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Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Welcomes New Teacher to the District



On behalf of the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association, we would like to welcome our new 7th grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Jena DeRuvo! She is a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas College. Jena has taught English in grades 9-12, Honors English, Advanced Writing & World Literature, and Digital Journalism.

When asked why she became a teacher, Jena replied, "While I have always loved literature, poetry, and writing, I found secondary school to be an uncomfortable transition in my life; I really blossomed in college. I wanted to become a teacher

because I empathize with students who struggle in school; my greatest pitfall was math. My goal as a teacher is to inspire students with my love of literature and learning. I hope to elevate fellow English fans while still motivating struggling readers and writers."

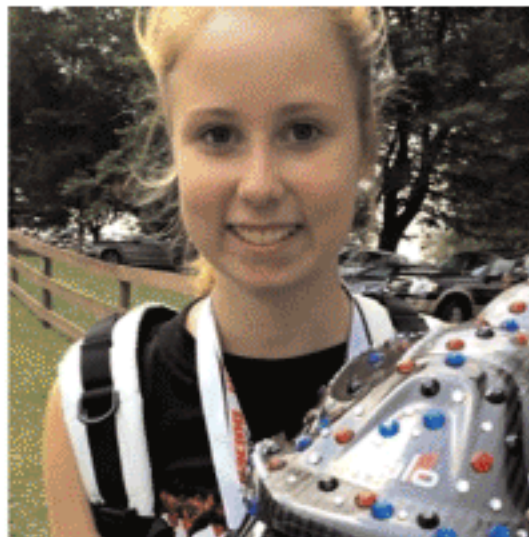
Jena loves skydiving, cooking, decorating, yoga, and reading. She also loves to travel. Her greatest adventure to date is a backpacking trip through Europe after studying Shakespeare at Cambridge University. She is also a newlywed! She and her husband Christopher were married in July.

We wish you all the best, Mrs. DeRuvo! Welcome to the Tri-Valley family!

Gofundme.com for our Granddaughter, Faith Bischert

17 year old Faith Bischert, is the daughter of our daughter Ginny (Inghrim) and her husband Rich Bischert.

Ginny & Rich both graduated from Tri-Valley and now live in Delaware, Ohio.



www.gofundme.com/bischert -- will explain Faith's journey and how since March Faith has been hospitalized multiple times to help re-direct her from self harm and give her the coping skills she needs to look beyond suicide.

Ginny & Rich have used all the insurance available and many other funding sources to help cover the cost of this type of care. But these funds have been used up and they need \$33,000 to cover the cost of Faith's present care for eight to twelve weeks.

Faith has been diagnosed with borderline personality. There is no facility in Ohio that has care for this, especially for a teenage girl. They have taken her to a treatment facility in North Carolina which deals in adoption and trauma.

Any donation would be appreciated, we know even small donations can add up quickly. If you cannot donate we ask for your prayers to help Faith be able to return to her home in good health.
Mary & Joe Inghrim

Tri-Valley Students Attend FBLA Leadership Conference



Tri-Valley FBLA students pose for a picture



Tri-Valley Teachers and Advisors Nancy Peters, Matt Haynes, and Brenda Hay

From November 19 to November 22, 27 Future Business Leaders of America students attended the National Fall Leadership Conference held in Baltimore, Maryland. While at the conference students attended numerous workshops dealing with different aspects of leadership and business, heard motivational speeches from keynote speakers, networked with other FBLA students from around the world, and even fit in a little sightseeing.

Although it's certainly no surprise, we are proud to say that our students represented Tri-Valley in the best way possible. They were focused, professional, and eager to meet and talk to other students from all over the globe. And, of course, they were dressed in business attire for a majority of the conference.

FBLA is co-advised by high school business teachers Brenda Hay and Nancy Peters. Matt Haynes, English teacher and Junior FBLA co-advisor, also helped chaperone the trip.

There is no doubt that students enjoyed themselves, became more knowledgeable, and grew as leaders during this trip. It was an incredible learning experience to be had by all!

Tri-Valley FBLA Installs Officers and Inducts New Members



(L to R): Kayla Butler, Morgan Shamro, Gillian Mathews, Julia Leland, Giovanna Lauria, Autumn Bender, and Jaclyn Musa.

On October 2, Tri-Valley FBLA installed its 2015-2016 officers: Kayla Butler, President; Morgan Shamro, Vice President; Gillian Mathews, Secretary; Julia Leland, Treasurer; Giovanna Lauria, Reporter; Autumn Bender, Historian; Jaclyn Musa, Parliamentarian. In the traditional candle lighting ceremony each officer accepted the responsibility of his/her position.

On November 6, Tri-Valley FBLA held an induction ceremony for new members: Angie Ballard, Julius Colon, Margaret Dembergh, Michael DeVito, Heather Foster, Giovanna Lauria, Morgan McHugh, Aidan Mentnech, Jillian Mungeer, Brianna Olsen, Ashley Peckham, Preston Peckham, Samantha Raymond, Shane Rennison, Montana Sherwood, Emily Starner, Halie Travis, Frances Wallace, and Jacob Wilsen. New inductees took the Oath of Membership and recited the FBLA creed.

Tri-Valley FBLA is very proud of its newly elected officers and welcomes all new members. Congratulations to everyone!

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth.
Chronicles 16:31

ENGAGEMENT

The parents of Lori Roy and Hank Currey are happy to announce their engagement. The event occurred at the top of Mount Rose near Lake Tahoe on August 9, 2015. Lori Roy is a graduate of Schoharie Central School in Schoharie, NY. She completed her Bachelor of Music Education and Performance at Ithaca College, NY, her Masters at the University of Michigan and is currently working on her Doctorate at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Hank Currey is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, NY. He completed his Bachelor of Music Education and Performance at Ithaca College, NY and his Master of Music degree from the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. He is currently employed as Lecturer of Trombone at the University of Nevada, Reno. They continue to enjoy performing for various philharmonics, symphonies, chamber orchestras and operas as they formulate their wedding plans.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 7, 1955 - Vincent Guntlow of Napanoch was injured when a Stinson two-seater airplane he was piloting, crashed while taking off from the flying field at Anderson's Garage in Accord on Sunday afternoon. He was treated at Veterans Hospital in Ellenville for fractured ribs.

Are you Assistant Santa Claus?

The time is drawing near

When stocking stuffers do their stuff

To bring the kiddies cheer.

Kum in to Krum's to Christmas shop!

You'll spare yourself some toil

And save your disposition as well as gas and oil

December 8, 1965 - Mrs. Madelene Adams was appointed a member of the Teacher Education and Professional Standards Committee of the New York State Teachers' Association at the Zone Executive Committee meeting held on Nov. 13. Mrs. Adams, a member of the faculty at Tri Valley Central School, has represented the local teachers' group for many years as a member of the Sullivan County Teachers' Council.

Mr. and Mrs. David Levitz became the parents of a son, Maury Isaac, born December 1, 1965. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stevens of Grahamsville are the parents of a son, born December 6, 1965 at Loomis Hospital.

December 24, 1975 -

A Christmas Poem

by *Donna Denman*

As Christmas brings its maddening rush

I wonder if 'twere ever thus.

Then faintly through the frantic haze

I catch a glimpse of simpler days.

When there was time to pause, reflect

On what this Holy Season meant.

How wise men came and gazed in awe

At a tiny baby in the straw.

Yes, I wonder where they've gone

The star, the babe, the heavenly song.

And could we if we really tried

Put back the Christ in Christmastide.

December 12, 1985 - No significant news items in this issue.

Dollhouse Furniture Needed for the Library's Dollhouses

The children in our community love to play with the dollhouses located in the Daniel Pierce Library which were made and donated by local artisan Louis Boncek. Because these dollhouses are well used and loved (by both girls and boys!), some of the furniture has been broken and needs replacing.

If you have some dollhouse furniture that you are not using or would like to donate, these lovely dollhouses could use furniture for the following: kitchen, living room, dining room, bedroom, and nursery. You may drop off these items at any time. If you have any questions, please call the library at 845-985-7233. The children of our community thank you!

SUPPORT LOCAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry will provide approximately 30-40 Christmas food baskets along with monthly food packages to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District during December.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help us provide for this special outreach. At this time, the food pantry is in need of non-perishable goods such as boxes of pasta, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, cereal, soups, peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, and macaroni and cheese, for its regular monthly distribution. It also seeks donations of small canned hams to include in some of the holiday food baskets.

Thank you to all who generously contributed in November for our Thanksgiving outreach. Much of what we need for the Christmas baskets is already on our shelves due to your generous support. As always, the food pantry welcomes your monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for the baskets.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line). Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283).

May the Christmas spirit of loving, generosity empower us to reach out to our neighbors with gifts of hope and good cheer in this season of giving. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends for your continuing support and we pray for your help in this holiday season.

Last Chance to visit the Sullivan County Historical Society's 'Concord Remembered' exhibit at Sullivan County Museum

The exhibit of a bygone era featuring the world's largest hotel that was located at Kiamesha Lake, was a huge success. Hundreds of people attended to view the many items both owned by the Museum and on loan. Those who generously allowed us to display their precious mementoes helped to create a well rounded exhibit to honor a time when the Concord was the most important reason to come to Sullivan County.

Many a good and emotional story was told by visitors who remember the Concord as having played on important part in their lives. It was a playground to meet and greet the fun and famous. It was the place where the famous could enjoy a private moment or from where they could launch their carriers.

The large supply of photos give a feeling of: Yes I was 'there' when this celebrity was there, or when this or that waiter or bellhop was there to make my visit enjoyable. The flowers in front of the hotel where well remembered. The night club, the largest in the world, which seated three thousand, built many fond remembrances. Even the volunteers attending to the exhibit displayed great joy. A great thanks to all who serve so diligently.

The Concord Remembered exhibit will be open through New Year's Weekend. Any family who takes their young people to visit the museum will not be sorry, and while visiting the many memorable historical displays, on the three floors of the old schoolhouse, will enjoy an adventure into the past.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. It is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 to 4:30 and Sundays 1 to 4:30. Admission is free, donations appreciated.

For more info call (845) 434-8044.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Ella Mae Charter of Grahamsville who passed away on November 27th at the age of 88. I remember when Ella worked at the old Woolworth's Department store in Liberty. That was many years ago.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church served 205 at their Roast Pork Dinner on November 21st. Dinners will resume again in the spring.

The Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper held on December 5 was quite a success. Thank you to all who supported the Scouts.

The Tri-Valley Lions held their annual holiday party in the community room of the Daniel Pierce Library on Tuesday, December 1st. The delicious buffet dinner was catered by Lion, Mary Lou Vernooy. Lions members are selling raffle tickets to raise funds for their community service projects. There are some very nice prizes. Buy a raffle ticket and support the Tri-Valley Lions! Contact a Lion member or call Paula Ryan at 807-7319 for tickets.

