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**REMINDER:** *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be published the week of: Thursday, December 28, 2017 in observance of Christmas nor the week of Thursday, January 4, 2017 in observance of New Years

### Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be Held

On Sunday December 3, 2017 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

Refreshments will be served. Come on down and join the fun. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

### The Orange Visit the Green (Catskills, that is)



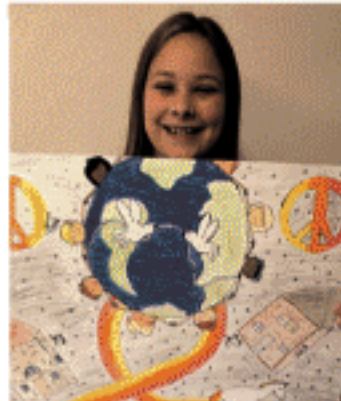
Syracuse University Professor Chris Johnson (top, second from left) brought students in his "Water for Gotham" course to the NYC Watershed in October. They stayed at Frost Valley YMCA, visited Time and the Valleys Museum and the Neversink Reservoir, and stopped at the CWC office for a discussion of New York City-Watershed relations.

### Tri-Valley Student Advances in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Caleb Edwards, an 8th grade student at Tri-Valley School has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the Tri-Valley Lions Club. Caleb's poster was among more than 600,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 30th annual Lions International Peace



"Peace Poster Contest Winner"; Caleb Edwards with Art Teacher Samantha Leopoldo



Samantha Mentnech, Second Place



Austin Hartman, Third Place

Poster Contest. Lions Club International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme, "The Future of Peace". Caleb's poster will advance to face stiff competition through the district, multiple district, and international rounds of the competition if he is to be declared the international prize winner.

Our local judges were so impressed by the quality of the over 60 Tri-Valley submissions that two additional honorable mention prizes were awarded. Samantha Mentnech, Grade 6 was as the second-place winner while Austin Hartman, Grade 7 secured a third-place honor. (Contd. Pg. 3)

### Apple Pie Making for the Holidays at Daniel Pierce Library



On Thursday, November 16th over 35 community members attended the Apple Pie Making program at the Daniel Pierce Library to learn the art of making apple pie while doing a good community service. Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, 30 apple pies were made that day and donated to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church for distribution through their food pantry. (Contd. Pg. 3)

### Fallsburg Parents Learn How to Use SchoolTool



Left to right are FCSD Director of Family and Community Engagement Ms. Aleta Lymon, Migrant Education Tutor Ms. Alejandra Surman, Director of Staff Evaluation and Student Data Ms. Jane Tingley, and Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Computer teacher Ms. Luisa Fernandes.

As a follow-up to a community meeting with parents on "Communicating with Teachers", Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Family and Community Engagement Liaison Ms. Aleta Lymon invited parents to a tutorial on the use of SchoolTool on the evening of November 15 in the Fallsburg Junior Senior High School. (Contd. Pg. 4)

### Fallsburg Students Perform at Zone 9 Band and Mixed Chorus



Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, 2017, three Fallsburg High School students were selected to perform in the Zone 9 Area All-State Band and Mixed Chorus at Tri-Valley High School.

In the photo are left are Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Band Director Ms. Danna Clear; Fallsburg Students Elisabeth Lake, Guillermo Grandos, and Brittany Lent; and FJSHS Choral Director Mrs. Colleen Barber.

### SC Veterans Coalition Accepts Handmade Quilt from Calico Geese Quilting Guild

Sullivan County Veterans Coalition Chairman Howard Goldsmith gratefully accepted another handmade quilt from the Calico Geese Quilting Guild, represented by Sally Abrams, center, and Cathy Dawkins, whose husbands are veterans. The quilts are distributed by the nonprofit Coalition to veterans in VA facilities. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright.  
Psalm 33:1

**Assemblymember Cahill Releases Statement on the Passing of Former Congressman Maurice Hinchey**

In January of 1975, Maurice D. Hinchey was sworn into the office of New York State Assembly for the very first time. When he put together his initial staff, I was honored to be part of it. Nearly 43 years later, we mourn the passing of a leader of unparalleled compassion, unquestioned integrity and unbridled energy. During the intervening decades, Assemblyman, then Congressman Hinchey worked every day to improve the lives of the people he loved and served.

One of our nation's early environmental leaders, Maurice authored, inspired and improved the laws that protect our land, air, water and health. He fought mobsters and chemical manufacturers when they poisoned or tried to poison the earth. He created the Hudson River Greenway and Historic Heritage areas, brought unprecedented attention to our beautiful Catskills and he helped start environmental Superfunds here in New York and all over the nation. In our House, the New York State Assembly, Maurice was more than a chair of the Environmental Committee, he was The Chair.

Though best known for his environmental leadership, Maurice D. Hinchey was an early champion of the modern women's rights movement, universal health care, social, economic and criminal justice reform and much more. He was a leading, sometimes lone voice against unnecessary military incursions by our nation across the globe. Maurice stood shoulder to shoulder with civil rights freedom fighters and workers demanding fair treatment. The Champion we all longed for, he feared no giants and stood up to every bully, in politics, in business and in all of life.

Maurice inspired generations of political activism and gave voice to those who had been disenfranchised for decades. Unapologetically liberal, he became and remained the leader of the emerging progressive movement here in the Hudson Valley. His enduring legacy is the activism he inspired and still does. I remain grateful for the chance he gave me over four decades ago and for his mentoring, support and, most of all, friendship every day since.

This is a sad time, especially for the people of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains and even more so for Ilene, Michelle, his sons, Maurice, Joseph, and all of the Hinchey family. While we will miss him, the spirit of our great leader, Maurice D. Hinchey will be eternal.

Rest in Peace.  
Kevin A. Cahill

**The Officers and Members of the Neversink EMS Thank our Community for their generous donations to the squad. It is an honor to serve you.**

**DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History**

**December 4, 1957** - Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean Jr. of Neversink, are the parents of a baby daughter, born at Liberty Loomis Hospital early Thanksgiving morning. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and has been named Bonnie Sue. This is their fourth child, three girls and one boy.

Were you a lucky hunter,  
or is your cupboard bare?  
Just Kum to Krum's and shop for meat  
And you'll have the best of fare!  
KUM TO KRUM'S !

**December 20, 1967** - Miss Lynn Bertholf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bertholf of

Divine Corners, received the Aquinas Award at Mount St. Mary's College in Newburgh. This is the highest academic award offered to a student at the college. Miss Bertholf, a junior, was a 1965 graduate of Tri-Valley School.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric C. Grundberg of Accord have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to Grant H. McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenna of Grahamsville. Miss Grundberg is a senior at Rondout Valley High School and BOCES Vocational School. Mr. McKenna is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is a student at Hudson Valley Community College. No date has been set for the wedding.

**December 15, 1977** - Robert T. Many, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1977. The son of Eli Bennett and Mary Ann Brooks Many, he was born Oct. 9, 1899 in Sundown. Mr. Many was a retired poultry and dairy farmer. He is survived by his wife, Elthea Black Many at home; two daughters: Mrs. Robert M. Marsland of East Williston, N.Y. and Mrs. Phyllis M. Zanetti of Milanville, Pa; two brothers, George of Hobart and Cyrus of Stamford; two sisters, Mrs. Edna King of Hobart and Mrs. Alice Brooks of Orangeburg, S.C.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**November 26, 1987** - Genevieve E. Pezzella of Sundown Road, Grahamsville, a 33 year area resident, died Monday, November 16 at Horton Hospital, Middletown. She was 73. The daughter of the late George M. and Sarah Mitchell Pfeister, she was born Sept. 17, 1914 in Garnersville. Mrs. Pezzella was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne. Survivors include her husband, Peter G. Pezzella, at home; one daughter, Agatha Sager of Stone Ridge; one son, Peter R. Pezzella of Rock Hill; four sisters: Eleanor Skinner, Ann Conklin, Dorothy Cabat, and Theresa Housel; one brother, Edward Pfeister; five grandchildren; one great-grandson and nieces and nephews.

**Senator Bonacic Reminds Hunters to Follow Safety Rules this Hunting Season**

(Middletown, NY)- During this year's hunting seasons, Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) urged hunters in the Hudson Valley and Catskills to follow all safety rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable hunt. It is critically important that hunters use common sense and remember what they were taught in their NYS Department of Conservation hunters education course. While statistics show that hunting in New York State is safer than ever, hunters make mistakes every year. However, every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable.

"Hunters play a critical role in wildlife management throughout New York State and following basis safety rules will ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable hunt," said Senator Bonacic.

