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## TVCS No-shave Men Raised \$1,170 in the First Two Weeks



After two week the beards were definitely growing! Our *TVCS No-shave Men* were extremely proud to say that they have raised \$1,170 during the first two weeks. All of the money raised will go toward fighting cancer. If you want to donate to their cause you can do so at: <https://no-shave.org/team/TVTA>.

## Tri-Valley FBLA Attends Leadership Conference in Florida



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On November 10th, 30 members of Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and three advisors traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference (NFLC). At the opening session, members listened to the keynote speaker, Felecia Hatcher, a White House Award-winning entrepreneur and best-selling author. Ms. Hatcher spoke about the importance of opportunities and how to recognize and take advantage of them.

The second day of the conference included a variety of leadership workshops, which helped members develop their skills in business and leadership. After the workshops, members attended the NYS meeting which was co-hosted by our very own Gillian Mathews, the State Secretary for New York. The closing session included the final keynote speaker, Fred Grooms. He told a story about his personal experience with the military and how to find your own niche. Lastly, members of the chapter attended the Blue Jeans for Babies dance, which provided members with an opportunity to network with members from chapters in different states and raise money for the March of Dimes. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Enjoying Nature's Gifts at BCES

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) is encouraging its students to explore nature in the outdoors right on the Fallsburg school campus. With a Sullivan Renaissance Healthy Community Grant, teachers Ms. Leah Exner and Mr. Mark Spina developed a partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and local businesses to clear and redevelop a hiking trail in the woods behind the school.



With some of the girl scouts are Emily Devore from Cornell Cooperative Extension, a collaborator on the grant; BCES teacher and grant writer Ms. Leah Exner; and Colleen Emery of Sullivan Renaissance that awarded the Healthy Community Grant to the school for the project.

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The grant writers wanted to allow the school's children, families and community to experience the wonder of nature in their very own backyard. Ms. Exner and Mr. Spina are following the principles of people like Richard Louv, a child advocacy expert and author of the 2005 book, "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder." (Contd. Pg. 4)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Psalm 134:1

**OBITUARY**

**Earl James Beach Jr.** 54, of Neversink died November 19, 2016. The son of Harrolyn and Earl Beach, Sr. he was born July 9, 1962.

Earl was a volunteer firefighter proudly serving The Neversink Fire Department and was also a member of The Neversink Rondout Antique Association. Earl had a deep love of mechanics and flexed his skills whenever opportunity arose. From building and restoring antique tractors to helping his family and friends with everything from simple vehicle repairs to all night projects. More importantly, he was a caring and loving father, brother, grandfather, and mentor.

Earl's love and memories are left behind in the hearts and minds of those surviving him: His wife Rebecca Beach whom he married July 11th 2014; children: Dorothy Mott and husband Gary Mott, Jayme Mountz-Marple and husband Corey Mountz-Marple, Jonathan Rush Jr., Rebekah Rush, Joseph Detzauer Jr., and Brian Detzauer; grandchildren: Pearl Mott, Marline Mott, and James Mountz-Marple; sisters: Kathy Cohen, and Robin Evans; and beloved friends and family: Jackie and Albert Wolff, Sue Bell, John Booth, Ann and Ken Bivins, Robert Touhey, and Carl Denman.

Earl will be loved and missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him in life.

A Firematic Service was held on Wednesday evening, November 23rd at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne.

Arrangements under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Homes, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialbryant-funeralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryant-funeralhome.com)

**COLLEGE NEWS:**

**Diana Echols Named to SUNY Delhi Women's Basketball Team**

Diana Echols of Ellenville is a participating member of the SUNY Delhi Women's Basketball Team. Echols is pursuing an associate's degree in Physical Education Studies at Delhi.

SUNY Delhi's dedication to student athletes grants them the opportunity to participate in various intercollegiate athletic programs while pursuing their academic careers. Delhi student athletes compete as part of the United State Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). In addition, the men's and women's golf teams are affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Delhi student athletes have consistently placed in national competitions and many athletes have earned All-American honors in their respective sports.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**November 28, 1956** - Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sweet of Thunder Hill were guests of honor on Sunday at an Open House at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sweet, also of Thunder Hill. The occasion was the senior Sweets twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ackerley of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Marian to Paul Wegman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wegman of Roscoe. There has been no date set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKenna of Grahamsville became the parents of a son, born Tuesday, Nov. 20th at the Monticello Hospital.

**November 23, 1966** - Jack Donaldson, 57, died unexpectedly at his home in Grahamsville on Friday. He was born Jan. 26, 1909 in Grahamsville, the son of Otis and Ina Teller Donaldson. He married Mary Krom Sept. 23, 1930 at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Mr. Donaldson was a lifetime resident of Grahamsville. He was a TV repairman; charter member and first chief of the Grahamsville Fire Department; member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church; the

**REMINDER:**

***Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman***  
**will not be published:**

Thursday, December 29th, 2016  
in observance of **Christmas**

**&**

Thursday, January 5th, 2016  
in observance of **New Years.**

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Alice Bertholf of Liberty; one sister, Mrs. Vira Caldwell of Grahamsville; and five grandchildren.

**November 24, 1976** - Diane M. Herrmann and Larry S. Mann were married on October 8, 1976 at Biloxi, Mississippi. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Herrmann of Grahamsville, N.Y. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Sylvia M. Rotti of Rutland, Mass. And Mr. Ronald Mann of Barre, Mass. The bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and Sullivan County Community College. Her husband is a graduate of Wachusett Regional High School in Holden, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Mann are serving in the United States Air Force and are presently stationed at Loring Air Force Base, Maine.

Congratulations to Debbie and Rubin Ackerley of Grahamsville on the birth of their son, Todd Cory born November 17, 1976. Todd weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. Mrs. Rubin Ackerley is the paternal grandparent. Mr. and Mrs. Don TerBush are the maternal grandparents.

**December 4, 1986** - Sarah Jane Clark and Sgt. Robert J. Kitchen were married November 11, 1986 in Newburgh, N.Y. The bride is the daughter of Fred and Louise Clark of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of Blanche Kitchen of Grahamsville and the late John C. Kitchen Jr. The bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and attended Dutchess County Community College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Valley Central High School in Montgomery, N.Y. and is serving in the Army Military Police Company stationed in Maryland. They are living in Maryland.

**Planning & Development Seminar**  
**Trees, Sidewalks and Other**  
**Planning Concepts**

[FERNDAL] - Learn about the effective use of trees, sidewalks and other planning concepts during a free seminar offered by Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Division of Planning on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the CVI Building at 165 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale.

The seminar is designed for Planning Board members, community volunteers and concerned citizens. Horticulturist Diana K. Weiner and planner Travis North will explain how development projects can have a valuable aesthetic impact by properly incorporating trees into the landscape. Using real examples, the presenters will illustrate the importance of a good landscape design from the start.

Topics to be covered include parking lot design, using trees for framing and screening, choosing the right tree for the right place, and the importance of structural soils. All attendees will receive a "Sullivan County Tree Selection Guide." Planning and Zoning Board members will also receive a certificate of completion for continuing education credit.

Everyone is welcome, however pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be served.

To register, visit [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org) or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445.

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

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

**Carol Furman**

Condolences to the friends and family of Earl J. Beach, Jr. of Neversink who passed away on November 19th at the age of 54.

Ava Adeline Kamback Ross received the sacrament of holy baptism at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Saturday, November 19th. Ava is the infant daughter of Renee Kamback and Christopher Ross of Grahamsville.

In November, the Mid-Hudson Lumber Dealers Assoc. honored Arden Dean of Superior Building Supply in Neversink as 2016 Lumber Person of the Year. Congratulations, Arden!

Five members of the Tri-Valley Lions Club who are certified in vision screening, offered free vision screening to 30 pre-school children at Tri-Valley School. The mission of the Lion SEE Program is to detect problems which might cause blindness or other eye problems. The screening takes about one minute per child.

Operation Christmas Child is a project started in 1990 by Franklin Graham, son of the late evangelist, Billy Graham, to provide gifts to children in war-ravaged and impoverished regions around the world. The Grahamsville Reformed Church dedicated over 50 shoeboxes filled with small toys, school supplies, and hygiene products on Sunday, November 20th. These boxes will be shipped to children all over the world.

Van Furman, young son of Van and Julie Furman, was thrilled when he received a gift certificate to Fur, Fin and Feathers in Livingston Manor for an essay he submitted for the Sullivan County Long Beards essay contest. Congratulations, Van!

On November 14th I had the opportunity to go the Radio City Music Hall on a bus with Barbara Hahl's Group. The show was great, as usual, however, due to what they call "gridlock", it took almost 40 minutes for the bus to get to 51st Street after we exited the Lincoln Tunnel. NYC is a nice place to visit, but I could never live there.

The Neversink/Rondout Antique Tractor Club Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall.

The Tri-Valley Lions Holiday party will take place on December 6th at 6:30 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library.

