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## Here's to the Winner! Eureka Market & Café

*After 80 years they will make the first sale of Alcohol on Thursday!*

The first sale of alcohol in 80 years in the Town of Neversink will take place Thursday at Eureka Market & Café!

If you like a glass of beer with your pizza, or a glass of wine with dinner, both wine and beer will be available.

Eureka Market will be selling a variety of well-known and craft beers, both to consume on premises and to take home. Six-packs and cases will also be available for sale to take home. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Coats for Kids Drive helps local community in need stay warm - Warming Communities

You heard the WSUL- FM, Fidelis Care and NBDC Bank call for the Coat for Kids Drive and the need for new or gently used coats and you answered. WSUL-FM together with Fidelis Care and NBDC Bank collected almost 500



coats and jackets to be distributed directly to local children, teens and adults in the community. The response was overwhelming as close to 40% of the coats donated were new, with tags, including bags of new gloves and hats. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## Movie Night at the Library



On the night of December 9, 2015 nearly 40 Tri-Valley 8th graders came out to the Daniel Pierce Library to watch the movie version of S.E. Hinton's timeless classic *The Outsiders*. Students had recently finished reading the novel in their 8th grade ELA class and were very interested in comparing the movie to the book. Several parents also attended the movie.

Refreshments were served throughout the movie and they were certainly a big hit-none were left at the end of the night!

The movie was put on by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Maribel Ter Bush (middle and high school Spanish teacher) and Deb Swett (middle and high school special education teacher) also helped make the event a huge success.



Thanks to everyone who was able to make it. It was a fun night for all!

## A Night of Music and Tribute at Fallsburg High School

Students, families and staff entered the Fallsburg High School Auditorium on the cold night of December 8, 2015 to hear the High School Music Department perform at the Annual Winter Concert. On the stage the chairs for the band were set up. At the place where the conductor stands was a chair with a sports jacket over the back. Pinned to the jacket in bright red ribbon were the initials J.L. This was done to honor Band Director and Music Teacher John Lusk, who was unavailable to be there because of a medical condition.



The chair at the front of the stage with the jacket of Band Director John Lusk to honor the conductor and music teacher.

After more than twenty years of leading the school bands, Mr. Lusk would not be there to direct. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Left to right percussionists Joshua Malman, Jeramyia Waitley and Mekayla Perneszi; seated left to right are brass section musicians Adam Justiniano, Christian Serrone, Brendon Sapolsky, Joshua Hazelnis and Tyler Dubois.

## The Spirit of Christmas

Twas a week or so before Christmas and all over town  
The vision became clearer with Cooper and Bob Drown  
They drove down the streets with Christmas not far away  
In the Wayback Machine, and not a red sleigh!

The Wayback Machine did not have a red nose,  
A wreath with red ribbon made the delightful pose  
With no snow on the ground, warm temps even at night  
The two headlights like stars, were shiny and bright

With tires of rubber that will drive any bare road  
It's rumored the Wayback may drive Santa and his load!  
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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:**  
me, for my bones are vexed.

Have mercy upon me O Lord for I am weak; O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.  
Psalm 6:2

**OBITUARY**

**Mattia "Matty" Anthony Russo Jr.** passed away on December 8, 2015 at the age of 58 with his loving family by his side. The son of the late Mattia and Marge Russo, he was born on February 7, 1957 in Brooklyn, NY.

Matty endured many medical challenges over the years, but he always did it with a remarkably positive attitude, an utterly impressive strength, and absolutely no "woe is me!" After more than 35 years of living with physical disabilities including struggling with a terribly damaged heart and surviving six open heart surgeries, it was with extraordinary strength and grace that he said goodbye.

Survivors include his sister, Cindy Humleker, and her husband, Richard of Callicoon, NY; his brother, Chris Russo, and his wife, Cathy of Grahamsville, NY; his sister, Mary Ellen Preston of Coral Springs, FL; his brother from another mother, Tommy Kelly; and his nieces Courtney Preston, Morgan Preston, Gabrielle Humleker, Kate Poley, Jessica O'Soro and his nephew Christopher Russo Jr.

Matty had a true passion for sports. He was a long-time loyal fan of both the New York Mets and the Minnesota Vikings. Matty spent many years volunteering for the Tri-Valley Little League as a coach, umpire, and proud uncle. More recently, he was an avid bowler in the Callicoon Bowling League.

Matty's wish was to donate his body to science. His body has been donated to Weill Cornell School of Medicine at Cornell University for the advancement of medical education and research.

At Matty's request, there will be a "huge party" to celebrate his life over the summer of 2016. Meanwhile, in lieu of a service, please stop by his sister Cindy's home, 40 Sky View Drive, Callicoon, NY on Sunday, December 20th between the hours of 1:00- 4:00pm to share a memory and cheer on his beloved Minnesota Vikings.

Matty had a deep love for The Beatles and was always able to "take a sad song and make it better." He will forever be loved and missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Donations in Matty's memory may be made to the "Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund" and sent to 109 Campbell Road, Napanoch, NY 12458.

**Kathleen Mary Hitt** of Grahamsville, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Monticello, NY. She was 58.

She was the daughter of the late Robert Walker and Olga Folio, born on August 8, 1957 in Liberty, NY.

Kathi started her career as a music teacher in Rondout Valley School and then moved on to be a supervisor for Sullivan County Dept. of Social Services. Her love for music never faded, she was a member of the Sullivan County Philharmonic and most recently a member of Callicoon Center Band. Her greatest passions were spending time at Bethel Woods, riding her motorcycle, relaxing by the pool, spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Marissa Hitt and her fiancé Jeremy Stanton; Marissa's father, Howard Hitt; Kathi's best friend Paul Muino; her grand-children Phoenixx, Onyx and Connor Stanton; her sister Lorna Koberlein; her brother-in-law Luther Hitt and his wife Gloria; her music mentor and great friend Larry Balestra; several nieces and nephews; her grand-nieces and nephews; several cousins; and a host of very special friends in Kathi's life, too many to list. Kathi is predeceased by her sister JoAnne Krieger.

A memorial visitation was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home followed by a celebration of Kathi's life at the Woodbourne Fire House immediately following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Kathi's name can be made to Callicoon Center Band, C/O Karen Casey P.O. Box 216 Youngsville, NY 12791, or a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit us at: [www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com)

**Rita E. Cerato**, a lifelong Woodbourne resident, passed away on December 13, 2015. She will be dearly missed. Rita was born on September 20, 1918 in Woodbourne, NY to Charles and Frances Rample Stangel.

Rita served her community in many ways, but especially as a teacher. In her college years Rita was an Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher's sorority member. She started her career in education at a one room school house in Westbrook, Virginia. After teaching in South Fallsburg and Long Island she taught reading at Tri-Valley, for thirty years. Rita was a devout parishioner of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, there she served as a religious education instructor for many years. Even when school was not in session Rita worked with students to advance their skills in reading; teaching at the Summer Program. After her retirement Rita was an active member in both the Sullivan County and New York State Retired Teachers Association.

Rita was the widow of Frank Cerato who predeceased her in 1987 and who she now joins in heaven. Rita leaves behind her brother, Harold and his wife Connie Stangel; A sister-in-law Dolly Stangel; Many nieces and nephews including Christina, David, Peter, James, Rick, Mike, Donna and Jody; Even more great and great-great nieces and nephews; and her care giver Laura Rizzo. Along with her beloved Frank Rita is predeceased by her brothers Walter Stangel who is buried in France after serving at the Battle of Normandy and Donald Stangel who is buried in Maryland; and her niece Kathleen Stangel.

Donations can be made in Rita's name to a charity of your choice.

A wake for Rita will take place at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne NY, on Wednesday, December 16, from 3 to 5 pm. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 6317 State Route 42 Woodbourne NY, on Thursday at 11 am, Rev. Father John Lynch officiating. A burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Woodbourne.

**Ruth Eidel** of Woodbourne passed away on December 13, 2015. She will be sorely missed. Ruth was born on January 6, 1917 in Woodbourne to John and Cecilia Eidel.

Ruth was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County and a true anchor of the community. Services are pending

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**December 14, 1955** - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ter Bush are the proud parents of a son, Timothy Earl, born December 11th at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital in Monticello. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz Timothy Earl's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ter Bush; Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Sheeley are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Ter Bush have two other children, Barry and Debby.

Mrs. Fern Pikul of Neversink was arrested by State Police on Monday night after she had made a tour of local business places in Grahamsville. She had pilfered from cash registers at Albert Rose's and Lee Dayton's garages. Taken before Justice of the Peace Chandler Curry, she pleaded guilty to petty larceny and made restitution and was given a fine of \$40 and a thirty day suspended sentence.

**December 15, 1965** - Mr. Joseph Raffa was one of three directors named to the Board at Maimonides Hospital at the group's December meeting. Mr. Raffa is the Supervisor of the Town of Neversink. The two others names were Dr. Richard Grego, Dean of Sullivan County Community College and Mr. Irving Shapiro, President of Sullivan's in Liberty.

Channel Master Inc., aluminum tubing plant in Ellenville, has been sold to West Germany's leading producer of aluminum products, Vernigte Aluminum Werke, A.G. The West German company plans to study the market carefully and any expansion planned for the plant will be in Ellenville. (Contd. Pg. 3)



**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

I hear that many hunters have been quite successful this season. A special congratulations to David Brooks of Sundown who shot a "mighty" buck in Sundown which now ranks second in the Democrat's Big Buck Contest.

Congratulations to Andrew Coddington and Aiden McHugh from Tri-Valley who were selected by the Sullivan County Cross Country Coaches to be part of the All-County Cross Country First Team.

The ball fields at the Neversink Town Park are really looking good. It looks like most of the work has been completed and the fields should be ready for use this spring.

Think you vote doesn't count? Absentee ballots determined the outcome of the proposition to allow the sale of alcohol in the Town. The proposition was approved by just 2 votes! You watch, now we'll be needing a brewery in the Town!

