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"Competitive Readers Shine at Tri-Valley Battle of the Books"



Back Row 3rd Place Finishers Rebecca Coombe, Emma Edwards, Kira Ambrosi; middle row: 1st Place Finishers Brianna Hynson, Gillian Mathews, Chris DiToro; front row: 2nd Place Finishers Victoria Swett, Juliette Eddings, Reanna McGregor

The sixth annual Tri-Valley Secondary School Battle of the Books took place on Thursday, March 26th, in the Secondary School library.

Eighteen teenagers grades 7-9 formed teams of three to read five highly-acclaimed young adult novels: To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee, Temple Grandin by Sy Montgomery, Monument 14 by Emmy Laybourne, Friends with Boys by Faith Erin Hicks, and Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson. The tournament-style competition required students to respond to rapid-fire questions regarding plot, character, theme, and setting. Participants relied only on their memory: no notes or text were permitted. (Contd. Pg. 3)



Back row: Skyler Espinosa-Phillips, Rebecca Coombe, Emma Edwards, Kira Ambrosi; middle row: Julius Colon, Brauke Hunt, Brianna Hynson, Gillian Mathews, Chris DiToro, Anna Hendrickson, Julie Helthaler; front row: Victoria Swett, Juliette Eddings, Reanna McGregor, Elise Yamen

UC Exec Meets with DEP Commissioner to Advance Landmark \$2.5 Million Agreement to Construct a Rail Trail Along the Ashokan Reservoir - County Executive Also Advocates For A Compromise Plan That Would Save Theme Based Train Operations In Kingston



Shokan, N. Y. - With the awe-inspiring beauty from the north shore of the Ashokan Reservoir as the backdrop, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein met with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Emily Lloyd who reiterated the DEP's commitment to open and fund major public improvements along the entire 11.54 miles of the north shore of the Ashokan Reservoir transforming it into a world-class rail trail. This action would open these DEP lands without permit or fee for the first time in over 100 years and represents unprecedented access to the breath-taking beauty and nature that is the Ashokan Reservoir for all Ulster County residents and visitors alike. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Family Council Presents Gift to Sullivan County Adult Care Center



Center Administrator; Judy Spaf-ford, Director of Rehabilitation; Heather Saylor, Registered Occupational Therapist; Joe Heilman, Family Council Co-President; and Joseph Prisciandaro, Family Council member

Members of Family Council of the S. C. Adult Care Center located in Liberty were pleased to present their gift of a new stove to be used in the facility's renovated Short-Term Rehabilitation unit.

In the picture on the left are Robert Konvalin, Family Council Vice President; Shennoy Wellington, Adult Care

Learning & Sharing Genealogy: A program for Beginners and Experienced Genealogists at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Learning and Sharing Genealogy will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

All genealogists are invited to bring their family information and join the museum's genealogy researchers for an afternoon. They will learn about topics such as searching church and cemetery records, dating photos and postcards, using local and state government records and finding reliable websites. Special guests from the DAR and local historical societies will be present. The program is for both beginning and advanced genealogists. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@time-and-thevalleysmuseum.org for more information. (Contd. Pg 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, seek ye me, and ye shall live.
Amos 5:4

BURIAL SERVICE

A burial service for Vivian Worden will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. After the service a covered dish gathering will be held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church (next to Daniel Pierce Library) for family and friends.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Sarah Heikkinen Selected to Present Paper at Literature and Composition Conference

Sarah Heikkinen of Neversink, NY, was selected to present a paper at SUNY Oneonta's sixth annual New Critics: Undergraduate Literature and Composition Conference on Saturday, April 11.

Heikkinen, who is majoring in English at SUNY Oneonta, will present a paper titled "Manipulating Gender Roles in Euripedes's 'Medea'."

Students from 10 colleges and universities will present their scholarly work in 25 sessions at the conference, which will feature a keynote address by acclaimed critic and Guggenheim Fellow Dr. Daniel Mendelsohn. Mendelsohn's lecture, "Too Clever by Half: Smart Characters and Dumb Mistakes in The Odyssey," will close the daylong conference at 4 p.m. in the Craven Lounge of the college's Morris Conference Center.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

April 20, 1955 - A son, Michael Anthony, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz., was born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Greenwald on Wednesday, April 13th at Flower Hospital, N.Y.C. This is their third child. It is also the ninth grandchild for the Herbert Georges and the 12th great-grandchild for the Mrs. Andrew George.

Announcement has been made of the date for the marriage of Mr. Richard Krom and Miss Anne Eaton. The wedding is scheduled for July 16th in the Methodist Church in Grahamsville.

Pfc. Charles Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Phelps of Grahamsville, recently participated in a field training exercise in Germany with the 1st Infantry Division's 18th Regiment. Pfc. Phelps entered the army in October, 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Dix.

April 7, 1965 - Miss Marilyn Gockel and Miss Margaret Viscomi of Sugar Loaf were among those who left from Tri Valley School with the Senior Chorus for a three day concert tour through eastern Pa.

Mrs. Gilbert Welch was sworn in as Post Mistress of the Neversink Post Office on Friday. We wish her well in her new work.

Diane Zanetti has been accepted at the State Univ. of New York at Buffalo. She plans to major in Physical Therapy.

Steve Johnson plan to major in Food Processing Technology and has been accepted at the Agricultural and Technical College at Morrisville.

April 23, 1975 - Agnes A. Slater, 69, of Rte. 55A, died Friday at Community General Hospital in Liberty after a long illness. A lifelong area resident, she was born in Claryville, July 9, 1905. She married Alfred Slater at Grahamsville on July 16, 1924. She was a retired housekeeper from Woodbourne Correctional Facility. She is survived by her husband; a son, Ralph of Grahamsville; a daughter, Mrs. Kaythrine LaHanko of Grahamsville; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Matty Russo are enjoying a second honeymoon in Florida, compliments of their daughter, Mary Ellen Russo. They are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 25th.

April 18, 1985 - Linda G. Smith of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, a former schoolteacher and lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, April 10, 1985. She was 81. The daughter of the late Andrew and Juliana Handford George, she was born Jan. 16, 1904 in Red Hill. She was the widow of Thomas H. Smith. Mrs. Smith origi-

nally taught in one-room schoolhouses in Grahamsville and Sundown. Survivors include one son, Thomas Smith of Grahamsville; three sisters: Esther George of Sundown, and Inez G. Gridley and Dorothy G. Grey, both of Grahamsville; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

RESCHEDULING FIDDLER AUDITIONS

There has been a CHANGE in plans for the second audition for Fiddler on the Roof! The auditions scheduled for Sunday, the 12th have been changed to SUNDAY, APRIL 19th - from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Traditional casting - all ages needed. Actor/singers needed. Strong dancers needed as well (if you're a strong dancer but don't want to sing, we may be able to cast dance-only roles). Bring sheet music of a song that shows your range or plan on singing something from the show. An accompanist will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes that you can move in, as our choreographer will have some simple routines to see how you move! PRODUCTION DATES: AUGUST 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

For additional information, or to schedule an alternate audition time, please contact Lori at MLori1962@aol.com or by calling (845) 701-0142

SUNY Ulster Holds Spring Open House; One-Stop Shop for Prospective and Accepted Students

SUNY Ulster will hold its annual Open House with workshops, information sessions and activities in a "one-stop" shop format on April 25 on the Stone Ridge campus. Programs are geared for high school, adult and others interested in attending SUNY Ulster as well as incoming students to help them prepare for the Fall 2015 semester.

The event starts at 9 a.m. with a registration check in and "Meet our Leaders" Continental Breakfast, followed by a kick-off at 9:30 a.m., where participants will be welcomed by Donald C. Katt, College President; Kevin Stoner, Dean of Academic Affairs; and Matthew Green, Director of Admissions.

Students can meet faculty and students in their area of study starting at 10 a.m. at their choice of Academic Program Workshops, including STEM, MADCat (Music, Arts, Design, Communication, and Theater), Social Sciences and Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services, Business and Careers Exploration.

An Information Fair will be held at 10:30 a.m. providing information on SUNY Ulster's Academic Travel, Student Life (including clubs and athletics), Career and Transfer Services, and other resources. The Children's Center will participate in the Info Fair as well as host an Open House at the daycare center for interested parents from noon to 2 p.m.

Other activities at the SUNY Ulster Spring Open House include Campus Tours, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. as well as a session on SUNY Ulster's Summer Advantage Program and an Honors Program Reception, both at 1 p.m.

Participants can choose from a number of College Preparation Workshops in the afternoon. Starting at 11:30 a.m., the "Registration and Advising Workshop" is geared for those enrolling this summer or fall term; or "Early College Information Session," which is for high school freshman, sophomores and juniors. Sessions at 12:05 will focus on "Affording College Costs" and "SUNY Ulster Senator Athletics and Campus Life."

Early registration sessions for Fall 2015 will be held from noon to 5 p.m. for students who have completed placement testing and have already been accepted. In addition, assessment testing will be held at 12:30 p.m. Additional appointments are required.

Space for the Spring Open House is limited. Advance reservations are required. To register online and to make an appointment for an early registration or testing session, call 1-800-724-0833, ext. 5022, or e-mail: admissions@sunyulster.edu.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

1:00 pm on Sunday, April 26th, Time and the Valleys Museum will be having a luncheon and a special program to honor the museum volunteers. Guests: \$15. / Museum volunteers: Free. RSVP to the museum by April 22nd if you plan to attend.

The Delaware Aqueduct carries water from the Rondout Reservoir to NYC and is the longest continuous tunnel in the world. A presentation by Adam Bosch from the NYC DEP on the repairs to the Delaware Aqueduct will be presented at the Museum on Tuesday, April 21st at noon. Plan to come to this free presentation. Bring you lunch - coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

The Tri-Valley PTO will be hosting a "Meet the School Board Candidates Night" on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall. This will be your chance to meet the candidates who are running for a seat on the Tri-Valley School Board of Education so you can make an informed decision when the election takes place in May at the time of the school budget vote. There are three Board seats to be filled. If you would like to run for a seat on the Board, get you petition from the Tri-Valley Business Office soon! The deadline for submitting petitions is fast approaching.