Don't forget if you want to go to the Holiday Dinner at Frost Valley on December 9th, you must call to make a reservation. (985-2291X450)

**Words of Wisdom:** If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of this world. Give Thanks!

**Children Can Make 10 Holiday Gifts at 4-H Winter Workshops**

LIBERTY, NY - Youth ages 5-19 years are invited to learn some low-cost ideas to craft just in time for the holidays. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H program is offering ten stations of make-and-takes on December 3, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Extension Education Center located on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Snowdate scheduled for December 4. Parents are welcome and young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants can meet some of CCESC's volunteers from the Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver Volunteer programs, Calico Geese Quilting Community Group, as well as 4-H leaders from the Horse, Rabbit, and Intergenerational Textile Programs, who will provide learning stations for seed surprises, sugar scrubs, key chains, card making, chocolate treats, stress relief kits, and a number of charming ornaments.

Cost is \$10 per child or \$5 per enrolled 4-H member. Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org).

Anyone ages 5 to 19 can enroll in 4-H for free. 4-H members must identify membership status at time of payment to receive discount.

Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

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.

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

On Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

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

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

**Tri-Valley FBLA Attends Leadership Conference in Florida** (From Pg. 1)

The final days of the trip were spent at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Members and advisors attended the Youth Education Series (YES) Disney Leadership Strategies. This program taught chapter members about leadership through hands-on activities that focused on management strategies employed by the Walt Disney Company. Participation in these activities helped members gain valuable skills including teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking, and leadership.

To help offset the cost of the trip, members of Tri-Valley FBLA started fundraising in May. Fundraising efforts included an annual chicken barbecue, selling walking tacos at the Little World's Fair, helping at the Neversink-Rondout Antique Tractor Show, selling Yankee Candles, and hosting a circus at the fairgrounds. Members are now preparing to attend and compete at the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Rochester, NY in April 2017 and the National Leadership Conference (NLC) in Anaheim, CA next July.

**Santa Express**

Saturday, December 3rd 6pm - 8pm

Spreading the Magic of Christmas with Santa and all his North Pole friends. For kids of all ages. Bring the whole family. Music and joy will fill the streets! Kids, bring your signs and letters for Santa!

Special Request to Chamber Members and Friends: If you are able to donate cookies, hot cocoa, coffee, cups or some time to serve cookies at the Santa Express it will be appreciated. Please contact Cindy at Liberty Fitness for needs and details. 845-292-0756 or stop in to see her at 85 N. Main Street in Liberty.

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the following location: South Fallsburg Senior Center Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM • NO WALK-INS

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

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

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

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

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

**Calico Geese Quilters of SC**

The Calico Geese Quilters of Sullivan County monthly meeting, Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Building (CCESC), 64 Ferndale Road, Liberty, New York. Subsequent monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month.

For more information call (845) 292-6180. Guests welcome.

**Nature Column - Linda Comando**

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

**Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!**

Not only green when summer's here,  
But also when it's cold and drear.  
Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree,  
Thy leaves are so unchanging!

Wednesday the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree was lit. Thousands of people crowded the streets and millions watched it live on TV or internet across the world. The first tree at Rockefeller Center was placed in 1931. It was a small unadorned tree put there by construction workers at the center of the construction site. Two years later, another tree stood there, this time with lights. This year, the giant Rockefeller Center tree is filled with over 25,000 Christmas lights.



And Sunday, like many other local communities, we will be celebrating the tradition of the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville

Long before the advent of Christianity, plants and trees that remained green all year had a special meaning for people. The evergreen tree was an ancient symbol of life in the midst of winter. In Northern Europe the ancient Celts, decorated their temples with evergreen boughs and the fierce Vikings in Scandinavia thought that evergreens were the special plant of the sun god, Balder. Germany is credited with starting the actual Christmas tree tradition. Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer was awed by the brilliance of stars twinkling amidst the evergreens and recaptured the scene for his family. He brought an evergreen tree into their home and placed lighted candles on its branches.

There is an awesome magic in each and every sparkling Christmas tree that remains unchanging. It begins with photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each photon has zero rest mass and a charge plus spin of one. How it changes sunlight into chlorophyll is a technology called photonics. As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiate energy that splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is sent back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the pine needle and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is a carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle appears green.

The little packages of carbohydrates are stored as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather the sugar converts into an alcohol substance that is slow to freeze. The alcohol is transported throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody side walls thicken in winter weather. Thus the Christmas tree stays green, even in winter!

From the earliest winter solstice celebrations, all the way to the celebration of this year's annual lighting of Christmas trees, the evergreen tree is still very magical. It remains an unchanging beacon of hope. Before science demystified many of nature's secrets, as the shortest day of the year approached and winter had stripped almost all green life from the landscape, humankind feared for its future. As the nights grew longer, evergreen trees stood out as a sign of hope and a future life. Even today, the evergreen holds the secret of endurance. The Christmas tree still gives hope, that sympathetically sustains our ability to endure even the darkest cold night.

A symbol of goodwill and love  
You'll ever be unchanging  
Each shining light  
Each silver bell  
No one alive spreads cheer so well  
Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree,  
You'll ever be unchanging

**Household Hints**

**Christmas Tree Preservative Recipe**

A DIY popular homemade Christmas tree preservatives use common household ingredients. 1 gallon water; 4 tsp Clorox bleach; 2 cups Light Corn Syrup; and 4 tsp vinegar. Mix all ingredients being sure to add vinegar to the water and not to the bleach directly. Store in refrigerator up to two weeks.



## The Winter Girl

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 265  
by John Dwaine McKenna

It won't officially be winter until the Twenty-first of December when the winter solstice, which is the shortest day of the year, happens. Mother Nature says otherwise. It's been cold, gray and low freezing temperatures for some weeks in many parts of the country – a great time to start your personal reading program – and we've got an eerie, shocking and suspenseful psychological thriller to kick it off with.

*The Winter Girl*, (Doubleday/Penguin Random House, \$24.95, 205 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-53997-5) by Matt Marinovich is a dark, treacherous and sinister tale that's a great deal like the work of Jim Thompson – cut-to-the-quick lean word usage, and chock-full of irredeemable characters. Maybe despicable would be a better descriptor, because as the story progresses and the characters are revealed, it quickly becomes apparent that they all have monstrous tendencies and vicious flaws. Nothing is as it

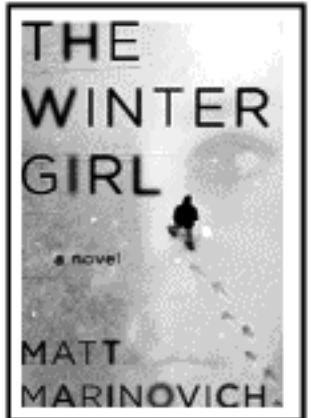
first appears . . . no one is what they're supposed to be in this relentless novel of mystery and deceit.

As the book begins, it's winter. A young married couple named Elise and Scott have taken up residence in her father's house in the Hamptons, the tony part of Long Island's north shore, so they'll be close to the hospital where her father is slowly dying. Elise, a speech therapist by occupation, spends her days there, comforting the dying man. Scott, a professional photographer by trade, occupies himself by taking walks on the beach, moping around the house and spying on the place next door. After noticing the lights going on and off every night at the exact same time, in the exact same rooms, Scott determines that the neighbors home is empty and, on a whim, breaks in. It's such a rush, he goes back and does it again. And again. And again. And then convinces Elise to go with him on another break-in where, in a misguided attempt to spice up their failing marriage, they end up doing a marital act in a downstairs bedroom and make a terrible discovery – setting themselves up for a series of bad decisions – causing their lives to spiral down in an ever tightening cycle of doom.

The twists and surprises never end in this fiendishly clever tale. Readers won't be able to stop themselves from just one more chapter as all the characters reveal their secret flaws. Page. By. Page. By Page!

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schools - will be released in January 2017. Prospective grantees are encouraged to schedule a site visit and consultation with staff now, before the area is blanketed with snow.

To set up a site visit, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. To learn more about Sullivan Renaissance's grant programs, visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org). You can also follow Sullivan Renaissance on Facebook.

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

### Enjoying Nature's Gifts at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School

(From Pg. 1) The book links the absence of nature in the lives of our "plugged-in" children to some very upsetting tendencies, such as obesity, attention disorders, loneliness and depression. Louv's work has generated scientific evidence supporting exposure to nature as vital for healthy development and well-being of children and adults.

In this spirit Girl Scout Troop 767 of the Mid-Hudson Area, under the leadership of Fallsburg parents Ms. Jenny Gagnon and Ms. Jenine Alvarado, has been helping with the clearing of brush and fallen tree branches to open the trail. November 7 was their second visit. They were joined by Ms. Emily Devore of CCE, Ms. Colleen Emery of Sullivan Renaissance, and a community volunteer who learned of the event that morning at a meeting introducing a new program called Volunteers in the Classroom. Mr. Larry Schafman, representing the FCSD Wellness Committee, was on hand to document the hour-long operation.