Congratulations to Hank Currey, a Tri-Valley grad who became engaged to Lori Roy. Hank is currently employed as a musical lecturer at the University of Nevada in Reno and Lori is currently working on her doctorate at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School children and some of their Moms prepared and served a community dinner for 80 people at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 2nd. The children volunteered to serve this free dinner to Liberty residents who chose to attend.

Thank you to Frost Valley for hosting their 3rd annual Community Holiday Dinner and Gathering on Friday, December 11th. This effort to support and include families in our local community is very much appreciated.

A big THANK YOU to the Tri-Valley Jr. FBLA for hosting the free holiday luncheon for our local senior citizens. This year the luncheon was held in the community room of the Daniel Pierce Library and was well attended. Thank you to Judy Swarthout and Matt Haynes, Jr. FBLA Advisors, for helping the students plan this delicious dinner.

Did You know? That Willowemoc had an acid factory, a steel clad mill company, many stores, a school, church and political influence. Willowemoc was such a thriving community that at the time a location for the County Seat of Sullivan was to be selected, it was one of the locations considered and favored by many. Just think... today the Sullivan County Government Center could have been in the Township of Neversink.

**Words of Wisdom:** Merry Christmas! The best gift you can give is a hug: one size fits all and no one ever minds if you return it!

**DAYS OF YORE....**

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

**December 31, 1975** - The Rev. Patrick Brady, OMI, officiated at the December 13th wedding of Debra Lee Curry and Jeffrey Frank Huggler in St. Peter's R.C. Church, Liberty. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Shear of Greenfield Park and Mr. Kenneth Curry of Grahamsville. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huggler of Liberty. The bride is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is employed at Sabloff's in Liberty. Her husband graduated from Liberty High School and is employed at Sullivan County Community College. The couple are living in Grahamsville.

**December 19, 1985** - Congratulations are in order for Town of Neversink Supervisor, Jim Gorman, on his unanimous selection by the Sullivan County's Republican Supervisors to be Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gorman was re-elected to his 6th term as the Town of Neversink Supervisor in November. As Chairman, Mr. Gorman will be responsible for selecting supervisors to head various committees of the county board.

**That's it for this year, see you in 2016. Hope everyone has a Happy New year!**

**Tri-Valley Lions November-December 2015 News**

Our member meeting was held on November 3rd at Nardi's in Hurleyville.

We donated to the Claryville, Grahamsville Methodist and Reformed, and Woodbourne churches food pantries.

Lions Carmen, Liza Salvemini, Leslie Lofrese and Pauline Vetter Staats attended the 200 District Convention held in Fishkill, NY on November 7th.

The winning Peace Poster at Tri-Valley was second at the judging at the Convention. Congratulations on a well done job.

A donation was made to the local Boy Scouts

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

**Chamber of Commerce Meeting**

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

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

Fund Camping Trip. They have been sponsored by the Club for many years.

The Club Christmas Party was on December 1st held at the Daniel Pierce Library in the Community Room. Lion Mary Lou Vernooy did an excellent job catering this event. There were contests to do with prizes awarded the winners.

Lion Paula Ryan is conducting a raffle to benefit the Club's projects with many great prizes to be won with the right ticket. Please see a Lion or call Paula for tickets. You could be a winner, but you need a ticket to be in the drawing which will be February 2nd at our member meeting.

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Healthy New Year.

**Support Local**

**Christmas Food Distribution**

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

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

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

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

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

**Here's to the Winner!**

(From Pg. 1) A varied choice of beer and a large selection of wines by the glass and by the bottle are now an option for Eureka diners.

Eureka will be open 7 days a week throughout the holidays.

To celebrate, Eureka will be throwing an **End of Prohibition New Year's Eve** bash. Full details are available on their website, www.eureka-market.com, Facebook, or by calling the café. Reservations are strongly suggested.

Eureka is also delighted to announce an exciting addition to their staff, with the hiring of Head Chef, Mary Magnifico of Grahamsville, NY. She is a classically-trained chef who graduated from Sullivan County Community College's Culinary Arts program, and who specializes in baking, among other things.

Over the holidays customers will have a wide variety of delectable sweets made from scratch, and available gift-boxed goodies for easy and tasty gift-giving!

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

**The Magic of the Christmas Tree**

For early Christians evergreens symbolized everlasting life because their boughs stayed green all year. Thousands of years before Christianity, in the Northern hemisphere, as the Winter solstice approached, the ancient peoples observed the air becoming colder, the days getting shorter and the deciduous trees, bushes, and crops dying. They became afraid as they believed the sun was disappearing and that the Earth would eventually freeze. They did notice that some plants and trees remained green all year long and believed that such trees and plants had magical powers that allowed them to withstand the cold of winter.



What was this magical power? All trees use light to make food through photosynthesis. Trees can only photosynthesize when water is available in a useful form. Botanists long ago discovered that needles are actually regular leaves that are rolled up very tightly. This shape is an adaptation that allows evergreens to conserve water. Evergreen needles also have a very waxy coating that also helps save water.

Photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll is the most important for the evergreen. Changing sunlight into chlorophyll is nature's technology, that we call photonics. Each sunbeam is composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each little photon has zero rest mass and a charge spin of one. Photosynthesis occurs when a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is 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. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle or leaf looks green.

Trees store little packages of carbohydrate as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze.

The second magical trick performed by evergreens is transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody side walls thicken in winter weather.

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress who do drop their needles each fall, keep sap flowing through needles year around. Other trees known as broadleaf trees make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn.

Evergreens have been performing this magic for over 50 million years! No wonder they have become a popular symbol of Christmas and the Yuletide season.

Did you know the first sale of a "Christmas Tree" was in 1851 when a Catskill Farmer, Mark Carr, hauled two ox sleds of evergreens into New York City and sold them all? By 1900, one in five families had a Christmas Tree, and 20 years later the custom was nearly universal.

As each of us decorates a perfect Christmas tree this year with our cherished ornaments reminding us of our faith and our family we will also be reminded of friends that we hold dear and family and friends that we have loved and lost. The ornaments each tell a story and after they are all carefully placed upon the tree, standing in a mess of papers and boxes, we will fall in love again, with each other, our family, our life and our purpose.

Yes, there is magic in a Christmas tree! May the magic of the love that shines from your Christmas tree follow you the whole year through!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Household Hints**

**Brighten Up Your Brick Fireplace for Santa**

How's this for an effortless way to clean your brick fireplace. Just go over them with a damp cloth dipped in 1 cup white vinegar mixed with 1 gallon warm water and the bricks around your fireplace will brighten up to welcome Santa!





## The Whites

### Mysterious Book Report No. 222

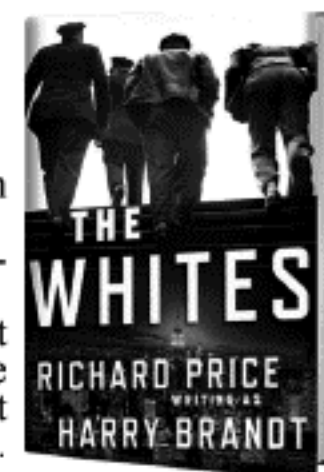
by John Dwaine McKenna

In a well-run, perfectly organized society, no crime would go unsolved, no criminal would go unpunished and no victim would go without redress. Perhaps, if indeed such an exemplary place existed, there wouldn't be any crime or criminals. . . . But of course we don't live in anything close to a utopian ideal. Our world is, in fact copiously supplied with miscreants of all shapes and sizes and their misdeeds range from the asininely petty to the horrific: crimes against all of humanity. . . . And although we'd like to believe otherwise, here's three essential truths about law enforcement: most crimes are not punished; crimes aren't solved with forensics; informants are the key to catching the perpetrators. The real heartbreaker is that nationally, despite the best efforts of law enforcement, *Forty percent of all murders go unsolved.* It's really scary when another category gets added in -murders that are solved, but the killers get away scot-free because witnesses recant their testimony, disappear or die because of fear, intimidation or murder . . . and lawyers, who are able to impeach the testimony of eyewitnesses, or get the case thrown out of court on a technicality. Those are the atrocities that leave hard-working, honest and dedicated homicide detectives frustrated, depressed and ulcerated. The bad ones go unpunished, and free to kill, rape or maim again while the victims are denied the justice that society . . . and the law promises all its citizens. The cases are whitewashes, they're every cops nightmare . . . and some become obsessions.

*The Whites*, (Henry Holt, \$28.00, 333 pages, ISBN 978-0-8050-9399-5) by Richard Price, writing as Harry Brandt, is about four such cases. They're throwbacks to an earlier time in the mid-1990s, when a team of New York City detectives known as the "Wild Geese" were imposing their own unfettered brand of run-and-gun law enforcement with the unstated blessings of the mayor, police commissioner and the entire cop hierarchy . . . down to the level of precinct Captain. Heads were busted and the law was enforced-crime stats went down-civilian groups howled, but flying squads rolled on, and over, whatever was in the way. Then Billy Graves, a member of the Flying Geese working the South Bronx, accidentally shots and killed a ten year old boy while fighting a crazed felon, crazed and high on PCP . . . angel dust. Billy is demoted and somehow survives for another twenty years in the NYPD. Now, he's a sergeant, in charge of the Manhattan Night Watch, a small group of detectives who respond to all felonies occurring after midnight until eight a.m., from Wall Street to Harlem. Mostly they organize the cases for the incoming day shift, and Billy's okay with that, just hoping to make it to retirement. But then a murder at Penn Station brings back the bad old days and several cases involving the ones who got away . . . the Whites . . . who are being murdered one by one, forcing Billy Graves to re-examine a past he doesn't want to face, with implications in the present that create unbearable moral and legal problems better left alone. *The Whites* has an intricate plot, great dialogue and a twisted, complex moral dilemma that will have you loving this dynamic new series.

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## Coats for Kids Drive helps local community in need stay warm - Warming Communities (From Pg. 1)

All donated coats will be distributed to children, teens and adults within the communities in which they collected: Callicoon/Narrowsburg - Saturday, December 12, between Noon and 4pm at the Callicoon Youth Center; Monticello- Thursday, December 17th between 4p and 7pm, SC Boces Gymnasium, St Johns Street; Roscoe- Sunday, December 20th 11am - 2pm Roscoe FD; Liberty-Sunday, December 20th 3p - 6p- Liberty Parks & Rec on Main Street; Wurtsboro- Monday, December 21st 4-7p, Wurtsboro FD, Sullivan Street.

