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Reminder: The *Townsman* does not publish a paper during the week of Christmas or New Years. There will be no *Townsman* on December 25, 2014 or January 1, 2015. The deadline for "Holiday Greetings" is this Friday, December 12, 2014. See page 8 for details.

Our Staff wishes you all a very joyous holiday season!

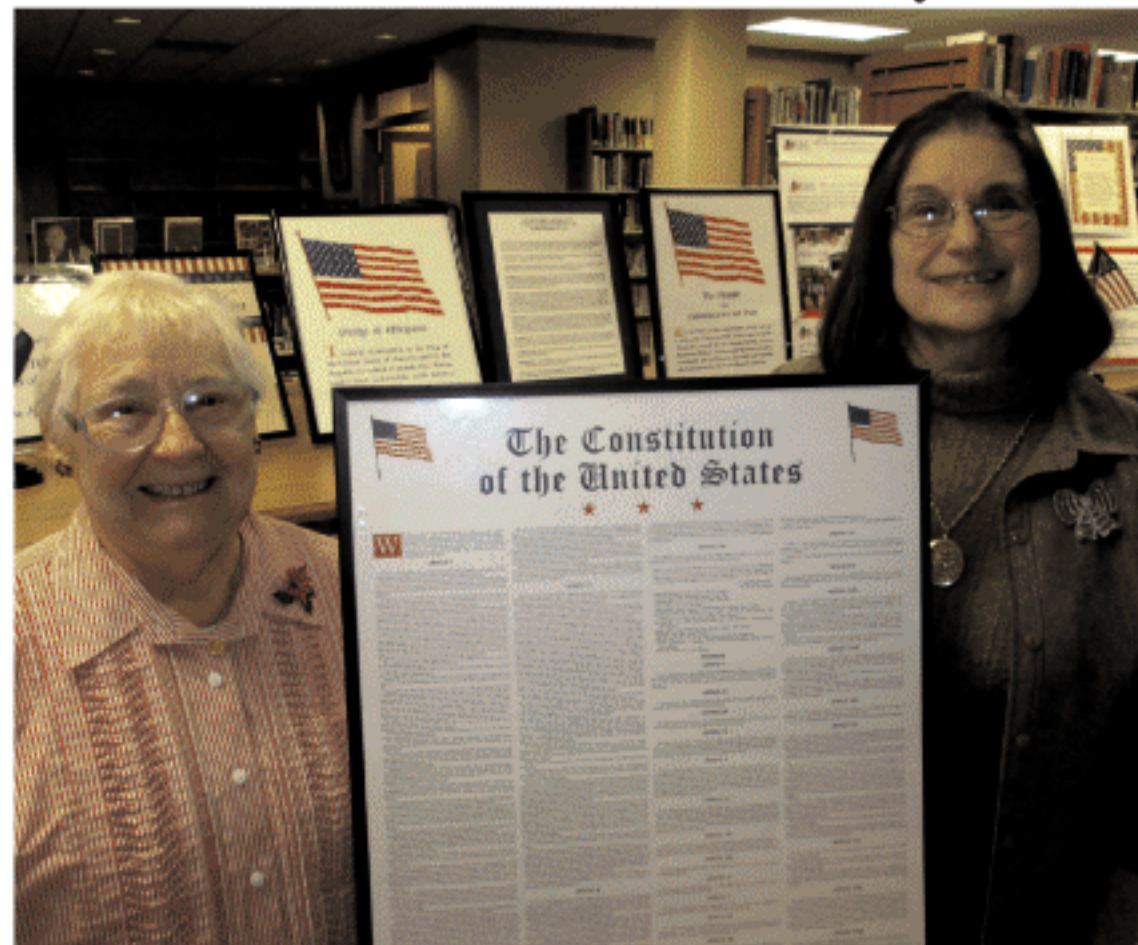
Holiday Hours at the Town Hall And Transfer Station

The Town of Neversink Town Hall will be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 and all day on Thursday December 25, 2014 for the Christmas Holiday. It will also be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 and all day on Thursday, January 1, 2014 for the New Year's Holiday. Please plan your Town Hall business accordingly.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station will be operating normal hours during both Holidays from 11:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Daniel Pierce Library to Host Display Honoring the Patriots of the Revolutionary War



Fran Fuller, Chaplain of the local chapter of the DAR, and Lynn Priebe, Treasurer, stand in front of their traveling patriotic display on the Main Level of the Daniel Pierce Library. the Patriots of the Revolutionary War

The Daniel Pierce Library is currently hosting an historic display provided by the Beaverkill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to, and honoring the patriots of the Revolutionary War. The members can trace their lineal descent from these patriots.

The Beaverkill Chapter, Liberty, New York, was organized in 1917 and took its name from the world famous trout stream that flows through Sullivan County. The display includes copies of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Preamble. We welcome everyone to visit the display while it is at the library. For more information, please contact Fran Fuller (985-2575) or Lynn Priebe (292-7116)

"Community Members and Teachers Come Together to Provide a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Tri-Valley Students"



On Friday, November 21, 2014, Tri-Valley teachers and local community members came together to provide 7th and 8th grade students with a day that they would not soon forget. During the half day of school, "workshop day"



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took place and students were able to learn about the jobs, hobbies, and interests of several community members.

Janna Comando, from Sullivan County Public Health, put on a workshop about teenagers and healthy choices. Mike Congelosi-Senior Emergency Services Dispatcher-brought students through the process of what happens when a 9-1-1 call is made. Jason Cole and Charlie Kaplan, two New York State Troopers, brought their K-9 dog along to demonstrate how the police and their dogs work together to solve crimes and missing person cases. Donald Belsito from Catskill Martial Arts also was in attendance. His workshop was themed around the idea of anti-bullying and avoiding confrontation. From the Time & Valleys Museum, Lynn Priebe and Carol Smythe did a presentation about local history. They brought along a newly published book and shared some local history through hands-on activities. Finally, Cathy Russo did a workshop on cooking. Students were particularly happy with this workshop, as they left with their own homemade chocolate trifle.

Within the school, high school FFA students Taylor Quick, Dorothy Monforte, Bridget Kackos, Grace Kelly, Maura Kelly, Ryan Sanok, Bryan Boyes, Brianna TerBush, and Jenn McKenna put on a workshop about leadership. They did several teambuilding activities to show the importance of being a leader. The school SRO, Kevin Rogers, taught students about his experience as a police officer. Richard Jones-a teacher at Tri-Valley and EMT-brought an ambulance on campus from the Grahamsville First Aid Squad to demonstrate the equipment used by EMS personnel. Tom Palmer-Superintendent of Tri-Valley Central School-even put on his own workshop, titled "Building Project 101." Students took a tour of the outside of the school and were able to learn about the newest building project. (Contd. Pg. 9)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

OBITUARY

Raymond C. Hornbeck of Grahamsville, NY died on December 5, 2014 at his home. He was 92 years old. Raymond was born on August 31, 1922 in Lackawack and grew up in Eureka; he was the son of Ralph and Doris (Furman) Hornbeck.



Raymond served his country in the United States Army during WWII and served as military police in Japan when the war was ended.

He retired from the Town of Neversink as Superintendent of Highways after working his way up over the years. Raymond always took great pride in his work; it was difficult not to notice his selflessness as he served the people of the Town of Neversink for over 30 years. He was a member of the Grahamsville-Sundown United Methodist Church and a Charter Member of the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Company.

As accomplished as he is Raymond was always a farmer at heart. He loved to hunt, especially coon hunting, he loved to fish, travel and take long hikes with his family. And he took great joy in his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Raymond is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Elise. Their children; Elyse Philippe and her husband Dom, Adam Hornbeck and his wife Melanie, and Keil Hornbeck and his wife Narda. Grandchildren; Joel Hornbeck, Rachel Stowell and her husband Greg, Phillip, Isabelle and Chloe Rose, Emily Hornbeck, Austin, Kyle and Kaitlyn Polomcean. Great grandchildren; Evelyn and Eleanor Stowell. His Sisters; Vira Slater and Betty Shaver and many nieces and nephews. Raymond was predeceased by his sister Dorothy Botsford and his nieces Dona Valetta and Theresa Horvath.

A celebration of Raymond's life was held Monday at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 North Main Street, Ellenville. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice Friends of Elizabeth, Grahamsville United Methodist Church or Sundown United Methodist Church.

To send a personal condolence to Raymond's family please visit www.loucksfh.com

Vincent L. George, 94, of Sundown, New York and Brockport, New York died suddenly on November 24, 2014 with his niece Josephine by his side. He worked 40 years for Schenectady-Johnson City General Electric Company.

Mr. George was predeceased by his parents, Herbert L. George and Esther G. George of Sundown, N.Y., his brother Herbert L. George, Jr., and his sisters: Evelyn Kane and Ruth Cicchinelli. Survivors include: sisters Linda Greenwald of Cobleskill and Alberta George of N. Eastham, Massachusetts. Survived by Josephine Matela, Brockport, New York, Rosemarie Jurman of Rochester, New York, Martha Cicchinelli and George Cicchinelli of Owego, New York and Anne Marie Huffman of Indiana. Other nieces and nephews are: Dr. Thomas Greenwald, of Kingston, Dr. James Greenwald, of Syracuse, Michael Greenwald of Massachusetts, Wendy Matthews of Vermont, Franklin Kane of New Hampshire, Marianne Kane of Ohio, Douglas Kane and also Sharon Hawks, of Utah.

In addition there are many great nieces and nephews, including two sets of twins.

Mr. George was born April 6, 1920 on Red Hill, Ulster County, New York and attended a one-room school there and one in Sundown later. He graduated from Ellenville High School and Alfred State where he received a degree in electrical engineering and later he studied at Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Wright Junior College in Chicago. Beginning in 1942, he worked at General Electric in Schenectady until he enlisted in the Marines in 1944 and was stationed in Japan after the war ended. Upon honorable com-

pletion of duty, he went back to work for GE in Schenectady and eventually they transferred him to Johnson City.

An experienced hiker, backpacker, and all around woodsman, he took members of his family to the Adirondacks where he taught them the skills that he loved so much and became a Boy Scout leader. Mr. George was an expert gardener interested in beekeeping. He gardened organically long before it became popular. He was always interested in aviation and almost always, even in his 90's, went to fly-ins in Oshkosh, Michigan and in Lakeland, Florida. He knew how to fly those small planes and owned two. In his later years, he took up cycling and belonged to a cycling club; when he was 65, he flew out to the west coast and rode his bicycle back across the country. He was also an avid reader of books on subjects like history and liked biographies of famous pilots like Earhart and Lindberg or those about places he knew and loved like the Catskills.