**DEC's hunting rules include:**

- Assume every gun is loaded.
- Control the muzzle. Point your gun in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Be sure of your target and beyond.
- DEC encourages hunters to wear blaze orange or pink. Wearing orange or pink prevents other hunters from mistaking a person for an animal, or shooting in your direction. Hunters who wear hunter orange are seven times less likely to be shot.
- When hunting in tree stands use a safety harness and a climbing belt, as most tree stand accidents occur when hunters are climbing in and out of the stand. Also, never climb in or out of a tree stand with a loaded rifle.
- Always be prepared for winter conditions when venturing in the woods, inform a friend or relative of your whereabouts, and pack emergency supplies.

For more information on these and other important hunting safety tips, please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov>

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

Carol Furman

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony was held inside due to the cold temperatures. It has been reported that this was the coldest Veterans Day in forty years. No one enjoys standing outside in the cold when the veterans can be properly honored in a warmer setting. The Scouts were spending the Veterans Day weekend at Frost Valley, and I thank the Scout leaders for transporting the boys back and forth so they could take part in the ceremony. Thank you, also, to all who participated in the flag exchange ceremony.

Sherri Steinhauer, Town of Neversink resident and former Ladies Professional Golf Champion, can now add another sport to her list of championships. Sherri can add the sport of pickleball for her long list of accomplishments. She and her pickleball partner, Mike Moonan from California, recently won the pickleball national championship in the mixed skill doubles for 55+ bracket in Casa Grande, Arizona. If you remember, Sherri organized the Grahamsville Pickleball Club, which now has over 40 members. Way to go, Sherri!

The Tri-Valley PTO "Tricky Tray" will be held at the Tri-Valley secondary school on Saturday, December 9th. (This is a date change.) Doors open at 12:00 and calling begins at 1:00. Admission is \$1.00 or a couple of canned goods.

There was a nice article in the *Times Herald Record* on November 13th about Jim Richardson's 1953 M-37 Army ½ ton tow truck. This type of vehicle was used as a weapons carrier during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Jim drove one during his time in the military. Thank you to all who have supported the Grahamsville Reformed Church dinners this fall. 184 attended the roast pork dinner held on November 11th. Dinners will resume in the spring. The Daniel Pierce Library afternoon holiday celebration will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00-3:00 pm. The community is invited to attend.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club will be having their holiday dinner at Nardi's in Hurleyville on Tuesday, December 5th. Checks will be presented to the Daniel Pierce Library and to The Time and the Valleys Museum. Those attending are asked to bring an item to support the SPCA. The Lions will be at the Tri-Valley Elementary School on Wednesday, December 6th to perform eye screening on students in grades K-Gr. 5 for vision impairment. Permission slips to have your child's eyes screened have to be returned prior to the screening. The screening procedure, which utilizes a camera, is quick, safe and costs you nothing. The sooner a vision problem is detected, the more likely it can be corrected. Thank you Tri-Valley Lions Club for doing this for our local children.

The Neversink/Rondout Antique Machinery Club will be having their holiday celebration at the Neversink Firehouse on Friday, December 8th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. If you plan to attend, but haven't been contacted, give Marge Denman a call. Beware! Deer are on the move, especially at this time of the year, and they don't look both ways before crossing the road!

**Words of Wisdom:** Weariness has no pain equal to being all rested up with nothing to do. (Henry S. Haskins) Making excuses doesn't change the truth.

**Tri-Valley Student Advances in Lions International Peace Poster Contest**

(From Pg. 1) Poster contest submissions were completed under the supervision of Tri-Valley art teacher Samantha Leopoldo in her 6th, 7th and 8th grade art classes. The Tri-Valley Lions Club would like to thank Ms. Leopoldo and all of her students for their hard work and creativity as participants in this year's contest.

**Apple Pie Making for the Holidays at Daniel Pierce Library**

(From Pg. 1) The Daniel Pierce Library Staff and Board of Directors would like to thank all of the children for doing a great community service and to all of the people who donated to the program, those who helped prep and make the pies, and those who planned the program and made it happen. All of the ingredients



for this program were donated by local families and stores.

**First Friday Book Discussion Group**

The first Friday of the month book club meets in the Upper-Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by the members. New members welcome. This month's book discussion: "The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

**Clean Up Your Credit at Daniel Pierce Library**

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY- Credit affects whether you will get high or low-interest rates, be approved for credit cards or loans, insurance premiums and costs, and employment and rental options.

A FREE, educational Credit Management class, intended to empower the public to make informed financial decisions that can improve their lives, will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this class, perfect for teens, young adults with student loans, and families in debt, at Daniel Pierce Library on 328 Main Street in Grahamsville, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sean Welsh, CCESC energy and consumer educator, will present proven strategies that can be incorporated into any household. Participants will learn how to work with a budget, create a debt repayment plan, recognize bad credit opportunities, and rebuild or start a credit file.

This workshop is free to the public. Space is limited and registration is required in advance. Registration and more information can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org). Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

**Claryville Pumpouts Begin**

A septic maintenance program to encompass 130 properties is planned in the hamlet of Claryville, which straddles the Towns of Neversink and Denning in Sullivan and Ulster Counties.



The job of pumping and inspecting individual septic systems got underway in early November. Substandard systems will be replaced, and a regular program of pumpouts and repairs will be instituted, with CWC staff expected to coordinate the work under contract with the towns.

A block grant of \$8.6 million was approved for the project under the Community Wastewater Management Program, with annual operation and maintenance funding of \$48,937.

Mr. Septic of Liberty did the initial pumpouts.

**NY DEC Forest Rangers on the Front Lines**

"Across New York, DEC Forest Rangers are on the front lines helping people safely enjoy the great outdoors," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Their knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques is critical to the success of their missions, which take them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountainous peaks to white-water rivers, and throughout our vast forested areas statewide."

A recent mission carried out by DEC Forest Rangers occurred on Nov. 19 at 5:20 p.m. DEC Central Dispatch was notified by Ulster County 911 of a hunter reported lost by his hunting companion. Forest Rangers were dispatched to the camp at 54 Dymond Road and cell phone coordinates were obtained for the missing hunter. Responders located the hunter in good condition near the area of the cell phone coordinates. All parties were out of the woods by 7:30 p.m.

**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.*

**Has Jack Frost been Painting Your Windshield with Ice?**

Remember when we were young and believed in Santa, fairies, ghosts and goblins and that man named Jack Frost? He would come in the dark of a fall night and paint each blade of grass in the yard with small thin crystals of ice overnight letting us know that winter was on its way.

Well, now of course we know we can't blame Jack and frost occurs when water vapor in the air condenses as ice on a surface that has a temperature below freezing.

At night, a blade of grass loses energy by emitting a non-lethal kind of radiation, but it absorbs energy emitted by surrounding objects.

Under clear nighttime skies, objects near the ground emit more radiation than they receive from the sky, and so a blade of grass cools due

to the net energy loss. Once a grass blade gets cold enough, frost will form on it.

Overnight cooling of air near the ground causes morning frost on grass and on your car windshields!

If you get outside early in the morning, you may notice that frost forms in open fields but not under trees. Trees emit more radiation toward the ground than the clear sky above, and so grass under a tree loses less energy than grass in an open field. Grass in an open field cools faster and reaches the frost point first.

The heaviest coatings of frost usually do not occur at the coldest temperatures because very cold air cannot hold very much water vapor. Instead, thick deposits of frost usually occur when the air temperature is close to 32 deg. F (0 deg. C).

The size of frost crystals varies depending on the time they have been building up and the amount of water vapor available. Frost crystals are translucent, but scatter light in many directions, so that a coating of frost appears white. There are many types of frost, such as Hoar frost, also known as radiation and window frost.

Hoar frost refers to the white ice crystals, loosely deposited on the ground or exposed objects, that form on cold clear nights when heat is lost into the open sky causing objects to become colder than the surrounding air. A related effect is flood frost or a frost pocket which occurs when air, cooled by ground-level radiation losses, travels downhill to form pockets of very cold air in depressions, valleys, and hollows. Hoar frost can form in these areas even when the air temperature a few feet above ground is well above freezing. Nonetheless the frost itself will be at or below the freezing temperature of water.

The name hoar comes from an Old English adjective for showing signs of old age, and is used in this context in reference to the frost that makes trees and bushes look like white hair.

Window frost forms when a glass pane is exposed to very cold air on the outside and moderately moist air on the inside. It forms a pattern on the glass that resembles fern. If the pane is not a good insulator (such as a single pane window), water vapor condenses on the glass forming patterns.

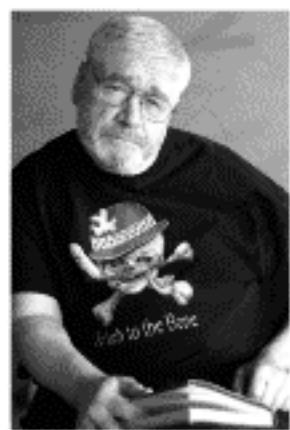
There are many tales about Jack Frost, a/k/a Old Man Winter, who nips at your nose and is the son of the Frost King. Jack Frost's roots are believed to have originated from Anglo-Saxon and Norse winter customs. Various cultures have their own traditions of frost deities. In Russian culture he takes the name of Grandfather Frost. English folklore tradition holds that Jack Frost is an elfish playful creature. And in recent years, Jack Frost has built a new reputation as an antagonist who wants to freeze Fairyland! We can blame Jack Frost for a lot of things, and why not? It is easy to put the blame on someone who can't talk back!