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## A Night of Music and Tribute at Fallsburg High School

(From Pg. 1) Under the guidance and support from the school staff and the student band president, Joshua Hazelnis, the Senior Band played four pieces without a conductor before a very appreciative audience. The musicians rose to the occasion and performed magnificently. Truly this was a wonderful tribute to Mr. Lusk and the most profound highlight of many that evening. Without a conductor the Junior Band was not able to perform.

The choral part of the evening was flawless. Director Colleen Barber guided the Chamber Chorus, Junior Chorus and Senior Chorus through ten stellar numbers, featuring excellent soloists, piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstein and percussion by student Allenson Flores. The Chamber Chorus accepted the challenge of performing Mozart's "Lacrymosa" in Latin and earned extended applause. The final number performed by the Senior Chorus was Cat Stevens' "Peace Train". Ms. Barber commented afterward that this was one of the most complicated pieces the young singers ever performed because of rhythm and chord changes.

As the orchestra lights came on at the end of the concert, parents and families congratulated their children for the wonderful music, and good cheer they generated. Thoughts were going out to John Lusk and his family with prayers for his recovery. Although he was not present physically, he was still there teaching these students about music and life. The young members of the Senior Band would always remember this night as a gift to and from their teacher and musical mentor.

## Kingston District Office of Assemblymember Cahill to Temporarily Move

On Monday, December 21st, the District Office of Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (Dutchess/Ulster) will be moved temporarily from its current location at the Governor Clinton Building on 1 Albany Avenue, Suite G-4 down the street to 65 Albany Avenue, Suite C. The permanent office will undergo needed maintenance and renovation. The process is expected to take until early February in 2016.

"This is the second time during our tenancy since 1999 that our hosts, the Landmark Development

team, have helped make our facility as modern and up to date as possible. Our goal is to continue to offer top rate constituent service without interruption during these improvements," said Assemblymember Kevin Cahill.

The 65 Albany Avenue location is expected to open to the public on December 22nd. The District Office telephone number (845) 338-9610, will remain the same.

## Education Related Expenses Drive County's \$6.6 M November Spending Making Sense Out of Dollars

County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach announced today his office approved 1715 invoices from 515 vendors totaling payments of over \$6.6 million in November. The Ulster County Spending Tracker highlights several unique disbursements from twenty-nine units of government that were a part of the monthly audit.

As the County's chief auditing officer, Auerbach's office reviews request for payments for all County departments and offices and audits each submission. This independent review ensures that purchases are authorized, contract stipulations have been met and payments are free from fraud, waste and improprieties.

While many of the expenditures were related to customary expenses necessary for the day-to-day function of County government, sizable payments were made for a handful of distinctive and atypical expenses.

November saw education expenses leading as the major cost center for the County. Among them were college chargebacks to nine schools, the fee paid when a County resident attends a community college other than SUNY Ulster, totaling \$659,000. The rates vary per full time enrolled student (FTE) and include an annual \$300 Capital Chargeback Rate, all of which are prorated accordingly and set by New York State Education Law. The three schools with the greatest charges were as follows:

Orange Community College	242 students	(\$3,770 per FTE)	\$323,134.194
Columbia-Greene Community College	135 students	(\$4,910 per FTE)	\$219,899.91
Sullivan Community College	40 students	(\$6,020 per FTE)	\$88,825.25

Auerbach's office releases spending tracker reports to provide current information about the number and types of payments by the county and posts them on his website to ensure public transparency.

The NOVEMBER 2015 County Spending Tracker can be found at [youreyesonulster.com](http://youreyesonulster.com).

## County Leaders Applaud NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli

County leaders today applauded State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli for the latest in a series of audits of preschool special education providers who have been bilking local and state taxpayers for years under the guise of helping our most needy children.

A comptroller audit released today found that a Brooklyn preschool special education provider,

Starting Point Services, charged the State Education Department (SED) \$2.6 million for services not eligible for state reimbursement.

"Counties have been calling for reforms to this program for more than a decade. This is a program that costs state and county taxpayers more than \$1 billion a year, and today's announcement is just one more indication that the program is broken and needs to be fixed," said the Hon. Maggie Brooks, president of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and Monroe County Executive.

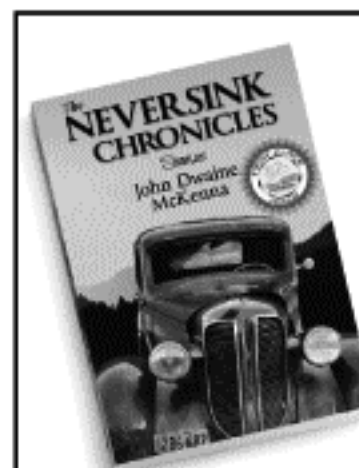
New York State's Preschool Special Education program provides essential services like speech and occupational therapy to special needs children between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age. It serves as a bridge between the Early Intervention program (from birth to 3 years old) and a formal Individual Educational Plan (IEP) in a school setting.

In New York, counties pay 40.5% of the preschool special education program, which, according to the latest data available, is over \$450 million per year. The State pays the remainder of the bill. In total, the program costs about \$1.4 billion to serve 81,000 preschool students each year.

DiNapoli's audit states that Starting Point Services billed the SED for three years worth of payments to a financial consultant at \$310,136 a year, at the same time they employed a controller who made an annual salary of \$586,310.

"Our number one goal needs to be protecting and educating these children," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "The State Legislature should demand greater public accountability on behalf of the children and their families. Enough is enough."

NYSAC continues to call on state leaders to cap the local tax dollar fiscal contribution for the Preschool Special Education Program. In addition, NYSAC's 2016 Legislative Program includes a proposal to remove counties from the fiscal responsibility of preschool special education transportation costs.



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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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Oh, how I miss Santa. When we first moved to Deerfield, we met the Ranks--Judie and Henry. On Christmas Eve, Henry would dress up as Santa and visit homes to surprise children in the neighborhood. We would leave wrapped packages outside on the deck, and Santa would ring the bell and pull that special gift from his overstuffed pack. Santa would join us for some liquid cheer and head on to the next house.



Later, Henry was the Santa at Breakfast with Santa at the Boiceville Inn taking over from Vince Barringer. Years later, he gave gifts to my grandchildren. He also was the Santa at the Olive Tree Lighting Ceremony along with his elf Linda Burkhardt. He even got to give his own grandchildren a special, deeper "Ho, Ho, Ho" because anyone would recognize Henry's raspy, squeaky voice.

Henry would grouse about how itchy the beard was and how hot, and sometimes how snug, the Santa costume was. He loved it.

Henry is gone, but the suit and tradition lives on. Peter Friedel and Keith Davis make fine Santas. Carole Roberts, Tanya Davis, and Diane Sorbellini do a fine Mrs. Claus. Even my husband donned the suit for Mario Carpenzano's holiday party. That year Santa was shorter and thinner but no less full of the Christmas spirit.

This year we began a new tradition of watching the Sinterklaas parade in Rhinebeck.

I no longer leave cookies and milk for Santa. Our personal Santa is watching his carbs and is a bit lactose intolerant. Instead I leave pumpkin dog biscuits for Diva who will unwrap her 2016 supply of six new frisbees on Christmas morning.

I am thankful for all those Santas out there making memories for the next generation, but, oh, I miss our Santa.

### Upcoming Events at Olive Free Library

Saturday, December 19, 11-3

#### Parents' Day Out

Kids can spend a fun day at the library and give parents some holiday preparation time. We'll make some cookies, read books, play games, do a craft, and watch a movie. We will show *Minions* (PG) at 1:30.

Please call the library in advance to sign up, we have limited spaces so sign up early.

Families wanting to come just for the movie are welcome.

#### Book Group

Saturday, December 19, 4:00 p.m.

Bring 3 books you would like to suggest for the group and help to decide which books to read in the coming year. Homemade cookies are welcome at the December meeting!

#### Jukebox Jewels Singing Circle

Wednesdays

1:30-2:30 p.m.



We sing the most fun songs from a wide timespan! Open to all ages and free. Participants can request a song or bring a song, and be willing to join in with others. Reading music is not necessary.

Musician Julia Haines is a music therapist and educator. She plays piano, accordion, and harp, among other things. (This is Julia, in the above picture, leading the merriment at our Summer Reading kickoff carnival in July).

**Catskill Ukulele Group** Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pull up a ukulele and learn a song! This is a friendly group who welcomes all comers. If you do not have a ukulele but would like to participate, you can check one out from the library. This group stays connected to other players through Meetup.com under the name Catskill Ukulele Group

**Preschool Story Hour** Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Come join the fun! Each week we do a craft activity, read some books, do yoga, sing, make music together, and everyone plays an instrument in a parade through the library. All are welcome!

**Library Beehive Project** Update-Safety glass has arrived -Local Boy Scout, Blake Overton, is building an observation beehive for the library thanks to many donations raised in the past year. He is now in the construction phase of the project. The safety glass arrived recently which will allow us to observe the bees. As you can tell from the picture, the hive is quite large! The hive fits into a kiosk which Blake designed, drew in a CAD program and which he is also building.

### Save the Date - Up-Coming Events and Programs

Saturdays, January 9 & 16, Intro to Beekeeping Workshop (Parts 1 & 2); Sunday, January 10, Ruth Anne Muller's Retirement Party; Saturday, Feb. 6, Local history Lecture, Historic architecture of Olive; Saturday, February 13, Becoming a seller on Etsy Workshop; Saturday, Feb. 13, Lecture by Dina Falconi on the work of Weston Price; Monday, Feb. 15, Robinson Wildlife; Saturday, Feb. 20, Canning Workshop: Apple Chutney; Saturday, Feb. 27, Poetry reading and Open Mic Night

Library Hours: Monday 10-8; Tuesday 10-5; Wednesday 12-8; Thursday 2-8; Friday 1-5; Saturday 10-4; Weekly Groups at OFL

Preschool Story Hour Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Yoga - \$6 drop-in; Mondays at 7 p.m. (Gentle); Wednesdays at 9 a.m. (Gentle); Saturdays at 9 a.m. (Gentle)

Ukulele Circle Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.; Singing Circle Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Knitting Circle Wednesdays at 11 a.m.; A.A. Meeting; Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call: Olive Free Library 845-657-2482

### REDC 2015 Initiative Invests over 90 Million Dollars in Mid-Hudson Region

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess) announced that the Mid-Hudson Valley Region was awarded a total of 90.4 million dollars in grants this week from the New York State Regional Economic Development Council.