Save the dates: The Neversink Renaissance Committee has scheduled town clean-up workdays for May 2nd and May 16th from 8:00 am -12:00 noon. Plan to come out and volunteer to help beautify our community. Bring rakes, shovels, trowels, etc. and plan to stay for lunch, which will be provided free of charge. It's also not too early to begin walking the roadways to pick up the trash which has accumulated during the winter months.

The Ecumenical Good Friday Tenebrae Service held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church on April 3rd was beautifully presented. Thank you to Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff for preparing this very meaningful service.

The Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Spring Dinner will be held at the Rockland House in Roscoe on Friday, April 24th Dinner is at 7:00 pm. If you plan to attend, contact Patty Mullen to order your entree. Cost: \$30.00 per person.

One of the quickest ways to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on a golf course. If anyone has any tail-less kittens they would like to give away, give me a call.

Words of Wisdom: Good quality is never cheap; cheap quality is never good. Don't use a gallon of water to express a spoonful of thought. (The Fishwrapper)

"Competitive Readers Shine at Tri-Valley Battle of the Books"

(From Pg. 1) This year's first place winners were Gillian Mathews, Christopher DiToro, and Brianna Hynson. They will combine forces with second place team Victoria Swett, Reanna McGregor, and Juliette Eddings and third place winners Kira Ambrosi, Emma Edwards, and Rebecca Coombe to represent the Daniel Pierce Library in April's Sullivan County Battle of the Books.

Also participating in the Battle of the Books were returning champions Elise Yamen, Julie Helthaler, and Anna Hendrickson plus Julius Colon, Brauke Hunt, and Skyler Espinososa-Phillips.

This Battle of the Books contest is affiliated with the Ramapo-Catskill Library System. Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) members Jeanne Fiedler (librarian), Sue Rehm (English teacher), and Matt Haynes (English teacher) run the Battle of the Books competitions at Tri-Valley. They'd like to extend their congratulations to all the students involved in the competition.

Special thanks to the students of Tri-Valley's Family and Consumer Science (FCS) program who, under the direction of teacher Mellonee Cappiello, catered dinner for the event.

Learning & Sharing Genealogy: A program for Beginners and Experienced Genealogists at the Time and the Valleys Museum (From Pg. 1)

Genealogists already working on their family trees are invited to display their research, photos and artifacts to share their knowledge and enthusiasm of genealogy with budding genealogists. Please call 845 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org to reserve a space.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St.

Rt. 55), the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. and from September to November on Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.. With three floors of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and a Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, hand-crafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation: \$5 adults, \$2 children, children under 6 are free. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to the website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

Current Exhibitions:

- Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story
 - The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys
 - Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present
- The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

Community Driver Safety Programs

Community Driver Safety Programs will be held at the following locations:

Defensive Driving Class, Bethel Senior Center. 3594 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9:00AM-4:00PM

To Register via mail to Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., P O Box 444, White Lake NY 12786 or call toll free for additional information 1-877-910-7843.

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

The fee is \$25 per person over 50 years of age and \$35 per person under 50 years of age.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and sponsored by Community Driver Safety Program.

AARP Smart Driver Course at Lumberland Senior Center 1054 Proctor Road Glen Spey, New York on Thursday & Friday, April 23 & 24, 2015 from 2:30 - 6:00 PM

To Register - Call Sheila Hocker at 845-856-1707.

David Greenberger, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in two sessions, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sheila Hocker at 845-856-1707.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sheila Hocker. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

AARP Driver Safety Program South Fallsburg Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM NO WALK-INS

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith.

Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is spon-

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Pussy Willows Dressed in Furry Coats

Last Tuesday while at the Grahamsville UMC Luncheon, Barbara P. looked out the window across the room and thought she saw Pussy Willows; or maybe it was just water droplets.

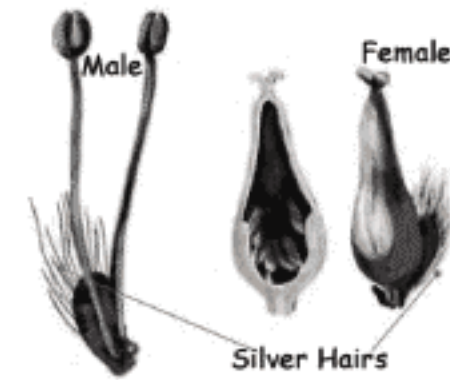
Not having seen any Pussy Willows yet this year, my curiosity got the best of me.

Yes, when I got to the window I gave Barbara 'thumbs up'. She was one of the first to see Pussy Willows this year.

I believe each spring, that Pussy Willows, with their little furry catkins, are telling the other flora, trees and bushes, "It's time to wake up!"

To most of us this is a sure sign of spring, and picking a bunch of Pussy Willows is an enduring rite of season!

Until last week all the Pussy Willows (Salix discolor, a member of the willow family, the Salicaceae) that



I had seen still had a hard exterior, the bud scale. This is the protective covering for the young leaves and flowers inside the bud. The leaves will be oval shaped and come after the catkins have bloomed.

A pussy willow is a catkin, and the catkin is

like a "fur coat". It is a tightly bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels that helps keep the developing reproductive parts of the Pussy Willow warm through winter and early spring. When the sun shines, the temperature of the center of the catkin will rise above air temperatures and will trap the heat from the sun with its insulating hairs. This additional warming aids in the development of the pollen within the anthers and of the ovules within the carpels. The willow flowers are fully "open" when the yellow pollen-bearing anthers are protruding and the stigmas are visible.



Pussy Willows are dioecious, meaning they have male and female reproductive organs in separate individual plants. They are protandrous, having the male reproductive organs come to maturity before the female, that means the buds, or "catkins," on the male pussy willow trees usually appear earlier than do those on the females. Chances are that if you encounter a stand of pussy willows in late winter or very early spring, it's the male catkins that you are seeing.

The catkins of males yield numerous tiny staminate flowers typically consisting of a pollen-containing anther and a filament, later in spring. The female catkins will bear pistillate flowers, comprising of the stigma, style, and ovary.

Typically a Pussy Willow grows as a shrub or small tree that may reach heights up to 30 feet. Like all willows, in general, they grow rapidly and produce extensive root systems. Pussy willow trunks may be single or clustered with stout ascending branches and branchlets. Bark is slightly fissured and ridged. First-year pussy willow twigs are hairy but become glabrous or smooth with age. Pussy willow leaves are deciduous meaning they shed their leaves annually. The leaves are simple, and alternate. Leaf shape varies from oblong to elliptic, and blades are typically 2 to 5 times as long as they are wide.

Pussy willow trees are native to wetlands in the Catskills. They regenerate asexually by sprouting and sexually through seed production and germination. Pussy willow flowers are insect and wind pollinated as the small willow seeds are easily dispersed by wind.

If you can get out for a spring walk and happen to see some Pussy Willows, take a moment to examine their furry flower buds. Then try to plan another walk to return when the "flowers" are open, then another when the seeds are ripe, and another . . . Oh, maybe it is time to keep going for walks and keep your eyes open. It's spring and the wonders of nature in the Catskills are everywhere and always there!

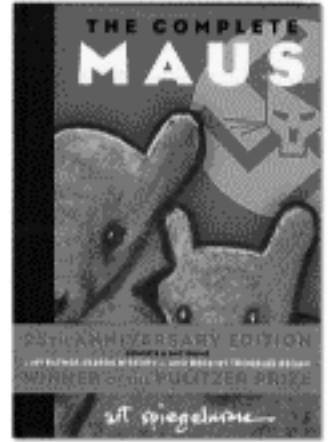
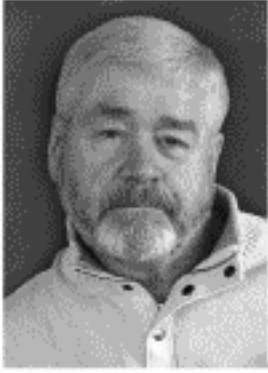
Or you can stop at the Grahamsville United Church Thrift Sale and Boutique next Saturday, April 18 and see them through the window at the church hall.

Household Hints

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A Mysterious Book Report Extra

by John Dwaine McKenna



April is a special month . . . a time of celebration and renewal. Spring is sprung by now, the grass is greening, crocuses are peeping out of flower beds and signs of new life are everywhere. April is the warm-up for summer-when the livin' is easy-in the words of the old iconic tune by Dubose Heyward and George Gershwin. But April is also a time of remembrance; the nineteenth day of the month is designated as Holocaust Memorial Day. It commemorates the slaughter of more than six million souls: men, women, and children, nearly all Jews, in the Nazi death camps during World War II. It is with that fact in mind, every April I read one or more books dealing with the Holocaust as a personal self-improvement project. Because they're not mysteries, thrillers or sci-fi-and because they're not done for entertainment, I don't usually review them. This year is an exception, one that I hope you will follow up on, because it affected me in a deep personal way, and hey . . . it's a comic book! Yep. That's right A comic book.

The complete MAUS, (Pantheon/Random House, \$35.00, 296 pages, ISBN 978-0-67940641-9) by Art Spiegelman is the Pulitzer Prize-winning story of an estranged man attempting to reconnect with his father as the older Mr. Spiegelman tells how he and his wife Anya struggled and survived Nazi Europe in the 1930s and the Auschwitz concentration camp in the 1940s. Vladek Spiegelman's biography is eloquently captured in the form of underground comic cartoon panels in which the Jews are depicted as scared mice, the Germans as mean cats, the poles are mostly uncaring pigs and the Americans as friendly dogs. *The complete MAUS* contains the entire body of cartoonist Art Spiegelman's work about his father, who survived and The Holocaust, which took thirteen years to complete. In it, he depicts a heartbreaking, tragic story containing cruelty, drama, death, bigotry, betrayal, larceny and treachery in a matter of fact voice that only adds to the unbelievable horror of the Nazi era. It's a story everyone should know, lest anyone forget, but what makes it a masterpiece is the family saga deftly woven through the Auschwitz narrative. It shows the impact of Vladek Spiegelman's experiences, the effect it had on him and all those around him for the rest of his life.

