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REMINDER: In observance of the Christmas and the New Year Holiday, the last issue of the *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* before Christmas will be December 12th, 2013. The first issue of the New Year will be published on January 9th, 2014.

If you are planning on sending a **Christmas Greeting** to your friends and neighbors via *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* this year, please see page 8/9 for details. This year's greetings will be in color and appear in our centerfold on December 12, 2013.

The entire staff of *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* wishes you all a very happy holiday season.
A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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

Friday, November 15 was a half day for students at Tri-Valley Central School. But for students in the 7th and 8th grades, this was certainly not an ordinary half day.

Several community members joined Tri-Valley's 7th and 8th grade teachers to put on a series of "workshops" aimed at kids' interests. Students were able to select which workshops fit their interests and the choices were anything but limited. Learning and watching a New York State Police K-9 dog, performing in a fun and educational obstacle course, filling out holi-



day cards for local nursing homes and soldiers overseas, and getting to go inside and learn about the workings of an ambulance were just a few of the many workshops on display.

As kids packed up in preparation for their weekend, there was a "buzz" in the air that made it known that fun was had by all. With such wonderful community members, teachers, and students, we don't think that was much of a surprise to anyone.

The next workshop day for 7th and 8th grade students is tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2014. If you are a community member who might be interested in putting on a workshop in May please contact Matt Haynes at 985-2296 x4250 or Deb Swett at 985-2296 x4229.



BOCES Culinary Students Mentor 2nd Grade TVCS Students Make Holiday Pies



This marked the fourth year that the Culinary Arts Program at the Career and Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES and the second grade class at Tri-Valley Central School has worked together to provide the mouth-watering Thanksgiving pies to less fortunate Tri-Valley families. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Winner of Claryville Quilters Raffle Announced

The winner of the Claryville Quilters Raffle was Kristie Miller of Grahamsville. The quilters would like to thank all of you who purchased a ticket and to let all who did, know that all the proceeds will go to charities in our area. Congratulation to Kristie.

TVCS... There's an app for that!

Tri-Valley Central School announced a new partnership with SchoolInfoApp, LLC to create the Tri-Valley Central School app by SchoolInfoApp for iPhone, iPad and Android devices. (Contd. Pg.3)

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SC Community Chorus Annual Winter Concert

The Sullivan County Community Chorus will present its 37th Annual Winter Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne. The Chorus, under the direction of Kevin Giroux with accompanist Keira Weyant, will present an exciting holiday program featuring "The Unknown Treasures of Christmas" including Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata." The performance will also feature pieces accompanied by Brass Choir and String Quintet.

Conductor Kevin J. Giroux, also Choral Director at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, has chosen some well-known pieces and selections from Russian Orthodox music, Olde English, and French carols, as well as contemporary and revivalist hymns. The program will feature a number of chorus soloists for an exciting afternoon of choral works.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus consists of members from Sullivan and Ulster Counties, whose ages range from 16 to over 80 years of age. Performances of the Sullivan County Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Admission will be \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors and students free, but with a suggested \$10.00 donation. Immediately following the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. In case of inclement weather, the "snow date" will be Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. For further information contact Lucille Horton at (845) 794-7869.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. Proverbs 24:1

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 2, 1953

Mr. Wesley Ackerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ackerley of Grahamsville, received the highest grade, 98%, ever given for Accounting at the State Agricultural and Technical University at Alfred, New York. Wesley is a 1953 graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

Miss Charlotte M. Gay, daughter of Mrs. Charles Gay of Scotia and the late Mr. Gay, and Norman Yonker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Yonker of Ellenville, were married at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Scotia on November 14th. The Rev. Gerald Miller officiated at the Nuptial Mass. They will make their home in Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight entertained Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck and children, June and Douglas, at dinner at Finch's Restaurant on Friday evening in honor of the latter's 24th wedding anniversary.

November 27, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Norton of Greenwich, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Phyllis Edna Norton, to Richard Irwin Coombe of Ridgewood, New Jersey and "Broadacres" Grahamsville, New York. Miss Norton and Mr. Coombe are members of the class of 1964 at Cornell University. Mr. Coombe is associated with Sigma Pi Fraternity.

David C. Groo, 76, a retired farmer, died suddenly on Thursday, November 21st at his home in Claryville. Mr. Groo was born in Grahamsville on August 23, 1887, the son of Harrison and Lucy Morton Groo. He married the late Eleanor Brundage Groo June 13, 1915. Mrs. Groo died in 1962. Mr. Groo was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

December 19, 1973

Belated congratulations to Jim and Betsey Krum of East Aurora, N.Y. on the adoption of a daughter, Lauralee Michelle who was born October 1, 1973. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Krum of Grahamsville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curry who are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Saturday, December 15th at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. Daniel Todd weighed 7 lbs. 15 1/2 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gil Kelder of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Curry of Neversink.

December 8, 1983

Geralyn Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murray, and Terrance O'Loughlin, son of Mrs. John F. O'Loughlin of Syracuse were married recently in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. A reception followed at Taphaels Restaurant. The bride attended Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse, earning an associate degree in radiation therapy technology and SUNY College at Oneonta earning a bachelor's degree in education. She is employed as a radiation technologist and adjunct instructor. The bridegroom earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at Siena College in Loudenville, N.Y. He is employed as an auditor for Onondaga County.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND LUNCHEON

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. Local artists and craftsmen 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.

CAS Opens Submissions for 2015 Exhibition Season

The Catskill Art Society is currently accepting artist proposals for its 2015 exhibition season. All artists may submit proposals to CAS from now through the deadline of February 1, 2014.

All proposals are reviewed by an outside jury panel of independent curators that changes each year. All work will be considered for solo and group shows at the recommendation of the jury panel. CAS will notify all applicants before the

end of April 2014.

More information and an official application form can be found online at www.catskillartsocty.org/submissionsProposals may be delivered to the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY during regular gallery hours or mailed to CAS at PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 by the postmark deadline of February 1, 2014. Late applications and proposals without all required materials unfortunately cannot be considered.

Gallery hours at the CAS Arts Center are Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

About the Catskill Art Society

The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle

The Tri-Valley Lions Club will hold a Gift Card/Gift Certificate Raffle. One winner will be drawn on February 4, 2013. Cards and certificates range from \$10 to \$25 for a total of \$400.

Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each. Buy one, or buy several for stocking stuffers.

You may purchase tickets from any of the Tri-Valley Lions that you may know or call Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 after 5:30 pm.

Warwarsing Wassail

The Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with a number of area organizations, is pleased to announce the Second Annual "Wawarsing Wassail". A Wassail is a traditional old world holiday celebration and will take place in the Town of Wawarsing on December 7th and 8th, 2013. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

The Ellenville Cooperative Nursery School kicks off the celebration on December 7th with its' annual Breakfast with Santa from 8am - 11:30 am at the Ellenville United Methodist Church on Canal Street in Ellenville. Tickets for the breakfast will be available at the door - \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

This is also your last chance to enter the Nursery School's drawing for the "Happy Holiday Hustle Peter's Market Shopping Spree". For information you can contact the school at 647-6405 or on line at E-mail: ellenvillenurseryschool@gmail.com.

From 11am - 1pm on December 7th, there will be free Cookie Decorating at Cohen's Bakery for children of all ages. Located on Center Street in Ellenville, this is a great activity at the area's favorite bakery.

The "Local Toy Drive and Christmas Party Sing-a-Long", hosted by the Napanoch Public Interest Group, will be held at Pioneer Engine Company #1, Norbury Hall, Center Street in Ellenville from Noon - 4pm on December 7th. New unwrapped toys will be accepted for later distribution to our local children. Free refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Featured entertainers are The Carl Richard's Band; Carmine; Josie Lou; Terri Hall; Pam Murphy and the HVC Pipers; Dan Greenberg of Side F/X; Mr. Phil and McBenzel and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Also on Saturday, December 7th from 1pm - 3pm, ArtsWave will host "A Passport Around the World" and holiday craft project. ArtsWave is located at 14 Market Street in Ellenville. For information E-mail class@artswave.org (Contd. Pg. 15)

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Peter Preston Jr., formerly of Hastings Dr. in Grahamsville, passed away in the state of Florida at the age of 63. Condolences to his family and friends.

Congratulations to Bradley Van Aken of Sundown! Bradley shot a large bear while hunting in Peekamoose.

The long-awaited cell tower on top of Thunder Hill in the town of Neversink is now in service. Hopefully this will upgrade communication in our area.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club held their annual Holiday party at Nardi's in Hurleyville on Dec. 3rd. The Times Herald Record printed a nice article about Larry Jones on November 17th. Larry, who lives on Hastings Dr. in Grahamsville with his wife, Anita, had the honor of standing guard at JFK's casket in 1963. Larry was just out of boot camp when he was assigned to the Coast Guard's elite honor guard contingent. He was also there when the caisson containing the President's casket was drawn by horses down Pennsylvania Ave. What an honor that was- to be a part of our nation's history! I went to Washington, DC with some friends to JFK's funeral and probably saw Larry, but of course I didn't know him then. Larry is a great guy and an asset to our community!

December is always a busy month filled with holiday shopping and festivities:

- Dec 6- Decorate a gingerbread person and have pizza with Parks and Rec
- Dec 6 & 7- Tri-Valley play- Up the Down Staircase
- Dec 6- Neversink Agricultural Society dinner
- Dec 7- Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef dinner
- Dec 8- Daniel Pierce Library Holiday Tea
- Dec 13- Frost Valley Community Dinner
- Dec 13- Tri-Valley PTO movie night
- Dec 14- Sundown United Methodist Church Breakfast and cookie walk

Things can get hectic around this time of year, but lets' try to remember "The Reason for the Season!"

On December 1st, ten young people from the Grahamsville Reformed Church made their first communion and eight seventh grade students were confirmed and are now members of the church.

December 1st was also the first Sunday in Advent.