"Investing over 90 million dollars in projects which leverage both private investments and additional grant revenues will significantly promote the region's hospitality, housing, agriculture and artistic resources, while providing employment for construction and permanent facility workers," said Assemblymember Cahill. "These awards, together with the initiatives of the New York State Legislature, are valuable tools in building and growing our economy here in the Mid-Hudson Valley. They also point to the historic role the valley has played as New York's breadbasket and the gateway to upstate New York."

A full list of recipients in the 103rd Assembly District includes:

- Walkway Over-the-Hudson (\$600,000)
- Spark Media Project (\$35,091)
- Mirbeau Inn-Rhinebeck (\$307,550)
- Ulster Performing Arts Center (\$500,000)
- BBG Ventures, LLC (\$1,000,000)
- Courtney Strong, Inc. (\$792,441)
- Hudson River Maritime Museum (\$45,000)
- Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. (\$343,776)
- Mohonk Preserve, Inc. (\$188,785)
- Open Space Institute (\$500,000)
- Phoenicia Festival Foundation (\$56,000)
- Rural Ulster Preservation Company, Inc. (\$1,000,000)
- City of Kingston (\$100,000)
- Village of Tivoli (\$25,000)
- Village of New Paltz (\$599,150)
- Town of Shandaken (\$415,000)
- County of Ulster (\$200,000)
- Ulster County BOCES (\$96,820)

- Wildberry Lodge (\$1,750,000)
- Women's Studio Workshop (\$19,760)

Additionally, TRex Capital Group LLC received 2.25 million dollars to assist in the construction of the Bellefield at Hyde Park, a multi-faceted hospitality destination that will include two hotels, lofts and apartments, restaurants and retail space. Cahill added, "The addition of tourist amenities of this scale in Dutchess County will serve local universities such as the Culinary Institute of America, Marist College and Bard College, while providing individuals and families visiting points of interest in the Hudson Valley like the Walkway Over-the-Hudson and the Catskill Park with a variety of affordable options for lodging, dining and shopping."

To view a full list of the 2015 awards and the amounts please follow the link below: <https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/REDCAwardsBooklet2015.pdf>.

### USAgain Announces New York Winners of Ninth Annual America Recycles Day Challenge; New York Schools recycled a total of 12,500 pounds of textiles

Clothing recycler USAgain today announced the winners of the 2015 America Recycles Day Challenge for New York schools, including Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Amityville (1st Place), **Tri-Valley High School in Grahamsville (2nd Place)** and Geraldine Johnson School in Bridgeport (3rd Place).

America Recycles Day Challenge is USAgain's annual clothing recycling competition for schools that encourages students to collect clothing for recycling and re-use. USAgain places and services collection bins at each participating school, which all receive revenue based on total pounds collected.

The competition started on October 15 and culminated with America Recycles Day on November 15.

"This friendly challenge encourages students to learn more about recycling and its impacts on the planet," said USAgain CEO Mattias Wallander. "It's a great way for schools to engage with students and their communities about the importance of keeping textiles out of landfills, while raising money and reducing carbon footprints at the same time."

Wallander noted that 85 percent of all unwanted clothing in the U.S., or more than 12 million tons, is thrown into the trash and buried in landfills each year with the average individual discarding some 70 pounds of textiles annually, according to the U.S. EPA. Nevertheless, the 15 percent of clothing that does get a second life is the equivalent to taking one million automobiles of the road for a year.

USAgain commends all 41 schools in New York that participated in the recycling challenge this year. Together, 12,500 pounds of clothes were collected, which helped prevent 187,500 pounds of carbon emissions from entering the atmosphere. The three top collectors will receive additional cash prizes of \$250, \$100 and \$50, respectively.

#### About USAgain

USAgain, a leader in the textile recycling industry since 1999, is a for-profit company that recycles and reuses clothing, shoes and other textiles. Its mission is to provide consumers with a convenient and eco-friendly option to rid themselves of excess clothing, which is diverted from landfills. In 2014, USAgain collected 54 million pounds of textiles for reuse and recycling. USAgain maintains more than 10,000 collection bins in 16 states and has an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau. For more information, visit [www.usagain.com](http://www.usagain.com) to learn more and locate a recycling container near you.



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**Local Physical Therapists Push for Fair Co-Pays**

The Rehab Department of Ellenville Regional Hospital will be hosting a Physical Therapy advocacy day to highlight pertinent issues which are impacting the delivery of Physical Therapy services in New York State. We are inviting all local Physical therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants to participate in this effort to educate our senator. Physical therapy patients who were unable to attain PT due to the prohibitive cost of copays are also encouraged to attend.

The New York Physical Therapy Association (NYPTA) is working to end the unfair practice of outrageous "specialty" co-pays, which can cost patients thousands of additional dollars and result in foregone treatment.

NYPTA is asking members of the State Legislature to support A.1063A sponsored by Assemblyman Cahill and the Senate same as bill, S.28A sponsored by Senator DeFrancisco. The bills provide that no health care policy shall impose co-payments in excess of twenty percent of total reimbursement to the provider of care.

Currently, co-pays fees are not limited and can equal the amount reimbursed to the physical therapist. For example, some co-pays are as much as \$50 per visit for physical therapy treatments that

require up to 12 or more sessions per month. The additional co-pays for this patient would be \$600 per month. Meanwhile the PT reimbursement might only be \$50 per visit, meaning the patient is paying 100% of the per visit costs. The insurer has placed the entire burden of cost on the patient.

The imposition by managed care companies of ever increasing physical therapy copays is one of the most pressing issues facing the profession at this time." Said Michael Mattia, PT, DPT, MS, MHA, President, NYPTA, "Health plans continue to progressively defund physical therapy as a covered benefit and shift the cost onto consumers by imposing high specialty copayments for physical therapy visits. The end result is that our patients are shouldering the overwhelming cost of their physical therapy care as they or their employer, continue to experience significant increases in health insurance premiums." The end result is the consumer is paying more for their coverage and being burdened with higher out of pocket costs when requiring a mandated health care service, which may, and in fact in many cases does result in patients opting not to participate in vital restorative physical therapy care.

For more information: <http://faircopays-betterresults.com/>

**About NYPTA:** The New York Physical Therapy Association is a professional, non-profit association of approximately 6500 Physical Therapists (PTs), Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) and PT/PTA students. The NYPTA is dedicated to serving the public's health interests, improving the standard of health for people of all ages and advancing the benefits of physical therapy and the interests of physical therapy professionals in state of New York. To learn more about the New York Physical Therapy Association please visit [www.nypta.org](http://www.nypta.org).

**CWC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available**

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

Applications are also available for projects intended for adult audiences.

All proposals are due February 1, 2016. Forms and guidelines are available at [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org). Questions may also be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306; [galusha@cwconline.org](mailto:galusha@cwconline.org).

This grant program is offered in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. Ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs can be found at [www.watershededucators.org](http://www.watershededucators.org).

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

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

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





### It's a New Year's END OF PROHIBITION Party!

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### Sharing Joy during the Holidays at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School

Fifth grade teacher Michelle Edwards spoke with her class earlier this week about an eight year old girl she read about and saw



on national television news. Safyre Terry from Schenectady was severely burned over 75% of her body in a house fire that took the lives of her entire family and destroyed their home and

all their possessions. In the past two years, she has undergone more than 50 surgeries and skin grafts. When asked recently what she wanted for Christmas, Safyre answered "Christmas cards".

When Ms. Edwards finished telling the story and looked at her students, they all knew that they wanted to make and send cards to this young girl. In a few days Ms. Edwards, Special Education Teacher Toni Laya and Teacher Assistant Amie Akerley organized the project. On December 10, children were coloring cards with reindeer, Santa Claus and other holiday creatures and writing notes to Safyre. The messages were all very similar with hopes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, wishes for lots of stuff from Santa and expressions of love.

Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has been involved in Positive Behavior Intervention Services (PBIS) since 2007. This program encourages building strong and good character. This month the theme of PBIS is sharing. The children in this particular classroom are offering their creativity and their good wishes to a child that certainly will appreciate the cards coming from Fallsburg. If anyone wants to join in the spirit of giving to Safyre Terry, you can send cards to her at PO Box 6126, Schenectady, NY 12306.

