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ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Saturday December 6, 2014 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 in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. 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.

Reminder: The *Townsman* does not publish a paper during the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years. There will be no *Townsman* on December 25, 2014 or January 1, 2015.

Our Staff wishes you all a very joyous holiday season!

UC Executive Mike Hein Named Among Top Government Officials Nationwide

The County Executive Is Among Nine Nationwide Called Best And Brightest In State, City And County Governments Throughout The Entire United States of America



GOVERNING magazine, the nation's premier publication covering politics, policy and management for state and local government leaders, today named Ulster County Executive Mike Hein one of the nation's top state and local public officials of the year. Hein was among nine government officials nationwide recognized as GOVERNING magazines "2014 Public Officials of the Year" honored for leadership and excellence and was the only county executive named across the United States. The compilation of those honored will be published in the magazine's December issue.

GOVERNING is recognized as the most credible and authoritative voice in its field, GOVERNING provides nonpartisan news, insight and analysis on such issues as public finance, transportation, economic development, health, energy, the environment and technology. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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Nevele Investors, LLC Hosts Ellenville Event to Promote Readiness of Casino Application



Nevele VP Community Relations Michael Smith

The Nevele Investors, LLC, is not only looking to re-establish the historic Catskills region as a premier destination resort for its new Nevele Resort, Casino & Spa, but it has also made it known that they are ready to implement plans to build its resort, casino and spa, upon license approval, at a recent community "Nevele Ready Rally". Many community people, leaders and elected officials participated in the event that was attended by over 17 people. The speakers were: Village of Ellenville Mayor Jeff Kaplan; Town of Shawangunk Supervisor Leonard Distel; Village Manager Joe Stoeckler; Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach; Ulster County legislators TJ Briggs & Craig Lopez; Rev. Julius Collins; Rondout Valley Business Association President Richard Travers; Ellenville Regional Hospital CEO Steve Kelley; Former Town of Shawangunk Supervisor Scott Carleson; and Nevele VP Community Relations Michael Smith.

The NYS Gaming Commission's Facility Location Board is expected to be making its decision, as to who are the successful applicants, in a matter of days or weeks.

The Nevele has been working nearly three years to re-development the nearly 600 acres just located outside of Ellenville in the Town of Wawarsing into a \$640 million premier destination gaming resort. This project will help lead the way for economic development in the area and the Hudson Valley. Numerous report, statements and studies have been completed. Tishman Construction Corp. of NY is the construction manager.

"We are committed to have this project happen. The Nevele team is most appreciative for all of the support by the people, politicians and organizations to see this economic development project become a reality" said Nevele CEO Angel Brunner. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Experience Winter Magic with The Snowflake Man, a Puppet Show at the CAS Arts Center

The Catskill Art Society will present "The Snowflake Man," an original puppet show by Sarah Frechette of PUPPETKABOB, at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, December 20 from 2-3pm. Tickets are available for \$10 suggested donation, reservations recommended.

"The Snowflake Man" is a beautiful trunk show of Czech-style marionettes and props backed by a pop-up book of watercolor paintings telling the story of "Snowflake" Bentley. This utterly unique show by Sarah Frechette of PUPPETKABOB combines art with history and science thru live story-telling.

This amazing true story was inspired by Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, a self-educated farmer and scientist who in 1885 attracted world attention by adapting a bellows camera to a compound microscope - he became the first person to capture the image of a single snow crystal. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Trains on Main Pulls Into Livingston Manor for 7th Annual Holiday Spectacle



The Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce and the Catskill Art Society threw 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 on Saturday, November 29.

Trains on Main pulled into Livingston Manor for its seventh year! This nostalgic trip back in time features handmade model trains on view in windows up and down Main Street. Paul Lounsbury and Friends provided live music for the Grand Opening party were visitors were able to get a close up look at the miniature trains and talk to the model builders. Model train maker Charlie Irace and speakers from the O&W Museum gathered at the Laundry King in Livingston Manor, NY where they gave their presentations. They unveiled the historical display of real train artifacts, gear, signage, clothing, and more. Their discussion brought life to the evolution of train travel and its impact on Sullivan County life in its heyday.

A debut of the model trains at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY resounded with free candy for kids! Musician Paul Lounsbury and Friends played a special set of songs inspired by the romantic train culture. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.
Psalm 62:5

OBITUARY

Mrs. Jean Switzler, of Red Hill Road, Claryville, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, at Orange Regional Hospital in Middletown. She was 90 years old on September 24, 2014. She lived with heart disease for over a decade.



Jean and her husband, Warren Switzler, purchased Moon Hill Farm on

Red Hill in 1968. They divided their time between Manhattan, Long Island and the Catskills until 1985, when they became full time residents. During Jean's time in Claryville she served as Fire Commissioner, as a volunteer at Daniel Pierce Library and as Deputy Town Clerk and Historian for the Town of Denning. She was certified Master Gardener by the Cornell Cooperative Extension and found one of her greatest joys in gardening.

Jean was originally from El Paso, Texas. She moved to New York City in 1944. She attended school at F.I.T. and worked as secretary and bookkeeper at a number of corporate businesses. She lived on the Upper East Side of Manhattan during that time.

In the early 1960s she joined the New York Mycological Society, based in New York City and founded by seminal composer John Cage and pioneer naturalist Guy Nearing. Through the Mycological Society she discovered Claryville and the Neversink Valley, spending time at the original Blue Hill Lodge on group visits. She and Warren dated as members of the group. They were married in 1966.

In her active years Jean personified 'joie de vivre', the joy of life. She possessed an active intellect, a joy of learning, a fierce devotion to justice and fairness. She was committed to an awareness of local, national and international politics, with strong opinions that she was not afraid to share. She believed deeply in civic duty and personal responsibility; she valued integrity, honesty and intellectual curiosity. She was a loyal and generous friend, possessed a sly sense of humor and was always ready to share what was needed, once her trust was earned.

She deeply enjoyed good conversation, music, film and theatre. She loved poetry and helped organize the annual Out Loud Festival at Rudolph Farm with Bob Richards and Michal Heron. She most enjoyed people who enjoyed life. She loved the company of animals, from the horses she rode as a child in El Paso and the neighborhood dogs she doctored growing up, to the family of cats that always shared her Red Hill farmhouse. She found joy in providing for native and traveling birds. Children enchanted her and she showed them warmth and respect.

Jean will be deeply missed by her extensive circle of friends and her devoted family. She is survived by her younger brother, Walter Congdon, her nieces Debi Congdon and Holly Roberts and her stepson Warren Switzler.

This year the Denning Community Garden will be named in her honor.

She was absolutely one of a kind. We were blessed to know her.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jim Bernstein competes on the SUNY Oneonta Men's Cross Country Team

Jim Bernstein a Biology major from Grahamsville, NY was a member of the 2014 SUNY Oneonta men's cross country team. The team competed in eight meets this fall and finished in third place at the SUNYAC Championships and had its best finish of fifth place at the NCAA Atlantic Region Championships.

Jim competed in six meets this fall and posted a personal best 8K time of 26:04.8 at the Geneseo Invitational and a personal best 6K time of 19:29.2 at the SUNY Oneonta Early Bird Invitational. He also posted a personal best 3K time of 16:01.2 at the Rensselaer Opener.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 15, 1954

Mrs. Emily Ter Bush Van Wagner, 58, of Napanoch, passed away at Veterans Hospital, Ellenville on December 9th. Mrs. Van Wagner was born at Sundown on October 2, 1896, the daughter of Benjamin and Minerva (Aldrich) Ter Bush. She married Nial Van Wagner on August 23, 1916 at Lows Corners. Surviving are her husband; three sons; one sister and five brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mayberry are the proud parents of a daughter, Gina Marie, born December 4th at Newburgh. Gina weighed 9 lbs. 4 oz. at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Mayberry were formerly advisors at Tri Valley School.

The 4-H of Grahamsville has been organized; the name chosen is "Stardusters." The Misses Rosemarie Boeckle and Barbara Knox are leaders of the group.

December 2, 1964 - Although hampered by cold spells, the construction at Tri Valley is proceeding on schedule. Delivery of steel for the roof section is expected within two weeks and if the weather permits, the construction program will continue on schedule.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Ellen Cole and Mike Bertholf Jr. who were married Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church in Grahamsville. They have rented an apartment on the Woodbourne Road.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly on the birth of a daughter last Saturday.

December 11, 1974 - William A. Brenner, Esq. was admitted as a member of the Sullivan County Bar Association on December 9, 1974 at its meeting held in the Steak Pub, Monticello. Mr. Brenner was proposed for membership by Grahamsville attorney, Joseph Pond, Esq. Mr. Brenner is currently associated with the firm of Brenner and Hacker in N.Y.C. and plans to open an office in Grahamsville.

Mrs. Donna M. Bischert, 40, of Cypert Road, Woodbourne, died Tuesday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. She was born May 22, 1934 in Oregon to Jessie and Nellie Potter Van Blair. She was married to Francis Bischert on Sept. 20, 1950. She is survived by her husband; four sons; two daughters; her parents and 18 brothers and sisters.

December 20, 1984 We are happy to welcome a baby girl, Mary Lee Heather Diescher, born December 12, 1984 at Community Gen. Hospital, Harris to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Diescher. Mary Lee weighed in at 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Haag Jr.; the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Diescher of Livingston Manor.

Louise Sawchuck of Grahamsville recently caught a 26 lb. salmon while on a fishing trip in Pulaski in upstate New York. Her son, Wade, urged mom to "hang in there, you can land him" and she sure did. Congratulations!

No Mow Zone

More than 150 native trees and shrubs were planted adjacent to Chestnut Creek at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds this summer by the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program. With cooperation from the Town of Neversink, 50 feet of willow fascines were trenched into a section of failed rip rap to slow flood waters and prevent further soil loss. The area has been designated a No-Mow Zone. Follow R/N Stream Program projects at Instagram: nyheadwaters.

