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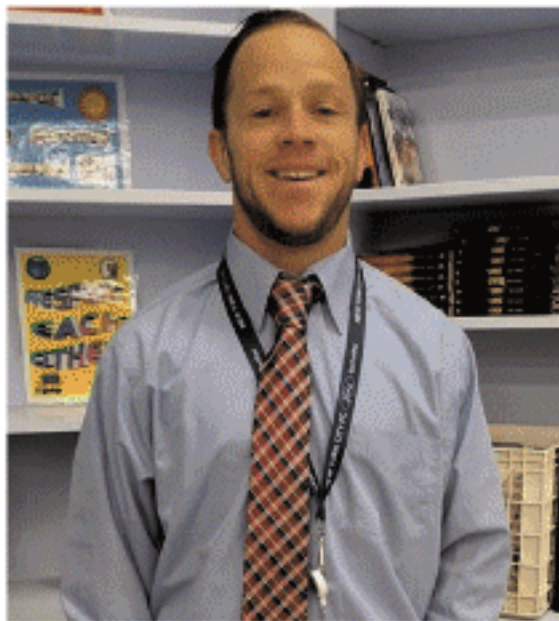
## ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Sunday December 6, 2015 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling, special music, holiday readings and a visit from the man in the red suit. Refreshments will be served. Come on down and join the fun. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

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

## TVTA Welcomes New Teacher to the District



The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the Tri-Valley teaching staff, Mr. Jarrad Vrydaghs! Mr. Vrydaghs hails from Campbell Hall, New York, and is a graduate of SUNY Ulster (A.A.), SUNY Albany (B.A.), and St. Thomas Aquinas College (M.S.). (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## Tigers at Work!



We, the Tigers, were working on our first rank required belt loop, the Backyard Jungle.

To earn this loop the boys went on a hike and identified the living things we saw, they also identified some of the birds that live near their homes and built bird houses.

The final requirement was to plant something that was of benefit to the community and the opportunity presented itself to help repair the field at the Fairgrounds from the soccer season by planting grass.

Just a reminder, the Cub Scouts are having a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on December 5th from 4-7 @ the Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall.

The menu is: Spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, garlic bread, salad, ice cream, ice tea, lemonade, hot tea, and coffee. Adults - \$10, Children (5-12) - \$5, Children under 5 - Free.



## Junior FBLA: What Have We Been Up To?

By: Kira Ambrosi, Junior FBLA Reporter

Junior FBLA. Hm. Junior. Just because we're young, doesn't mean we can't do great things! So, what have we been up to? First was the Giant Pumpkin Party. Jr. FBLA sold pumpkins to many, many families. Not only did we sell them to people, we also offered to lug these heavy pumpkins up to the family's car. Once, someone had to walk all the way to the very last parking space, up on the top of the hill waaaaay in the back! It was worth it, though, to see so many people happy with our service. Jr. FBLA has been selling pumpkins for quite a few years now and will continue doing this annually (Contd. Pg. 4)



Junior FBLA students helping out at the Pumpkin Party.

## SUNY Sullivan's 45th Annual Holiday ARts and Craft Festival

(Middletown, NY)-Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) attended SUNY Sullivan's 45th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival, with his family, at the campus' Paul Gerry Fieldhouse in Loch Sheldrake yesterday afternoon. The Arts and Craft fair is the university's kickoff to the holiday season, and features more than a 100 vendors showcasing some of the regions finest artists, crafters, quilters, woodworkers, jewelry makers, and many more. Community organizations were on hand as well, providing information on their groups activities. The SUNY Sullivan Faculty Student Association hosts a wine booth and sells snacks, with all of the proceeds going toward student activities and the athletics program.



Senator Bonacic is pictured with (L-R), Raqueo Davis, SUNY Sullivan Student Body President, and Dr. Karin Hilgersom, SUNY Sullivan President.

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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.

As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Righteous art thou O Lord, and upright are they judgments.  
Psalm 119:137

**OBITUARIES**

**Robert Lee Burger**, age 53 of Clarksville, Tennessee, formerly of Monticello, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Alive Hospice in Nashville. He was born February 21, 1962 in Monticello, NY, and lived there most of his life until recently moving to Clarksville.

Robert was an auto mechanic for several years. He was also a volunteer fireman with the Fallsburg, Neversink, and Grahamsville departments. He was the president of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, chapter 39; a member of the Monticello Elks Lodge #1544; the Rondout Valley Tractor Association; and the OB's. He drove and built stock cars, enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting, and watching NASCAR with Dale Earnhart Jr. being his favorite driver. He especially enjoyed spending time with his son and grandsons teaching them auto mechanics.

Robert is survived by his wife, Joanne Green Ozolins; a son, Alex Ozolins and wife, Taryn of Adams TN; sisters, Nancy of Florida and Bonnie of Virginia; and three grandchildren, Ashton, Evan and Starr Ozolins.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Bryan Conrad and a sister, Lynn.

Arrangements were under the care of Gateway Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 335 Franklin St., Clarksville, TN 37040.

**Ella Mae Charter** of Grahamsville, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at home with her great granddaughter Hope Marie Osnato-Corbett by her side. She was 88.

The daughter of the late Daniel and Beatrice Davis Akerley, she was born on November 7, 1927 in Grahamsville, NY.

Ella worked for over 30 years at Woolworth Department store in Liberty. She was a lifelong member of the Parksville United Methodist Church and Women VFW of Fallsburg. She liked reading and looked forward to her Monday morning shopping outing. She was very family oriented and independent. Ella was the true matriarch of her family; she had a hand in raising each and every one of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Dukie Charter and his wife, Sally of Liberty, Debbie Bryant of South Carolina, and Roberta Kehrley and her husband, Robert Kofler of Woodridge; her grandchildren: David Graham and his wife, Shannon of Loch Sheldrake, Judith Graham and her husband, John Baisley of Grahamsville and Julie Gaebel and her husband, Scott of Jeffersonville; nine great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; her siblings: Vera Atkins, Thelma Dobell, John Akerley, and Audrey Curry and her son-in-law, Donald Sprague.

She was predeceased by her husband, Seymour "Duke" Charter; her daughter, Gloria Mae Sprague; her son, Daniel Charter; her siblings: Floyd and Daniel Akerley and Minnie Stewart.

A memorial service will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, December 3rd at the Parksville United Methodist Church, 12 Short Avenue, Parksville, NY 12768; Rev. Fran Waite will officiate.

Donations in her name can be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY, 13220.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**November 30, 1955** - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langton of Schenectady became the parents of a son, Stephen Edward, on November 14th at Schenectady. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raffa.

Ask for our special buy on beef

For dinners fine and dandy.

At Christmas time the money saved

Will come in very handy!

**SPECIALS ON BEEF ALL THIS WEEK!**

**KUM TO KRUM'S**

**December 1, 1965** - John H. Cain, age 68, died after a long illness on November 24, 1965 at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Long Island. He was born on December 7, 1896 in Neversink, the son of James and Elisabeth Redmond Cain. He was married in August 1924 to Mary I. Clark in Liberty. Surviving are his wife; a daughter,

Mrs. Regina Dunn of Orchard Par and two sisters, Mrs. Otis Bailey of Bradley and Mrs. Joseph Cummings of Bethpage, L.I.

**December 17, 1975** - Ralph A. Hornbeck of Rocky Hill Road, died Thursday in Ellenville Community Hospital after a long illness. He was 80. He was born on Christmas Eve in 1894 in Eureka to Chester and Tressa Smith Hornbeck. He was an area resident for 40 years. He was married to the former Doris Furman. He was a farmer and was a veteran of World War I. He is survived by his widow; a son, Raymond of Grahamsville; three daughters: Mrs. Vira Slater and Mrs. Dorothy Botsford, both of Grahamsville and Mrs. Betty Shaver of Turnwood; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Peters of Sundown; eleven grandchildren and two great-grand children.

Mrs. Barbara Wakefield of Grahamsville and Joseph Purcell of Narrowsburg were united in marriage at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Forestburgh on November 8, 1975. Mr. Purcell is County Clerk of Sullivan County. The couple resides in Grahamsville.

**December 5, 1985** - Peter Bernard of Neversink, a retired personnel director for the Wolff Book Co., New York City, and a 17-year area resident, died Thursday, Nov. 28 at Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 76. The son of the late Peter and Marie Ulrich Bernard, he was born on Jan. 5, 1909 in Hastings, Pa. Survivors include his wife, Mary Baker Bernard at home; two daughters: Norma Salvagio of Fairport, and Eileen Power of Warsaw, N.Y. one brother and three sisters; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

We are happy to welcome a baby girl, Stephanie Marie Diescher, born Nov. 16, 1985 at Harris Hosp. to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Diescher. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Haag of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Diescher of Livingston Manor.

**Sullivan County Philatelic Society**

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will feature Dan Lee, new member and guest speaker, who will discuss how to buy stamps, assisted by club president, Art Rosenzweig.

The November Stamp Show held at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center in Monticello, NY will be the last Stam Show Society as it was not up to par. So after 43 years, will be just a meeting only.

I would like to thank all the dealers and members who always helped in making our club grow. I also want to thank the Village of Mnticello and its Board Memebers who made it go. We will still have meeting on the First Saturday of each month unless holidays conflict. I also would like to thank all the media for all their help and anyone else who came to our whows. Without the help from the media, things could not happen.

I hope we can get some new members as well. We will start to again exhibit certain aspects of stamp collection.