Tri-Valley Central School winter concerts are coming up soon. The HS concert is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. The grade 5-8 concert will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. Both concerts will be held in the Bernstein Theatre.

The Neversink/Rondout Antique Machinery Club held their covered-dish holiday party at the Neversink Firehouse on Friday, December 4th. Hank Samyn, Club President, welcomed all present. A good time was had by all!

The Tri-Valley PTO will be having a "monster" book sale on Thursday, December 10th from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm and on Friday, December 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Books make great holiday gifts! By the way, the PTO is still collecting aluminum can pull tabs, box tops, juice pouches, Campbell soup labels and granola bar wrappers.

Did You know? Some of the industries and businesses that used to be in Grahamsville were: A knife factory owned by Dr. Hoar (it was located across from the United Methodist Church) and a tannery on Route 42. There were also several hotels and many tourist homes (today they are called bed and breakfasts). Finch's Restaurant and Hotel, located at the intersection of Routes 42 and 55, was in operation until Mr. William Brenner purchased the building and property. If you look at the front of the building, I believe you can still see Grahamsville Hotel. Grahamsville also had doctors, undertakers, millers, watch makers, barbers, dairy and chicken farmers, just to name a few of the occupations.

Words of Wisdom: Work in a way that keeps people thinking of ways to keep you rather than reasons to keep you.

See Something, Send Something

Scott Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature is releasing this statement, "In light of several tragic events of the last few months, there is a new app available for mobile devices called "See Something, Send Something" available for anyone who is a witness to anything suspicious and be able to transmit either a photo or a note explaining the incident to an emergency responder for further investigation." This is an app that is compatible with most cellular devices and is one more way for citizens to support emergency management and local law enforcement agencies to stay on top of any questionable activity in real time. This app is being recommended by the New York State Association of Counties. The app is easily accessed through an app provider or just search the phrase "see something, send something" and you will be directed to the site. "This is just one more small way that citizens can participate in our community safety for the protection of all", said Samuelson.

TVCS Students Spread Holiday Cheer at Upcoming Winter Concerts

Tri-Valley music students are preparing to take you on a walk through a winter wonderland, December 15th and 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tri-Valley Central School Bernstein Theater!

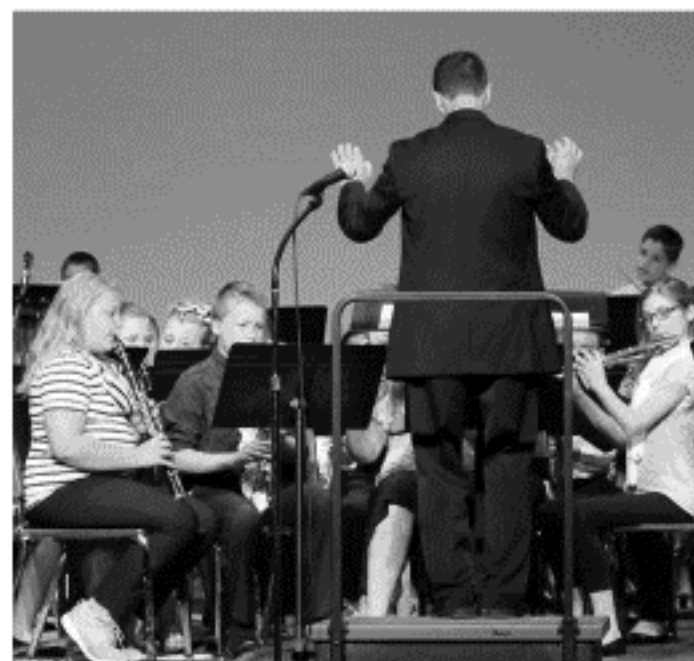


The concert on December 15th will feature performances by Tri-Valley High School Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and the High School Chorus. Then, on December 16th, the talented young ladies and gentlemen of the 5th through 8th grade will be on stage and ready to charm you with variety of holiday band and choral selections.

These young instrumentalists and vocal students, under the direction of Mr. John Calabrese, Mr. Kevin Giroux, and Mr. Matthew Weyant, have been busy at work for the past several months attending lessons, practicing at home, and meeting for rehearsals; they eagerly await the opportunity of sharing their holiday spirit with the community. Together, they have mastered a repertoire of holiday pieces sure to touch your heart, including the popular "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," beloved international Christmas carols, and the Trans-

Siberian Orchestra arrangement of "Carol of the Bells," complete with raging guitars!

The Bernstein Theater is located at 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY. Doors to the theater open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is FREE! The students would be delighted if you and your family could attend. You are welcome to come early, but we would also like to remind our community that the audience is asked to stay for the duration of the entire concert, if possible, so that each and every child feels that his or her performance is appreciated.



REMINDER: Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman will not be published the week of December 24 or December 31, 2015 in observance of the Christmas and the New Year. On behalf of the entire Townsman Staff, we wish you all a very Happy Holiday season.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on January 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Daniel Pierce Library

There will be **no December 2015** meeting. All residents of the Tri-Valley area are welcome.

Message from Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff

The statement below is made by Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff in regards to the Facebook Posting made by Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blaricum on December 3, 2015.

I concur with Ulster County Sheriff Paul Van Blaricum that licensed gun owners should carry their licensed handguns if they feel that they are comfortable and proficient enough to do so. They should also be familiar with State and local laws that govern firearms and the use of deadly physical force.

I also join Sheriff Van Blaricum in urging off duty police/peace officers and qualified retired law enforcement personnel to carry their firearms as well.

The police cannot be everywhere. The second amendment and the laws of New York State give citizens the tools to defend themselves and their families from harm, until law enforcement can arrive on the scene.

Given the recent attacks in our country and abroad, citizens should be aware of their surroundings, exercise vigilance and not be afraid to report any suspicious activity.

If you see something, say something.

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.

A Berry Pretty Time of the Year

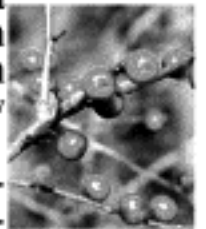
Have you noticed that the rich fall colors faded toward a more mundane neutral brown toward the end of November. But now, if you look closely, the woods are beginning to vibrate as various plants display their red winter berries. What are some of those red berries that we are seeing now?



The familiar Dog Rose a/k/a Wild Rose or Briar Rose (*Rosa canina*) is that rambling shrub, found in hedgerows, woodland edges, and grasslands. It is the most abundant of our native, wild roses. The dog rose that grows wild in the Catskills has thorns and clusters of sweet-scented five petaled white flowers that appear in June and July.

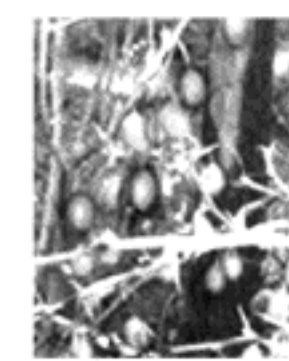
By autumn they produce bright red rosehips that are high in vitamin C. They are one of the richest plant sources available and are used for herbal teas, jam, jelly, syrup, rose hip soup, beverages, pies, bread, wine, and marmalade.

Another popular red berry grows on the Winterberry Holly a/k/a Black Elder (*Ilex verticillata*), a deciduous shrub that grows to 6 to 15 feet tall. It is a species of holly native to eastern North America and it decorates our winter scene in the Catskill's swamps, damp thickets, low woods and along ponds and streams.



The Winterberry Holly has abundant clusters of long lasting, bright red fruits and lustrous, thick, dark green leaves. The leaves fall off the shrub in autumn, making the berry display all the more showy in the winter landscape.

The attractive bright red fruit of winterberry is eaten by small mammals and more than 48 species of birds. The leaves and stems of winterberry are a source of food for the whitetail deer, cottontail rabbits, and snowshoe hare, however, the lustrous bright red fruit of this shrub are not for human consumption.



The little red berries on a barberry bush are dangling like tiny ornaments. Japanese Barberry or Prickerbush (*Berberis thunbergii*) which grow from 2 to 8 ft high, is a spiny, deciduous shrub, with arching branches. They have pale yellow, dangling flowers from midspring to summer that mature into the edible fruit, a glossy bright red ovoid berry containing a single seed.

They mature during late summer and fall and persist through the winter. Japanese barberry is found in old fields, open woods, on floodplains, ledges, along power lines, and on roadsides.

Don't forget, a little lower to the ground, the fruit of the Jack-in-the-pulpit. Now that the leaves are not present, all that is left is the stalk with the fruit, a mass of brilliant red or scarlet berries, each containing 1 to 5 seeds. You will find the red berries of the Jack-in-the-pulpit throughout open and dense moist woods. You may also find them in wood clearings and occasionally in pastures or at the edges of pastures that were formerly woodland.



Also low to the ground, the deciduous winterberry sports lustrous dark green leaves through winter as it is an evergreen. The clusters of vibrant red berries that are now present are the perfect contrast to its green leaves. The Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*) plant was the original source of wintergreen oil. Also known as Checkerberry and Tea Berry, the berries, mature in late summer and last over winter and in early spring, even after the snow melts.



And one more plant, another tree that keeps things bright in winter is witch hazel. Although the berries are sparse this time of year, and may be hard to see against the neutral background of fallen leaves, nevertheless the red berries will make this little tree come alive again once the snow falls.

With the variety of evergreens throughout the temperate Catskills and all the plants that produce bright red berries does it make you wonder why the colors of Christmas are traditionally red and green?

We may not be looking forward to snow yet, but once that first snow falls, keep your eyes open and you too will see all of nature's red ornaments pop out against the white background that is oftentimes brushed with strokes of green from the hardy evergreens, some of which may become our Christmas trees this year.

Household Hints

Cleaning Your Christmas Ornaments

Mix 1/2 vinegar and 1/2 water in a spray bottle and spray those ornaments. Then wipe them with a paper towel. They will be a clean as new!



The Stolen Ones

Mysterious Book Report No. 221

by John Dwaine McKenna

It's a helluva thing to take on a subject like the one we are about to . . . this being the Christmas season; a time when many of us are thinking about *Peace on earth and goodwill to men* . . . but the plain truth of the matter is that crime never sleeps and criminals don't take vacations. They're vicious and opportunistic-always looking for an edge or a chance to do what they do-without being caught. And so, we're going to go ahead and review *The Stolen Ones*, (Putnam/Penguin, \$26.95, 358 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-16553-5) by Owen Laukkanen, which is about slavery. In specific, sexual slavery. Young women, held against their wills, and sold by traf-

fickers to others who force them into prostitution.