Professional Women of SC Announce 2015 Honorees

We are please to announce and congratulate our Honorees:

2015 Woman of the Year-Ann Prusinski, Commissioner Sullivan County Board of Elections

2015 Community Award - Diane Riegel, Professor Sullivan County Community College

We are truly grateful to honor these two women of distinction.

The dinner will be held at the Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg on Sunday March 22, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Lois DiStefano,

2015 Chairperson of the Women of the Year

loisdistefano@yahoo.com

Please forward all inquires directly to Lois,

thank you in advance.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to Regina and Chuck Hamilton of Neversink on the passing of Regina's mother, Leah Finkelstein, on November 20th. Leah, a well-known antique dealer in Ellenville, died at the age of 100 with her daughters at her side.

The Tri-Valley Theatre Club will present The Addams Family, a musical comedy, on Friday, December 5th and Saturday, December 7th in the Bernstein Theatre at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to the Tri-Valley FBLA members for inviting local seniors to a free turkey dinner on Thursday, November 20th. What a pleasure it was to attend... the student did a wonderful job! Thank you to the Club advisors, Brenda Hay and Matt Haines for helping these young students work together so professionally.

The Tri-Valley Lions Held their annual holiday dinner at the Daniel Pierce Library on Tuesday, December 2nd. The holiday get-together was catered by Lion member, Mary Lou Vernoooy, and was well attended.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School will be presenting a "Live Nativity" on Sunday, December 14th (snowdate: Sunday, December 21st) at 6:30 pm. This outside event will be held between the Church and Memorial Hall. Those attending are invited to stay for hot chocolate and cookies following the twenty-minute program.

The Furman Family and Brook Delaney went with "Barbara's Bunch" on a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, November 23rd. We also visited the Lego Store and the American Girl Doll Store. The tree at Rockefeller Center was still being decorated, but we were able to watch the skaters and enjoy the hustle and bustle of NYC during the holiday season.

Two local gals, Erin Denman and Bridget Kackos recently won championships at the Woodstock Riding Club competition. Bridget was also awarded the "Linda P. Avery Versatility Award" and she and her horse were named horse and rider of the year. Way to go!

Time and the Valleys Museum shop will be open for the holiday season and will have a sale on Saturday, December 6th from noon - 4:00 pm. There is something for everyone on your list, from historic books, to hand-made pottery, wooden bowls, prints, photos, note cards, etc. The Museum will even wrap and ship your gift, along with a holiday card, to your gift recipient. Remember to attend the tree lighting festivities at Bicentennial Square at 5:00 pm on the 6th. Santa will be there!

Words of Wisdom: Character is not an inheritance; each person must build it for himself. Remember a smile is the same no matter what language you speak.

NEVERSINK NEWS: Hulda Vernoooy

Karl Allison celebrated his 92nd birthday on December 1st. May he be blessed with many more.

Belated "B" wishes to Helen Conrad who had a birthday on November 7th and to Marge Denman who had a birthday on November 3rd. Happy Belated Birthday ladies!

Linda and Tom Cypert will celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss on December 5th. May they be blessed with many more years together. Congratulations!

And a special belated birthday wish to Claire Smith who was 101 on November 1st. Congratulations!

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more. A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283.

Support Local Holiday Food Distribution

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

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

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

items for each basket.

The Grahamsville Community Food Pantry is located in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, Route 55, Grahamsville, N.Y. Monetary donations can be sent to the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (with "Food Pantry- holiday baskets" indicated on the memo line).

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry any time. To arrange for the delivery of perishable food items please call the church (845-985-2283).

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

Tri-Valley Lions September/October News

We welcomed new member, Tonya Martin installed by Ilene Wizwer at our September 1st member meeting. Lions Ilene and Stuart Wizwer were our guest speakers.

Lions Club International will celebrate 100 years of service in 2017. The aim is to have 100,000 Community Service Projects (not fund raisers) to celebrate the event.

Our Journey For Sight Walk will be the first Saturday in May 2015.

We served at the Soda Booth on September 13th for the Youth Sportsman Day. September 10th and 21st we were serving the Antique Machinery and Swap Meet customers.

Lion Carmen Salvemini and Pauline Vetter-Staats attended the County Sight and Hearing Meeting.

We made a donation to the "Wiggle Your Toes" fund raiser held at Nardi's on October 26th.

The October 1st members' meeting was at the Daniel Pierce Library with our members furnishing the food - delicious!

WE operated the Soda Booth at the very rainy Pumpkin Party and Parade Day on October 5th.

We tank all who served in our Soda Booth and those who purchased from us. You are appreciated.

Thank you to all who donate their eye glasses at boxes located at Catskill-Hudson Bank, Cannie D's, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Post Office and the Neversink Town Hall. Many are helped with those to see.

We wish all a Happy and safe Holiday Season with a Healthy, Happy New Year in 2015.

Community Driver Safety Program

A Community Driver Safety Program Defensive Driving Class will be held at Crossroads Agency 5013 Rt 52 Jeffersonville, New York on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 9 & 10, 2014 from 6:00PM-9:00PM (each evening)

To Register contact Crossroads Agency at 845-482-3100 or Community Driver Safety Program at 845-583-7971.

The course is instructed by a RSVP Volunteer and will give this course in two evening sessions, 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 sponsored by Crossroads Agency, Sullivan County RSVP and Community Driver Safety Programs, Inc.

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, December 13, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and on Saturday, December 27, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM-NO WALK-INS

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

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

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

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

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

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Magic of the Christmas Tree

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



such trees and plants had magical powers that allowed them to withstand the cold of winter.

No one explained the magic of the evergreen better than Peggy. Here is a gift from Peggy; her story, HOW EVERGREENS STAY GREEN - By Peggy DeWire

"I looked at the Christmas tree and marveled again at how evergreens remain green year around. Once they covered the whole world and over millions of years perfected three magic tricks on behalf of all trees to

come.

The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each wee photon has zero rest mass and charge plus spin of one. How it changes sunlight into chlorophyll is a technology called photonics. Here's what happens:

As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle or leaf and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle or leaf looks green.

Trees store little packages of carbohydrate as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. Pioneers made a tasty drink called Spruce Beer by boiling young twig tips in water and adding molasses and yeast to taste.

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

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress keep sap flowing through needles year around. Broadleaf trees by contrast make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn.

Just imagine - 50 million years ago there was nobody around to appreciate a Christmas tree."

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

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

Yes, there is magic in a Christmas tree!

Come witness this magic at the Annual Tree Lighting ceremony this Saturday and witness Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville, once again, become a winter wonderland scene declaring the Yuletide season has begun!

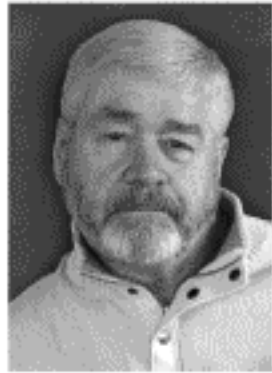
May the magic of the love that shines from your Christmas tree follow you the whole year through bringing peace and joy wherever you go.

Household Hints

Keep that Holiday Bouquet Colorful & Bright

Prolong the life of flowers in a vase. Add two tablespoons of vinegar plus three tablespoons of sugar per quart of warm water.

Stems should be in three to four inches of water.



The Investigation

Mysterious Book Report No 173 by John Dwaine McKenna

Mention "World War II Prison Stories" in any group and the resulting discussion will invariably focus around one of three classic and much admired movies: *Stalag 17*, *The Great Escape*, and *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. But, if you're willing to do more than sit on the couch with a dazed look and the TV remote in hand, if you'll take the time to find and read this week's novel—you'll be introduced to an author who's wildly popular and influential in Asia. His name is Jung-Myung Lee, and he's the author of a newly translated novel entitled *The Investigation*, (Mantle/Macmillan, £16.99 (about \$26.00) 325 pages, ISBN 978-0-230-76871-0)

The story is based upon real events which took place in Fukuoka Prison in 1944. Fukuoka is a maximum security facility housing hardened criminals mixed together with political prisoners, who are mostly 'filthy Koreans who spread sedition and lies about the Emperor and the Japanese Empire' according to Watanabe Yuichi, the narrator and book loving young guard who is assigned the impossible task of investigating the murder of Sugiyama Dozan. He was the most brutal, feared and merciless guard in the entire prison . . . despised by all, guards and inmates alike. Soon after Watanabe begins his investigation, a hard-core prisoner confesses to the murder, but after interviewing him and finding a hand-written poem in Sugiyama's pocket, Watanabe thinks that the confession is a lie and continues digging into the mystery. What he finds is that many hidden events are taking place within and without the violent penitentiary walls, including a man who's determined to let nothing stop him from digging his way out, a governor whose greed is limitless, a young girl with a kite trying to make friends wherever she can, a terrible, vicious guard who isn't what he appears to be, and Yun Dong-Ju, a Korean poet whose "works hold such beauty they can break your heart."

The Investigation is a complex, beautiful and enlightening work that will illuminate an obscure, but brilliant poet, while showing the reader that beauty and genius are indefatigable and found in the unlikely of places. Dark and brooding at times, it's moving and always entertaining as well.

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John Dwaine McKenna 2014 Best Books of the Year

It was an awesome year for crime and mystery fiction, and as a result, it's generated our longest annual list ever, with selections from around the world. With computers and modern printing methods, an astonishing number of books are being published . . . an estimated one-thousand five hundred per day in the English language, is one figure being given, but the technology is changing so fast that it's impossible to compile accurate numbers. One thing is for sure: we are living in an unprecedented time of creativity and the availability of books of all kinds has never been greater. In making these selections, which are my personal choices, I'd like to acknowledge the help of Ian Kern and his boss Otto Penzler at the Mysterious Bookshop in New York City. Hands down, they're the best in the business! Without further Hoo-Ha, BS or Donkey Dust, here's the most fiendishly clever, well-written, most intelligent superbly plotted, high quality, interesting and unconventional novels we've seen this year. All have been read cover-to-cover by yours truly and rated FIVE STARS for excellence. They're the best of the year and all are worthy of your attention. Read on and enjoy!