Services for Vincent will be held in the Spring at the convenience of the family in Grahamsville, New York. Reference: Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc. www.burgerfuneralhome.com

David M. Lockhart of Grahamsville passed away at home unexpectedly on December 6, 2014. He was 83 years old. The son of Dr. Merton C. and Mary Lockhart (McNally), he was born on October 21, 1931 in Pearl River, NY.

David (Bic) attended Alfred University and served his country enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1952 serving under the Strategic Air Command for 20 years. He retired at the rank of Captain. He was a school bus driver for the Gershowitz Bus Company for over 30 years. He was an avid runner, competing in many marathons over the years. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, was always ready to lend a hand to others and loved sharing a good joke.

He is survived by his brother, Merton C. Lockhart; a nephew, Gary Lockhart (Teri) and niece, Pam Zanetti (Keith); three great nieces and one great nephew, all of Grahamsville; and long time friends, George and Carol Gershowitz of Florida. He will be deeply missed by all.

Services will be private at the family's request. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY 845-292-0001.

Janice Rennison DePace of Forestburgh, a retired telephone operator for AT&T died Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown. She was 74.

The daughter of the late James Rennison and Ruby Briggs Rennison, she was born November 14, 1940 in Liberty.

Janice was member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Monticello and Telephone Pioneers of America.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Thomas M. DePace, at home; a son, Thomas J. DePace and his fiancé, Karen of Savannah, GA; a daughter, Tina DePace of Monticello; a granddaughter, Karilee Long of Savannah, GA; two sisters: Linda Evron and Karilee Dahl, both of Rhode Island; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, James Rennison of Grahamsville.

A funeral service was held on Monday, December 8th at the funeral home. Burial followed at St. Peter's Cemetery in Monticello.

Arrangements were under the direction of the VanInwegen-Kenny, Inc. Funeral Home; for additional information or to send an online condolence, please visit www.kennyfuneralhome.com

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History
December 22, 1954

On Tuesday, December 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ter Bush will have reached their 50th milestone together. Congratulations and all good wishes on your Golden Wedding Day. May you spend many more happy years together.

There were two funerals in Liberty last week for members of Claryville born folks' families. Herb Lambert, 49, son of Eva Brundage and Oleo Lambert of Aden. Also Hazel (Peggy) Dice, 44, daughter-in-law of Fredella Brundage and the late James Dice of Liberty. Fredella and Eva are sisters, daughters of Eli Brundage who lived where the Capt. Elmer Smalls now reside. (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to all the families who recently lost loved ones. To the family of Raymond Hornbeck who passed away on December 5th; to the family of David Lockhart, who passed away on December 6th; to the family of Vincent George who passed away on November 24th and to the family of Janice Rennison DePace who passed away on December 4th.

Congratulations to Caroline Martin and Sara Dertinger, two Tri-Valley girls, who were selected from Section C to the Section 9 coaches' all-star soccer team.

The new 2014 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Cookbooks have arrived! They are very nice and cost \$10. each. Contact Alice Elberth or Loretta Ackerley if you would like to purchase one. They would make a wonderful Christmas gift! Charlotte Stratton of South Hill in Grahamsville fell, and as a result had to have a shoulder replacement. She is home from the hospital now and will be receiving physical therapy.

Gladd to hear that Mike Dean of Claryville is out-and-about following surgery. Continued good wishes, Mike.

Tri-Valley's Ian Kurzrock, qualified to run in the Footlocker Northeast Regional Cross Country National Championships which was held at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Although Ian did not place in the top ten, it was an honor to even qualify to run in this race.

The Sullivan County Industrial Development Board (IDA) has formally asked the Legislature to appoint Paul Guenther of Grahamsville to serve as a member of their Board. IDA Board member, Ed Sykes, said, "It's difficult for me to think of any opposition to a guy of this caliber on our Board". I have known Paul for many years and know that he would be a valuable asset on any board he chooses to serve!

Kyle Humphrey, a 2003 Tri-Valley graduate who had a very successful senior year playing on the Tri-Valley boys basketball team coached by Jason Semo, will be the new Tri-Valley Bears Boys Basketball Coach this year. Brian Tingley, who successfully coached the TV boys' team for several years, is retiring after 23 years of coaching. Welcome back to TV, Kyle!

Do you enjoy skiing and/or snowboarding at Holiday Mountain? Sign up with T/O Neversink Parks and Rec and purchase a Parks and Rec. ID card for \$8. and you will receive discounted rates when you go to Holiday Mountain for skiing and/or snowboarding between January 4th and March 8th. Visit Neversink Town Hall to pick-up a Parks and Rec flyer for details.

December 13th - Cookie Walk at the Sundown UM Church at 9:00 am. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 am.

Santa Claus comes to the Town Hall in Grahamsville, regardless of the weather, on Sunday, December 14th from 11:00 -1:00 pm. Parents, bring your cameras!

Words of Wisdom: Some people never exaggerate, they just remember big!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History (Contd. From Pg. 2)

Worth thinking about: It is better to be a go-giver than a go-getter. We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

December 9, 1964

Miss Linda Lee Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox of Neversink, became the bride of Thomas Paul Cypert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Frost Valley on Dec. 5th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne. The bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and Cobleskill Tech. Her husband graduated from Tri Valley and served four years in the Army Air Force. After a wedding trip upstate, the couple will reside at Frost Valley where he is employed by the YMCA.

Two children were baptized at the morning service at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning. John Earl Sheeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley and Gregory Guy Grey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey. Mrs. Sheeley joined the church by letter from the church in Monticello.

December 18, 1974

Airman Richard M. Deagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon V. LeRoy of Neversink, N.Y. has graduated at Chanute AFB, Ill from the U.S. Air Force jet engine mechanic course conducted by the Air Force Training Command. Airman Deagle is a 1974 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, N.Y.

Mr. Richard Strangeway, accompanied by his wife, Audrey, attended the 26th annual convention of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers

Association which was held in New Orleans December 6-11. While there Mr. Strangeway was elected to the office of Regional Vice President of the NVATA.

There are no further issues for 1984. Will return next year with 1985.

Holiday Spirit Glistens Through the Raindrops Making the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park A Magical Experience

Despite the rainy night there were about 30-40 people in attendance to celebrate this year's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park on Saturday.

The festivities were held inside the Town Hall, Cookies and hot chocolate were provided by Girl Scout Troop 213. Girl Scouts Sarah Levy, Erin Markle and Kaitlin Markle along with Troop Leader, Joan Evans and Co-Leader Anna Harrison, were at the Town Hall with their goodies and plenty of Holiday Spirit!

Phil Coombe III, Kathy Coombe and Craig Winchell lead everyone in singing lots of Christmas Carols finishing off with *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Be sure to take the time out during the holidays to visit the color brightly lit Christmas Trees at Bi-Centennial Park on Main Street in Grahamsville. Like years in the past, the park is magically transformed into a Winter Wonderland.

Thank you to all who helped to make the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville happen again this year!

The trees were put up by the Tri-Valley Conservation Class under the guidance of Mr. Robert Hayes, the teacher. The students involved were Dylan Reed, Dylan Brackman, Nick Santiago, and Devin Brackman.

Many others helped at the festivities.

Thank you to all!

The Importance of Community

While the Internet has done its part in connecting us to a vast amount of friends, family, and strangers around the world, it's just as important as ever for us to nourish and celebrate our local communities. Although many of us will travel to visit friends and family for the holidays, or perhaps escape to our favorite winter destinations, there are several ways to enjoy the season here at home.

It's always comforting to be able to meet, greet, and depend on our neighbors within this beautiful Catskills region, especially as winter approaches. With this in mind, Frost Valley recently hosted a Festival of the Holidays Community Day event on Saturday, December 6 that brought local families together for a day of winter fun, holiday crafts, and an evening musical performance.

This weekend, they're offering another event that aims to bring the joys of the season to our surrounding community - and it's free to attend.

Frost Valley's second-annual Community Holiday Dinner will be held Friday, December 12 from 5-8 p.m. Local families can enjoy a buffet dinner, plus fun activities such as candle making, cookie decorating, face painting, and more. Donations of canned goods will be taken at the door to be given to local food pantries. (This event is free but reservations are required; please call 845-985-2291 ext. 450 or e-mail HolidayDinner@frostvalley.org.)

Of course, they have something special in-mind just for kids this month, too: Frost Valley's Winter Day Camp, from December 29-January 4. Students who are home for holiday recess during this week will have the chance to connect with other kids and enjoy daily activities. Outdoor fun includes snow tubing, cross-country skiing, and broomball; indoors, they'll enjoy arts and crafts, games, sports, rock climbing, and more. Bus transportation is available, and parents can register their children at FrostValley.org, or by contacting 845-985-2291 ext. 305.

ERH Presents Work - Its Second Annual Staff Art Show

Artwork created by the Ellenville Regional Hospital staff, volunteers and their family members will be on exhibit at the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from December 8 through January 30. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

A Meet the Artists reception is planned for Monday, December 8 from 3:00-5:00pm.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact Debbie Briggs at 845 210-3043.

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.

Very Berry Christmas Wintergreen!

When I was walking the dog in our woody back yard last week, I was still able to find a few Wintergreen plants with bright red berries.

As Wintergreen plants remain green through winter, they are called evergreens. Several genera contain species known as wintergreen and often are called "Christmas Wintergreen."

Several genera contain species that are known as wintergreen: Chimaphila, Gaultheria, Polygala, Pyrola, and Trientalis. However, the plant most frequently called



Wintergreen is Gaultheria procumbens,

Wintergreen is a crawling rhizomatous shrublet that creeps along the ground. The leaves of the wintergreen are scalloped or bristly toothed, glossy and dark green with a strong

wintergreen scent when crushed. They are alternate, simple, evergreen, oval to elliptical, and are 1 to 2 inches long. Leaves appear whorled since they cluster at tips of plant. The leaves are dark shiny green above, and much paler below often with black dots. Urn-shaped white or pale pink flowers appear in summer and mature to aromatic scarlet fruit that often persists into the following spring if it is not eaten by birds, squirrels, chipmunks, deer mice, grouse, partridges, bobwhites, turkeys, or a red fox in emergency. The leaves as well as the berries are liked by deer and bear.

Wintergreen does well in sun or shade, but prefers partial shade and acidic soil.

This tiny aromatic evergreen that is technically a shrub can be used as a bonsai tree for beginners or used in little Christmas dish gardens. It is a scant four to six inches tall and spreads only about four inches annually by stolons. New plants propagate from animal dispersed seeds. Over time wintergreen can become a pleasing ground cover.

Wintergreen berries, from Gaultheria procumbens were used medicinally by the Native Americans to alleviate rheumatic symptoms, headache, fever, and various aches and pains.