The Town of Neversink Parks and Rec. Dept had two buses of people go to the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ on November 23rd. All of the spectators had a great time and praised Parks and Rec Director Jamie Brooks, on the wonderful seats. The Town residents sat in the first few rows!

Words of Wisdom: If you do not have the time to do it right the first time, when will you find the time to do it over?

Tri-Valley Central School...There's an app for that! (From Pg. 1)

The Tri-Valley Central School app enables parents, students, alumni, faculty and staff to quickly access all of the who, what, when and where for Tri-Valley Central School. "We have signed on to this app to give the community the ease of accessing information at their fingertips from wherever they are at all times," said Tom Palmer, Superintendent.

The Tri-Valley Central School app is free and can be found in the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching for "Tri-Valley Central School." With it, you can:

- o Opt-in to receive push notifications
- o Keep up with the latest news and information
- o View calendars for general events, athletics, clubs and school organizations
- o View a map of event locations & get directions to off-campus events
- o Find faculty and staff contact info
- o Get important documents & other media
- o Access quick links to school menus, online grade book systems and more

The Tri-Valley Central School app also provides students with valuable tools, including:

- o My Assignments - a virtual assignment book that students can use to keep up with their homework, upcoming tests and projects, complete with the due date and priority level.
- o TipLine - a tool to promote school safety and integrity that allows students to anonymously report tips related to instances of bullying, academic integrity concerns or possible on-campus criminal activity.

The District has also established a Facebook page. You can find it under Tri-Valley Central School District. In an effort to keeping parents, staff and community members informed we will be posting events, school closings, etc. on both the app and our Facebook page.

Frost Valley YMCA Holds First Community Holiday Dinner & Gathering

Frost Valley YMCA will host its first ever Community Holiday Dinner & Gathering on Friday, December 13th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. The event is free for the local community and transportation will be provided. A buffet style dinner will be served between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. And, there will be activities for the whole family to enjoy such as: candle making, ornament making, face painting, cookie decorating, and more!

An RSVP is required to attend the free event. To RSVP please call 845.985.2291 ext 205 or email HolidayDinner@frostvalley.org. Shuttle Service will be provided from the following areas: NEVERSINK BUS GARAGE: Pick Up 4:45pm; Return 8:45pm NEVERSINK TOWN HALL: Pick Up 5:15pm; Return 8:30pm BIG INDIAN PARK: Pick Up 5:15pm; Return 8:30pm

TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON DONATIONS OF CANNED GOODS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR & GIVEN TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES.

SPONSORS: Transportation for the event is being provided by Rolling V Bus Company and food for the evening is being donated by Chartwell's Dining Services.

Apply Now for February Training Become a Master Gardener

Ferndale, NY- Volunteer to become a Master Gardener through Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. This is a 15 week training program that will begin February 6th, 2014 at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center in Liberty, NY. Up to 20 individuals will be accepted into the program after an application and interview process.

Begun in 1975 in New York State, the Master Gardener's Program combines a set curriculum, learning experiences and hands on training. The program provides home and community gardeners with unbiased gardening information based on research knowledge and reliable experience. Community service is required as part of this "neighbors teaching neighbors" approach.

Training dates will run every Thursday from February 6 through May 15th. Snow dates are also built into the schedule. The cost is \$250. Applications for this volunteer program are available on line at www.sullivanvance.org or at the extension office at 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd., Liberty, NY. For more information contact Susan M. Dollard at 845-292-6180.

Digital Storytelling - Sullivan Renaissance Seminar on Social Media & Digital Photography

[LIBERTY] - Using social media and digital photography is a powerful way to tell a story and publicize an event. Billions of people now use Facebook, Twitter and other electronic communication platforms to connect with their audiences.

Sullivan Renaissance will discuss how to use this new method of communication at a free seminar entitled "Digital Storytelling" on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Center, 165 Sullivan Avenue, Ferndale.

The seminar will help beginners understand how to enhance their electronic skills and garner support for a project. Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Coordinator Cara Kowalski will discuss best practices for social media. Sullivan Renaissance Photographer Jason Dole will share tips for taking compelling digital photographs.

"The digital world can seem a little overwhelming. But by keeping a few good tips in mind, anyone can be a good photographer and effectively use social media," said Kowalski, "This seminar will walk the uninitiated through the process."

Sullivan Renaissance seminars are open to the public. Space is limited, pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register, email info@sullivanrenaissance.org, call 845-295-2445 or send a message to the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook page.

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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 and Polly Hill.

The Gift of the Winterberry Bush



Nature has done it once again! She has splashed the cold winter landscape with the warmth of the bright red berries of the Winterberry (a/k/a Ilex verticillata, Black Alder, Fever bush or False alder) brightening up the barren winter landscape.

Once Old Man Winter arrives in December the Black Alder's half inch berries will persist on the branches long into the winter. The berries are a

globose red fleshy fruit with a thin skin and fleshy fruit with a central pit. Like most hollies, it is dioecious, and will lose its leaves in winter.

There are separate male and female plants. There needs to be at least one male plant in an area to pollinize the females in order to bear the bright red berries.

The Winterberry is a shrub that will grow to 3.3-16 ft. tall and can often be found throughout the Catskills spreading to form a dense thicket in moist areas, while in dry soil it will remain a tight shrub. The leaves are sharply toothed, stalked, and are approximately 1 1/2 to 4" long, lance to ovate shape, pointed at the tips, deep green in summer, hairy on the underside, and turning yellow in autumn. The bark is clearly visible with a thin brown outer surface with whitish patches (lenticels). Twigs are slender, green on new growth, then brownish, with scattered light colored lenticels. Buds are small and may have a small persistent stipule, small leaflike appendage, on the side of the leaf scar. It bears white flowers with 5 to 7 petals that form clusters in the leaf axils in late spring and early summer. These little flowers eventually become the very attractive red berries that are now decorating the landscape.

The berries attract many different winter songbirds and often serves as an emergency food source for birds and other wild animals including game birds, wild turkeys, and quail. They are also eaten by white-tailed deer.

An unusual thing about Black Alder is its wood. It is white when fresh cut and then it turns blood red.

In Norse and Irish mythology it is quoted that the first humans were made of Black Alder wood. Back then cutting a bush down was forbidden because it was a symbol of the resurrection.

Today we make furniture from the wood and use the bark to tan leather and smoke fish and other foods.

Black Alder contains so much tannin that it repels insect pests. The wood is very durable underwater for pilings.

The Native Americans used Winterberry as a medicine and named this bush, Fever bush, as they used the bark to heal cuts and bruises.

Winterberries are prized by arts and craft enthusiasts. You will often see them in floral arrangements, wreaths and window boxes this time of the year.

There is one other name that must be mentioned that has been given to this attractive shrub. It is also called the Santa Claus Bush! Just like the man in the red suit, surely the warmth of the Winterberry's bright red berries will dispel some of the chill we feel as the dark days of winter are approaching; another great gift from nature.

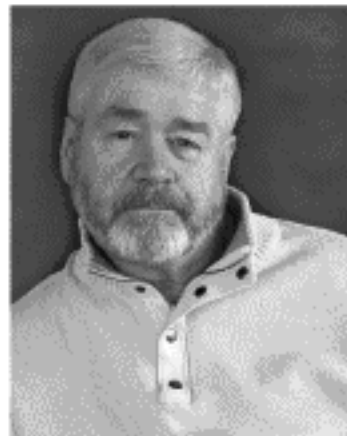
Household Hints

How's this for an effortless way to clean your brick fireplace and chimney without breaking out the polish? Just go over the bricks with a damp cloth dipped in 1 cup white vinegar mixed with 1 gallon of warm water. Your fireplace will look so good you'll never think about cleaning them with anything else.

You can also use this same solution to brighten up your brick floor.

Never Go Back

Mysterious Book Report No. 125 by John Dwaine McKenna



I've said any number of times that I don't often review the major, 'A List' authors, but every once in a while there's an exception. This week is one of them. I mean-hey, what's not to like about a big, hunky, existentialist dude who owns nothing but the clothes on his back and travels about our fair land loving the ladies and beating the bejeezus out of every bad guy he runs into? I'm referring of course to everyone's favorite modern day knight-errant, Jack Reacher. If you're not already familiar with him, treat yourself. Get hold of a copy of this week's MBR No. 125, *Never Go Back*, (Delacorte Press/Random House, \$28.00, 400 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-34434-0) by Lee Child, and join in his legions of fans cheering for the guy we all wish we knew or were. He's a modern day Shane, the drifting cowboy who comes to town and takes on the corruption he finds there, and against impossible odds, manages to prevail. Why? How? Because he is noble, of the highest ethical standards and unassailable character. He is the white knight come to town, where he stays only long enough to take care of the bad guys, and bed the most nubile, desirable and willing female in the territory before disappearing down the closest highway in sight . . . destination unknown. Tune in next time, next book, for the next thrilling episode, detailing the further adventures of Jack Reacher. It's a formula that's as old as the storytelling art itself . . . and irresistible when done by a master wordsmith like

Lee Child, who has been anointed as "The #1 Best-Selling New York Times Author." See why by starting with *Never Go Back*, then catch up with Child's previous dozen or so yarns while he writes the next one.

Lucky you! All the Jack Reacher stories are readily available at your local library. Fair warning: they're addictive. Like eating potato chips, you can't quit at one. Have fun!