JDM

Best Books of the Year 2014

MBR # 131 *The Red Sparrow*, by Jason Matthews
Russia v. USA spy thriller, full of action, intrigue, treachery, tension and tight plotting that all take place in the 21st century.

MBR # 132 *The Star of Istanbul*, by Robert Olen Butler
Part-time US Secret Agent Christopher "Kitt" Cobb is up to his ears in WWI mayhem dealing with Imperial German and Ottoman Turks in a twisted spy yarn that sees his heart broken by a woman resembling the infamous Mata Hari

MBR # 141 *The Tilted World*, by Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly

The great Mississippi River flood of 1927 is the backstory for a rousing tale involving an orphaned infant, two of the toughest Prohibition Agents ever hired, a beautiful, abused and heartsick lady moonshiner, treachery, violence and survival in a doomed river town.

MBR # 143 *GAME* by Anders DeLaMotte
A bored, shiftless and broke young man finds an expensive new smartphone on the train seat beside him and

takes it. The phone lights up and asks, "Want to play a game?" He clicks 'YES' . . . and shortly thereafter, totally out of control, he's a fugitive running from the law, and in danger of losing his life to someone called the gamemaster.

MBR # 149 *Alex*, by Pierre LeMaitre
Shopping for a wig turns into unrelenting terror for a young Parisian woman who's not what she appears to be in this top-notch crime fiction thriller where the twists and turns never cease until the devastating conclusion of this award-winning book.

MBR # 153 *The Black-Eyed Blonde*, by Benjamin Black
Phillip Marlowe is back! Thanks to the estate of Raymond Chandler, the tough-guy detective with a heart for the ladies is back and better than ever!

MBR # 154 *The Kept*, by James Scott
In 1875 in upstate New York, a midwife returning to her family after a six-month sojourn working in the city, trudges for miles through the snow to get home to their cabin with gifts for all and cash money for bills, finds her entire family murdered when she arrives. Thereafter the revelations never stop in this outstanding first novel by a shining new talent.

MBR # 155 *Chance*, by Kem Nunn
A California Psychiatrist who's watching his life and medical profession spin out of control after just one itty-bitty little illegal act.

MBR # 158 *The Ascendant*, by Drew Chapman
Another great debut from an up and coming new talent: The U.S. government has been searching for years for someone capable of leading an inevitable 21st century cyber-war, which will be fought on an invisible battlefield with devastating consequences for America and the entire world. The code name is Ascendant. He's been found, but may be uncontrollable.

MBR # 164 *The Lie*, by Hesh Kestin
An Israeli lawyer who defends Palestinians is appointed as the supreme arbiter in cases of enhanced interrogation. In a word, Torture. When her own son is captured and held hostage to prevent interrogation of a Palestinian terrorist, her Hobson's choice is nearly unbearable.

MBR # 166 *The Convictions of John Delahunt*, by Andrew Hughes
A stunning inside look at the inner workings of the British system of justice in 1840s Dublin, Ireland.

MBR # 167 *Natchez Burning*, by Greg Isles
A woman comes home to die in 21st century Natchez, Mississippi. Her death triggers a trial that dredges up and revisits the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, which causes a violent reaction from a merciless splinter group of the KKK who want the past to stay buried . . . in the literal as well as the figurative sense.

MBR # 169 *The Wayfaring Stranger*, by James Lee Burke
A chance encounter with the outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow when he was a teen-aged boy influence the remainder of a man's life in this stand-alone literary crime thriller from the Grand Master.

MBR # 170 *The Cairo Affair*, by Olen Steinhauer
A spy-thriller that extends from North Africa to Budapest; where the treachery, double-crosses danger, suspense, deaths and action never quit; where nothing and no one are what they appear to be. It all begins when a married couple are having lunch in an upscale restaurant, and as she's

confessing to having had an affair, a man walks up and shoots her husband in the head.

MBR # 172 *The Son*, by Jo Nesbo
A stand alone by the Norwegian crime master and creator of Harry Hole. In this one, the heroin addicted son of a disgraced Oslo cop engineers a prison break after learning his father was framed, and takes revenge.

That's our top fifteen for the year 2014. Here's a few others that just missed but also merit your attention:

MBR # 138 *The Accident*, by Chris Pavone

MBR # 152 *The Red Road*, by Denise Mina

MBR # 161 *Providence Rag*, by Bruce DeSilva

It was a spectacular year of exciting crime fiction and thrillers, but 2015 is looking even better! I hope you get a chance to read some, or all, of these great novels. And hey . . . stay tuned. We're going to explore a whole lot more great crime fiction, murder mysteries and thrillers in the new year.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, as well as Best Wishes for all of the Holiday Season.

Experience Winter Magic with The Snowflake Man

(From Pg. 1) "When my grandfather was a young boy, he purchased from 'Snowflake' Bentley three snowflake photos," said performer Sarah Frechette. "My grandfather's pride in his photos inspired my idea for this show. At the heart of it, it is a love letter from me to my late grandfather."

"The Snowflake Man" was awarded a 2011 UNIMA Citation of Excellence - the highest honor in puppetry. This show is sponsored in part by a Creation Grant from the Vermont Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Sarah Frechette is an artist, puppeteer and founder of PUPPETKABOB, a puppet company that has toured nationally to schools, libraries, theaters, museums and festivals. She graduated from the University of Connecticut's Puppetry Arts Program, mentored with German Master Puppeteer Albrecht Roser, and created costumes for the stop-motion film *ParaNorman*. Her solo production of "The Snowflake Man" which highlights photographer Snowflake Bentley, was awarded a UNIMA-USA Citation of Excellence. This past summer, Sarah performed this piece in the Diego Rivera Mural room at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of Puppeteers Of America Regional Festival ~ MotorCity Puppet Blast. Sarah is excited to be performing in the Catskills as part of the Catskill Art Society's winter series! Learn more about her at www.puppetkabob.com.

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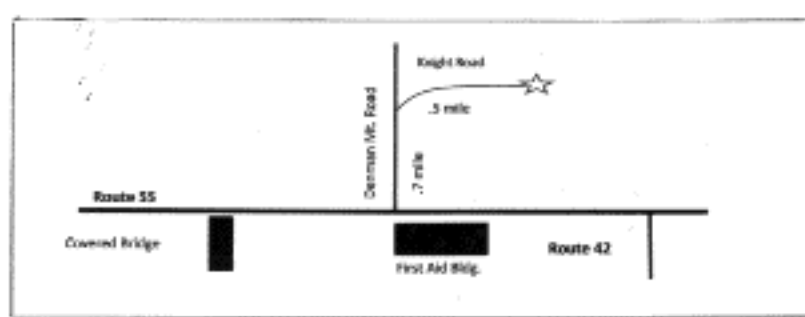
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus"

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus." How I wish I, not the editor of the New York Sun, had written that reply to Virginia O'Hanlon. Yet, the truth prevails. How do I know there is a Santa Claus? I have had the privilege of meeting him, her or them, personally. There is something very magical about personifying the spirit of love and sharing. Some of Santa's helpers like the late Henry Rank, Mr. Koethe, Peter Friedel, Fred Burkhardt, Bruce LaMonda fill the girth of the costume (sans pillow) as well as the size of the big heart it takes to be Santa at local events. Lots of Santa's helpers are organizing parties, baking cookies, wrapping gifts, and shopping for those gifts that will brighten the season.

Churches are filling shoe boxes with grooming supplies and little toys and trinkets to send to third world nations. The Reservoir Methodist Church set a goal of 50 shoe boxes, but doubled that goal already. Jim and Sue Ulrich are collecting socks for the homeless. The season brings out compassion and generosity in all of us. We all feel that excitement of believing in goodness as the child within us emerges and suppresses the cynicism of adult doubt.

The spirit starts at Thanksgiving by sharing the bounty of food we have here in America. Alison Tosi spearheaded a drive to provide twenty-one turkey dinners, with all the trimmings, for families at BOCES. Families shared dinners with friends who could not travel during the ill-timed storm on the day before Thanksgiving. Stores opened early on Black Friday, some even on Thanksgiving, opening the shopping season with the figurative, flamboyant wave of checkered flag reminiscent of the Indy 500. Santa does love a bargain even if it means getting up at 4 a.m. like my good friend Marie did.

The month of December is consumed with decorating houses, trimming trees, baking cookies, shopping, sending greetings, wrapping and preparing for the big day of Christmas. Santa exists, not just the iconic, white-bearded, obese old man in the red velvet suit, but in the very essence of love and of sharing. The first Saturday in December will be a marathon of celebrations here in Olive. It starts early with the Breakfast with Santa at the Boiceville Inn from 8-11. Children under twelve have breakfast free and receive a present from Santa. Breakfast costs \$5.00 for those older than twelve. The event is sponsored by the Olive Democrats with Terence Winne being the driving force in gathering presents, wrapping them, and organizing workers to cook and serve. John and Barbara Parete graciously let Santa use the Inn for his early stop to Olive.

The Olive Free Library has its Christmas Fair on the same Saturday in West Shokan. Many craftspeople are selling their gifts made with heart and hands. It is also a tradition to reconnect with friends and neighbors and support the local library. Sandy Friedel will have her American Doll designer clothes for sale, and there will be lots of homemade gifts to supplement Santa's list.

The next weekend, Santa arrives by fire truck to the Shokan Fire House on Saturday, December 13. There will be a potluck supper starting at 5:30, and Santa is expected to arrive at 6:30. Donna Van Kleeck is Santa's personal assistant at this annual event. Tissues are always handy for Donna as she leads the singing of "Silent Night."

Santa must have GPS because he makes it to the Town of Olive without Rudolf and his reindeer. Luckily, he has contacts here that will lend him fire trucks and police cars. On Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. he'll make appearance at the Town of Olive Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Town Meeting Hall on Bostock Road in Shokan. There will be cookies to decorate, ornaments to create, a movie to entertain children, and songs to sing. This is a family night to inspire that spirit of Christmas.