The Ojibwa Indians called it Winisbugons (usually translated "Dirty Leaf" but perhaps better translated "Leaf in the Bog"). The French in Quebec gave it the poetic name la Petit te du bois, "The Little Tea of the Woods." Throughout its extensive range it has gained a number of regional names: Box Berry, Canadian Mint, Checkerberry, Deerberry, Leatherleaf, Ground-tea or Groundberry, Hillberry, Mountainberry, Partridgeberry, Spiceberry, or Teaberry. Perhaps you will remember when wintergreen found its way into chewing gum that was appropriately called, "Teaberry Gum".

Today Wintergreen is still a common flavoring in American products ranging from chewing gum, mints and candies. It is also a common flavoring for dental hygiene products such as mouthwash and toothpaste, and is used in medicines such as Pepto Bismol®.

For the artist, wintergreen oil can be used in fine art printing applications when transferring a color photocopy image or color laser print to a high-rag content art paper, such as a hot-press watercolor paper.

One surprising use for Wintergreen oil is rust removal and degreasing of machinery. Wintergreen is particularly effective for breaking through sea water corrosion.

The genus Gaultheria was named in 1753 to commemorate Jean-François Gauthier, a physician and naturalist from Quebec. Wintergreen is native in much of eastern North America and throughout the Catskills, and is cultivated beyond that area wherever conditions permit. It is prized mostly as an ornamental plant. Relatively few people use it today as an edible, or medicinally.

A word of CAUTION: about 1 fl oz) of oil of wintergreen is equivalent to 55.7 g of aspirin, or about 171 adult aspirin tablets (US). This conversion illustrates the potency and potential toxicity of oil of wintergreen even if ingested in small quantities.

With the weather forecast for this week, I am not sure how much longer we will see these festive little plants as snow begins to blanket the forest and winter begins.

Household Hints

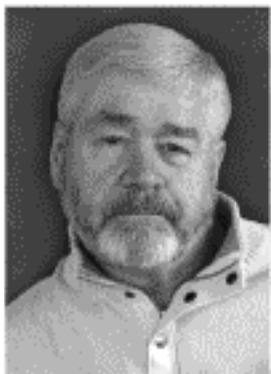
Vinegar Hints for the Kitchen

Make buttermilk. Add a tablespoon of vinegar to a cup of milk and let it stand 5 minutes to thicken.

Scale fish more easily by rubbing with vinegar 5 minutes before scaling.

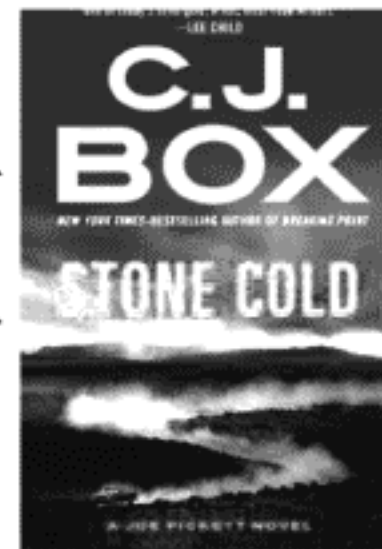
Stone Cold

Mysterious Book Report No 174 by John Dwaine McKenna



For all of the fans who, like me, are mourning the cancellation of the show Longmire by the A&E Network, don't despair . . . there's an alternative out there. The novels of C.J. Box, one of today's "A-list, must read authors," according to no less of a luminary than world-class author Lee Child, are available to ease your pain and provide an entertaining set of yarns about a Wyoming Fish and Game Warden named Joe Pickett. For those of you who aren't familiar with C.J. Box, he's won the Edgar, Anthony, Macavity, Gumshoe and Barry Awards as well as the French Prix Calibre .38 literary award, and his books have been translated into twenty-seven languages. His newest work, entitled, *Stone Cold*, (Putnam, \$26.95, 370 pages, ISBN 978-0-399-16076-9) is the fourteenth in the Joe Pickett series, and many, including myself, think it's the best yet.

Pickett, officially a badge carrying Wyoming Game Warden, is in reality a troubleshooter for Governor Rulon, the states chief executive officer. The Governor sends Pickett to find out the details of one of the state's newest, richest and most reticent citizens, a man named Wolfgang Templeton, who bought a huge ranch in the Black Hills, located in the remotest section of the northeast quadrant of the state, and promptly closed it off. Governor Rulon wants to know what's going on up there. Templeton, a former hedge fund manager, has targeted the most impoverished part of the state, where he's turned himself into a modern day benevolent dictator whose word is law, whose resources appear to be unlimited, and whose riches seem to come out of thin air. Rumors are rife about the goings on up there: the parties, the women, the mysterious comings and goings in the middle of the night from a private airstrip . . . but the most sinister rumor of all is that the despot's fabulous wealth comes from the targeted killings of prominent people. Pickett goes in, under the guise of helping the local game warden implement some new department policies, but in reality he's undercover, reporting everything back to Governor Rulon. What he finds is shocking in the extreme, puts his life on the line and turns an old friend into an adversary . . . while at the same time, Pickett and his wife Marybeth are trying to protect their adoptive daughter April from herself, and their collegiate daughter Sheridan from a possible campus rampage. Like all the novels in the series, *Stone Cold* will keep you guessing and turning the pages until you've read the last one. And hey . . . best of all . . . you don't have to put up with all those 'erectile dysfunction' commercials every seven minutes, either. You'll love Joe Pickett and the novels of C.J. Box once you're introduced to them. Enjoy!



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CCESC Centennial Anniversary Gala an Overwhelming Success

Over 100 people celebrated Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s centennial anniversary at its Afternoon Gala on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill. The fundraiser brought in over \$10,000 from ticket sales, journal advertisements, silent and live auction bids, donations, and sponsorships.

Dorothy Muthig and Andrew King were recipients of the event's "Now & Then" awards, honoring their dedication to CCE's core mission areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science, and 4-H Youth Development. Each received certificates from NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and CCESC recognizing their contributions to the community both in the past and into the future.

Guests enjoyed fresh cuisine from local farms and a program led by Phil Coombe III, who served as Master of Ceremonies. The event's music took everyone on a journey "through the decades," organized by 4-H club leaders and professional DJs, father and daughter duo David and Rebecca Robinson.

In the spirit of traveling through time, many attendees came adorned in costumes representing her or his favorite decade since 1914, when CCE was established in Sullivan County. Some wore their original Cornell University apparel while others dressed in outfits representing nearly every decade: suffragettes, poodle skirts, female soldiers, flappers, hippies, 80's hair, and today's professionals.

"This is an important milestone for agriculture and education in our historically-rich county and it was wonderful to feel the overwhelming support of our community including sponsors, youth, volunteers, partners, and even a few key people from Cornell University and the Extension system who came to celebrate it with us," said Colleen Monaghan, CCESC Executive Director.

Guests went home with unique locally-sourced auction packages, including a fresh turkey for Thanksgiving, a priceless fly fishing experience with world-famous experts, and various special items for golfers, chefs, artists, families, gardeners, farmers and outdoor enthusiasts. Trained auctioneer and local farmer Eddie Moran Jr. guided the bidding to raise the most support for each item.

Though the Gala has passed, the Centennial Campaign is still very much alive. For more information on how to become involved in this special initiative, visit www.sullivanccce.org, call CCESC at 845-292-6180, or contact Nicole Slevin at nas96@cornell.edu.

CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available

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

Applications are also available for projects intended for adult audiences.

All proposals are due February 2, 2015, and must be submitted electronically. Forms and guidelines are available at www.cwconline.org (Programs/Education). Questions may also be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306; galusha@cwconline.org. Ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs can be found at www.watershededucators.org, where a 3-minute video of exciting watershed learning options can be viewed.

Grant proposals must be for projects that help increase awareness of the human and natural history of the WOH Watershed and the New York City water supply system; the critical role of communities in caring for water quality in the watershed; the importance of water conservation; the history and contemporary use and operation of the vast water system, or the cultural and biological diversity of the city's WOH Watershed.

Proposals may explore the causes and impacts of flooding, and of climate change, or connect students with their peers at the other end of the pipe to discuss respective needs and concerns about water quality and availability. Applicants may also choose from among several Special Options, including trips to environmental education centers, cultural programs, Trout in the Classroom and classroom models for teaching about water quality.

This grant program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Christmas "Cookie Walk" in Narrowsburg



St. Paul's Lutheran Church invites the public to its Christmas "Cookie Walk" on Saturday, December 13th from 12noon to 4pm (snowdate: Dec. 14th). The church is located at 31 Erie Avenue in Narrowsburg, NY. Hand-crafted, homemade Christmas

cookies will be displayed on tables inside the church parish hall where you can "walk" around and place your choices in a container. Cookies are available by the pound, or you can select an already gift-wrapped assortment ready to go.

Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will go toward the work of St. Paul's both at home and around the world.

St. Paul's has been a neighborhood church for 145 years, offering weekend worship services (Saturdays @4:30pm and Sundays@9:30am), Sunday School @9:00am, and Bible Study classes on Wednesday night@7pm. To join in the festive season, Christmas Candlelight Services with Holy Communion will be held on December 24th at 3pm and 8pm. On Christmas Day, December 25th, a Spoken Service of Holy Communion will be held at 10am. Regular weekend services are on Saturday @4:30pm and Sunday @9:30am. Sunday School meets at 9:00am. For more information, call the church office at 845-252-3919 or check Facebook (facebook.com/st.pauls.narrowsburg).

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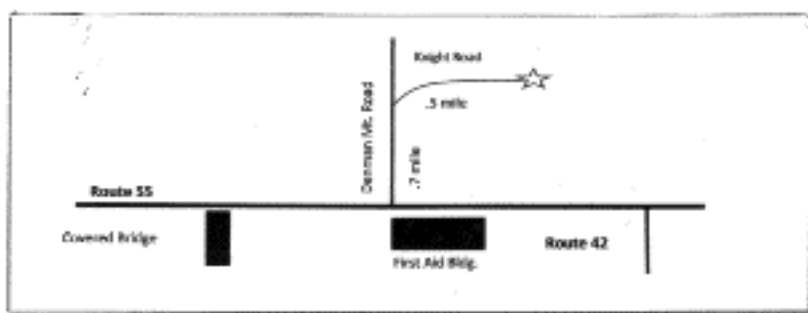
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda



Mr. & Mrs. Claus visit the Town of Olive

People are in the thick of Christmas decorating and holiday events. I am preparing for an annual cookie exchange. I decided to try something new...meringues. Meringues are not the easiest thing to make, so I am now questioning why I attempted them instead of something tried and true like chocolate chip. Well, I spent most of an evening preparing the ingredients and fluffing those darn egg whites. I decided to add a bit of mint to the crushed candy canes that the recipe called for. One taste told me I added way too much peppermint extract. Since you cannot undo too much mint, my solution was to double the recipe by making a second batch but not adding the mint.