If you've already read *MAUS* back in the 70s, I'd read it again. If you're unfamiliar and choose to seek it out, it will change your life and how you view the world. If you care to learn more about the Holocaust email me at johndwainemckenna@gmail.com for a list of books about it, all of which are available on Amazon.

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CWC's 2014 Achievements Recounted at 18th Annual Meeting

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y., April 9, 2015- The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) held its 18th Annual Meeting of member towns April 7 when results of Director elections were announced and 2014 achievements were recounted.

Re-elected to four-year terms on the Board of Directors were Town Supervisors Mark McCarthy of Neversink, Sullivan County and Innes Kasanof of Halcott, Greene County, and Ulster County Legislator Richard Parete.

Officers of the Board for 2015-16 are President Michael Triolo of Stamford, First Vice President Berndt Leifeld of Olive, Second Vice President Robert Pelham of Windham, Treasurer James Eisel of Harpersfield and Secretary Donald "Mike" Brandow of Gilboa.

Program achievements

At the Annual Meeting, staff members provided an overview of CWC activities during 2014.

- The Trout Creek community wastewater system serving 50 buildings was completed. Construction began in late 2014 on a community system in the hamlet of Lexington, and preparations have been made for the 2015 start of construction of a wastewater project in South Kortright.

- Funding was approved for ten stormwater control projects throughout the Watershed

- 244 failed residential septic systems were repaired or replaced. Another 209 homeowners were reimbursed half the cost of pumping and inspecting their on-site systems through the CWC's Septic Maintenance Program.

- 28 Watershed Education Grants totaling \$170,000 were awarded to schools and organizations serving students, teachers and the general public

- A new program, developed in tandem with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and several other state and county agencies, was approved to provide funding for flood mitigation projects. Funded by the City, the CWC's new Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program will accept applications in June and December 2015.

- The Sustainable Communities Program was established to provide planning grants to communities seeking to identify areas to relocate flood-threatened residences.

Total program expenditures in 2014 came to more than \$12.3 million, most of which was circulated among contractors, suppliers, engineering firms and community organizations.

Economic Development

Ten low-interest REDI Loans totaling approximately \$2 million were provided to enterprises in Watershed Towns. These loans from the Catskill Fund for the Future (CFF) leveraged \$800,000 in other capital.

The CFF continued to support the New York City Reservoir Recreational Boating program in 2014, in partnership with the NYC DEP which issued 827 boating permits for canoes, kayaks and sailboats on four of its West of Hudson reservoirs.

The Catskill Interpretive Center, under construction in the Town of Shandaken, also received support from the CWC, which will fund an interactive digital display, create a replica ranger's cabin and help with operation and maintenance costs. The Mt. Tremper visitors center is expected to open this summer.

Special educational activities sponsored by the CWC in 2014 included three professional development seminars for engineers, septic designers and contractors, and three training sessions for municipal officials and planners.

The Annual Report may be found at www.cwconline.org. Hard copies may be obtained by calling 845-586-1400, or emailing galusha@cwconline.org.

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.

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited presentation "Identifying Wild vs. Hatchery Trout"

On Wednesday, April 22nd from 7-8:30 pm at the Boiceville Inn on Rt. 28 in Boiceville, the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a presentation on "Identifying Wild vs. Hatchery Trout" by Ed and Judy Van Putt at the Boiceville Inn on Rt. 28 in Boiceville. The Van Puts are both former technicians for the Fisheries Division of New York's Department of Environmental Conservation; Ed is a noted author and Judy is a widely read columnist. They will discuss how light and foods play a role in the coloration of individual trout and will also present an age and growth analysis, comparing wild trout from Willowemoc Creek with wild trout from the Delaware River. How old is a twenty-inch fish? Come and find out!

The APWCTU's April meeting begins at 6:30 pm with a short business session. The presentation begins at 7:00 pm. The entire evening is open to the public at no charge. For more information, please visit www.apwctu.org

CCE Sullivan Hosts Farming Classes for Beginners

LIBERTY, NY- An educational series of classes on farming for beginners will be offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC). This 3-part series will be held on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:00 pm at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The public is not required to attend all classes in the series.

April 23, 2015 a workshop entitled Introduction to Farming will focus on the basic rules and regulations of farming. Topics to be discussed include how to get started such as zoning and lease options, business considerations like agricultural assessments and writing a business plan, and marketing considerations that include direct marketing rules and regulations.

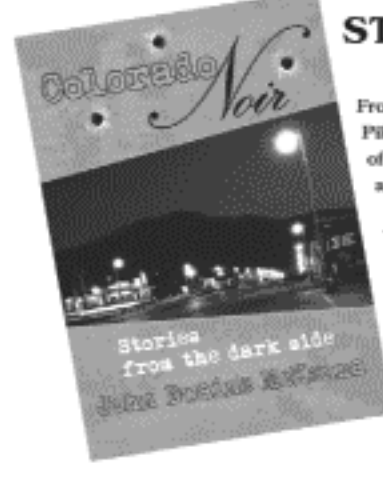
May 21, 2015 a workshop entitled Introduction to Commercial Vegetable Farming is intended for anyone interested in starting a vegetable farm. Topics to be discussed include insect, disease, and weed management, soil fertility, and organic certification requirements.

June 25, 2015 a workshop entitled Introduction to Poultry Farming will be presented by Michelle Lipari, CCESC agriculture and 4-H community educator. Topics to be discussed include breed selection, egg hatching, raising chicks and adult birds, feed and nutrition, equipment, healthcare, and the regulations for selling eggs and meat.

Cost to attend is \$15.00 per person, per class or \$10.00 per person, per class for CCESC enrollees. Anyone can enroll in the CCESC association for an annual donation of \$25.00 per household. Enrollees must identify membership status at time of payment in order to receive discounts.

Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 or emailing SueAnn Boyd at srb46@cornell.edu. Donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Eggs, Paintings, Quilts, and Yoga

When I brag about the Town of Olive, I always mention the wonderful organizations that bring us closer together as neighbors.



Last Saturday, the day before Easter, the Bushkill Rod and Gun Club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Davis Park. This year they put out eight hundred plastic eggs filled with goodies. In addition, all the egg gatherers got to select two free prizes from the gift table. The weather was less than cooperative with gale force winds and freezing temperatures. "Pappy" Ronk, Ternice Winne, Helen Burns, and Ternice's cousin Jane were troopers hosting the event and anchoring refreshments from being blown to Krumville.

Another community joy is the Olive Free Library. Our senior art class had to move its art exhibit and class from the American Legion Hall while insulation is being blown into the walls. Naturally, the library accepted an invitation to display our art work in the downstairs community room.

There are about three dozen paintings, some offered for sale, on exhibit. The artwork featuring artists Judith Boggess, Janette Kahill, Ann Fitzsimmons, Evie Konjas, Christine Bednarcik, Carol LaMonda, Lois Ostapczuk, Jane McCabe, Sue Cocozza, Jerry Curtis, and Marie Pantliano will remain as a revolving show to be enjoyed by the groups that use that facility.

One of the groups that meets in that room is the Sewing Group that works on the Linus Project which supplies quilts to shelters and disaster relief. Participants, led by Cheryl Kosarek who heads many such quilting bees, haul sewing machines, ironing boards, irons, and cutting equipment each second Tuesday of the month. Last year the Linus project was able to donate 78 quilts to children in time of crisis.

The library also provides a venue for the Yoga Program led by Kathy Carey. She guides three classes there: Monday evenings at 7, Wednesday mornings at 9, and Saturday mornings at 9.

I could go on and on. We may be a small town but we are a small town with a big heart.

UC Exec Meets with DEP Commissioner to Advance Landmark \$2.5 Million Agreement to Construct a Rail Trail Along the Ashokan Reservoir (From Pg. 1)

The DEP has repeatedly stated, and Commissioner Lloyd reiterated today, that they will only support a conversion of this portion of the corridor located on DEP lands into a recreational trail. Consistent with that, the Ulster County Legislature passed Resolution No. 275 on August 19, 2014, clearly stating that the only portion of the 38.6 mile Ulster and Delaware (U&D) corridor to have continued railroad operations was to be west of the Ashokan Reservoir, with the balance of this county asset to be converted to trail. Without a policy change at the county level, theme based train rides would cease to operate on the Kingston section of this county-owned corridor.

"I continue to be committed to saving tourist train operations in Kingston," said County Executive Mike Hein. "To that end, we have designed a thoughtful compromise to the decades old conflict between rail only and trail only advocates and it is my great hope the Ulster County Legislature will realign its policy with this compromise plan."

"When it comes to tourism trains and rail trails, Ulster County residents deserve to enjoy the best of both worlds. Having tourist train rides in both Kingston and the Mt. Tremper/Phoenicia areas, as well as a world class rail trail that runs from the beautiful Ashokan Reservoir to the one-of-a-kind Walkway Over the Hudson, free of charge provides the best of both worlds for the vast majority of Ulster County residents. My administration has designed and is promoting a responsible compromise to the decades old railroad/rail trail debate, that saves tourism-based train rides in Kingston while also embracing a world class rail trail," continued County Executive Mike Hein. "The compromise plan will provide countless recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors, and allow them to experience all Ulster County has to offer as we work to attract the 22 million people who live in the metro New York area to visit. In fact, the DEP has also agreed to market the rail trail and Ulster County to its water customers. I want to thank DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd and her team for recognizing the mutual benefits of building the rail trail and opening access to these watershed lands for the first time in over 100 years. We are appreciative that the DEP has shown this commitment to enhancing outdoor recreational activities and will be providing over \$2.5 million to Ulster County for rail trail construction and also investing over \$1 million independently to complete additional construction of trailheads and other facilities such as restrooms and parking. A valuable added economic benefit of these combined \$3.5 million investments will be additional quality construction jobs created within Ulster County community."

"Another little known but important component of this compromise plan which should be highlighted is the creation of a linear park in City of Kingston, from Cornell Street to the Kingston Plaza which would connect mid-town to uptown. This segment would help address important social justice issues surrounding recreational access for inner city residents," said the County Executive. "In conjunction with the City's Greenline Project, this linear park will connect uptown, mid-town and the waterfront for pedestrians for the first time in generations. Linear parks and open spaces enhance quality of life by providing an environmentally conscious, healthy outdoor activity within walking distance from inner-city homes."