Ms. Exner welcomed the group coming to help. She and Ms. Gagnon demonstrated a whistle and a horn that they had brought in case it was necessary to alert of any potential hazards on the trail. Ms. Exner explained bear scat was recently found that indicated a bear had been in the area.

The participants were excited about every discovery that the teacher pointed out-the age of fallen trees, identification of trees and bushes, the lack of water in the creek bed indicating the effects of the drought in the area, and high up in a tree an eagle nest. This last item brought several "wows" from both children and adults.

On this clear fall afternoon just a hundred feet from the Cosor School building, thirty children and adults were experiencing what one naturalist calls "the rebirth of wonder and joy." These girl scouts, their leaders and the other adults were giving nature a chance to show her gifts.

### CCE Annual Gala Raises \$5K and Celebrates Volunteer Spirit

ROCK HILL, NY - Over 80 people adorned in "denim and diamonds" celebrated 102 years of volunteerism and outreach with Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) at its third annual Afternoon Gala on Sunday, November 6, 2016. The fundraiser, hosted by Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill, netted over \$5,000 from ticket sales, journal donations, silent and live auction bids, and generous sponsorships.

Three important volunteers were honored

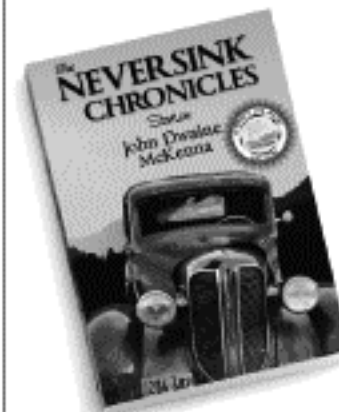
with the "Then & Now Awards". Richard Schulman, Karen Mariner, and Denise Frangipane received recognition for their outstanding service to the organization in various capacities, both in the past and now. Richard has been an Extension member for 54 years and counting and shares his talents in poultry farming, horticulture, engineering, and construction with the thousands of people CCESC serves every year. Karen has more than two decades of service to CCESC in the areas of family and consumer science and with the 4-H Youth Development program. Denise is a leader in Sullivan County who has been working tirelessly to cultivate meaningful partnerships and opportunities for CCESC to reach even more Sullivan County residents to improve the quality of their lives.

Guests enjoyed locally-sourced cuisine, live music performed by retired Sullivan West school teacher Nicolas Iacovitti, and a silent auction selection of unique art and collectibles. Eddie Moran Jr., auctioneer and local farmer, directed bidding for what has become known as the best live auction in the county. Centerpieces were handcrafted by Master Gardener Volunteers. All services were donated to CCESC.

"This is an important celebration for Extension. Not only does it help to close our annual funding gap, but it also gives us a very public opportunity to thank individuals who selflessly serve the county through their volunteer service with the association. We are so grateful to the volunteers, sponsors, and partners who came to enjoy it with us," said Colleen Monaghan, CCESC executive director.

The public can offset event costs and become involved in fundraising efforts by contacting Nicole Slevin, CCESC communications manager at 845-292-6180, [nas96@cornell.edu](mailto:nas96@cornell.edu).

Since 1914, Cornell Cooperative Extension has been a valuable resource to the farmers, families, individuals in need, and young people of Sullivan County. Support for the Afternoon Gala fundraiser ensures that CCESC continues to provide exciting, high-quality, and innovative programs that are vital to local economic and community development. Tax-deductible gifts can be made online at [www.sullivanccce.org/donate](http://www.sullivanccce.org/donate).



It was the fall of 1932 . . . Franklin Roosevelt was running for president. It was the year John Dillinger was killed in July and a pair of romanticized young outlaws named Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were robbing banks and leaving a trail of dead lawmen down in Texas and Oklahoma. And it was back in the '30s, before television and World War II refocused our attention, that every Saturday was poker night over in Eureka, in the back room of Rocky O'Maras SOCONY station . . .

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### Municipal Grant Program Announced Funding offered for Towns and Villages in Sullivan County

[LIBERTY] - Sullivan Renaissance recently announced that funding will again be made available to towns and villages in Sullivan County through its Municipal Partnership Grant Program. The program is designed to engage local governments in addressing issues related to beautifying public spaces, enhancing code enforcement and encouraging healthy communities.

A limited number of municipalities will be selected to receive initial grants of \$15,000 each through this program, which must be matched with at least \$10,000 in municipal cash or in-kind services. Approved projects will also receive help from a part-time project assistant, as well as planning and design services through an on-call consulting arrangement. Participants will once again vie for a \$100,000 grant made possible with support from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

Six municipalities participated in 2016: Bethel, Fallsburg, Thompson, the Village of Monticello and the Town and Village of Liberty. In August, the Town of Bethel won the top prize of \$100,000 in Sullivan Renaissance's annual beautification competition. With Bethel sitting out for a year, in addition to the four returning municipalities, Sullivan Renaissance plans to accept one or two additional municipalities into the grant program in 2017.

"We have fine-tuned the program based on feedback from last year," explained Community Planner Helen Budrock. "Some of the changes include adjusting the judging criteria so that participants can pick an area of concentration for weighted scoring during the judging process, and allowing a portion of the funds to be used for grant administration and/or project management."

Municipalities interested in participating in this grant program must complete an Expression of Interest form by December 2. An electronic version of the form is available on the Sullivan Renaissance web site.

Grant applications for Sullivan Renaissance's core beautification program - targeted mainly at community groups, non-profit organizations and

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### Black Friday

The countdown begins. Just one month until Christmas with Madison Avenue going bananas with Early Bird Specials, Midnight Madness and Cyber Weekend. Most of us are still burping from Thanksgiving and resting in a Tryptophan Turkey Coma, but there are people, friends included, who are getting up in the dark of night to stand in line for a bargain they may or not need. It is the thrill of the hunt. Black Friday awakens the shopping beast in us all.

I, however, slept in, threw the turkey carcass into the crock-pot and looked on-line for free shipping, coupons, and special codes to satisfy the inner bargain huntress that all the commercials and hype inspired.

My son's family is planning to visit Santa tonight at the Emerson and then join with friends tomorrow to cut down their Christmas tree. I can just feel that Christmas spirit revving up and taking over.

At my age, I am beginning to see the holiday season for what it really is. Work and money. No, don't "Bah Humbug" me. I enjoy the trappings of the season—the music, the lights, the colors, the cookies, the tree, the wreath, but I see them for the superficial layer that they add to a time of love and giving. Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, and Festivus are all one and the same. We show our love in the form of gift-giving. One holiday, only the superficial layer of celebration changes in color, date and man-made traditions.

And the traditions increase exponentially. New animated characters add to Santa Claus. Now we have herds of named reindeer, and the Elf on the Shelf requires a logistical plan each night. One tradition in my community of friends that has evolved over time is the Leftover Party, a day or two after Christmas. Friends and family sit among the debris of wrapping paper and gifts and eat leftovers in stress-free comfort with shopping and decorating done for another year.

### State Legislature Provides Funds for Catskill Park Rec Plan Projects



Pictured at the CWC November 3, l. to r., Bill Rudge, natural resources director for NYS DEC Region 3; Jeff Senterman, executive director of the Catskill Center; Sen. Seward and Alan Rosa, CWC executive director.

State Senator Jim Seward visited the CWC November 3 to announce the availability of \$500,000 in State funds to be used for recreation and tourism projects in the Catskill Park. The CWC will administer the funds -- the first-ever State budget allocation for the Catskill Park. Funds will be used to develop a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan addressing potential links and uses of public lands owned by NYS, NYC and other entities. Find the RFP here. A second RFP will be issued in the near future for the development of biking, hiking and multi-use trails, parking lots, kiosks and other projects enhancing accessibility and enjoyment of public lands.

### Ellenville Regional Hospital Receives National Recognition for Performance Leadership in Quality

Ellenville Regional Hospital today announced it has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Quality«Awards1» reflecting top quartile performance among all rural acute care hospitals in the nation.

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

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

#### About NOSORH

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

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

Like so many people, Mountainkeeper's team has spent the past week and a half processing the election results, and thinking about what it means for the issues we all care about so deeply.

Given the new political landscape, it's clear that we can expect rough waters. But Catskill Mountainkeeper has never shied away from big challenges, and we are not daunted by what lies ahead. Our mission is now even more important, and so we are redoubling our efforts to advocate for our region and its communities, to combat our dependence on dirty and dangerous fossil fuels, and to chart the course to a clean and renewable energy future.

But let's be clear: it will not be easy. We will need to work harder and smarter, and come together in ways that we never have before to play a strong defense in protecting the important environmental progress we have made over the years, while advancing positive and sustainable solutions.

And despite the daunting challenges ahead, Catskill Mountainkeeper remains hopeful for the future. Although this election has been polarizing, we must not let it divide our nation or distract us from what is most important moving forward. We are committed to working together to create the kind of world we want for our kids and grandkids. You can rest assured that Mountainkeeper's team is rolling up our sleeves and getting ready to dive in deep.