Before I knew it, I was up to my ears in meringues that stayed like gelatinous green blobs (Oh, yes, I decided to make them festive by adding green food-coloring swirls) on the cookie sheet. Eventually they crystalized into cute little elf hats. I had my husband sample one. "Tastes like toothpaste. No, not toothpaste, Scope mouthwash."

So here I am sitting at the computer playing Candy Crush and looking up recipes when I run out of "lives" on the game. I am feeling inadequate comparing myself to my neighbor Cheryl and her daughter Kate who made two thousand cookies, some shaped like little miniature snow globes, to give as gifts. I am also thinking ahead to the Olive Tree Lighting at the Town Meeting Hall on Sunday, December 14 at 5. Diane Sorbellini always makes the best sugar cookies for the event, and children can frost and decorate them. These ladies could be on the food channel while mine should be an advertisement for bad breath.

My husband and I had our annual "do we really need a tree" discussion. It was resolved, after a day of digs and "bah-humbugs", that my small artificial tree would go on the deck with lights and the real tree that my husband insisted on buying would go in the house, by the window. The tree he purchased for the cost of a small, used car is outstandingly magnificent. Now we just have to decide what to do with our couch and two chairs to fit in this

Rockefeller Center runner-up in our living space.

Breakfast with Santa and the Library Craft Fair put me in the spirit but also propelled me into the guilty frenzy of "oh, my gosh, I still have to wrap presents, decorate the tree, hang the wreath, and bake some cookies, any kind but mint meringues."

Writing this column has lifted my candy cane crushed spirits. Rereading my complaining about the trappings of the holiday has led me to realize that Christmas, for me, doesn't have to be one to rival Martha Stewart. Christmas is about sharing love with family and friends albeit with an oversized tree and minty elf hats. I think I will take my candy cane meringues to the cookie exchange and laugh with friends.

UC Executive Mike Hein Signs Anti-Tethering Law -The New Law Will Help Prevent Animal Abuse And Neglect As Well As Provide An Additional Tool For Law Enforcement To Act



Ulster County Executive Mike Hein signed a new law that is designed to help curtail neglect and animal abuse in Ulster County. The anti-tethering law places limits on the length of time a domestic animal may be tied outside and the manner in which they are tied. The County Executive first proposed the concept of the legislation at an announcement to construct a dog park at the County fairgrounds in New Paltz. The dog park was officially opened in September.

"Animal abuse and neglect is unconscionable and with this law we have an opportunity to make a real difference," said County Executive Hein. "This law is a tremendous step forward for animal rights and signals very clearly that Ulster County is committed to being a true 'pet safe' county. Law enforcement will now have better tools to address abuse and neglect. Simply put, the goal of this legislation is to promote responsible pet ownership, and I want to thank Legislators Ken Wishnick and Hector Rodriguez for their role in sponsoring this law in the Ulster County Legislature."

"This law is a collaborative effort between the County Legislature and the County Executive, and I want to thank Mike Hein for his support," said Ulster County Legislator Ken Wishnick. "By working together we have assured that we have a strong, effective law for our residents that will protect the health and safety of our pets. I also want to thank Adam Saunders, Brian Shapiro, fellow legislative sponsor Hector Rodriguez, and everyone else who has contributed to this law."

"Legislator Wishnick and I have partnered with County Executive Hein to implement this important local law which provides law enforcement and agencies with the tools and guidelines to protect companion animals," said Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez.

"Tethering is a cruel practice and dogs chained for long periods of time can become neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive. We applaud the work of County Executive Mike Hein and other county leaders who are supporting a safer, more humane community through this legislation," stated Brian Shapiro, New York state director for The Humane Society of the United States.

"County Executive Hein not only made the Ulster County Dog Park in New Paltz a reality, he is helping to protect dogs in the community by drawing attention to and helping prevent animal neglect with the new Local Law," said Christie DeBoer, President of For Paws of Ulster, Inc.

The law requires a minimum ten foot tether; access to food, water and appropriate shelter; the use of a buckle type collar instead of a choke collar; the dog to be at least 6 months old and in good health; a maximum tethered time of 12 hours in a 24 hour period; and, no tethering during a weather alert event. Penalties provided for under the law range from a \$100 fine and up to a \$2,000 fine, 150 hours of community service and surrender of the animal for a third offense.

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Steve Forbert to Play Benefit for Shadowland Theatre -Lauded musician and Grammy nominee shares his songs to benefit Ellenville's professional theatre company

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Steve Forbert's 1978 debut album proclaimed the singer-songwriter 'Alive on Arrival' and indeed, the artist made a strong impression with a set of personal, sometimes gentle, musical reflections on life and love. Forbert departed Mississippi for New York City in the mid-seventies and managed to carve out a niche in the vibrant club scene of the day, playing famous venues like Gerde's Folk City and even CBGB's. Forbert's 1979 hit follow-up album, Jackrabbit Slim, was produced by Shadowland Board member John Simon. Forbert credits Simon with helping him nail "Romeo's Tune" for the Nashville-recorded album, and the song became the artist's only Top 20 U.S. hit. (It peaked at No. 11 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.) Forbert's continued to write particularly insightful songs and has grown an impressive legacy. His most recent studio album was 2012's Over with You. He's received a Grammy nomination, seen his songs performed by Keith Urban, Rosanne Cash and Marty Stuart, and even appeared opposite Cyndi Lauper in her music video for "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

Show time is 8pm and all tickets are \$25. More information is available at the box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY, by phone at 845-647-5511 and online at <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY Shadowland has been named "Best Theatre" multiple times in the "Best of the Valley" award program by Hudson Valley Magazine; "Cultural Business of the Year" by Ulster Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, and was honored last summer as the recipient of the inaugural Ulster County Executive's Arts Award for Best Arts Organization. Founded in 1985, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 186-seat theatre. For more information, visit www.shadowlandtheatre.org.

SUNY Ulster Student Art Work Selected for SUNY Exhibit in Albany

Artwork by six SUNY Ulster Visual Arts students has been selected for display at the Fall 2014 SUNY Student Art Exhibition at The Plaza Gallery in Albany.

The students chosen to exhibit their works are: Chelsea Stingel of Glasco; David Kahan of Wheatley Heights; Taylor Clinger, Rosendale; Leigh Peterson, Kingston; Fatimah Franklin, Kingston; and Alex Liguori, Tillson. The SUNY Student Art Exhibition occurs twice a year and showcases the work of all the SUNY Art departments. In addition, Stingel and Liguori have been selected for the "Best Of Show" Exhibition that will be held at the NY State Museum in Albany, May 30 to Aug. 29. Jurors will select the best work from the Fall and Spring exhibitions and present seven awards for the best work in that exhibition.

Open now, the SUNY Student Art Exhibition will run until Feb. 5. The Plaza Gallery is located on the first floor of SUNY Plaza and is open during regular office hours.

SUNY Ulster Accepting Entries for "Peace & Justice" Regional Juried Exhibition

SUNY Ulster is accepting entries from Hudson Valley artists for its regional juried exhibition, "Peace & Justice," opening in 2015 at the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, to be juried by local artist Elisa Pritzker.

SUNY Ulster invites artists and designers to consider the different aspects of these two concepts and submit visual interpretations, whether they are filtered through personal, social, political, private or public experience.

The deadline for submitting entries is Feb. 1. Prospectus is available for download at <http://apps.sunyulster.edu/announcements/2459> The exhibition will open with a reception on March 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery and run through April 17.

The juror, Pritzker has been instrumental in helping to establish the region's vibrant art scene. Of Argentinian descent, she moved to the Hudson Valley over 20 years ago and originated the Highland Cultural Center, followed by the Pritzker Gallery at Casa del Arte in 2000. She is a prolific and widely exhibited/collected artist and has received two Congressional Service Awards from Rep. Maurice Hinchey in recognition of her contribution to the cultural community.

SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed March 30 to April 3 for spring recess and all other college holidays. Exhibits are free and open to the public.

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The class instructor is Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Coordinator and CCE Horticulture Community Educator. Spanish instruction will be offered by Ari Mir-Pontier, Sullivan Renaissance Liaison to Spanish Speaking Community and a Master Gardener Volunteer.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes all materials. Scholarships are available for those who demonstrate financial need. Space is limited, so pre-registration with payment is required. To register or for more information call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-6180 or email Susan Dollard at smd243@cornell.edu.

Robert Green Truck Division Gets Ready for "Dump Truck Driveaway"

(Monticello, NY) - Robert Green Truck Division will be hosting a "Dump Truck Driveaway" on Wednesday December 10th. Over thirty 6.4 Hemi Powered Ram 3500 & 5500 Trucks equipped with Taftco Magnum Aluminum dump bodies, have been built specifically for Ram dealerships throughout the Northeast.

On the day of the event, approximately 50 Ram Commercial Truck Specialists will meet at Robert Green Truck Division headquarters in, Monticello, where they'll then depart in succession to deliver the thirty plus heavy-duty trucks to their respective dealer-

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About Robert Green Auto and Truck Dealerships: Robert Green Auto Dealership is located in Monticello, NY and has been serving Sullivan County and beyond for almost 50 years. They sell commercial and Ram trucks as well as Chevrolet, Mitsubishi-Fuso Trucks, Hino Trucks, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles. For more information call 845-794-6161.

SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees Elects Officers for 2014-2015

William L. Spearman, of Lake Katrine, has been re-elected by SUNY Ulster's Board of Trustees as Chair for a second consecutive one-year term for 2014-15. Spearman, appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2010, is the President of Halcyon Consulting and previously served as Vice Chair from 2011-2013.

Also re-elected as officers were Timothy J. Sweeney as Vice Chair and Victoria St. John-Gilligan as Secretary. Sweeney of Stone Ridge, appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2010, is a local business owner of Prudential Nutshell Realty in Stone Ridge, as well as Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits. Sweeney previously served as Vice Chair from 2013-2014 and as Secretary from 2012-2013. St. John-Gilligan of Kingston, appointed to the Board in 2010, is the President of St. John Properties and formerly an educator. She also served as Secretary from 2013-2014.

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 Time: 11 am - 1 pm

Please join us for this fun event by bring your little one(s) to meet and take a picture with Santa! Refreshments will be served!
 It will be held whether it snows, rains, sleet or shines!! Hope to see you there!

SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN!

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greeting for you to send to your family, friends and neighbors. This year our holiday issue will be published on Thursday, December 17th, our last issue for 2014. The deadline for receiving holiday greetings will be Friday, December 12, 2014.

Businesses are welcome to send greetings too! Please use this "Holiday Wishes" order blank when ordering your greeting. Just circle the greeting you wish to send and fill out the form at the bottom.
 Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season!