Rejoice! Revive traditions! Re-Gift! And, yes, Dana Noel, my sweet granddaughter who was born on Christmas Day seventeen years ago, and yes, little Philantho who knows that Santa will bring her a Doc McStuffin mobile cart, "There is a Santa Claus." In fact, here in Olive, we have many of them. They all don't wear their red, fur-lined hats. You might have to look for them in their flannel shirts and jeans or recognize them by their good deeds and love of neighbors.

CWC contributes to Catskills Interpretive Center project; establishes municipal loan program

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors voted November 4 to allocate \$123,000 from the Catskill Fund for the Future to help develop the Catskill Interpretive Center (CIC) in the Town of Shandaken.

The Board also approved a new program to provide low-interest loans to CWC member towns and villages.

The CIC funds will be provided to the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development which owns the 62-acre site in Mt. Tremper and is coordinating a cooperative venture to build the 1,700-square-foot facility. It will be named for retired Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey who was a devoted advocate for it for the past three decades. The CWC funds will go towards costs of construction of a replica of a Ranger Station/Observer's Cabin Museum adjacent to a full-sized fire tower to be constructed with other funds.

The CWC grant will also fund an interactive digital display unit that will feature a database of outdoor recreational opportunities and cultural activities in the Catskill Region, and will be accessible to several people at a time using touchscreen technology. It will be connected to a new CIC website and to the Catskill Association for Tourism Services (CATS) website. Included in the CWC grant is \$10,000 per year for five years for maintenance and operation. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has allocated \$100,000 for operation and maintenance over the next five years.

In addition to the Catskill Center, the CWC and the DEP, other partners in the venture are the Friends of the Catskill Interpretive Center, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the NY/NJ Trail Conference, the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce and other organizations and municipalities.

Construction of the CIC, which will serve as a gateway to the Catskill Park, Forest Preserve and the wider region including the New York City Watershed, is well underway using \$1 million in NYS funds and a \$380,000 federal appropriation. Eastman Associates from Oneonta is the general contractor. Completion is anticipated in early 2015.

Municipal loan program

In other business at its November meeting, the CWC Board authorized establishment of a new program to offer low-interest loans of up to \$250,000 to West-of-Hudson Watershed municipalities.

The Catskills Municipal Assistance Loan Program will provide loans to towns and villages as an alternative source of funding. At the same time it will offer a secure rate of return for the CWC's Catskill Fund for the Future through local investment rather than purchasing bonds on the open market.

Applicants must be signatories to the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement and voting members of the CWC. A municipality must issue a bond or note as evidence of its obligation for the

repayment of the loan within one year, renewable for up to five years.

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

Ashokan Stream Grants

The deadline for grant applications for stream management implementation, education, and planning projects in the Ashokan Reservoir watershed is Dec. 5. Eligible applicants include local, county, state, or federal government agencies, 501(c)(3) organizations, secondary schools, colleges or universities. Approximately \$500,000 is available this grant round. FMI: Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program, (845) 688-3047. The AWSMP office has moved and is now located at 3130 Route 28 in Shokan next to the Shokan Plaza.

Olive Free Library will Celebrate the Opening of a New History Exhibit

West Shokan, NY - On Saturday, December 6, at 11 a.m. the Olive Free Library will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open a new history exhibit in the Olive Free Library's museum room. The exhibit is a collaboration between the library and the Ulster County Archives. It will feature photographs and other artifacts illustrating the history of the Town of Olive before construction of the Ashokan Reservoir, during the emotional negotiations between New York City and the residents who lost their homes to create the reservoir, and the workers in the process of creating the reservoir. County Clerk Nina Postupack, whose office acts as custodian of the county's historic records, will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The exhibit opening coincides with the Olive Free Library's annual holiday fair, a major community gathering that includes a hot lunch, a craft fair, activities such as holiday card making and a ukulele sing-along. Each year hundreds of members of the community look forward to this event in order to visit with their neighbors and purchase locally hand-made gifts.

For more information please contact Katie Scott-Childress director@olivefreelibrary.org or call 845-657-2482.

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To RSVP for events, programs or for more information please call the Rhinebeck Jewish Center at 845.876.7666 or visit us at www.RhinebeckJewishCenter.com

Sullivan County HRC Invitation to Residents & Civic Groups

On October 16, 2014, the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission recognized Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributions of the Hispanic Community. Three local citizens chosen by the Hispanic Community were honored for their work in Sullivan County promoting human rights and dignity.

The Human Rights Commission would like to invite other Sullivan County residents and civic groups to organize a process with which up to three citizens will be recognized by the Human Rights Commission for promoting human rights and dignity. Members of any community who seek guidance in developing a process should contact Eric Monroe, Executive Director of the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission at (845) 807-0189 or e-mail him at eric.monroe@co.sullivan.ny.us.

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The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...
... 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 or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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SUNY Ulster Decks the Halls with Holiday Concerts

SUNY Ulster's Music Department will present a series of free winter concerts in December. On Dec. 2, students performed wind and percussion ensemble selections under the direction of Victor Izzo, Jr. and Chris Earley at 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater.

A seasonal favorite, Tuba Christmas, will be held Dec. 6, at 3 p.m., in the Clinton Hall, Ulster Savings Bank Community Conference Center. Tuba and euphonium players of all ages will perform traditional Christmas music from around the world. Participants register at noon, rehearse at 1 p.m. and perform the free concert beginning at 3 p.m.

The String Ensemble Concert will take place Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater with selections performed by students under the direction of Anastasia Solberg.

The Community Band/Jazz Ensemble concert is Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., Quimby Theater.

Members of the Community Band under the direction of Izzo will join the members of the Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Earley for this invigorating concert.

All concerts are open to the public. For information on the holiday concerts, contact (845) 687-5262.

Free Farm Funding Workshop to Help Develop or Expand Ag Businesses

LIBERTY, NY - The public is invited to a free Farm Funding program on Monday, December 8, 2014 being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) and Sullivan County Division of Planning and

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Environmental Management. From 1:00 to 3:00 pm, participants will learn to develop or expand her or his agricultural business. The workshop will take place at the CCESC Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Representatives from the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Environmental Management, County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency (IDA), Catskill Mountainkeeper, Farm Service Agency (FSA), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be on hand to discuss their specific programs.

Topics will include the Sullivan County Agri-Business Revolving Loan Fund, County of Sullivan IDA Agri-Business Revolving Loan Fund, Catskill Mountainkeeper Capital Access Agricultural Loan Program, US Department of Agriculture (USDA) FSA funding programs, USDA NRCS funding programs, along with information on NYS grant programs, NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) programs, NYS Electric and Gas (NYSEG) programs and other regional funding opportunities. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and to begin the application process.

This program is free to the public, but space is limited so pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180 or emailing Melinda Meddaugh, Agriculture & Natural Resources Program Leader, at mm2592@cornell.edu.

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Rock Hill UMC to Sponsor American Red Cross Disaster Presentation

The Rock Hill United Methodist Church will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Disaster Presentation on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10 AM to 11 AM at the Church.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Please RSVP by November 27, 2014.

For further information, call (845) 769-2826.



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Into the Light Sunday, December 7 at 2pm and 5pm Experience the enchanting holiday story of Lucia as she travels the world's communities to learn how light is kept glowing through the darkest part of the year. Don't miss this special event featuring the Vanaver Caravan Dancers & Musicians, Arm-of-the-Sea Theater and special guest singers Barely Lace. Sponsored by the Ellenville Public & Museum. Special Benefit performance... Steve Forbert Friday, December 12 at 8pm <http://www.steveforbert.com/>

And Holiday Gift Certificates are on sale... Tickets and subscriptions for 2015 shows at 2014 prices! Call the Shadowland Box Office at 845-647-5511...

SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN!

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

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

Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season!



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

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

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Catskill Nordic Ski Club Slates 2015 Schedule

Sullivan County - The Catskill Nordic Ski Club celebrates its 40th year of offering informal guided cross-country ski trips on some of Sullivan County's most beautiful trails. Most of the trips are free, except where noted, and last about two hours.



location, or to hold a winter hike. Leaders will be prepared to help and encourage new members.

All ski trips are scheduled to begin at 1:30 P.M. on a Saturday - unless otherwise indicated.

Depending on the weather and/or snow conditions, the leader may choose to reschedule to Sunday, change the hour or

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:03 AM SUNSET: 4:27 PM
 AVERAGE HIGH: 38°F AVERAGE LOW: 25°F

THURSDAY

 HIGH: 40°F LOW: 25°F

FRIDAY

 HIGH: 36°F LOW: 28°F

SATURDAY

 HIGH: 38°F LOW: 33°F

SUNDAY

 HIGH: 43°F LOW: 34°F

MONDAY

 HIGH: 35°F LOW: 30°F

TUESDAY

 HIGH: 34°F LOW: 29°F

Members and new skiers alike are reminded to ALWAYS call the leader the night before the scheduled ski trip for updated information. For further information, please call President Pat Halprin at 434-3841.

- Dec. 20: Westbrookville hike/ski. Leaders: Warren & Judy Bergstrom 794-7631
- Jan. 3: Haven Road Tow Path. Leaders: Bob & Betty Klein 796-3336
- Jan. 10: Town of Thompson Park. Leader: Pat Gersten 794-1039
- Jan. 17: Smallwood Trails. Leaders: Jonathan Hyman & Gail Rubinfeld 583-4103
- Jan. 24: Woodridge Rail Trails. Leaders: Kathi & Rich Widmann 794-5650
- Jan. 31 - Fallsburg Trails. Leaders: Eileen & Andrew Kalter 434-5371
- Feb. 7: High Point State Park. Leader: Dan Gersten 798-6618
 *Start time: 11:30AM. Fee charged.
- Feb. 14: Downs Road Trails. Leaders: Warren & Judy Bergstrom 794-7631
- Feb. 21: Frost Valley or Bellarye location TBA. Leader: Bonnie Hoffman 794-7552 *Fee charged
- Feb. 28: Mongaup Pond. Leader: Judy Brennan 292-7832
- March 7: Walnut Mountain. Leader: Pat Bersten 794-1039
- Mardh 14: Loch Sheldrake Hike/Ski followed by annual dinner. Leader: Pat Halprin 434-3841

Trains on Main Pulls Into Livingston Manor for 7th Annual Holiday Spectacle (From Pg. 1) Bring the kids and enjoy this spectacular holiday treat! Trains on Main will be on display at the



CAS Arts Center, Morgan Outdoors, and other businesses around Livingston Manor throughout December. Visitors can enjoy the show up close or looking in the windows even when closed to experience the magical nostalgia of the season. Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thurs-

days - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

CAS will be closed on Thursday, December 25 for Christmas break and will remain open through Monday, December 29.