I remain

Philatelically Yours,

Arthur Rosenzweig Sec/Treasurer

The next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will be on December 5th, 2015 at 1PM in the Ted Strobel Building, 2 Jefferson Street in Monticello. The Topic of discussion will be "How to Purchase Stamps" We welcome all to this open meeting. Bring a friend! Email any questions to [scphilatelicsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:scphilatelicsociety@yahoo.com)

**Youth Bureau Announces 2016 Grant Opportunities**

The Sullivan County Youth Bureau announced today that it will begin accepting applications from organizations that serve children and youth within Sullivan County and wish to seek additional grant funding for their program. The Sullivan County Youth Bureau receives funding annually from the County and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund youth development projects within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools, and municipalities. Organizations which would like to apply and be considered for funding are requested to contact the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and submit completed applications to the Youth Bureau by Thursday, December 17, 2015. For more information, please call the Sullivan County Youth Bureau at (845) 807-0396.

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Carol Montana who has joined the "Sullivan County Democrat" staff as editor. Carol lives in Grahamsville and has a vast knowledge of Sullivan County.

The 80 year old ban on the sale of alcohol was lifted when the Neversink voters went to the polls this past election day. The vote passed by a relatively small margin.

Belated happy birthday wishes to Marie Dean of Grahamsville. Marie celebrated her 92nd birthday on November 21st.

Happy 94th birthday to Margaret Dolan on December 20th!

Jamie Brooks, Director of Neversink Parks and Rec, tells me that 183 people went to the Camelback Aquatopia in Tannersville, PA during the weekend of November 7th and 8th. They had a wonderful time and are planning to go back to Camelback or Great Wolf Lodge again next fall.

Jamie also took a full bus load of "seniors" to the Westchester Dinner Theatre in Elmont, NY on November 13th to see "ShowBoat". Plans are to go back to Elmont in May for another show.

Town of Neversink Tree Lighting- Bicentennial Square at 5:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 6th.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper - Saturday, December 5th - Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Do you like to ski? Neversink Parks and Rec. will soon be selling discounted ski passes for Sundays (10:00 - 5:00) at Holiday Mountain. See Jamie for additional info.

Congratulations to Airman Joshua Winters, a 2014 Tri-Valley graduate, who graduated from basic military training at San Antonio-Lackland Joint Base in Texas.

CAP Cadet Airman 1st Class Michael DeWitt of Neversink, a Cadet in Sullivan County Air Patrol, represented Sullivan County in the 2015 New York Wing Leadership Encampment held at the Stratton Air National Guard Base.

Did You know? Grahamsville had a bakery. Erath's Bakery was located at the foot of Denman Mt. Road - today it is an apartment home. Grahamsville also had a fully functional General Store where not only could you purchase all the groceries, meat and produce that you needed, but it also carried clothing, shoes, boots, toys and more. People came to Grahamsville from miles around just to shop in Krum's Store. Their motto was "You can whip our cream, but you can not beat our meat".

*Words of Wisdom:* If you don't pass your values on to your children someone else will give them theirs.

The greatest inspiration is the deadline!

**TVTA Welcomes New Teacher to the District**

(From Pg. 1) He taught Special Education/Social Studies at South Orangetown CSD for four years before coming to Tri-Valley, where he is a secondary school special education teacher.

When asked why he became a teacher, Mr. Vrydaghs said, "I had always enjoyed working and interacting with children on a volunteer and coaching level. Becoming a teacher seemed like a natural fit. At an early age, I was influenced by my own teachers to make an impact in some way. I saw teaching as the greatest way to make an impact in the lives of others and I've enjoyed making that decision."

Mr. Vrydaghs is currently coaching the modified wrestling team at T-V, a natural fit for someone who loves sports. He is an avid soccer player and trainer, member of a Crossfit gym, and a golfer in his spare time.

We are happy to have you with us, Jarrad! Welcome to the Tri-Valley family! Have a great year!

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the South Fallsburg Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM - NO WALK-INS

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**Tis' the Season to be Jolly! TVCS Students Spread Holiday Cheer at Upcoming Winter Concerts**

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

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

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

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

See you there!

**A Busy Holiday Weekend Ahead**

There are quite a few holiday activities going on in town this weekend.

On Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 3 pm the Grahamsville Methodist Church will hold their Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon. There will be pottery, jewelry, creamics, homemade food, gifts for all and much more! See the flyer in this week's issue for details. Stop by the Sundown UM Church for their covered dish supper at 5 pm.

And while you are in the holiday spirit, be sure to stop in at A.J.'s Friends and Finds across from the Grahamsville Post Office. You will be surprised what you will find at A.J.'s - greeting & designer cards by local artists; handpainted glassware; vinyl records; seder plate; Pfatzgraff Christmas Heritage dinnerware; long stemmed engraved crystal glassware; miniature figurines for fairy gardens; fine silver and costume jewelry; carved mirrors; collector porcelain dolls, gift baskets, wreaths and much, much more! (See Pg. 12)

Then top the weekend off on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 PM at the Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling, special music, holiday readings and a visit from the man in the red suit.

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

**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.*

**Are Reindeer Really Deer?**

We are familiar with the white-tailed deer that is common in the Catskills and perhaps the most iconic of deer as people associate it from the 1942 movie "Bambi". Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer actually was around a few years before Bambi. Rudolph first appeared in 1932 by author Robert L. May.



Both Bambi and Rudolf are deer. The difference between deer and reindeer is that the term "deer" refers to a family and reindeer is a particular species. Although the

term "deer" usually refers to a common species such as the White-tailed Deer and not reindeer, technically reindeer or caribou are a type of deer.

Rudolph is not the only reindeer with a special nose. All reindeer have special noses that warm the air they breathe in before it reaches their lungs. Another attribute of the Reindeer that allows them to withstand the cold is they have two layers of fur; a thick woolly undercoat and a longer-haired overcoat which consists of hollow hairs that trap the air. This not only provides them with excellent insulation, it also keeps them buoyant in water when they have to travel across massive rivers and lakes while migrating. Reindeer travel the furthest of any land mammal.

The reindeer hooves adapt to the season. During summer when the tundra is soft and wet, the reindeer's footpads become sponge-like and cover a larger surface area which allows them to walk on the damp ground. In the winter, the reindeer's footpads shrink and tighten, exposing the rim of the hoof which cuts into the ice and crusted snow to stop the reindeer from slipping. This also enables the reindeer to dig down through the snow to their favorite food, a lichen known as reindeer moss.

Reindeer can be found in the Arctic tundra, forests, and mountains in Russia, Northern China, Canada, Alaska, and Scandinavia. They are very well adapted to the cold and harsh arctic tundra where they migrate great distances each year.

According to the Smithsonian Institute, there were two major types of caribou that were separated during the last glacial period. One group, the caribou was the reindeer that became domesticated in Europe and Asia. Reindeer have been domesticated for over 3,000 years and are one of the earliest domesticated animals.

A baby reindeer called a Fawn weighs between 10 and 14 pounds at birth. Reindeer are usually grow between 4 and 5 ft tall, not including their antlers that grow to 3 ft tall! Both male (bull) and female (cow) reindeer grow and shed their antlers annually. Their antlers grow as much as an inch a day. The antlers of the males drop off in early winter while the female does not lose her antlers until later in the winter. Like a human's fingerprint no two reindeer antlers are exactly the same.

Just recently, researchers at University College London discovered reindeer are the only mammals that can see ultraviolet light. While human vision cuts off at wavelengths around 400 nm, reindeers can see up to 320 nm. This range covers the part of the spectrum we can see with the help of a black light. For the reindeer it helps them see things in the glowing white of the Arctic that they would otherwise miss such as white fur, and things that are impossible for humans to see in the snow. For reindeer, they show up in high contrast.

Until Clement C. Moore wrote "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" in 1823, no one thought about reindeer coexisting with Santa Claus. Moore introduced the world to Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Dunder and Blixem (the last two of which were later changed from Dutch to German, becoming Donner and Blitzen). While the first six names all make sense in English, the last two actually mean "thunder" and "lightning," respectively.

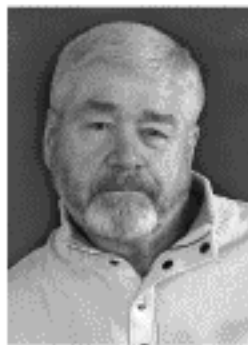
The word Reindeer comes from the Old Norse word "hreinin," which means horned animal.

As for little Rudolph, the new 'deer' on the sleigh, his name means "famous wolf" in German and Bambi's name has its origin from Italy. Bambi means 'young girl'. Wait a minute, wasn't Bambi a young buck? Maybe Bambi was really a reindeer after all!

**Household Hints**

**Cleaning Your Christmas Ornaments**

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



## Palace of Treason

### Mysterious Book Report No. 220

by John Dwaine McKenna



Is there any doubt amongst well-informed people, that the tectonic plates of government spheres of influence are being shifted these days in ways we couldn't even imagine as little as twenty-five years ago? Would you have thought for example, back in 1990 when the Soviet Union was collapsing and the U.S. led coalition was busy kicking Sudan Hussein out of Kuwait, that by the year 2015 a resurgent Russia would be superseding America in critical areas of the globe as the dominant world power? Or that we would be smack-dab in the middle of an emerging cold war, vying for world hegemony with a renewed sense of urgency . . . because the potential for a nuclear catastrophe is growing exponentially as more nations, some of whom are politically unstable, or run by fanatical regimes join what is ruefully called a Club? . . . meaning of course, the nations who possess nuclear weapons. It's the kind of conflict that makes for the absolute best spy yarns . . . those which are based in fact and take place on a world stage while civilization itself teeters on the edge of destruction. MBR No. 220 covers just such a novel. It rings with veracity and authenticity because the author was a real-life, card-carrying CIA case officer for more than thirty years, working in denied-access areas of the world such as Russia, eastern Europe and the Middle East. He's retired now and has turned his hand to writing novels about the clandestine services. Red Sparrow, Jason Matthews Edgar Award winning debut novel, electrified readers and hit the *New York Times* best seller list a little less than a year ago. It featured a brave and fearless woman espionage agent named Dominika Egorova of the Russian Intelligence Service (SVR) and American CIA agent Nate Nash in a classic spy novel that left readers wiping sweat from their faces and begging for more. I'm happy to say our wishes have been granted.