### Winter Break Day Camp for Children and Teens

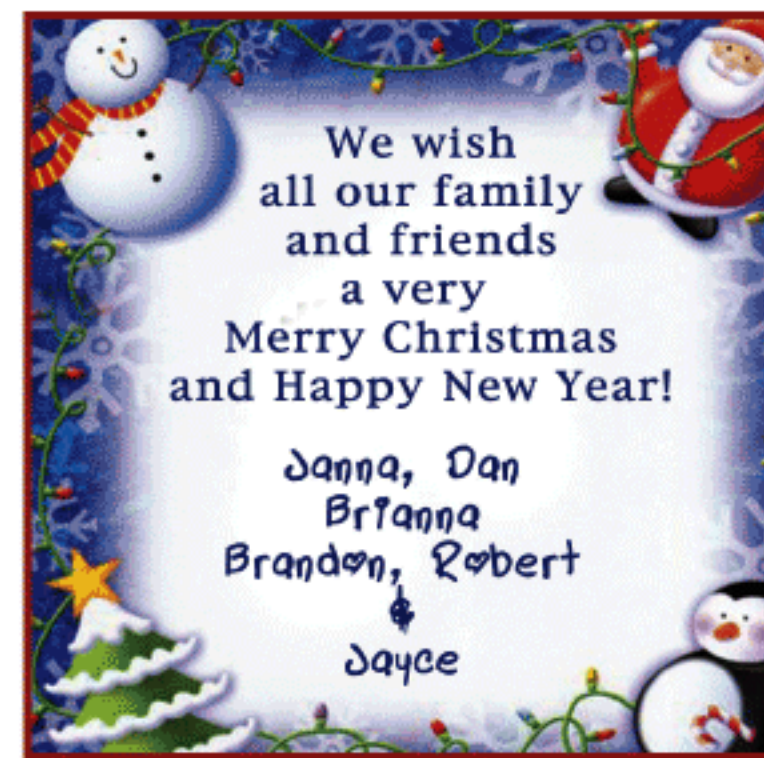
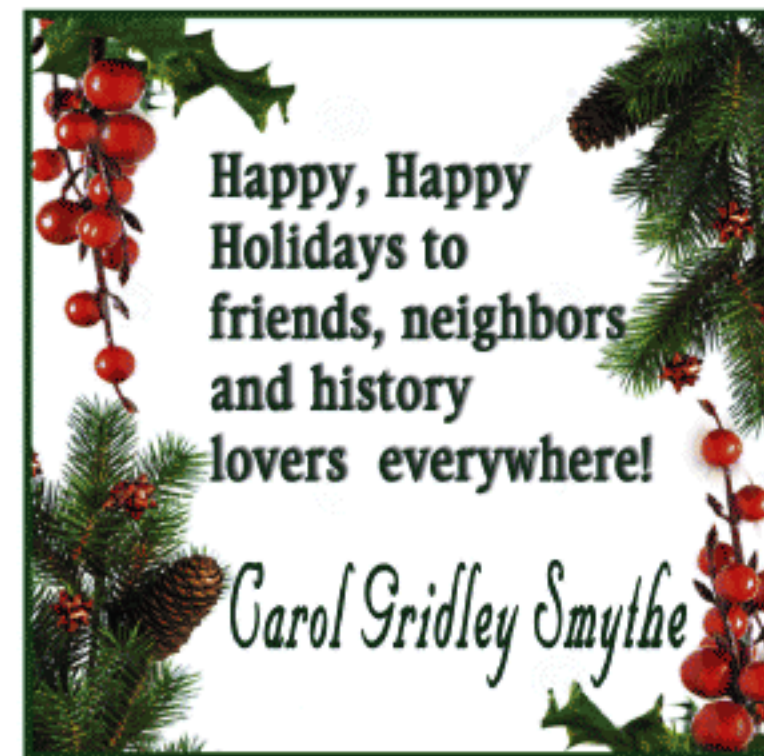
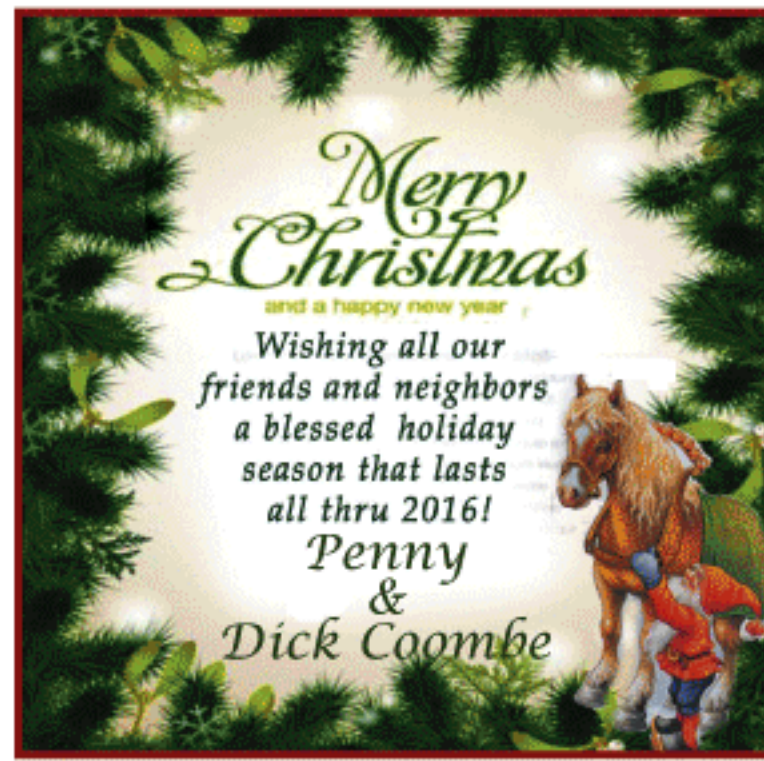
The holiday season is in full swing, and that means Frost Valley YMCA's Winter Break Day Camp is just around the corner. From December 28, 2015 through January 1, 2016, while students are on school break, Frost Valley will host this annual day camp filled with fun, daily activities that promote achievement, relationships, and belonging.

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

Lunch is included, plus, transportation is available from various communities in the surrounding area at no additional fee.

Please visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org) or call 845-985-2291 for more information, or to register your child today.

For our local wilderness experts, Frost Valley YMCA's Wilderness First Responder program will be offered at the end of

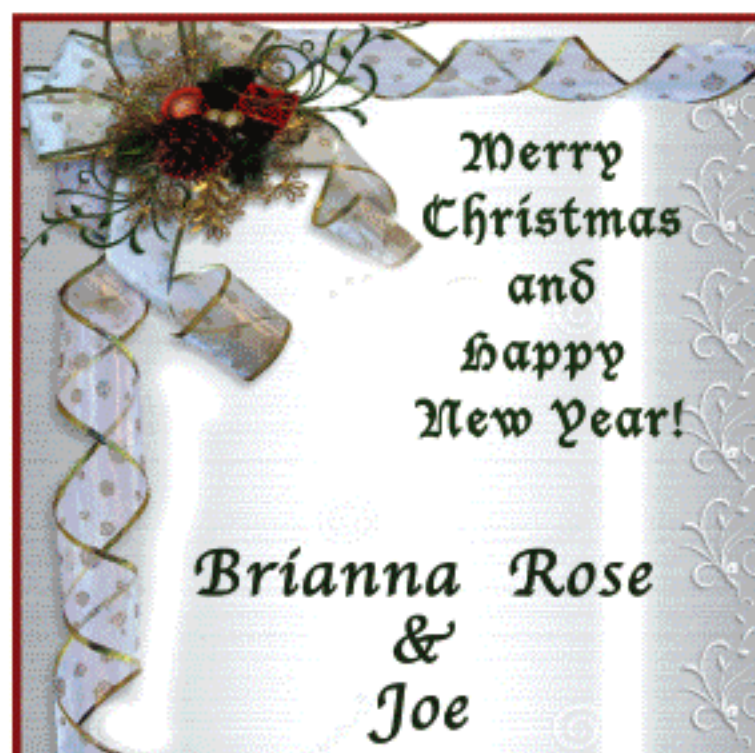
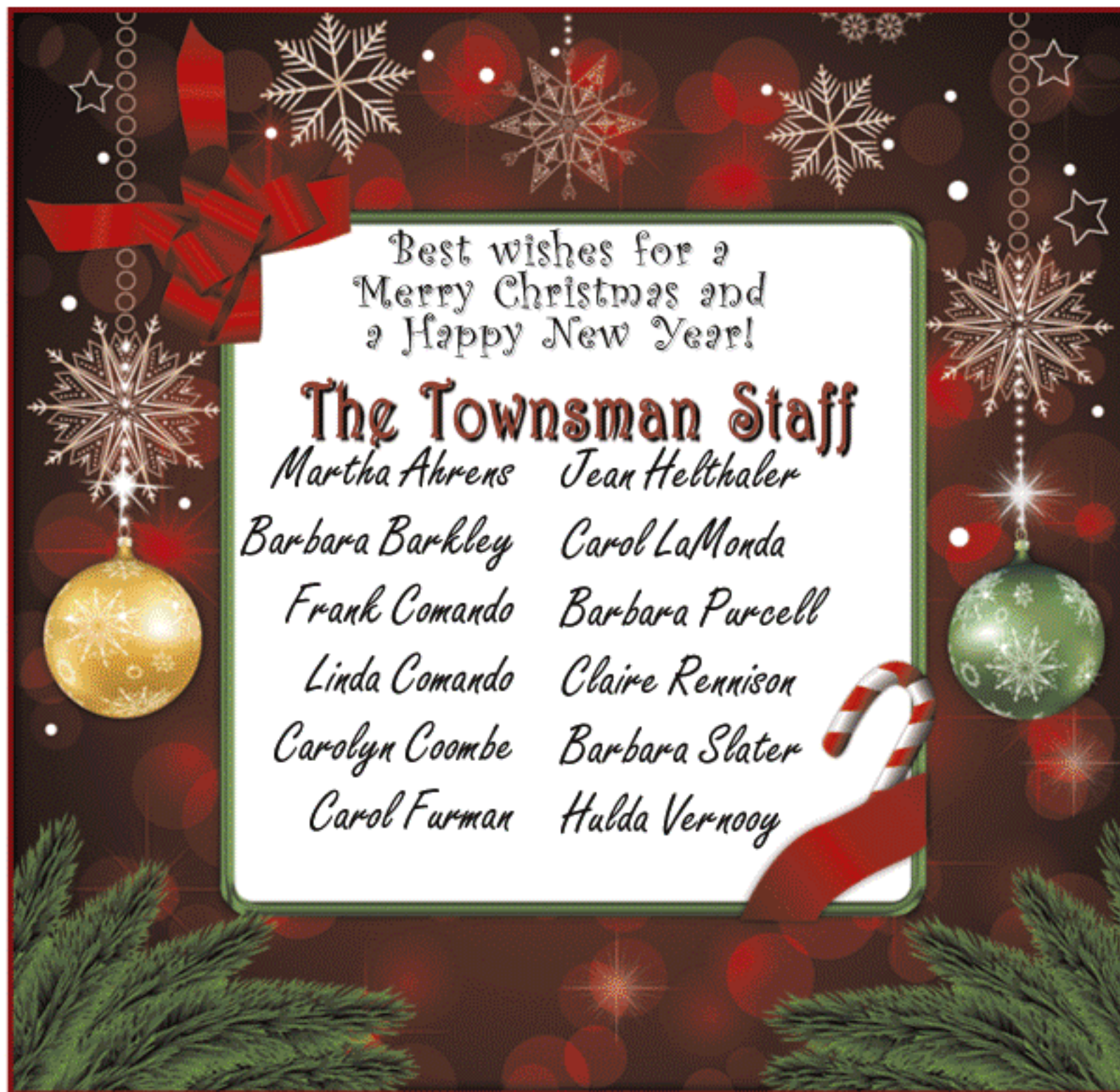


the month from December 27, 2015-January 2, 2016. This course provides the necessary wilderness survival and emergency medical training for those who work, teach, and volunteer in remote areas.