Karen Clark Adin, Owner of Bop To Tottom

"As an Uptown Kingston business owner, I appreciate and value the County Executive's compromise plan," said Karen Clark Adin owner of Bop to Tottom. "It allows for the theme train ride attractions to continue in Kingston, while still connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Ashokan Reservoir by rail trail."

Donna Brooks, Owner of Hudson Coffee Traders

"As a business owner in both Kingston and New Paltz, I am supportive of this compromise plan that connects many Ulster County communities and still allows tourist train operation in the Kingston area," said Donna Brooks, owner of Hudson Coffee Traders.

Michael Ham, Business Representative Operating Engineers Local 825

"I strongly support the County Executive's plan which will provide good jobs during construction and fantastic recreational opportunities when it is complete," said Michael Ham, Business Representative Operator Engineers Local 825. "I look forward to the work being started on the trail as soon as possible."

The major components of the agreement between Ulster County and the NYC DEP are:

- NYC DEP will contribute \$2.5 million towards the County's planning, design and construction of the Ulster County Rail Trail Project along NYC DEP lands adjacent to the Ashokan Reservoir and support additional grant funding as the project advances.
- Both parties support the conversion of the Ulster & Delaware corridor along NYC DEP lands into public recreational trail only, extending from Basin Road in West Hurley to Boiceville, and recognize the significant economic, environmental, public health, and quality of life benefits to the residents and businesses of Ulster County and New York City.
- In addition to the \$2.5 million commitment, which DEP advises can only be used to build the trail, NYC DEP will design, construct, maintain and operate multiple public access points, or trailheads, along the trail with parking and trail support facilities.
- Ulster County will design, construct and maintain the rail trail.
- There will be a joint marketing effort to promote the trail to Ulster County residents as well as residents and visitors to the New York City metropolitan area.

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Here at the Pine Hill Community Center, we have a very busy month planned. Lots of music, starting with Catskill Mountains Acoustic Slow Jam on Friday, April 10, with the Sacred Harp Singing School and then a square/contradance with the Tremper skill boys rounding out the month. Soon we'll be planning our community garden project and looking for volunteers to help us grow good food and share it with those who need it. And we'll be announcing plans for our Kool Kamp Summer program. Please join us to celebrate the good things that are on the calendar and let us know what else you would like to see happening.

Thursday, April 16, 3-5pm. Story Circle. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month and invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share. We are interested in traditional tales, but personal narrative is welcome.

Friday, April 17, 7-9 pm. Open Mic. Hosted by Mike Herman. Bring out your sax, your voice, or your axe! Or just come out for some listening pleasure. Enjoy a great night of music and fun. Free admission - refreshments available. Call Mike for more information. 607-588-7129.

Monday - Friday April 20-24. Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing School. Singing school is Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for each session, with a pot luck, graduation & community singing held on each Saturday starting at 5 p.m. Cost for the week is \$20. Participants will receive a FREE copy of The Sacred Harp tune-book.

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Register for singing school - Call 845-254-4884 or register on line at www.sacredharpcatskills.com

Saturday, April 25. 5pm. Sacred Harp Singing School graduation, potluck dinner and community sing. Bring a dish for the table. Free.

Sunday, April 26, 1-4 pm. Square and Contra Dance at the Pine Hill Community Center. A collaboration between Catskill Folk Connection and The Pine Hill Community Center to bring monthly square and contra dancing to this area. The Tremper skill Boys with John Jacobson calling. \$10 includes refreshments.

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Celebrate National Library Week at The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

National Library Week is April 12-18, and there will be plenty of activities at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello to celebrate!

Monday, April 13 at 10:00, will be our first toddler story time of the Spring. This program will use rhymes, books, and finger plays to develop skills that will help your child get ready to read. On Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00, the Friends of the Library will meet to discuss fundraising, programs, and the new library. New members are always welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

Teens will take over on Wednesday! The teen book group is at 5:00 on April 15. Come talk about what you're reading, and get ideas for what you'd like to pick up next. A limited number of advanced reader copy books are available for members of the teen book group. Also on Wednesday at 6:00 is Teen Advisory Group. Help decide on programs for the 2015 summer reading program, and give your input on what you would like to see happen in the library.

Thursday, April 16 is National Librarian Day. Come for a special librarian story time at 2:00. If you can't make it for the story, don't worry! Craft supplies will be available until 5:00. Thursday at 6:30 is also the first night for our six part series, African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross. Watch the first episode of the PBS documentary, *The Black Atlantic*, and participate in a discussion moderated by Professor Erroyll Rolle. Also on Thursday is the library board of trustees meeting at 6:00.

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Pre-K story time is on Friday, April 17 at 10:00. This program for 3 and 4 year-olds will continue to develop early literacy skills with stories and crafts. Then on Saturday, come for our weekly family movie at 2:30. Please call the library for movie titles. For more information on programs at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public library, call 845-794-4660, or visit our website: www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org.

CCE Workshops Return on Earth Day for Public to Save Energy
LIBERTY, NY- Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. This EmPower New York class is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 6:00 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

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Participants who attend this free event will learn about reducing energy bills by following some low-cost and no-cost energy conservation methods. Each person will receive three (3) compact fluorescent light bulbs at no cost to them.

Advanced registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180. This program is one in a series of identical classes. Additional dates and times can be obtained by visiting:

www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm and selecting "Empower Energy Use Management Workshop Schedule".

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Shadowland Theatre announces 2015 Season of Plays- Extended season lineup at the Ellenville venue includes lauded dramas *CLYBOURNE PARK*, and *THE WHIPPING MAN*, the hilarious comedies *MOON OVER BUFFALO*, and *SHIPWRECKED!*, the musicals *THE LAST FIVE YEARS* and *WOODY GUTHRIE'S AMERICAN SONG*, and the Holiday show, *GREETINGS!*

ELLENVILLE, NY- Shadowland Theatre, Ellenville's popular Actors' Equity theatre, announced its 31st season today. For its 2015 season, the non-profit, professional theatre will produce an exciting of plays this spring, summer and fall, augmented by an additional winter holiday production- the theatre's first.

According to Artistic Director Brendan Burke, Shadowland Theatre is excited about their season. "I'm thrilled that our audience allows us to produce such a diverse season of plays. There's definitely something for everyone here; from the important to the whimsical, this is a season of seven fantastic stories that take you on the trip of a lifetime."

The Shadowland will kick off the season with the Pulitzer Prize-winning Bruce Norris drama, *CLYBOURNE PARK*, opening Friday, May 29 and running until June 14. This timely and funny collision of race and real estate is one of the finest plays written in recent years, and a provocative homage to Lorraine Hansberry's *A RAISIN IN THE SUN*. James Glossman directs.

Following that will be *SHIPWRECKED! AN ENTERTAINMENT- THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF LOUIS DE ROUGEMONT (AS TOLD BY HIMSELF)*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies. Celebrating the power of storytelling in this true (and un-true) theatrical adventure, three actors and a Foley sound artist create multiple fascinating environs to tell their tale, including a shipwreck, exotic islanders, a monstrous man-eating octopus, and more. Shadowland Artistic Director, Brendan Burke, directs this family friendly entertainment, which runs June 19 - July 5.

Playing July 10- August 2 will be Ken Ludwig's famous farce, *MOON OVER BUFFALO*. A love letter to the theatre, this hilarious treat explodes with the escapades of a couple of aging, yet ambitious, theatre has-beens who are given one last chance at their wildest dream: Hollywood stardom. Brendan Burke will direct.

Songs fill the Shadowland in August and September, with two musicals: *WOODY GUTHRIE'S AMERICAN SONG* by Peter Glazer and Jeff Waxman, and Jason Robert Brown's renowned *THE LAST FIVE YEARS*.

The words, music and spirit of Woody Guthrie are celebrated in *WOODY GUTHRIE'S AMERICAN SONG*. A remarkable band of musical performers pay homage to the man who gave America its voice with songs like *This Land is Your Land*, *Nine Hundred Miles* and *Bound for Glory*. Directed by Chris Blisset, *AMERICAN SONG* runs August 7 - 30.

A beloved Drama Desk Award-winning musical by one of Broadway's hottest composers (Honeymoon in Vegas, Parade, Bridges of Madison County), *THE LAST FIVE YEARS* has achieved cult status for many in the American musical theatre. Recently released as a major motion picture, the show will be helmed by noted stage director Michael La Fleur and plays September 4 - 27.

Shadowland is thrilled to produce the Hudson Valley premiere of Matthew Lopez' gripping drama, *THE WHIPPING MAN*. This historical fiction won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Play and tells the tale of three men (one, a Jewish Confederate soldier and two, his former slaves) bound by faith and chained by secrets. Running October 2 - 18, this engaging story will be directed by Brendan Burke.

For the first time in its history, Shadowland will stage a Holiday production, Tom Dudzick's magical and funny play, *GREETINGS!*. A family is forced to re-examine their assumptions and beliefs when a surprise visitor comes home for the holidays in this heartfelt family tale, directed by Brendan Burke and running December 4 -20.

Season subscriptions start as low as \$140. Regular ticket prices are \$39 Thursdays-Saturdays, \$34 on Sundays. Show times are 8pm on Thursdays - Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm. Season subscription pricing, group ticket sales and more information is available at the box office at 157 Cana Street, Ellenville, NY, by phone at 845-647-5511 and online at <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

About Shadowland Theatre

"The Hudson Valley's Destination for Engaging, Professional Theatre," Shadowland Theatre is a leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY Shadowland has been producing live theatre for 31 years. Shadowland performs in a beautifully restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 184-seat theatre.

For more information, visit www.shadowlandtheatre.org.