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"Simple Gifts" is Theme of 4-H Workshops for Youth

LIBERTY - Children looking for a way to create an easy gift for loved ones or just wanting to learn a new craft can attend the annual 4-H Youth Winter Workshops on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The program will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

"Simple Gifts" is the theme of this event which features 10 stations of make-and-take activities for youth 5 years of age and up, as well as an opportunity to participate in three 4-H Community Service projects. A \$10 fee per child (\$5.00 discount for enrolled 4-H'ers) buys a punch card accessing the 10 stations of activities reflecting the season. Learn basic skills and techniques to craft projects with supplies from nature, re-used/recycled objects, or inexpensive, readily available items. Featured projects include: Pine Cone Reindeer, Mason Jar Pincushions, Milkweed Pod Crafting, Festive Chocolate Gift Items, Decorative Candy Trees, Snowman Tea-light Holders, Paper Crafting, and Tri-Bead Ornaments. Instruction will be provided by 4-H leaders and alumni, as well as members of the CCE Master Gardener Program and the CCE Master Food Preserver Program.

Participation in community service projects is optional. However, workshop participants are encouraged to bring an item (new or clean, gently used hats, mittens, scarves) for the "Warming Tree" and/or a non-perishable food item for the food pantry collection baskets. While at the workshops youth are asked to please make a card for "Meals on Wheels" at the card station for a service project and can make an additional card for personal use.

4-H welcomes any member of the community, regardless of age, to participate in these community service projects. Enrollment is limited so pre-registration with payment is required to guarantee participation in this popular annual event by calling 845-292-6180 to register youth, obtain more information, or learn how to participate in the community service projects.

Woodsongs Coffeehouse Free Admission Press Pass

December 7th, 2013 (Saturday) -Live Music: Woodsongs Coffeehouse featuring The Sara Hulse Band and Little Sparrow in concert. Presented by The Sullivan County Historical Society and made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Special thanks to Steve's Music of Rock Hill, New York for additional support! 6pm - 9pm, The Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. \$6 admission. Information: 845 671-9548

January 4th, 2014 (Saturday) Live Bluegrass Music: Woodsongs Coffeehouse featuring Louis Setzer and the Appalachian Mountain Boys and Little Sparrow. Presented by The Sullivan County Historical Society and made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. 6pm - 9pm, The Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main

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February 1st, 2014 (Saturday) Live Music: Woodsongs Coffeehouse featuring the NYC Americana band "Brewster" and Little Sparrow in concert. Presented by The Sullivan County Historical Society and made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. 6pm - 9pm, The Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. \$6 admission. Information: 845 671-9548

March 1st, 2014 (Saturday) Live Jazz Music: Woodsongs Coffeehouse featuring James Emery with Thurman Barker and friends, and Little Sparrow in concert. Presented by The Sullivan County Historical Society and made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. 6pm - 9pm, The Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. \$6 admission. Information: 845 671-9548

UC Exec Mike Hein's New Webinar Series for UC Businesses to Begin

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to invite all Ulster County business people to take advantage and learn from a new webinar series designed specifically to assist Ulster County's businesses. The webinars will cover topics that are timely and useful to both large and small businesses. "Ulster County is not only business-friendly, we are dedicated to helping our businesses thrive," said County Executive Mike Hein. "My staff is always available to help business owners one on one with issues and problems, but with these webinars we will be able to provide information and resources to every Ulster County business that chooses to participate in these free sessions."

The first webinar, on Cloud Computing, is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at noon. It will be taught by Cheryl Schneider, the CEO and founder of The Mac Works Inc., a technology consulting, service, and training organization located in Kingston, NY. A focus of the webinar is to introduce strategies designed to help businesses and organizations implement and utilize technologies to achieve their organizational goals and gain a competitive advantage.

The County Executive's webinar series is beginning with Cloud Computing because of its importance to businesses today. According to Ms. Schneider, "We are in the midst of the biggest change in Information Technology since the late 1980s and early 1990s. Back then, organizations using mainframes and dumb terminals transitioned to personal computers connected via local area networks. Many organizations computerized their operations for the first time. Laptops were introduced and used primarily for business travelers while on the road. Today the sale of laptops outpaces that of desktops and towers, and mobile phones and tablets purchases outpace those of laptops. Almost everyone has at least one mobile device. Needless to say, the pace of business has increased dramatically."

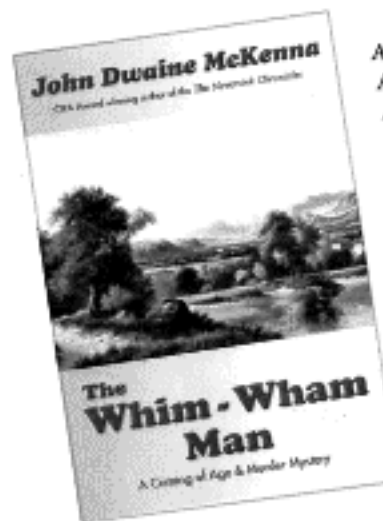
County Executive Hein stated, "Today, we have a mobile workforce. In many cases, Ulster County's

businesses collaborate with clients, strategic partners, vendors, and service providers from around the country and around the world. We expect to have access to the Internet, and instantaneous access to information, from wherever we are, 24 hours a day. For these reasons, Cloud Computing is a timely topic."

This webinar on Cloud Computing will:
- Provide an overview of computer use today; Explain Cloud Computing and position it in the context today's hyper-connected world; Identify best practices for making technological transitions; Help identify actions different organizations need to take; and Offer tips and resources for help.

Additional webinars in 2014 are expected to be held on such topics as Social Media, Cash Flow, Photography for Businesses, and Marketing.

The webinars are free and available to all Ulster County businesses. Contact the Ulster County Office of Business Services at 845-340-3556 or obs@co.ulster.ny.us to register. The recorded webinars will be accessible on the County's website once they are complete: www.ulstercountyny.gov/business-services.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Thanksgiving Leftovers

This column is written almost a week in advance, so today people are greeting each other with "Happy Thanksgiving" and shopping for the big feast. I love Thanksgiving. Aside from the host who has to get the house "company-ready", Thanksgiving is a super-sized dinner with a fixed menu. No decorating is required. The bounty of a turkey dinner set out with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole and cranberry sauce is decor enough. And no presents to buy, wrap and deliver. Others admire the big parade or look forward to the marathon football games. I just wear expandable waist pants, enjoy the dinner, and let the tryptophan take over. It is a perfect day to just sit in good company and relax. A snooze is perfectly acceptable, almost expected, on this holiday. Now, that is my view of Thanksgiving today. When you read this column, it will be over and all that will remain are the leftovers. We are all over-achievers when it comes to buying a turkey. The bigger the better. More leftovers! Here is a one dish casserole recipe that should make clean up a bit easier. As the table is cleared, have a 9 X13 inch pan sprayed and ready to accept the following layers:

1. 2 cups of prepared stuffing (or use Stove Top)
2. turkey pieces (no bones)
3. 1/4 cup mayonnaise mixed with 1/4 cup of whole berry cranberry sauce
4. mix 1/2 cup mayonnaise with 2 cups of leftover mashed potatoes and 1 and 1/2 cups of shredded mozzarella cheese
5. 2 cups of prepared stuffing

Bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes. Freezes well if you have already over-dosed on Thanksgiving dinner.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES - Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center -

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Fred is super busy getting ready for the holiday rush and apologizes for no column this week. If all goes well, he will have a super column next week. Be sure to stop in at his shop on Rt. 28 for those special people on your gift list this year.

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop 2013 Holiday Show

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop presents its new 2013 Holiday Show, "A Christmas Carol", at the Sullivan County Museum, in Hurleyville, NY, on Friday, December 13th at 8:00PM, Saturday, December 14th at 8:00PM and Sunday, December 15th at 2:00PM.

"A Christmas Carol" is directed by Harold Tighe and Fran Schiff. Featured local actors are Alexis Costa (Wurtsboro), Erin Denman (Grahamsville), Elizabeth Green (Monticello), Peyton Green (Swan Lake), Nyasia Harris (So Fallsburg), Oliver King (Kauneonga Lake), Deanna Pereira & Viviana Pereiria (Mountaintale), Paul Puerasher (Jeffersonville), Taburica Stewart (Monticello), Harold Tighe & Lillian Tighe (Swan Lake) and Sunny Thomas (Swan Lake). The presentation is enhanced by Technical Director, Jim Schmidt, and technical engineers, Tom DeFavero and Jim Schmidt. Chris Fox is Stage Manager and Costumes are by Kathy Denman and Fran Schiff. This show will be followed by a concert of holiday music and a sing-along with piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstein. All tickets are \$7.00 and include desserts.

Come and see Ebenezer Scrooge, the Cratchits, the Spirits and all the rest of the cast as they make our holidays more wonderful followed by a Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long featuring old and new holiday music. For more information, please call 845-807-7212.

SC Sheriff's Deputies/ Town of Liberty Dog Control Officer Make Arrest in a Serious Case of Animal Neglect

On November 17, 2013 Town of Liberty Constable Joanne Gerow received a report of a neglected animal being found in the Good Life Trailer Park on RT-52 in Liberty. Upon responding to the scene Constable Gerow found a black poodle with severely matted hair, infected eyes, and a missing lower jaw. The dog was also missing skin on its hindquarters where the hair had fallen out. The dog was immediately transported to a veterinarian.

Gerow tracked down the dog's owner who was subsequently taken into custody by Sheriff's Deputies. The suspect, Diane Walling, 56, of Liberty admitted to neglecting the dog who's name is "Coty". Sheriff Mike Schiff says it is one of the worst cases of neglect he has seen in a long time. "When the economy took a down turn we saw more of these situations but none of them compare to this. It very sad", said the Sheriff.

Walling was charged with misdemeanor neglect and 3 other violations of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law. She was issued an appearance ticket and must appear at 10:00 AM before Judge Bauman in the Town of Liberty Court on December 3, 2013. Walling agreed to surrender the dog.

"Coty" was undergoing surgery this morning at the Youngsville Veterinarian Clinic. It is likely that he will lose both eyes.

The Latest Crime wave in Sullivan County

MONTICELLO - Sheriff's Deputies are battling the latest crime wave to besiege Sullivan County: larcenies from automobiles. In the last 3 months deputies have investigated 53 incidents from Livingston Manor to Rock Hill, from Smallwood to Glen Spey. All the vehicles involved had one thing in common, they were unlocked.