*Palace of Treason*, (Scribner/Simon & Shuster, \$26.99, 468 pages, ISBN 978-1-4767-9374-0) by Jason Matthews is now out and continues the story, picking up where the first novel ended. Egorova, now promoted to captain in the SVR, has been incommunicado for nearly a year. Nash, stationed in Athens, Greece, doesn't know if she's alive or dead. But Dominika is not only healthy and well . . . she's come to the attention of President Putin himself . . . which has put her in conflict with a sadistic, jealous and sociopathic SVR colonel who's bent on destroying her. He's obsessed, hunting for the mole he thinks is giving away state secrets, but hasn't been able to catch, and believes is Dominika Egorova. The tension begins in the first chapter and never lets up, intensifying with each new revelation. The plot is serpentine, the tradecraft exact and the action non-stop-with treachery, double-agents, mole hunts, sex, danger, venality, double-crosses and gunfights enough to make *Palace of Treason* stand as an equal to any of the greatest spy yarns ever written. Huge praise indeed, but it's so well done I doubt that anyone will be able to stop reading once they get to the last seventy-five pages. Jason Matthews will soon be recognized as one of the greatest thriller writers ever. He's that good!

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### Junior FBLA: What Have We Been Up To?(From Pg. 1)

Okay, so, that's it? No, we've been busy! On October 13, Jr. FBLA went on a field trip to Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. We were the only juniors there, but that didn't stop us! We learned a lot about business leadership, which is an extremely important skill that everyone needs to get through life. We heard some speeches and went to a few different workshops. Sounds boring? No, actually. It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot.

And then there was the dance. On October 30th-the day before Halloween-Jr. FBLA sponsored a dance for all the 7th and 8th graders. It was amazing! We had decorations, candy, a black light, and even a DJ-M.C. Wika Wika Weyant (aka Mr. Weyant). The students even had the option to wear costumes! We had an amazing turnout. A majority of 7th and 8th grader were there! We all had a lot of fun. To get into the dance, you had to pay. Not too much, though; five dollars, or three dollars along with a donation for Stuff The Bus, which is something that the Tri-Valley teachers do for local families-we donate boxed/canned food to families in need. We had a lot of food donated, and we are very grateful to all those who donated. So, what about the money? How much did we make? From the dance alone, we made over four hundred dollars. Do we just keep it for ourselves? No, of course not! This year, Jr. FBLA has decided to donate the



Some of the many students who attended the 7th and 8th grade dance.

money to the Wounded Warriors Project, which is an organization that helps to take care of all the people who have served our country and helps to assist the families who have lost a loved one on the battlefield, as well as to help those families who's loved one is a wounded warrior, so to speak. We are donating two hundred dollars to the organization.

And who puts on so many amazing events? Mr. Haynes, the eighth grade English teacher, and Mrs. Swarthout, a middle and high school business teacher. These two amazing teachers have helped our club to make our creative ideas come to life. And who comes up with the ideas? Us! Our two co-presidents, Juliette Eddings and Victoria Sweat, our vice president, Samantha Houghtaling, our secretary, Carly Simpson, our treasurer, Diana TerBush, our historian, Jordan Costa, and our reporter, Kira Ambrosi.

This was an amazing way for Jr. FBLA to start out the school year! We all hope to have a lot of fun as the school year progresses, and, looking back on past events this club has done, I have no doubt that we will enjoy everything this club does!

### Youth to Learn About Raising Guide Dogs for Those in Need

LIBERTY, NY - Youth and their families can learn the basics of raising a puppy to be a service dog at an informative class on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s 4-H Youth Development program will host this educational event from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

A trained Guiding Eyes for the Blind instructor will be present with a dog to demonstrate proper techniques associated with raising puppies into guide dogs. Participants will be introduced to the service dog industry and will learn the training and obedience needed for both the instructor and the puppy in order to develop a working guide dog. Cost to attend is \$5.00 per youth or \$3.00 per enrolled 4-H member. Anyone ages 5 to 18 can enroll in 4-H for free. 4-H members must identify membership status at time of payment to receive discounted rate.

Pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org). Additional donations for educational programs are appreciated.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides trained guide dogs to men and women who are blind or visually impaired and to families with children with autism.

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

### Programs for Kids and Teens at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is offering a variety of programs for kids and teens. On Wednesday, December 2 at 4:30, there will be another installment of After School Block Party. Come listen to a story, and use Legos to recreate an element from the story. This program is great for ages 5-12. Also, on December 9 from 5:00-7:45, the library will participate in the Hour of Code. Kids ages 8-12 can sign up to learn basic coding. At the end of the hour, they will receive a certificate of completion. Registration will begin December 2.

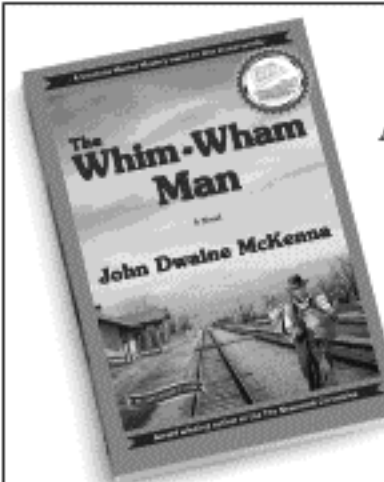
On Monday, December 28, we will hold our first ever Lego Club. There will be two sessions: the first from 11:00-12:00 and the second from 4:00-5:00. Kids ages 7-11 will work together to complete a challenge using Lego bricks and their imaginations! Space is limited. Registration will open on December 14. You may register for ONE session.

There are plenty of activities for Teens at the library, too. The first Saturday of every month at 1:00 is a teen movie. Teens can enjoy a free movie on the big screen, and are welcome to bring a snack. The Teen Advisory Group is meeting on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00. Teens who participate will earn one hour of community service credit for attending.

This month's Teen Tuesday will be a Mario Kart tournament. On December 22 from 4:00-6:00, come to the library to test your racing skills. The WiiU will be set up on the big screen, and first place will win a prize. Space is limited in this program, so call to register.

End your year on a magical note! The library will hold a Harry Potter Movie Marathon on December 28-31. Watch all eight Harry Potter movies on the big screen, and play Harry Potter trivia between movie showings. This program is for all ages.

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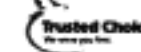
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**The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda**

**Black Friday**

My good friend Marie gets up at the crack of dawn and shops until she drops-- literally. Not me, Black Friday just represents a day of recovery from the glutony of Thanksgiving. This year, because my sons and their wives' families live nearby, we did a duo of dinners. It was an overdose of feasting and family. Friday became a fasting day crowned with a few pieces of pizza and a reunion of more friends, Bachor, Tosi, O'Connor, Fullers, LaMonda and Parete families, who filled the back room at the Boiceville Inn. We took advantage of extended "family" visiting from Colorado, Massachusetts and Florida and shared "the good old days" when the Papes, Stones, Swensons, Friedels and Ranks would have been there too.

Madison Avenue has set Thanksgiving Day as the day of demarkation. Once the leftovers are refrigerated, it is socially responsible to start thinking about Christmas and Hanukkah. Driving home last night, lights sparkled along the highway. Christmas trees went on sale and the December calendar filled up with parties, cookie swaps, craft sales, plays and shopping.

This year I vow to enjoy the season and not get caught up in the hoopla and stress. I will be watching my granddaughter say her lines in "Miracle on Main Street" play on December 4 at the Wesleyan Church at 6 and 7:30. I will be hoping she, who is five, will pronounce the word "election" correctly (or not!). I will be enjoying the Cantata at the Reservoir Methodist Church on December 20 at four o'clock. I will be purchasing cookies at the Olive Bridge Cookie Sale on December 5. I will be buying handmade gifts at the Library Fair on December 12. I will be a participant, not ruled by some commercial ad campaign or woman's magazine table-scape or tree-decorating competition.

This year it's all about family and friendship and good times that will create good memories. The kids' macaroni tree ornaments will hang next to heirloom ones. Whatever is served for the holiday dinner will be special because of the people gathered together for the holiday.

**DEP Announces 2,186 Additional Watershed Acres Open for Hunting**

**With New York's regular hunting season set to begin Saturday, new or expanded access in four counties provides additional opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen**

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it has opened access this year to 2,186 additional acres of water supply land where outdoor enthusiasts can hunt, hike and fish. The expanded access includes 714 acres on nine new parcels of recreation land, and 1,472 acres that were added to existing recreation areas throughout the Catskills. With the state's regular hunting season starting on Saturday, Nov. 21, sportsmen and sportswomen are encouraged to utilize the 90,727 acres of water supply land managed by DEP that are open for hunting. That includes 66,125 acres known as "public access areas" that are open for hiking, hunting, and trapping without a DEP Access Permit. Parcels open for hunting are spread across 326 recreation areas in Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Many hunters have already started to enjoy this expanded access during the early bow-hunting season that began in October.

"As DEP acquired forests and meadows in the watershed to protect water quality in our reservoirs, we also understood that it was important to keep these lands open for recreational activities that were important to our neighbors," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd said. "The sportsmen and sportswomen who participate in hunting season are important to the ecology of our watershed, and we welcome them to make safe and productive use of the properties we've opened in their communities."

Deer management is critical to protecting and maintaining water quality because forests, especially those immediately adjacent to New York City's reservoirs, are ideal buffer lands that need to continually regenerate. Dense populations of deer can stunt the regeneration of forest lands that serve as an important natural filter for surface waters before they enter reservoirs and their tributaries. To help address deer overpopulation, more than 250 hunters entered into a lottery for Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAP) that will allow them to harvest antlerless deer on lands immediately adjacent to Ashokan, Cannonsville and Neversink reservoirs. DEP also received DMAPs for a 2,400-acre parcel in Roxbury and an 800-acre parcel in East Fishkill. The DMAPs are provided annually by the state Department of Environmental Conservation. DEP has also continued its partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department this year to provide a limited number of DMAPs to those who are enrolled in a county program that allows hunting at certain county parks that are adjacent to reservoirs. Many of these buffer lands immediately adjacent to the reservoirs are also being managed by DEP foresters to promote the growth of young, vibrant and diverse forests. Promoting hunting in these areas will improve the success of those forestry projects by allowing the next generation of trees to take root and grow to a height where they are no longer vulnerable to deer browsing.