Sullivan County Chamber Honors 19 at 24th Annual Pride Awards Gala May 3, 2015 at the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center

Monticello, NY- The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce is once again honoring individuals as the "Pride" of their community. The 24th Annual Pride Awards Gala on Sunday, May 3rd at the Villa Roma Resort - Beechwoods, will honor 19 individuals throughout Sullivan County for their community involvement and their contributions to the economic development in the county. Each year nominations are received from the Supervisors in each township and then winners are chosen by a committee of Past Businesspersons of the Year - we opened these nominations to the public. One winner from each of the 15 townships is chosen as well as 4 countywide winners for Business Person of the Year, Distinguished Service to the County, Distinguished Achievement in the County and a Young Emerging Leader to be honored at the prestigious ceremony. "This is an opportunity for everyone in Sullivan County to nominate and recognize the people in their communities that wouldn't normally get recognized, but these unsung heroes deserve the most prestigious recognition" said Cathy Paty, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

2015 Pride Award Winners are:

- Bethel- Dr. Jamie Noeth, Body Mind & Spirit Wellness Center
- Callicoon- George & Tammy Shakelton, Shakelton Auto
- Cohecton- Peter & Norma Pierce, Cohecton Oil
- Delaware- Henry Kubenik & Eric Kubenik, Kohler Lumber & Building Materials
- Fallsburg- Zane Morganstein, Associated Mutual Insurance
- Forestburgh- Justin Evans, The Hartwood Club
- Fremont- Fred Sherman & Debbie Kazmark, Long Eddy Hotel & Saloon
- Highland- Tannis Kowalchuk, NAEL Theater
- Liberty- Donald & Jeanne Tulp, Lazy Pond Bed & Breakfast
- Lumberland- Christine Smetanik, Color Tek Inc.
- Mamakating- Paul Deninno, Bashakill Vineyards
- Neversink- **Ben Knight, Blooming Green Landscaping**
- Rockland- Sim & Kiersten Foster, The Arnold House
- Thompson- Alan Madnick, Wyde Lumber
- Tusten- Paul Nanni & Marla Puccetti, The Heron Restaurant


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- Young Emerging Leader- Melinda Meddaugh, CCE, RHBA, Sullivan County
- Distinguished Service Award- Glenn Pontier, Sullivan Renaissance
- Distinguished Achievement Award- Charlie Degliomini, Empire Resorts
- Business Person (Family) of the Year- Van Etten Family, VEO Energy Services


The 24th Annual Pride Awards Gala will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015, 11am-2pm. Tickets are \$50/person. Beechwoods - The Clubhouse at Villa Roma, 356 Villa Roma Rd, Callicoon, NY 12723 For tickets call 845-791-4200 or email office@catskills.com.


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Paintings by Alan Wood at Alliance Gallery

"FOOLS GOLD," an exhibit of current paintings by Alan Wood opens with a reception on Friday, April 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through May 9. Born and raised in the Bay Area of Northern California, Alan Wood attended Lake Forest College north of Chicago and majored in Art History in 1968.

A graphic designer in San Francisco and New York City, he had a freelance career in product and package design, photography, and graphics. In 2000, he landed in northeastern PA where he now paints with oil on board, primarily non-representational landscapes.

Wood has exhibited at Willow River Gallery and Wayne County Arts Alliance in Honesdale. He has exhibited in group shows at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. This is his first solo show Alliance Gallery.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents
Bob Malone At Tusten Theatre**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance in Narrowsburg, NY presents keyboard virtuoso Bob Malone as part of the Tusten Theatre Spring Concert Series on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.



A touring soloist for two decades and performing with rock legend John Fogerty since 2011, Malone's sound is best described as an energetic one-of-a-kind hybrid mix of rock, blues and New Orleans R&B. Those who heard John Fogerty at Bethel Woods this past summer may remember Malone on keyboards, as well as Malone's particularly outstanding accordion performance. Malone averages 100 solo shows a year and has shared the stage with Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Browne, Jimmy Buffett, Rickie Lee Jones, The Neville Brothers, Dr. John and many others. Songs from Malone's seven albums are played on stations worldwide. His newest CD, "Mojo Deluxe," is set for release in the U.S. in the spring of 2015.

Keyboard Magazine describes Malone's performance as "pulsating, roaring work that grabs you and shakes you until you cry for mercy."

Opening for Bob Malone is Trysette, a classically trained pianist turned singer songwriter from Australia.

The Spring Concert Series continues at the Tusten on Saturday, May 2 with a production of "I of the Storm," a one-man theatrical performance by Richard Hoehler. The bluegrass band Cricket Tell the Weather will perform on Saturday, May 16, and Loudon Wainwright III will close the series on Friday, June 19.

Tickets for Bob Malone are \$15 at the door; \$12 in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show time is at 7:30 p.m. Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street in Narrowsburg, NY. For more information visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

UC Executive Mike Hein Proclaims the Week of April 12 - April 18 as "National Library Week" in Ulster County

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaims the week of April 12 - April 18 as National Library Week in Ulster County. Joining him are Officers from the Ulster County Association of Libraries (UCLA) including: Julie Dempsey, President of UCLA, Director of Highland Public Library; Frank Rees, Treasurer of UCLA, Director of Saugerties Public Library; and Margie Menard, Vice-President of UCLA, Director of Kingston Public Library.



Frank Rees, Julie Dempsey, County Executive Hein, and Margie Menard

"Libraries provide essential resources, collections and programs for all members of the community. I am pleased to recognize the many libraries throughout the County who strive to meet the educational, informational, cultural, professional and recreational needs of our residents," said County Executive Hein. "Libraries are an important part of our community providing many resources includ-

ing: books, ebooks, computer usage, programming, classes, and so much more. Ulster County is fortunate to have 21 outstanding libraries meeting the needs and interests of different people of all ages and demographics and I urge residents to visit their local library this week to learn about what they have to offer."

"County Executive Mike Hein has always been a tremendous supporter of the County libraries," said Julie Dempsey, President of the Ulster County Library Association. "We are honored by his proclamation publicly recognizing the importance of libraries."

Area libraries, upcoming events, and resources can be found online at the Ulster County Association of Libraries at <http://uclib.org/> and the Mid-Hudson Library System website at www.midhudson.org which also allows members to use participating libraries in Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, and Putnam Counties.

SUNY Ulster Presents Spring Concerts at Quimby Theater

SUNY Ulster's Music Department will present a series of spring concerts that are free and open to the public. The performances all will be held in Quimby Theater. The SUNY Ulster Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Victor Izzo, Jr. and Percussion Ensemble, directed by Chris Early, will perform on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. The Wind Ensemble will perform Council Oak by David Gillingham, a work inspired by the struggle of the Seminole Tribe in Florida, and The Solitary Dancer by Warren Benson. The concert will feature solos by local high school seniors Ellie O'Hare and Erin Petti.

The Percussion Ensemble will perform an arrangement of the Bernstein classic, America; a composition by Josh Gottry titled Just Like That for five toms and five woodblocks; and David Long's Impetus.

The Choral and Guitar Ensemble concert will be held on April 30 at 7:30 p.m. The College Chorus and Vocal Ensemble, directed by Janet Gehres accompanied by Edward Leavitt, will perform America the Beautiful and pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach among other selections. The choral selections also will include music from the Renaissance and Baroque, as well as folk songs, jazz, Broadway and Gilbert & Sullivan. The Guitar Ensemble, directed by Gregory Dinger, will perform pieces by Heitor Villa-Lobos, George Gershwin and Bach.

The next concert in the series will be the Honors Recital on May 1 featuring selections by SUNY Ulster's Music Department at 3 p.m. The Community Band, directed by Izzo, and Jazz Ensemble, directed by Earley, will perform on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble will perform works for big bands written by jazz greats Charles Mingus, Billy Strayhorn, Wayne Shorter and more.

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Concluding the concert series, SUNY Ulster's String Ensemble, directed by Anastasia Solberg, will perform on May 11 at 7:30 p.m. The college's ensemble will be joined by the Music Institute of Sullivan and Ulster Counties (MISU) String Ensemble and Youth Group as well as the Mixed Ensemble. Pieces that will be performed include Ricercar a 6 by Bach, Molly on the Shore by Percy Grainger and Spring Song by Frank Bridge. For information on the spring concerts, call (845) 687-5262.

Frost Valley YMCA Hosts Sustainable Living Retreat

Frost Valley YMCA hosted its inaugural Roots of E.A.R.T.H. Retreat from April 10-12 to gather like-minded individuals who are interested in learning about sustainable living. Roots of "E.A.R.T.H." - which stands for Environmental Awareness & Resources Towards a Healthy lifestyle - encourages individuals to take action by supporting the sustainable living movement in their daily lives.



The event featured seminars, workshops, live music, and group discussions led by renowned speakers and groups. Catskill Mountainkeeper, the Earth Guardians, trained members of Frost Valley staff, and other members of the green-living community offered

solutions to both local and global environmental issues.

Other interactive sessions provided personal development - an often-overlooked element of sustainable living - and included natural craft projects, massage therapy, yoga, and more. Guests kept active and explored the beautiful Catskills scenery through guided hikes, or participated in other Frost Valley activities, such as ziplining, archery, climbing, and more.

This was a first-of-its-kind event at Frost Valley YMCA and they hope to host it again next year.

Don't forget! Healthy Kids Day takes place at Frost Valley on Sunday, April 26 from 1-4 p.m. This free, annual community event aims to inspire kids and families to develop healthier lifestyles. Healthy Kids Day is the YMCA's national initiative to improve family health and well-being through games, healthy eating, arts and crafts, and more. Kids and parents can enjoy the fun, educational activities that Frost Valley offers year-round, such as a climbing tower, hiking, games, demonstrations, and other hands-on programs. The goal is to educate and motivate families to develop their own active, healthy routines at home. Visit FrostValley.org for more information.



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Lesson Nine: Compound Subjects

A verb may have more than one subject. Usually we use the conjunction "and" or a comma to combine nouns and pronouns into the compound subject of a verb.

In the sentence, "My wife and River have my wallet," the conjunction, "and" is used to combine the noun (with state of being verb "my") "wife" and the pronoun "River" into a compound subject.

Can you identify the compound subjects in these sentences? Some may not have compound subjects in them!

1. Tom and Ben drive and talk.
2. The dog and cat ran around the yard.
3. Trees and plants grow here.
4. Either Bill or Mike will hire me.
5. Verbs and subjects can be compounds.
6. You and I sang.

The answers to this exercise will be in the next installment of The English Language. If you want to see the answers now, go to workadaywriter.com/lessonninedcompoundsubjects and scroll to the bottom of the content.