We have lots of great progress to build on. Mountainkeeper's work here on the ground in the Catskills, in New York State, and with allies across the country is a powerful model for how to get good things done. To name a few examples, we played a lead role in securing New York's ban on fracking, have launched a massive multi-year Solarize campaign to help New York build a clean energy future, and are positioned at the forefront of the climate fight, playing a strong defense against the oil and gas industry's efforts to advance fossil fuel infrastructure projects that would turn New York into an oil and gas state.

In just a few weeks, *National Geographic* magazine's December issue will feature the groundbreaking efforts of Ulster County to set a positive example of environmental stewardship in protecting habitat while promoting sustainable development, and becoming the first and so far only county in New York to become net carbon neutral, getting 100 percent of its electricity from renewable energy. Working out of our Woodstock office, Mountainkeeper is playing an important role in helping Ulster set this powerful positive example, along with our many other important initiatives.

Mountainkeeper's mission is more important than ever in these challenging times, and I send many thanks for standing with the team as we keep fighting for a clean, safe, and sustainable future for us all.

With appreciation,  
Ramsay Adams  
Executive Director

### A Message from

### Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo sent an open letter to all students in the State of New York following the recent incidents of bias and discrimination reported at universities throughout the state. Following the increase in reported incidents of bias and hate crimes, last week the Governor sent a letter to State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia, requesting schools hold trainings to combat intolerance and safeguard New York's students. At the Governor's direction, the state launched a toll-free hotline to report incidents of bias and discrimination. Residents who have experienced bias-motivated threats, harassment or discrimination are encouraged to call DHR's toll-free hotline at (888) 392-3644 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. If you want to report a crime or fear for your safety, call 911 immediately.

Dear Students:

After the harsh and ugly rhetoric of the campaign, many of you are concerned about what might happen next.

Let me be clear: This is the State of New York, not a state of fear. We will not tolerate hate or racism.

We have been and always will be a place where people of many backgrounds have come to seek freedom and opportunity. Almost all who live here can trace their roots to someplace else.

We cherish our diversity. We find strength in our differences. Whether you are gay or straight, Muslim or Christian or Jewish or Buddhist, rich or poor, black or white or Latino or Asian, man or woman, cisgender or transgender, we respect all people in the State of New York.

The Statue of Liberty is a proud symbol of American values, and she stands in our harbor. We feel a special responsibility to make her offer of refuge and hope a reality every day.

As long as you are here, you are New Yorkers. You are members of our community, and we will stand up for you.

The State of New York has strict laws against hate crimes and discrimination and we fully and firmly enforce them. It is illegal in this state to target, harass or discriminate against a person because of his or her race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation. We are a tolerant people, and cannot and will not let our freedoms be undermined.

New York State has a toll-free hotline where people can report incidents of bias and discrimination. Our responsibility is to protect all who are here, whether native-born or immigrant, whether documented or not. The hotline strengthens our efforts. Contacting us will not affect your immigration status.

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sibly exposed someone or a family pet to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people, or to avoid euthanization or prolonged quarantined observation periods for exposed pets. Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910. Someone is always on call and available after business hours.

**Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies**  
 Sullivan County Public Health Services is notifying the public that a skunk has tested positive for the rabies virus in the Town of Callicoon. This is the second confirmed rabies case in a skunk, and the fourth positive case of animal rabies in Sullivan County this year.

The rabies virus is considered endemic and occurs commonly in wild animals throughout New York State, with the vast majority of rabies cases reported each year in bats, foxes, skunks and woodchucks.

**What Can People Do To Protect Themselves Against Rabies?**  
 Be sure your dogs, cats and ferrets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and humans. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a one-year period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors. Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free. Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens. Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or stray cats. Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own. If a wild animal is on your property, let it wander away. Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors who are outside. If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has bitten and pos-

**Vacancies on the SC Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board**  
 The Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) was established by the Sullivan County Legislature in 1992. Under Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, counties are required to establish agricultural and farmland protection boards to assist in review of public land acquisition, review of non-farm projects within New York State Certified Agricultural Districts, formation and review of Agricultural Districts and the development and implementation of county and municipal agricultural and farmland protection plans.

The AFPB generally meets quarterly. During the thirty-day window to include viable agricultural land into the New York State Certified Agricultural Districts, which occurs annually in April, members meet more frequently and participate in site visits to evaluate applications for inclusion into the Agricultural Districts. In addition, during the eight-year comprehensive review of an Agricultural District, members meet to review proposed modifications and prepare recommendations for the County Legislature.

The County also updated its Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan in December of 2014 and the Board is involved in overseeing the implementation of the plan.

At this time there are two (2) open positions on the Sullivan County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board:

- o One position for an active farmer
- o One position for an active farmer and/or other agricultural stakeholder and/or stakeholder from an organization dedicated to agricultural land preservation

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New terms will be for four years, after a new appointment and confirmation by the Sullivan County Legislature.

The term "active farmer" is defined by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board as a person who actively farms land that he or she either owns or rents, and that falls within one of the following categories:

- o not less than seven acres of land used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of ten thousand dollars or more; or,
- o less than seven acres used as a single operation for the production for sale of crops, livestock or livestock products of an average gross sales value of fifty thousand dollars or more.

Interested persons should send a letter of interest and statement of qualifications to AnnMarie Martin, Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701 by December 12, 2016.

### Just Two Days Before Thanksgiving...



### Fallsburg Students Collect and Distribute Food

Two days prior to Thanksgiving, the Student Government Associations (SGA) of Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School (FHS) provided 47 turkeys and two pick-up loads of non-perishable foods to Bread of Life Food Pantry at Hurleyville Methodist Church. John Jaycox and Michael Spinelli drove the truck after SGA students loaded it at the dock of the High School.

Faculty Advisors for the SGA are Peter Dworetzky at BCES and Elisa Baum at FHS. Ms. Baum added that M&B Chickens donated 32 of the turkeys. Students, staff and parents at the Fallsburg School District have been honoring the tradition of offering food to the community for many, many years at Thanksgiving.

### Fallsburg's BCES Pre-Kindergarten Plan Surprise Thank You

Just two days before Thanksgiving at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, Ms. Irene Calabrese's morning Pre-Kindergarten class appeared in turkey headdresses to surprise and thank Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Assistant Principal David Viglione with some special holiday treats.

Notice Mr. Viglione with his special holiday tie! Ms. Calabrese is holding the plate of treats.



### NYC Teachers Learn About Water Supply, Forests and Streams During Watershed Visit

More than 50 educators from New York City participated in a tour of the City's water supply system and its watershed on Nov. 11. The teachers learned about the water supply and its history, forests, stream management and watershed protection during their tour through Sullivan and Ulster counties. The tour included a visit to the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville.



Lynn Priebe, a docent at Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville, explained the interactive diorama depicting the Rondout and Neversink Reservoir basins to 45 teachers and non-formal educators from New York City and the Watershed November 11 who visited on a bus tour organized by the NYC DEP education office.

Above, museum director Donna Steffens uses a diorama to explain how communities in the Catskills were removed or relocated to make way for the City's reservoirs, dams and aqueducts. The teachers' visit was organized by DEP's education office and funded by the Watershed Agricultural Council. It included educators from all five boroughs of New York City, and the east-of-Hudson and west-of-Hudson watersheds.

The tour included a visit to the model forest at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. Karl VonBerg, a forester at the Watershed Agricultural Council, used the cross-section of a tree to demonstrate that land cover and precipitation can affect trees' growth rate. VonBerg also discussed how forests help purify water as it moves into the City's water supply reservoirs. The teachers' visit was organized by DEP's education office and funded by the Watershed Agricultural Council. It included educators from all five boroughs of New York City, and the east-of-Hudson and west-of-Hudson watersheds.

DEP manages New York City's water

supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9.5 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the

Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with nearly \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/nycwater](https://twitter.com/nycwater).



The tour included stops at the Rondout for some quiet reflection and a talk on the city's vast water system; a stream restoration project and a walk in the Frost Valley Model Forest.

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### MONDAY



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### TUESDAY



HIGH: 44°F LOW: 30°F



## Frost Valley Launches Core Values in Action Campaign

Frost Valley has begun an interactive campaign to promote their 8 Core Values: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship. Core Values in Action began at the beginning of October and was created to invite and encourage the Frost Valley community to embrace these 8 core values and put them into practice in your daily lives. It's a movement to make the world a better place!



Throughout the school year, Frost Valley will be celebrating a different core value every month. From October to May they will focus on one Core Value at a time, with camper stories and staff quotes on display!

The campaign began in the month of October, celebrating the core value of Caring and highlighted a story from a few of the summer campers. The four Outpost campers, who go to school together at Woodstock Day School, started a project in their class for a girl who was sick and could not attend school. They thought it was important to let her know that although she was not in school, her class was still thinking of her, so they sent her a video card each week as a class, as well as brining food to her house for her family. They really encompassed the core value of caring and Frost Valley loved to hear their story! We are now focused on the core value of Community in the month of November.