Nevele Investors, LLC Hosts Ellenville Event to Promote Readiness of Casino Application (From Pg. 1)



Over 170 people attended the event on Saturday.

"We are committed to have this project happen. The Nevele team is most appreciative for all of the support by the people, politicians and organizations to see this economic development project become a reality" said Nevele CEO Angel Brunner.



During the past three years, the nearly 600 acre Nevele property has been positioned to lead the redevelopment of the Catskills region. The Nevele has assembled a world-class architectural,

development and management team, completed the detailed design and pre-construction process, finalized the SEORA process, developed a workforce master plan with regional SUNY campuses, BOCES and workforce investment boards and now has the New York Council of Problem Gaming all in order to breathe life back into Southern Ulster County by creating jobs and being an integral part in the area's economic development.

The Top of the Deck

The Nevele Resort, Casino & Spa project is prepared to re-establish the historic Catskill region as a premier destination resort site in the New York metropolitan area. Designed in the neo-deco look, the Nevele is inspired by three key principles:

- Reflect the history of the Nevele
- Respect the pristine natural setting and surrounding environment of its nearly 600 acres including the waterfalls and the beautiful valley and mountains
- Recreate a family friendly destination resort that can be a true economic foundation for the area and Hudson Valley region

Among the many amenities the Nevele plan to offer are

- 446 luxury guest rooms and suites in three hotel towers
- Rooftop swimming pool with stunning, wrap-around views of the Shawagunk Mountains
- Outdoor recreation including five miles of rail trail, hiking and biking
- Skiing, snowboard, sled trails, forested cross-country ski trails and year round chairlift providing panoramic views of nearby farmlands and cascading mountains
- Restored iconic wood rib structure Ski Chalet and Ice Skating Rink with lounge, bar and fireplace
- Premier restaurant and dining options including steakhouse, Las Vegas style buffet, and food hall featuring Hudson Valley wines, farm-to-table and locally sourced, organic foods
- World-class casino, complete with poker room, reel and video poker and table games including blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat and pai gow poker
- 18 hole championship golf course
- Luxury spa facility with steam, sauna rooms and solarium
- Fully-equipped fitness center

Awaiting the Decision

Many have asked, when will the decision be made by the Commission. While there is no exact date it appears to be soon in days or weeks.

If you have not already, visit www.nevele.com - see the renderings of the re-development of Nevele. Though it has been three years, this project has brought together the village of Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing and the County of Ulster unlike any other economic development activity in years. The interest and support was highlighted by the NYS Gaming Commission's public comment event last month by the many speakers and thousand of endorsement letters

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Nevele Appearances

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Nevele History Note

The Nevele, located in the beautiful valley next to the Shawangunk mountains, began constructing its landmark iconic tower in the fall of 1964. It was completed the following fall. It was designed by H.D. Phillips in a dodecagonal style. The Tower is ten stories high, ninety feet wide and contains 108 guest rooms. The top floor has the famed Presidential Suite where President Lyndon Johnson stayed in 1966. The tower commands fantastic views of the valley, mountains, ridges and farmland. This "round" Tower is so unique that its design eliminated the endless corridor phenomenon that had long hallways plaguing so many of the other Catskill resorts.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church
(Across from the Tri-Valley School)
& Community Members are performing a Living Nativity
December 14th
6:30 PM
(Snow Date December 21st)
~Free Event~
Refreshments to Follow

UC Executive Mike Hein Named Among Top Government Officials Nationwide

(From Pg. 1)

According to Erdos & Morgan Opinion Leaders Survey, a highly regarded study of media influence, GOVERNING magazine is the second most widely read print publication for state and local government leaders after USA Today and the third most influential after The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times. Regional and national media look to GOVERNING for authoritative news and analysis. USA Today, NPR, Fortune, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, 60 Minutes and Dateline NBC all have cited GOVERNING articles in their reports.

This year GOVERNING honored nine officials from different states who hold positions such as the Governor of Michigan, Georgia House Minority Leader and Mayor of Philadelphia. County Executive Hein was the only county executive selected from across the country and the first public official to be recognized from Ulster County ever. GOVERNING magazine noted many of Hein's accomplishments but highlighted the common sense Municipal Innovation Exchange, a statewide database filled with more than 2,000 innovations; the life altering potential of the Ulster County Patriots Project, the County Executive's ambitious initiative to help end the tragedy of homeless Veterans in Ulster County that has created a national model; the S.T.R.I.V.E. Project to bring higher education opportunities to inner city youth by re-purposing a vacant elementary school; and the SPEAK App, a suicide prevention smartphone app that was developed and made available to everyone, including other municipalities for free.

"This is a tremendous honor and I am truly humbled to be in the company of other public servants from across our great nation who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others," said County Executive Mike Hein. "My entire Administration is constantly focused on putting people before politics and developing innovative solutions to serious challenges that allow us to provide high quality services to the great citizens of Ulster County. We are deeply committed to fulfilling both our social responsibility and fiscal responsibility; and so, we have worked to reinvent government, embrace reform and innovation, in order to ensure more services than ever before, while protecting property taxpayers in the process. I am proud to share this honor with everyone who has been so supportive in our community and the hardworking men and women who make up Ulster County government."

According to GOVERNING, Government leaders at all levels right now are under constant pressure to innovate; and innovation is about leadership -- and it's the driving force for each of these nine Public Officials of the Year. GOVERNING Executive Editor Zach Patton added, "These nine men and women are outstanding examples of the tremendous achievement that's happening in state and local government right now... these dedicated individuals have shown that real change is possible. We're honored to recognize their contributions to public service."

United States Senator Charles Schumer "Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has proven to be an innovative, forward-thinking leader for Ulster County and is a shining example for all of New York," said United States Senator Charles Schumer. "County Executive Hein and I have worked on several policy proposals over the past few years, a collaboration that has led to tremendous progress across the county. Mike has been a true visionary leader in the Hudson Valley and is a rising star who will continue to create new policy proposals to help Ulster County and New York State move forward."

United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand "This is a well-deserved honor in recognition of Ulster County Executive Mike Hein's accomplishments," said United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "He is a successful leader who brings together diverse interests to meet the needs of his constituents. Whether it is his tremendous success in support of veterans with the Patriots Project, his hands on assistance during major floods, or his experienced financial management, he is a proven leader and I am proud to have him as a partner in government."

Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties (NACO)

"County Executive Hein has proven to be an inspirational and innovative leader. He is a solution-oriented executive who drives for efficiency and results yet also has tremendous compassion and a strong sense of public service. Despite operating in a state with stringent mandates and even tighter funding constraints on counties, Mike Hein has still achieved great results through collaboration and focus. His work in Ulster County and across the state merits the esteemed national recognition by Governing magazine," said Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties.

Stephen J. Acquario, Executive Director, New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC)

"With PayGoNY, County Executive Michael Hein was a leader in re-defining how local governments share services and maximize efficiencies. His efforts paved the way for the Four NYS Local Government Associations (NYS Association of Counties, NYS Conference of Mayors, Association of Towns of the state of New York, NYS

School Boards Association) to develop the Municipal Innovation Exchange (MIX), which has saved millions in local tax dollars. NYSAC congratulations Michael Hein for his commitment to improve local government operations and service delivery in Ulster County and across the state," said Stephen J. Acquario, Executive Director, New York State Association of Counties.

GOVERNING's 2014 Public Officials of the Year are profiled in the December issue as well as at <http://www.governing.com/poy>. The recipients will be honored at a dinner at the Willard InterContinental in Washington, DC on December 4, hosted by GOVERNING magazine

Delaware Valley Opera's 'Amahl and the Night Visitors' Comes to Tusten Theatre

This holiday season, Delaware Valley Opera presents a family-friendly opera about a young boy's special visit from the three kings. This production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" stars Mason Clark, Henry Simon, Charles Simon, Carol Diefenbach, Tshombe Selby, Wayne Line, Eric Barsness, and Marty Strasinger.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" was commissioned by NBC and first performed by the NBC Opera Theatre on December 24, 1951, in New York City in Rockefeller Center. It was the first opera specifically composed for television in America.

Menotti (1911 - 2007) was an Italian-American composer and librettist. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice, for "The Consul" (1950) and for "The Saint of Bleeker Street" (1955). He founded the noted Festival dei Due Mondi (Festival of the Two Worlds) in Spoleto, Italy in 1958 and its American counterpart, Spoleto Festival USA, in 1977.

This performance of "Amahl" takes place at the historic Tusten Theatre (210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY) on Saturday, December 13 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 (children under 10 free).

For more information and tickets, call (845) 252-7576.

SCDW Presents It's a Wonderful Life:

A Live Radio Play

South Fallsburg, NY-Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop continues its 2014 Season with a family friendly production of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play", which runs during the holiday season from December 12-14.

Magical, fresh and inventive, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* 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. Ten actors perform the voices of dozens of characters while creating foley sound effects (no electronics). Local talent includes Ed Berens, Sally Gladden, Oliver King, Ellen Pavloff, Mekayla Perneszi, Jeremy Rudnick, Harold Tighe, Mike Wheaton and Thunder Country's Mike Sakell. Piano accompanist is Leon Hilfstein and SFX director is Jim Schmidt. 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.

The play is adapted from the film *It's a Wonderful Life*, directed by Frank Capra starring actors Donna Reed and James Stewart and premiered at the Globe Theatre in New York on December 20, 1946.

SCDW is inviting families, neighbors and friends to celebrate the spirit of the holiday season and come see this heartwarming play. \$10 ticket general seating at the Sullivan County Cultural Center (formerly the Sullivan County Museum), 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Friday night special: Bring an unwrapped new toy for "Toys for Tots" and receive \$5 off! Coffee and desserts are included!