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







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viduals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum. The training includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary.

The course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch (just a few miles away from Main Camp) from December 27, 2015-January 2, 2016. Please contact Emily Gorman at [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or 845-985-2291 ext. 240 to register.

In an effort to guide visitors and bolster the economy, the CWC has launched the Catskill Park Wayfinding Sign Project in cooperation with the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation, and the NYC Department of



# Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:13 AM SUNSET: 4:26 PM  
AVERAGE HIGH: 39°F AVERAGE LOW: 24°F

## THURSDAY



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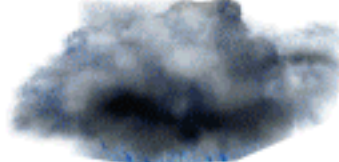
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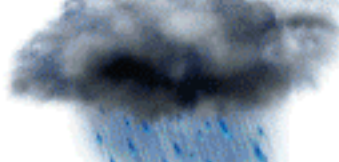
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## MONDAY



HIGH: 37°F LOW: 29°F

## TUESDAY



HIGH: 38°F LOW: 33°F

Environmental Protection. The CWC received and will match a \$50,000 NYS DEC Smart Growth Implementation Grant from the Environmental Protection Fund to site directional/information signs on secondary roads that will help travelers find recreational access points within the greater Catskill Park region. The project is being coordinated by consultant Peter Manning, shown here at a fork in the road where a sign will be proposed to be installed pointing to the Margaretville trailhead for Pakatakan Mountain and Dry Brook Ridge. The project, which runs through 2017, is currently in the inventory phase and will include public participation and installation components.

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The event will take place on December 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the UPAC 601 Broadway, Kingston, NY  
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**LETTER TO WHSKM MEMBERS & FRIENDS:**

Dear WHSKM members and friends,

As I look back on the second year of operation I can truthfully say that that it was a good one. It was a year of growth and further establishment as a destination point for residents and travelers alike.

Our attendance once again held at the 400-500 level, with first timers leaving with a positive and supportive attitude. Our knife raffle was a success. We enjoyed increased coverage with exposure on Channel Six TV news, our own website, theknifemuseum.com, an article in the Blade Magazine, return visits from those buying old but new Schrade knives, knife blanks, and collectors wanting to show their collections. We have also added two new members to our BOD partially filling the gap left by John and Pat Motzer who have retired to Florida. We will continue our popular Indian artifact section with the carry over display on loan by member Ron Lambertson. Recent acquisitions of antique Ellenville items will make our historical room even more inviting and interesting. We are expecting a sizable antique fire fighting collection from Scoresby Hose, the first volunteer fire fighting company in Ellenville. During this past year, former resident Gary Lonstein donated his collection of Schrade knives to the museum for us to use at our discretion. Membership continues to slowly grow with now 170 listed. We have also secured a knife grinder that will be used to sharpen knives during the 2016 season. The only bad news was the demise of Dave Swinden and his daughter Jean, which possibly had an impact on the decision to close Canal Street Cutlery. The Ellenville area is now left without a knife making presence for the first time in over 150 years. Most important of all is that we enter 2016 in "the black" assuring another season, but just barely. We are still being hampered by the lack of advertising funds that will provide us with a brochure and more consistent communication with our members as well as sufficient operating funds for the winter.

While the present is our main priority, we have asked ourselves, "where do we go from here? While we are grateful for the space and facility we do have, it alone is not adequate to display the richness of resources at our disposal. This fact alone cries out for expansion or we may end up with just a token of what is available. A number of attempts have been made to secure outside funding that would provide a more solid foundation but at each event, we have been ignored causing us to turn to our only real asset, you, our members. We cannot understand that while other worthwhile projects have been supported with their completion many years off, we have developed a solid destination point that is drawing tourists and supporters from across this country and bringing notoriety to our community. The Town of Wawarsing has been our sole support and with their help we are actively exploring options to enlarge our influence. With a new year just ahead, we would encourage you to renew your membership and, if possible, add a little extra. If we had more volunteers, we could possible extend our season, advertise our existence and provide us with the assurance that expansion and continuity of operation can be a reality.

According to recent news, the Ellenville area could possibly see a new resurgence with the creation of a worldclass outdoor athletic complex on the site of the former Nevele resort. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have those visiting our area enjoy our new restaurants, our theater, our natural beauty, the ice caves, and our expanded historical center and Knife Museum, already in operation and awaiting their arrival. It would be a place where we can extol the virtues of our area and its potential for those looking for an ideal place to live or set up a business.

In closing, we are very optimistic. We look forward to your renewed membership and support. We would request that you include your e-mail address so that we can better communicate with you. In addition you can phone us 845/647/7792 (your president), 845/647/7609 (membership sec'y), 845/895/3501 (curator), 845/626/0086 (secretary). Thanks for listening, and walk the talk.

Richard Craft, Pres.

**Nearly \$6 Million in NYS Funding Awarded to Projects in Sullivan County**

Monticello, N.Y.-Sullivan County projects have been awarded \$5,643,443 in New York State grants through the 2015 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. This is more than three times the \$1,513,950 in funding secured in 2014, and six times the 2013 award figure of \$899,834.

Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature Scott Samuelson, who sits on the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council (MHREDC), said, "There were many strong applications from Sullivan County communities, businesses and organizations this year. I want to thank all who participated in the process, and who worked hard to win funding for projects that will enhance the quality of life for County residents and improve our climate for economic growth." In particular he thanked the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency for providing funding to support the development of grant applications and to assist businesses with presentations to the MHREDC.

Eight projects in Sullivan County were awarded grants:

- The Village of Monticello was granted funding for three water infrastructure improvement projects:
  - \$2,500,000 for a new ultraviolet disinfection system at the Village's wastewater treatment plant to fully treat the effluent and avoid environmental contamination
  - \$100,000 to evaluate sources of Inflow and Infiltration to the Village's wastewater collection system
  - \$600,000 to replace water meters in the Village's water system
- Empire State Cooperage, LLC has been awarded \$1,000,000 to support its development of a new stave mill and cooperage to satisfy the increasing demand for oak barrels from new craft distillers and wineries. The project is expected to generate dozens of jobs and stimulate the local timber industry.
- The Village of Liberty will receive \$599,830 to replace failing clarifier equipment at its Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The Town of Liberty will receive \$599,724 to construct Phase 6 improvements in the White Sulphur Springs Water District
- Trout Unlimited was awarded \$214,000 to collect data on stream structures and model their ability to improve stream habitat in order to create a prioritized strategy for infrastructure replacement.
- The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will receive \$28,350 to hire a Program Director to support the Tusten Theatre season, expand outreach in Sullivan County, and develop residencies, workshop offerings and winter programming.

Sullivan County is part of the seven-county Mid-Hudson Region, which was awarded \$90.4 million for 109 projects. Of the total, more than half of the CFA funding is allocated to support tax exempt bonds for eligible projects, tax credits for job creation, and region-wide energy efficiency programs. Sullivan county communities may access these benefits along with the project specific grant awards.

**Alliance Gallery 2017 Exhibitions Call for Submissions**

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is calling for submissions for solo, group, or curated shows in 2017. The Alliance Gallery program priority is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists who live part-time or full-time in the Mid-Hudson, Catskill, or Upper Delaware River regions. All media and styles are considered, as are installations and proposals by curators. There is no submission fee.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, January 29, 2016.

Interested artists should submit:

- Ten to 12 images of recent works as jpeg images on CD at 300 dpi, approximately 8" x 12", labeled with title or number only. (If your jpegs do not represent the work that you want to show, please describe your concept in a cover letter or proposal.)

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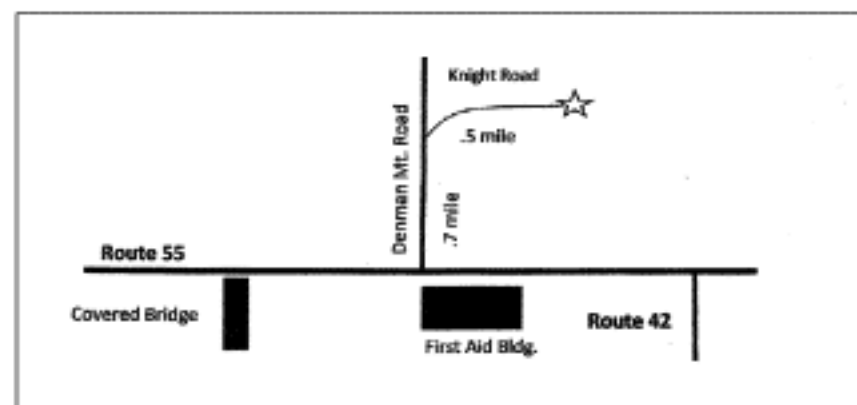
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o A one-page itemized list corresponding to the numbered slides/jpegs listing the title, medium, date, and size of each work, along with a short artist statement on the same page.

- A one-page résumé.
- A one-page detailed proposal if your work is of a conceptual nature; or, if you are a curator, a proposal describing the curatorial concept, accompanied by support materials (i.e. images, résumés, etc.)
- A SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope) if you want your materials returned (otherwise they will be discarded after 30 days).