How does it work? Email a video, photo or story to [LHutchinson@FrostValley.org](mailto:LHutchinson@FrostValley.org) explaining how you've put the core values to action. Have you shown respect to others? Have you taken on more responsibilities at home? Do you celebrate diversity at school? Let us know! We'll share these moments so everyone can see how our community has an impact on the world in a positive way.

## IFCL Dinner for Those in Need



Members of Liberty Masonic Lodge #521, F & AM in Liberty, New York that help serve the meal. From left to right back row: Stephen Gruber, Senior Warden; Joe Beirne, Secretary; Michael DePuy, Trustee; Clif Freeman, Master. Front: Mark Raven, Junior Deacon.

On Wednesday evening, November 2, 2016, the Liberty Masonic Lodge #521, F & AM donated and served dinner for the Interfaith Council of Liberty (IFCL) at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Liberty, New York. Sixty-nine spaghetti and meatball meals with salad and dessert were served in a sit-down dinner for those in need in the community. The IFCL has served a dinner every Wednesday from October to May for 30 years. Each week a different community organization donates and serves the meal. Doors open for dinner at 5:15 PM with dinner served at 5:30. If your organization would be interested in knowing more about this community program in Liberty, call Peggy at 845-796-0955.

## UC Exec Mike Hein Celebrates County's Growing Food & Beverage Cluster & Announces Availability of New Low Interest Loans for this Important Sector of the Economy

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein was joined today by government officials, local farmers and growers, food distributors, craft food and beverage producers, and representatives from the agri-business sector to support and recognize the growing food and beverage cluster in Ulster County and to announce financing opportunities available to help these businesses expand and grow.



From Left: James Maloney, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund; Ulster County Executive Mike Hein; Paul Alward, Founder and CEO of Hudson Valley Harvest; and Jim Hyland, Founder and CEO of The Farm Bridge

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## Fallsburg High School Students Earn Area All-State Music Honors



Top row Brenden Hooks and Guillermo Granados; middle row Isabel Morales and Jenna Vairo; bottom row Mekayla Perneszi and Grace Strauss.

Congratulations go out to Fallsburg High School Chorus Members Brenden Hooks, Isabel Morales, Guillermo Granados, Jenna Vairo, Mekayla Perneszi and Grace Strauss for earning Area All-State Chorus Awards from New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) on the weekend of November 19-20, 2016.

Chorus Director Ms. Colleen O'Toole-Barber is very proud of these students, who performed so admirably during the competition. Ms. Barber and the award recipients are hard at work rehearsing for the Annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13 at the Fallsburg High School Auditorium that will feature the different school choirs and bands.

**The Initiation of Night Out in Monticello by Monticello Rotary Club & Ethelbert B Crawford Public Library**

On Tuesday night, November 15, the Monticello Rotary Club and the Ethelbert B Crawford Public Library inaugurated Night Out. Night Out strives to support Monticello restaurateurs and the excellent cultural programming offered by the Library. Throughout the year, the Monticello Rotary Club will have dinners at restaurants in the Village and then attend programs at the Library. On Tuesday, the Rotary Club had dinner at Nelly's Latin Restaurant. Nelly Camacho, the owner, believes that "Night Out is a wonderful idea. I hope that both the Monticello Rotary Club and the Library will continue to have Night Out to help me and other restaurant owners in Monticello". After dinner, members of the local Rotary Club and the general public heard Brass Quintessence, a brass quintet, which performed a varied repertoire that included a John Philip Sousa march, a Bach fugue, as well as a contemporary piece. Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, library director, stated: "The Library seeks not only to provide educational and cultural resources to the residents of Monticello, but also to assist community service organizations such as the Rotary Club in their support of local businesses. My staff and I look forward to working with the Rotary Club on future cultural programs". John Greenbaum, President of the Monticello Rotary Club, is happy that the first Night Out was a success. "It's great that our Club was able to support a local restaurant and then hear a very enjoyable performance at the Library. I hope that other service organizations will work with us and the staff at the Library in having future Night Out events. Let's support our locally owned restaurants and our public library, which is doing an excellent job providing educational and cultural programming". Photo (Credit - Jim Ankin) A picture taken in the library's Robert D. Norris Community Room at the conclusion of the performance of Brass Quintessence with members of Monticello Rotary. For additional information contact: John Greenbaum, President, Monticello Rotary Club (646) 372-1576 john.m.greenbaum@gmail.com Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Director, Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library (845) 794-4660 langclouse@rcls.org ##End of Press Release##

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**UC Exec Mike Hein Celebrates County's Growing Food & Beverage Cluster & Announces Availability of New Low Interest Loans for this Important Sector of the Economy**

(From Pg. 9) "Ulster County's food and beverage industry is incredible! From Fruition's 'best in the world' chocolates to the award winning wines of Whitecliff Vineyard to our abundant apple orchards, which make Ulster County the 14th largest producer in the nation, Ulster County's food and beverage industry is bigger and more exceptional than you think," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "We are here today to bring attention to this industry, which is critical to our local economy, to celebrate its successes, and to offer food and beverage business owners who want to locate here or grow their businesses here assistance they need."

**Local Food is a Growth Market**

Local food is in high demand and local food sales are increasing significantly throughout the United States. According to the USDA, local food sales hit \$12 billion in 2014 and are estimated to climb to \$20 billion by 2019, a 66% increase. 60 million people who would benefit by eating healthy local food live within a 5 hour radius of the Hudson Valley. In its 2015 Foodshed Study, Scenic Hudson documented an enormous unmet demand for fresh produce with the NYC market, valued at nearly \$900 million annually.

**Ulster County Has a Strategic Advantage**

Ulster County has high-quality farmland, a collaborative business culture, robust institutional support, transportation access, affordability and an excellent quality of life. According to the Industry Targeting Analysis for the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (Targeting Analysis) conducted in 2015, Ulster County's proximity to the NYC market makes it uniquely positioned to take advantage of the emerging trend of local food and beverage. As a result of these strengths, Ulster County's food processing and manufacturing industry grew 64% from 2009-2014, providing over 1,300 jobs in 2014. In 2014, the County was home to nearly 500 farms, 44 food and beverage manufacturers, and two companies focused exclusively on aggregating and distributing local food and beverage products to local, regional and national markets. These "food hubs" - which hosted today's announcement and offered tours of their facilities - play a crucial role in scaling the county's food and beverage cluster to respond to market demand.

**Food Hubs Represent the Evolution of "Local"**

While agricultural production; food and beverage manufacturing; and retail and wholesale trade are often thought of as separate industries, in Ulster County they are recognized as a single interconnected cluster. "It's a fact that the demand for local is booming, but if we don't have all of the pieces in place and working together - from field to fork - our local businesses will miss out on the opportunities that this growing market represents," explained County Executive Hein.

In many cases, the missing link in the local food system is at the distributor level. By aggregating outputs from smaller local farms, and by contracting to pack (co-packing), process and distribute those products in ways that allow consumers to trace their food back to its source, food hubs bridge the gap.

Ulster County is fortunate to be the home of several pioneers of the food hub model. Building on its groundbreaking 2013 Hudson Valley Food Hubs



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Initiative, the Local Economies Project of the New World Foundation has provided targeted investments to build the capacity and infrastructure of our local food system. One of their early investments was to Farm to Table Co-Packers, now Farm Bridge.

Today, the Farm Bridge offers its expertise and full food production services to local farms, and to local food entrepreneurs seeking to expand their markets. Between 2012 and 2015, the Farm Bridge increased its output by 55%, from 2 million pounds of produce in 2012 to 3.1 million pounds in 2015.

Hudson Valley Harvest, founded in 2011 by Paul Alward, aggregates and distributes fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables, beef and dairy, as well as shelf stable items like local honey and hot sauce from over 50 Hudson Valley farms to restaurants, grocers, and institutions in the Tri-State Area. In 2013, it distributed 516,250 pounds of local food. Just two years later, in 2015 it distributed well over 2 million pounds of local food.

Through the efforts of these and other local businesses, Ulster County's food and beverage cluster has begun its evolution toward a more scalable and robust system - one that has the capacity and infrastructure needed to provide healthy, local food to the growing population that demands it, and that can support a sustainable future for our county's farmers, craft food and beverage producers, and other food related businesses.

**Ulster County Announces Food and Beverage Cluster Initiatives**

"We recognize that the county has a role to play in helping our local businesses continue to evolve, and that the resources we can bring to bear must align with the needs of our target industries" said County Executive Hein. "And so I am proud to highlight several new efforts being undertaken by the County, which are a direct response to the needs expressed by businesses like Hudson Valley Harvest and the Farm Bridge," he added.

At its most recent meeting, the Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund Committee, chaired by Legislator James Maloney, authorized the targeting of County loan funds toward the food and beverage cluster. The Committee also expressed a willingness to streamline the application process and lower interest rates on loans to new and expanding food businesses.