The expanded access areas are located in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Ulster counties. Some highlights include:

Recreation Unit Rec Use	County	Town	Acres
Bagley Brook Headwaters	Delaware	Delhi	215
Davis Hollow	Delaware	Andes	99
Steele Brook	Delaware	Delhi	36
Pepacton Plateau***	Delaware	Andes	318
Platte Clove Road	Greene	Hunter	105
Stony Clove Notch***	Greene	Hunter	85
North Ashland***	Greene	Ashland	43
Robinson Road	Schoharie	Conesville	42
Hubbard Hill***	Schoharie	Gilboa	37
Peck Road***	Ulster	Olive	34
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\*\*\* Denotes land added to an existing recreation unit.

All state hunting regulations - including antler restrictions throughout most of the watershed region - apply on city-owned lands. Also, those using water supply lands for recreation and hunting should pay careful attention to posted signs that outline what uses are allowed. Access to some areas may be restricted due to ongoing forestry projects and entering areas marked as closed will be considered trespassing. In addition, some parcels open for recreation require a free DEP access permit, which can be obtained through an online permitting system found by going to <https://a826-web01.nyc.gov/recpermitapp/>

Additional information about hunting on City-owned property in the watersheds can be found by going to [nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep) and clicking on the "Watershed Recreation" link. A complete list of recreation units, including maps and more information on the parcels listed above, can be found by going to this [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed\\_protection/maps.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/maps.shtml) on the DEP website. Hunters who are unclear about what activities are allowed in each unit should check the DEP website or call (800) 575-LAND during regular business hours.

Since 2003, DEP has more than tripled the amount of City-owned water supply lands that are open for recreation to 130,298 acres. Of those acres open to recreation, roughly 94,000 are land and 36,000 are water.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than 9 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City's water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$70 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.7 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with nearly \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [nyc.gov/dep](http://nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/nycwater](https://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/nycwater](https://twitter.com/nycwater).

**Olive Free Library Annual Holiday Craft Fair**

Olive Free Library will hold its annual holiday craft fair on Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The fair features locally-made food and goods, a hot lunch, and activities for families.

Each year the Olive Free Library's holiday fair adds more locally made goods to the shopping, such as maple syrup from the Catskills, and local authors, illustrators, and musicians to the entertainment mix. The library raises funds selling succulent soups, chili, and baked goods.

Families will be delighted to know that children's book author/illustrator Iza Trapani will be reading and signing books. She will be reading from her new book *Old King Cole* at 10 a.m. Local illustrator Durga Yael Bernhard will read from her book, *The Dreidel that Woudn't Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkah*, and will have books to sign and sell.

At 11 a.m. between the two book readings there will be a special children's music program with musician Lisa Menard. Ms. Menard will lead children in holiday songs with her accordion and invite young ones to play along with bells and other instruments. Ms. Menard has delighted children in Olive for over 20 years, leading music and movement at the library's weekly story hour. The entertainment will also include a singalong led by the Catskill Ukulele Group, and toward the end of the day, a singalong on the library's Steinway grand piano with musician Julia Haines who leads the weekly Singing Circle at the library.

Throughout the day there will be seasonal arts and crafts activities offered for people of all ages. Locally-made gifts will include cutting boards made with locally sourced wood, natural body products, honey, jewelry, felted wool, hand-made American Girl Doll clothing, quilts, baked goods, and much more!

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**Kissing Ball Workshop** Sunday, December 13th 1-4pm \$10 Materials Fee Bonnie Schaedle returns to help you make this classic holiday decoration. Spaces are limited, please email us to sign-up.

**Stress Free Holiday Wellness Workshop** Monday, December 14th 7-9pm \$15 Materials Fee With host Jenn Staib. Learn easy, natural ways to destress this upcoming holiday season and all year long! We will be making chemical-free home spa products: bath salts, sugar scrub, and foot soak!

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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**BCES Hosts English New Learners Open House**

The English New Learners (ENL) teachers at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) welcomed parents and children to their annual Open House in the school's cafeteria on the evening of November 13. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz and School Principal Mary Kate Stinehour were present to welcome everybody as part of the Fallsburg School District's commitment to engage parents in the education of their children and to play an important role in the school and community.



Teacher Diana Barjoveanu greeted parents and children and said that the purpose of the evening was to inform families about the opportunities available to them not only in the BCES school and curriculum but also from the Hudson Valley Special Education Parent Center (HVSEPC) and the Mid-Hudson Migrant Education Outreach Program (MHEOP).

Ms. Lulu Bencosme is the Bilingual Outreach and Information Specialist for HVSEPC. She spoke about the wonderful opportunities open for families and students in the Fallsburg Central School District to promote meaningful family engagement in their children's special education programs. Her organization is

dedicated to creating better futures for people with disabilities, for vulnerable children, and for their parents and caregivers. The goal is for these individuals to live a healthy and productive life as full members of society.

Spokesperson for MHEOP was Ms. Maryellen Whittington-Couse, who has been connected with Fallsburg and Sullivan County for the past few years. One of the leading teachers at BCES has been Ms. Malvina Saavedra, who was also present to speak with parents. The Migrant Ed program supports the educational needs of migrant-eligible farm workers and their children in Sullivan and surrounding counties. The agency especially assists the families in developing skills as English language learners.

Parents listened attentively during the presentations, while their children enjoyed coloring and reading books made available for them to take home at the end of the evening. They also were given beautiful sturdy backpacks. Everyone left with full hands and stomachs thanks to pizza, salad, juice drinks and sandwiches.

Thanks go out to all the ENL Department teachers Erica Persten, Lori Horsman, Martha Zalkin, Natasha Vangor, Diana Barjoveanu, who were ably assisted by BCES Media Specialist Luisa Fernandes and Ms. Saavedra.



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### Send Your Your Holiday Greetings by way of The Townsman

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

This year the deadline for our Hanukkah greetings will be November 27, 2015 and they will be published in the December 3rd issue. The deadline for all other holiday greetings will be Friday, December 11th and they will be published in the December 16th issue. If you wish to send a greeting, please fill out the form and send it along with a check for \$9 to The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740. The actual size of your greeting will be 2" x 2"

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tele # \_\_\_\_\_  
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 The holiday message that you wish to have on your greeting:

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### Annual Student Food Drive Helps Fill Fallsburg Food Pantries



SGA students at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School with Principal Mary Kate Stinehour and Advisor Peter Dworetzky surrounding the large cart loaded with boxes of food

For over thirty years, the Student Government Association at Fallsburg Central School District has been collecting non-perishable food, frozen turkeys and chickens to offer needy families during the Thanksgiving holiday. On Monday, November 23, after school the students with their Advisors Elisa Baum and Amanda Scully delivered the collected food to two of Fallsburg's food pantries, Hurleyville Food Bank and St. Andrews Episcopal Church Food Pantry in South Fallsburg.



Left to right are senior class SGA members Brendon Sapolsky, Stephanie Perna, Adam Justiniano, and Bijal Patel.

Since their inaugural year, the sixth grade SGA at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has been doing a fantastic job in reaching out to their whole school and gathering over a dozen large boxes of food to add to the total collection.

## Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:01 AM SUNSET: 4:28 PM  
AVERAGE HIGH: 45°F AVERAGE LOW: 24 °F

### THURSDAY



HIGH: 43°F LOW: 29°F

### FRIDAY



HIGH: 44 °F LOW: 29 °F

### SATURDAY



HIGH: 45 °F LOW: 29 °F

### SUNDAY



HIGH: 47 °F LOW: 36 °F

### MONDAY



HIGH: 49 °F LOW: 34 °F

### TUESDAY



HIGH: 45 °F LOW: 29°F

### Bob, Cooper and the Wayback Machine Out for a Sunny Drive



Just in from Bob and Cooper, "With the nice sunny weather this afternoon, a heater that works good, Cooper and I decided to fire up the "Wayback Machine" and go for a ride up over South Hill."  
 "Here is a photo that I took thru the windshield as I approached Paul and Kathy Kelly's barn, I liked it so I am sharing it with you. Not many days left like this to enjoy our outings!"  
 It does look more like a spring day rather than a late November fall day, but we don't hear too many complaints about the weather.  
 Hopefully Bob and Cooper will not have to put the "Wayback Machine" in winter storage for as long as it was last year!  
 ... and what else is good - the price of gasoline is still affordable.  
 Wishing Bob and Cooper many more happy rides through the holidays!





### Frost Valley Retreat Teaches Urban Families to Live Healthy



Frost Valley YMCA hosted its first-ever "Family Retreat for Healthy Living," which taught 17 New Jersey families how to cook healthy meals, grow their own food, and develop a plan to get more physically active at home. Families from Trenton, Camden, New Brunswick, Vineland and Newark received scholarships to participate in classes and active fun over the weekend of November 13-15.

"Several participants had never been outside their city and never experienced being in outdoor settings, but all were very motivated to participate and each person actively engaged in every activity they could possible get to," said Olivia Lightle, Frost Valley's Assistant Director of Program Innovation. "Families learned a great deal about cooking healthy meals, increasing physical activity, and growing their own food, which a majority of participants indicate that they plan to do at home!"