The novel begins with a vivid description of forty women who've been smuggled from eastern Europe to the United States in a shipping container. They've been aboard a container ship at sea for weeks, without adequate food, water or sanitary facilities. After the ship lands, they're shunted into a new container and whisked off in a tractor-trailer driven by two thugs with bad attitudes and worse manners, who periodically stop and pull a few of the girls out. They're never seen again by the remaining ones. Among the imprisoned girls are two sisters, Irina, sixteen, the older of the pair who's chasing a dream of riches and fame in America, and her younger sibling Catalina, following after her big sister, hoping to keep Irina safe. At a truck stop in Minnesota however, one of the thugs shoots and kills a deputy sheriff, while the two sisters attempt to escape. Irina disappears in some nearby woods, but Catalina-just thirteen years old-is recaptured. When police arrive on the scene, they find a dead lawman, and a hysterical young woman with no ID and speaking no English, and holding an empty pistol next to the body. Agent Kirk Stevens of the Minnesota BCA (Bureau of Criminal Affairs) who was vacationing nearby, is called in. Soon after he's inducted into a BCA-FBI joint task force, a coast-to-coast manhunt to break an international ring of kidnapers and sex slavers who're selling the women into prostitution and slavery. It's a diabolic race to see who will prevail, and if the young teenage girl can survive her captors long enough to be rescued. A well-done, suspenseful novel featuring a timely and little-known subject.

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John Dwaine McKenna 2015 Best Books of the Year

It's hard to imagine, even harder to believe, but the month of December-with all the various holiday seasons and gift giving-is here. The calendar year is almost over and it's time . . . time for our gift to all the readers out there . . . the best books of 2015 list. Enjoy. And we wish you a Merry Christmas, as well as good health, peace and prosperity for you and yours in the coming New Year! -JDM

There were so many great mysteries, thrillers and noir novels published in 2015 that it was difficult to choose which ones to review . . . and even harder to winnow the list down to this dozen. The choices are arbitrary, they're my personal favorites of the sixty-plus books I read last year and the fifty or so we reviewed in the Mysterious Book Report. All of the complete Mysterious Book Reports are available on my website: johndwainemckenna.com and you can receive them every week by liking us on Facebook or following us on LinkedIn.

Best Books of the Year 2015

MBR # 191 *Prayer*, by Philip Kerr - Known for his outstanding WWII Bernie Gunther series, here, in a brilliant paranormal stand-alone thriller, Kerr posits the possible existence of a different kind of God, as seen through the eyes of an FBI agent who's struggling to find faith while at the same time attempting to solve a string of grisly murders and reconcile with his estranged wife in Houston, Texas.

MBR # 192 *The Painter*, by Peter Heller - Selected as the winner of the prestigious 2015 *Reading of the West* award from the multi-state Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association, Heller's second novel, a thrilling murder mystery, explores the struggles of a brilliant-and highly successful -modernist painter who's seeking solitude and an escape from his violent criminal past and prison term in New Mexico by reestablishing himself in the remote, west-slope Colorado town of Paonia, where he can work in peace and find solace fly fishing the remote streams and rivers there. He soon discovers however, that the past isn't so easy to forget, or leave behind and that trouble has a way of finding anyone anywhere and anytime. Beautifully rendered and brilliantly told, *The Painter* will rip your heart right out.

MBR # 196 *The Empire of Night*, by Robert Olen Butler - The third novel of the acclaimed series featuring the daring newspaper reporter and intrepid American spy, Christopher Marlowe "Kitt" Cobb, the Pulitzer Prize winning Butler examines in detail and depth, the effects of all-out war and new technologies on the ordinary citizens of England and France during the Great War, as night-time bombing raids on London by terrifying Zeppelin dirigibles bring a new development to the war, and new heroics by Kitt to stop them. *The Empire of Night* is packed full of enough intrigue, adventure and treachery to keep any thriller enthusiast fully engrossed, entertained and glued to the page. Kitt Cobb is one of my all time favorite characters in literature.

MBR # Supplemental *MAUS*, by Art Spiegelman - April the nineteenth is Holocaust Remembrance Day. In observance of which, I read a book on the subject as a self-improvement exercise. For that reason, and because they're not fiction, I don't review them in the MBR. But *MAUS* is the exception to those rules. It's a comic book. For adults. Now they're called "graphic novels" to give them more cache, more legitimacy. But *MAUS* is in a class of its own. It's the story of a man, an artist, re-connecting with his father-from whom he's been estranged-as the older man tells the never before revealed narrative of his and his wife's survival in the Nazi death camps at Auschwitz, and Buchenwald. The son, a cartoonist by trade, then puts his father's tale into graphic form, illustrating the Jews as mice, and the Nazis as mean cats, the Poles as pigs and the Americans as friendly dogs. The book was first published in the '70s in installments and has since become a classic. It's an unforgettable experience.

MBR # 200 *The House of Wolfe*, by James Carlos Blake - The Wolfe's are a family of outlaws. Half of them live in America, near Brownsville, Texas while the other half live in Mexico City. They've been making their living smuggling guns, liquor and sometimes people, for more than 150 years. They've been so successful for so long that the family is not only ultra wealthy, but well situated in legitimate businesses with plenty of well-placed allies. So, when some members of the family are kidnapped at a wedding in Mexico, the family comes together and fights with elegant ferocity to save their loved ones. James Carlos Blake is the best and the most audacious writer crafting literary violence today.

MBR # 202 *Chain of Events*, by Fredrik T Olsson - A kidnapped group of the world's greatest scientific minds are ensconced in a hidden castle located high in the alps, trying to find the answer to an imminent doomsday prophecy found encoded in the human DNA sequence. As the world begins collapsing around them, the more important question becomes: *who put it there . . . How . . . and Why?*

MBR #206 *The Organ Broker*, by Stu Sturmwasser - A scary, scary novel about organ replacement and what's known as transplant tourism. Transplant tourism is the term given to ill patients who need a life-saving organ donation and have the money to go out and buy one in a foreign country with no questions asked about where or how the donated kidney or other organ came from. That's where the organ brokers come in. They go to poor countries and buy organs from living, healthy and desperately poor donors who need money. The Organ Broker is a real eye-opener about how the rich and privileged are prolonging their lives at the expense of the desperately poor.

MBR # 208 *The Swimmer*, by Joakim Zander - Thirty years ago in the Middle East, the young father of a month old baby watches in horror as a car bomb meant for him, explodes and kills his wife-the baby's mother. Heartsick, unable to cope with a newborn and fearing that his enemies will try again, the man who's an American spy, leaves the infant girl at the door of the Swedish Embassy in Beirut and flees the country. The baby is raised by her grandparents on a remote island in the Swedish archipelago. Back in the present, the woman-now grown-is the executive assistant to the Trade Minister of Sweden, with headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. She comes into possession of a laptop computer containing sensitive-and highly secret-information that's sought by several opposing countries . . . all of whom are willing to kill for it. Fighting for her life, she flees to the island of her childhood, and a last fatal showdown where she meets the father she never knew.

MBR # 210 *The Cartel*, by Don Winslow - Although it is written as fiction, *The Cartel* will do more to open your eyes to the current events in Mexico and the so-called Drug War in the USA than anything short of enlisting in the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and going down to the border and fighting it yourself. Told from the point of view of a DEA agent's lifetime fight to keep a Mexican drug lord in prison, *The Cartel* drips with violence and blood, but it's so frighteningly close to actual current events that readers will be transfixed, stunned and glued to the page. One of the most talked about books of the year.

MBR # 214 *The Devil's Detective*, by Simon Kurt Unsworth - This unique debut novel was part of our month-long October Freak Fest of supernatural and other-worldly reads in observance of Halloween. It's one of the most unique and creative novels I've ever read-and those very characteristics may make it become a cult classic. Thomas Fool is the Devil's detective, one of only three so-called "information men" in all of Hell. He's got a gun but only one bullet. He has many cases, but marks most of them with his *no action taken* rubber stamp and returns it to the complainant. But when the case comes from Hells own hierarchy, he'd damn-well better investigate.

Someone's been killed in a most brutal way, fiendish, even by Hell's standards. It happens at a most inconvenient time, just as Fool is doing escort duty for a group of visiting angels who've come down to negotiate terms of elevation to Heaven for a few lucky souls. But then there's another murder, and a mass-killing which puts Hells innumerable nasty, skinless and bloodthirsty demons in a frenzy and Fool in more trouble than he can handle. *The Devil's Detective* is a raucous delight for horror and mystery enthusiasts.

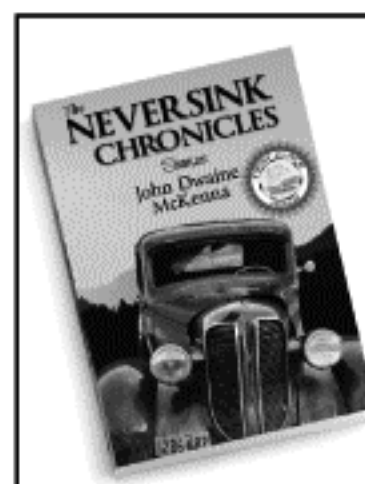
MBR # 217 *The Crossing*, by Michael Connelly - After thirty years as a homicide investigator with the LAPD, detective Harry Bosch has retired. He's the lonely, jazz-loving, tough, sanguine, altruistic, world-weary and honorable cop we've come to revere in Connelly's twenty plus novels featuring him. Bosch is taking it easy, putting around the house and working on a 1950 Harley-Davidson motorcycle he's inherited. When his half-brother Mickey Haller (the Lincoln Lawyer,) asks Bosch to look into the murder case he's defending, Harry has to decide whether or not to cross over to the dark side . . . helping defend the criminals he's spent the last thirty years putting in jail . . . and going against all his principals. *The Crossing* is Connelly's best yet and an enjoyable read for any and all.

MBR # 218 *New Yorked*, by Rob Hart -Another debut novel by a first-time author that's included here because he's managed to strike a near-perfect noir tone. Included is a mysterious phone call in the middle of the night, a murdered ex-girlfriend, a tough, down and nearly out, sometime private detective without a license who suffers from alcoholic blackouts and a broken heart-and lastly-a parade of the most unusual characters and alternative lifestyles since *The Island of Dr. Moreau*. *New Yorked* is an offbeat treat by a dynamic young writer who has the chops to go a long way in the crime fiction genre.

MBR # 220 *Palace of Treason*, by Jason Matthews - This novel is the latest Mysterious Book Report and makes the Best of the Year 2015 list because it's simply the most awesome spy novel I've read in a long, long time . . . maybe ever. Together with his first, *Red Sparrow*, the *Palace of Treason* is the beginning of what we can only hope will be a long-running franchise.