"The Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund Committee understands that Ulster County's businesses - both small and large - need access to capital to grow and prosper. We want to ensure that businesses in the industries we know are flourishing, such as agriculture and tourism, can take advantage of this new lending initiative, as well as those in other industries," said James Maloney, Ulster County Legislator and Chair of the Ulster County Revolving Loan Fund. "The availability of lower interest loans coupled with the new streamlined application process will allow people who qualify to move quickly in today's competitive business world," he added.

In addition, following on the recommendations of the Targeting Analysis and based on numerous inquiries from existing and prospective businesses, Ulster County recently contracted with the Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) to complete a Food and Beverage Processing Study. HVADC and its partners are currently reviewing whether additional co-packing space, shared infrastructure, new funding sources and/or the development of new programmatic support in the County would be useful to help these businesses add more production and more jobs in the County.

More information on these programs and others aimed at growing Ulster County's economy can be found online at [www.ulstercountyny.gov/economic-](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/economic-)

**UC Exec Mike Hein Invites Community to Public Information Meeting on Ashokan Rail Trail Project**

**Meeting Scheduled for December 1, 2016 at Onteora High School in Boiceville**

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and the Ulster County Department of Planning have scheduled a Public Information Meeting for the "Ashokan Rail Trail" project on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7 PM. The meeting will be held in the Onteora High School Auditorium located at 4166 Route 28 in Boiceville.

The Public Information Meeting will provide background information and updates on the County's planned Ashokan Rail Trail project (the "Project"), an 11.5-mile world-class recreational trail along the northern edge of the Ashokan Reservoir between West Hurley and Boiceville. The County is working to develop this trail as part of a larger effort to connect the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Ashokan Reservoir and Catskill Park through an interconnected rail trail system for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The Meeting will include presentations by the County's Planning Department, the Project engineering consultants, and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("NYC DEP"), that is providing funding for the Project as well as designing and constructing the public trailheads. The Project is currently in the preliminary design and environmental review phase, and the presentation will update the public on the findings of the site investigations and proposed design concepts developed since the Project was formally launched in June 2016.

Following the presentations, the County will welcome public comment and feedback on the proposed plans and designs. Public comment will also be accepted in writing for 60 days following the meeting, which can be emailed to [planning@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.ulster.ny.us) or mailed to the Department of Planning, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402.

**Governor Encourages New Yorkers to Buy Local Trees this Holiday Season - \$8 Million Economic Impact from New York's Christmas Tree Industry**  
**Three Upstate Trees Selected to be Displayed in Albany and New York City**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is encouraging New Yorkers to buy local Christmas trees and support tree growers across the state this holiday season. Every year, the state assists hundreds of farms statewide, connecting them with new markets to support the \$8 million Christmas Tree industry. This year, in celebration of the holidays, three Upstate trees were selected to be displayed at the New York State Capitol in Albany and in New York City.

"I encourage New Yorkers to support this state's agriculture industry and purchase trees from local farms this holiday season," Governor Cuomo said. "New York is fourth in the nation for the number of Christmas tree farms and we look forward to further growing the industry this coming holiday season. When New Yorkers buy New York products from New York farms and businesses, everybody wins."

To promote New York-grown trees, State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball today joined the Christmas Tree Farmers Association of New York in Ulster County for a tree-cutting to kick-off the holiday season. A seven-foot Balsam Fir was donated by Hurd's Family Farm in Modena to be displayed for the holidays in the New York State Capitol.

In addition, the tree cutting event highlighted the Shawangunks Wine + Tree promotion, being offered at 17 participating businesses, to support both local Christmas tree farmers and New York craft beverage businesses.

Commissioner Ball also visited Adair Vineyards in New Paltz as part of the Shawangunks Wine + Tree promotion, which offers customers a free one-of-a-kind wooden ornament with the purchase of either a bottle of wine or tasting and a tree or wreath at participating businesses. The Shawangunks Wine + Trees promotion is supported by funding included in the 2016-17 State Budget.

Through the State's partnership with the Christmas Tree Farmers Association and GrowNYC, hundreds of farm-fresh, Upstate New York Christmas trees will again be sold at downstate Greenmarkets. Vendors are expected to sell approximately 1,500 trees and between 1,500 and 2,500 fresh wreaths during the next five weeks.

Both trees and wreaths are being sold at the following Greenmarkets: Union Square and Inwood in Manhattan, Fort Greene, Brooklyn Borough Hall, Williamsburg and Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn. Find more information on these participating locations here.

In addition, the State has partnered with the

Christmas Tree Farmers Association to bring two Christmas trees from the Finger Lakes to New York City for display during the holidays. Both trees were provided by Domes Tree Farm in Bliss, NY.

A 30-foot Blue Spruce will shine brightly at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building Plaza during an annual holiday celebration on Thursday, December 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will feature live family-friendly entertainment, including music, a visit from Santa, and free hot chocolate. At the Lincoln Center, a 30-foot Concolor Fir was displayed and lit during the 17th Annual Winter's Eve event on Monday, November 28.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "New York is one of the largest producers of locally-grown Christmas trees anywhere in the country and there is nothing quite like a fresh, locally-grown tree during the holidays. They look better, smell great and stay fresher longer. The Department is proud to support these growers as well as all of the incredible wineries participating in the Wine + Tree promotion."

Additionally, this year's Rockefeller Center Christmas tree was selected from a resident's home in Oneonta. The Norway Spruce stands at 94-feet tall, is 56-feet in diameter and weighs more than 18 tons. The 95-year-old tree is the second largest Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree in New York State history. It will be on display at Rockefeller Center until January 7.

With more than 300,000 New York-grown trees sold by 875 farms in Upstate New York, the state ranks fourth in the U.S. in the number of farms selling Christmas trees. The industry supports an economic impact of \$8 million in New York State, according to the Christmas Tree Farmers Association.

**Ulster County Featured in this Month's National Geographic Magazine**

Ulster County is featured in this month's *National Geographic Magazine's* (December 2016 issue that is now on the newsstands) on a full-color, fold-out map called "Dreaming Green," that highlights Ulster County's environmental achievements. The fold-out map illustrates details of the steps Ulster County has taken under County Executive Michael Hein to encourage conservation and sustainable development.

"Ulster County is the most environmentally responsible county in New York," Hein said last week.

"The fact that Ulster County is featured in such an iconic and globally significant publication as *National Geographic* is extraordinary for our community, humbling for my administration and a source of great pride for everyone involved in our environmental initiatives," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "I firmly believe that we have a fundamental obligation to protect our pristine environment for all our citizens as well as for future generations. The work my Administration has done in conjunction with our many partners, especially the Ulster County Legislature, has helped deliver responsible environmental stewardship as the only net carbon neutral county in the State plus the highest concentration of municipal electric vehicle charging stations and the purchasing of all our electricity from renewable sources."

"Anyone who lives in Ulster County already knows about the beauty of our pristine environment, and this recognition from *National Geographic* is proof positive that others across the country are becoming aware of just how remarkable a place Ulster County is as well," continued County Executive Hein. "There is no doubt that this amazing recognition will positively impact our \$533 million tourism industry. While the acknowledgment from the magazine is deeply appreciated and my administration is proud of our environmental accomplishments, there are still more exciting projects underway such as a utility scale solar array that is going to be built on approximately eight acres at the former landfill site and will supply an estimated 20% of the county governments electricity, and the creation of a world-class interconnected rail trail system that will link the Walkway Over the Hudson to the breathtaking views of the Ashokan Reservoir."

The featured map "Dreaming Green" reflects the County's ecology, highlights conservation areas and includes a selection of the County's environmental efforts. It also contains information on: the County's work with Scenic Hudson as they create the John Burroughs Black Creek Corridor; the leading edge agricultural work taking place at the Hudson Valley Farm Hub, and the infrastructure improvements under the "Building A Better Ulster County" initiative to widen road shoulders for pedestrians and bicyclists and connect trail networks. It also mentions the Shawangunks, Sundown Wild Forest, Binnewater Lakes, Upper Esopus Watershed, Ashokan Outflow, Kingston Center at SUNY Ulster, and the County's Electric-Vehicle Charging Network and Utility Scale Solar Project.

**SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN**

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!**

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**UC Residents Invited to Attend a Presentation Sponsored by the UC Safe Harbour Program "Internet Safety: Keeping Youth Safe in Cyberspace"**

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein invites residents to attend a presentation sponsored by the Ulster County Safe Harbour Program "Internet Safety: Keeping Youth Safe in Cyberspace," featuring Thomas Grimes, a retired NYPD detective and founder of "NY Finest Speakers, LLC" on December 1, 2016, from 6:00-8:30pm at SUNY Ulster's Quimby Theater, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge, New York. Ulster County's Safe Harbour Program raises awareness and educates the community about the commercial exploitation of children and youth trafficking. Traffickers utilize social media sites such as Facebook to groom and lure youth into trafficking situations via tactics such as fraud (promises of a romantic relationship or lucrative employment offers) and coercion (threats to the life of the survivor and their family). This informational presentation is available for anyone interested in protecting youth from online predators.