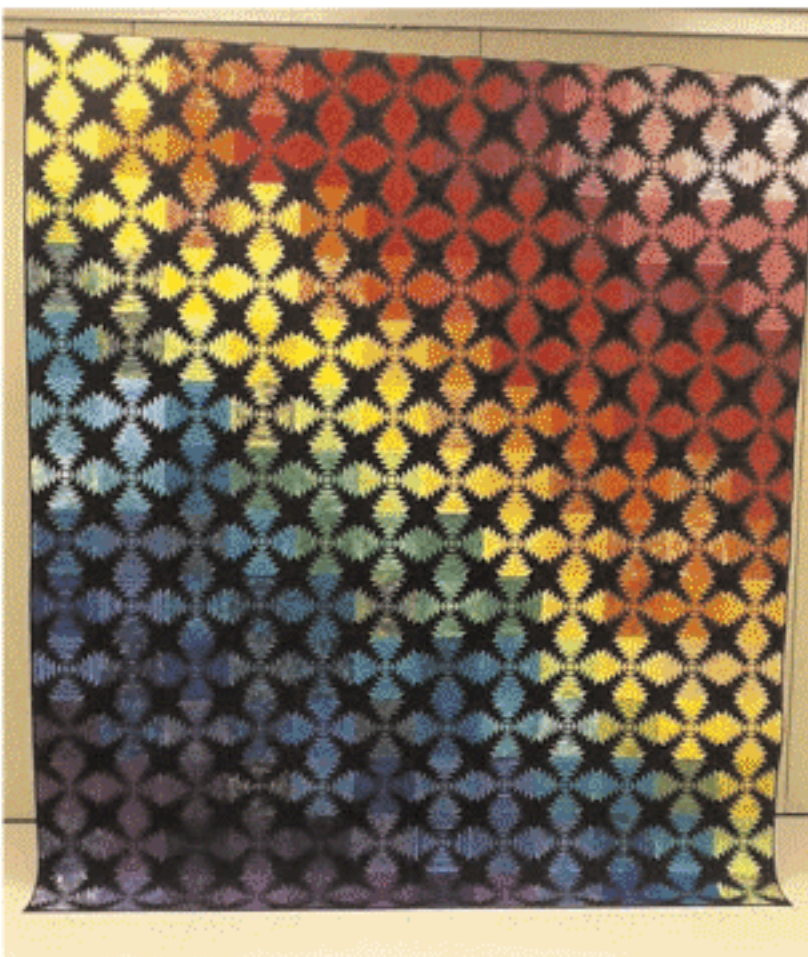
Families participated in cooking lessons at Frost Valley's Teaching Kitchen (where they learned to substitute healthy ingredients in their own family recipes), enjoyed small-space gardening classes, and took part in a wide variety physical activity programs. Each family received materials and skills to take home so that they can put their new knowledge to use, including recipe booklets; sub-irrigated planters with herbs; pedometers to monitor their daily steps (with a goal of doing a minimum of 10,000 steps per day); knowledge of local community gardens, farms, and farmers' markets; and a renewed enthusiasm to continue their journey towards healthier lifestyles. In addition, they were able to enjoy Frost Valley's active programs: archery, dance, hiking, climbing, zipline, and more.

The Retreat was developed in collaboration with the NJ Alliance of YMCAs and the NJ Partnership for Healthy Kids as a part of Frost Valley's commitment to youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The program has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the National Recreation Foundation to host four more weekends in 2016.

To learn more about Frost Valley's family retreats, please visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org).

### 2016 Calico Geese Raffle Quilt Revealed

The completed 2016 Calico Geese Raffle quilt was revealed to the membership during the October meeting. It is truly magnificent. Thank you was extended to all the members who willingly worked on the 168 blocks included in the quilt. Their efforts were so appreciated. Their work and love of the quilting craft helped to create a strikingly colorful queen size quilt.



Raffle tickets are sold by guild members at local events throughout the year. For more information about purchasing tickets or becoming a member of the Calico Geese, call (845)292-9814.

Calico Geese Quilters business meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Weekly Quilting "Sewcial" meetings are every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Saturday workshops are also scheduled throughout the year (Fee and registration required).

All meetings are held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Bldg. 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY 12754 Anyone interested in the art and quilt of quilting is welcome to join the Calico Geese Quilters.

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### Fallsburg Brownie Troop 604 Sends Card to Veterans

For Veterans Day this year, Town of Fallsburg Brownie Troop 604, that meets regularly at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, decided to create special thank you cards for veterans all over the world that are serving our country. They sent them through an organization called A Million Thanks that distributes the messages overseas.



The Co-Troop Leaders are Ms. Fiorella Muscia and Ms. Rebecca Rodriguez, mothers of two of the members. In the attached photo are front row, left to right: Cecilia Riker, Alana Gjeka, and Serenity Rodriguez; back row are Mrs. Fiorella Muscia, Sarah Cinino, Gianna Journet, Bella Muscia, and Mrs. Rebecca Rodriguez.

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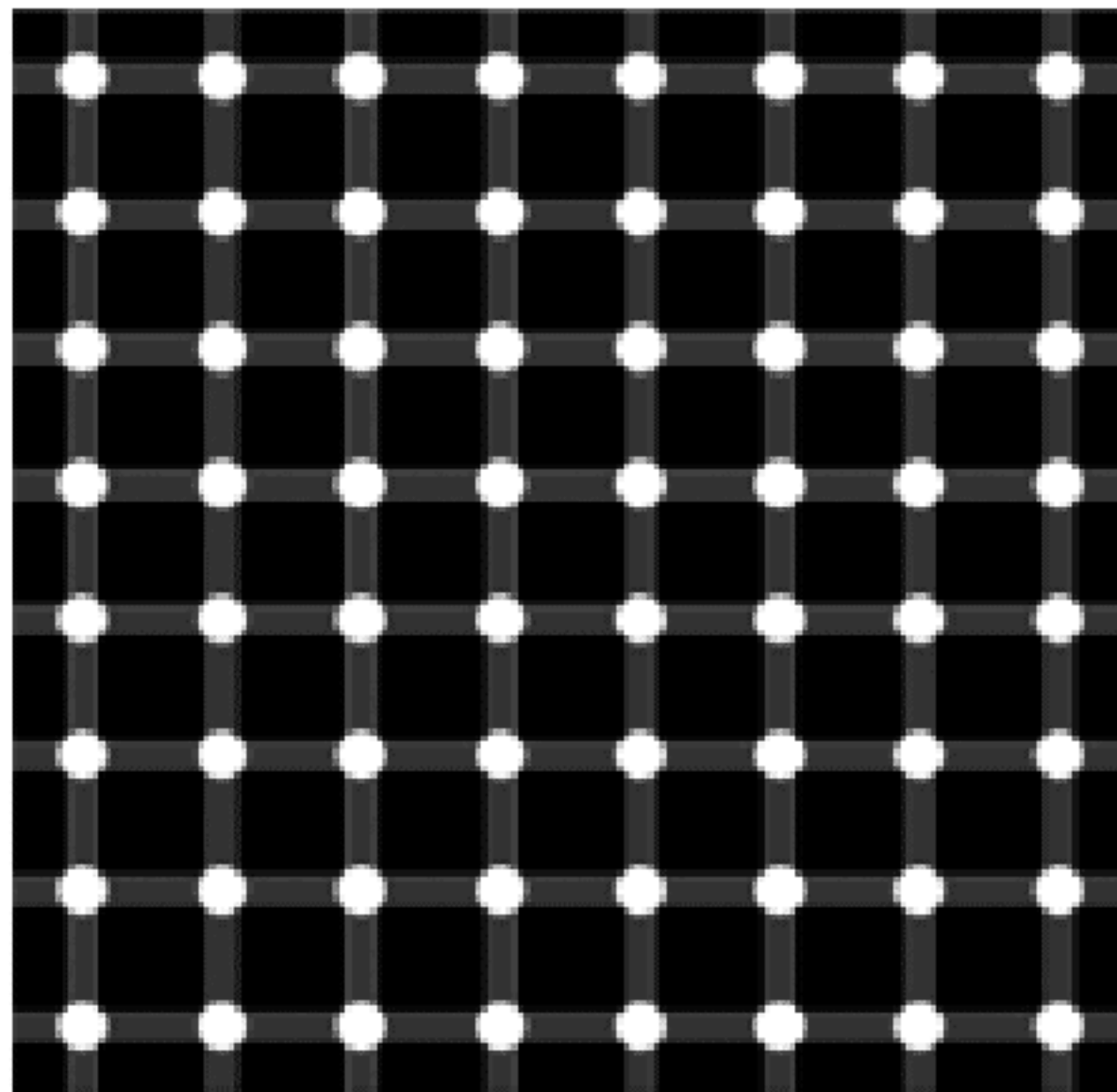
The Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce and the Catskill Art Society will throw a grand opening party for "Trains on Main," the annual holiday train spectacular, at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY from Saturday, December 5.



Trains on Main is pulling into Livingston Manor for its eighth year! This nostalgic trip back in time features handmade model trains on view in windows up and down Main Street. To kick off our favorite local tradition, a special Grand Opening party will be held for you to see the miniature trains up close, talk to the model builders, and listen to live music from local bands! (Contd. Pg. 11)

**For those who had a problem seeing the magic in the box of ornaments in last week's *Townsmen.*, you might be able to see the 'magic' a little better up on the website.**

**If you stare at the box of ornaments, they should blink on and off right before your eyes!**



**Come, All Ye Faithful, the Sisters are Holding a Holiday Sale!**

Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone this year? Then don't miss the "Sisters' Sale," on December 4, 5, and 6, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the International Center for a Culture of Compassion located at 2299 Ulster Heights Road, in Woodbourne—a short drive from the Grahamsville area. The sale will feature a gorgeous variety of crafts from the sisters' mission countries, including Peruvian tapestries, South American coffee, handcrafted candles, Brazilian shawls, gorgeous Nativity sets and ornaments, scarves, religious crafts, perfumes, Christmas cards, and a selection of delectable homemade goodies by Sister Diana—jams, cookies, and herbal teas made from produce fresh from their country garden!