That's it! That's our baker's dozen of the best crime, mystery and thriller novels for the last year. They were dramatic, entertaining and some were even hair-raising, but guess what . . . stay tuned to the Mysterious Book Report because we've got many, many more new, exciting, thrilling, stimulating, provocative, moving, animated, rousing, exhilarating, galvanizing, and thought-provoking new reports coming in 2016! Keep reading! **Books are medicines for the soul.**--John

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Holiday Spirit

"So much to do; so little time," my friends say. Perhaps it is the fact that this is my seventy-first Christmas, my attitude has changed. Decorating is no longer a contest. My friend Dianna and I picked long needle pine and red Hawthorne berries and tied branches together with a leftover red ribbon to make a door swag. The remaining branches got stuck into leftover petunia pots on the deck. Voila! Decorating done.. I no longer feel guilty about putting up ALL of the accumulated ornaments and knick-knacks of seven decades plus what my mom handed down to me.

My husband already came home with a beautiful fresh balsam tree. A few years ago, I got a second-hand artificial one that he hated. His stand was firm. "We need a real tree for our grandchildren." He stormed out like a man on a mission and came home with a lovely, fragrant real Christmas tree. I didn't ask the price. I merely accepted the fact that Christmas Tree-buying moved over to his column of housekeeping deeds along with lawn mowing, wood cutting, dump runs and garbage-take-out.

No racing around the mall for me. On-line shopping has become fun. Lust, point, click, and a package shows up a few days later. Wrapping has become bagging in recycled bags folded up from last year. Most of the people on my list prefer a small envelope to spend to keep the economy going. Win, Win.

I just got back from a cookie sale at the Stone Church (Reformed) in Shokan with a treasure trove of at least a dozen kinds of cookies. Think of all the kitchen mess I saved. I will bake cookies later when our yoga, art and sewing group join in a cookie exchange that enables me to bake six dozen cookies in return for a six dozen variety from proven bakers.

I have decided to enjoy the Christmas season. I am not "hum-bugging" it; I am picking and choosing what makes the season joyful. It's all about the love we share and the helping of others who may not be as fortunate.

When Santa asks me what I want for Christmas, I know my answer will be health and world peace...and, oh yes, a few more solar lights!

CWC Awards Three Stormwater Grants

Three grants for projects to correct stormwater problems in Greene and Delaware Counties were approved December 1 by the Board of Directors of the Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC).

The grants, totaling \$595,366, were awarded under the Stormwater Retrofit Program which addresses existing stormwater runoff problems that threaten water quality. The Onteora Club in Tannersville, the Greene County Highway Department and the Village of Margaretville were successful applicants in the 2015 funding round.

The Onteora Club's \$236,366 grant will be utilized to complete a design to treat stormwater runoff from more than 136 acres, nine acres of which are impervious surfaces like pavement and roofs. The project area includes 60 homes and four miles of roadway along County Road 23C in the Schoharie Reservoir basin.

The proposed scope of work could potentially include bioretention areas, vegetated filter strips and 36 rain gardens. Two miles of ditches could be widened, stabilized and vegetated. The Club will cover the cost of roadway drainage improvements as its share of the project, which will be designed by Kaaterskill Engineers.

The Club is expected to return to the Catskill Watershed for construction funding when design plans are complete and approved.

The Village of Margaretville was awarded \$99,000 to develop plans for a project to treat runoff that currently carries pollutants and sediment into the Binnekil Stream and the East Branch of the Delaware River from the parking lot behind the municipal building and along a stretch of Main Street between Walnut Street and the Bull Run Stream crossing.

Lamont Engineers proposes to replace four catch basins with deep sump basins, regrade a section of Main Street to drain into those basins, install a new stormwater outfall in the Village Park, and install underground pipe storage arrays under the NBT and municipal parking lots.

The Village is expected to return to the CWC for construction funding when design plans are complete and approved.

The Greene County Highway Department will use its \$260,000 grant to purchase a new street sweeper and vacuum truck to clean streets and roads and maintain culverts, inlets and other stormwater infrastructure in Mountaintop Towns within the New York City Watershed. The vehicle will be stored in Hunter and will be used in the Towns of Hunter and Lexington, the Villages of Hunter and Tannersville, and part of the Town of Jewett. It will also be available for use on Schoharie basin roads in the Towns of Gilboa, Conesville and Roxbury.

An older sweeper/vacuum truck which was acquired with an earlier CWC grant remains in service and is used in the Towns of Ashland, Windham, Prattsville and parts of Jewett. Together these vehicles service 626 lane miles, curbing pollutant loading into the Schoharie Creek and its tributaries.

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Olive Free Library - Director's Message

After 42 years of work for the library, Ruth Anne Muller will be retiring at the end of this month. We are planning a retirement party for Sunday, January 10th so please save the date. If you would like to bring something to the party to share, a memory, a food, a poem or something else you think Ruth Anne would enjoy please call or email so we can include it in the planning.

Before Ruth Anne leaves she is busily cataloging a huge collection of jazz cds that were donated anonymously in honor of Tim Barcone who owned Barcone's Music in Kingston. He was passionate about music and the power it had to enrich lives. Tim was a saxophone player, repair technician and craftsman and had a particular love for jazz.

The elves are busy preparing for the best holiday fair ever! We will send out a separate email in a few days about the holiday fair because there is so much to share. The quilt pictured above has no two squares alike, and all the fabrics are holiday themed. It was donated by the community quilting group and will be raffled at the holiday fair. We also have a hand knit scarf given in appreciation of the knitting group, and a wooden bear sculpture, along with three amazing gift bags. This is the year to get raffle tickets!

Please note the following holiday closings for the library: closed on Friday December 25, Saturday, December 26, Wednesday December 31, and Thursday, January 1, and there will be no children's story hour on Tuesday, December 29.

See you at the library!

--Katie director@olivefreelibrary.org

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Suicide Bereavement Support Group Starting

(Monticello, NY) Losing a loved one to suicide is devastating. People left behind can feel isolated and alone, often unable to speak about their loss freely with others. Grief after a suicide resembles grief after other kinds of death - particularly when that death was sudden, violent or traumatic - but there are elements that are distinct to death by suicide. The most central question is "why?" Those left behind try to make sense of what happened, putting the pieces together again and again, asking themselves; "how could this have happened?" - "what signs did I miss?" - "how could (s)he have hidden this?" - "how could (s)he have done this (to me)?" Themes of guilt and responsibility, shock and numbness, shame, rejection, abandonment, anger, even relief can all be present in a mixed bag of emotions.

Friends and Advocates for Mental Health (FAMH) is the Sullivan County affiliate of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For over thirty years, FAMH has run family support groups for families and friends of people recovering from mental illness. Unfortunately, there have been families reaching out for help whose lives have been impacted by suicide. In looking for supports and resources to direct these families toward, the Board and staff of

FAMH realized that there was no local support group specifically for people who've lost a loved one to suicide. This was a void FAMH definitely felt needed to be filled, and with training from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), three local women are now ready to facilitate a Suicide Bereavement Group, set to start on January 6, 2016.

"It's not something you bring up in casual conversation," says a mother who lost her daughter to suicide almost two years ago. "People never know what to say, so you just don't mention it." Having traveled out of the area to attend a support group, she was relieved to learn that one was starting up locally and would encourage others to find support within the new group about to start. "It's a place you can share your feelings, or just listen. I think that's important, because it can be hard for people to share. The 'shares' are different in a group where people really know. If you're living in the aftermath of having lost someone to suicide, what are you doing for yourself? That's really the big question."

The FAMH Suicide Bereavement Support Group will help survivors feel less isolated and alone, providing reassurance that healing is possible. Attending the group will offer validation that grieving is expected and acceptable and will provide an opportunity for people to talk openly with others who truly understand, because they've been through it, too!

The support groups are free of charge, confidential and offer a safe place to share. Groups will meet the first Wednesday of each month, beginning Wednesday, January 6th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at 20 Crystal Street, Monticello, NY. For additional information, phone (845) 794-1029.

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Over the years, the Association has collected and purchased countless instruments for Ellenville students. Its most recent gift to the District, a glossy black Yamaha console vertical piano, replaces an aging instrument that had become very difficult to keep in

tune, said High School Music teacher David Trombley. Repairs had also become impractical.

The new piano will be played by the teachers and used for chorus and voice classes. The old piano will remain in the classroom, available for students to play.

The Alumni Association welcomes donations of playable used instruments. It also raises funds for the purchase and maintenance of instruments and for the scholarship fund. If you'd like to contribute, you can email rcraft@hvc.rr.com, call 845-647-7792, or write the Ellenville/Wawarsing Alumni Association, P.O. Box 31, Napanoch, NY 12428



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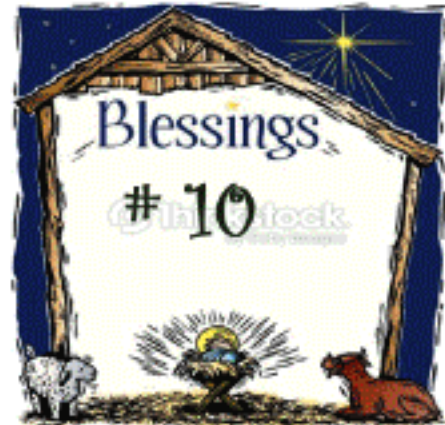
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Send Your Your Holiday Greetings by way of The Townsman

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* offers the opportunity for you to send your holiday greetings to friends, neighbors and family in our Holiday issues.

The deadline for holiday greetings will be this Friday, December 11th and they will be published in the December 16th issue. If you wish to send a greeting, please fill out the form and send it along with a check for \$9 to The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740. The actual size of your greeting will be 2" x 2"

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Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!

On Tuesday, November 17, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.



Max Turner, Rebecca Musa, Jasmine Irwin, and Jeremiah Steinhilber

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Juliette Eddings won the award for Academic Excellence, Mary Greene won the award for Excellent Work Ethic, Victoria Swett won the award for Leadership, and Elizabeth Lane won the award for Most Improved.

In the 7th grade, Jeremiah Steinhilber won the award for Academic Excellence, Rebecca Musa won the award for Excellent Work Ethic, Jasmine Irwin won the award for Leadership, and Max Turner won the award for Most Improved. Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized.



Mary Greene, Elizabeth Lane, Victoria Swett (Juliette Eddings missing from picture)

We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!

Local Ukrainian Scouts welcome the Bethlehem Peace Light

by Pavlo Mysak and Julianna Maczaj

On November 28, we arrived at JFK airport with our parents to see the Bethlehem Peace Light ceremony from Austria. The Peace Light comes from the Grotto in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The ceremony was scheduled for 2:00 but we had to wait almost two hours for the plane to arrive. When it landed at Terminal 1, three Austrian gentlemen escorted it immediately to us in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Skies at Terminal 4. There were about 30 lanterns and candles of all kinds waiting on the altar and the chapel was filled to overflowing. The two Austrian lanterns were carried in a special fancy carrier. They were golden-colored, with vented caps that allowed the live flame to burn safely during the flight.