Performances are Friday, December 12th & Saturday, December 13th at 8PM and Sunday, December 14th at 2PM. For further information, call 845 434-8044.

SUNY Ulster Music Presents Winter Choral and Guitar Concert

SUNY Ulster's Music Department will present its annual Winter Concert featuring its College Chorus and Vocal and Guitar Ensembles on Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Chorus and Vocal ensembles are directed by Janet Gehres with Edward Leavitt as the accompanist. Greg Dinger is the director of the Guitar Ensemble.

In addition, the College Chorus will perform along with the Rondout Valley High School Chorus at the Woodstock Chamber Orchestra's "Music of the Season Concert," on Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., in Quimby Theater. Tickets for this concert are \$20. Snow date is Dec. 14 at 3 p.m.

Seeking Performers for THE WEATHER PROJECT

NACL Theatre is currently developing a touring version of *The Weather Project* play and invites additional performers to join the community ensemble. The play will begin a county wide and regional tour in May 2015.

The Weather Project is a spectacular all-ages outdoor performance about climate change directed by Tannis Kowalchuk, artistic director of NACL Theatre in Highland Lake, NY. The play was developed with NASA scientist Elaine Matthews, in collaboration with The Town of Highland and a host of community groups.

Following the great success of the play's premiere last August 2014 in Yulan, NY, the ensemble is meeting weekly from December to May to develop a more compact touring version of the performance. In 2015, *The Weather Project* will tour to the towns of Highland, Livingston Manor, Liberty, and Monticello. The first engagement is in May at The Kumble Theatre for the Performing Arts in Brooklyn, NY.

Director, Tannis Kowalchuk is seeking new participants interested in singing, dance, acting, writing, and stilt-walking. The project is open to participants aged 13 and up who are focused and committed-- otherwise no prior stage experience is required.

Rehearsals take place every Monday from 6-8 PM at The Highland Senior Center located at 725 State Route 55, Eldred, NY 12732. Contact tannis@nacl.org for an interview or call 845-557-0694. For more information about *The Weather Project* and NACL Theatre, please go to www.NACL.org.

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session December 4

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m. in room 115, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum, including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email admissions@sunyulster.edu. Further information about the Nursing program can be found at www.sunyulster.edu.

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From (Nov. 25, 2014) Congressman Chris Gibson:

Dear Friend,
I hope that you and yours are doing well and looking forward to joining family and friends for Thanksgiving. I am writing to update you on our legislative priorities as we enter the final weeks of the 113th Congress.

First, let me take a few moments to share my views on President Obama's announcement of unilateral action on immigration. Clearly, our immigration system is broken, but we need to work together to change the law, using the process outlined in our Constitution. I have long supported securing our borders and fixing all aspects of this broken system. Instead, the President is selectively choosing not to enforce the law, something he is duty-bound to do by his oath of office. The President himself has stated repeatedly that he does not have the authority to take this action.

The best way forward centers on bipartisan negotiations within Congress to address all immigration issues, including border security, interior enforcement, visa reforms, guest worker program reforms, a program to address the status of undocumented immigrants, and effective foreign policy reforms. After securing our borders, I support legislation that encourages people living in the country without legal documentation to come forward and plead guilty to breaking the law, submit to a background check, and pay a fine. These actions would lead to earned legal status.

Moving forward, I will continue to work on legislation that empowers Congress to restore its proper role as envisioned by the Founders.

My staff and I are also working hard to advance several bills that have a direct impact on the quality of life in our region. This year, the House passed legislation I authored to combat Lyme disease, lower electricity rates in the Hudson Valley, and assist Navy veterans sickened by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Our focus now shifts to securing approval for those bills in the Senate.

We are hopeful that our Lyme bill, HR 4701, will pass the Senate by unanimous consent before the New Year. Each day my team is working closely with Senate staff to illuminate the suffering of patients with Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses, and I am in regular contact with my Senate colleagues to gain their support for this bill.

Our bill to reverse the rate hikes imposed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) was taken up by Senator Schumer and may be included as part of the budget Senators will consider in the weeks ahead.

We are also working to see that our legislation requiring the Department of Defense to compile a definitive list of the ships whose crews were exposed to Agent Orange is included in the Senate's Defense Spending Bill for the coming fiscal year.

This month, I was honored and humbled to participate in Veterans Day ceremonies in Hyde Park, Averill Park, Catskill, Rock Hill, Bloomingburg, South Kortright, Kingston, Cooperstown, Amenia, and Hudson, among others. Thank you to the many veterans, students, and educators who made these events possible.

We live in the greatest nation on earth, and we have much to be thankful for. Be safe and have a happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Letter from Senator Bonacic:
Dear Readers

The Hudson Valley has a rich farming history, and I am pleased to remind recent college graduates that New York State has a program in place to encourage them to pursue a career in agriculture.

The 2014-2015 New York State budget established the NYS Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive for individuals who obtain an undergraduate degree from an approved New York State college or university and agree to operate a farm in New York State, on a full-time basis, for five years. It is just one component of a comprehensive strategy that combines financial and educational incentives to keep the State's agricultural industry thriving for the next generation.

Ten awards of up to \$10,000 in education loan forgiveness will be provided annually for up to five years to those who fulfill eligibility requirements. The individual must:

o be a legal resident of NYS for at least one year; be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen; obtain an undergraduate degree from an approved NYS college or university; have an outstanding balance on an eligible student loan debt(s); apply for this program within two years after graduation; operate a farm in NYS on a full time basis; execute a service contract agreeing to operate a farm in New York State on a full time basis for at least five years; not be in default on a student loan made under any NYS or federal education loan program or repayment of any NYS award; and be in compliance with the terms of any service condition imposed by a NYS award.

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is currently accepting applications for the Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Program, continuing through the December 15, 2014 deadline.

Sincerely
John J. Bonacic
STATE SENATOR

Gibson statement on President Obama's immigration executive order

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) opposes President Obama's unilateral action on immigration, an action he believes is unconstitutional.

"This is a mistake," he said. "Clearly, our immigration system is broken, but we need to work together to change the law, using the process outlined in our Constitution. I have long supported securing our borders and fixing all aspects of our broken immigration system. What the President is doing here instead is selectively choosing not to enforce the law, something he is duty-bound to do by his oath of office."

Congressman Gibson pointed out the President himself has stated repeatedly that he does not have the authority to take this action. The President explained these legal constraints in an interview with Univision, among other media.

The best way forward, said Congressman Gibson, centers on bipartisan negotiations within Congress to address all immigration issues, including border security, interior enforcement, visa reforms, guest worker program reforms, a program to address the status of undocumented immigrants, and effective foreign policy reforms.

"What the Senate can do immediately is pass the emergency immigration legislation that the House passed in early August, which commits new resources to securing our borders and addresses the root causes of this problem," said Congressman Gibson. "From there, the President can make working with Congress on effective, bipartisan immi-

gration reform a central priority for his final two years in office."

After securing our borders, Congressman Gibson supports legislation that encourages people living in the country without legal documentation to come forward and plead guilty to breaking the law, submit to a background check, and pay a fine. These actions would lead to earned legal status.

He has been calling for action on immigration reform since he retired from the United States Army in 2010. He detailed his views in an op-ed piece in the Times Herald-Record and introduced legislation to reform the H-2A visa program, an important component of our rural economy.

In addition, Congressman Gibson has been an outspoken advocate for restoring balance to the executive-legislative branch relationship. In response to the trend since World War II of consolidation of war powers in the executive branch, which has led to Presidents from both political parties taking us to war without the consent of the governed, he authored bipartisan legislation, HR 383, the War Powers Reform Act. This bill would ensure that the American people get a voice, through their elected Representative, in the solemn decision on the use of military force.

He continues to work on legislation to empower Congress to restore its proper role as envisioned by the Founders, but ultimately Congressman Gibson believes real change will only come from a future President who supports these necessary changes and/or a landmark decision from the Supreme Court.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando

IS THE PRESS RELEASE BELOW JUST MORE MEDIA HYPE TO CONNECT THE DEFENDERS OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT, THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE DEMOCRACY OF THESE UNITED STATES WITH TERRORISTS GROUPS KILLING AMERICANS?

Is the present administrations of state and federal governments so corrupt as to align Americans who have fought in many wars for freedom for all of the earth's inhabitants, and now stand in disgust of the recent President Obama Exec Order giving amnesty to illegal aliens (he's kissing the arse of the European banking system, a 1% corporate cartel, that is bent on world domination) who by all rights are in violation of all U. S. Constitutional and immigration laws. These people and their families should be deported. A bill of cost sent to their families, and the Mexican government, demanding payment for the costs to American taxpayers to deal with this illegal alien big business created mess to lower the wages of millions of working class Americans. I wish to see the Senate and the Congress draw up this bill to pay back the American taxpayers and finally bringing back a government that is by all the people, and not taking orders from the top down.

REMEMBER, "BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE AND OF THE PEOPLE."

Can we trust our government?
You decide?

Press release from top:
ISIS THREAT AT HOME: FBI WARNS US MILITARY ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA VULNERABILITIES
By BRIAN ROSS and JAMES GORDON MEEK Good Morning America-New FBI Warning to US Military on ISIS

Feds tell service members to scrub social media accounts, which could offer clues to extremists.

The FBI on Sunday issued the strongest warning to date about possible attacks by the ISIS terrorist group against the U.S. military inside the homeland,

officials tell ABC News.

In a joint intelligence bulletin issued overnight by the FBI with the Department of Homeland Security, officials strongly urged those who serve in uniform to scrub their social media accounts of anything that might bring unwanted attention from "violent extremists" or would help the extremists learn individual service members' identities.

"The FBI and DHS recommend that current and former members of the military review their online social media accounts for any information that might serve to attract the attention of ISIL [ISIS] and its supporters," the federal bulletin sent to law enforcement agencies said, advising that troops "routinely exercise operational security in their interactions online."

