardi Gras Donut Sale -9 am-5 pm Community Rm ( See flyer in this week's issue )
- 2/10/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/11/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 2/11/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/15/16 Town of Neversink Holiday - **President's Day**
- 2/16/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 2/17/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 2/20/16 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** Grahamsville UM Church 9-1
- 2/23/16 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting 7 pm
- 3/20/16 **Become a Museum Docent** Time and the Valleys Museum 2 p.m.

**Save the Date  
Sat., May 7, 2016 Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk**

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**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.

**Need Help with your Income Tax  
Preparation and Filing?**

Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Volunteers trained as tax counselors Through IRS and AARP will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns for FREE at several Local Libraries around Sullivan County from 10:00 am to 1:00pm as listed below call for your appointment TODAY:

**Liberty Library: Feb. 20th & March 3rd** - Liberty Public Library - 292-6070 Library Director: Marjorie Linko

**Livingston Manor: Feb 27th & March 9th** - Livingston Manor Free Library - 439-5440 Library Director: Peggy Johnson

**Monticello: Feb. 22nd & Feb. 29th** - Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library - 794-4660 Library Director: Mary Paige Lang-Clouse

**Grahamsville: Feb 24th & March 5th** - Daniel Pierce Library - 985-7233 Library Director: Joann Gallagher

**Jeffersonville: March 19th & Feb 17th** - Western Sullivan Public Library - 482-4350 Library Director: Kristin White

**Eldred: March 12th & March 16th** - Sunshine Hall Free Library - 557-6258 Library Director: Patricia Kennedy

**EVERY Monday & Tuesday at Cornell  
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(The Tax Program starts on Feb 1st and ends on April 12th at Cornell Cooperative Extension) Call (845) 292-6180 for additional information and to make an appointment.

Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with assistance from RSVP/ Sullivan County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

**Tri-Valley Central School District  
Board of Education**

Will hold - Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM In the Intermediate School Library

**First Aid for the Law  
Enforcement Canine**

On January 22nd, 2016, Canine Teams from local, county, state and federal agencies throughout New York State attended training for "First Aid for the Law Enforcement Canine", instructed by Dr. Paul McNamera. The training session was hosted by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.

Several Police dogs are killed each year from injuries sustained while serving the communities in which they work. The training that the K-9 handlers received from Dr. McNamera, will prepare the handlers should the time come that their four legged partners suffer from a medical emergency while putting their lives in harm's way to protect the citizens that they serve and protect.

Dr. McNamera of Hudson Highland's Veterinary Hospital in Hopewell Junction, New York has instructed first aid for police canines throughout the United States since 1998. This class was conducted free of charge and sponsored by the fund known as "Organization for Dogs in Need", that was founded by Dr. McNamera in 2000.

**Beginner's Drawing Class Postponed**

**MONTICELLO** - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an Absolute Beginner's Drawing Class on Tuesdays, February 16th through March 22nd from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost is \$95.

During our beginner drawing class, students learn the fundamentals of drawing. You will draw from observation and learn how to produce a cohesive two dimensional drawing of a three dimensional space by incorporating shading and other elements and principles. Required supplies (purchased prior to class): 6b - 6h pencils, hard to soft charcoal pencils and one package of vine charcoal.

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



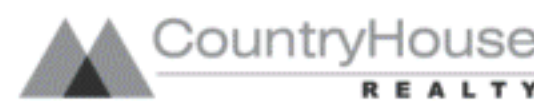
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Toned-down but still powerful adaptation of James Jones' novel of Army life in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor. Depiction of Japanese sneak attack combines unforgettable action scenes with actual combat footage. Brilliantly acted by entire cast, including Sinatra in his "comeback" role as the ill-fated soldier Maggio. Eight Oscars include Best Picture, Director, Screenplay (Daniel Taradash), Cinematography (Burnett Guffey), and Supporting Actors Sinatra and Reed. Remade in 1979 as a TV miniseries, which in turn spun off a brief series. **See this film Sunday evening, January 31, 2016 starting @ 5:45 PM, 118 min, B/W, TV-PG, on TCM**

**Quiz:**

1. Who were the actors, the woman and man, in the beach scene?
2. Which actors play best friends in this film?

**What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™?**

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

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The next Third Saturday Thrift Sale will be held at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm.

**SUNDOWN**

Come join your friends and neighbors and share some good comfort food on a winter's evening. The Sundown Methodist Church will hold a **Covered Dish Supper** on Saturday evening, February 6th at 5 pm in the Church Hall.

*Knarf Odnamoe  
Gnomes*