Nevertheless, it is time to get out the Long Johns - I wonder why we don't call them Long Jacks?

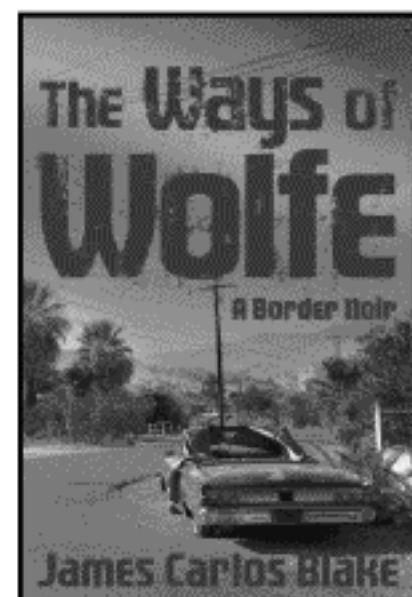
**Household Hints**

**Speaking of Frost - Keep car windows frost-free**

If you park your car outdoors during the cold winter months, a smart and simple way to keep frost from forming on your windows is by wiping (or, better yet, spraying) the outsides of the windows with a solution of 3 parts white vinegar to 1 part water. Each coating may last up to several weeks - although, unfortunately, it won't do much in the way of warding off a heavy snowfall!



**The Ways of Wolfe**  
Mysterious Book Report No. 312  
by John Dwaine McKenna



I always look forward to any new work by James Carlos Blake, because he's a master of noir. He's not the most prolific of authors, but he's surely one of the most polished in all of crime fiction. He's tackled historical figures such as John Wesley Hardin, Poncho Villa and John Dillinger, among others, with such an adroit touch that extreme violence seems almost like an ordinary occurrence or normal behavior. His books are masterpieces in my opinion. Lately, he's invented a fictional family called the Wolfe's, who live on the border down at Brownsville, Texas and whose roots go deep into American and Mexican soil. Their story began in the 1840s with the Mexican-American War, and now, in his fourth novel about the family: *The Ways of Wolfe* (The Mysterious Press, \$25.00, 290 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2577-4) James Carlos Blake delivers a spirited and lively story about Axel Prince Wolfe. Twenty-some years ago Axel, then a college student and the heir apparent to the Wolfe family's prestigious Texas law firm and it's "shade trade" criminal enterprises, was involved in a high-end armed robbery that went disastrously wrong. It was an event from which Axel Prince Wolfe drew a thirty-year prison sentence . . . to the absolute horror of his family. Two decades later, with eleven years still to go, all he wants to do is meet the young woman his daughter has become while he's been incarcerated. He teams up with a young Mexican inmate named Cacho, whose ties to a Mexican Drug Cartel give them the resources to make a prison break. After the breakout in which three deaths occur – Axel and Cacho become the objects of a massive manhunt on both sides of the border in this propulsive and exhilarating novel. But that's just the beginning of this thrilling crime fiction yarn from the pen of a master. Read it for yourself and see why I never miss a new work from one of the smoothest and most interesting of all contemporary crime fiction writers.

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**NOTE:** Just a reminder, there will no Mysterious Book Report next week, Nov 24th. It's Thanksgiving Day and we'll all be in a football daze and food coma for the duration. But don't fret, we'll return the following week with MBR No. 312: *The Ways of Wolfe*.

**Fallsburg Parents Learn How to Use SchoolTool**

(From Pg. 1) Ms. Jane Tingley, Director of Staff Evaluation and Student Data, showed parents how to log on and access SchoolTool. With clear handouts and a SmartBoard, each parent used a computer in the lab or added a mobile app to their smartphone. Also on hand to assist with Spanish speaking parents were elementary teacher Ms. Luisa Fernandes and Migrant Education Tutor Ms. Alejandra Surman.

SchoolTool contains information on each student in FCSD, such as contact persons, schedule, attendance, grades, assessments and assignments. The information is confidential. Parents can only access a child's information through a personal password.

During the hour-long tutorial, parents learned to open up the information, how to provide changes in contact information, how to email a teacher, and how to read schedules and assignments. Access forms on the school web site, [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net), are bilingual and can be easily filled out at home. Assessments for NYSED and NWEA tests are entered throughout the year.

Ms. Lymon, Ms. Fernandes and Ms. Surman, will be sharing the tutorial information with parents throughout the year at other events, open houses, and ENL classes. Ms. Tingley will make these presentations as needed for groups of parents. The information is invaluable to them and empowers them to access the details of their child's daily schedule, work assignments and assessments in a few simple strokes on a computer keyboard or their smartphone.

**SC Veterans Coalition Accepts Handmade Quilt from Calico Geese Quilting Guild**

(From Pg. 1) The Guild also donated \$500 to the Coalition, which will use the funds to aid veterans in need throughout Sullivan County. The Guild is an active one, meeting regularly at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, making quilts and raising funds for a variety of community events and causes. More info on their activities can be found at <http://sullivanccc.org/home-family/calico-geese-quilting-guild> or by calling Abrams at 845-439-4359.

**Achieve Your Dreams: Learn to Write a Successful Business Plan**

LIBERTY, NY-A business plan is the story of your business, according to Plans & Profits LLC, and is essential to the success of every new or existing business.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering a workshop this fall on Writing a Business Plan, sponsored by Sullivan County SCORE. Participants starting a new business or building on existing knowledge can benefit from this opportunity.

Charlene Finerty of Plans & Profits will present the ins and outs of writing a customized business plan, and getting one step closer to a successful start-up. The workshop is held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-

Loomis Road in Liberty.

Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccc.org](http://www.sullivanccc.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow, and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

**Fido is Family: Learn to Make Healthy Pet Treats at Home**

LIBERTY, NY-Nutrition is important for pets in our care, as extended members of the family. Pet owners are invited into the Catskills Kitchen to create homemade, healthy, and affordable treats for their dogs or cats. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering a DIY Pet Treats workshop Saturday, December 9, 2017. The hands-on class will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Catskills Kitchen of CCESC's Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Participants should bring a bag lunch.

CCESC Master Food Preserver volunteers will present how to make nutritious dog and cat treats as a way to save money and provide a safe, healthy alternative to store-bought treats using ingredients you can trust.

Homemade pet treats make great holiday gifts! Everyone will take home prepared food samples.

Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccc.org](http://www.sullivanccc.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

**Sullivan County Human Rights Commission will not be holding a monthly meeting in December**

Please be advised that the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission will not be holding a monthly meeting in December. The Commission usually meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Government Center and will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

**See the Battle of the Bots at Fallsburg High School**

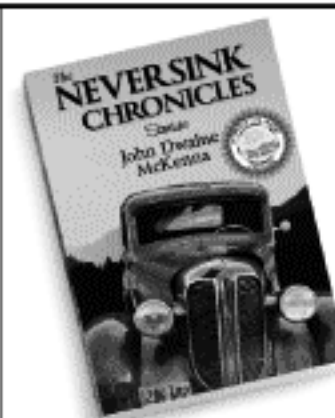
Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School will host the Second Annual Catskill New Bot Battle-VEX Robotics Competition on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 10 AM to 4 PM. The event co-sponsored by the Fallsburg and SUNY Sullivan Robotics Teams has been moved to make room for new teams from the area, and additional teams from throughout New York State. Admission is free for spectators.

There are currently over 180 teams in NYS. Fallsburg and Monticello will have several teams in the competition. To find out more about the competition contact Mr. Don Thomas by telephone/email at 845-434-6800 or [dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net](mailto:dthomas@fallsburgcsd.net).

**Senator Bonacic Congratulates Rosemary Guerra on Being Awarded the First John J. Bonacic Scholarship for Public Service at SUNY Sullivan**



(Middletown, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) was pleased to attend a luncheon earlier this month at SUNY Sullivan where he was able to congratulate Rosemary Guerra, the first recipient of the John J. Bonacic Scholarship for Public Service. Ms. Guerra is active on campus and has volunteered in her local community. She most recently assisted with clean-up efforts in Houston after Hurricane Harvey. She is also active in student government, having served as the President of the SUNY Sullivan Student Government Association (SGA).



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**Project Linus**



Thanksgiving is the time to be thankful for our blessings. Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza, and even Festivus, are holidays that celebrate a time of giving and sharing. These sixty-four quilts from Project Linus are a visual of the seasons we approach.