Lesson Eight's answers are *drives and talks, grow but don't walk, walk or swim, used and abused*.

BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS ANNOUNCED 'The Jinx' Editor to Lead Workshop on 'How to Make a Video'

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan Renaissance will announce its 2015 Beautification and Community Development Grants at the Sullivan Renaissance Spring Forum on Saturday, April 25 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the CVI Center, 165 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale.

The public is invited to come out and support their friends and neighbors - and find out how to become involved in the renaissance of Sullivan County. The day will feature workshops beginning at 2:30 p.m., exhibits and an indoor marketplace where local and organic goods will be for sale.

HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY THROUGH VIDEO: this workshop will be presented by Zac Stuart-Pontier, editor of the recent hit HBO mini-series *The Jinx*. A native of Narrowsburg, Stuart-Pontier was chosen as one of Filmmaker Magazine's 25 New Faces of Film in 2010. In this workshop, participants will learn how to make their videos "sparkle" with hints and tips for telling their story with a professional air. Stuart-Pontier's editing work includes a vari-

ety of films and documentaries, short films, music videos and commercials.

Other workshops include:

o **BASKETS, BOXES, CONTAINERS - THE CHOICES ARE ENDLESS:** bilingual workshop presented by Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Coordinator, and Ari Mir-Pontier, Sullivan Renaissance Liaison to the Spanish Speaking Community

Plants in pots, window boxes or hanging baskets can be elegant, functional and even edible! Learn about smart plant choices, secret container soil recipes and special care instructions that will make you successful growing your potted plants this year.

o **THE INS AND OUTS OF LEVERAGING GRANTS:** presented by Freda Eisenberg, AICP, Sullivan County Planning Commissioner, and Ridge Harris, Director of Special Projects with Congressman Gibson's Office Sullivan Renaissance grants are often used as matching funds to leverage grants from other sources. Workshop participants will learn about Sullivan County's new "Plans and Progress Small Grant Program" as well as the basics of identifying and navigating other grant programs. Information about state and federal funding will be available.

o **GRANT ORIENTATION:** presented by Helen Budrock, Sullivan Renaissance Community Planner

Both new and veteran volunteers will benefit from attending this orientation session. Grantees will learn about key dates and grant requirements, how to request assistance from the Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps or Horticulture Crew, and how to navigate the e-binder.

Workshop space is limited to the first registrants. To obtain a registration form or sign-up online, go to SullivanRenaissance.org.

The forum program includes distribution of resources to over 50 communities, including: grant checks, Flower Dollars, gardening information and technical advice. All of these projects are led and implemented by volunteers who create and care for gardens, parks and other public spaces while growing community spirit and pride. Each of these efforts can benefit from extra help with gardening, but many can also use assistance with everything from event planning to bookkeeping to fundraising.

SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps is a group of volunteers who provide hands-on assistance to different beautification projects. Corps members participate in at least eight volunteer opportunities between now and the middle of October. To accommodate various needs, these opportunities are scheduled on different days and times at locations throughout Sullivan County.

The first Volunteer Corps Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the CVI Center in Ferndale. This is an opportunity to learn about area beautification projects and the Volunteer Corps program. For information about how to get involved, contact Volunteer Coordinator Cara Kowalski at 845-295-2405 or volunteer@sullivanrenaissance.org.

FREE GARDENING TRAININGS

For individuals who are unsure how to garden, Sullivan Renaissance and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners are presenting a series of free gardening trainings. The next class is May 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gerald Skoda Extension Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Register online at www.SullivanRenaissance.org or by calling 845-295-2445.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:



To the Members of the Tri-Valley Community:

My name is Keith Edwards. I am running for the Tri-Valley Central School Board of Education, and I would like to take the opportunity of telling you a little about myself and explain why I am interested in obtaining a position on the board.

My family has been residents of the Town of Neversink for over 150 years. For generations, we ran a dairy farm on top of Mutton Hill; countless hours were spent helping my grandfather in the barn and out in the fields. I have fond memories growing up in Neversink. My parents still live here, and my wife, Jennifer, our four children and I live on part of the old family homestead. I attended Tri-Valley since Kindergarten, graduated from the district in 1993, and taught here for 15 years. Now, my wife and I are raising our family here. I cherish this community, and I love our school.

Because I have been a student, community volunteer, tax-paying resident, teacher, administrator, and now that I am a parent, I offer a unique perspective. I have worn several different hats, and therefore have the ability of viewing issues from various sides. I have a great deal of experience managing budgets. I understand the educational system well, but I am first and foremost a Neversink resident and father of four.

Transparency and honesty are very important qualities. I want you to know where I stand so you can make an informed decision when you vote on May 19. Over the next few weeks, I will publish three primary reasons I would like to obtain a position on the school board of Tri-Valley Central School. Please read about my platform, and carefully consider my positions. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: keithforboard@gmail.com, 845-206-9670 or private message me on Facebook.

Why do I want to become a member of the School Board?

REASON # 1: TO PROMOTE CHILD-CENTERED EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOL CULTURE

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." ~William Butler Yeats

During the past 18 years as an educator and parent I have seen a disturbing trend in education, namely that the child is understood as a "cog in a machine" that must "produce" something for society. Rather, a child is a person with a story. It's our responsibility to stir up a passion for life. Therefore, our educational system should nourish a child's mind, body, and spirit. Toward that end, I believe our district should:

— Nurture a colorful school culture: celebrating holidays, traditions, and cultures teaches tolerance and opens up a world of beauty to our children. Education is as much about building a humane society as it is about academics, and therefore adequate playtime and fun-filled activities must remain part of the educational process.

— NOT make our primary question: "Will this raise test scores?" BUT rather, "Will this experience inspire a love of life? A love for community? A sense of belonging and purpose, self-worth and compassion? Will it build a set of skills, such as ingenuity or leadership?"

— Offer challenging, yet developmentally appropriate academics that allow for creativity.

— Champion the Fine Arts, athletics, and intellectual pursuits and collaborate with community members/organizations who support these student interests.

— Advocate for experiential learning and community connections! Field trips, volunteering, community-service, mission trip experiences and family and community traditions are critical toward educating the whole child.

Supporting a WHOLE-CHILD CENTERED educational environment is the first pillar of my platform. This kind of educational philosophy will require united, wholehearted support of ALL stakeholders, which include our children, parents, teachers, administrators, board members, and all community members. Why? Because a "Whole Child" educational approach is not currently trending in NY State government at this time, and we must stand together as a community to support our school district. If we are divided, we will fail our children.

Next week, I will share my second reason for wanting to become a member of the school board, to promote a COLLABORATION-CENTERED SCHOOL CULTURE.

Keith Edwards
Neversink, NY

Dear Editor:

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Founded and sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) since 1987, this year's theme is: "For the Health of It: Early Education on Alcoholism and Addiction."

No other substance is more widely used and abused by America's youth than alcohol, making alcoholism and alcohol-related problems the number one public health problem in the United States.

Addressing this issue requires a sustained and cooperative effort between parents, schools, colleges, community leaders, and our youth. The widespread prevalence of underage drinking and the negative consequences it creates remain a stubborn and destructive problem despite decades of efforts to combat it.

Yet, there are four areas that have proven to be effective in prevention of this problem:

- 1) Curtailing the availability of alcohol to underage populations;
- 2) Consistent enforcement of existing laws and regulations regarding alcohol purchase;
- 3) Changing cultural misconceptions and behaviors about alcohol use through education; and
- 4) Expanded access to treatment and recovery support for adolescents and their families.

But time is running out. Studies reveal that alcohol consumption by adolescents results in brain damage - possibly permanent - and impairs intellectual development. So, let's get started. We can't afford to wait any longer.

Yours truly,
Larry Schafman
Chair
Sullivan County CareCorps Coalition

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Letter to Community: WHY WE REFUSED THE TESTS

In light of recent and startling developments in our educational structure, and concerned for the well-being of the state of public education, a group of local Tri-Valley parents opted to refuse testing for our children. We take this opportunity of stating our reasons for refusing the standardized state tests. We invite each member of our community to take the initiative to learn more about what is happening in our state.

First, we thank Tri-Valley school board, administrators, teachers, and staff for everything they do for our children. We are grateful to the members of faculty and staff who care deeply about our students' education, development, and well-being. We also thank our school for being respectful of our choice and for accommodating our children, as not all districts within the State have been as cooperative.

That being said, we are refusing the tests because WE ARE:

- o Alarmed by New York State's reliance on standardized testing. The State's emphasis on standardized testing has the potential of creating a highly pressurized educational culture of "teaching to the test." A "testing culture" does not promote a diverse curriculum, creativity or critical thinking.

- o Disturbed by the involvement of corporate interests such as Pearson, a profit-bearing company that is designing curriculum, teaching materials, and standardized tests, and which nets an annual profit in the millions from New York State taxpayers; as well as the millions of dollars invested in Charter Schools by private corporate investors, a situation that threatens to undermine our public school system.

- o Wary of the application of corporate production models to education. What underlies such models is a functionalistic philosophy that views the human being as a "cog in a machine" that must "produce."

- o Concerned that the application of such formalized systems is leading to a dehumanization in education. We see it when educational structures fail to serve the whole child, when creativity is stifled, or when we see a gradual movement AWAY from experiential/whole-body learning.

- o Questioning the efficacy of the current state tests. We acknowledge that properly written tests monitoring our children's progress are necessary. The current assessment system, however, diminishes instruction time and does not help parents or educators achieve that goal. Evaluating our children properly requires a variety of methods that our teachers complete on a daily basis.

- o Doubting their educational value. Despite what state education officials repeat ad nauseam, teachers are provided with very little data from the state assessments to "inform instruction." Parents receive a vague score report that does not assist families in assessing our children's academic progress. The secretive nature of the state assessments contributes to the need for significant reversal in education policy in our state and nation. In short, the current New York assessment system has no educational value for the students of our state.

- o Trust teachers and administrators as educated professionals who have studied childhood development and pedagogy. They are knowledgeable in their field, and deal with difficult situations and painful circumstances affecting their students daily. Many of them are also members of our community; they know our children and their backstories, and they are deeply invested in the success of our children.