Please circle the greeting you wish and then write the holiday message you wish to include in your greeting on the lines below. Each greeting will be 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" (approx. twice the size as shown).

Send this form along with your check for \$8.00 for each holiday greeting you wish to: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* • P.O. Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by December 12, 2014. All greetings will be published in our holiday issue, December 17, 2014.

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Merry Christmas to all our family and friends...
 The Townsman Staff

The sample on the left shows the actual size of each Holiday Greeting

The Town of Olive Tree Lighting
 at the Town Meeting Hall will be held on
Sunday, December 14 at 5 pm

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:08 AM SUNSET: 4:24 PM
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THURSDAY

 HIGH: 33°F LOW: 28°F

FRIDAY

 HIGH: 34°F LOW: 26°F

SATURDAY

 HIGH: 38°F LOW: 27°F

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Santa Claus is coming to Claryville

Santa will be giving out goodie bags to all the boys and girls!

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WHERE: Claryville Fire Dept.
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Happy Holidays from the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department!!

“Community Members and Teachers Come Together to Provide a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Tri-Valley Students” (From Pg. 1)



The day ended with an awards ceremony for students, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers. During this assembly students were recognized for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll.



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, Jake Wilsen won the award for Academic Excellence, Jonathon Schmidt and Devin Simon won awards for Excellent Work Ethic, Heather Foster and Morgan McHugh won awards for Leadership, and Sierra Barnes and Noah Orkofsky won awards for Most Improved.

In the 7th grade, Juliette Eddings, Devin Mullen, Samantha Ackerley, Andrea Decker, and Amaya Rupprecht won awards for Academic Excellence, Jake Eherts, Carly Simpson, Kyle Giminiani, Sarah Levy, Brianna Hynson, Victoria Swett, and Shauna Bellacicco won awards for Excellent Work Ethic, Isiah Matthews won the award for Leadership, Victor Kessler, Erin Markle, Thomas Muncey, Tiffany Porter, Jordan Rider, Christopher DiToro, and Jashua Roach won awards for Most Improved, and Kristyn Brewer won the award for Citizenship.

As kids packed up in preparation for their weekend the conversations in the hallways made it known that fun was had by all. With such wonderful community members, teachers, and students, that shouldn't come as much of a surprise to anyone.

Fallsburg Hosts Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Program

On Saturday, November 22, children and families participating in the Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Program assembled at Fallsburg High School to celebrate the successes of this wonderful organization that has been serving student families for many years. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz greeted everyone by praising the Migrant Education Program as one of the school district's shining stars. “Students can reach down inside themselves, beat the odds and achieve,” said Dr. Katz.

This was the perfect way to begin this four hour workshop. The Program's Parent Specialist for Sullivan County Martha Gonzalez created the event featuring a panel of four students who had participated in Migrant Education before graduating and a talk by Dr. Alfredo Lopez, a medical doctor from Syracuse, who was a child of migrants in the 1970's.

The four student panelists Rafael Olan, Jr., Delsy Joya-Reyes, Gabriella Quintanilla and



Valentina Gonzalez shared similar stories-their migrant parents were immigrants to the United States and Sullivan County; their families strongly encouraged them to get a good education; they learned to speak English as soon as they could, which meant from birth for Delsy who was born here; the other three benefited greatly from the English as a Second Language Program (ESL) as Fallsburg or Monticello school students.

Rafael and Delsy are now students in the special College Assistance Migrant Program at SUNY Oneonta. They acknowledged Ms. Pathy Leiva, who

spoke briefly about her role as recruiter for the Oneonta Program and helping families find financial aid. Gabriella and Valentina are attending Stony Brook University. All four thanked their parents for helping them with school work and teaching them the value of hard work as parents sometimes worked two or more jobs. Each student earned scholarships to help finance their college education.

Another common theme of the students is their desire to “give back” to the migrant community. Being on this panel was one way that they were doing so. Even the youngest children in the audience were listening closely and being inspired by these college students.

Martha Gonzalez thanked the student panel and presented them with gifts as they left the stage. She then introduced Dr. Lopez to come up and speak. Immediately, he left the stage and came down to be directly with the audience in the orchestra area.

Dr. Lopez was a nine-year old working in the fields of California when he first immigrated to America with his mother and siblings to join their father. He became a medical doctor, is now associated with Syracuse University Medical College, and always finds time to speak with migrant workers in upstate New York or wherever he is called.

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Fallsburg Hosts Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Program

(From Pg. 9)

His family faced harsh living and working conditions and fears about documentation just as are immigrants today. He knew firsthand what were the fears, hopes and dreams of those listening to him in the school auditorium. Just as his parents encouraged him and his brothers and sister to learn English, get an education, and go to college, he sees these mothers and fathers supporting their children. He knows the value of ESL and Migrant Education Programs. When he failed the SAT exam "miserably", one of his teachers told him that he could enroll in a junior college and then go to university from there. There was always a way to achieve if you listened and received good guidance.

Alfredo says that he owes everything to his parents, to the ESL program, and to all the teachers who encouraged him along the way. He told the student panelists that he knows their journey, but that they were so much better prepared than he ever was. They have accomplished so much more at their age. "I am blown away by your commitment," he told them. He was honored to hear their accomplishments and to be in their presence.

Whenever Martha Gonzalez asks him to speak, Alfredo answers the call at once. He cannot wait to tell parents and young people that everything is possible, that they can do it! He became a doctor to help care for migrants with inadequate health services. He offers his story and his experience to nurture their souls and their minds, and he connects with young people to inspire and be inspired in turn.

In a deeply felt way, Alfredo Lopez never left the land where he first picked fruits and vegetables in California with his family. The lessons learned there remain with him daily. In his words, "As long as there are people in the fields, I will be their voice."

All those present on this cold morning left with warm hearts inspired by the journeys and the wisdom of all these children of immigrants, the struggles of their parents to create a better life, and the efforts of teachers such as in the ESL program, Migrant Education organization, and public schools to help show the way and encourage them to achieve and then to give back.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Agreement Between Ulster County and the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church to Provide a Warming Center During Extreme Cold Weather Events Helping Those Who Are Without Shelter In Times Of Need

The Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein was joined by Reverend Darlene Kelley, Ulster County Legislators, representatives from the Ulster County Department of Social Services and the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management, the Red Cross, and others as he announced the agreement between Ulster County and Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church to 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 projected to be three or more consecutive days of average temperatures of 10°F or less. The center will be activated by the County Executive and the Ulster County Office of Emergency Management in coordination with the National Weather Service Office. The warming center will provide homeless adults, ages eighteen and above, 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. There will be separate areas for men and women to sleep, one area for men and one area for women. Additionally, the Red Cross is actively

training volunteers who will be helping at the warming center and they will also provide cots, bedding and blankets.

"It is critical to have a warming center in place and in preparation for severe cold weather as the winter season quickly approaches. For those individuals in the community without shelter it could mean the difference between life and death," said County Executive Hein. "This warming center will be available to everyone in the entire County who finds themselves without shelter. If a first-responder identifies someone in need they will be transported to this center. Not only will the center provide warm shelter and a hot meal, it will also provide access to long term, life-altering services. I want to thank Reverend Darlene Kelley as a 'faith based organization' for partnering with us on this important effort to serve the local community and I again look forward to joining Rev. Kelley this Thanksgiving as we prepare a meal for those in our community who are less fortunate."

"We are so very grateful for the compassionate leadership of our County Executive and his staff, and we are excited by all the possibilities of our partnership," said Reverend Darlene Kelley of the Clinton Avenue United Methodist Church. "If there is a need in our community we want to help, and the warming center is just one way we can help those in need. This year, the warming center will benefit from the combination of our new heating system and working with the County."

According to Steve Peterson, Director of the Office of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management, "Several years ago the emergency management community and the National Weather Service Office in Albany agreed on an advisory protocol for unusually cold temperatures. If there are three consecutive days of average temperatures of 10 degrees or less (as measured at Albany) there would be conference calls between the National Weather Service and local Offices of Emergency Management. Looking forward Ulster County will use this advisory to open a Warming Center where residents can come in out of the cold. I applaud County Executive Hein for implementing such an important program and having a designated center in place before extreme cold weather sets in."

"Ulster County provides significant services to those in need, but unfortunately there are individuals who do not seek our assistance," said Michael Iapoco, Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services. "I appreciate County Executive Hein's

forethought in implementing a plan to reach those individuals during periods of severe cold weather conditions by establishing a warming center as a way to ensure people's well-being while providing another avenue for critical outreach to the services the County has to offer."

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:

- o Caring Hands Soup Kitchen, available every weekday at noon, providing a hot and nutritious meal for the community;
 - o 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 7:00 p.m., with the help of The Old Dutch Church;
 - o Family Meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings (with the help of social workers from The Kingston City Schools), and pack meals for delivery to the kids at Budget 19, 9W Motel and the Wenton Motel four nights a week;
 - o Narcotics Anonymous meetings Tuesday through Sunday evenings;
- 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.

Ticket to Work Employment Network at ULSTER WORKS assists SSI and SSDI benefit holders with job training and employment options - Ulster County Office of Employment and Training holds monthly workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers to increase their income

Kingston New York: On Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM, The ULSTER WORKS One-Stop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training will hold a workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers on how to return to the workforce. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace. The workshop is open to the general public, profes-

sionals, and agencies who work with SSDI and SSI recipients. All are encouraged to attend who are interested in learning about the Social Security Work Incentives and the Ticket to Work Program.

The workshop will explore work incentives available in the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that allow SSI and SSDI benefit holders to increase their income and avail themselves of training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs, with a goal towards self-sufficiency in the workplace.

This program is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM, at the One-Stop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

Fallsburg Pop Warner Cheerleaders Heading to National Competition

The Fallsburg Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading is pleased to announce that their Midget Cheerleaders placed second at the Eastern Region Cheer Championship held in Trenton, New Jersey on November 9. The routine consisted of tumbling, dance, cheer, stunting, and getting audience participation. The team consists of eight girls and one boy, whose ages range from 11-15. They come from Monticello, Liberty, Ellenville, Tri-Valley and Fallsburg school districts. Many thanks go out to their coaches Keri Whitehead and Kierra Miller.

As a result of their strong showing in Trenton, the team will be heading down to Disney World to compete in the 2014 Pop Warner National Cheer Championship, December 16-18. They need support from the Sullivan and Ulster community to make this trip. The students are busy raising funds to reach their goal of between fifteen and eighteen thousand dollars. What a great Christmas gift it would be for these children to receive your support. Contributions can be sent to Fallsburg Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading at 749 Budd Road, Woodbourne, NY 12788. If you need further information, please contact Lewis Borko at 845-866-0764 or by e-mail at lewisborko@ymail.com.