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the mission of the Sisters of the Servants of God's Presence. The sisters live in community in locations worldwide, including locally in Woodbourne, and have dedicated their lives and ministry to nurturing a culture of compassion by visiting their neighbors, the suffering, and the lonely; by welcoming visitors; and by fostering spiritual education programs and retreats.

The sisters would love for you to stop by. No doubt you will be charmed by their warmth and peaceful presence! If you have questions about the sale or the mission of the Sisters of the Servants of God's Presence, please contact Sister Diana at 845-434-5076, or at [diana84.narballo@gmail.com](mailto:diana84.narballo@gmail.com).

**Community Driver Safety Program**  
Community Driver Safety Program at the following location: Community Driver Safety Program Defensive Driving Class 1072 Lake Shore Drive, White Lake, New York on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 9:00AM-4:00PM To Register via mail to Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc., P O Box 444, White Lake NY

12786 or call toll free for additional information 1-877-910-7843.

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. The fee is \$25 per person over 50 years of age and \$35 per person under 50 years of age.

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

**The "Class Act Clinic" Opens to the Public Liberty:**

The "Class Act Clinic" at the Career and Technical Education Center is open to the public.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 10:30pm and 12:00pm - 2:00pm. For more information, or to schedule an appointment call (845) 295-4171.

The "Class Act Clinic", run and operated by the Cosmetology II students, is located at Sullivan BOCES' Rubin Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

The clinic offers a full array of salon services, at a minimal cost: Artificial Nails & Fills; Haircuts; Hot Cream Hair Conditioning; One Length Buzz; Cuts Manicures; Make-up Applications; Blazing Highlights; Highlights; Change of Polish; Paraffin Treatments; Eyebrow Tweezing; Pedicures; Facial Waxing; Permanent Waves; Facials; Semi-Permanent Hair color; Frostings (cap or foils); Shampoo & Blowouts; Full & half Leg Waxing; Shampoo, set & comb; Hair Straightening; and Temporary Color Rinses

The goal of the students is to demonstrate their skill/talent, while pampering and beautifying members of the community.

For more information on the Cosmetology Program or the other programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center visit us at [scbores.org](http://scbores.org) or call 295-4152. For program updates, like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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**Holiday Concert Schedule for Sullivan County Government Center**

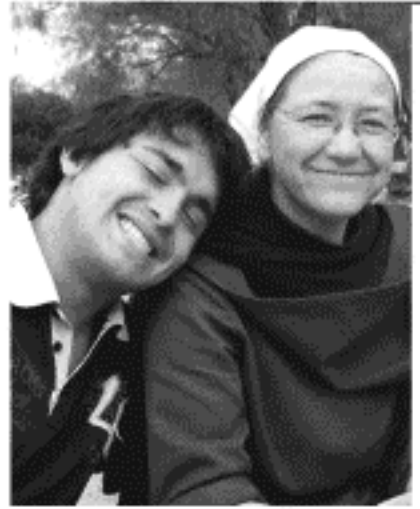
Monticello, N.Y. - County Manager Joshua Potosek announced that holiday music and songs will be offered in the Lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York. The first event will be held at 11:00am on Monday, December 9th, with the holiday event series wrapping up on Wednesday, December 23rd.

"The public and County employees look forward to the holiday music events each year and I want to thank our local school districts for continuing to provide the sounds of the holiday season," said Potosek. These events not only provide seasonal music and songs, but showcase the talents of our children that are learning valuable skills throughout schools," added Potosek.

The annual Holiday Concerts featuring local bands and chorus groups will take place on the following dates at 12:00 noon (\*\*except where noted) in the Atrium of the Government Center.

DATE:	SCHOOL PERFORMANCES	LED BY:
**December 9 11:00AM	Center for Discovery Presents: South Campus Choir	Beth Deyermond
December 10	Liberty High School Honors Band	Dan McConnell
December 11	Eldred Music Dept.	Justin Glodich, Brian Nivision & Kristina Martorano
December 14	MHS Instrumental Ensembles MHS Chamber Singers	Andrew Verdino Marissa Jurow
December 15	Liberty HS Honors & Mixed Chorus	Tim Hamblin
December 16	Liberty Middle School Jazz Band	Eric Aweh
December 17	Livingston Manor High School Band & Chorus	Dan Smith & Kelly Van Demark
December 18	Roscoe Central School Music Dept.	Kelly Bullis & Rachel Kleinman-McClure
** December 18 4:00PM	Nesin Cultural Arts presents: The Treble Makers & Young Children's Chorus	Amy Phillips
December 22	MHS Chamber Ensemble	David Chidse
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December 5<sup>th</sup> 12-12:30  
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December 5<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm  
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December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
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December 5<sup>th</sup> 5pm  
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Liberty Square

December 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
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**NYS Commissioner of Ag Speaks at CCE Sullivan's**

**101st Annual Meeting**

LIBERTY, NY - The public is invited to attend the 101st Annual Meeting of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) on Thursday, December 17, 2015. This free event will be held at 7:00 pm in the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Richard Ball, commissioner of New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets will address the state of agriculture in New York and discuss the balance of diverse agriculture interest that exists in Sullivan County. Light refreshments highlighting local foods promotion will be provided immediately following the meeting, made possible in part with funding from the US Department of Agriculture. The highly anticipated Farm Fresh Barn Quilt drawing will occur at the closing of the meeting. The CCE board and staff will honor outstanding supporters with its "Friends of Extension" awards for their accomplishments and dedication to the mission and to the past year's outreach efforts. Voting for board of director and program advisory committee vacancies and expired terms is also on the agenda. Board application information can be found on the CCE website at [www.sullivanccc.org/about-us/board-governance](http://www.sullivanccc.org/about-us/board-governance). CCE's Annual Meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is requested in advance by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu).

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - Education Credits for Planning and Zoning Board Members**

[LIBERTY] - Learn what steps towns and villages can take to develop healthy, walkable communities at a Sullivan Renaissance seminar entitled "Promoting Healthy Communities through Planning and Zoning." The free program will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Liberty. The seminar will be delivered by staff from the New York Planning Federation via a live webcast. Healthy Communities is a growing trend focusing on policy changes at the local level that support healthy eating and active living in one's community. The planning and zoning process creates an opportunity to provide residents and visitors with activities that contribute to healthy, active lifestyles. These policies promote walking and bicycling, community gardens, farmers' markets and public gathering spaces. They allow shops and restaurants to locate in mixed-use areas that are safe and pedestrian-friendly. The seminar is open to everyone, but two hours of continuing education credits will be given to members of local planning and zoning boards. Participants will also hear about Sullivan Renaissance's Healthy Communities Initiative grant program. Space is limited, pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) or 845-295-2445.

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**Three Local Young Women Earn Areal All State Honors**



The three young women earned Area All State Chorus selection and performed on November 20 and 21 at Suffern High School. Odette received a special honor to sing a solo in one of the final works of the evening, "Macquerule." Chorus teacher Ms. Colleen Barber O'Toole accompanied her students on the trip.

**WJFF will hold its annual Holiday Show in Hawley**

Hydro-powered non-profit radio station WJFF will hold its annual Holiday Show in Hawley, Pennsylvania this year at the Settlers' Inn. This year's holiday show features a live performance by Mist Covered Mountains, a Celtic-influenced Irish-style band with roots in Northeast PA. Also this year, the Holiday Show takes place in the early afternoon, and includes a delicious brunch catered by the Settlers' Inn's extraordinary in-house restaurant.

Tickets for WJFF's holiday show are \$50 each and are on sale now at the station's website - [www.wjffradio.org](http://www.wjffradio.org), or can be obtained by calling 845-482-4141.

"Last year the show took place in Honesdale, the year before, we were in Callicoon," said WJFF's General Manager Adam Weinreich. "The idea of moving the Holiday Show around the station's broadcast region each year enables us to bring WJFF to the doorsteps of different listeners each year," he concluded.

Later in December the station will host its second-annual "Messiah" community sing-along which will take place in Monticello, NY. More information about all of WJFF's upcoming events is available at its website: [www.wjffradio.org](http://www.wjffradio.org).

WJFF, Radio Catskill, is a hydro-powered volunteer-driven public radio station based in Jeffersonville, NY and with a satellite studio in Honesdale, PA. Its contingent of more than 100 volunteers provide listeners with a mix of both locally and nationally produced programming on the air at 90.5 FM and streamed live and archived at [www.wjffradio.org](http://www.wjffradio.org)

**Fallsburg HS S.A.D.D.), Collected Food for the Federation of Homeless**



Members of the Fallsburg High School Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), who collected non-perishable food for the Federation of Homeless during this Thanksgiving season. The students were glad "to give back to the community" and as one student said, "It will warm my heart knowing that a family will not have to stress about where the next meal is coming from."

In the photo with some of the food collected are standing on the left Liliana Moody and Faculty Advisor Ms. Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez; seated left to right are Rebecca Budrock, Brittany Leventoff, Brittany Mackiel, and Ceci Patterson-DaCosta; standing on the right are Brendon Sapolsky, Morgan Williams, and Gisselle Caballero.

**CAS Presents Thurman Barker in Jazz Concerts for Children and Adults**

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present the legendary local jazz drummer Thurman Barker and the band Trinity for two concerts for children and adults at the Laundry King at 65 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, December 19 at 4pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10.

JAZZ FOR YOUNG FOLKS at 4pm presents a fun, accessible program of holiday music and jazz standards that will have the little ones dancing in the aisles!

THURMAN BARKER AND TRINITY at 7:30pm pays homage to the music of Irving Berlin, inspiring originals by Thurman Barker and some classic seasonal favorites. Trinity features Lonnie Gasparini on organ, Miles Barnett on saxophone, and Thurman Barker on drums and percussion.

Thurman Barker is a well-known jazz drummer and professor of music at Bard College, known for his time playing with Mighty Joe Young, Bette Midler, Marvin Gaye, and many others. Currently a resident of Jeffersonville, Barker is also a noted composer whose works for percussion, woodwinds, vibraphone, and other instruments include "Memories of Things Past." Lively improvisation and rhythm make his music an experience not to be missed.