- o NOT in agreement that a large percentage of teachers' APPRs should be based on standardized test scores, as this fails to take into account personal and environmental factors outside the classroom. It also disempowers parents, our administrators, and local districts.

- o Upset that our right to govern and guide our local district is being usurped by the state government.

- o Believe we can do better for our children by investing in programs to support families, by holding families accountable, and by allowing our administrators and teachers to practice their science and art more freely.

- o Recognize Cuomo's proposals as a band-aid "fix" for the deeper societal wounds of

broken families, poverty, and despair. Corporate models and high-stakes testing cannot even begin to fix these problems. We must work as a community to help our children succeed.

Thousands of parents share our concerns, and we voiced these concerns to our legislators across the state. Sadly, regardless of the number of parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards who voiced their disagreement with the way state education is moving, and regardless of their misgivings, a majority of our state leaders voted to pass Cuomo's Education Reform Bill.

This is not a protest against our school, our teachers, or classrooms. We support our district. We have refused the test because as parents, we have the ultimate right to determine the direction of our children's education; we have a right to provide oversight over our local district through the election of school boards; and we have the right to decide what is best for our children. And we have a right for our voices to be heard.

If you would like more information, please visit: www.nysape.org.

Respectfully signed (in alphabetical order):
Christine Bellacicco; Dawn-marie Bilancione; Tricia Car-mody; Kristie Carnevale; Heather Cossack; Wendy Dean; Michele DiToro; Jennifer Edwards; Michael Epstein; Natalie Epstein; Kate Kelly; Elizabeth McAndrew; Andrea McGregor; Erin Mentnech; Sarah Miller; Allison Reuf; Maryann Rose; Jessica Scanna; Keira Weyant; and A my Winters

Governor Cuomo Announces Path Through History Events to Recognize 150th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Death -Special Exhibit at State Capitol on April 25; Other Events Taking Place through the Summer Highlight Lincoln's Ties to NYS

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the 150th anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln will be commemorated starting this month with numerous special events statewide, including a full day of free activities on Saturday, April 25 at the New York State Capitol. This is the date the Lincoln Funeral Train arrived in Albany in 1865 carrying the slain President's body that then laid in state at the old Capitol on April 26.

"President Lincoln guided our nation through one of its darkest times, and his commitment to unity and equality continues to inspire," Governor Cuomo said. "As we recognize the 150th anniversary of his death, I encourage all New Yorkers to learn more about his life, his enduring legacy and his profound impact on our nation."

The East Gallery of the Capitol will feature an exhibit dedicated to Lincoln's memory and the contributions New York made to the Union effort in the Civil War. Central to the exhibit is the flag that laid on the President's coffin. In addition, numerous Lincoln-themed activities will take place at the Capitol including re-enactors, period music and more. To cap off the day, the National Parks Service is sponsoring a presentation by a noted actor who will portray Lincoln in the War Room of the Capitol at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. All events are free and open to the public. However, because of limited seating, reservations are required for the Lincoln portrayal and can be made at www.governor.ny.gov/lincolntribute.

Visitors will be able to experience the exhibit at the Capitol through the summer. In addition, New York's Path Through History program will feature sites and events statewide that explore President Lincoln, the Civil War and their connection to the Empire State. Information is available at www.iloveny.com/Lincoln. More information on the National Parks Funeral Train events can be found here.

Harold Holzer, Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, said, "No state contributed more soldiers, more money, or more innovation to Lincoln's war to preserve the Union and destroy slavery than did New York. And no state grieved at his assassination more publicly and more passionately. Lincoln earned unforgettably grand farewells in Manhattan, Albany, and Buffalo. But as this exhibit reveals, small tributes occurred in many towns

and villages in between, from the Hudson Valley to the Southern Tier-and all along the tracks where his funeral train rode in its journey back to Springfield, Illinois. This is an amazing, virtually untold story of which all New Yorkers should be proud. And they should be equally proud of the successful effort to preserve the flag that once covered his coffin in Albany-and was supplied in 1865 by the Albany woman who helped our state obtain the priceless Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in Lincoln's hand. As chair of the Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation, I'm proud to have supported the flag preservation effort. As a Lincoln historian, I'm honored to have worked with Mark Schaming and the New York State Museum on its interpretation. And as a New Yorker, I'm grateful to Governor Cuomo for all he has done to encourage history education and exhibitions in the Capitol and throughout the state."

Saturday, April 25 1 pm - 7 pm, New York State Capitol

1:00 p.m. - Civil War re-enactors representing the 123rd New York Volunteers, the 125th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, the 26th USCT, the 7th New York Heavy Artillery, and several other recreated Civil War units will gather in West Capitol Park near Swan Street and begin a ceremonial march down Washington Avenue to East Capitol Park where they will conduct a memorial service honoring President Lincoln.

Following the service, re-enactors will remain outside taking questions, and conduct marching drills and Civil War military demonstrations. A period 12-pound Mountain Howitzer replica cannon that is part of the 7th New York Heavy Artillery will also be on display throughout the day in East Capitol Park.

2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. - Free Capitol tours will be conducted. Tours start at the base of the Senate staircase on the first floor. **3:30 pm and 6:30 p.m.** (Online reservations required) - Musicians Anne and Ridley Enslow, dressed in 1860s costumes, will recapture the drama and pathos of the great American Civil War through songs and tunes. This will be followed by a first person interpretative program presented by noted Lincoln impersonator Fritz Klein that focuses on Lincoln's hopes and dreams for the country during his tenure as president. Seating is limited. The presentation will be approximately 90 minutes. Reservations can be made at www.governor.ny.gov/lincolntribute.

A Flag for the Ages Exhibit Highlights - This Lincoln funeral train and Civil War exhibition will showcase the national flag placed around the bier, or platform, upon which the slain president's casket rested as he laid in state in the Capitol in Albany, New York, on April 26, 1865. It also features additional funeral-related artifacts, chronicles Lincoln's last day, tragic death, and the many ceremonies honoring Lincoln along the funeral train route that carried his body from Washington, D.C., through New York, to Springfield, Illinois. The exhibit will also highlight New York State's contribution to the Civil War and related historical figures and artifacts.

The flag that draped the coffin was reportedly presented in 1861 by William H. Seward, Secretary of State and former New York State Governor and United States Senator, to Emily Weed Barnes, daughter of Thurlow Weed, a political advisor and close friend to Seward. When the casket bearing Lincoln's body arrived at the Capitol, Mrs. Barnes wrapped the flag around the bier. The flag remained in the Barnes family and was donated to New York State Battle Flag Collection and accepted by Governor Franklin Roosevelt in 1930.

Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito said, "As the caretaker of the New York State Capitol, OGS is pleased that Governor Cuomo has transformed this building into a place where citizens can not only see government at work, but also learn about our state. The Lincoln exhibit is a wonderful opportunity to go back in time and experience the rich history associated with Lincoln and his legacy."

Empire State Development Division of Tourism Executive Director Gavin Landry said, "New York State helped propel Abraham Lincoln onto the national stage, and his presidency and legacy have deep ties to the Empire State. From the homes and final resting places of New Yorkers key to the Civil War and its lead up, like Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman; abolitionist John Brown; Lincoln's Secretary of State and confidant

William H. Seward; and Union Army General Ulysses S. Grant, to sites whose industry and technology played a vital role in the Civil War, like the Burden Iron Works, Brooklyn Navy Yard and West Point Foundry, New York's Path Through History is ready to take visitors one hundred and fifty years back in time."

In an effort to raise the profile of historic destinations, New York State hosts Path Through History Weekends, utilizing live events to celebrate New York's history and highlight the tremendous efforts of the people and organizations committed to its preservation and promotion. In 2014, 383 events were held in 55 of New York State's 62 counties, a 43 percent increase from the prior year. This year, Path Through History Weekend will take place June 20 - 21, 2015.

Follow I LOVE NEW YORK on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or use #LoveNYHistory to join us on the journey down New York's Path Through History.

Gov Cuomo Announces Additional Budget Support in Fight Against the Opioid Epidemic; State Budget Expands the Availability of Naloxone in Schools

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State's fight against opioid addiction has been strengthened by new funding to provide naloxone kits to schools statewide and training for school personnel.

"By making this investment to provide naloxone kits and training for schools, we are continuing to save lives in the fight against opioid use and addiction," Governor Cuomo said. "This is an epidemic that disproportionately impacts young New Yorkers and has caused far too much needless tragedy in every corner of the state. This funding will go a long way toward saving young lives, and I am proud to have included it in this year's Budget."

Included as part of the 2015-16 New York State Budget, \$272,000 in funding will be used to offer training for school nurses and other personnel from the state's approximately 3,000 school districts. Those who complete the training will receive naloxone kits for their schools. While naloxone kits and training have been available to school personnel under Governor Cuomo's Combat Heroin campaign, this funding is specifically earmarked for schools. Final regulations establishing the program's implementation are currently being drafted in conjunction with the State Education Department. The training is expected to be similar to what is already in use for training first responders and community members.

"Heroin and opioid abuse is one of the greatest threats facing the health and well-being of New Yorkers," said acting New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "Properly addressing this issue requires that we train as many people as possible in how to identify and reverse overdoses. This funding helps ensure that school nurses and officials have the skills and resources needed to do just that."

The increased availability of naloxone, a medication which reverses an opioid overdose, is one of the priorities at the center of Governor Cuomo's fight to end opioid abuse in New York State. When administered, it can reverse the effects of an overdose by temporarily blocking the effects of the opioid, whether illicit or prescription, allowing the individual to regain consciousness and resume normal breathing. It poses no danger to persons who otherwise might come into contact with it and it is not the kind of medication that can be abused.

Since Governor Cuomo signed a legislative package to combat this epidemic into law last year, New York State has pursued one of the most aggressive campaigns against opioid overdoses in the nation by addressing the problem from several different angles. There are currently more than 45,000 first responders and community members trained in the use of naloxone when an opioid overdose occurs, and more than 500 lives have been saved in the last year alone.

Additionally in 2014, Governor Cuomo launched the Combat Heroin & Prescription Drug Abuse Campaign to inform and educate New Yorkers about the risks of heroin and prescription opioid use. At the Combat Heroin website, New Yorkers can find information about warning signs of heroin and opioid abuse and misuse, access to Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services treatment providers, and guidance to help parents talk to their children and health care professionals talk with their patients.