Fallsburg Students Collect Food for Needy for 25 Years!



and Carly Leventoff

For several weeks before Thanksgiving, the Student Government Association from both the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School collected non-perishable food items and frozen turkeys to distribute to needy families and food banks in Hurleyville and South Fallsburg. This project has been ongoing for twenty-five plus years.

Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School members of Student Government Association delivering boxes of non-perishable food and frozen turkeys to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry in South Fallsburg on November 24.

Left to right in the photo are back row: Tyler Dubois, Joe Rojas, Johnny Brown, David Fuller, Director of Food Pantry Ms. Cynthia Johnston. In the foreground are left to right: Emily Kirtack, Bijal Patel, Gisselle Caballero, Brittany Leventoff, Mary Elizabeth Kellerman, Madison Levine,

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Congressman Gibson announces passage of ABLE Act

HR 647 helps people with disabilities maintain their health and independence. Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced the passage of HR 647, the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act of 2014, which makes it easier for people with disabilities to work and live independently without losing access to Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income.

The ABLE Act, which passed the House December 3 with overwhelming bipartisan support, allows disabled individuals and their families to save their own money in a 529A (or ABLE) account to maintain health and independence.

"This legislation provides families with some peace of mind, giving them the ability to save for their loved one's long-term disability expenses the same way many families save for college or retirement," said Congressman Gibson. "More importantly, the ABLE Act empowers Americans with disabilities, encouraging their engagement in the workplace and in the community so they can live full, rewarding lives."

ABLE Accounts would be a savings vehicle for disability-related expenses that will supplement benefits provided by private insurance, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, and employment. The accounts would be administered on a voluntary basis by the states like 529 college savings accounts.

The Senate may vote on the ABLE Act as soon as next week.

Cuomo Announces First State-Certified Disabled Veterans' Businesses -21 New York Businesses Granted Certification as Part of Nation's Most Robust Program

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the first round of businesses certified as New York State Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses. The 21 newly-certified businesses cover a range of goods and services including construction services, financial services and a variety of commodities. The designation, created by the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, makes each business eligible to participate in contracting opportunities with the State.

"Creating this program for New York's service-disabled veterans is another way to show our deep appreciation for the brave men and women who serve our country," Governor Cuomo said. "By providing these opportunities, New York is again leading the way in how our nation supports those who serve, and I am proud to announce the first businesses certified under this initiative."

The businesses are certified by the Office of General Services Division of Service Disabled Veterans' Business Development, which is led by two veterans with extensive business experience. Since applications were made available in early October, the Division has implemented an aggressive outreach and marketing strategy to further encourage applications.

The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, signed into law by Governor Cuomo this past May, established a six percent goal for participation on State contracts by service disabled veteran owned firms in addition to other measures to support these companies. The federal government's goal for awarding contracts to veteran-owned businesses is only three percent and no other state in the nation offers as robust a program which includes set-aside contracts to these small businesses.

Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito said, "I am pleased OGS has certified the first businesses under Governor Cuomo's Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned

Business Act. It is only right that service-disabled veterans receive public support and be fully and meaningfully involved in public procurements and State contracts."

New York State Division of Veterans Affairs Director Eric J. Hesse said, "The news that the first wave of certifications has been made will be welcomed by New York State's veterans. Thanks to Governor Cuomo's commitment, this program will create great new economic opportunities for veterans."

To qualify as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business, the owner or owners must have received a compensation rating of 10 percent or greater from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or have incurred an injury while in uniform equivalent to a compensation rating of 10 percent or greater from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. National Guard veterans may also be eligible upon confirmation of a service-disability by the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

Governor Cuomo has made job assistance for veterans a hallmark of his administration. The Governor's "Experience Counts" initiative translates veterans' military skills and experiences into opportunities for employment, and his \$74 million tax credit encourages employers to hire New York's post-9/11 veterans who have been unemployed for at least six months prior.

New York is home to nearly 900,000 veterans, 71 percent of whom have served during periods of conflict.

More information on the program, including the application for certification, is available online here. Businesses can also contact the Office of General Services directly by calling (844) 579-7570 or emailing veteransdevelopment@ogs.ny.gov.

Congressmen Gibson, Maloney urge Governor to sign Lyme bill

Washington - Congressmen Chris Gibson (NY-19) and Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) are calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to sign into law the Lyme disease bill that passed both chambers of the New York State Legislature earlier this year.

The bipartisan legislation, the Patients' Rights/Doctor Protection Bill, provides that physicians who treat Lyme and other tick-borne diseases according to medically recognized standards of care shall not be subjected to arbitrary and capricious investigations of their medical licenses by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

"Because there is more than one medically recognized standard of care for Lyme disease," said Congressmen Gibson and Maloney in a letter to the Governor, "physicians should be enabled to use whichever evidence-based diagnostic and treatment options provide the best benefit to their patients."

"The Patients' Rights/Doctor Protection Bill makes common-sense improvements to state regulations, putting treatment decisions in the hands of physicians and instituting guidelines to help our state fight this public health scourge," said Congressman Gibson. "I respectfully call on Governor Cuomo to sign this bill into law."

"Lyme Disease is an epidemic across the Hudson Valley that's hurting our kids, loved ones and neighbors. This bipartisan legislation would ensure our friends and families in the Hudson Valley can receive the proper diagnosis and treatment of this debilitating disease," said Congressman Maloney.

Congressman Gibson is the author of the Vector-Borne Disease Research Transparency and Accountability Act of 2014, which was co-sponsored by Congressman Maloney and passed the House of Representatives this year. Both Congressmen are enlisting support for that bill among their Senate colleagues.

UC Executive Mike Hein Files Resolution Urging the United States Congress to Intervene in Proposed Closing of Newburgh Postal Facility - The Proposed Closing Would Adversely Affect Delivery Of All Classes Of Mail As Well As Over 350 Current Employees

Kingston, NY - Today, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein filed a resolution with the Ulster County Legislature which urges Congressional intervention into the proposed closure of the United States Postal Service's Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center. The facility employs over 350 individuals and is estimated to generate \$33.5 million in labor income and \$4.5 million in business income to the Mid-Hudson region.

"Today, I filed a resolution with the Ulster County Legislature which urges the United States Congress to intervene and prevent the closure of the postal service processing facility in Newburgh," said County Executive Hein. "I am asking the County Legislature to join me in opposing this closure which will have a tremendous financial impact on our region, and could also negatively affect the timely delivery of mail. It is my hope that the Legislature acts quickly and passes this resolution in order to send a clear message to the federal government that action is needed now."

The closure of the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center is part of a larger cost-cutting effort by the Postal Service which proposes closing 82 Mail Processing and Distribution Centers across the country, which, should that occur, has the potential to greatly impact the timeliness of mail delivery and our entire region.

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Press Release & Comment

IT'S TED CRUZ VERSUS JOHN BOEHNER AGAIN AS NEW SHUTDOWN LOOMS

By Benjy Sarlin
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Speaker John Boehner's new plan to avoid a government shutdown over immigration is running into a major hurdle: Sen. Ted Cruz. Cruz, who played a key role organizing House conservatives in the run up to the 2013 shutdown over health care, made clear that he'll be taking up a similar role on immigration this week as well.

The Texas senator appeared at a rally with House conservatives outside the Capitol Wednesday in which he called on Republican leaders to threaten Senate Democrats and President Obama with a partial government shutdown if they don't accept a funding bill blocking the president's immigration order. The senator also urged incoming Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to block all of Obama's judicial and executive nominations, minus vital national security positions, until Obama relents.

Morning Joe, 12/3/14, 8:31 AM ET

PETER KING: NO PURPOSE FOR SHUTDOWN

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., joins Morning Joe to discuss the prospect of a government shutdown and the likely naming of Ashton Carter to defense secretary.

The "meaningless show vote" could be interpreted as a thinly veiled reference to the current plan Boehner is floating in which the House passes a bill funding almost all of government for the year, a short-term bill funding the Department of Homeland Security through March, and a bill by Congressman Ted Yoho blocking Obama's ability to carry out his latest executive action that the Senate is almost certain to kill and the president would surely veto.

"Frankly, we have limited options and limited abilities to deal with it directly," Boehner told reporters on Tuesday.

Cruz is a significant force in the debate because Boehner needs conservative Republicans to help pass spending bills if Democrats withhold their support,

which is likely. The House GOP's right wing has a long history of bucking the speaker on critical votes and sending leaders scrambling for a backup plan, especially when Cruz and allied groups like Heritage Action - which also opposes Boehner's plan - are egging them on. Legislation funding the government expires on Dec. 11, leaving Congress and the White House just over a week to resolve their differences and pass a bill. RELATED: GOP leaders look to avoid shutdown despite complaints on right

"Let's be clear, I think we should fund virtually the entire federal government," Cruz told reporters. "We should, however, not be funding illegal amnesty. The funding of that occurs in the Department of Homeland Security, so we should attach a rider to the funding for DHS."

Republican leaders argue that funding the Department of Homeland Security through early next year will buy time until the incoming GOP Senate majority can take office, giving them greater power when they renew the fight. While Cruz told reporters the party would have "the greatest leverage" after the new Congress is sworn in, he sounded pessimistic that Republicans opposed to a shutdown fight today would have much appetite for one later either.

"Even with a Republican House and Senate, the same folks who are saying 'Gosh, we cant do anything now' in January are going to say 'Gosh, we don't have 60 votes in the Senate,'" he said. "It's like Charlie Brown and Lucy."

In addition to Cruz, conservative House members Steve King of Iowa, Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, Louie Gohmert of Texas, and Tim Huelskamp of Kansas spoke at the event.

"We're presented with this proposal that we ought to fund the presidents lawless unconstitutional act," King told the crowd. He went on to say that a vote for such a bill "crosses a line that cannot be tolerated."

A handful of supporters joined them, carrying signs with such slogans as "Say not to dictatorship" and "Why should we expect an illegal president to enforce 'legal' immigration," and chanting shouts of approval throughout the rally. "Ted Cruz 2016!" one attendee yelled as the Senator spoke.

Although I have never agreed with Ted Cruz on other issues, I must agree with him on this issue of 'immigration under late night Executive Orders'. This type of governing will always be viewed by the general public as questionable where corruption is concerned and lately the violation of human and Constitutional rights under some administrations have been ludicrous. FC

FROM CECILIA TKACZYK

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Thank you all so much for the help and support you provided to me before, during and after my campaign for reelection to the NYS Senate. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, I was unsuccessful in retaining my seat and there is now a clear Republican Majority in the NYS Senate.

Thank you again for your constant support. Your encouragement and assistance helped me to get through the very long, very tiring days on the campaign train. I look forward to working with you in the future on important issues that make a difference in the lives of all citizens in the Hudson Valley. Please accept my best wishes and enjoy a happy and health holiday season and New Year.