All proceeds from these two shows will benefit CAS by supporting renovation of its new performance space. Let's celebrate some real jazz and holiday favorites... see you there!

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$10. Advance reservations are highly recommended as seating is limited. For reservations, email [info@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:info@catskillartsociety.org) or call 845-436-4227.

To the Taxpayers of Claryville Fire District

My name is Pete Donnolo and I am running for a one year vacancy on the Claryville Fire District Board.

Jerry Huncosky, then a Fire Commissioner, resigned after voting in the the 2015 budget as proposed without incorporating any changes from the 2+ hour long public comment period. According to municipal laws governing the resignation of a Commissioner before their term is up, the District Board that runs our Fire Department and levies taxes, appointed Morgan Wynkoop, then 18 and not a registered voter. She was recommended by Mr. Huncosky. It was refreshing to see a young woman on the Board but unfortunately, Miss Wynkoop attended the December meeting (where she was appointed) and January's but was absent from February through October - missing the even the budget meeting, one of the most important of the year - again reappearing for the November 2015. Her term was fixed to a year (by law) with an election to determine who would fill the remaining year of Mr. Huncosky's terms.

That election is coming up on Tuesday, December 8 from 6 - 9 PM.

The Board represents the public's interests, balancing them against the needs of the Fire Department. Those, together with the power to set taxes, make this an important position that requires a dedicated and responsible person who will be there at every meeting.

I am running for for Fire Commissioner replacing Morgan Wynkoop, to finish out the remainder of Mr. Huncosky's term. Next year, there will be another election to choose a Board member with the usual 5-year term.

I have attended nearly all monthly meetings as a member of the public and worked hard towards one issue: lowering our taxes. As a Board member, you can expect me to continue this agenda and do what I am able to keep the taxes in our already over-taxed community from rising further.

Regardless of who you choose, please come out and cast your ballot on Tuesday. It is important to have the input of the community in decisions that effect our money.

Warm regards  
Pete Donnolo

**AJ's Friends and Finds**

Hrs: Friday - Monday 11am-6pm Across from Grahamsville PO  
985-5081

**Fall is here ..... and so are shorter days.** Don't let your days get ahead of you, begin your holiday shopping at AJ's. Whether you need to theme up your table or get that unordinary something for the extraordinary someone, I'm here.

I offer BOTH old & new - local artistry and already-been-loved vintage pieces looking for good homes. A snap shot of my shelves ....

- \*Greeting & Designer Cards by local artists
- \*Handpainted glassware
- \*Vinyl records
- \*Integrated office desks, bookcase, cradanza & file cabinet
- \*Carved Chinese chest
- \*Seder plate
- \*Long stemmed engraved crystal glassware - 6 full 5 pc sets, 6 full 4 pcs sets
- \*Miniature figurines for Fairy Gardens
- \*Unusual S&P shakers
- \*Hummels TMK3-TMK8
- \*Depression glass
- \*Pfatzgraff Christmas Heritage dinnerware -12 sets w/add'l pcs
- \*Silver bowls, pitcher, coffee charaf, dishes
- \*Chellah platter
- \*Fine silver & costume Jewelry
- \*Gift baskets made to order
- \*Carved mirrors
- \*Drones w/cameras
- \*Ming Dynasty chair
- \*Syracuse Indian Pink Tree OPCo 1897-1926 dinnerware - 8 full 5-piece sets
- \*Fall home accents - wafer burners, wreaths, dried flower arrangements, LED Holiday lights
- \*Antique rocker
- \*Collector Porcelain Dolls
- \*Leather executive chair

30% off w/this flyer on your total bill over \$50. - Follow me on Facebook for future items

**Leadership Sullivan  
"Give the Gift of Health"**

During this season of giving Leadership Sullivan, a non-partisan program coordinated through the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation 501(c)(3) is helping reduce hunger while promoting health and well-being. Their focus is to heighten awareness to diminish the use of highly processed foods to fill empty stomachs that contribute to chronic disease such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease.

They are asking community members to "Give the Gift of Health" and DONATE A NUTRIENT dense NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM between November 23rd and December 1st at designated Jeff Bank branches. More than half a dozen local Food Pantries will benefit from this community effort. Additionally, they have partnered with Cornell Cooperative who will be offering workshops on December 1st, addressing healthy eating on a budget.

Furthermore, they are tying the event into Giving Tuesday which is a day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Observed on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Those who are interested in spreading the word and joining our #UNselfie #GivinghealthyfooddaySC movement can visit <http://leadershipsullivan.org/how-to-spread-the-word.html>. Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Leadership-Sullivan-Chamber-Foundation-309437095733372/>). Join the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/841426955955926/>

To learn more about #GivinghealthyfooddaySC activities or to donate nutrient dense nonperishable food items, please visit website for details: Website: <http://leadershipsullivan.org/giving-healthy-food-day->

**PEACE, LOVE, & LATKES!**

Latke lovers unite! Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston Manor, New York, will share age-old blessings celebrating the joyful victory of the Maccabee warriors over their foes and the subsequent re-dedication of the Temple. Join us on Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. for a festive Chanukah candle lighting. Latkes with traditional trimmings will be supplied. Bring your smiles and your favorite menorah to light with friends and neighbors. Holiday music, dreidels, and "gelt" promise to make this December evening a warm one!

We welcome everyone and ask that you contact Karen Blocker at 796-0892 or [atmsnaab@aol.com](mailto:atmsnaab@aol.com) if you wish to bring a dessert or to volunteer to assist! Hope to see you there!

**Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary  
Presents:  
Santa Comes to Grahamsville**

When: Sunday, December 13, 2015  
Where: Town Hall  
(Front Porch of Building)  
Time: 11 am to 1 pm



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



**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](http://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.

**Christmas  
Cookie Walk**

**& Luncheon**

December 12, 2015  
11 am - 1 pm

Large Assortment of  
Homemade  
Holiday Cookies

Sundown Methodist  
Church Hall

Get a box for You,  
Get a box for a Gift!

**Grahamsville Cub Scout Pack 87  
Spaghetti Dinner**

At the Grahamsville Reformed Church  
Saturday, December 5, 2015 4-7 pm  
Menu: Spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, garlic bread, salad,  
ice cream, ice tea, lemonade, hot tea and coffee  
Adults - \$10 Children 5-12 years old \$5.00  
Children Under 5 years free

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MUSEUM**

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Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.  
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Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource  
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every  
Townsmen printed since the beginning (1947) classified  
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**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](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayaog.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

**Loucks Funeral Home**

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard  
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Dec 5th  
Covered Dish  
Supper  
5 pm.

Cookie Walk  
and  
Luncheon  
December 12, 2015  
From 11 am  
to 1 pm

all at the Sundown  
United Methodist  
Church Hall

**Grahamsville  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

Dec. 5, 2015  
**Annual Christmas  
Craft Sale**  
10 am - 3 pm

**St. Augustine's Chapel**

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

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****LEGAL NOTICE****CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT**

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR Thursday, December 3, 2015, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO Wednesday, December 9, 2015, AT 6:30 PM.

November 11, 2015

Board of Fire Commissioners,  
Claryville Fire District

By: Andrew J. Ford  
Chairman

11/19/12/3

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Monforte  
Town Clerk

12/3

### Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces Snowmobile Safety Course

Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum announces that the Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a New York State Young Operators and Adult Certification Course for snowmobiles. The course is required for riders between the ages of 10 and 17 by New York State law. It is offered free of charge and takes place on the following Saturdays, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the locations specified:  
November 14th, West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall Street, West Hurley  
December 5th, Tillson Firehouse, 5 Tillson Rd.  
December 12th, Milton Fire Company, 21 Main St., Milton

The intent of the course is to instruct young snowmobilers in proper riding habits, safety equipment, and laws and rules of the trail. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles prescribes this course. It is also available to adults. Training is by certified instructors with more than 50 years of combined experience snowmobiling in both the U.S. and Canada.

Anyone interested in enrolling himself or herself or one's child should contact the Ulster County Sheriff's Office at (845) 340-3803. A parent or guardian must accompany a child to the beginning of class to sign a state-required permission form.

This course is part of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office youth-oriented training to make recreational sports safer. Co-sponsoring the course are the TT Trailblazers Snowmobile Club of Rosendale and the Fire Departments of Tillson, West Hurley and Milton with donations made by Arctic Adventures and Antonio's Pizzeria of Rosendale, Kirky's Deli of Milton, Hannaford Stores of Kingston, Ulster and Highland, the Tillson American Legion, the Sons and the Ladies Auxiliary Post 1219 and the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff's PBA.

Pizza and soda will be provided free of charge, or bring a bag lunch.

### It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play &

### A Charlie Brown Christmas

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

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

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

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

December 11-13, 2015 Opening Night: December 11

Friday & Saturday *Charlie Brown Christmas* 7:00 pm

*It's a Wonderful Life* - 8:00 pm

Sunday - *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - 1:00 pm

*It's a Wonderful Life* - 2:00 pm

Happy Holidays from The SCDW

During the December 11-13 Shows, SCDW will be offering \$5.00 OFF for every person who brings an UNWRAPPED Toy as we will once again be supporting the 2015 Toys for Tots.

### Youth Winter Crafts Workshop Offers Low-Cost Holiday Ideas

LIBERTY, NY - Open to youth ages five (5) and above, the annual Winter Workshops of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEC) 4-H Youth Development program is an opportunity for families to get crafty before the holiday season. On Saturday, December 5, 2015, the public can enjoy 10 stations of make-and-take activities including a community service project. This program will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the CCEC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The snow date for this program is Sunday, December 6. Parents are welcome and young children should be accompanied by an adult.