Cheryl Kosarek has led a Project Linus, aptly named after the Peanuts character, with two groups since her retirement from Onteora Central School as a teacher of Family and Consumer Science, known to you older fogies as Home Economics. Since it began, the groups have donated 854 handmade quilts to children of Ulster County who are in times of distress. The quilts go to firehouses, schools, hospitals, shelter, etc. where children are in need.

These quilts were blessed last Sunday at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kingston and were handed off to Nancy George for distribution.



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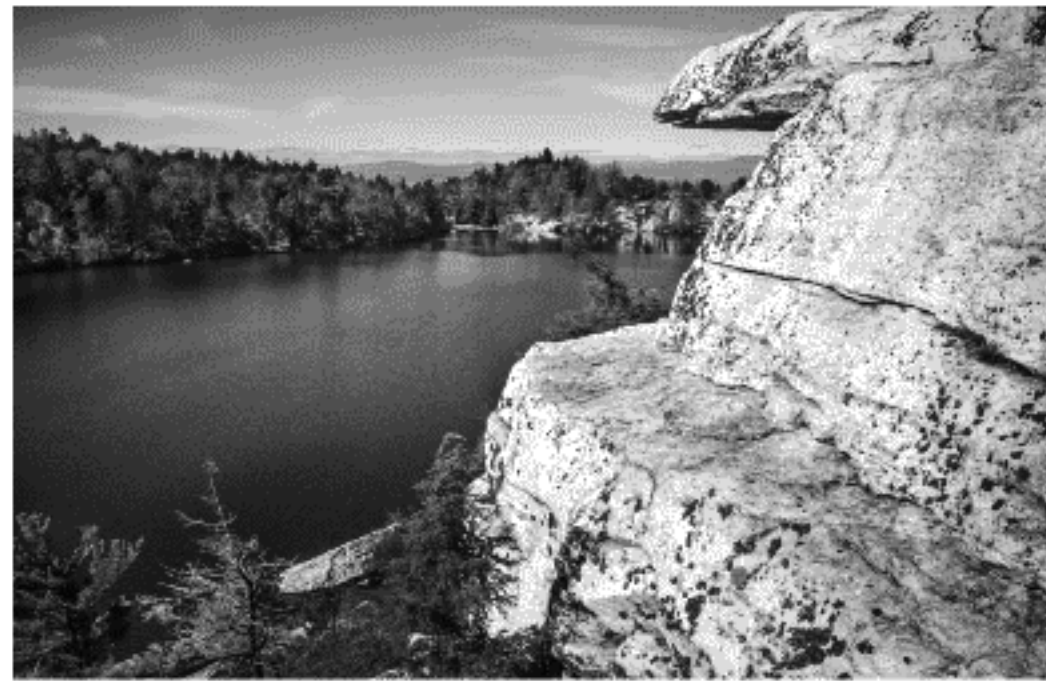
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**A Visual Odyssey**

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Rock ledges above Lake Minnewaska with Catskill Mountains in background. Photo by Nora Scarlett.

From Minnewaska to Sam's Point, and back to Mohonk, with many stops in between, join Nora Scarlett on her visual odyssey through the Shawangunk Mountains in search of the unexpected. She will show images from some of her favorite places, including Lake Awosting, the Peterskill, Spruce Glen, Lost City and Gertrude's Nose. Also she will share a few vignettes of her favorite species, including the red eft, the pink lady slipper, and the box turtle.

Looking for wacky formations, humorous characteristics, improbable locations, and surprising shapes, Nora created her "Trunks of the Gunks" series which was published last year. During the project she became awed at scene after scene displaying how life adapts to adversity and how it succeeds in astonishing ways.

In the recently released book "Saving the Shawangunks" by Carleton Mabee, she created a portfolio of images to compliment the text. They depict familiar locations seen with a different eye, many from areas that would have been impacted by the development documented in the book. These evocative images result from over 10 years of hiking the region, all made possible because of the persistent and tenacious efforts of so many to preserve this land. Nora hopes that viewing these photographs will inspire people to get out and appreciate the wonders that abound.

Nora Scarlett received numerous awards during her career as a commercial photographer in New York City. Upon moving to the Shawangunks in 1998, she was able to spend more time pursuing her love of the outdoors and visually documenting its wonders in her unique style. Her first book, "Trunks of the Gunks: A Visual Odyssey through the Shawangunk Mountains in Search of the Unexpected", was published in 2016.

To reserve a seat, call Morgan Outdoors at (845)439 5507. Both books will be available for sale, with a book signing immediately following the presentation.

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The performance at the Delaware Youth Center (8 Creamery Road in Callicoon), will feature short stories, jokes and poems about Christmas and Chanukah, followed by sweet treats and holiday goodies. Big Sky's Artistic Director Carol Montana will be joined by actress Sharlene Hartman to bring you stories that will make you laugh and may even bring a happy tear to your eyes.

Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Call 887-5901 for additional information, and to find out more about the diverse events offered by the Delaware Young at Heart please visit their Facebook page or contact Vincent Alukonis, Coordinator, at... [DlwrYoungHearts@aol.com](mailto:DlwrYoungHearts@aol.com).

Sharlene Hartman (left) and Carol Montana will perform "Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays" at the Delaware Youth Center on December 10.

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**Health Means Business: CCE Annual Meeting Celebrates Wellness Leaders**

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY-Schools, municipalities, organizations, and businesses in Sullivan County faced a healthy challenge this year to make a commitment to worksite wellness and put promises into practice.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC), Catskill Regional Medical Center, Eat Smart New York of the Hudson Valley Region, HealthLinkNY, Sullivan County Public Health Services, Sullivan Renaissance & Sullivan 180, and the American Heart Association worked with organizations to show that "health means business" in Sullivan County, initiating a worksite wellness competition for local employers in early 2017.

The CCESC 103rd Annual Meeting will celebrate the champions of this challenge on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 with special awards and recognition. This free event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at New Hope Community on 5 New Hope Community Drive in Loch Sheldrake. Healthy refreshments will be provided by New Hope Community, sponsored by Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Jonathan Schiller, CEO of Catskill Regional Medical Center is this year's keynote speaker. New CCESC board members will be elected with grateful acknowledgments offered to volunteers reaching the end of their term.

The traditional Friends of Extension awards will follow, recognizing this year's outstanding supporters, including volunteers Helene Glatt, Lucy

Smassanow, and Beverly Hesse; partners Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, and Miss Monticello Diner; and Extension Professional of the Year Marilyn Jones!

The winner of a rustic curly maple wine bar, hand-crafted by John Kline, will be drawn at the Annual Meeting. Participants need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the event or before Dec 5 at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

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## Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:00 AM    SUNSET: 4:30 PM  
 AVERAGE HIGH: 46°F  
 AVERAGE LOW: 27°F

**THURSDAY**

HIGH: 45°F    LOW: 34°F

**FRIDAY**

HIGH: 45°F    LOW: 32°F

**SATURDAY**

HIGH: 44°F    LOW: 30°F

**SUNDAY**

HIGH: 44°F    LOW: 36°F

**MONDAY**

HIGH: 46°F    LOW: 25°F

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**SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings for family friends and neighbors. This year our Hanukkah holiday issue will be published on December 14th. Please be sure your greeting reaches us by Friday, December 8th.

Our Christmas holiday issue will be published on December 22nd. Please make sure we have your greeting by Friday, December 15, 2017.

Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!  
Please use our "Holiday Greeting" order blank when ordering your greeting. Each published greeting will be approximately 2" x 3". Please circle the greeting you want and then write the holiday message you wish to include in your greeting:

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Send this form along with your check for \$8.00 for each holiday greeting to: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_



**Frost Valley Offers  
Wilderness First Responder Course**

The Wilderness First Responder course is offered by Frost Valley YMCA to provide the necessary wilderness survival and emergency medical training for those who work, teach, and volunteer in remote areas.

Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved



in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum.

The training includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments

for days and weeks if necessary.

The course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch, just a few miles away from Main Camp, from December 27, 2017-January 2, 2018. Please contact Emily Gorman at [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or 845-985-2291 ext. 240 to register.

If your child has a love for the outdoors, don't forget that Frost Valley's Winter Break Day Camp is just around the corner. From December 26-29, 2017, Frost Valley will host this annual day camp filled with fun, daily activities that promote achievement, relationships, and belonging.

During this weeklong program, children and teens have the opportunity to enjoy their time off by making friends and memories in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Campers enjoy daily activities such as indoor climbing, snow tubing, arts and crafts, sports, cross-country skiing, a day trip to an indoor pool, and more.

Lunch is included and transportation is available to and from various communities in the surrounding area at no additional fee. Register your child today by visiting [www.frostvalley.org](http://www.frostvalley.org) or calling 845-985-2291 for more information.

**No-Shavers' Report!**

After one week the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association No-Shavers' beards were growing! The first week they raised \$725.



And below is the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association's latest No-Shave November update! The beards are growing strong.



Are you interested in donating to this great cause and helping them to surpass last year's donation total of \$2000?