Officials said they fear copycat attacks based on what happened in Canada last month, when two uniformed Canadian soldiers were killed in two separate incidents by young men who claimed they were ISIS followers.

Cops: Ottawa Shooter Recorded Video Before Parliament Attack. ISIS Threat at Home: FBI Warns US Military About Social Media

ISIS Threat at Home: FBI Warns US Military About Social Media Vulnerabilities (ABC News) Homeland Warns of ISIS Retaliation in US by Sympathizers

Some in U.S. special operations and other military branches have told ABC News they deactivated, scrubbed or locked Facebook and other personal social media accounts months ago at the urging of security officers as the U.S. began bombing ISIS in Iraq and Syria last August.

But the government on Sunday night indicated they had obtained fresh intelligence that ISIS wants to recruit or inspire sympathizers inside America to hurt military members where they live.

"The FBI recently received reporting indicating individuals overseas are spotting and assessing like-minded individuals who are willing and capable of conducting attacks against current and former U.S.-based members of the United States military," the bulletin said.

Attacks such as those in Canada -- which apparently were carried out without direct contact between ISIS and the perpetrators -- may "embolden" and "motivate" those who support ISIS, the FBI and DHS said.

The day before the U.S. launched its biggest air blitz against the terrorist group in Iraq and Syria in late September, ISIS spokesman Abu Mohammad al-Adnani called upon Muslims in the U.S. and Europe to attack members of the military.

"Do not ask for anyone's advice and do not seek anyone's verdict. Kill the disbeliever whether he is civilian or military, for they have the same ruling. Both of them are disbelievers. Both of them are considered to be waging war," Adnani said in an audio speech posted online on Sept. 21.

ABC News' Megan Chuchmach and Lee Ferran contributed to this report.

Frank Comando - If all of the religions of the world, who make their living preaching peace, cannot unite and stop this ignorant, arrogant, useless murder of the world's people, by those who are described in literature as penurious, tightfisted, money-grubbing, archaic near satanic, - the immoral horde of the 1% rich, who are enslaving the rest of the world's people, religion will no longer have any choice but to unite and stop Armageddon or religions will no longer have any use.

What are your thoughts?

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

Wawarsing Wassail COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENTS for 2014

Saturday December 6th

- 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 ~ Breakfast With Santa (All proceeds to benefit The Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School.) Children under 2 are free; 2 to 12 yrs. are \$4.00; Children over 12 yrs. and Adults are \$6.00. Santa arrives at 9:00. Crafts; Door Prizes; 50/50 raffle
- 10:00 a.m. to Noon ~ Christmas Cookie Decorating - A Make and Take for Kids - at Cohen's Breads & Pastries, 89 Center St., Ellenville. There is no fee.
- Noon to 2:00 p.m. ~ Winter Crafts for Kids - A Make and Take. Make a Gingerbread Man Card and Sock Snowman. At the Shadowland Second Stage (old Richie's Dept. Store Building) at the corner of Market and Center Street, Ellenville. There is no fee.
- Noon to 4:00 p.m. Toys For Kids Holiday Party - at Norbury Hall, Center Street, Ellenville. Live Music by the Carl Richards Band. Visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. This is the drop-off site for our LOCAL toy drive to benefit LOCAL children. Hosted by Napanoch Public Interest Group and Pioneer Engine Company No. 1. New, unwrapped toys will gladly be accepted all day through 4:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ Santa on the Fire Truck - the streets of Ellenville. Listen for the Holiday Music!

Sunday December 7th

- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ~ Santa on the Fire Truck - touring Napanoch. Listen for the Holiday Music!
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Ellenville Noonday Club Holiday Senior Citizen Dinner at the Ellenville High School. Music by the Shiloh Baptist Church. Door Prizes. Free to all Town of Wawarsing Senior Citizen residents.
- 2:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. ~ "Into The Light" Holiday Spectacular performed by the dance group The Vanaver Caravan with Arm of the Sea Theater and CaravanKids in Ellenville. Presented by the Ellenville Public Library & Museum at the Shadowland Theatre, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. Ticket sales at the door. Please call 845-647-5530 for more information.
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Lighting of the Liberty Square Tree - With Santa, Frosty & the Gingerbread Man - Ellenville

The Wawarsing Wassail, a series of Business and Civic Organizations community Holiday events, is coordinated and publicized by the Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce. For more information visit the Chamber website at www.ewcoc.com; email us at info@ewcoc.com or call 845-647-4620. Office hours are 10:00 to 3:00 Tuesday through Friday.

Sundown Methodist Church

Come to
our monthly breakfast on
December 13, 2014
7:30 - 9:30 am
And then join us
For our annual
COOKIE WALK
From 9:00am until cookies are all gone

Buy a box walk table to table
And fill your box with
Delicious cookies
Hope to see you there

Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon
hosted by
Grahamsville United Methodist Church

on Saturday, December 6, 2014
from 10:00 to 3:00
in their Fellowship Hall.

Local artists and craftsman will be selling their jewelry, original watercolors, pottery, handmade soaps and much more.

A lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available.

The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. For more information call 985-7427 or 985-2283


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42
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Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

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Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/  **Ismael Berrios**
Lead Pastor

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Monday Night Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263

Email:
crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville

Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Sundown Methodist Church

Dec. 6, 2014
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 pm
at the
Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Craft Fair and Luncheon
Sat., December 6, 2014
from 10:00 to 3:00
Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
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:**BIDS REQUESTED FOR TOWN OWNED ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT**

The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Neversink requests individual sealed bids on the following Town owned vehicle offered for sale:

2008 FORD F350 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK WITH 8 FT. AIRFLOW PLOW
107,944 miles
\$7,500.00 MINIMUM BID

The listed item can be seen between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Town of Neversink Highway Barn, 7941 Route 55, Grahamsville, NY. Monday through Friday, except Holidays, by contacting Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2281.

Items will be sold "AS IS" and all sales are final. Payment shall be made to the Town of Neversink within 30 days of award of bid.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids without reason.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday December 9, 2014 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter; all bids will be publicly opened.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Town of Neversink
Dated: November 26, 2014

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New Business Assistance Program Launched by Sullivan County Restaurants and Other Main Street Businesses Targeted for Entrepreneurial Training & Financial Assistance

Monticello - County Manager Josh Potossek has announced that a new Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) has been launched to assist owners of small businesses in Sullivan County and people looking to start a business here. The program will provide entrepreneurial training to help small businesses survive and grow, along with low-interest loans, subsidies and other forms of support. The program will target the county's village and hamlet centers, with a priority given to restaurants and food service businesses that typically find it hard to obtain traditional financing but which are essential components of a thriving downtown.

Fifty percent of all small businesses do not survive past their fifth year, however small businesses are the backbone of Sullivan County's rural economy. The new program is aimed at improving this statistic by offering an eight session Entrepreneurial Training Program, covering such topics as small business basics; taxes, permitting and licensing; market research and analysis; preparing a business plan; financing; customer service, and finding and managing employees. Since the program is targeting applications from restaurants and food service entrepreneurs, an additional class will be conducted, specifically geared toward this sector, which will address common pitfalls and how to avoid them.

The training program will be limited to 20 people in order to create an environment where participants can learn from and support each other. Graduates of the training will be eligible to apply for low-interest loans of between \$5,000 and \$35,000, which have been being made available under the program to new busi-

ness start-ups or existing enterprises with five or fewer employees. It is anticipated that approximately 10 loans will be made. Recipients must contribute a minimum of 10 percent of the total project cost in cash to demonstrate financial commitment. For larger projects, the program will assist participating businesses with seeking and packaging funding from other sources.

The new Microenterprise Assistance Program is made possible with a \$200,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBE). The grant is being administered by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management in collaboration with the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, the Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development, and the County of Sullivan Industrial Development Agency.

Sullivan County Planning, along with its partners will hold a public information sessions on the MAP program, Tuesday Dec. 9, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Government Center in Monticello. The deadline for applications to the program is Friday, Jan. 2, 2015.

For more information or to request an application, contact the Sullivan County Division of Planning at (845) 807-0527 or by email at planning@co.sullivan.ny.us.

UC Exec Hein Receives Scenic Hudson Funding Commitment for Hudson Valley Rail Trail Extension

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein was joined today by Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan in announcing the award of a \$100,000 grant to advance the planned extension of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail ("HVRT"). The grant, which will be directed to the Town of Lloyd, was awarded by Scenic Hudson at the request of County Executive Hein in support of the County Executive's vision for an interconnected rail trail network connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Ashokan Reservoir and Catskill Park. The funding commitment will help defray the local matching cost for the Town of Lloyd's Hudson Valley Rail Trail West- Phase 3 project, which will extend the existing 3.6-mile HVRT an additional 0.7-miles from Tony Williams Park to New Paltz Road. In addition, to move the connection of the HVRT to New Paltz forward, Ulster County recently applied for and received federal Transportation Alternative Program ("TAP") funding to begin planning Hudson Valley Rail Trail West- Phase 4, which will further extend the HVRT to South Street, bringing the total trail length from the Walkway approximately 5.5 miles into Ulster County. The HVRT connects via the Walkway Over the Hudson to another 13 miles along the Dutchess Rail Trail.

"This action is a huge leap in connecting Lloyd to New Paltz for runners, walkers and cyclists. Ulster County is grateful for Scenic Hudson's generous support of the Hudson Valley Rail Trail and its commitment to the vision of a world-class, interconnected rail trail network stretching from the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Ashokan Reservoir," stated County Executive Hein. "Scenic Hudson played a critical role in helping make the Walkway Over the Hudson a reality, and the grant award for this critical project is now helping connect the Walkway to New Paltz, and then via the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail to Kingston, and eventually the Ashokan Reservoir."

"Ulster County is rich with vibrant town centers, productive

farmland, waterways and recreational destinations, which contribute meaningfully to the quality of life of its residents and the region's \$4.2 billion tourism economy," stated Scenic Hudson president Ned Sullivan. "By working together and focusing on linkages between these assets, we can realize the vision of the Ulster County Executive and Legislature for an interconnected rail trail network connecting the Walkway Over the Hudson to the Ashokan Reservoir."