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 under 5 yrs. free

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 Bible Study 7 pm
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm



Ismael Berrios
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3rd Annual Elected Officials and Supervisors & 1st Annual County Day of Recognition for National Service (RSVP) on April 7, 2015

Monticello, N.Y. - Sullivan County Elected Officials join in along with the nation's Leaders who are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective strategy to address local challenges. By unleashing the power of its Senior citizens, RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) a division of Senior Corps sponsored by the Corporation for National & Community Service has had a positive and lasting impact - making our county a better place to live especially for our most needy and fragile populations. To spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve, Elected Officials across the country will participate in the second-annual Elected Officials & County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.

On this day, Elected officials will highlight the value and impact of national service to the nation's cities. Last year, Elected Officials representing nearly 100 million citizens participated in the inaugural Day of Recognition for National Service. The initiative is being led by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Why a Special Day of Recognition? As solution-focused local elected Legislators and Officials have a unique role in this country. Our elected leaders focus on engaging citizens and meeting local needs matches CNC's mission to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement. CNC's priority on expanding economic opportunity to create sustainable and resilient communities directly aligns with the goals of all our local Officials. A coordinated day of recognition presents a unique opportunity to spotlight the key role that national service plays in solving local problems and challenges. Participating in the day highlights the impact of citizen service, show support for the 30+ nonprofits we serve and national service groups like our 288 RSVP Volunteers to inspire more residents to serve in their communities.

RSVP Project Director, Caryn Mathews and all of its Volunteers would like to thank the following officials: As the RSVP Project Director on behalf all of our Volunteers would like to thank the following officials for their SUPPORT of RSVP in our County: Governor Andrew Cuomo; Assembly Woman Aileen Gunther; The Sullivan County Legislature: Scott B. Samuelson; Kathleen LaBuda; Cindy Kurpil Gieger; Kitty Vetter; Jonathan Rouis; Gene Benson; Ira Steingart; Alan Sorenson; Cora Edwards; The Town of Neversink; The Town of Bethel; and The Town Of Thompson

A "BIG THANK YOU" to our RSVP SENIORS...
 We thank you for all you do Every DAY!

Saturday, April 25th, 2015, from 4-7 p.m.
All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fundraiser
 to benefit the
Krummack Family
 at the Neversink Fire Hall Route 55, Neversink
 Eat-in or take out!

\$10 for Adults (ages 13 and up); \$5 for Children (ages 5-12);
 Children age 4 and under Free!

For information contact Kim at krock@hvc.ny.com or 914-799-0042. To donate food or other supplies for the pancake dinner, contact Tawny at 985-7553. To donate to the Bake Sale, call Keri at 985-7369



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Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)
 Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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**Covered Dish
 Supper -May 4 at
 5:30 pm**

May 2, 2015
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Sundown Ladies
 Annual Yard Sale
 June 8, 2015 at
 the Church Hall



**Grahamsville
 United Methodist
 Church**

April 21, 2015
 Thrift Sale & Boutique
 9 am-1 p.m.
 Luncheon 11 am p.m

**Third Saturday Thrift
 Sale & Boutique**
 9 am - 1 pm
April 18, 2015

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
At 7:00 P.M. (EDST)

for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the Annual Meeting (Beginning Tuesday, May 5, 2015).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2015-2016 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and VOTING on any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Main Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2015. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2015. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full-term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2015, and are to be filled at this election:

Michael Brooks
Curtis Brock
Kathy Denman

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 and Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M... Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 12th, 2015 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 19, 2015. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12th, 2015) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 18th, 2015), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education
Norma Peña, District Clerk
Dated: April 1, 2015

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law, Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:

LOW ABRASION CRUSHED STONE in the following sizes: 1A - 1/4 inch 1 ST - 3/8 inch
#1 - 1/2 inch #2

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GASOLINE

DIESEL FUEL

HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - HGWY GARAGE

HEATING KEROSENE OIL - HGWY GARAGE

HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - TOWN HALL

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2015** at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF NEVERSINK

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK

April 9, 2015

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NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2015 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015.

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 305 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at: jcarey1789@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at: jcarey1789@aol.com for details.

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New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification regarding that use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

To comply with the end of spring recess notification requirement, Tri-Valley Central School is providing the following information: **NO REPORTABLE PESTICIDES HAVE BEEN USED.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jesse Bell, Maintenance Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds at (845) 98a5-2296, ext. 5317.

Jesse Bell
Maintenance Supervisor

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150th Anniversary of

Lee's Surrender at Appomattox

On April 9, 1865, 150 years ago this month, Confederate general Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to the Union's Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, signaling the beginning of the end of the Civil War.

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

Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Thursday, April 30. Leave 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY, returns approx 5:30 pm. \$40 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/\$70 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, January 27; includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

Liberty Science Center Saturday, May 30. Leave 8 am to Liberty Science Center in New Jersey, return approximately 5:30 pm. Please bring money to eat with and to make purchases. Includes exhibits and IMAX movie admission. SIGN-UP: \$20 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$28 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, February 10.

Camp Fire Fun Friday, June 19. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm SIGN-UP: \$4 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$13 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, May 5.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 25. at the Liberty Pizza Hut between 5 pm and 9 pm

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 11. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

Family Fun NIGHT Friday, July 17. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for a hot dog dinner, and fun! \$7 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$12 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

- 4/16/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 4/18/15 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique** Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm
- 4/19/15 Claryville Fire Dept. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7- Noon Claryville Fire House
- 4/19/15 **21st Old Time Fiddler's Gathering** 2-6 pm Neversink Fire Hall
- 4/20/15 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm
- 4/21/15 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale & Boutique** (9:00 am-1 pm) & **Luncheon**(11 am - 1:00 pm)
- 4/21/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 4/23/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm
- 5/2/15 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 4/25/15 **All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Kummack Family Fun**
- 5/5/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 5/6/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 5/7/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 5/12/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 5/13/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 5/14/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 5/20/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting

Save the Date!

Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day • Saturday, May 2, 2015 in **Memory of Lions**
Joyce Lockhart, Eugene Fuller and Fred Ahrens • Sign in 8:30- 9 am Walk Starts at 9 am at the First Aid Buidling

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 11th Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm

Old Time Fair and Barbecue, July 25, Grahamsville Fair Grounds, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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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.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
 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.

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

6-part viewing & discussion of the PBS series 'The African-Americans: Many Rivers to Cross' at The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, N.Y. is hosting a 6-part viewing & discussion of the PBS series 'The African-Americans: Many Rivers to Cross' directed by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.. Professor Gates is the director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University.

The series traces the history of African-Americans, beginning in the 1500s; and covers the expansion of slavery during the 18th century; the Jim Crow era; the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and '60s; and the 2008 presidential election of Barack Obama.

The sessions will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings April 16th through May 21st from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Each hour long episode will be followed by discussion moderated by members of the community. Your local library can assist you in borrowing a copy of the DVD series. To find out more about the series please visit the PBS website at: <http://video.pbs.org/program/african-americans-many-rivers-cross/>

These sessions are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available.

INNOVATION AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

The Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and Sullivan County Manager would like to congratulate Julie Pisall, one of Sullivan County's Nutrition Site Managers, for winning the \$5,000 Innovation

Award at the 2015 Non-Profit Leadership Summit for her Kingfisher project. The Kingfisher Project is named after an essay her daughter, Rebecca Pisall, wrote for school before she lost her battle to heroin. The essay can be found at <http://thekingsisherproject.com/rebeccasessay/>

The Kingfisher Project focuses on the new face of drug abuse in our communities, the challenge to Public Health this poses, and ways the community can effectively battle this scourge. Kingfisher radio segments are part of the Making Waves public affairs program, which airs on Monday nights on WJFF 90.5 FM (94.5 FM in Monticello).

High School Art Show

CAS Sullivan County High School Art Show is now being held at Catskill Art Society in Livingston Manor through April 19. The event is co-sponsored by SC BOCES. This exhibition, appearing throughout the gallery, will present the work of high school students from all eight of the county's districts (Eldred, Fallsburg, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Monticello, Roscoe, Sullivan West, and Tri-Valley) plus student work from SC BOCES.

This annual exhibition celebrates the creativity of our region's youth and showcases the diversity of expression across Sullivan County. The show presents three hundred artworks in ten media categories. Gallery hours: Thurs-Mon 11 am.

21st Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering
 Sunday, April 19, 2015
 2:00-6:00 pm
 Neversink Fire Hall
 Route 55, Neversink NY

Featuring many talented local musicians
 Featured food by Mark McCarthy
 Barbeque "Take Out"
 or
 Enjoy "Eat In" while listening to the music!

Cost for music \$10.00 for adults
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 \$10.00 for either **CHICKEN** or **PULLED PORK**

plus 2 sides with a drink
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 \$7.00 for a pulled pork sandwich, chips with a drink

Lunch take outs will be available at 11:00.
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For more information please call Paul Lounsbury at 985-2923 or cell 845-649-8963

Fundraiser for the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center

WANTED ...VENDORS

The 2015 Old Time Fair, sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, is going to be held Saturday, July 25th. Vendors with home crafted items are needed. Why not reserve your \$15. space early, we promise you a large crowd and a fun filled day. For reservations and information please call Ann-Marie Kremer at 985-2016 or PO Box 161,982 Claryville Rd, Claryville 12725

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Quiz

1. Who plays Lana Carlsen?
2. Who is playing George Rondolos?

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™?

GRAHAMSVILLE

Anyone who likes to get a bargain can find all kinds of things at the Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Sales! The next **Saturday Thrift Sale and Boutique** will be on **April 18th** and the next **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** of the season with the new **Boutique** will be on **Tuesday, April 21st!**

NEVERSINK

On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, from 4-7 p.m., there will be an **All-U-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fundraiser** to benefit the **Krummack Family** at the Neversink Fire House. Eat-in or take out! \$10 for Adults (ages 13 and up); \$5 for Children (ages 5-12); and Children age 4 and under Free! In addition to a tasty Pancake dinner, there will also be a Tricky Tray, 50/50 Raffle and Bake Sale!

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