If so, you can donate here: <https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>. Thank you for your support!

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**Celebrate the Season with  
"Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol"  
at Shadowland Stages**

ELLENVILLE, NY - Shadowland Stages concludes its 33rd season with "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," a play by Tom Mula adapted from the classic story by Charles Dickens, playing from December 1st through December 17th.

Charles Dickens' classic tale of greed redeemed into hope, kindness, and love is now told from a very unusual point-of-view in "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," a charming seasonal classic with a signature Shadowland twist! Find out just what happened to Scrooge's wicked business partner as he takes his own theatrical voyage, with an imaginative cast of actors creating a wintry, magical world. Brought to life with a soundscape of music and foley live on stage, this immortal tale stands out from the crowd as an epic journey that the whole family can enjoy.

"Marley was dead, to begin with..." And what happens to Ebenezer Scrooge's mean, sour, pruney old business partner after that? Chained and shackled, Marley is condemned to a hellish eternity. He's even given his own private tormentor: a malicious little hell-sprite who thoroughly enjoys his work. Desperate, Marley accepts his one chance to free himself: To escape his own chains, he must first redeem Scrooge. So begins a journey of laughter and terror, redemption and renewal, during which Scrooge's heart, indeed, is opened; but not before Marley—in this irreverent, funny and deeply moving story—discovers his own.

"Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" is directed by Brendan Burke, Shadowland Stages' Producing Artistic Director. The scenic designer is Josh Christensen, the lighting designer is Parker Conzone, and the sound designer is Jeff Knapp. The technical director is Josh Christensen. The production stage manager is Olivia Gemelli\*.

The cast includes: Sean Cullen, Paul Murphy, Julia Register, and David Stallings.

Shadowland Stages' production of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" opens on December 1st and will run through December 17th. Tickets for all evening performances (8:00 pm) are \$39, and all Sunday Matinees (2:00 pm) are \$34. On opening weekend, there is one special First Saturday Matinee performance (2:00 pm) on December 2nd, when tickets are just \$29.

For this holiday treat, Shadowland is offering a very special discount price of just \$15 for children 16 and under, accompanied by an adult, for all performances.

Discounts are also available for group sales and deals with select local restaurants. Call the Shadowland Stages box office for more information at (845) 647-5511.

Shadowland Stages is a professional theatre located in Ellenville, NY. Brendan Burke is the Producing Artistic Director and Bradley Diuguid is the Executive Managing Director. Shows are produced using professional Equity actors and professional directors and designers. The theatre operates under contract with Actors' Equity Association.

Shadowland Stages is located at 157 Canal Street in Ellenville, NY. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 647-5511 or online at shadowlandstages.org. Reservations are recommended.

**Forestburgh Playhouse and the Hurleyville Arts  
Centre Present The FIRST Annual Holiday  
Cabaret! An evening of Holiday Music**

The Hurleyville Arts Centre and the Forestburgh Playhouse are proud to co-present the first annual Holiday Cabaret at the wonderful Hurleyville Arts Centre on December 9, 2017 at 7:30pm. Past Playhouse performers and talented local children will be performing favorite holiday tunes—ranging from traditional music to popular tunes that get us into the Holiday Spirit. Forestburgh Playhouse and the Hurleyville Arts Centre are excited to present their first collaboration to Sullivan County. Support the Arts in Sullivan County and enjoy a fabulous evening with us!

Location: Hurleyville Arts Centre

Tickets are \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door Tickets can be purchased directly on the HAC Website:

<https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org/forestburgh-playhouse-cabaret/fbplayhouse.org> or [hurleyvilleartscentre.org](https://hurleyvilleartscentre.org) for Info & Tickets!

**New Year's at Ashokan**

Join us for a beautiful weekend of music and community at our New Year's Eve Music & Dance Camp-or come for our New Year's Eve dinner and dance celebration!

**December 29, 2017-January 1, 2018 New Year's Music & Dance Weekend** – Daytime music and dance classes, evening dance parties featuring swing, Cajun, contras, squares, and waltzes, plus sing-alongs, jam sessions, and tons of fun!

Our amazing and accessible instructors include Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason with Swingology, John Krumm, Cindy Overstreet & Steve Ryan, and Erica Weiss-plus Zydegroove, Bob Isaacs, and Bell, Ball & VanNorstrand on New Year's Eve!

**December 31, 6pm (dinner) / 7pm (sing-along) / 8pm (dance)  
New Year's Eve Dance & Dinner**

Ring in the New Year with four fabulous bands, abundant food and beverages, good times, and friendly people!

Dance to the music of Jesse Lege & Bayou Brew, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason with Swingology, Zydegroove, and Bell, Ball & VanNorstrand, with Bob Isaacs and John Krumm calling.

Dancing begins at 8pm with swing, Cajun, and waltzes in one room and contras and squares in the other—followed by the late-night Zydeco Lounge!

Join us early for a full family-style dinner (no lines!) at 6pm with vegan and gluten-free options available. Plus coffee, tea, lemonade and ice water, a bountiful snack table from 11pm-1am, and a cash bar featuring local beers and wines!

Phone: 845-246-2121 email: [office@ashokan.org](mailto:office@ashokan.org). Our mailing address is: The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge, New York 12461

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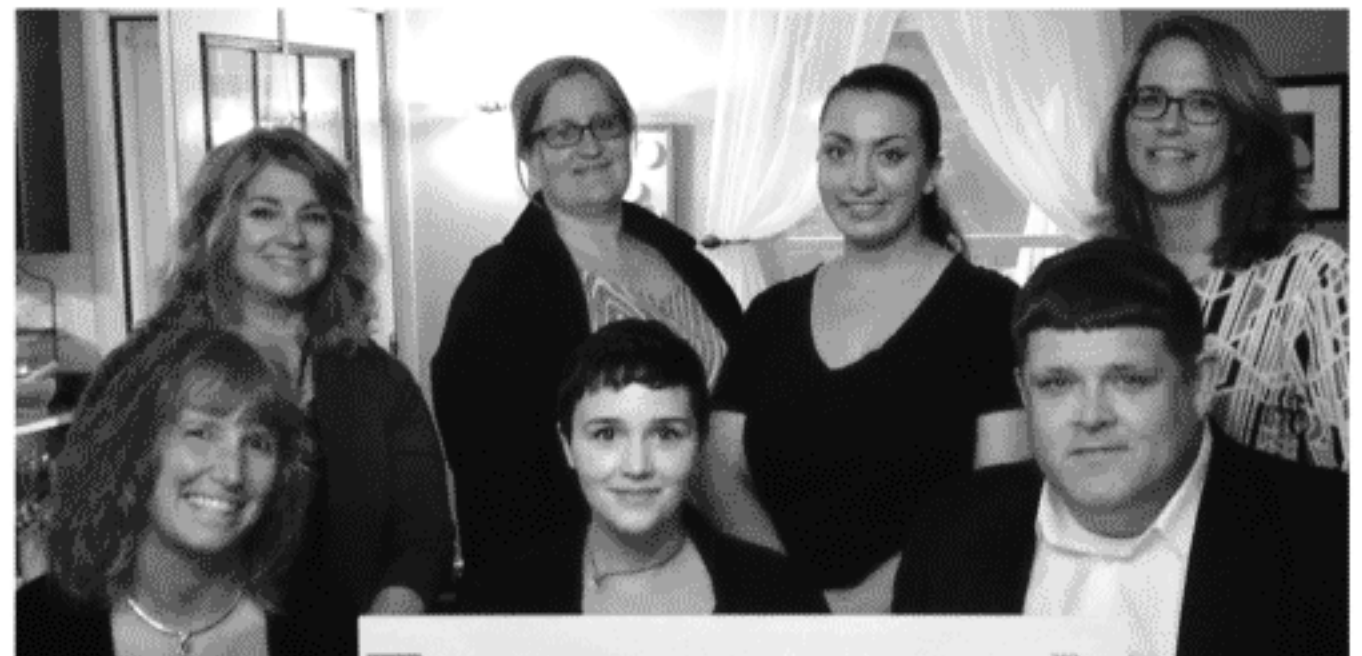
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**NCA Awarded \$5000 New York Life Grant**



Agent Thomas Lynch of New York Life's Hudson Valley General Office presents a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant check to General Manager Marina Lombardi and Board of Director members of Nesin Cultural Arts. Board members are: (from left) Secretary Ann Marie Kurthy, Karen Collura, Treasurer Helen Jersey, Vice President Jessica Nesin and President Kathleen Lara.

(Monticello, NY) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA), which provides lifelong learning opportunities in the arts to children and the community, has been awarded a \$5,000 Community Impact Grant from New York Life. The grant will support the year-round arts education programs which foster an awareness of world cultures through programmatic experiences. These programs include private music lessons through the Aspiring Young Musicians program, two Children's Choruses, Dance and Visual Arts classes and the NCA Summer Music Academy.