The Hudson Valley Rail Trail West- Phase 3 has received significant federal transportation funding, and Scenic Hudson's grant will help to offset the required local match by the Town of Lloyd. The Phase 3 project is currently in the final design stage and is slated to begin construction in summer 2015. The County also plans to begin design and planning work on Phase 4 in 2015. Upon completion of these two extensions, the HVRT will extend to less than 1.5 miles from the New Paltz sidewalk system, and the County and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) are working to identify options for completing the connection to New Paltz along the Route 299 NYSDOT right-of-way.

Connecting the HVRT and Wallkill Valley Rail Trail builds upon the ongoing success of the Walkway Over the Hudson and the growing popularity of the HVRT in Lloyd. Both of these trails have become beloved community assets for bicycling, walking, running, and hosting community events. Ulster County is moving forward to "fill the gaps" between these two trails. The County has also partnered with the Open Space Institute and Woodstock Land Conservancy on the first planning phases of the proposed rail trail along the Ashokan so it is working on both ends of the future trail system to build what the County intends will be a world-class tourism destination.

THE COLDENHAM AND TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL TORNADO

I read the *Times Herald Record's* front page November 16, 2014 article "Coldenham School Disaster - 25 Years Later" and once again my heart went out to the 10 children who died in the school wall collapse.

I also vividly remember when the same tornado struck Grahamsville at about the same time and miraculously no one was hurt. I was there.

The sky turned almost black, the rain hit my office picture window like several fire engine high powered water hoses, a garage was flattened on lower big Hollow Road, on Route 42, the large weeping willow was knocked over, and at the intersection with Route 55 my two tall pine trees were blown across the road just short of the entrance to the Grahamsville Deli.

The tornado turned east on Route 55 up the hill to Tri-Valley Central School and raised the plastic roof on the school agricultural round Quonset hut building. They said there were several frightened students huddled inside.

Then the unpredictable tornado suddenly rose, knocked over a tree by the bridge on Route 55 and apparently came back down with all its fury in Coldenham.

In Grahamsville, the electricity was knocked out, the residents and firemen voluntarily directed traffic, the chainsaws came out, the roads were quickly cleared and thanks and prayers were quietly said.

Respectfuly Submitted
William A. Brenner

Response from NYS DOT to William A. Brenner's letter of September 30, 2014

Dear Mr. Brenner:

Re: SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS NYS ROUTE 55 HAMLET OF GRAHAMSVILLE TOWN OF NEVERSINK, SULLIVAN COUNTY

This is a follow-up to our September 30, 2014 letter in which you requested a review of the school signs near the Tri-Valley Central School on NYS Route 55 in Grahamsville. We have completed our review, as requested, and have identified the following improvements.

The field review of the signs revealed there are newer advance school crossing signs in both directions on NYS Route 55 in advance of the school. Current standards recommend that these signs also include a subpanel indicating that the crossing is "ahead". Therefore, Department forces will add these panels to the existing signs to bring them up to current standards. Additionally and as you had indicated, it was discovered that the pavement markings "school" in each direction were severely faded. As a result of your request, the Department will refresh this pavement marking indication.

Thank you for calling our attention to this matter. The improved signing and pavement marking layout will meet Department standards set by the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Tony Signorelli, Regional Traffic Engineer, at (607) 721-8080.

Sincerely,
John R. Williams,
P.E. Regional Director

Happy Holidays from the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

Join us on Saturday, December 6, 2014 4:00pm Museum for our Annual Holiday Open House. See you there!

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014 the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will begin a Giving Tuesday Movement - Let's Encourage Spending With A Purpose www.catskillflyfishing.org

Help support the next generation of fly anglers by joining CFFCM in GivingTuesday. Coinciding with the Thanksgiving Holiday and shopping season, taking part in GivingTuesday will assist CFFCM in providing numerous programs throughout the 2015 year. Each year the Center hosts educational programs, events and activities linked to the fly fishing community. As the center grows, we need your support to make it all happen. Members are the heart of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. We look forward to seeing you in 2015.

To participate in the Giving Tuesday Movement, visit our website <http://www.catskillflyfishing.org>

As the year comes to a close, don't forget to renew your Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum membership. Also, membership makes a great holiday gift. Call the center at 845-439-4810 or visit <http://www.catskillflyfishing.org> for more information.

To learn more about GivingTuesday visit: Website: <http://www.givingtuesday.org>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday>
Twitter: <http://twitter.com/GivingTuesday>
Give big or give small. Be a part of it... Make a difference

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

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

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

Looking forward to next year!

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



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

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

Holiday Tack Auction

On Sunday, December 7th, the Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting a Holiday Tack Auction at their Fire House at 1280 Rt 52 in Loch Sheldrake. Horse supplies, tack and holiday gifts will be auctioned off by the Ruben Livestock; Horse Division. Items such as halters, buckets, holiday ornaments, blingy belts, saddles and more will be available for sale.

Hot food and beverages will be available. Consignments of good used tack are welcome! Doors open at Noon, bidding starts at 1pm. For more information, contact Kaitie at 798-2509, or Amy at 796-8753

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- 11/20/14 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7 p.m.; Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/5/14 *The Addams Family Musical* -TVCS 7:00-9:30 pm
- 12/6/14 *The Addams Family Musical* -TVCS 7:00-9:30 pm (Snow Date Sunday, December 7, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.)
- 12/6/14 **Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon** Grahamsville United Methodist Church 10:00 to 3:00 Fellowship Hall.
- 12/6/13 **Time and the Valleys Holiday Season Sale** - noon to 4 p.m.
- 12/6/14 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Church Hall
- 12/6/14 **Town of Neversink Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm Bicentennial Park- Santa is expected to pay a visit!**
- 12/10/14 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 12/10/14 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 12/11/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/11/14 Claryville Fire District Meetings 6:30 pm -Regular Meeting
- 12/11/14 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 12/13/14 7:30 - 9:30 am **Breakfast & Cookie Walk** 9:00 am at Sundown UMC Church Hall
- 12/14/14 Dept of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/15/14 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 12/16/14 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/17/14 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

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

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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.

A Community Forum on Drug Concerns in the Fallsburg Central School District

The Fallsburg Central School District will be hosting a Community Drug Awareness and Prevention Forum on Saturday, December 6, 2014, from 10 AM to 1:30 PM in the Fallsburg Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium. This event is in response to concerns from community and staff members about various incidences of drug use and sales in Fallsburg's schools.

The forum will feature a presentation from Dr. Michael Nerney, a noted consultant on drug problems in schools. Dr. Nerney will speak with the Fallsburg parents and school community members and address their concerns, such as: How drugs can be prevented in schools; How to relate to drugs as a community issue; How parents can talk about drugs with their children; What to do when drug transactions are witnessed; and Signs and symptoms of drug use

Immediately following Dr. Nerney's presentation, community members will be able to engage in small-group breakout sessions where ideas can be heard and discussed. Members of the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council (SCAC) will facilitate these sessions and note the ideas discussed for further review.

Fallsburg CSD Superintendent, Dr. Ivan Katz, and the SCAC created this forum as a way of directly working with community members to enhance awareness of the challenges surrounding drug abuse and existing prevention programs.

Dr. Katz has emphasized that the Fallsburg Central School District will be persistent in its goal to root out illegal activities on district grounds. "By doing so, as a district and as a community," said the Superintendent, "We will deny safe haven to any person or persons that feel it is appropriate to conduct themselves in this manner both on school grounds and around our children. We will be unrelenting in the pursuit and maintenance of this goal."

Child care will be available. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Dr. Ivan Katz, at 845-434-6800, ext. 1215 or by e-mail at ikatz@fallsburgcsd.net

GFD Ladies Auxilary Presents:
Santa Comes to Grahamsville



When: Sunday December 14, 2014
 Where: Town Hall, Grahamsville NY.
 Time: **11-1 pm**

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AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

(A Fairy Tale Love Story, 1957)

A romantic shipboard romance inspires a couple to promise to meet six months later but fate takes a hand. Leo McCarey directing, and starring Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr, Richard Denning, Neva Patterson, Cathleen Nesbitt, Robert Q Lewis, Charles Watts, and Fortunio Bonanova direct the film. A Sensitive remake of McCarey's LOVE AFFAIR, about a bubbling shipboard comedy in first half, soap-opera clichés used in an interesting way. Out of place musical numbers in N.Y.C. finale, while Vic Damone croons the title tune in the very best in a soundtrack complementing the visuals.

The story is about the notorious playboy Nickie Ferrante who makes worldwide headlines when he becomes engaged to one of the richest heirs in America while sailing from France to New York to meet his intended, Nickie then falls in love with Terry McKay.

Film was to turn up decades later as a major plot device in 1993 hit SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE. Remade again as LOVE AFFAIR in 1994 filmed in Cinemascope. See this film on TCM. Monday evening December 08, 2014, starting at 8:00 PM. Color - 115 min. Quiz 1. Which actor played Courbet? 2. Who played Kenneth?

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week?

"AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS"

Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Delaware Valley Opera presents a family-friendly opera about a young boy's special visit from the three kings. This production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" stars Mason Clark, Henry Simon, Charles Simon, Carol Diefenbach, Tshombe Selby, Wayne Line, Eric Barsness, and Marty Strasinger. You may remember Menotti (1911 - 2007) an Italian-American composer and librettist. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice. He founded the noted Festival dei Due Mondi (Festival of the Two Worlds) in Spoleto, Italy in 1958 and its American counterpart, Spoleto Festival USA, in 1977. Mr. C. said, "Studying voice with Gian Carlo Menotti at his twelfth mezzanine studio at Carnegie was an experience within it self. Carlo was a genius not only in his creative writings but as one of the finest voice coaches ever, with the likes of such stars as Tony Bennett, the entire Sinatra family, Judy Garland, Liza, and many more. Rest in peace, old Mentor, old friend."

December 6th will be a busy day in Tri-Valley!

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Sundown

There will be a **Covered Dish Supper** on December 6th at 5:30 pm at the Church Hall.

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