4-H Winter Workshops gives youth the opportunity to make unique gifts for family and friends! Participants will meet CCEC volunteers from the Master Food Preservers, Calico Geese Quilting Guild, 4-H Rabbit Program, and Intergenerational Textile Group. Volunteers will demonstrate simple techniques for working with various mediums to craft items reflecting the season including construction of felt ornaments, bath salts, quilted and crochet flower bookmarks, handmade cards, simple mint cookies, and more.

Cost to attend is \$10.00 per youth, \$5.00 per enrolled 4-H member, or \$15.00 per family of three or more. Anyone ages 5 to 18 can enroll in 4-H for free. 4-H members must identify membership status at time of payment to receive discounted rate.

Space and supplies are limited. Pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCEC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanccc.org](http://www.sullivanccc.org). Additional donations for educational programs are appreciated.

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

### Reception & Duck Print Sale Benefits Ride to Survive

Livingston Manor, NY The public is cordially invited to Ride 2 Survive's "Holiday Duck Print Exhibit and Sale" at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor. Enjoy the lovely duck prints which Ride 2 Survive is offering for sale, thanks to the generosity of longtime collectors, Hedy and Eric Page.

Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 1 to 3 PM, the public is invited to a wine and cheese reception co-hosted by Morgan Outdoors and the board members of Ride 2 Survive - Sullivan County. "Get your holiday shopping spirit on!" says Board Member Michele Hemmer. "Join us in celebrating these beautiful works of wildlife art and the Ride 2 Survive cause. We hope to see friends, nature lovers, and duck enthusiasts at the exhibit and sale."

The exhibit and sale continues through Monday, January 4, 2016. Both professionally framed and unframed prints are available at attractive prices. A special print by well-known wildlife artist Robert Bateman is a highlight of the exhibit and sale.

Ride 2 Survive is a non-profit, community based organization helping Sullivan County cancer patients with travel-to-treatment expenses. To date Ride 2 Survive has assisted over 250 cancer patients by providing the financial support for travel, tolls, parking fees and related expenses.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, 845 439 5507. [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com)

### Assemblyman Cahill Recognized for Commitment to Supporting NYS Farmers

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster/Dutchess), a loyal advocate for strengthening New York's farms, has been awarded the "Circle of Friends" Legislative Award by the New York Farm Bureau for an outstanding voting record in support of the agricultural community.

"There are more than 35,000 farms in New York, and agriculture is one of our most prized and irreplaceable industries," Cahill said. "I value the concerns of New York state farmers and appreciate the Farm Bureau's recognition of that priority."

The honor is based on the Assemblymember's actions on issues of importance to New York agriculture, as well as other evidence of legislative support throughout the 2015 Legislative Session. The award will be presented to Assemblymember Cahill by a local county's farm bureau during the 2016 State Lobby Day in March.

"Assemblyman Cahill was chosen for his commitment to the hard working farm families in New York. He has demonstrated that he understands the importance of agriculture to the people of his district, and how farming significantly impacts the economy of this great state," said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau is a non-partisan, volunteer organization that encourages members to become involved in the political process as individuals, as well as acknowledges legislators who support this cause.

### Shadowland's FIRST-EVER Holiday Production!

Don't miss the inspiring holiday comedy: Shadowland's FIRST-EVER holiday production! December 4-20

Catholic parents Phil and Emily live with their disabled adult son, Mickey, whose vocabulary is limited to two or three words. But when their other son, Andy, visits for the holidays with his new Jewish atheist fiancé, arguments arise and a peaceful holiday is in jeopardy. Just when Andy reconsiders his visit, Mickey suddenly speaks like he has never spoken before. Is he ill, possessed, or is it a holiday miracle?

Buy your tickets now at:  
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or call 845-647-5511

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Call the Shadowland Box Office at 845-647-5511... Or purchase tickets at [www.shadowlandtheatre.org](http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org)

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

**Transportation to NYC and 1 Hour Tour of One World Observatory**-Saturday, December 5. Leave Town Hall 8 am 2 drop offs: One World Observatory; New York Marriott Marquis 1535 Broadway Return to the Town Hall 8 pm. \$22 Transportation ONLY or \$27 Transportation and One World Observatory Tour **Must be paid by Tuesday, November 10.**

**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.

Thank you to Neversink Parks and Recreation for another year of fun for the whole family. And a special thanks to Jamie Brooks for all that she has done to bring these events about and thank you to all who have assisted.

- 12/3/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 12/5/15 **Covered Dish Supper** Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 12/6/15 **Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** 5:00 pm Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville  
**Santa will be arriving at Bi-Centennial Square** - (sometime around 5 pm)
- 12/9/15 **Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting** - 7 :30 pm
- 12/8/15 **Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting** -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/10/15 **Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle** 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/10/15 **Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting** - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/15/15 **Winter Concert** Grades 9-12 HS Chorus, and Symphonic & Jazz bands 7 p.m. in the TVCS Bernstein Theate
- 12/15/15 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting** - 7:30 pm
- 12/16/15 **Winter Concert performances** by students in Grades 5-8 7 p.m. in the TVCS Bernstein Theate
- 12/16/15 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting**
- 12/17/15 **Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting** at 7 p.m.; **Public Meeting** at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/21/15 **Grahamsville Fire District** - 7 pm

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

**Thank You.**

**Save the Date.**

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Dec. 5 - **Annual Christmas Craft Sale** 10 am - 3 pm  
**Holiday Tea** - Sunday, December 13, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Daniel Pierce Library Reading Room

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

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
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 BLUE HILL LODGE  
 FROST VALLEY YMCA

• VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY  
**WOODBOURNE** - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE  
**LIBERTY** - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty)  
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**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.



**Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation**

beginning September 1, 2011.  
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS-**

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

**Community Events Listing:**

**Tis' the Season to be Jolly!**

Tri-Valley Students to Spread Holiday Cheer at Upcoming Winter Concerts

**December 15**-Featuring Grades 9-12 High School Chorus, and Symphonic and Jazz bands

**December 16**-Featuring performances by students in Grades 5-8

7 p.m. in the Tri-Valley Bernstein Theater, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY. For information visit the Tri-Valley Central School website. All are welcome, free admission!

**Holiday Duck Print Exhibit & Sale**

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

**First Friday Book Discussion Group**

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by the members. Please join us!

This month's book discussion: "The River of Doubt, Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard.

**Free Christmas Gift Wrapping**

Let St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 24 Chestnut Street, Liberty, New York help you wrap your Christmas presents! There will be free gift wrapping on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 AM to Noon. Just bring your unwrapped gifts (in whatever you'd like them wrapped in) and we'll wrap them for you! Fill out labels and enjoy some hot cocoa and a cookie while you wait! Call Pastor Andritz at 845-292-4626 for more information.

**Free Story Times -The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library**

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is continuing to hold story times for Toddlers and Preschool children during the month of December, with the addition of evening story times.

Toddler story times are every Monday at 10:00. It is an Early Literacy Program for toddlers and their caregivers. This program uses rhymes, books, crafts and finger plays to develop skills that will help children get ready to read. Many activities require one-to-one adult/child interaction. Pre-K story times are every Friday at 10:00. This program will continue to develop early literacy skills with stories and crafts. Evening story times will be held on December 1 and 15 at 4:30. These story times will be for all ages, and will use books, songs, games and rhymes to build literacy and social skills. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal!

All story times are free and open to the public. In case of inclement weather, story times will be cancelled if Monticello Central School District announces a closing or delayed opening, even if the library opens at our regular time.

For more information, call the library children's room at 845-794-4660 ext. 5.

**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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**Ellenville Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce's**  
 Electric Fire Truck Parade  
**Saturday December 5, 2015 at 5:00pm**

Your Company is cordially invited to join in our Holiday Festivities by decorating and participating with your apparatus. Our parade will commence at 5:00pm from the Berne Road parking lot and will conclude at Liberty Square.

We ask all participating companies to arrive for line up by 4:45pm. Refreshments will be available following the parade in Liberty Square where there will be vendors, music and our Christmas Tree Lighting.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Chamber requests NO sirens be used during the parade. Holiday music is encouraged. Also, the Ellenville Fire Department will present Santa at Liberty Square so, please, no other Santas!

For advance registration or additional information, please contact (845) 797-4675 or ewcny@yahoo.com.

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This includes gift certificates as well as actual gifts and handcrafted items. For example, gift certificates for: restaurants; tires or oil change; one month's insurance payment; a visit to a hairdresser or nail salon; holiday spirits from a liquor store; or produce; gift baskets, etc. Get creative and let's celebrate your business for the holidays!

This offer is good starting next week, Nov. 12th and through to the end of the year.

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1. Donna Reed  
2. John Wayne

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(War, 1945)  
A Navy commander fights to prove the battle-worthiness of the PT boat at the start of World War II. Director- John Ford; starring Robert Montgomery, John Wayne, Donna Reed, Jack Holt, Ward Bond, Louis Jean Heydt, Marshall Thompson, Leon Ames, Cameron Mitchell, Russell Simpson, Jack Pennick, Robert Barrat, and Tom Tyler. One of the finest (and most underrated) of all WW2 films, based on the true story of America's PT boat squadron in the Philippines during the early days of the war. Moving, exquisitely detailed production (photographed by Joseph August) under Ford's distinctive hand, with real-life Naval officer Montgomery a convincing lead. Screenplay by Frank "Spig" Wead. During WWII President John F. Kennedy Commanded a PT Boat. PT-109 was a Patrol Torpedo boat last commanded by Lieutenant, Junior Grade (LTJG) John F. Kennedy (later President of the United States). The boats were the largest PT boats operated by the U.S. Navy during World War II. JFK suffered a back injury while trying to save his men. See this film Monday Morning, December 07, 2015 starting @ 11:45 AM, 135 min, B/W, TV-PG,

- Quiz**
1. Who plays Lt. Sandy Davyss?
  2. Who plays Lt., J.G., "Rusty" Ryan?

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