NCA General Manager Marina Lombardi said, "We are grateful for New York Life's investment in NCA education programs, which will change many lives for the better. Without the support from New York Life, our dedicated faculty would not be able to provide these extensive programs to the enthusiastic and deserving children in our community."

New York Life Hudson Valley General Office Agent Thomas Lynch said, "I'm proud to work for a company that encourages its agents and employees to devote their time, energy and talents to support the needs and priorities of their local community. We are pleased that our partnership will have a long-lasting impact on Nesin Cultural Arts and the population they serve."

The Community Impact Grant program awards grants of up to \$25,000 to local non-profit organizations which are championed by New York Life agents and employees to serve the needs of their local communities. Since the program's inception in 2008, 452 grants totaling nearly \$6 million have been awarded to nonprofits across the country.

## DEC and Assemblywoman Gunther Announce \$50,000 to Study Livingston Manor Flooding Flood Study Will Help Advance Resiliency Projects

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the State will provide up to \$50,000 for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study in the Sullivan County hamlet of Livingston Manor. Funds will be used to undertake the Livingston Manor Flood Control Feasibility Study. The funding was secured with assistance from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

"As climate change fuels more intense and frequent storms that threaten communities and infrastructure across the state, DEC experts are on the frontlines every day assisting local governments in planning for and advancing important flood resiliency projects," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The Livingston Manor Flood Control Feasibility Study will not only protect this community, it will also improve the natural resources in the Catskills, which are critical to the economic vitality of the region."

"The people who live in Livingston Manor have worked so hard to rebuild and repair flood damage time and time again," Assemblywoman Gunther said. "This study will help find a solution that works for everyone."

"It is with great satisfaction and anticipation that we have been waiting for such needed support from our state agencies. I can't say enough about our Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, who has witnessed first-hand, the devastation of flooding to our communities. Time and time again. We have been working with the ACOE and the DEC for some time now to develop a plan to reduce flooding in our area. Our small town atmosphere is a driving force for many new businesses, and the assistance from our state agency will help bring about positive change, and continued growth for those who look for a more healthy lifestyle and quality of life," said Rob Eggleton, Supervisor, town of Rockland.

A joint effort by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DEC, the town of Rockland, the Livingston Manor Flood Control Feasibility Study was originally initiated in 2009. In 2016, the study was re-envisioned to focus solely on flood control, which required additional funding. In October 2017, DEC committed to providing up to \$50,000 to finalize the study.

DEC is currently working with the U.S. Army Corps to finalize a contract for the project. The study is anticipated to be completed in 2018. Following completion of the study, the U.S. Army Corps will begin the design and construction phase of the project with federal, State and local funding.

## Catskill Mountainkeeper Applauds Funding for Flood Study in Livingston Manor

Livingston Manor, NY - The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC) and Assemblywoman Gunther announced that the state will invest up to \$50,000 in an Army Corps of Engineers study examining flood control and community preparedness in Livingston Manor. In response, Catskill Mountainkeeper issued the following statement, attributable to Ramsay Adams, Executive Director.

"Livingston Manor has been waiting for years for the Army Corps of Engineers to step up and address our persistent flooding issue. As climate change begins to impact our own hometown, making storms more dangerous and severe, New York's commitment to lead on this issue is incredibly welcome. We look forward to working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS-DEC), Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, and Supervisor Rob Eggleton to address the flooding in a way that makes our community more prepared while protecting our waterways and wildlife. We thank Governor Cuomo, DEC, and Assemblywoman Gunther for their quick response to the October 30, 2017 flood, and their commitment to funding and addressing this problem."

## Own a Pistol or Revolver? Don't Forget to Recertify

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Clerk Daniel Briggs reminds all pistol/revolver license-holders that the New York State SAFE Act requires them to recertify every five years in order to keep their license.

For some, that means an important deadline is looming.

"If your license was issued before January 15, 2013, you must submit your recertification by January 31, 2018 - which is just two months away," Briggs noted. "If your license was issued on or after January 15, 2013, you will need to submit your recertification five years after the date of issue."

Anyone who does not recertify by the deadline will have their license revoked. Do not depend on being notified by the State, the police or the courts.

You are responsible for initiating and completing recertification.

To begin the process, go to <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov/pprecert> and follow the instructions. If you prefer to fill out the form in writing, it's available to be printed at <https://troopers.ny.gov/firearms> (or at any State Police station) and can then be mailed to the New York State Police, Pistol Permit Bureau, Building 22, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12226-2252.

It is highly recommended that you make a copy of your recertification and confirm with the State via a hyperlink that is provided during the process. If you mail in your form, send it certified with receipt requested. For questions, call 1-855-529-4867.

This program is under the direction of the New York State Police. But while the Sullivan County Clerk's Office does not handle these recertifications, staff are ready to assist licensees in navigating the process.

"Just call my office at 845-807-0411 and ask to speak with Barbara, Russ or Erinn," advised Briggs. "We can answer your questions and ensure you do what is necessary to recertify."

## DEC Announces Winners of 14th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards State Recognizes New York Organizations and Municipalities as Innovation and Sustainability Leaders

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos recognized seven organizations for their state-of-the-art programs and commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic viability at the 14th Annual New York State Environmental Excellence Awards celebration, held at Union College's Park Hall.

DEC Commissioner Seggos said, "I am proud to present this year's Environmental Excellence Awards to municipalities and organizations that are demonstrating outstanding leadership by adopting innovative solutions to protect our environment and strengthen our economy. These projects set a high bar for others to follow as we collectively address critical environmental issues such as fighting climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting pollinator habitats critical to our agricultural economy, advancing the use of electric vehicles, protecting the vitality of our waterways, and keeping potentially hazardous materials out of landfills. Congratulations to all of our outstanding award winners."

At the event, the awards were presented by DEC acting Chief of Staff Julie Tighe.

This year's award winners are setting an example for others across the state by implementing innovative energy efficiency programs, engaging students and communities in sustainable practices, harnessing the power of creative partnerships, and generating economic growth.

Included in the winners was Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival Zero Waste Initiative (Westchester County) and Ulster County's Net Carbon Neutral Operations (Ulster County).

Clearwater's longtime strategy of inspiring, educating, and engaging people is a powerful formula for success. The Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival (Revival) began in 1978 as a series of small concerts to increase environmental awareness and raise funds for the Sloop Clearwater. Today, it is a national model for organizations wishing to reduce the environmental footprint of large public events. The annual revival draws up to 20,000 attendees, in addition to at least 1,500 volunteers, musicians, and vendors. Event coordinators offer a sustainable event that actively engages attendees in waste reduction, recycling, composting, and sustainable living. Composting and recycling stations are conveniently set up around the festival grounds and trained volunteers help people put things in correct bins and take care of materials disposed of incorrectly. The event has, over the past several years, diverted an impressive 80 percent of waste from landfill including 4 tons of recyclables and 33 tons of compostable material.

Ulster County's Net Carbon Neutral Operations (Ulster County): Ulster County has received national recognition for its outstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and is one of only three New York municipalities certified by DEC as a Bronze Level Climate Smart Community. County leadership is dedicated to increasing the county's energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy generation. Specifically, Ulster County is purchasing 100 percent green electricity from sustainable sources, prohibiting all food service providers from using polystyrene foam, and promoting safer alternatives; expanding and improving the operation of the com-

posting facility at the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency in Kingston; greening and right-sizing their vehicle fleet by adding seven plug-in hybrid sedans and one all-electric vehicle in 2017; and installing a network of nine charging stations at county-owned facilities. This is the greatest number of municipal electric vehicle charging sites in the State, including New York City. The chargers, powered by renewable energy, provided nearly 1,400 charging sessions, saving more than 1,700 gallons of gas.

DEC established the Environmental Excellence Awards in 2004 to recognize those who are working to improve and protect New York's environment and contribute to a healthier economy by advancing sustainable practices and forming creative partnerships. To date, DEC has recognized 80 award winners. They are an elite group of committed organizations leading by example and serving as models of excellence within their industry and community. Union College, host of this year's award ceremony, was an award recipient in 2008 for its campus-wide commitment to sustainability. A statewide review committee, made up of 20 representatives from the public and private sectors, shared advice in selecting the award winners from an array of competitive applications received in May.

Steve Lurie, Clearwater Festival Director, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, said, "Thank you to the New York State DEC for this prestigious award. More than fifty years ago, Pete and Toshi Seeger founded what we now call Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival or The Clearwater Festival. Our Zero Waste program grew out of Toshi's original Litter Picking Committee. Today, Zero Waste is truly a team effort consisting of more than seventy volunteers led by our wonderful coordinators MJ Wilson and Susan Mayer, Clearwater Festival staff, our vendors as well as the great staff at Croton Point Park. Throughout the festival the volunteers help educate attendees about why recycling, composting and striving towards zero waste is so crucially important for our environment, which we all share. Clearwater is truly grateful to receive this award and we hope to continue to honor Pete and Toshi's legacy for years to come."