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Jurying is based solely on the jpegs, so it is important to submit consistent, high-quality images. As the jurors change each year, it is strongly recommended that artists keep applying even if their work has not been chosen in the past. Artists who have exhibited in one- or two-person shows at Alliance Gallery are welcome to reapply after a two-year period (if you had a show in 2013, you can reapply for a show in 2017).

For a PDF of the Alliance Gallery submission guidelines, visit the Opportunities section at DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org. For more information, call the gallery director Rocky Pinciotti at (845) 252-7576.



### **Congressman Gibson introduces Military Family Stability Act - Bipartisan bill provides flexibility for troops and their loved ones during moves**

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced the introduction of legislation he authored to provide flexibility to troops and their families when they receive orders for a permanent change of station.

Congressman Gibson, a retired Army officer, introduced the bipartisan Military Family Stability Act today with original co-sponsors Congressmen Richard Nugent (FL-11), Beto O'Rourke (TX-16), and Tim Walz (MN-1).

"Having moved several times with my family during my Army career, I know firsthand how stressful it can be for military families to relocate," said Congressman Gibson. "The members of our Armed Forces and their loved ones cope with significant emotional and financial challenges when they receive orders for a permanent change of station. It can be especially difficult for students facing a mid-semester move. Military families make enormous sacrifices to defend our freedoms. Our bill provides them with the flexibility they need to make a successful transition to their new jobs, schools, and communities."

This Military Family Stability Act allows military spouses and family members to continue to work up to six months in their current job or, if they choose, move up to six months early to their next location to secure new full-time employment.

The legislation also allows military spouses to complete education they are already pursuing and eases the transition for the children of service members by providing scheduling flexibility with regard to the school calendar.

"In addition to supporting our military families, this common-sense legislation will help retain our highly talented officers and enlisted service members and decrease long-term relocation costs by improving the efficiency of moving personnel," said Congressman Gibson.

The Military Family Stability Act is endorsed by the VFW, Military Officers Association of America, Veterans Support Foundation, Military Child Education Coalition, Blue Star Families, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) are planning to introduce companion legislation in the Senate.

### **Bi-partisan Educational Bill - New Provisions Will Help Fund 'Erin's Law' Programs: Age-Appropriate Lessons for Students, Information for Parents and Guardians, & School Personnel on Recognizing and Reporting Sexual Abuse in States Across Country - After 85-12 Vote, Education Bill Will Head to the President to Become Law**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Dean Heller (R-NV), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) today announced that the Senate passed key provisions from their bipartisan legislation to help protect children from sexual abuse by funding school programs that provide age-appropriate lessons to primary and secondary school students, as well as information to parents, guardians, and teachers, on how to recognize and safely report sexual abuse. These provisions, based on the Child Sexual Abuse Awareness and Prevention Act and the Helping Our Schools Protect Our Children Act, were included in the bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Every Student Succeeds Act. It passed the Senate today by a margin of 85-12.

Twenty-six states have passed a version of "Erin's Law," legislation that encourages or requires public schools to provide child sexual abuse prevention education to students, information to parents and guardians, and professional development for school personnel. The Every Student Succeeds Act passed today includes provisions championed by Gillibrand, Heller and Feinstein that enable school districts to use federal grant funding to develop and implement these programs for students, parents and guardians, teachers, and other school personnel. In 2013, there were a total of 60,956 instances of child sexual abuse reported to Child Protective Services agencies in the U.S. However, this estimate only represents cases of child sexual abuse reported to and confirmed by child protection authorities. Many such cases are never reported to welfare or legal systems.

"The Senate has recognized the critical importance of teaching our children an age-appropriate understanding of sexual abuse - both how to recognize it and how to safely report it," said Senator Gillibrand. "Funding for Erin's Law programs will give schools the resources they need to teach children these necessary safety skills. It

fills an important gap in our prevention and awareness work, and it will help make sure that schools are able to provide parents, guardians, and school personnel with the tools they need to help prevent and respond to child sexual abuse."

### **In Light Of Recent Comments And Proposals Aimed At Muslim Americans, AG Schneiderman Sends Letter To Civil Rights And Muslim Groups Urging Them To Report Potential Violations Of Federal Or State Laws That Protect Free Exercise Of Religion: Schneiderman: My Office Stands Ready To Enforce All Laws Protecting The Liberty And Equality Of People Of All Religions**

NEW YORK-Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today sent a letter to leading civil rights and Muslim advocacy groups reiterating his commitment to enforce all laws protecting religious liberty and equality. As New York State's chief law enforcement officer, Schneiderman wrote that he has a duty to safeguard the state's tradition of "openness and tolerance of people from all parts of the world, from all walks of life, and from all religions."

"Our nation was founded on a single, aspirational principle: 'equal justice under law.' That is equal justice for everyone, regardless of religion," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "While some have chosen to exploit fear and anger by targeting certain religious minorities, I want to emphasize in the strongest possible terms that my office stands ready to enforce all state and federal civil rights laws protecting the liberty and equality of people of all religions."

The Attorney General's office has been proactive in protecting New Yorkers from religious discrimination. In 2011, the office launched the Religious Rights Initiative, which is dedicated to addressing religious discrimination claims and ensuring that anti-discrimination laws are aggressively enforced. In 2012, the office secured an agreement with the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country to safeguard all employees' rights to religious accommodations. In February 2015, the office joined a coalition of states in filing a friend-of-the-court brief with the US Supreme Court in support of a Muslim woman who had been denied employment at an Abercrombie & Fitch store because she wore a hijab.

The letter urges groups or individuals who are aware of potential violations of laws protecting New Yorkers from discrimination to contact the Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau to make a complaint. To make a report, please call (212) 416-8250 or send an email to [Civil.Rights@ag.ny.gov](mailto:Civil.Rights@ag.ny.gov).

### **New Program Provides Employers with Tax Credits to Train Employees and Upgrade Workers' Skills**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of the Employee Training Incentive Program, a new program that will incentivize New York State employers to provide skills training for their employees that upgrades, retrains or improves the productivity of their workforce, by providing tax credits to help offset the cost of trainings.

"It is critically important that we align workforce training with tomorrow's industry needs," Governor Cuomo said. "By incentivizing employers to bolster their workforce training programs, we are laying the groundwork for future economic prosperity in New York today."

Empire State Development President, CEO & Commissioner Howard Zensky said: "New York State's economy depends on its most significant resource: a diverse and talented workforce that is second to none. This new program will help support businesses across the state in their efforts to strengthen their employees by providing them with the opportunity to advance their skills while also creating new jobs in the process. Our workers deserve every opportunity to enrich and grow their skills, as they continue to contribute to and produce a robust and vibrant economy."

The Employee Training Incentive Program (EITP), which was proposed by the Governor in his 2015-16 Executive Budget, will make \$5 million in tax credits available to businesses annually, with up to \$1 million in credits available for approved internship programs. Tax credits will be awarded for costs associated with eligible training programs for current and new employees or for internship programs for current students, recent graduates, and recent members of the

armed forces, and are issued after training is completed.

Training grants are also available through the Department of Labor to encourage the hiring of workers, enabling them to upgrade their skills and obtain employment. The grants can be used for on-the-job, apprenticeship or customized training, depending on the individual needs of the employer.

Acting State Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, "Since he took office, Governor Cuomo has prioritized saving businesses money through no-cost services, access to training funds and tax credits. The Employee Training Incentive Program will be another powerful tool to help businesses retain talented workers and recruit and train new ones."

Eligible businesses must create at least 10 new jobs or make a significant capital investment of at least \$1 million in connection with the eligible training project, in addition to demonstrating that it is operating predominantly in a strategic industry based upon the following criteria:

- Potential to create jobs in an economically distressed area;
- Shortages of workers trained to work in that industry;
- Ability and need to relocate to another state to find qualified workers;
- Potential to recruit minorities and women to be trained to work in an industry where they are traditionally underrepresented; and
- Recent technological advances have created disruption in the industry and significant capital investment is needed to remain competitive.

An eligible internship program must provide training in advanced technology, specifically in the areas of advanced materials and processing technologies, integrated electronics, optics, biotechnology, information and communication technologies, automation and robotics, electronics packaging, imaging technology, and remanufacturing. Internship training can be provided by the business or by an approved provider.

A business must submit an initial application for approval prior to obtaining eligible training or retaining interns. Applicants must demonstrate that the training provider has suitable experience and expertise specific to the particular skillset being sought. Applicants must complete a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) that will be submitted to the local ESD regional office. The CFA can be accessed at <http://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/index.cfm>. Enrollment will remain open, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis up to the total program allocation.

### **Senator Bonacic Applauds the Awarding of \$90.4 Million to the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council**

(Middletown, NY)-Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council has been awarded \$90.4 million in state funds, to put toward economic development projects throughout the region. The funds were announced at the Regional Economic Development Council awards ceremony, today, in Albany. The Regional Economic Development Council process splits the state into ten regions, with each submitting economic development plans for their respective territories.

"The awarding of this substantial amount of money is a testament to the hard work, and dedication of the members of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council," said Senator Bonacic. "As a representative on the Council, I saw firsthand the quality of projects that were submitted, and I know that this money will be put to good use, to continue to grow the economy and create jobs in the Mid-Hudson Region."

The counties that are included in the Mid-Hudson Region are; Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess, Ulster, Rockland, Westchester, and Putnam.



**UC Executive Mike Hein Continues to Help Students of All Ages Access Higher Education - SUNY Ulster Students will now Receive Half-price Bus Fares to College**

Commuting to class by riding a UCAT Bus has become cheaper and easier for SUNY Ulster students. County Executive Mike Hein has implemented a commuting student discount on Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) buses. Starting in 2016 by simply showing their SUNY Ulster student ID, students will receive a 50% discount for their ride to or from any SUNY Ulster campus, including the main campus in Stone Ridge, the new Kingston Center or the Business Resource Center. This fare discount continues the County Executive's commitment to increasing access to higher education, as it was only three months ago that the conveniently located Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster opened in mid-town Kingston.

"The importance of education can not be overstated, it is the best way to improve access to the American Dream for everybody and we have worked hard to remove obstacles and make it easier for any student who is seeking higher education to attend college," said County Executive Mike Hein. "The STRIVE Project placed a satellite campus of the excellent SUNY Ulster in mid-town Kingston next to the high school.