See you in our next race.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Tkaczyk,

What are your thoughts?

To have your comments and/or questions published space allowing and following Townsman guidelines as listed in the masthead send an Email: politicalslant@yahoo.com

Local Holiday Celebrations Look to be Another Success

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) assisted the Business Alliance of Kingston in securing grant funding for holiday celebrations that will be held in both the Kingston and Rhinebeck communities of the 103rd Assembly District. These allotments, totaling \$20,000, were awarded through the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and will be used for the Hudson Valley Sinterklaas Festival, the Snowflake Festival and the Merry Midtown Festival.

"The Sinterklaas Festival in particular has become a staple in our community over the last few years," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Continuing this Old Dutch tradition is culturally enriching and provides citizens with a chance to be involved in the diverse ways that the holiday seasons are celebrated."

The Sinterklaas tradition originated over 300 years ago in Holland and still continues every winter. Today, in several European countries, it is continued through the Sinterklaas or St. Nicholas figure, traveling by boat from Spain to Holland and he is greeted with a lavish parade. This celebration has been recreated in the Hudson Valley with a modern flair through a promenade that runs through the streets of downtown Kingston and the Village of Rhinebeck, respectively.

"Each of these events truly embodies and promotes the spirit of togetherness of the winter season, while attracting new visitors from throughout the state to enjoy our many small family-owned businesses," said Assemblymember Cahill. "I am proud to again be a part of all of these traditions and will continue to support them so that children and families may be able to take part in them for years to come."

The Merry Midtown Celebration and Snowflake Festival are held in the Midtown and Uptown areas of Kingston and provide an opportunity for people to get

together with their neighbors for a parade, hot chocolate, a tree lighting ceremony and other activities.

For further information you may call our Kingston District office at 845-338-9610 or you can visit the Hudson-Valley Sinterklaas website at <http://www.sinterklaashudsonvalley.com/>. Additional details on the Snowflake Festival and Merry Midtown Celebration may be accessed at <http://www.kingstonhappenings.org/events/>.

Support Local Holiday Food Distribution

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry will provide approximately 30 holiday food baskets to neighbors in the Tri-Valley School District at both Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help us provide for this special outreach.

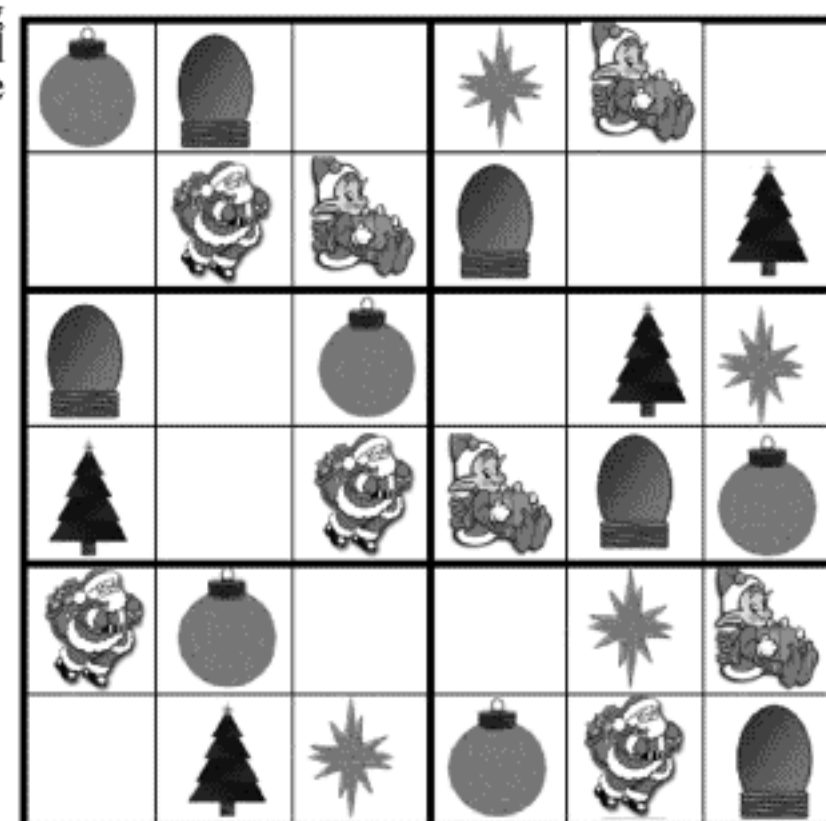
The food pantry requests gifts of canned hams, chicken or turkey breasts, roasting chickens and frozen turkeys. Non-perishable food items such as gravy, stuffing, instant white potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, and cranberry sauce, are also needed. The food pantry welcomes monetary donations to help with the purchase of perishable items for each basket.

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).

These are difficult days for many in our community. The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry thanks our friends and neighbors for your continuing support throughout the year and we pray for your generosity as the holiday seasons approach.

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)

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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

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

Sundown Methodist Church

5:30 pm
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Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

St. Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

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Grahamsville Fire District
Notice of Organizational Meeting

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the year 2015 of the Grahamsville Fire District of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, New York, will be held on the 5th day of January, 2015, at 7:00 PM on that day at the Grahamsville Fire House, Route 55, Grahamsville, New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the
Grahamsville Fire District.
Scott L. Raymond, Secretary

12/11/14

A G Schneiderman Issues Alert to Protect NY Webcam Users from Hackers - AG Urges Consumers To Change The Default Login Credentials On Their Web-Based Security Cameras, Also Known as Nanny Cams Or Home Security Cameras - Schneiderman: No New Yorker Should Feel Violated In Their Own Home

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today issued a consumer alert following recent reports that live feeds from unsecured wireless network cameras, or "IP cameras," have been made publicly available on several websites. These cameras, which thousands of New Yorkers use to remotely monitor their homes, offices, businesses, pets and loved ones, are often shipped to consumers with default user names and passwords that are publicly available. By not changing these default settings, many consumers unwittingly allow their IP cameras to broadcast unsecured, and sometimes unencrypted, live video feeds across the Internet. "No New Yorker should feel violated in their own homes - especially by a webcam intended to keep our belongings and loved ones safe," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "As we increasingly rely on web-based services, we must all take additional steps to inform ourselves of any dangers and protect our privacy. By following some simple steps and taking basic precautions, consumers can keep their webcam feed out of the reach of hackers and improve their security."

Using simple software, anyone can identify operational IP cameras whose default security settings have not been changed. From there, a hacker could gain access to the camera's settings using the default login credentials and not only view the camera's live feed, but also identify the geographical coordinates of the camera. The hacker can also pan, tilt and zoom the camera to view different parts of the user's home or business, and change the device's settings so that the camera's owner is no longer able to control it. Attorney General Schneiderman issued the following tips to educate the public so they can better safeguard their privacy:

- o If you have not already done so, change the default username and password on your IP camera immediately. Use a strong password that only you know. You may be able to change the password by visiting the website that you use to access the live feed from your camera. Otherwise, follow the instructions that came with your camera to learn how to change these settings. If you no longer have the user manual that came with your camera, you may be able to find it on the camera manufacturer's website.
- o Some cameras allow users to deactivate the device's security functions.

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: PARKS & REC
VACANCY**

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2018. (The actual term length is 5 years.)

Please send a letter of interest to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by December 29, 2014. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

12/11; 12/18

Verify that your camera's password requirement is turned on. If your camera supports data encryption, make sure this feature is turned on as well.

- o Be aware that if you either enter your camera's login credentials or view your camera's video feed on a website that does not use encryption technology, that information may be intercepted by others. Websites that begin with "HTTPS" protect your information by encrypting data transmitted through the site.

- o If you use a mobile app to access your camera's video feed, check to see if the app encrypts your data. If not, avoid using the app on unsecured WiFi networks, such as public hotspots.

- o Make sure that the software used to operate and manage your camera is up to date. Check your camera manufacturer's website to see if you have the latest version of the software and sign up for update notices.

Community Solar NY Makes Solar Installation More Affordable and Feasible

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of Community Solar NY, a new effort under the NY-Sun initiative to make implementing solar easier and more affordable for communities across the state. The program launched today supports community projects known as "Solarize" campaigns - locally-organized community outreach efforts aimed at getting a critical mass of area homes and businesses to install solar.

"Transitioning to affordable and clean energy is a large part of our goal of building a better New York State - and today we're taking another step forward to make that goal a reality," Governor Cuomo said. "By helping local communities implement solar technologies, we are providing residents throughout the State with greater access to clean energy without the burden of high costs. Community Solar NY is another initiative that will help us deliver on our promise to build a cleaner and greener Empire State, and I encourage all interested communities to join us by taking part in this effort."

Solarize campaigns bring together widespread community outreach and education, competitive installer selection, and a limited-time offer to bring more customers to solar and provide significant cost savings. Community Solar NY will support these campaigns by providing marketing materials, technical assistance and funding; and by sharing best practices to help community projects succeed.

John B. Rhodes, President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), said, "Community Solar NY is an innovative approach to spur local communities to come together to install and encourage the installation of solar in homes, businesses and neighborhoods. A new component of Governor Cuomo's NY-Sun initiative, it is the latest piece of a comprehensive program to help the State advance toward installing 3,000 megawatts of solar by 2023."

Communities across New York State already have had success with early Solarize efforts. Community Solar NY seeks to encourage many more communities to follow their lead. Descriptions of existing Solarize projects can be found here.

Community Solar NY also includes K-Solar, a joint partnership between the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and NYSERDA, working with the New York State Education Department to help schools lower their energy costs by going solar. NYPA is offering every New York State school district free energy advisory services and in collaboration with school personnel will determine if solar energy is suitable and cost-effective for their district and to help secure the most attractive solar financing. As of the end of November, 194 school districts, representing more than 800 schools in 51 counties, have signed up to participate in K-Solar.

Gil C. Quinones, NYPA President and CEO, said, "By using Community Solar NY, homeowners and businesses can combine efforts to go solar more affordably in a similar way K-Solar is now bringing many school districts together for cost-effective solar installations. As K-Solar schools spread the clean solar energy message, this will spark a greater interest in all that Community Solar NY has to offer."

Applications and additional information on Community Solar NY are available on the NYSERDA web site at www.ny-sun.ny.gov/community-solar.

John Johanson, Steering Committee Member of Solarize Troy, said, "Many people have been sitting on the sidelines when it comes to solar power due to the misconception that it isn't affordable, when in fact homeowners can save on their utility bill right out of the gate with no money down. As we've found in Troy, where we doubled our target with 60 installations, community efforts that bring neighbors together can have huge impact, inspiring many more people to go solar and take advantage of this wonderful resource."