This year, amidst all the tension in the Middle East, a Palestinian girl crawled into the Grotto to light a lantern from the flame that always burns there. This lantern flew on an Austrian Airlines jet to JFK, where we joined in the ceremony to distribute the Light, along with about 60 others. The Boy Scouts of America led the ceremony. We are scouts from Kerhonkson, members of the Ukrainian Scouting organization "Plast". There were also Polish and Lithuanian scouts, Girl Guides, as well as others. The ceremony was about an hour long. We prayed together, sang hymns and heard short speeches from various important people. Then the American scouts lit all the lanterns that everyone had brought, using the flame from Bethlehem.



Austrian lanterns

We all left the airport with our lanterns and candles carrying the live flame from Bethlehem and will share the Light with our families, friends and communities. One older Boy Scout, Joe, actually drives all across the country to share the flame with people! He plans to bring it across to the west coast, where it will be picked up by others and taken to Mexico and Central America, Canada. Routes are also planned to

through Texas. Earlier this week, Julianna already shared the Light with families at her school in Middletown, St. Therese Classical Academy, and the community of St. Joseph's Parish there. They were all very excited to learn about this beautiful tradition and to bring the Light to their homes.

In our Ukrainian community of Kerhonkson and Ellenville, we will share the Peace Light at our annual ceremony on Dec. 19th at noon, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church on Foordmore Rd, Kerhonkson. We invite everyone who'd like to share in the Light of Jesus Christ's Peace to join us for this beautiful tradition.

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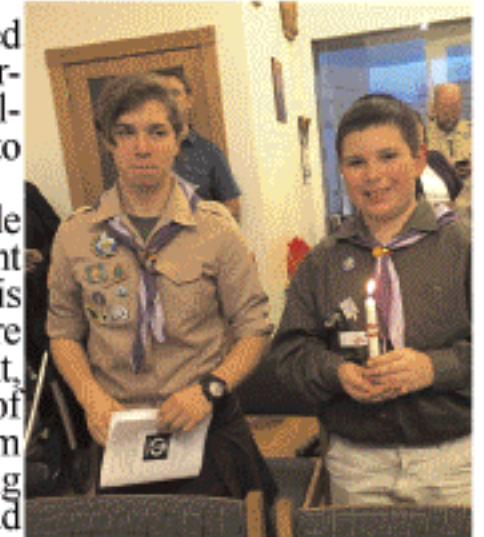
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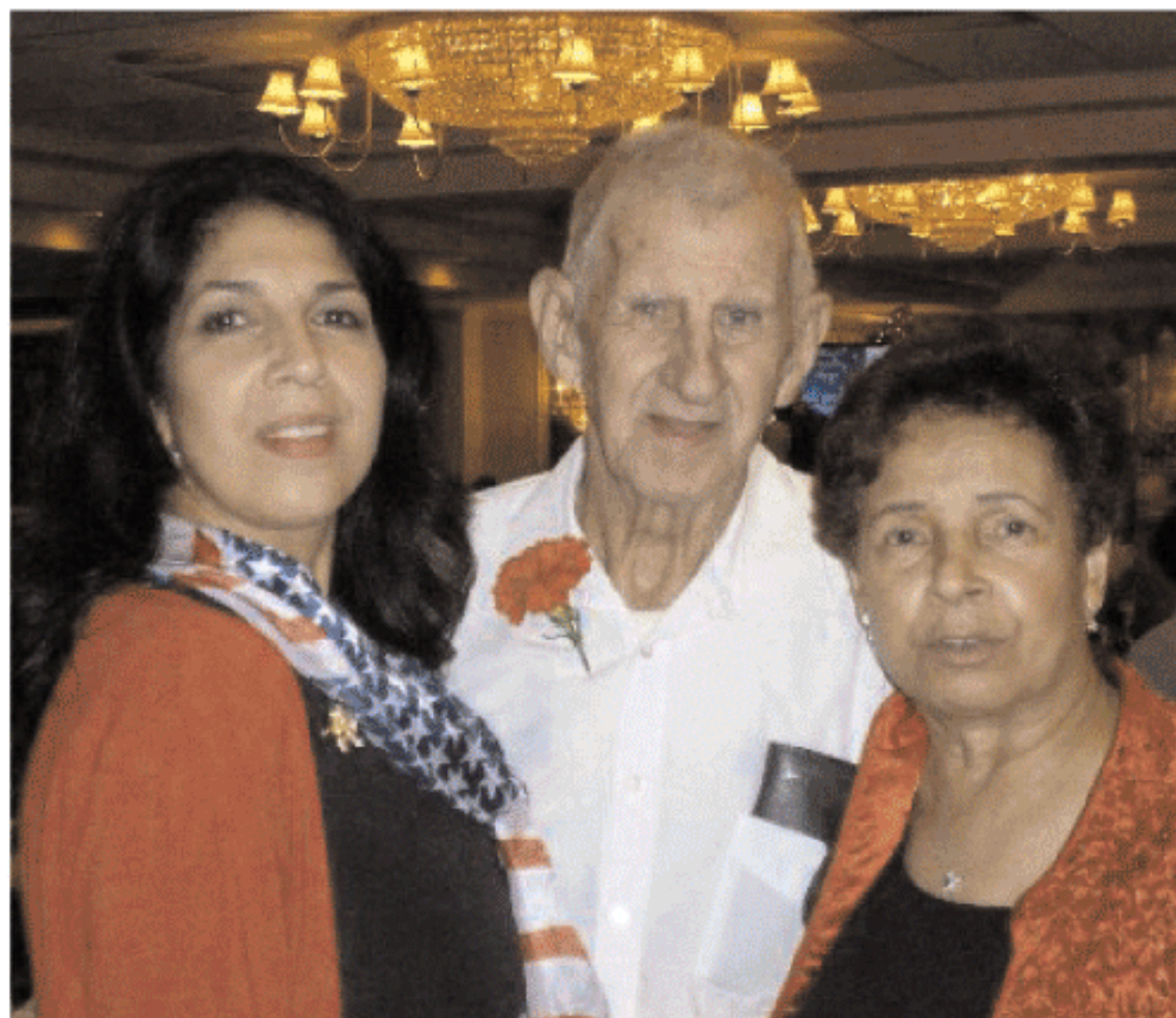
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Local Vets attend Honor Flight Lunch of Honor



On Saturday, December 6, Joe and Larissa Pond, Jim and Terry Richardson and Charlie and Iris Breiner attended the Honor Flight Lunch of Honor at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, NY. Jim and Charlie are Army Vietnam veterans. Joe Pond was a Navy submariner.

Also attending was Army Korean War veteran Ben Conklin of Grahamsville who was on the October 10, 2015 Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Senator Bonacic Attends SC Visitors Association Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration

(Middletown, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) joined business, and community leaders last evening at the Sullivan County Visitors Association Annual Meeting and Holiday Celebration which was held at The Sullivan Hotel and Event Center in Rock Hill. The event is the Visitors Association's year end gathering that honors local small businesses and individuals who have made an impact in the community during the year. This year's winners included; Duke Devlin, Official Site Interpreter of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, who was presented the Star Award for individual achievement, Alan Rosenblatt and Kurt Kreider of ECCE Bed and Breakfast were presented the Star Award for Business Achievement, and Josh Hughes, Shannon Feeney and Tina Schott of Roscoe Beer Company who were presented with the TOAST Award for exceptional hospitality.



39TH ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

The Sullivan County Community Chorus, under the direction of Conductor Kevin Giroux, will perform its 39th Annual Winter Concert on Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne. Conductor Giroux's theme for the concert is "Winterscapes," as each selection or set of songs has been chosen to elicit, for both the singers and the audience, memories of feelings and events associated with the season. The Winter Concert will also feature the Sullivan Chamber Singers, comprised of members of the Chorus selected through an audition process.



range from 16 to over 80 years of age. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Admission will be \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors and students free, but with a suggested \$10.00 donation. Immediately following the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. In case of inclement weather, the "snow date" will be Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. For further information contact Diane Foster at (845) 439-4458.

'Twas the night before Christmas

By Lance Corporal Fames M. Schmidt

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, and on the wall pictures of far distant lands With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sobering thought came to my mind. For this house was different, so dark and so dreary, the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight Soon round the world, the children would play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home. The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa don't cry. This life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my country, my corps." The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still, and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night, This guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure." One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night"

By Lance Corporal Fames M. Schmidt

Submitted with Love from a Vietnam Vet,
Jim Richardson -
To All Vets and Their Families

Trains on Main & Boxcar of Goodies

Saturday, December 12th, 1:00 pm "Doctors Say 'Go to the Mountains!' How the Railroad

Built Tourism in the Sullivan County Catskills" - presented by John Conway, Sullivan County Historian. Both of the region's two

great periods of tourism came about largely because of its reputation as a healing environment and the railroad's promotion of the pure air, pure water and pure milk to be found here. Sullivan County Historian John Conway takes a critical look at the role of the railroad in building a tourism industry here that eventually comprised more than 500 hotels and 50,000 bungalows.

Boxcar of Goodies - To thank patrons for shopping locally, Livingston Manor businesses are giving away an armload of gifts to three lucky shoppers. The 11th Annual Boxcar of Goodies, filled with gifts donated by local businesses, gives additional incentive to shop in Livingston Manor. The more you shop, the better your chances of winning. The drawing is December 23rd.

About The Laundry King - The Laundry King, a project of the Catskill Art Society (CAS), is a former storefront at 65 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY repurposed as a community-curated art and performance space. Learn more at www.catskillartsociety.org/laundryking.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Receives National Recognition for Performance Leadership in Patient Perspectives and Financial Strength

Ellenville, NY, November 2015 - Ellenville Regional Hospital today announced it has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Patient Perspectives and Financial Strength, reflecting top quartile performance among all acute care hospitals in the nation.

"We are very proud of our staff who delivered the care to our patients and the entire team that supports that effort," said Steven L. Kelley, Ellenville Regional Hospital's President and CEO. "We are extremely pleased to receive this important recognition of our accomplishments in the areas of Quality, Outcomes, Patient Satisfaction, and Financial Strength."

The rankings have been designated by the Hospital Strength INDEX™, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of hospital performance. In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. The Hospital Strength INDEX™ captures performance metrics for more than 4,000 acute care hospitals, including over 1,300 rural and Critical Access Hospitals. Leveraging data from public data sources, INDEX aggregates data from 66 individual metrics into three major categories and 9 pillars to derive a single strength overall rating for each facility.

"These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition. It showcases their commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement. On this occasion of National Rural Health Day, it's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market, regulatory and financial pressures they face," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics.