"The bad guys know if you enter a house and commit a burglary, you are looking at felony charges. If you take property from a car, you are only looking at a misdemeanor larceny charge unless the property is worth over \$1,000 dollars", said Undersheriff Eric Chaboty.

Thieves have stolen laptops, GPS, cash and other valuables. They seem to strike during the hours of darkness from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Thieves have also hit two dealerships in Bridgeville, where they jacked up cars and stole wheels.

"With our diminished manpower, it is making it difficult to investigate all these incidents", said the Undersheriff. "I know the state police have had a large amount reported to them as well".

Citizens are being asked to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

"The message is clear. Lock your car doors, even in your own driveway", said Chaboty. "It is an unfortunate sign of the times". Anyone with information regarding these crimes are urged to call the Sheriff's 24 hour confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158.

SC Legislator Edwards to Host Annual Budget Forum

SC Legislator, Cora Edwards (District 6: Liberty and Hurleyville, NY) will host the annual Budget Forum on the 2014 Tentative County Budget. One forum will take place on Thursday December 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the La Polt Senior Center on Main Street in Liberty.

The other 2014 Budget Forum will take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Hurleyville Firehouse as part of the Third Annual Firehouse Forum series.

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in discussions.

Legislator Cora Edwards said: "It is critical to get feedback from the public so everyone is aware of how their tax dollars are being spent on services. This year, legislators voted not to override the tax cap, which sends an important signal that we are serious about the integrity of our County finances and keeping costs from spiraling out."

"Each time a public forum has been held, the public has contributed useful information, as well as receiving updates. It is a real "give-and-take" and I certainly appreciate taxpayers taking the time out to be better informed citizens, and for me to be a better informed legislator."

The 2014 Tentative Sullivan County Budget is available for viewing online at www.co.sullivan.ny.us. For more information, please call: 845.807.0435.

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The Olive Free Library will hold a Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will include a story and sing-along for children with author/illustrator Iza Trapani, as well as piano music and holiday caroling with pianist Lisa Menard. Local crafts people will sell handmade gifts.

The Olive Free Library is expanding its annual holiday fair to include stories and singing for adults and children as well as interactive craft activities. The fair will kick off at 10 a.m. with free holiday-themed projects including making pomanders (oranges with cloves stuck in them), and handmade cards.

At 11:30 a.m. children's book author and illustrator Iza Trapani will sing her book, Jingle Bells, with children as well as do an interactive drawing. At 12:30 there will be origami ornament making with special colorful papers, led by a native of Japan, Sachiko Plitkins.

At 1 p.m. Julliard trained pianist Lisa Menard will regale holiday fair goers with piano music chosen to evoke the holiday spirit. At 2:00 p.m. Ms. Menard will lead caroling, including many favorite songs of the season. The library's large community room holds a Steinway grand piano that has been the cornerstone of classical music concerts at the library for many years.

The fair will include local craft vendors selling handmade gifts such as fanciful hats and scarves, jewelry, and crocheted lace snowflakes for holiday decorations. The library's board will also offer a delicious hot lunch and bake sale items to benefit the library.

WC Watershed Education Grant Applications Available

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

Applications for Special Watershed Education Grants for adult and general audiences are also available to WOH applicants.

All proposals are due February 5, 2014. Forms, guidelines and sample applications are available at www.cwconline.org (Programs/Education). Questions may also be directed to 845-586-1400, ext. 306 (toll-free 877-WAT-SHED); galusha@cwconline.org.

Ideas for projects, field trips, teacher training opportunities and links to watershed and environmental programs can be found at www.watershededucators.org, where a 3-minute video of exciting watershed learning options can be viewed.

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

Proposals may explore the causes and impacts of flooding, and of climate change, or connect students with their peers at the other end of the pipe to discuss respective needs and concerns about water quality and availability.

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

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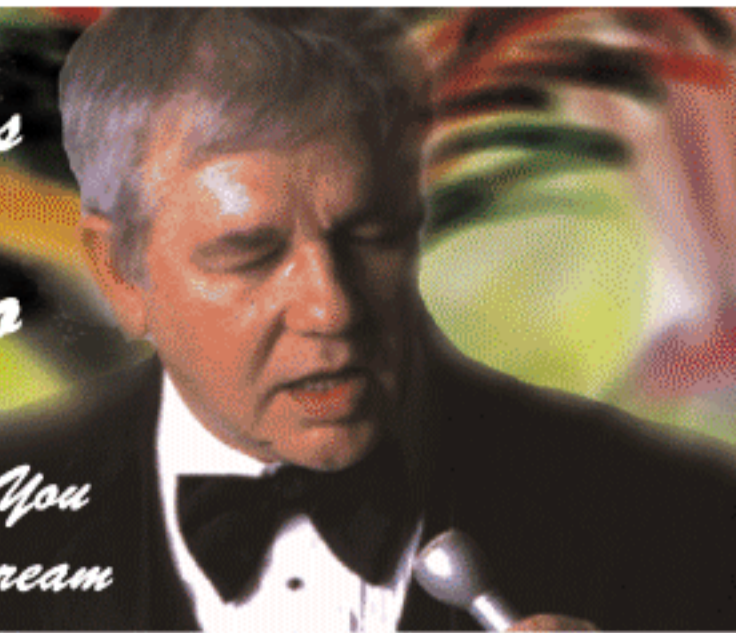
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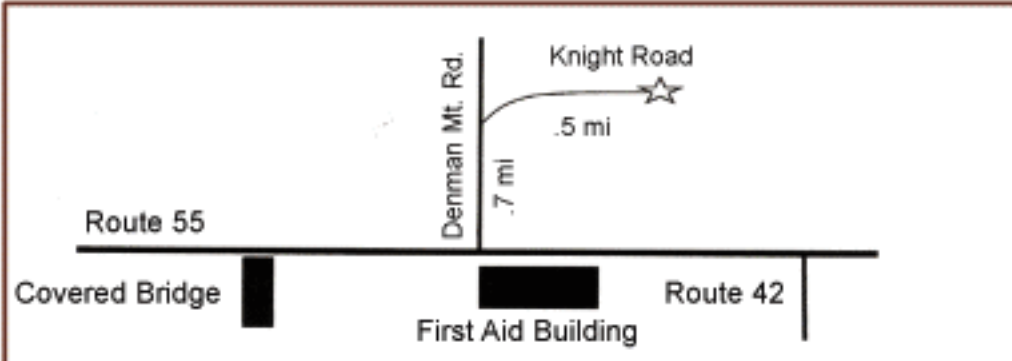
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Jane's expertise, professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm are unequaled.



Larry Thomas, District Superintendent at BOCES and Jane Donohue

"Once Upon a Time" Holiday Show

Once Upon A Time: The Best Holiday Show Ever - Even If You've Seen Them All! is a new holiday variety show by DJM Productions, Inc., in association with the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, that will be presented on Saturday, December 7, 2013, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. (two shows only), at The Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, New York.

Finally, a fun holiday show for grown-ups! Once Upon A Time, a new holiday variety show, features music, carols, dancing, singing, and comic vignettes all celebrating the best of the holiday season with lots of new material and many of your old-time favorites. Once Upon A Time is effervescent, vivacious fun that will leave you humming and dancing out of the theatre with a smile bigger than the holiday-season itself! The cast of Once Upon A Time is the cream of Manhattan's Off-Broadway and cabaret scene talent, along with many local faces you will instantly recognize. Many new and old friends will be there.

Producer and playwright Dave McCracken is a theatrical producer for DJM Productions, Inc. and the Tony-Award winning production company The Glines, Inc. DJM Productions has been producing quality stage entertainment for over twenty-five years including Off Broadway's *Tune In Tomorrow* (written by Dave McCracken), the critically acclaimed *An Evening With Eddie*, *Shadows of Poe* written by Randall O'Neill, and an adaptation of Ibsen's *Ghosts*. DJM has also produced Off-Broadway revivals of *Chicken Delight* and *Body and Soul* with The Glines, the legendary Broadway production company responsible for the Tony-Award winning show *Torch Song Trilogy* and *As Is*, and Off-Broadway's musical *Whoop-Dee-Do*.

McCracken's Off-Broadway play, *Fever*, was described by Martin Denton of NYTheatre.com as "Heady, inspiring, fascinating and important. A little subversive, but also timely and resonant. Potent and necessary stuff. Well worth the time of any theatre-goer in search of some intellectual stimulation." Back Stage hailed *Fever* as having "compelling notions on good and evil." McCracken's 2005 Off-Broadway adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's *Ghosts* was described by Prof. Marvin Carlson in the annual journal of the Ibsen Society of America as "Truly outstanding. I felt myself deeply moved." The *Norway Times* wrote that McCracken's adaptation of Ibsen's *Ghosts* was "a fascinating experience. This adaptation is truly riveting."

The show stars Melanie Boland, Dale Church, Karen Case Cook, Dave McCracken, Doug Spagnola, and special guest stars Paige Bodnar and Drake Eshleman.

Bodnar and Eshleman will be performing the *Sugar Plum Fairy* and *Cavalier Pas de Deux* from "The Nutcracker" as a part of the *Holiday Revue* to benefit the DVAA. Paige and Drake are students at The Dance Center, located at 41 Sussex St. in Port Jervis, NY and are members of The Delaware Valley Dance Company. (The Delaware Valley Dance Company will be performing "The Nutcracker" on Saturday November 30 at 12:00 and 7:00pm at the Delaware Valley High School Auditorium in Milford, PA.)

Tickets to Once Upon A Time are \$15, \$10 children under 16. Visit www.DJMProductions.com for discounts and coupons. Sorry no children under five years old admitted.

Doors open 20 minutes before each show time. Running time: 65 minutes, no intermission.

For tickets or information call 845-252-7272.