Michael P. Hein, "Ulster County's Safe Harbour Program strives to protect some of the most vulnerable members of society: victims of abuse, children, and runaways," said County Executive Mike Hein. "In an age where our youth spend a considerable amount of time online, it is important to be educated on the potential dangers that coincide with the use of technology in order to ensure that our youth remain safe. I appreciate the important work being done by our Social Services Department and the Safe Harbour Program as they raise awareness, educate, and train those in the community regarding this serious issue and I invite our residents to attend this informative presentation."

For more information contact Jackie Arsenuk, Safe Harbour Coordinator at 845-340-3927 or [Ulster.SafeHarbour@gmail.com](mailto:Ulster.SafeHarbour@gmail.com).



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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catskill Cabaradio 10th Anniversary Show**  
 Saturday, December 10th, Catskill Cabaradio will celebrate 10 years captivating live audiences with its inimitable cabaret-style variety show at the Pine Hill Community Center, simulcast on WIOX 91.3 FM Community Radio and www.wiox-radio.org. Hosted by award-winning songwriter and producer, Elly Winger, this celebratory event will bring local luminaries from early Cabaradio shows back to the stage. Featured musical guests include 15-yr. old violinist Miriam Rose who was 5 yrs. old when she debuted at Cabaradio, and bassist Gary Peacock who appeared on the show in 2009. James Krueger, former Pine Hill Community Center Executive Director and founding creator of Cabaradio, will open the show with one of his contemporary folk-inspired tunes. Other confirmed guests include poets Andy Clausen and Pamela Twining. Some surprise guests are also in store.  
 For more information: Pine Hill Community


Center, 287 Main St. Pine Hill, NY 845-254-5469 or info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org

**Forestburgh Playhouse presents The 2017 Children's Theater Production of Madagascar: A Musical Adventure**

The Forestburgh Playhouse is happy to announce our 2017 Children's Theater Production... Madagascar: A Musical Adventure. "Take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends from the blockbuster DreamWorks film! Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture,

Madagascar - A Musical Adventure follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar." Children's Theater performances are every Thursday & Saturday at 11AM all season long. And don't forget that FBPH Gift Certificates make great Holiday gifts! You give the gift, they pick the show! Get your Holiday Gift Certificates today at www.fbplayhouse.org or call 845-794-2005.

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 ... AND STAY TUNED FOR INFO ABOUT LOCAL AUDITIONS!  
 Lots Of Roles Available For Young Local Talent!



**Santa Claus is coming to Claryville**  
 Santa will be giving out goodie bags to all the boys and girls!  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec 10th 2-4pm  
**WHERE:** Claryville Fire Dept.  
 Kids, come sit on Santa's lap and give him your Christmas List!  
\* This is open to Tri-Valley School District and our Neighboring Fire Departments and their family members\*\*  
 Kick off the Holiday Season, with some Old fashion, Small town fun! Enjoy Christmas Music and Hot Chocolate for everyone! Parents, bring your cameras!  
 Happy Holidays from the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department!!



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
 The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except:**  
**Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm**  
 Music by Fred VanWagner  
 Coffee hour follows service  
 All are welcome!  
 5277 State Rt. 42  
 South Fallsburg  
 845-436-7539  
 www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

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



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

**CrossWay Assembly of God**  
 Service Times  
 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Thursday Prayer 7 pm  
 Meet the new Pastor, **Camille Regolec**  
 P. O. Box 480  
 507 Hasbrouck Drive  
 Woodbourne, NY 12788  
 845-434-8263  
 Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com



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



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Dec. 3, 2016  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
 5:30 pm  
**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon**  
 Saturday  
 December 3, 2016  
 10 am to 3 pm



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

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

## LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The Catskill Watershed Corp. seeks a qualified individual or firm to produce a series of six short videos for web and social media placement in 2017. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, December 9, 2016. For bid documents please contact Diane Galusha or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Town of Neversink Notice of Budget Adoption

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 9, 2016 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and

**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN**, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2017. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board  
Lisa Garigliano  
Town Clerk  
November 17, 2016

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### Letter from Tri-Valley Central School Superintendent

Dear Parents and School Community,

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation (A.10740/S.8158) requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water -10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67- 4), effective September 6, 2016.

The Tri-Valley Central School District met its obligation and tested all potable water systems in both the Elementary and Secondary Schools by the deadlines set forth of September 30th for the Elementary School and October 31st for the Secondary School. The issue was the number of tests that had to be conducted in a small window of time and the testing labs were backed up and districts, including Tri-Valley, have not received all of their results.

We received notification of the testing results for the Elementary School and found that approximately 87 of the 166 samples were found with lead levels exceeding 15 ppb (parts per billion) which is the New York State Department of Health maximum contaminant level.

While most of the positive testing samples were in sinks, some were found in classroom drinking fountains and hallway fountains in the Elementary School. We immediately shut off the water supply and have been providing water coolers and fresh water supply until we can retest.

What we found was that the lead source is coming from the old fixtures and not from our water source, so we will be remediating all of the fixtures by replacing both water fountain fixtures and sink faucets. Once these are replaced, they will be retested. During this process, the district will turn on the water in the classrooms with sinks so students can wash their hands. This is permissible, but we will also post signs at all sinks, that tell students not to drink the water from the sink.

I will keep you posted as we find out the results of the Secondary School and the retesting in the Elementary School.

Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,  
Thomas W. Palmer  
Superintendent of School



### REQUEST FOR BID

Forest Management  
Project # 5052

#### "Neversink Hogsback" NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY

**Project Information/Description:** Bid Solicitation for the Sale of Timber and Firewood in the Town of Neversink, NY. The City of New York will sell approximately 188,824 board feet (International ¼" Rule) of sawtimber and 419 cords of hardwood and softwood cordwood through Forest Management Project ID #5052. The products included in this sale are east of Aden Hill Road, on the west side of the Neversink Reservoir.

**Availability of Bid Information:** Bid solicitation information is available by calling Nathan Hart, DEP Forester, at 845-334-7125, or requesting via e-mail at hartn@dep.nyc.gov.

**Show Dates:** Prospective bidders should attend one of the public showings in order to receive a bid package necessary to submit a valid bid. The showings will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM and Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Participants should park and gather on the gated DEP service road on the east side of Aden Hill Road, just south of the Hanofee Road intersection.

All prospective bidders must notify the DEP Forester of the representatives they will be sending to the showing at least 24 hours in advance.

#### Required Contractor Qualification:

The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.

The Contractor shall furnish and maintain a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.

The Contractor must have demonstrated experience, ability and equipment to assure removal of timber under terms of the agreement.

**Bid Due Date:** All bid proposals must be received by Nathan Hart, P.O. Box 358, Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845-334-7125), **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 4:00 PM, local time.**

**Opening of Bids:** Sealed bids will be publicly opened at the DEP Office, 16 Little Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY on **Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM, local time.** The projected date for awarding the bid is on or about Friday, December 23, 2016.

The Catskill Watershed Corp. seeks a qualified website design firm to redevelop two websites: [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org) and [www.watersheducators.org](http://www.watersheducators.org). Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, December 9, 2016. For bid documents please contact Diane Galusha or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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### Ulster County Sheriff's Office hosted a presentation by the "Tour de Force"

Sheriff Paul Van Blaricum announced that on Wednesday November 23, 2016 the Ulster County Sheriff's Office hosted a presentation by the "Tour de Force" of a monetary donation to the family of Ulster County Sheriff's Officer Sgt. Kerry Winters, who tragically died in the line of duty on September 22, 2016.

The "Tour de Force" was started in 2002 after Det. Robert De Paolis of the NYPD (since retired) decided to ride his bike to honor the fallen police officers that gave their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks. He was then joined by 7 other members of the NYPD and one member of the Bronx District Attorney's Office and along with four volunteer support personnel, they cycled their way from the Pentagon in Arlington, VA, to Ground Zero, NYC.

In 2003, the Tour de Force was incorporated in the state of New York as a nonprofit charity and later gained 501(c)3 status from the IRS. The TDF has now evolved into an annual four day event in which we continue to remember our brothers and sisters that died that fateful day. In their honor, we have made it our mission to raise funds for families of Police Officers, killed in the line of duty, nationwide. The TDF also holds several one day benefit events, each year. Each September, law enforcement officers from around the country and abroad depart on bicycles and journey approximately 270 miles along the east coast to support this cause. Each and every rider participates in raising funds to support what we all believe is a wonderful and very worthwhile endeavor.

It is the belief in our mission that brings so many participants back year after year. The Tour de Force is a fully supported ride with a dedicated support staff of volunteers. Since our first ride in 2002, we have now grown to more than 250 riders and 40 support team members. Six regional coordinators help guide the participants in their region, while a four member Board of Directors is charged with the yearly operations, planning, and facilitation of this nonprofit organization.