About NOSORH

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities

About iVantage Health Analytics

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'Trumbo' Starring Bryan Cranston, Helen Mirren, John Goodman at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present the new film *Trumbo* (rated R) starring Bryan Cranston, Helen Mirren, Diane Lane, and John Goodman.

In 1947, Dalton Trumbo (Bryan Cranston) was Hollywood's top screenwriter until he and other artists were jailed and blacklisted for their political beliefs. *Trumbo* (directed by Jay Roach) recounts how Dalton used words and wit to win two Academy Awards and expose the absurdity and injustice of the blacklist, which entangled everyone from gossip columnist Hedda Hopper (Helen Mirren) to John Wayne, Kirk Douglas and Otto Preminger. The film also stars Diane Lane, John Goodman, Louis C.K., Elle Fanning, and Michael Stuhlbarg.

Trumbo will screen Friday, December 11 through Tuesday, December 15, nightly at 7:30 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$10.50 (\$8.50 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$7 for children under 12 at all shows.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org.

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Governor Cuomo Announces Anti-Terrorism Regulation Requiring Senior Financial Executives to Certify Effectiveness of Anti-Money Laundering System

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that his Administration is proposing a new anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering regulation that includes -- among other important provisions -- a requirement modeled on Sarbanes-Oxley that senior financial executive certify that their institutions has sufficient systems in place to detect, weed out, and prevent illicit transactions.

"Money is the fuel that feeds the fire of international terrorism," said Governor Cuomo. "Global terrorist networks simply cannot thrive without moving significant amounts of money throughout the world. At a time of heightened global security concerns, it is especially vital that banks and regulators do everything they can to stop that flow of illicit funds."

Over the last four years, the New York State Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) has conducted a series of investigations into terrorist financing, sanctions violations, and anti-money laundering compliance at financial institutions. As a result of these investigations, the Department has uncovered (among other issues) serious shortcomings in the transaction monitoring and filtering programs of these institutions and that a lack of robust governance, oversight, and accountability at senior levels of these institutions has contributed to these shortcomings.

UC Executive Mike Hein Files Letter with NYS DEC Urging DEC Commissioner to Reject the Thruway Authority's Request to Lead the Environmental Review of the Pilgrim Pipeline -The County Executive Also Filed A Resolution Urging The County Legislature To Support This Position At Its December 15th Meeting

Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein has formally filed a letter addressed to Basil Seggos, Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), asking that the New York State Thruway Authority's request to act as lead agency for the environmental review of the Pilgrim Pipeline project be denied. Noting that the DEC "...is the agency with the most expertise and broadest powers to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated review of this project..." the County Executive also requested that the DEC step in and assume lead agency itself.

"There are inherent environmental risks associated with a 169 mile pipeline carrying crude oil through the most populous communities within Ulster County, and our residents, at the very least, deserve a thorough, comprehensive review by the agency best suited to do so - the DEC," said County Executive Mike Hein. "We have already raised concerns about the safety of trains carrying crude oil through Ulster County, and this pipeline project shares many of those dangers as well. It is important to note that the pipeline will not replace the trains since they each terminate at a different point; so in fact, Ulster County's environmental risks increase exponentially. Due to the substantive risks involved I am also calling upon the Ulster County Legislature to pass a resolution at its next regular meeting urging the DEC to reject the Thruway Authority's request and instead, assume lead agency status for the environmental review."

The proposed Pilgrim Pipeline would be 169.89 miles long and run between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey. It would carry both the volatile Bakken crude as well as refined oil along the New York State Thruway right of way and pass through seven of Ulster County's towns as well as the City of Kingston. Environmental and public safety concerns include ground water contamination, surface water pollution including the Rondout and Esopus Creeks and the Hudson and Wallkill Rivers, spill cleanup, and emergency response to a fire or explosion.

From the Office of Congressman Chris Gibson:

Dear Friends,
I had a wonderful experience speaking with students and staff today at Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville (OESJ) Junior/Senior High School. As always during these visits, I was impressed by the care and concern our young people have for the well-being of our communities and the future of our region and our country. These conversations inspire me, and I am grateful to everyone at OESJ for welcoming me to campus.

Today's meeting was also a great opportunity to talk about major education reforms adopted by Congress this week, including initiatives that empower state and local school systems by reducing federally-mandated high-stakes test-

ing and the one-size-fits-all approach to school accountability. As you may have read in media reports, I voted in support of the House-Senate Conference agreement to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), replacing No Child Left Behind.

Since I retired from the Army and was sworn into Congress nearly five years ago, I have been advocating for a reduction in the role of the federal government in our education system so that state and local governments can more efficiently and more directly work with students, parents, and educators. I have argued that, through the distribution of federal grants and awards, in concert with available research in best practices, we can incentivize innovation and the betterment of local school districts. The bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act, which reauthorizes the ESEA, achieves these goals.

Though this bill is not perfect, it represents a major step forward in reducing the federal overreach into our classrooms and empowering states and localities, rather than the Washington bureaucracy. By replacing the unsuccessful and outdated No Child Left Behind law, we will have the flexibility to decide how we test our children and evaluate our teachers and schools so that every student is given a chance to excel. Importantly, this bill prohibits the Secretary of Education from forcing states to adopt the onerous Common Core testing regime, which faces widespread opposition across New York.

At the federal level, we listened to our constituents and this bill has now freed New York to move away from Common Core and its disruptive testing mandates. As a parent and former educator, I am hopeful that now our state will do its part to build on the momentum of this landmark legislation. The state, working closely with parents and educators, should ensure New York takes full advantage of these flexibilities, especially by prioritizing substantive teaching and learning over testing.

Having authored the bipartisan Student Testing Improvement & Accountability Act to address the harmful effects of high-stakes tests promulgated by No Child Left Behind, passage of these reforms was especially gratifying for me. Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), who is also a former teacher, introduced a companion bill in the Senate. Support for that constituent-driven bill was the catalyst for provisions in the Every Student Succeeds Act that allow flexibility in assessing student learning and teacher performance.

Finally, I am deeply saddened by the loss of life in the heinous attack in California. The families of the victims deserve answers. Why did the male assailant travel to Saudi Arabia earlier this year? Where did he learn to make Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)? Did he have any accomplices in making these IEDs and obtaining other resources supporting this attack? Why did he and his female accomplice wear cameras?

From my seat on the House Armed Services Committee I am asking these and other questions. We demand a thorough investigation. I am doing everything I can to keep the American people safe. We need to remain vigilant but also calm. As a people, we can confront these challenges in a manner consistent with our values.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this or any issue facing our country. You can also look for me tomorrow, December 5 at the President Martin Van Buren Birthday Ceremony in Kinderhook, the Toys for Tots Train Ride in Oneonta, and the Depot Lane Singers Christmas Concert at Schoharie Central School. As we prepare for winter and the holiday season, I hope you are able to spend time with family and neighbors at a few of the extraordinary community events around our region. Take care.

Sincerely,
Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Threads: Connecting '60s & Modern Rockwear Vintage and Current Rock Fashions from Andy Hilfiger's Personal Collection

Fashion in the 1960s was a colorful explosion of thrift store finds combined with homemade accessories and off-the shelf staples. The stylistas of the day were often the popular musicians and their fans in London and San Francisco, and the big-name fashion designers had to play catch-up. The freedom and expression of those fashions have captivated the imaginations of subsequent generations, and even today high fashion takes many of its cues from the street and rock-star fashions of the 1960s and '70s.

Drawn from the collection of musician, designer, and style-guru Andy Hilfiger, THREADS weaves a story of the continuing influence of the rock fashions of the swinging '60s. The exhibit features full outfits that span the spectrum from street chic to stadium rock statement.

Guest curator Andy Hilfiger's contribution to the rise of his brother's Tommy Hilfiger brand and its dominance of the market through the 1990s cannot be overstated. Through a groundbreaking marriage of

music and celebrity, Andy cemented the brand's place in pop culture and paved the way for all celebrity and entertainment-based lifestyle brands that followed. His work with Michael Jackson, The Rolling Stones, Stephen Tyler and Aerosmith, Jennifer Lopez, Nicki Minaj, and other music icons has had a huge impact on the evolution of rock fashion.

Each year, The Museum at Bethel Woods presents new special exhibits that explore the popular culture, politics, art, and social history of the dynamic decade of The Sixties and its legacy.

General support for The Museum at Bethel Woods is provided by a grant from the William and Elaine Kaplan Private Foundation. SHOWINGS: Friday, December 11, 2015 10:00 AM and Saturday, December 12, 2015 10:00 AM.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

A Charlie Brown Christmas

South Fallsburg, NY-Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop continues its 2015 Season with a family friendly production of *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which runs during the holiday season from December 11-13.

For the kids - We begin the evening with a one act - *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - the lovable holiday tale brought to life by our youngest Director, Grace Strauss. It is a heartwarming rendition of a children's classic that reminds us all that the spirit of Christmas comes from the heart, not things... followed by

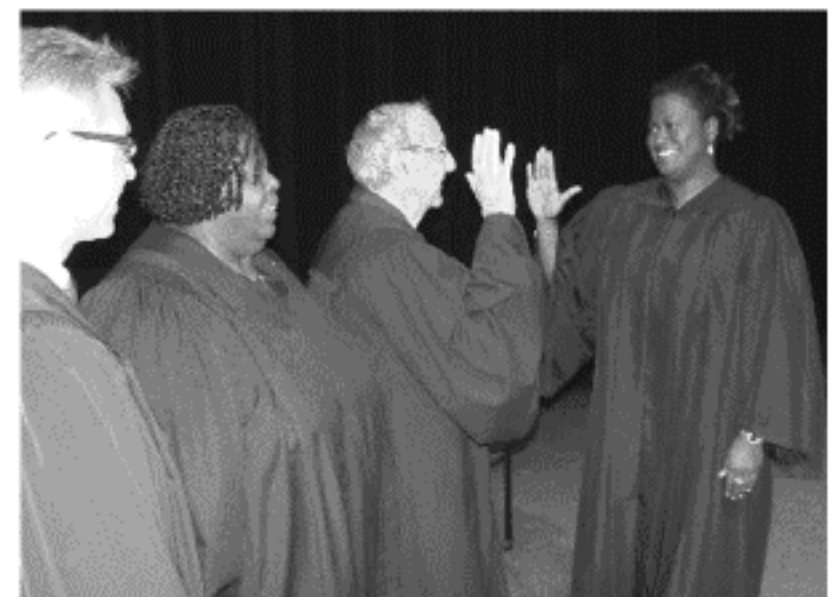
Magical, fresh and inventive, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* which transposes the cinematic classic (and holiday television tradition) to the theater by staging the story as if it was a live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. Several actors perform the voices of dozens of characters while creating foley sound effects. As in the movie, everyman George Bailey must learn that "no man is a failure who has friends" (and a little divine intervention), when he must face off against local robber baron (and all around cur-mudgeon) Henry F. Potter. It's a surefire reminder of what this season is all about.