CCE Offers Workshops to Save Energy, Save Dollars

LIBERTY, NY- Homeowners and renters can learn to reduce energy consumption and lower energy bills at a Save Energy, Save Dollars workshop on Wednesday, December 18, 2013. This EmPower New York class is being offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County at 6 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Participants who attend this free event will learn about reducing energy bills by following some low-cost and no-cost energy conservation methods. Each person will receive three (3) compact fluorescent light bulbs at no cost to them.

Advanced registration is encouraged by calling 845-292-6180. This program is one in a series of identical classes. Additional dates and times can be obtained by visiting www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/index.cfm and selecting "Empower Energy Use Management Workshop Schedule".

CDL Courses Offered at Sullivan BOCES

Monticello - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Commercial Driver courses at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

Class A and B Air Roadside Truck Inspection Program, December 7th and December 14th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$190. Participants of this course will learn the Federal DOT Regulations covering commercial truck air brakes systems and the basics of system parts, function, and detection of problems and maintenance of slack adjusters.

Hamza Endorsement Test Preparation, December 7th and December 14th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$190. This course is structure for CDL holders who wish to obtain or renew their Hamza Endorsement (This course is required once every 2 years).

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Can-Can Dance Benefits Backpack Project at Sullivan BOCES LIBERTY

On Oct 18th, the White Sulphur Springs School held a Can-Can Dance to collect food for the BOCES Snack Backpack Program. At the core of the event was the guidelines of PBIS - Be Prepared, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. Students and staff donated over 175 pounds of food to support the Back Pack Program. Their generosity and kindness was celebrated with dancing, laughter, and games.

"I thought the dance was cool. I felt happy because we got lots of stuff for the backpacks," stated Catherine Crespo, 4th grader.

The BOCES Backpack Program provides students with a backpack filled with food items that the child can eat as a supplement to their dietary intake. Packs are distributed

on a rotating basis to students who counselors, school nurses, or other staff have identified as in need.

For more information, visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates like us on Facebook at Sullivan County BOCES and follow us on Twitter.

Congressman Gibson Introduces Bipartisan Good Government Bill with Fellow No Labels Member

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (R-NY) and Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL) joined together today to introduce legislation that would end erroneous federal payments to individuals who are deceased and should no longer be eligible under program rules. The Improper Payments Agency Cooperation Enhancement (IPACE) Act would take several steps to improve information available to federal agencies, cutting down on fraud, and saving the government money. Congressman Gibson and Congresswoman Bustos are members of No Labels, recently co-authoring an opinion piece on the criticality of working together to achieve results.

"Especially in these trying economic times, it is imperative that we allocate federal dollars carefully and only to those who most need assistance. This legislation protects taxpayers' money by ensuring federal agencies share information and keep records up to date in order to reduce improper payments that waste taxpayer money," said Congressman Gibson. "I'm proud to join with Congresswoman Bustos to introduce this bipartisan bill. She is a leader in No Labels with me and this bill is a result of the friendship we've developed in the group and our joint support for moving forward with common-sense ideas that can unite our parties, rather than divide."

"Each year, the federal government makes millions of dollars in improper payments to deceased individuals, wasting taxpayer money while nothing is done to solve the problem," said Congresswoman Bustos. "This is unacceptable, and is why today I've joined with my fellow No Labels' Problem Solver Congressman Chris Gibson to put forth a bipartisan, common sense plan to improve agency coordination and cut down on waste and fraud. Our reasonable approach to saving taxpayer money is long overdue, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in curbing these improper payments once and for all."

This issue was recently highlighted in a Washington Post article. Improving the collection of information on deceased beneficiaries has the potential to save the government hundreds of millions, if not billions of dollars.

Examples of past improper payments for deceased individuals include:

- A total of \$601 million in improper payments were made from 2006 to 2010 to federal retirees later found to have already died;
- More than \$1 billion in farm program payments to farmers who were dead for more than three years; and
- Medicare prescription drug plans were paid approximately \$3.6 million for drugs provided to 1500 dead beneficiaries.

Improper payments are largely caused by inadequate sharing among federal agencies of death data managed by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The Improper Payments Agency

Cooperation Enhancement (IPACE) Act would take several steps to improve the information that is available to federal agencies including:

- Allowing federal agencies access to the complete SSA database;
- Requiring use of death data to curb improper payments;
- Improving record keeping; and
- Ensuring that federal agencies managing retirement programs share best practices.

Home Firearm Safety Course Offered

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Home Firearm Safety Course on Saturday, December 14th at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The cost of the class is \$65.

This is a hands-on pistol permit safety course from the National Rifle Association. You will learn basic firearms safety and will handle a variety of real handguns. A National Rifle Association instructor and firearms dealer with over 35 years of handgun experience will familiarize you with handguns, their working parts, and their safe handling and storage.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

United Church of Roscoe Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Photography by Jaclyn Day

On Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 - 4:00 the United Church will hold their annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Roscoe Community Center. All handmade items will be available for sale. These gifts make great Christmas Gifts...each gift is made with lots of love!!!

Also featuring *Family Portraits* by Jaclyn Day will be available upstairs at the Community Center during the Holiday Craft Fair. 10:00 - 4:00 pm. Great gifts for the holidays!!

Call 845-807-6214 to make an appointment or just show up!

Ulster County Sheriff's Report

Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Colin C. Schermerhorn, 71, of 62 Otens Road in the Town of Wawarsing. Colin C. Schermerhorn has been charged with the Class D felony of Burglary in the Third Degree along with the Class A misdemeanors of Petit Larceny and Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree.

On December 2nd, 2013 at approximately 6:15 a.m., deputies responded to the Ulster County Highway Department located at 317 Shamrock Lane in the City of Kingston. One of the employees at the location reported that a male subject had gained entry into the building and was found sleeping inside. Further investigation revealed that the subject Colin C. Schermerhorn stole several items from the office area.

Colin C. Schermerhorn was processed and arraigned in the City of Kingston Court before Judge Ball. He was released on his own recognizance. He is scheduled to appear in Kingston City Court on January 10th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Gillibrand Statement on Senate Filibuster Reform

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement today after voting to change the Senate rules to limit the use of a filibuster:

"Yesterday we saw a glimpse of how the senate is supposed to work - two bipartisan coalitions fiercely debating a critically important issue to our country on the senate floor, until it crashed into the wall of obstructionism we have seen all too often in this broken Congress.

"We have no choice but to reform the overused and abused filibuster rules so we can allow the Senate to get back to work. While I am deeply disappointed we didn't get a vote this week on a reform our brave men and women in uniform desperately need, I am confident it is only a matter of time until we do."

CONSUMER ALERT: Governor Cuomo Warns New Yorkers of Elaborate Telephone and Email Tax Scams

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today alerted consumers to phone and email scams from individuals claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Scammers posing as IRS or Tax Department officials are threatening New Yorkers with fines, deportation, arrest, and other penalties if they do not immediately pay a claim of owed taxes.

"My administration is committed to protecting New Yorkers from illegal and dishonest scams that rip-off taxpayers," Governor Cuomo said. "These criminals are posing as public officials and using fear to dupe taxpayers into forfeiting their money. I urge all New Yorkers to be mindful of these scam artists and encourage anyone who thinks they may have been targeted to immediately contact the proper authorities."

The scams are being conducted primarily over the phone, with a caller instructing recipients to immediately submit payment for back taxes supposedly owed to the IRS or State through wire transfers or a pre-loaded debit card. In some cases these calls have been accompanied by a fake IRS e-mail sent to support the claim. If victims appear hesitant or unwilling to comply, the caller turns hostile by threatening police arrest or the loss of one's home. If the victim does not respond to these threats, the scammer may have others call the victim pretending to be from a government entity such as a local law enforcement agency.

In addition, some of the recent scams have been specifically targeting immigrants in New York State and coercing them with threats of deportation.

Many of the scam calls have been reported as coming from the 530 area code. Alternatively, through telephonic 'spoofing' techniques, the actual phone numbers of the IRS, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, and local police departments may also register on the caller's ID screen, appearing to legitimize the fraudulent activity. Scammers have also used fake names and IRS badge numbers, and may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security Number.

In order to help consumers avoid falling victim to this scam, the New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection provides the following tips and information:

- The State Tax Department and the IRS always make first contact by letter with a phone number you can contact to verify that it was sent by the agency.
- Neither agency will request personal or financial information via email.
- Hang up the phone immediately if someone claiming to be from the Tax Department or IRS unexpectedly calls and threatens police arrest, deporta-

tion or license revocation.

Contact the authorities

To report fraudulent activity to New York State authorities, contact the State Tax Department at (518) 435-8523 or the New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection at (518) 474-8583. New Yorkers can also file a complaint online.

The New York State Office for New Americans, whose mandate is to reduce exploitation of New Americans, has also instructed all of its 27 Opportunity Centers throughout the state to alert consumers about this scam and advise them to hang up the phone if they receive any calls of this nature. The New Americans Multi-Lingual Information Hotline can be reached at (800) 566-7636 for further assistance.

To report fraud to the IRS call (800) 829-0433.

Assemblywoman Gunther earns 95% Environmental Rating

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther today announced she received a 95 percent rating from EPL/Environmental Advocates for the 2013 Legislative Session. Her votes on legislation such as the New York Solar Bill and the fracking moratorium and health impacts assessment earned her the near-perfect score.

Peter M. Iwanowicz, Executive Director EPL/Environmental Advocates said, "I congratulate Assemblywoman Gunther for the strong score in this year's Environmental Scorecard. Time after time she put the public before the interests of those who would pollute our air and water or who would make it harder to address the impacts of our changing climate. In so doing, she is one of New York's champions when it comes to a protected environment and healthier kids."

"As a mother, a grandmother, and an elected official, I feel I have a responsibility to future generations to protect the environment," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "The 100th Assembly District is home to some of the most genuine and effective environmentalists in New York. I'm always happy work with them and EPL/Environmental Advocates."