"I firmly believe that we have a fundamental obligation to protect our pristine environment for all our citizens as well as for future generations," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "This recognition is both personally humbling and a strong testament to the work my administration has done, in conjunction with amazing partners, to deliver meaningful environmental stewardship. It is an honor to be recognized as the only net carbon neutral county in the State of New York, in addition to having the highest concentration of municipal electric vehicle charging stations and committing to purchase of all our electricity from renewable sources."

For additional information about the program and past winners, and to learn about applying for the 2018 Environmental Excellence Awards, visit DEC's website.

## Landmark Middle Class Income Tax Cuts to Take Effect January 1

Dear Townsman Readers:

It's no secret that New York's taxpayers need and deserve real tax relief.

As the debate over tax reform continues in Washington D.C., I wanted to let you know about New York State's landmark middle class tax cut that will begin taking effect on January 1.

Authored by my colleagues and me in the Senate Republican Conference, these tax cuts will save taxpayers billions of dollars of their hard-earned money and help tens of thousands of small businesses grow, thrive, and create new jobs. One of the largest tax cuts in state history, it will reduce middle class tax rates by 20 percent and ultimately provide \$4.2 billion in annual savings for individuals and small businesses.

We have successfully fought to control state spending, cap local property taxes, and soon, help millions of middle class taxpayers keep more of their income to invest and spend as they see fit.

This tax savings will continue to be key to creating better opportunities for middle class New Yorkers and ensuring our state is more affordable for both businesses and families.

I will continue to keep you posted on my continued efforts.

Sincerely,  
Senator John J Bonacic

**Grahamsville Community Food Pantry Seeks Community Support**

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry currently provides groceries and other necessary items to approximately 25 families per month, assisting approximately 100 individuals on a monthly basis. The Food Pantry expects to provide approximately 20-25 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to provide for our neighbors in need in this special season. The food pantry requests gifts of fresh or canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable holiday food items such as gravy, stuffing, instant or real potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also welcome. In addition, the food pantry can make good use of monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for the baskets. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To

arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283). For Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry coordinator needs donations immediately in order to prepare for a Nov. 18 distribution. Donations toward Christmas food baskets are requested by Dec. 11. Donations of unwrapped gifts for children are also welcome since clients with children are offered the opportunity to pick out presents for their young ones. The food pantry coordinator is glad to report that a number of families who once needed our services are seeing better days but there are still many in need. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends and neighbors for your continuing support throughout the year and we pray for your generosity during the holiday season.

**Christkindlmarkt - A festive German Christmas Market**

Woodworkers, Vendors' Specialties, Gift Ware, Crafts, Elves' Table, Home-baked Treats, German and American Food and Refreshments.  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church Annual Cookie Walk**



Cookies will be sold at \$5 a pound. Hot breakfast sandwiches and other breakfast goodies will be sold

When: Saturday December 9th, 2017  
 Where: Sundown Church Hall

Breakfast will be served 9-11am

The cookie walk will be 10 am-12 noon or until cookies are sold out

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

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 Email: [Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

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**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](http://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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**Dec. 2, 2017**  
 5:30 pm  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
**Dec. 9, 2017**  
**Annual Cookie Walk**  
 10am-12 noon or until cookies are sold out  
**Breakfast 9-11am**  
**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Holiday Craft Fair & Luncheon**  
 10-3 Dec. 2  
 Fellowship Hall.  
 For info 985-7427 or 985-2283.

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

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
 845-985-7480

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:****ANNUAL ELECTION OF  
GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT  
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Grahamsville Fire District will take place on December 12, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at the Grahamsville Firehouse located at 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York for the purpose of:

1) Electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2022.

Candidates for the District Office of Commissioner must submit their request in writing to the District Secretary at PO Box 343, Grahamsville, NY 12740 to be placed on the ballot no later than November 22, 2017.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 20, 2017 shall be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.

Scott L. Raymond, District Secretary

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Town of Neversink  
Notice of Budget Adoption

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 8, 2017 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2018. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board  
Lisa Garigliano  
Town Clerk  
November 14, 2017

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING  
TOWN BOARD  
Joy Monforte  
Town Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Primax Properties for the purpose of a Site Plan Review of a proposed retail store (Dollar General) to be located in the Hamlet District on State Route 55 in Neversink, NY (SBL# 25.-1-33.14).

Said hearing will take place at the Theater in the Tri-Valley High School, 34 Moore Hill Rd. Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Also, please take notice of the "Public Hearing Protocol" as adopted by the Town of Neversink Planning Board

The Chairman is the moderator unless someone else is appointed.

The person speaking needs to stick to the topic at hand.

The speaker must identify themselves and their address.

Individuals can speak once for up to 3 minutes during the public hearing.

A time keeper will be appointed by the chairman.

20 seconds before time is up the time keeper motions to the speaker.

Speaking time is not transferable to other speakers.

BY ORDER OF PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

o Vaccinated children and adults can become infected with and spread pertussis; however, disease is typically much less serious in vaccinated people.

o Pertussis is generally treated with antibiotics, which are used to control the symptoms and to prevent infected people from spreading the disease.

o In the past several years there has been an increase in reported cases among 7- through 10-year-olds. Similar trends occurred in the following years; however, an increase in cases was also observed among teens.

(Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/fast-facts.html>)

Here are some tips to keep pertussis from spreading:

- o Wash your hands with soap and water frequently
- o Cover your coughs and sneezes
- o Do not share cups or silverware
- o Stay away from others until evaluated by a physician

Immunizations can be obtained through your healthcare provider or at Sullivan County Public Health Services, 50 Community Lane, Liberty, NY, (845) 292-5910.

If you or your child comes down with any of the above symptoms, including a cough, talk to your healthcare provider without delay. If your healthcare provider needs more information, they can call the Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910. An EPI nurse is on call and available 24/7.

**Free Emergency Preparedness  
Training in Liberty**

LIBERTY, NY- "With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters and know what to do in an emergency," said Governor Andrew Cuomo, 2014 State of the State Address.

A free Emergency Preparedness Workshop will be presented on Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm by New York National Guard troops, in conjunction with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will host this program as part of its commitment to the New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN), at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The event is part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's continuing Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program, which provides citizens with the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

The training course, designed by DHSES, will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or man-made disaster. Participants will be advised on a broad range of emergency-preparedness topics, including developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system.

This class is free to the public. Registration is requested in advance by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org). In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

Since the program's launch in early February 2014, troops have held more than 1,690 events statewide, and taught over 108,000 citizens how to be better prepared for emergencies and disasters. More information on the program and emergency preparedness can be found on [www.nyprep.gov](http://www.nyprep.gov).

The New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN) is a collaborative educational network based at Cornell University, dedicated to educating New York residents about preventing, preparing for, and recovering from emergencies and disasters that could affect their families and communities. NY EDEN is affiliated with both the national USDA Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) and with Cornell University Cooperative Extension.

NY EDEN works to link the emergency preparedness resources of New York agencies and organizations with the community networking and outreach capabilities of Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Centers throughout the state. NY EDEN's website is [www.eden.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.eden.cce.cornell.edu).

**Sullivan County Issues Health  
Advisory on Whooping Cough**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services would like to notify the public that a probable case of pertussis (also known as whooping cough) has been identified this week in the Monticello School District.

Public Health staff has been working closely with the district and healthcare providers in the County to notify parents and to monitor and identify any additional suspected cases to ensure timely treatment and to prevent or control additional cases quickly.

"If you or your child has been around someone with pertussis, you may become sick with whooping cough," cautioned Public Health Services Director Nancy McGraw. "This is especially true when you or your child has not received all the pertussis vaccine shots. Sometimes even if your shots are up to date, you may still be able to contract pertussis."

Pertussis is also known as whooping cough because of the "whooping" sound that is made when gasping for air after a fit of coughing makes it hard to breathe. Coughing fits due to pertussis infection can last for up to 10 weeks or more. Pertussis is a highly contagious disease that is spread through the air by coughing. Pertussis begins with cold symptoms and a persistent cough, which becomes much worse over 1-2 weeks. Symptoms usually include a long series of coughs ("coughing fits") followed by a whooping noise. However, older children, adults and very young

infants may not develop the whoop. There is generally only a slight fever. People with pertussis may have a series of coughs followed by vomiting, turning blue, or difficulty catching breath. The cough is often worse at night, and cough medicines usually do not help alleviate the cough.

If you or your child has been diagnosed with pertussis, it is very important to complete the antibiotic regimen before returning to work, school or community functions, to reduce the spread of the disease to others. People who have or may have pertussis should stay away from young children and infants; all persons with pre-existing health conditions that may be exacerbated by a pertussis infection (for example, but not limited to immune-compromised persons and patients with moderate to severe medically treated asthma).