Jonathan Comstock, Chair of the Solar Tompkins Steering Committee, said, "We are thrilled to see Community Solar NY ready to help communities generate more of their own electric power from solar energy. Solarize programs are tremendously powerful because they are local community groups speaking to their own friends and neighbors about the win-win opportunities of solar power. Community Solar NY will be able to provide the logistical support and experience that local teams need to make the most out of their efforts."

Adam Flint, Program Manager, Southern Tier Solar works (STSW), said, "Working on a shoestring, STSW and our partners in a half dozen communities across the state doubled the number of residential solar arrays in our communities this year. With support from Community Solar NY, we will be on the path to demonstrating that community-based clean energy can create lots of good paying jobs and fight climate change. We encourage others who share our goals to step up and match those ratepayer dollars so we can move quickly to scale."

Ellen Honigstock, Founder, Sustainable Kensington Windsor Terrace, said, "The original goal of Solarize Brooklyn was to normalize renewable energy in our borough. We were amazed at the level of interest we saw among our neighbors and so pleased that the program effectively doubled the number of solar energy projects in our neighborhoods. We are eagerly awaiting the continued growth of clean energy in New York City from Solar One's new community initiative, Here Comes Solar, which traces its inspiration and origins directly to the experience, success and impact of Solarize Brooklyn last year."

Chris Carrick, Energy Program Manager for the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, said, "Solarize campaigns are a real win-win solution for the community and for the solar industry. By providing

grassroots support and education for prospective solar customers and marshalling their collective buying power, the Solarize approach makes it easier and more affordable than ever to go solar. In addition, Solarize taps the unrealized demand of homeowners and businesses, giving a boost to solar contractors and helping to create jobs in the solar industry."

NY-Sun is a \$1 billion initiative of Governor Cuomo's to advance the scale-up of solar and move the state closer to having a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry. With this initiative, New York's role as a leader and first mover in shaping the future of energy remains firmly in place. By developing innovative market solutions, the State is delivering on Governor Cuomo's commitment to transform the energy industry into a more resilient, clean, cost-effective and dynamic system. Working with State, citizen and industry stakeholders, New York's energy policy is moving to a more market-based, decentralized approach. This means preserving the environment, decreasing energy costs, and creating opportunities for economic growth for current and future generations of New Yorkers. In advancing these new energy systems and solutions, New Yorkers will have improved energy affordability and efficiency without sacrificing the ability to live in a cleaner, resilient and more sustainable environment.

News from the Nevele:**The Top of the Deck**

The Nevele Ready Rally held November 22 was a big success! We thank everyone who attended the Nevele Ready Rally at the Nevele Showroom. It was truly a village of Ellenville, town of Wawarsing, Ulster County, Hudson Valley and NYS event! Nearly 200 people attended the event featuring 11 speakers who talked on the theme of jobs, economic development and how the Nevele is ready to begin the project pending license approval.

Take a look at the Nevele website/Facebook (www.nevele.com) for photos and video of the event. The Nevele is Ready!

Awaiting the Decision on 12.17

The NYS Gaming Commission's Facility Location Board will be making their decision at their next tentatively scheduled meeting, 12/17.

Social Media Update

Visit our Facebook. Like our website. Remember to Tag us in Facebook posts by typing @Nevele Resort Casino & Spa; on Twitter by using our handle, @TheNevele.

Nevele History Note

One of the most unusual buildings at the Nevele site is the Ski Chalet and Ice Skating Rink. The chalet was opened in 1970. It was designed by Dennis Jurow. The main feature is the massive glue-laminated curved and ribbed ("the ribs") wood structure shaped in a fishbone form. The ribs are braced against each other with steel bars creating a spine-like skylight across the roof ridge. It spans the entire ice skating rink. At the end of the rink was a two-level ski chalet that included a lounge and wood-burning fireplace. This chalet, rink and lounge is part of the Nevele re-development.

Reference: Catskill Resorts: Lost Architecture of Paradise by Ross Padluck. 2013.

Thank you for your support of the Nevele economic development project for the Catskills and Hudson Valley region.

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

Dec 6 - **Transportation to NYC** Leave Town Hall 8:00 am return approx. 8:00 pm. \$22 Neversink Residents/Tri-Valley Students/ non-residents. **Must be paid by Nov 5.**

Thank you **Jamie Brooks** and the **Town of Neversink** and all the **volunteers** for all the fun and opportunities you have offered us this past year.
 Looking forward to next year!

FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
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 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
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Lumanaries in Riverside Park

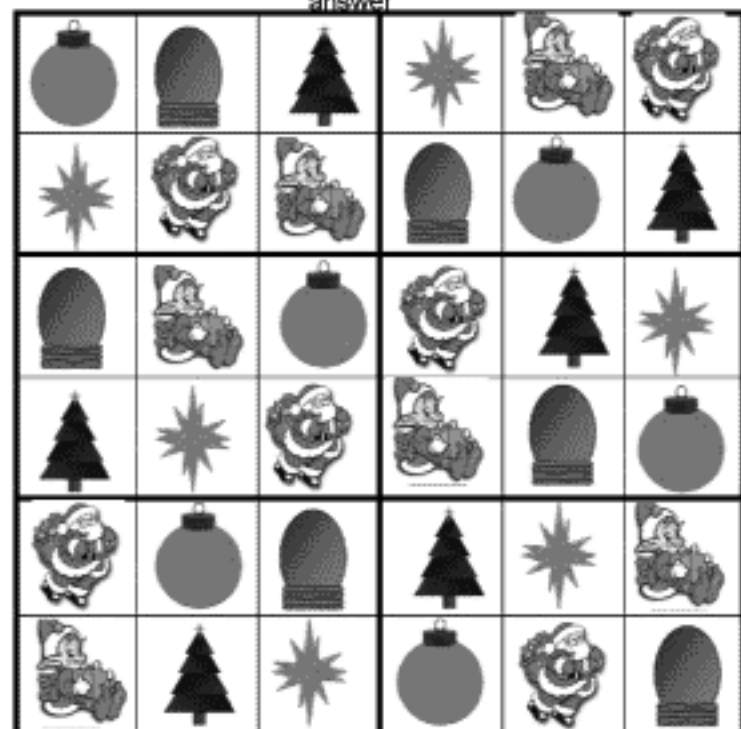
On Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 pm, come join the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce and the Roscoe Community for their annual Luminaries in Riverside Park.

There will be Christmas Carols to be sung; a bon fire to keep your feet and fingers warm and hot cocoa and baked goods.

This is a festive event so bring your families, neighbors and friends and join us for the spirit of the Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays!!

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- 12/10/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 12/11/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/11/14 Claryville Fire District Meetings 6:30 pm -Regular Meeting
- 12/11/14 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/14 **Breakfast (7:30 - 9:30 am) & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall
- 12/13/14 Santa will visit the Claryville Fire House at 2 pm
- 12/14/14 Santa will visit the Neversink Town Hall 11 am - 1 pm
- 12/15/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 12/16/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/17/14 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/18/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/18/14 **The last issue of Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman for 2014**
- 12/21/14 Santa will visit the Blue Hill Lodge and Cafe in Claryville 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Save the Date!

December 6 - **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm Bicentennial Park**
 December 13 - 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall
 December 14 - **Santa Comes to Grahamsville** 11-1 Neversink Town Hall sponsored by Grahamsville FD Ladies Auxiliary
 December 6 - **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm Bicentennial Park**

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

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- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE
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- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
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- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
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- PETER'S MARKET

LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's
- Emerson Resort • Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

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.

Need Help Wrapping those Christmas Gifts?

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is offering free Christmas Gift Wrapping on Saturday, December 13th from 10 am to 12 pm in the church basement. This is a service to all community members. Any questions, call 292-6523.

Illustration from Tales of the Rainbow Forest by Rick Holland Arts Society of Kingston Presents a Reading and Performance of McKenzie Willis' Children's Book ; Tales of the Rainbow Forest on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m.

Author McKenzie Willis will read selections from his children's book Tales of the Rainbow Forest on Friday, December 12, at 7 p.m. The book tells the story of six-year-old Benny and his three-year-old sister, Ellie, as they chase a butterfly into the forest and meet a variety of characters including a fire-breathing dragon and a dragonfly. The themes of the book explore the importance of nature, sharing with and respecting others. Willis will be accompanied by musician Gus Mancini, the composer of the score of the audio version of the book. Tales of the Rainbow Forest is illustrated by Rick Holland. Copies of the book and audio CDs will be available for purchase. For children ages four to eight accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation for the reading and performance is \$8.

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is a regional arts center that presents an array of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes and other arts-related programming. It is located at 97 Broadway in Kingston, New York. Visit www.askforarts.org for more information.

Space Still Available for Popular, Free Youth Snowmobile Safety Course

LIBERTY, NY - New York State Law requires that children ages 10 to 17 earn a Snowmobile Safe Operator's Certificate to operate a snowmobile independently. This certificate must be with the child at all times when operating a snowmobile without the supervision of an adult.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development Program is hosting a free Snowmobile Safe Operator's Course for all youth on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. There is still room for youth ages 10 to 17 to earn this certificate and gain valuable knowledge about the safe operation of motorized vehicles. The course will take place at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. in Liberty NY.

Youth must be 10 years of age as of the date of class in order to register. A parent or guardian must sign a parental consent form for youth to participate. Each participant is expected to bring a bag lunch and a pencil.

There is no fee to participate in the CCESC 4-H Snowmobile Safety Course. Space and supplies are limited! Registration and more information can be obtained by contacting Marilyn Jones, 4-H Community Educator, by calling 845-292-6180 or e-mailing mlr34@cornell.edu.

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H Members have opportunities to connect to Cornell University, learn through hands-on activities, lead, be inspired, inspire others, and "Make the Best Better". Anyone can join 4-H with thousands of other New York State members, volunteers, staff, and funders.

Monticello Elks Lodge French Toast Breakfast

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SANTA'S SCHEDULED VISITS TO CLARYVILLE & GRAHAMSVILLE

I hear that Santa will be out and about stopping in several places in the Tri-Valley area and over the mountain, too!
Santa will be in Claryville on December 13th at 2 pm at the Claryville Fire Department. (See page 8).

On Sunday, December 14, 2014 Santa will be at the Neversink Town Hall, in Grahamsville, NY from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (See page 8)

On Sunday, December 21st he will be at the Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe in Claryville from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (See page 9)

GRAHAMSVILLE

Sunday, December 14 join the Grahamsville Reformed Church and Community Members who will be performing a Living Nativity at 6:30 pm at the Grahamsville Reformed Church (across from Tri-Valley School) (See page 9)

SUNDOWN

There will be a breakfast from 7 am -9:30am on the December 13th at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall. S.O.S will be served. There will be a free will offer and the Cookie Walk is 9:30am until all the cookies are sold. \$5.00 for a container of cookies

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The Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 5:00 pm at the Olive Town Meeting Hall

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