Joint Statement fro NY Attorney General Schneiderman and D.A. Gascon Regarding Wireless Carrier's Rejection of a Technological Solution

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón released this statement following news reports indicating wireless carriers have blocked a technological solution proposed by Samsung that had the potential to safeguard millions of consumers from violent crime and theft.

"It is highly disturbing that these corporations rejected a proposal that would have helped keep millions of consumers safe. If they did so to protect their own profit margins, as several recent reports suggest, it is even more egregious. Companies that choose to prioritize profits over safety put consumers everywhere at risk. Since smartphone thefts so often result in violence, we call on manufacturers and carriers alike to make the opt-out kill switch an industry-wide standard. The members of the S.O.S. Coalition will continue to use the combined powers of its members to pressure the industry to put the safety of its customers above all other concerns."

For more information on efforts by Attorney General Schneiderman, District Attorney Gascón and London Mayor Boris Johnson and your local officials to combat "Apple Picking," visit the San Francisco District Attorney's website, the New York State Attorney General's website or the London Mayor's website.

Star Notification - What to Do If You Did Not Receive a Letter from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance

(Kingston, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) urges area homeowners to contact his District Office if they did not receive correspondence from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance alerting them of the changes to the New York State Tax Relief Program (STAR). To combat fraudulent STAR exemptions the Department enacted a new requirement earlier this year mandating participants in the program to complete a one time renewal process to re-register.

"The STAR Program is a great resource for property owners who are seeking relief from school property taxes; however, it is only beneficial if individuals are given the resources needed to successfully re-register," said Cahill.

Households earning less than \$500,000 annually are eligible for the basic STAR exemption. According to The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance area residents should have been contacted with information on how to register for the exemption by the December 31, 2013 deadline.

"With the end of the year deadline approaching, it is important that residents take the time to review their records to ensure they have complied with this new requirement," said Cahill. "My office is available to assist constituents and guide them through the process in a quick and efficient manner."

Those seeking help with their STAR applications are welcome to contact the office of Assemblymember Cahill by phone at (845) 338-9610, by email at cahillk@nysa.us, or in person at 1 Albany Avenue, Suite G-4, Kingston, NY. Additional information is available through the Department's website at www.tax.ny.gov or their hotline at (518) 457-2036.

Travelers Can Now Purchase Tags At All Tops, Wegmans, Price Chopper, And Hannaford Stores in time for Busy Holiday Travel Season

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that E-ZPass tags are now available for purchase at the customer service counters of all Tops, Wegmans, Price Chopper and Hannaford stores in addition to many other convenient retail locations, making them even more widely available for motorists in time for the busy holiday travel season.

"Starting this holiday season, it is even easier for New Yorkers to purchase E-ZPasses which save travelers time and money while on the road," Governor Cuomo said. "With E-ZPasses now available at popular supermarkets across the state, New Yorkers can purchase this on the road convenience while doing their holiday shopping. Whether hosting friends and family from afar or gearing up for a trip yourself, I hope New Yorkers will consider adding an E-ZPass to their shopping list this holiday season."

Thruway Authority Chairman Howard P. Milstein said, "The E-ZPass program has allowed our patrons to save millions of dollars and countless hours while traveling on the Thruway. We will continue making tags more widely available to help ensure our patrons have a convenient and enjoyable experience on New York's premier superhighway."

E-ZPass tags have a \$25 value and are active upon purchase. The first \$15 is immediately available for toll usage, and the remaining \$10 becomes available once the tag is registered online or by phone.

E-ZPass provides a savings of five percent on all Thruway tolls and is accepted in 15 states: Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio,

Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Thruway Authority Executive Director Thomas J. Madison said, "The numerous benefits of these prepackaged tags make them the perfect gift for the traveler in your life this holiday season. Now individuals can get their holiday shopping out of the way by simply adding an E-ZPass tag to their weekly grocery list."

Thruway E-ZPass customers have saved more than \$177 million on toll discounts over the past 20 years. Today, there are approximately 5.4 E-ZPass trips on the Thruway every second of every day.

E-ZPass is now sold in more than 640 retail locations including the aforementioned grocery stores, convenience stores and gas stations, AAA locations, college book stores and city, county and town clerk offices.

For more information about E-ZPass, visit www.e-zpassny.com.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando - Press Release

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's hand-picked Moreland Commission to investigate public corruption is poised to report recommendations this week, setting the stage for Cuomo to try to use the findings to push lawmakers to agree to change campaign-finance and other laws.

Legislative sources and lobbyists said lawmakers have discussed, off and on, how to reach a middle ground on a legislative package dealing with election-law issues, though how soon is uncertain.

Ideas floated during the Moreland Commission's deliberations include: toughening bribery laws; making it easier for local prosecutors to pursue political malfeasance; a statewide referendum to create a system to publicly finance some campaigns; and authorizing a public-campaign-finance "experiment" for a select office, such as state comptroller. Governor Andrew Cuomo

However, some Legislators have complied, and others have chosen not to comply, those not complying are casting a shadow of a dark force over their actions, putting up elaborate legal arguments not to comply. Hope has rewarded us in the form of an agreement to comply. FC

Statement From Jeremy Creelan, Special Counsel to the Governor and Senior Advisor on Ethics

Albany, NY (November 27, 2013)

"The Republican Senate Campaign Committee has agreed to cooperate and comply with the Moreland Commission's investigation. They join the Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee, which had previously agreed to comply. The Governor believes cooperation is by far the preferred course of action, vital to restoring the trust of the people of New York State, whose confidence was rightfully shaken after a slew of indictments in the Legislature last year.

This cooperation belies the remaining holdouts' theory justifying their non-compliance; namely separation of powers. If the Moreland Commission, empowered as Deputy Attorneys General, can investigate the Assembly and Senate as a whole for Election Law compliance, they can investigate individual members for the same compliance. Without a credible theory of non-compliance, the public will assume there is something to hide and that hurts everyone."

This space is also for you.

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead.

Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

Holiday Event Schedule for Sullivan County Government Center

Acting County Manager Joshua Potosek announced that holiday music and songs will be offered in the Lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York. The first event will be held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 10th, with the holiday event series wrapping up on Friday, December 20th.

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

The annual Holiday Concerts featuring local bands and chorus groups will take place on the following date at 12:00 noon in the Atrium of the Government Center.

For more information, please call the Government Center at (845) 807-0435.

December 10 Monticello High School Chamber Singers led by Peter Frost

December 11 Eldred Music Department led by Justin Glodich
Monticello High School Brass

Quintet led by Andrew Verdino
Monticello High School Saxophone Quartet led by Andrew Verdino
December 12 Livingston Manor Senior Band led by Dan Smith
Livingston Manor High School Chorus led by Kelly Van Demark
December 13 Liberty High School Honors Band led by Dan McConnell
Liberty Middle School Woodwind Ensemble led by Eric Aweh
December 16 Monticello High School World Music Ensemble led by David Chidsey
RJK Middle School String Ensemble led by Karen Laufersweiler
December 18 Chase School Gold

Recorders led by Rebecca Perlman
*12:30PM
December 19 Liberty High School Honors Chorus led by Tim Hamblin
December 20 Children's Chorus from the Nutcracker Festival led by Amy Phillips
Funded in part by SC Youth Bureau, Nesin Cultural Arts & SC BOCES Arts in Ed. (Monticello & Fallsburg CS)
December 20 Roscoe Central School Band Program led by Kelly Bullis
Roscoe Central School Chorus Program led by Rachel Kleinman

The Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah will be having a Book Review meeting at the home of Lauren Miller on Wednesday, December 11th. The book that will be discussed is "The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit" by Lucette Lagnado. For more information, reservations, and/or directions, please contact Lauren Miller at lauren.miller13@gmail.com or 845-794-3962. This is an open meeting, and all who have read the book are welcome to come and share in the discussion.

Town of Liberty Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

Town of Liberty Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 6th! Line-up is at 5:00PM at the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Elks Club Parade Starts at 6:00PM (snow date Sat. Dec. 7)

Join in the fun to celebrate the Holiday Spirit!
Everyone is Welcome!
Enter a Themed Float or Decorate a Vehicle with Your Group or Organization!

Tree Lighting Ceremony and Refreshments at the Liberty Town Hall following the parade!

To register a float, group or organization for the parade please call the Liberty Parks and Recreation Office at 845-292-7690 or email p.r.dept@townofliberty.org

Sponsored by the Liberty Parks and Recreation, Town of Liberty, Village of Liberty and Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

For continued updates visit our Website www.LibertyNYChamber.com!

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Roast Beef Dinner

December 7, 2013
Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Bread, Ice Cream with Sprinkles/Syrup, & Drinks

Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00
under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

For more information please call:
845 985 7480

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Sundown Methodist Church

Come to

our monthly breakfast on

December 14, 2013

7:30 - 9:30

And then join us

For our first annual

COOKIE WALK

From 9:00am until cookies are all gone

Buy a box walk table to table

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Delicious cookies

Hope to see you there

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9 am in Hurlyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325



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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!

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845-436-7539

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Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Rev. Paul Nulton
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Weekend Mass schedule:

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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COVERED DISH SUPPER

SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH

Church Hall
Dec 7, 2013
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

No Dec. Thrift Sale

Dec 7, 2013
10 am - 3 pm
Holiday Craft Sale & Luncheon
Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM

2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day

Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
Other days and times by appointment.