SCDW is inviting families, neighbors and friends to come see these heartwarming holiday plays. \$7 ticket for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, \$10 for *It's a Wonderful Life*, \$15 to see Both - general seating offered at the Sullivan County Cultural Center (formerly the Sullivan County Museum), Hurleyville, NY. December 11-13, 2013 | Opening Night: December 11

Friday & Saturday *Charlie Brown Christmas* 7:00 pm; *It's a Wonderful Life* - 8:00 pm
Sunday - *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - 1:00 pm

It's a Wonderful Life - 2:00 pm
Happy Holidays from The SCDW
During the December 11-13 Shows, SCDW will be offering \$5.00 OFF for every person who brings an UNWRAPPED Toy as we will once again be supporting the 2015 Toys for Tots.

Justice Amanda Ward Sworn in by former Justice Isaac "Yits" Kantrowitz



Newly elected Town of Fallsburg Justice Amanda Ward was sworn in at a ceremony Sunday morning at SUNY Sullivan's Selig Theater. Numerous family, friends and supporters attended the event to witness history in the making. Ward, a Republican, is the first female and first African American judge to be elected in the Town of Fallsburg. The oath of office was administered by retired Fallsburg Justice Isaac "Yits" Kantrowitz.

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces that UC and the Clinton Ave United Methodist Church will once Again Partner to Provide a Centralized Warming Center During Extreme Cold Weather - Collaborating To Help Those Who Are Without Shelter In Times Of Need

Kingston, NY -Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that Ulster County and the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church will once again provide a warming center during extreme cold weather events and emergencies. The warming center will be located at 122 Clinton Avenue in Kingston and will open on days when there is a prediction to be three or more consecutive days of average temperatures of 10°F or less. The center will be activated by the County Executive in conjunction with the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management in coordination with the National Weather Service Office. The warming center will provide homeless adults, regardless of race or gender, with a warm shelter, a hot evening meal and breakfast and related services at the Church between 7:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. during days of extreme cold weather. Cots and bedding will be provided and there will be separate areas for men and women to sleep, one area for men and one area for women.

"It is critical to have a warming center available

to everyone in the Ulster County region who finds themselves in need of shelter during severe cold weather events, and I am pleased to once again partner with Reverend Darlene Kelley and the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church to continue this important effort," said County Executive Mike Hein. "This warming center not only offers a warm shelter and hot meal, but also provides access to long term, life-altering services to our local community who are less fortunate and need assistance. In addition, when emergency weather conditions occur, if our first-responders identify someone in need they will be transported to this shelter."

Reverend Darlene Kelley, Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church. "We are pleased to continue serving the community by offering a warming center during extreme winter conditions," said Reverend Darlene Kelley of the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church. "We appreciate County Executive Hein's continued compassionate leadership and look forward to working with him and his staff again to

help those in the community that are in need." Steve Peterson, Director of the Office of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management "Under County Executive Hein's leadership, last year's decision to open a Warming Center in Ulster County when temperatures reached an average of 10 degrees or less for three consecutive days turned out to be very beneficial for residents that needed to escape the extremely (Contd. Pg. 15)

Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Presents:
Santa Comes to Grahamsville
When: Sunday, December 13, 2015
Where: Town Hall
(Front Porch of Building)
Time: 11 am to 1 pm

Please bring your little one(s) to meet and take a picture with Santa! We are serving Hot Dogs, Hot Chocolate and a cookie. This is a free event for our community.
This will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or Shine!!!

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through Thanksgiving
Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop
Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.
985-7700
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God
Service Times
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/
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Monday Night Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm
Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades K-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
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(845) 647-4343

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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Fred VanWagner
5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg 845-436-7539
Coffee hour follows service All are welcome!
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

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

Immaculate Conception Church - Woodbourne -
Reconciliation Monday
Mark the 14th of December on your calendar as a special confession day in the Archdiocese of New York. Confessions will be heard from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Recommend this important day of Advent to family and friends: a most blessed start to the Year of Mercy which began with Tuesday's Holy day.

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

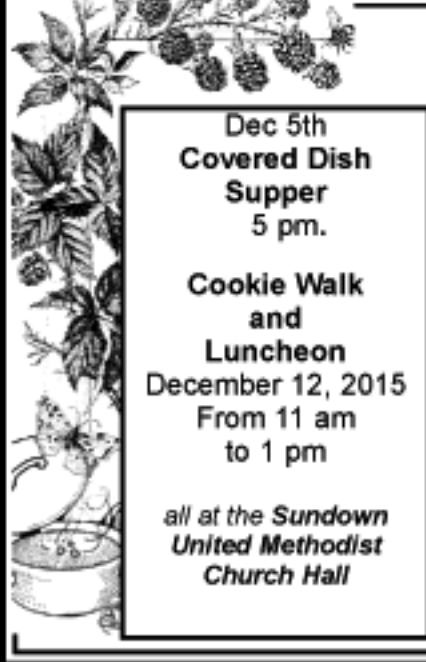

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Christmas Cookie Walk & Luncheon
December 12, 2015
11 am - 1 pm
Large Assortment of Homemade Holiday Cookies
Sundown Methodist Church Hall



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Dec 5th
Covered Dish Supper
5 pm.
Cookie Walk and Luncheon
December 12, 2015
From 11 am to 1 pm
all at the Sundown United Methodist Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Dec. 5, 2015
Annual Christmas Craft Sale
10 am - 3 pm

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning will hold its Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at 6 pm.

By the Order of the Town Board
Joy Monforte
Town Clerk

December 1th, 2015

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of The Brown Family Partnership, L.P. for the purpose of review of an application for an Area Variance for a lot line improvement involving two nonconforming lots. The applicant's lots are located at 575 & 595 Claryville Rd. (SBL#s 9.-1-15 & 9.-1-12)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
BRENT GOTSCH, CHAIRMAN

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Early Grants Approved Ten Communities Get a Head Start on 2016 Beautification

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance has awarded early admission grants to ten communities as part of its 2016 community beautification and maintenance support programs.

Approved for garden grants of \$1000 are:
-B.A.T.S. for Veterans in Liberty
Flagpole and landscaping; -Hudson River
HealthCare in Monticello New sign garden; -
Indian Lake Homeowners Association in Swan Lake
Sign and garden; -Mamakating Library in Wurtsboro
Landscaping 2016; -SullivanArc Foundation in
Thompson Cimarron Road landscaping.
Approved for various packages of maintenance
assistance are: -CCE Master Gardener Volunteers in
Liberty Single garden site -Mountindale Action
Committee Multiple garden sites; -Rock Hill
Business & Community Association
Multiple garden sites; -Swan Lake Renaissance
Multiple garden sites; -White Sulphur Springs
Sullivan First Multiple garden sites

Applications for up to 40 additional maintenance,
garden and community grants will continue to be
received until March 16, 2016. Other Sullivan
Renaissance grant programs have application dead-
lines that vary by program.

Some of the traditional grant categories have new
names for 2016 with changes in funding amounts
and other details. The new program will be
explained at an "Introduction to Sullivan
Renaissance" seminar on Wednesday, January 6 at
6:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

Sullivan Renaissance representatives will meet
with individuals and organizations in their communi-
ties to assess sites for both new projects and mainte-
nance of existing gardens. Staff will visit at an appli-
cant's convenience to explain program changes,
review garden designs and volunteer management
plans, and assist with applications.

Applications are available from the Sullivan
Renaissance web site in a portable document format
(PDF) with fillable form fields (<http://www.sullivan-renaissance.org/grants/applications/default.aspx>).
For more information, contact Sullivan
Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or
845-295-2445. Sullivan Renaissance is a beauti-
fication and community development program
principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

Legislators Corner

Hello all and Happy Holidays! This is the season to remember, count our blessings, prepare for the closure of another year gone and look forward to new beginnings. I for one am doing just that! I would like to start by thanking everyone for the privilege of being your Legislator.

I ventured on this journey four years ago and learned many new things along the way. You have helped me keep my primary goal; cost effectiveness in the forefront by sharing your ideas and bringing to light perspectives I might not have seen, for this I thank you. By reaching out you have also ensured that I kept the needs of our district center stage. Through your insight I have personally gained a great deal and want to say thank you.

As you might be aware many things in the county are changing and the economy is purported to be on an upswing. The people thru the power of the vote have decided that change will be good. Our county has many very important decisions to make. When I entered office our deficit was quite large; by working with my fellow legislators we asked many questions and help change that. A 'Tax Cap' was initiated by the Governor and we stayed within it. I believe runaway spending and borrowing against what isn't is not a wise choice. The new legislators have other decisions to make. Growing our sales tax revenue will be vital to everyone. We cannot put the burden of county government solely on the 'property tax, this will only lead to more people leaving the county and abandoned properties. Sales tax revenue happens as our economy grows and that translates into more local jobs. We the legislators that are leaving thru much cooperation worked to update our emergency call systems and did that with minimum increase in costs. That was accomplished by the cooperation of departments and grants. That was hard work that should be congratulated. The new term /team of legislators have other vital tasks like our infrastructure and our forms of communication to tackle. There is a need for better forms of transportation; not everyone has or can afford cars not to mention our elderly, who might no longer drive but need to get around.

While I will no longer be your representative, I look forward to seeing our county grow and advise you to get involved. You can easily get involved by frequenting the county web site to learn about the committees, view the agenda and plan to attend some of the meetings. Good government happens in the open where the public partakes in the plans.

I close by wishing us all Health, Happiness and Prosperity. As this door closes for me, I know a new adventure hidden from me now is in the New Year. God Bless & Enjoy this Season of Wonder,
Kitty Vetter
District 3 Legislator

Ellenville School District Adopts New Visitor Management System

With the start of the new school year, visitors to the District's school buildings are being required to obtain and wear passes created by the BadgePass visitor management system.

Here's how it works: During your initial visit to a school building, you will be asked to provide your driver's license or government-issued ID in order to register your identity with the system. After your driver's license or ID is scanned, BadgePass cross-references the information against the National Sex Offender database. If no match is found, the system will print a visitor's pass with a picture identifying you as an approved visitor.

The visitor's pass must be worn and remain visible at all times. The pass is only valid on the day it has been issued, and visitors seeking access to multiple school buildings on the same day will need to obtain separate passes for each building. The system will only store the person's name, date of birth, and photo for comparison purposes; no other personal information is saved.

If a visitor does not possess an appropriate form of identification or refuses to provide one, he or

she will be escorted by Security or an administrator to and from the requested destination. If the system doesn't provide clearance, the school administrator will take the necessary steps to ensure the appropriateness of the visitor's visit.