**The Claryville Reformed Church**

invites you to join us at our special holiday services:

- Sunday, December 20th 10 AM **Jesus' Coming-God's Yes to the World**
- Thursday, December 24th at 7 P.M. **Christmas Eve Candlelight** Lessons and Carols with John Bernstein at the organ
- Sunday, December 27th at 10 AM **Carol Sing**
- Sunday, January 3rd 10 AM **New Year's Lord's Supper**

We gather each Sunday at 10 AM for worship followed by coffee and fellowship; Sunday School meets at 9. You will receive a warm welcome!

**TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM**



Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through Thanksgiving  
Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsmen* printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.

985-7700  
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

**Service Times**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service/  
Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Tuesday Night Youth Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

**Ismael Berrios**  
Lead Pastor  
P. O. Box 480  
507 Hasbrouck Drive  
Woodbourne, NY 12788  
845-434-8263  
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com  
www.crosswayaog.com

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.

Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**

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Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

This means that it is within walking distance for many students and this bus fare discount will help our other students who have further distances to travel. In addition, students will also know exactly how long until their bus arrives and its current location thanks to our new smartphone app which was unveiled earlier this year. Our bus system does a tremendous job transporting riders across our county, an area the size of the state of Rhode Island, and their dedication shows with ridership up to record levels."

**SC Housing Authority Will Receive HUD Family Self Sufficiency Program Funds**

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$ 74,839 in federal funding for the Monticello Housing Authority in Sullivan County. The funding was allocated through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. The FSS program assists local social services agencies, community colleges, businesses and other local organizations in providing education and job training programs. The program helps assist eligible families participating in HUD's housing voucher program and living in public housing gain marketable job skills, training, educational services and access to job openings in order to become economically self-sufficient.

"These federal funds from the Family Self-Sufficiency program will help Sullivan County provide the education and job training programs needed to help our most vulnerable gain the job skills needed to get back on their feet," said Senator Schumer. "When we help job seekers gain education and marketable job skills we open up pathways to economic opportunity and help those in need to better provide for their families."



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Fred VanWagner

5277 State Rt. 42 Coffee hour follows service  
South Fallsburg All are welcome!  
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  
Note that Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses will remain at 5:00 pm

Daily Mass schedule:  
Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

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

"This federal investment through HUD is a lifeline for hundreds of families in the Hudson Valley," said Senator Gillibrand. "Access to stable housing is essential for the health of our families and the economic strength of our communities. These federal dollars will help families get the resources they need so they can have a safe place to call home while gaining assistance in acquiring the necessary skills for securing a good-paying job."

"Monticello Housing Authority is pleased to be informed that we will once again be receiving Family Self Sufficiency Program Funding," said Anne Cahill Johansen, Executive Director, Monticello Housing Authority. "This funding will allow our Coordinators to continue their work in helping our Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Participants, by linking them with local resources to obtain the employment, education and services they need to help them achieve economic independence."

The FSS program enables families assisted through the Housing Choice Voucher program, and Public Housing residents to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies.

**Immaculate Conception Church**

Woodbourne

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):  
5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day):  
10:00 am

Telephone (845) 434-7643

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January 2nd  
**Covered Dish Supper**  
5 pm.  
at the  
**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry welcomes donations from area residents to help neighbors in need in the Tri-Valley School District during December.  
Please see page 3 for details.

**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

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**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
FOR THE YEAR 2016**

Please be advised that the Annual Organizational meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board for the year 2016 will be held on January 5, 2016 at the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 7:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to make appointments, set salaries and compensations, establish policies and procedures as well as to handle any other matter that may legally come before the Board.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

There will be a **RECESSED MEETING** of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at **7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.**

The purpose of the meeting is to approve year end vouchers as well as any other business that may legally come before the board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: December 10, 2015

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
EXPENDITURE OF BUILDING  
AND IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL  
RESERVE FUNDS  
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE  
REFERENDUM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on December 29, 2015, in connection with the expenditure of Building and Improvement Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the installation of a new roof on the old highway barn in the amount of \$87,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: December 10, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM  
GENERAL EQUIPMENT CAPITAL  
RESERVE TO ESTABLISH A  
BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT  
CAPITAL RESERVE  
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE  
REFERENDUM**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on December 29, 2015, in connection with the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to establish the Building and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: December 10, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2019. (The actual term length is 5 years.)

Please send a letter of interest to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by December 29, 2015. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York ("State"), Introductory Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2015, entitled "A Local Law Authorizing the Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older as Provided for in Real Property Tax Law §467, and By Increasing the Maximum Income Eligibility as Detailed in Real Property Tax Law §467 (3)", which increases the real property tax exemption levels for seniors.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law

before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on January 13, 2016, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: December 10, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE: ALTERNATE  
MEMBER POSITION  
AVAILABLE ON THE  
PLANNING BOARD**

The Town of Neversink announces an Alternate Member positions available on the Planning Board. The alternate member will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board. Alternate members are expected to attend all meetings.

This Alternate Member Position to the Planning Board is fill a vacant position which will expire on 12-31-2016. After that it is a three year position. All provisions of stNCY

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Claryville Fire District will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday January 7th, 2016 at the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall, 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm. By order of the Board of Commissioners  
Jim Tisch  
Secretary  
December 10, 2015

**Grahamsville Fire District  
Notice of Organizational  
Meeting**

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the year 2016 of the Grahamsville Fire District of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, New York, will be held on the 4th day of January, 2016, at 7:00 PM on that day at the Grahamsville Fire House, Route 55, Grahamsville, New York.

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

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**TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect 2016 taxes according to the following schedule:

**MONDAY thru FRIDAY:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE LOCATED IN THE NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55), GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

**SATURDAY:** Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2016 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2016 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. **LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

**SCHEDULE OF FEES:** Jan. 1 - Jan. 31 No Penalty

Feb. 1 - Feb. 29 1% of Tax Amount

Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 2% of Tax Amount, plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee; sent 3/3

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector**

**TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL:** Send **ENTIRE TAX BILL** with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

• Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is **important to return the entire bill.**

**INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN:** May be paid as follows:

- January - 50% due by 1/31/2016 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
- February - 25% due by 2/29/2016 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
- March - 25% due by 3/31/2016 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
- Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment
- *Please Note: You must make the Jan. Payment in order to participate in the installment plan.*

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED - 3% CONVENIENCE FEE WILL BE ADDED.** Please go to [www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net) to make payment. Find your parcel, link at bottom of that page.

**SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE:** The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

**AFTER MARCH 31st:** TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

- If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.
- If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill.
- You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at [www.taxlookup.net/neversink](http://www.taxlookup.net/neversink).

For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizens or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office: Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor (845) 985-2262 x 323  
Geri Gorton, Clerk (845) 985-2262 x 319  
Hours are Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Evening hours are available, please call for an appointment.  
Or by Mail at: PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

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

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

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

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



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed  
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

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

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

**2015 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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

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- 12/17/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/21/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm
- 12/24/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day - Christmas Eve
- 12/25/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - Christmas
- 12/31/15 Town of Neversink Holiday - 1/2 Day - New Year's Eve
- 1/1/16 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 1/2/16 Covered Dish Supper Sundown Methodist Church -5:30pm

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

Thank You. See you next year!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!

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**Grahamsville Reformed Church 2016 Dinner Schedule**

April 9, 2016 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, applesauce, salad, bread, Assorted desserts from congregation

May 14, 2016 **Chicken and Biscuits**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, salad, bread, Ice cream

June 11, 2016 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, bread, Cake

September 10, 2016 **Roast Beef**, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, salad, bread, Assorted desserts from congregation

October 15, 2016 **Roast Turkey**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, bread, Brownie Sundae

November 12, 2016 **Roast Pork**, stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, sauerkraut, applesauce, salad, bread, Apple Cake

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

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**  
 SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
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 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.

**Elevator Gallery Crafts Show**  
**December 5 - December 27**

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

For more information about the show and upcoming opportunities at the Elevator Gallery, visit [www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions](http://www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions).

**Last Call - for the Civil War Exhibit**  
**at the Sullivan County Museum**

This has been a very popular exhibit. There were artifacts, books, pictures, and even a Civil War encampment complete with a tent, fire pit and checker board.

But alas even the best things must come to an end to make way for the new. If you have not seen this display be sure to pay us a visit before it closes on January 10, 2016.

Museum Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. We will be closed Thursday December 24, Friday December 25 and January 1. For Information please call (845) 434-8044 or [www.scnyhistory.org](http://www.scnyhistory.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2015-2016:

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Long-Term Maternity Leave Replacement  
 Elementary Teacher  
 NYS Certification in Elementary Education 1-6 required  
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Interested candidates please send materials to: Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740  
 Phone: 845-985-2296, Fax: 845-985-0310  
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Cut-off date for submitting application materials:  
 12/16/15

**Tri-Valley Central School District 2015 - 2016 Board of Education**  
 Will hold - Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
 In the Intermediate School Library

**Santa Claus is coming to Claryville**

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

**WHEN: Saturday, Dec 19th 2-4pm**  
**WHERE: Claryville Fire Dept.**

**Kids, come sit on Santa's lap and give him your Christmas List!**

**\*\* This is opened to Tri-Valley School District and our Neighboring Fire Departments and their family members\*\***

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**Where The Boys Are**

(Comedy, 1960)



College coeds go looking for love during spring break in Fort Lauderdale. Directed: Henry Levin Cast: Dolores Hart, Yvette Mimieux, Barbara Nichols, Paula Prentiss, Connie Francis, Frank Gorshin, Chill Wills.

Not bad film about teenagers during Easter vacation in Ft. Lauderdale. Connie Francis, in her first film, is pretty good, and sings the hit title tune; other young players seen to good advantage. Nichols is hilarious as usual as a flashy blonde. Ineptly remade in 1984. CinemaScope. **See this film Monday evening, December 21, 2015 starting @ 9:45 PM, 99 min, Color, TV-PG,**

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  2. Who plays Angie?
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