2013 Admission Fees

Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE

Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700

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

timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/

Children's Church 10:30 am

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service

10:30am

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**Town of Denning Residents
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Town Board will hold a CLOSE OUT Meeting on December 30, 2013 set to begin at 7 PM to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Denning will hold its 2014 Organizational Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 7 PM at the Denning Town Hall.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Denning Town Board will hold its regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting followed by the Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 at the Denning Town Hall set to begin at 7pm.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk 12/5

Holiday Hours at the Town Hall

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours. The Town Hall will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24th & all day on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas and will also close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st and all day on Wednesday, January 1st for New Years. The Transfer Station will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st. Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

12/5/12/12

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**Two Certain Things**

Dear Editor;

I am sure that all of us have heard the old cliché; that in life there are only two things that are certain; death and taxes. With the up coming new year many will make our resolutions to start living in a more healthy way; hopefully prolonging our lives, kudos to those who do! But we as a community can certainly stand together to do something about our taxes too! We all need to be careful about how our money is being spent; and that is what I am asking all of the readers who live in the Claryville Fire District to do on December 10th. Please re-elect David Dice as Commissioner, he is the only choice for keeping the fire protection at a premium while looking after the budget and bringing our taxes down! He has already proven himself in this aspect, and will continue to do so if you will re-elect David Dice as Fire Commissioner. So, please do the right thing on December 10, and vote for Dave!

A Denning Voter,
Elaine Beck
Claryville, NY

REMINDER TO: Fire District Residents- polls will be open at respective Firehouses on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013 from 6 pm - 9 pm.

Ed Notes:**My Christmas Wish List**

This year went by so quickly. It seemed it was only yesterday when we were wishing each other a Merry Christmas and spreading the joy of the season.

When I look back over the past year and reflect on the many press releases, letters to the editor, announcements, advertisements, etc., I realized there was a lot that we all wanted for our community and ourselves. Unfortunately, it seems that too often when we don't get what we want, especially as adults, we lose the joy that we shared during the holiday season.

We all have our own ideologies of what is right or wrong whether it be at the level of our Federal Government, State, local governments or municipalities. We find fault with a neighbor, or we may not be too happy with the new president of a club. The joy of the season vanishes, oh too quickly!

Now that the holiday season is here, we are preparing our wish lists again, which don't necessarily include any of the issues we fought for all year!

Our family has had the same wish for over 16 years. We have had this wish 365 days each year and have never given it up!

There are two very special people in our family, our 16 year old granddaughter, Brianna and my cousin Ruth's great-grandson, 10 year old Shane. Both of these children have very different wishes.

Brianna, a Tri-Valley junior has been the poster child for the Children's Tumor Foundation. Brianna was born with neurofibromatosis.

Shane, who lives in Grand Junction, Colorado where he attends public school has been a Muscular Dystrophy Superstar! Shane was born with Congenital muscular dystrophy.

Both of these diseases are presently not curable.

We are so proud of both of these young people for their accomplishments.

Today, December 5th, Brianna is having another major surgery. She has had at least seven major surgeries in the past 14 years; three were to remove cancerous tumors.

Brianna's wish is not to hear the doctors ever tell her again that they discovered another cancerous growth.

Shane celebrated his 10th birthday at the beginning of the week. Shane recently asked his great-grandmother, Ruth, "Do you think when I grow up my legs will begin to work like everyone else?" We all know what Shane's wish is.

Both of these children, like hundreds of thousands of other children have severe, often life-threatening health issues. This was not their choice.

What makes them different is not their illnesses, but how they perceive life. I know I can say this about Brianna and Shane, they continue to have hope and continue to bring joy to their families and communities. They keep positive attitudes. While it has been challenging and certainly not what we would have chosen for our children, both Shane and Brianna have taught us many important lessons about perseverance, coping and rising above devastating situations and they still keep smiling as share their love with family and community.

There are a lot of things that just don't go our way. It is tough stuff! Life is not easy.

It is tough on families with children with incurable disease who share familiar ground and footsteps. Our families' wish lists are not like most.

Please remember those children and their families when you are doing your last minute shopping and making the big decision of what gift to buy! Say a little prayer that these children will continue to enjoy life and share the love that they have given to us all.

Top of my Christmas Wish List this year is that we all can learn the importance of love for each other. Love is what keeps families together. Love for neighbor builds strong communities. Love is healing. I wish that the love that our families, friends, doctors, researchers, fundraisers, and all of our acquaintances have for these children will heal them and I wish that the love and joy that we share with our family, friends and neighbors during this joyful season will continue the whole year through.

With Millions Expected To Purchase Smartphones And Tablets This Holiday Season, Consumers Are Encouraged To Take Steps To Ensure Their Safety

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón - co-chairs of the international Secure Our Smartphones (S.O.S.) Initiative - issued tips today to help consumers protect themselves from the growing risk of violent smartphone theft, known as "Apple Picking." Over the upcoming holiday season, consumers are expected to spend millions of dollars on new smartphones for themselves and their loved ones. Unfortunately, communities across the country continue to report violent and often deadly thefts of smartphones. The extent of the epidemic is significant, with roughly 113 smartphones stolen or lost each minute in the United States.

"This holiday season, as people across the country consider buying smartphones and tablets for their loved ones, they should have confidence that their gifts won't put family and friends at risk," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "While we will continue to do everything we can to pressure the smartphone industry to adopt universally effective theft deterrents in their products, there are simple steps that consumers can take today to protect themselves. Working together, we can end the dangerous epidemic of violent smartphone theft."

"We've reached a tipping point," said District Attorney Gascón. "Some manufacturers have made safeguarding their customers from violent theft a priority, while others have not. With the holidays approaching, and with many looking to buy smartphones as gifts, I would urge consumers to take theft-deterrence features into account that may make your loved ones less of a target."

Members of the Secure Our Smartphones initiative continue to pressure the manufacturers and carriers to implement features that will safeguard their customers, but the safety of Americans cannot wait. There are steps smartphone users can take right now to reduce their risk of being a victim.

In an effort to help consumers avoid falling victim to smartphone theft, the Secure our Smartphones Initiative issued the following tips:

- o Take advantage of security applications. Consumers should take advantage of apps designed to deter theft.
- o Apple users should upgrade to the latest operating system, iOS 7, and confirm "Find My iPhone" is enabled. This allows you to remotely track, lock and erase your data in the event that your phone is stolen. It also renders your device useless to thieves, further deterring theft.
- o Android users, the operating system on the bulk of non-Apple smartphones, should consider activating the "Android Device Manager," which allows you to remotely track, lock and erase your data in the event your phone is stolen.
- o There are many third-party security apps for Apple and Android smartphones to consider as well.
- o Password protect your phone.
- o Write down your model number, serial number and unique device ID, espe-

cially the International Mobile Equipment Identifier. Known as the "IMEI" number, this can be discovered by dialing *#06# or checking the battery compartment.

o Be aware of your surroundings. Smartphone thieves look for easy targets.

o Do not walk and text, and avoid engaging in cell phone conversations while on transit.

o Keep your cell phone and other device(s) in a pocket, purse, or backpack.

o Never lend your phone to a stranger.

o Don't leave your phone out on a table in public.

o Try to keep your phone out of sight and in a place not readily accessible, even if that means a slight inconvenience in accessing it yourself.

o React quickly if your phone is stolen. Much as you would immediately report a stolen credit card to your credit card company, there are steps you should take immediately if your smartphone has been stolen.

o Report the theft to the local police department. This will allow law-enforcement to monitor popular resale (SITES) for your device. Having a police report will also help you should you choose to file an insurance claim for stolen property.

o Report the theft to your wireless carrier. This allows your carrier to deactivate the service and add your phone's unique identifying information to a database that may prevent it from being used again.

o Activate any security apps that you have installed.

o If you own an iPhone, log in to your iCloud account, go to Find My iPhone, and put your phone in Lost Mode.

Launched earlier this year, the S.O.S. Initiative is an international coalition of prosecutors, police chiefs, state and city comptrollers, and public safety activists co-chaired by Attorney General Schneiderman, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón and London Mayor Boris Johnson. Members of the initiative are committed to pressing the industry to find an effective way to combat the rise of often violent robberies involving smartphones.

Even as most types of property crime are falling, in communities worldwide, the theft of smartphones has spiked dramatically. In the United States, one in three thefts involves a mobile communications device, making it the number one property crime in America. Consumer Reports estimates that 1.6 million Americans were victimized by smartphone thieves in 2012.

Security Guard 8-hr. Pre-Assignment Training Course

MONTECELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an 8-hour Pre-Assignment Security Guard Training course. The course satisfies the minimum criteria recommended by the New York State Security Guard Advisory Council and leads to a training certificate required for employment as a security guard.

Class is offered at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello on December 9th and 11th from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The cost of the course is \$80.

To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 7.
Leave the Town Hall 8 am return approximately 8 pm. Get dropped off near Times Square. Spend the day as you wish. If you plan to attend \$21 residents/non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, November 5.

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

Webinar on Senior Needs During the Holidays

LIBERTY, NY- The needs of seniors during the holiday season will be explored in a free webinar on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 1 pm. This event is being offered by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver Resource Center at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Refreshments will be provided.

This online presentation will outline the best strategies to make the holidays special for an older adult and less stressful for caregivers. Gift ideas, merry-making without overdoing it, and caregiver stress relief will all be covered. Participants in this web seminar will be able to:

- o List ten suggestions for non-tangible holiday gifts for older adults,
 - o Describe five ways to de-stress the holidays, and
 - o Identify six holiday-related activities to engage an older person's senses.
- Presenters will be Dr. Amy D'Aprix, PhD/MSW (Gerontology), Executive Director of the DAI Foundation, a non-profit organization established to meet the needs of caregivers and Mary Alexander, Director of Strategic Alliances with Home Instead Senior Care.