During your initial visit, the registration process will take about a minute. During return visits, the process will be even quicker.
For more information, visit www.badgepass.com

Mason Jar Cookie Class at CCE Kitchen is a Recipe for Fun

LIBERTY, NY- An intergenerational opportunity to craft an easy and tasty gift of Mason Jar Cookies is offered on Friday, December 11, 2015. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will host this class from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the new Entrepreneurial and Teaching (EaT) Kitchen at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Chef and entrepreneur, Mary Magnetico of Chestnut Creek Baked Goods in Grahamsville will lead this hands-on workshop on making cookie mixes in mason jars that participants can give as unique gifts or enjoy as a holiday treat. Each attendee will take home two jars; one oatmeal raisin cookie mix and one chocolate chip cookie mix.

Cost is \$15 per adult or \$10 per child. Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccce.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Chef Mary Magnetico, SUNY Sullivan alumna, is a certified Wilton baking instructor and teaches various baking and cake decorating classes through SUNY Sullivan's Community Learning Program and CCESC's EaT Kitchen.

UC "False Alarm Reduction Act"

Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum announces that Ulster County property owners can now obtain alarm system permits from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Permits are required under Local Law No. 13 of 2015 known as the "False Alarm Reduction Act," which becomes effective January 1, 2016.

Under the law, it is a violation for anyone to cause an alarm system to operate which results in a call to the Ulster County Sheriff, police officers, and other first responders, such as firefighters and emergency services, without a valid permit issued by the Ulster County Sheriff. A separate permit is required for each alarm system. An application fee of \$10 applies.

The law prohibits false alarms. It establishes civil penalties for false alarms by permit holders and stiffer fines for those without a permit. It also gives the Sheriff the authority to revoke a permit under certain circumstances.

Excepted are property owners in municipalities that already have enacted municipal false alarm laws. These include the City of Kingston and the Towns of Saugerties, Woodstock, and Esopus.

The Alarm System Permit application is available at the Ulster County Sheriff's Office headquarters at 380 Boulevard in Kingston and at Sheriff's Office substations in Esopus, Wallkill, Wawarsing, Shandaken and the SUNY Ulster campus. It is also available on the Ulster County Sheriff's website www.ulstercountyny.gov/sheriff/ and Facebook page [and the Ulster County website www.ulstercountyny.gov]

Local Law No. 13 (the "False Alarm Reduction Act") can be viewed on the Ulster County website at www.ulstercountyny.gov/legislature/local-laws and the Ulster County Sheriff's website.

The law has been enacted by the Ulster County Legislature to reduce the drain caused by false alarms on the resources of the Ulster County Sheriff, police departments and other first responders. It curtails both the resulting waste of taxpayer money and the diversion of these responders away from people who may actually be in peril and need assistance.

For further information, please contact (845) 340-3590

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

Breakfast with the Parks and Rec Elves
 Sunday, December 13. 8 am to 11 am Children 3 to 12 \$3 each Adults \$7 each. Meet Santa after breakfast at Town Hall.

Skiing/Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain
 Sundays, January 3- March 6. Sign your family up for Skiing/Snowboarding and receive discounted rates. Skiing hours are 10 am - 5 pm. SUNDAYS ONLY. \$12 pp for Lift Tickets, \$12 pp for Ski Rentals, \$20 pp for snowboard rentals. Group Lesson 8 and older \$12 pp. Group Lesson 6 & 7 \$26 pp, 5 and under \$70 lesson. To take advantage of these rates purchase a Town of Neversink Parks & Rec ID Card for \$7.

Skiing/Snowboarding at Bellayre - Sunday, Jan 24 and Sunday, Feb 21. Sign your family. Skiing hours are 9 am to 4 pm. Pay just \$33 pp for Lift Tickets, \$58 pp for Ski Rentals and Lift Tickets, \$67 pp for snowboard rental and Lift Tickets. Must be paid no later than Tuesday, December 22. Meet at bus lot at 8:30 am to pick up lift tickets and go straight to rental shop for equipment.



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

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall
 Also WANTED: People for card games

2015 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

January 15th	May 14th	September 10th
February None	June 11th	October 15th
March 12th	July 16th	November 12th
April 16th	August 13th	December 10th

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- 12/9/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 12/10/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/10/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/12/15 **Cookie Walk and Luncheon** at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall - 11 am - 1 pm
- 12/13/15 **Holiday Tea at the Daniel Pierce Library** Reading Room 12 noon to 4 pm
- 12/15/15 Winter Concert Grades 9-12 HS Chorus, and Symphonic & Jazz bands 7 p.m. in the TVCS Bernstein Theate
- 12/15/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/16/15 Winter Concert performances by students in Grades 5-8 7 p.m. in the TVCS Bernstein Theate
- 12/16/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 12/17/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/21/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm
- 12/24/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - **1/2 Day - Christmas Eve**
- 12/25/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Christmas**
- 12/31/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - **1/2 Day - New Year's Eve**
- 1/1/16 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 1/2/16 **Covered Dish Supper** Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm

NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHES, MUNICIPALITIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: - It is that time of the year to send us your new calendar of events for 2016 so that we can publish the dates in the Townsman. You may send them vial email (tvtownsman@yahoo.com); by regular mail: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop them in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building. **Thank You.**

Save the Date.

Holiday Tea - Sunday, December 13, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the **Daniel Pierce Library** Reading Room

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

TRI-VALLEY AREA

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 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 A.J's FRIENDS & FINDS
 EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
 CANNIE D'S
 BLUE HILL LODGE
 FROST VALLEY YMCA

VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY
WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty)
 CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD

ELLENVILLE

JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
 DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
 NAPANOCH APPLIANCES
 EWCO • ELLENVILLE CITGO
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
 PETER'S MARKET
 THORTON HARDWARE SHOPRITE

LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

Boiceville IGA • Snyder's
 Phoenixia Gas Station • Phoenixia Pharmacy • Phoenixia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
 Emerson Resort • Phoenixia Diner • Shokan Citgo

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.

Executive Mike Hein Announces that UC and the Clinton Ave United Methodist Church will once Again Partner to Provide a Centralized Warming Center During Extreme Cold Weather (From Pg. 13)

"cold weather we experienced," said Steve Peterson, Director of the Office of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management. "Continuing that partnership between Ulster County and the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church again this year will ensure that residents of the community have a warm and safe place to seek shelter."

The warming center will include online access to the many services provided by Ulster County and there will be someone available to assist them in accessing the information. The Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church will provide information regarding their GED program, Adult Literacy program, lunch program and weekly legal clinic.

Some additional programs offered at the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church include:

- Caring Hands Soup Kitchen, available every week-day at noon, providing a hot and nutritious meal for the community;
 - Food Pantry, open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the help of The Old Dutch Church;
 - Narcotics Anonymous meetings Thursday through Sunday evenings; and
 - GED Program through BOCES, Tuesday through Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
- For information regarding the warming center please contact the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church at 845-331-7188 or if you know someone who is in a desperate situation or is homeless, they can reach out to Family of Woodstock hotline which can be reached 24 hours-a-day at 845-679-2485.

Holiday Duck Print Exhibit & Sale

Nov. 21-Jan. 4, Holiday Duck Print Exhibit & Sale to Benefit Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan County, at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main St., Livingston Manor. Wine and Cheese Reception on Sat., Dec. 5, 1-3 PM. All proceeds donated to Ride 2 Survive, a non-profit organization assisting Sullivan County cancer patients with travel-to-treatment expenses.

Agricultural and Sustainability Policy Committee

The time for the December 10, 2015 regularly scheduled Agricultural and Sustainability Policy Committee meeting has been rescheduled to 10:00AM instead of 1:30PM in the Legislative Committee Room of the County Government Center, Monticello, NY.

Free Christmas Gift Wrapping

Let St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24 Chestnut Street, Liberty, New York help you wrap your Christmas presents! There will be free gift wrapping on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 AM to Noon. Just bring your unwrapped gifts (in whatever you'd like them wrapped in) and we'll wrap them for you! Fill out labels and enjoy some hot cocoa and a cookie while you wait!

Call Pastor Andritz at 845-292-4626 for more information.

ROAD CLOSURE

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works has closed a portion of Town Highway 38 (Sickmiller Road), in the Town of Delaware, to repair County Bridge 279. This section of road was closed to traffic starting 8:00 AM, Wednesday, November 30, 2015 and will remain closed for approximately six (6) months.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a detour route using State Route 52, Bridge St., Swiss Hill Rd. North. (TH 2), and Sickmiller Rd. (TH

Elevator Gallery Crafts Show December 5 - December 27

The Catskill Art Society presents the second annual Crafts Show in our Elevator Gallery, featuring artwork and gifts by local artisans. Everything is for sale in this funky show unlike any the holiday season has ever seen. Free opening reception on Saturday, December 5 from 1-4pm as part of our daylong holiday celebration featuring Trains on Main and poetry readings by Kirby Olson and William Greenfield.

For more information about the show and upcoming opportunities at the Elevator Gallery, visit www.catskillartsocty.org/submissions.

Community Events Listing:

Tis' the Season to be Jolly!
 Tri-Valley Students to Spread Holiday Cheer at Upcoming Winter Concerts
December 15-Featuring Grades 9-12 High School Chorus, and Symphonic and Jazz bands
December 16-Featuring performances by students in Grades 5-8
 7 p.m. in the Tri-Valley Bernstein Theater, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY. For information visit the Tri-Valley Central School website. All are welcome, free admission!



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7 pm

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

The Women



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A happily married woman lets her catty friends talk her into divorce when her husband strays. Director : George Cukor Cast: Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, Mary Boland, Joan Fontaine, Paulette Goddard, Lucile Watson, Marjorie Main, Virginia Weidler, Phyllis Povah, Ruth Hussey, Mary Beth Hughes, Virginia Grey, Hedda Hopper, Butterfly McQueen. All-star (and all-female) cast shines in this hilarious adaptation of Clare Boothe play about divorce, cattiness, and competition in circle of "friends." Crawford has one of her best roles as bitchy homewrecker. Fashion show sequence is in color; script by Anita Loos and Jane Murnin. Remade as THE OPPOSITE SEX.

See this film Monday evening, December 14, 2015 starting @ 10:15 PM, 133 min, B/W, TV-PG

Quiz:

1. Who plays Dolly DePuyster?
2. Who plays Lucy?

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GRAHAMSVILLE

Plan to enjoy the **Holiday Tea** at the **Daniel Pierce Library Reading Room** this Sunday, December 13th from 12 noon to 4 pm

Tri-Valley music students will perform their Winter Concert on December 15th and 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tri-Valley Central School Bernstein Theater! The concert on December 15th will feature the Tri-Valley High School Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and the High School Chorus. Then, on December 16th the 5th through 8th grade will perform.

SUNDOWN

Cookie Walk and Luncheon December 12, 2015 From 11 am to 1 pm at the **Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

1. Hedda Hopper
2. Marjorie Main