For more information on the Tour de Force there website is [www.tourdeforcecnyc.com](http://www.tourdeforcecnyc.com)

### Public Health Notice: Recall Advisory on Atomizer Devices Dispensed with Naloxone Kits

LIBERTY, NY - Teleflex Medical, the manufacturer of the MAD300 mucosal atomization device used as part of the naloxone (e.g., "narcan") delivery system by opioid overdose prevention programs across New York State, has notified all first responders, health care professionals and others who have received kits through naloxone training programs, may be affected by the recall and to check the lot numbers of the atomizers in their naloxone kits.

Recall information regarding specific atomizer batch and lot numbers is available on the website of Public Health Services by going to [www.co.sullivan.ny.us/](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us/) and clicking on the tabs for Departments / Public Health Services.

"Sullivan County first responders and residents who may possess the effected product should understand that the naloxone medication in the kits is safe and effective," said Sullivan County Director of Public Health, Nancy McGraw. Only the foam atomizer device was recalled because of a potential defect which may result in the medication being dispersed in a straight stream instead of atomized mist.

McGraw urges those who may be in possession of the defective naloxone atomizers to not discard the naloxone medication.

"The naloxone medication can save lives; please continue to use the atomizers in the existing kits until it can be replaced by the manufacturer," McGraw said. "While the medication may not come out as well dispersed and work as efficiently as it is intended to, it can still work to reverse an overdose. However, there is a possibility of under-dosing with naloxone while administering it to someone who has overdosed on opioids, and additional administration with a second kit may be necessary" because of the increasing risk of more potent illicit drugs on the street, including fentanyl, according to officials at the NYS Department of Health."

The Teleflex recall identifies specific lot numbers of affected MAD300 mucosal atomization devices. Not all devices shipped by Teleflex are impacted by the recall notice - only those with matching lot numbers. Sullivan County Public Health Services' registered naloxone training program has been working with its Medical Director, and public health staff have contacted all first responders and individuals who have been trained by its program and has determined that some of the kits are affected.

For individuals in the community who have been trained by and received kits from other community organizations, it is very important to check the lot numbers on the MAD300 mucosal atomization device cartons and follow the instructions in the attached recall notices.

Teleflex may have difficulty satisfying the demand for its MAD300 mucosal atomization device in the near future. Another option available to replace the atomizers is to purchase them at a local pharmacy if they are available in stock. Most atomizers cost less than \$10.

The NYSDOH AIDS Institute is evaluating the situation and will provide additional information. Send questions to [overdose@health.ny.gov](mailto:overdose@health.ny.gov). First responders and others who have received training through Sullivan County Public Health's registered naloxone training program who have questions should call our EPI department at (845) 292-5910.

### FREE Workshops to Help Reduce Winter Utility Costs in Liberty & Monticello

LIBERTY/MONTICELLO, NY- Now is the perfect time to take steps to make your home more energy efficient. Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at free workshops scheduled in preparation for the winter season, beginning on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will be conducting free energy workshops titled, "Save Energy, Save Dollars" where participants can learn how to reduce energy bills with low-cost, no-cost actions.

#### Classes are scheduled for:

December 8 | 6:00 pm | CCESC Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty

December 14 | 5:30 pm | Monticello Housing Authority, Evergreen Community Room on 76 Evergreen Drive in Monticello

December 15 | 6:00 pm | Action Toward Independence on 309 East Broadway, Suite A in Monticello

Pre-registration is required as workshop size is limited. Registration and more information can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org).

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**



[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

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

Saturday, December 3 **Transportation to NYC Leave Town Hall 8 am SOLD OUT!**

Watch the *Townsmen* for upcoming winter 2016 & 2017 events.



Purchase for \$5 a **Re-usable Infuser Water Bottle** to be brought to Parks and Rec events and refilled for \$1.50 each refill.



**Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation**

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.  
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

**2016 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule**

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

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS-**  
<http://www.al-anon.ala-teen.org>  
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
 Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**All Aboard!**  
 Join the Fun!  
**Play Mexican Train**  
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm  
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 12/1/16 Claryville Fire Dept Commissioners Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12/2/16 TV High School - **Seussical The Musical** 7 pm Bernstein Theatre (see flyer in this issue)
- 12/3/16 **Holiday Craft Fair & Luncheon** 10 am - 3 pm United Methodist Church Hall • Grahamsville, NY
- 12/3/16 Sundown United Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm (see flyer in this issue)
- 12/3/16 TV High School - **Seussical The Musical** 7 pm Bernstein Theatre (see flyer in this weeks issue)
- 12/4/16 **Town of Neversink Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:00 pm**  
**Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville**
- 12/6/16 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 12/7/16 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 12/8/16 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 12/10/16 **Santa Comes to Claryville 2 - 4 pm** Claryville Fire House
- 12/13/16 Town of Denning Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/16 Neversink Fire District Fire Commissioner Election, 6-9 p.m.
- 12/14/16 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/15/16 Dept of Motor Vehicles -Neversink Town Hall 10 am-2:30 pm
- 12/15/16 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/20/16 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm
- 12/21/16 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Meeting 7:30 pm

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

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
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 BLUE HILL LODGE  
 FROST VALLEY YMCA  
 3 GOLDEN'S CONVENIENCE STORE

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**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores)  
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**ELLENVILLE/NAPANOCH**

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 DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE  
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY  
 EWCOG  
 ELLENVILLE CITGO  
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL  
 PETER'S MARKET  
 THORTON HARDWARE  
 SHOPRITE

**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.

**First Friday Book Discussion Group**

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.. Please join us! Refreshments are provided by the book club members. December 2nd, 2016 book discussion: "Marrying the Hangman", by Sheila Weller.

**Reminder to all Tri-Valley Churches, Munciplaities and Organizations:**

The holidays are quickly approaching. Don't forget to send us your 2017 calendar of events so that we can continue to post your events and meetings on the calendar each week. Thank you.

**SC Historical Society Presents Annual Theme Tree Exhibit**

This year, once again, the Sullivan County Historical Society will present their popular Theme Tree Exhibit. The open house and reception will be held December 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. For information please call 845-434-8044.

**Required Snowmobile Safety Certification Offered for Youth**

New York State Law requires that youth ages 10 through 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, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without the supervision of an adult.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program will be hosting a Snowmobile Safety Course for youth on Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. This training will be held at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Classroom presentation and activities will be provided by certified instructors with additional information shared by video. Snow date is December 11.

Youth must be age 10 as of the date of class in order to enroll. 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.

A fee of \$5.00 per enrolled 4-H youth and \$8.00 per non-4-H youth will be donated to CCESC to offset operating costs for this program. Anyone ages 5 to 19 can enroll in 4-H for free. 4-H members must identify membership status at time of payment to receive discount.

Space is limited to 25 participants and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccce.org](http://www.sullivanccce.org). Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

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.

**Silent Auction, Chili Fest and Crafts Sale**

There's snow on the ground, and the winter festivities are upon us. On Saturday December 3, The Pine Hill Community Center opens its doors to our annual Chili Festival and Craft Fair. This year, we have added an exciting new piece to this favorite day - a silent auction of carefully curated items as well as gift certificates to some of the favorite area restaurants and sought after services that will make perfect gifts for the very special people on your list or a way to reward yourself after a hard year.

The fun begins at 10 am and lasts 'til 4 pm with offerings of crafts and preserves, maple syrup, knitted goods, and some surprises from local artisans and purveyors. Stay for lunch! Delicious chili's from local cooks and restaurants will be available, including Jaime DeForst's beloved version. There will be all the usual chili trimmings as well as corn bread, desserts and coffee.

There is free space for a few more vendors (PHCC receives 15% of sales). Call Francesca at 845-254-5469 or contact us at [info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org) for more information.

**ThunderBlast To Help Area Children**

Thunder 102, Scancarello & Sons, Formaggio and China City of America are proud to announce ThunderBlast on Friday, December 9th at the Rockland House in Roscoe. ThunderBlast will showcase performances by Somerville and Iron Cowboy, featuring Cathy Paty.

Doors open at 8PM. Entertainment starts at 8:30pm. ThunderBlast is Free, but "The Toy is The Ticket". Bring a new unwrapped toy to benefit Toys for Tots and the M&M Auto Group Mission, "No child in Thunder Country should be without a toy for the Holidays" as well as the Boys & Girls Club Giving Tree.

"We were thrilled with the amount of toys that our ThunderHeads donated at last year's ThunderBlast. It's heartwarming to realize that each and every toy represents a happier Christmas for a child." said Paul Ciliberto, General Manager and Market Manager of Thunder 102.

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**LOST DOG - REWARD**



Ginger was last seen Tuesday 11/15/16 on Green-ville Rd in Sundown around 9:30 pm. We LOST our beloved DOG **GINGER** at VERNOOY KILL FALLS near UPPER CHERRYTOWN RD in Kerhonkson on

11/12/16 at around 11:30 am where she was last seen at the flat rock by the waterfalls. We are offering a **REWARD** to anyone who can help us find her! She is sweet, about 14 lbs, ginger in color, gentle and shy. She is skittish and responds to 'wait' rather than 'come'. She is wearing a red collar. Please spread the word or call us with any information. Elizabeth Borne 859-948-4429 & Rachelle 845-377-1060. Thank you!

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