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- 12/7/13 **Holiday Craft Fair & Luncheon** 10am-3 pm - Grahamsville UMC
- 12/7-8/13 **Wawarsing Wassail**
- 12/7/13 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church 5:30 pm
- 12/7/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Beef Dinner** 4 - 7 pm
- 12/10/13 Town of Denning Planning Business Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 12/10/13 Voting for Fire Commissioners in local Fire Districts - 6 pm - 9 pm
- 12/10/13 **Caregivers Resource Center's** Monthly Support Group 10 am in the **Eureka Café in Grahamsville - FREE**
- 12/11/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Claryville FD Community Hall
- 12/11/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/12/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 12/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 12/16/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 12/17/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 12/17/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 12/18/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.- Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 12/24/13 Town of Neversink -1/2 day CHRISTMAS EVE
- 12/25/13 Town of Neversink CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 1/8/14 Claryville Fire District Organizational Meeting - 6:30 pm Claryville FD Community Hall

Save the Date!!

Dec. 7, 2013 - Holiday Craft Sale & Luncheon -Grahamsville United Methodist Church 10 am - 3 pm
Cookie Walk/Breakfast - December 14, 2013 - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 7:30 am Breakfast • 9 am Cookie Walk

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET
- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting every **second Monday of each month**. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.
Town Board meets **every second Tuesday of each month**. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.
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.

Pre-registration is appreciated by Monday, December 9 and can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing bjl25@cornell.edu. This free opportunity is provided by funding from the New York State Office for the Aging Caregiver Resource Center program.

The Misner Agency not only donates to local food pantries and to The Boys & Girls Clubs, but also remembers the beautiful cats & dogs in need at our local Rock Hill SPCA.... (by Esta Jacob)

Just wanted to thank Mary P, Irene, Lorraine, customer Dave Swart, (and whomever else left a bag of canned pet foods in our SPCA box) for their donations toward SPCA supplies.

I shopped the last two Saturdays and made trips both Saturdays to the SPCA in Rock Hill. This past Saturday, I made the purchase at Agway/Liberty Pet Center, and Bob gave us a 10% discount, matched 10% of our purchase, and charged no tax, essentially contributing a 28% discount to our purchases. What a sweetheart!

We purchased 360 lbs of kitty litter. When I arrived at SPCA this past Saturday, they were completely out of kitty litter, and had a full house of cats and kittens, so the kitty litter was welcomed by all. We also donated \$50 to the cause.

We also purchased 80 lbs of Purina Dry Dog Food, 120 pounds of Purina Dry Cat Chow, 20 cans of Alpo wet dog food, and about 40 cans of various wet cat foods.

I'd like to keep this going through Christmas, so even if you drop a can a week or some dry cat or dog food, or kitty litter, I will continue to deliver it as it accumulates.

Thank you all for your generous support, especially with all the other causes we are donating to.

P.S. Don't forget that during the months of November and December that dress down days are \$5 each and that The Misner Agency will match this penny for penny. The funds collected will be distributed based on common consensus.

Roscoe Holiday Decorating Contest

The Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club is pleased to announce a Holiday Decorating Contest in Roscoe. The contest was a tradition of many years. It is returning with the support of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce.

Entries will be judged on artistic merit, suitability and eye appeal. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards for both private homes and business/public buildings. Judging will be done on Dec. 16, 17 or 18 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Please make sure your lights are on.

Boundaries for the judging area are: the village of Roscoe-Rockland, East on Old Route 17 to Burnt Hill Road including Millar Heights, West on Old Route 17 to the Sewer Plant, Rockland Road to Barney Bush's on Spring Brook Road, Callicoon Center Road to Jim Bowers', Tennenah Lake Road to Bethlehem. If you are outside this area and want to be judged, please call 498 5545 or 498 4757

Winners will receive gift certificates for local Roscoe shops.

Warwarsing Wassail (From Pg. 2) Saturday's festivities continue with "The Holiday Tree Lighting at Lippman Park" at 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Ellenville/Wawarsing Youth Commission. Enjoy free entertainment and refreshments at Lippman Park, Route 209, Wawarsing.

Saturday December 7th's events end with a Holiday Penny Social at the Napanoch Fire House. Doors open at 6pm and calling begins at 7:30pm.

THE WAWARSING WASSAIL continues on Sunday December 8th ... **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

Start the day with Breakfast and Pictures with Santa. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Napanoch Fire Company is sponsoring this event which begins at 8am and ends at noon. Tickets may be purchased at the Firehouse - \$6 adults, \$5 Seniors, \$4 for 12 years and under with 2 and under free.

On Sunday, December 8th at 3pm the Vanaver Caravan and The Arm of the Sea Theater along with the Caravan Kids (Ellenville's Dance

Group) will perform at the Shadowland Theatre on Canal Street in Ellenville. This event is presented by the Ellenville Public Library with tickets available at the door - \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

The Wawarsing Wassail ends following the Shadowland event with the Traditional Lighting of the Tree at Liberty Square on Canal Street in Ellenville. This will take place around 5:30pm and will be sponsored by the Ellen-ville/Wawarsing Youth Commission.

Come and enjoy this weekend of holiday celebration with your family, right here in The Town of Wawarsing.

For more information, contact: Dr. Mark R. Craft E:mail: craftchiro-practic@hvc.rr.com Phone 845-647-5430

Upcoming
Tri-Valley Community Events

Tri-Valley Secondary School Presents
Up The Down Staircase
Friday, December 6th & Saturday,
December 7th
7:00 PM
Students/Senior Citizens \$3
Adults \$5

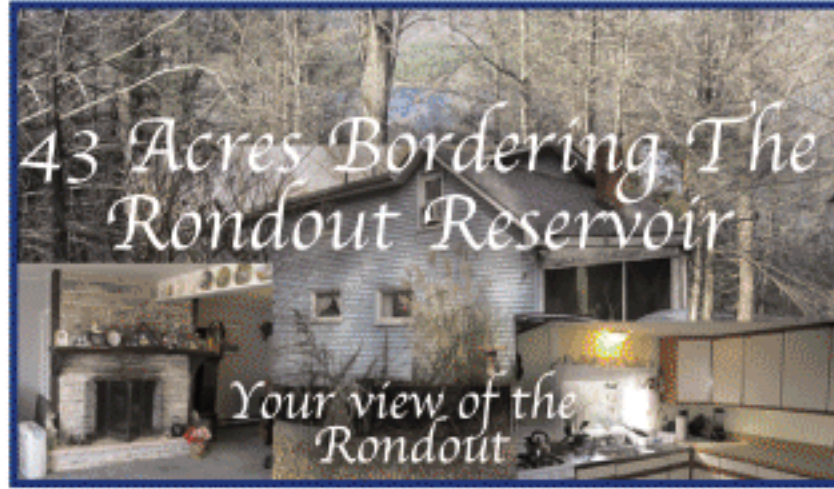
The Tri-Valley Senior Class Presents
Holiday Craft and Vendor Sale
Sunday, December 15th
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Chocolates, candy, wood products, hand-made and manufactured crafts, store fronts, rocks, clothing, party vendors and clubs throughout the school will all be present.

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vendor agreements
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 - **REDUCED** Private 3BR/2BA cabin w/grt room, deck, finished walk-out basmt/apt/guest quarters, on 2+acres \$229k
 - 2-4BR/1 BA home w/fpl, on 7+ open & wooded acres (2 lots), steps from hundreds of State acres. \$239k
 - **UNDER CONTRACT** Bright 5 BR/3BA contemp log home on 3.5 acs. \$349k
 - Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$99k
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Saturday, Dec. 7, Grahamsville United Methodist Church Holiday Show

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FILM 1 TASK FORCE (War, 1949)

This film is really a take-off of the true life story of General Billy Mitchell, (the character of Scott). The 1955 version called "The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell," uses his real name. A naval officer devotes his life to the development of the aircraft carrier. Directed by Delmer Daves, and starring, Gary Cooper, Jane Wyatt, Wayne Morris, Walter Brennan, Julie London, Bruce Bennett, Stanley Ridges, Jack Holt. Well-made but unremarkable story of a Naval officer's career, tracing aircraft carrier development. Originally shown with some scenes in color. **See this film on TCM 12:00 noon, Saturday, December 7, 2013, C-117 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Pete Richard? 2. Who played McKinney?**

FILM 2 AIR FORCE (War, 1943),

An unarmed bomber crew flies unknowingly into the attack on Pearl Harbor, and sees World War II action over the Pacific directed by Howard Hawks and starring, John Garfield, John Ridgely, Gig Young, Arthur Kennedy, Charles Drake, Harry Carey, George Tobias, Faye Emerson. Archetypal WW2 movie, focusing on archetypal bomber crew. Tough to stomach at times ("Fried Jap going down," chimes Tobias after shooting down a Jap plane), the film reeks with the venacular of the day. **See this film on TCM 3:30 pm, Saturday evening, December 7, 2013, BW-124 min, Rated TV-G, Quiz: 1. Who played Crew chief [Robbie White]? 2. Who played the Aerial gunner [Joe Winocki]?**

Film 3 FROM HERE TO ETERNITY (Drama, 1953)

Enlisted men in Hawaii fight for love and honor on the eve of World War II. Directed by: Fred Zinnemann, and starring Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Donna Reed, Frank Sinatra, Philip Ober, Ernest Borgnine, Mickey Shaughnessy, Jack Warden, Claude Akins, George Reeves. Toned-down but still powerful adaptation of James Jones' novel of Army life in Hawaii just before Pearl Harbor. Depiction of Japanese sneak attack combines unforgettable action scenes with actual combat footage. Brilliantly acted by entire cast, including Sinatra in his "comeback" role as the ill-fated soldier Maggio. Eight Oscars include Best Picture, Director, Screenplay (Daniel Taradash), Cinematography (Burnett Guffey), and Supporting Actors Sinatra and Reed. **See this film on TCM 5:45 pm, Saturday evening, December 7, 2013, BW-118 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Robert E. Lee Prewitt? 2. Who played Angelo Maggio?**

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

Grahamsville Methodist Church Holiday Craft Sale and Luncheon. Is it that time already? Yes, it is.. Don't miss it on December 7, 2013 from 10 am - 3 pm at Fellowship Hall at the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Stay Safe and have a great week,
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