Fast Facts about pertussis: (CDC, 2015)

Pertussis can cause serious illness in babies, children, teens, and adults and can even be life-threatening, especially in babies.

- o Approximately half of babies less than 1 year old who get pertussis need treatment in the hospital.
- o The most effective way to prevent pertussis is through vaccination with DTaP for babies and children and with Tdap for preteens, teens, and adults.
- o Vaccination of pregnant women with Tdap is especially important to help protect babies.



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

Thank you to Parks & Recreation for all the events, trips and opportunities they have provided throughout 2017. And a special **THANK YOU** to Jamie Brooks and all who volunteer to make these events special!

**Nov 21 Shopping Albany**

WE are **sold out** for the Dec NYC trip!

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment.

It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



**Daniel Pierce Library**

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

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

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

Dec 14

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

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

- 12/2/17 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m
- 12/2/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 12/5/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Town of Denning Town Hall
- 12/5/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting Neversink Town Hall 6 pm
- 12/6/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 12/7/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm Regular Meeting
- 12/12/17 **Neversink Fire District Fire Commissioner Election 6-9 pm**
- 12/12/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/14/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 12/18/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 12/19/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/20/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/21/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm

**REMINDER:** To all municipalities and local organizations please send us a copy of your 2018 Calendar of Events to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 - so that we can continue to post your meetings and events on our calendar each week in the coming year. **THANK YOU!**

**Save the Date!**

**DEC. 2 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m

**Dec. 9 - Sundown United Methodist Church Annual Cookie Walk** 10am-12 noon - Breakfast will be served 9-11am

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

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 SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
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**WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE  
**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)  
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 ELLENVILLE CITGO  
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL  
 PETER'S MARKET  
 THORTON HARDWARE  
 SHOPRITE  
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**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**Wings**

Livingston Manor, NY The public is invited to "Wings", an exhibition of oil paintings by Helena Clare Pittman at Morgan Outdoors, with an Opening Reception on Sunday, December 10, 2017 from 1:00 to 2:30pm.

The oil paintings on wood and board sweetly convey that the artist loves birds. "It has been a lifelong love, from the robins and sparrows I watched in Brooklyn, as a child, and the jays, mockingbirds, finches and especially the crows that live in such numbers on Long Island where I later lived," recounted Pittman. "Here in Sullivan County, the eagles, hawks and owls take my breath away. I pull over to the side of the road to watch them when they suddenly appear as I drive these country roads. I have imagined having a bumper sticker that reads: "I brake for birds."



*Nightbird", oil on wood by Helena Clare Pittman*

All artwork will be for sale, ranging in price from \$75 to \$250. Framed simply in wood, they range from small to medium sized and will brighten a wall or shelf with their lively images and colors. The artist will be present to sign her book, "Crow Flies," and to answer questions about her work. There will also be greeting cards for sale with images of Pittman's watercolor paintings of birds.

Pittman has taught painting and writing at Parsons School of Design, SUNY and CUNY Queens College. She teaches locally at The Daniel Pierce Library, and on line at The Creative Writing Center. She has shown her work in galleries since the 1980s and designed and painted a 12-panel mural for the children's room at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, NY. She has written and illustrated books for children, 17 of which have been published to date, and she has written many stories for Cricket and Cicada Magazines.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, 845 439 5507. [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com)

**Learn About How you can Choose Solar Options**

Community solar makes solar more accessible for everyone--no roof required! And Catskill Mountainkeeper's Solarize Sullivan campaign is making community solar easier for you to learn about how you can chose this great option for clean, renewable energy. Along with Delaware River Solar, our partner that was vetted and selected through a competitive, state-supported process, we'll walk you through your options, answer your questions, and help you sign up for a free assessment. It's no pressure, no tricks community outreach--our goal is to make

solar an affordable and easier option for everyone in Sullivan County.

In the next month you'll have two opportunities to come out and check it out, in-person. And you can always find us online at [solarizesullivan.org](http://solarizesullivan.org) if you're looking for more information or to sign up right away.

Hope to see you out and about!  
 Thursday, December 14th at 6pm at the Liberty Public Library - more information and sign up here  
 Tuesday, December 18th at 6pm at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County - more information and sign up

**CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available**

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is now accepting Watershed Education Grant proposals from schools and non-profit organizations serving students and teachers in the New York City West-of-Hudson (WOH) Watershed and within the five boroughs of New York City.

Applications are also available for projects intended for WOH adult audiences. All proposals are due February 1, 2018.

The application form and guidelines are available at [cwconline.org](http://cwconline.org) (click on Programs/Education Grants). A short video about the Education Grant program is also viewable on the Resources page of the CWC website.

Potential applicants are also encouraged to visit [watershed-educators.org](http://watershed-educators.org) to find ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs. Questions may be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306; [galusha@cwconline.org](mailto:galusha@cwconline.org).

This grant program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. Projects must focus on fresh water, the WOH Watershed and/or the New York City water supply system. They may use science or art, classroom exploration or outdoor experience, history research, hydrology experiments or any other teaching method that results in a greater appreciation for the critical role of water in our lives.

Applicants may also choose from among several Special Options, including trips to environmental education centers, Arm of the Sea Theater performances, Trout in the Classroom and classroom models for teaching about water quality.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

**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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**Cabin** on Route 55 - \$500 per month plus utilities. 985-2731

**One plus bedrooms.** Route 55 on creek. \$700 month plus security and utilities. David 985-2731



Sunday, December 3, 2017  
**ELF WORKSHOP**  
 Stop by the Neversink Town Hall anytime between 11 am and 3 pm to create a few one-of-a-kind holiday projects to take home and brighten a loved one's holiday

SIGN UP: PLEASE BRING SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO THE TOWN HALL PARKS & REC OFFICE ON TUESDAYS BETWEEN 3 PM AND 6 PM OR MAIL TO PO BOX 307, GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740. THIS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CHILDREN TO SIGN UP.



Looking for **Christmas Crafts?**  
 Visit **The Gnome Home**  
 Download a **FREE** pattern

Have a craft you want to sell? From now until Dec 21, we will show your craft on the **The Gnome Home** website for **FREE**.

Send a picture of your finished craft that you wish to sell and your contact information to: [tvtownsmen.com](http://tvtownsmen.com) and we will show your item so the Whole Wide World can see it at [www.gnomehome.net](http://www.gnomehome.net)




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For more information call:  
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 DONA Trained Doula Services  
 (845) 417-6165  
[beautyofbirthdoula@yahoo.com](mailto:beautyofbirthdoula@yahoo.com)



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 Weekdays by Appointment Only

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**THE CLASSICS OF THE CLASSICS**  
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6:00 AM- **THERE WAS A CROOKED MAN**, (Western, 1970) Interesting mystery with classical Christian-Buddhist Biblical ending. *One of the best, Kirk Drugless, Burgess Meredith, Henry Fonda, and Hume Cronyn - all superb.*

8:15 AM- **I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG**, (Drama, 1932) *Paul Muni is masterful as an innocent man brutally victimized by a corrupt criminal justice system.*

10:15 AM - **COOL HAND LUKE**, (Drama, 1967) A spiritually gifted convict refuses to conform to chain-gang life, *Paul Newman, and George Kennedy* are superb.

12:30 PM - **CAGED** (Drama, 1950) Two genius performances by *Eleanor Parker and Agnes Moorehead.*

8:00 PM - **REQUIEM FOR A HEAVYWEIGHT** (Drama, 1962) One of the very best films; a washed-up prizefighter tries to free himself from his ruthless promoters to build a new life, *Anthony Quinn, Jackie Gleason, Mickey Rooney,*

11:30 PM, **SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKES ME**, (*The true story of boxer Rocky Graziano's rise from juvenile delinquent to world champ.* Drama, 1956) *Joseph Buloff, Sal Mineo.*

3:30 AM -**THE HARDER THEY FALL**, (Drama, 1956) *Humphrey Bogart, Rod Steiger, Jan Sterling, Mike Lane, Max Baer, Edward Andrews. Bogart's last feature* casts him as cynical sportswriter-turned-press agent who realizes for the first time how badly prizefighters are manipulated by their unfeeling managers. Powerful drama by Budd Schulberg.

**STARTING** at 6:00 AM Monday morning December 04, 2017 CC, Rated TV-G, B/W,

**Quiz:**

- In *There Was a Crooked Man*, why was it a biblical ending?
- Who played The Missouri Kid?

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**SUNDOWN**

Dec 2 -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

Dec 9th Sundown UMC Annual Cookie Walk and Breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall. Breakfast will be served 9-11am. The cookie walk will be 10am-12 noon or until cookies are sold out

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Dec. 2 Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair & Luncheon from 10 am to 3 in their Fellowship Hall. For info call 985-7427 or 985-2283.

Dec. 3 - Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park 5:00 PM Refreshments will be served

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1. Nature got him  
 2. Burgess Meredith