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Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Recognizes *The Townsman*



Frank and Linda Comando (center) accept the award on behalf of *The Townsman* staff.

This year our Tri-Valley Teachers' Association is making it a point to reach out and recognize organizations and businesses within our community who are our "partners in education."

For our December recognition, we chose to thank *The Townsman* newspaper for its continued commitment to the Tri-Valley community and its students.

The Townsman is a newspaper that makes our entire community very proud. We truly appreciate their desire to spread the good news going on within our school. They are consistent advocates for our students! Our TVTA recognizes all that *The Townsman* does. We are grateful for all the support they give to us and our students.

Thank you, *The Townsman* newspaper, for being our partner in education. Together, we make a difference!

Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Wishes a Happy Retirement to an Amazing Teacher



The month of February has started, but unfortunately one very special teacher won't be here with us. After spending his entire career at Tri-Valley, Mr. Chuck Rehm has retired.

Chuck started his career at Tri-Valley in 1986 as a math teacher. He devoted thirty-three years to our school, making a huge impact on so many students.

Outside of the instructional setting, Chuck also spent time as a coach for cross country and track and field.

Mr. Rehm has always been a proud, active member of our school. His absence will be felt, but we are very happy for him. Thank you, Chuck, for everything you have done for the Tri-Valley Central School and community! May you be blessed with many happy and healthy retirement years!

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FCSD Presents Workshop on Poverty and Volunteers



One of the Volunteers in the Classroom at FCSD, Mrs. Alana Sherman

On January 10, 2019 Fallsburg Central School District Family & Community Liaison Dr. Aleta Lymon presented a workshop entitled "Bridging the Gap from Misconception to Understanding of the Realities of Poverty" to staff and members of the FCSD Volunteers in the Classroom. Present was Dr. Stefanie Phillips, Board of Education Member and one of the founders of the VIC Program. This program has been flourishing with several volunteers at both school buildings in the District.

Dr. Lymon's work is part of the My Brother's Keeper Grant awarded to Fallsburg and some other neighboring school districts earlier last year. The objective of the day was to define poverty; understand the culture of poverty; identify psychological strategies that relate to the realities of poverty; experience the emotional realities through role play simulations; and to develop ways to affect social change in the community. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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<http://thetownsman.com>**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
1 John 3:18

OBITUARY

Harold W. Haerle Jr. of Poughkeepsie, NY formerly of Ulster Heights and Grahamsville, NY, passed away on January 13, 2019. He was 68 years old. Harold was born on October 24, 1950 in Nyack, NY; the son of the late Harold Haerle Sr. and Shirley (Cook) Haerle.

Harold spent his younger years living in Congers, NY where attended elementary school and then attended Clarkstown Junior High School in New City, NY. After moving to Ulster Heights, he attended and graduated from Ellenville High School.

Harold had worked as a phlebotomist at Ellenville Community Hospital and then as an auditor for New York State for many years. In recent years, he enjoyed his hobby as an FCC Registered Amateur Radio operator.

He is survived by several cousins and extended family and friends.

Burial of Harold's cremains will take place in the spring at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the guidance of Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville, NY.

Douglas "Blake" Scriber of Neversink passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019 at home with his wife by his side. He was 73. He was the son of the late LeRoy and Mable Gorr Scriber, born on September 3, 1945 in Monticello, NY.

He was involved in many things throughout his life. He was a member if the NRA, past member of the Neversink Fire Department, Sullivan County Conservation Club, Ridge Runners Rod and Gun Club as well as a member of the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. For over 40 years he worked in construction and was a member of the Laborers Union Local 17.

Blake was an avid outdoors man who loved fishing and hunting. He was known for having a green thumb and loved planting flowers and growing his own vegetables. He was always a kind and compassionate person to his neighbors and all of his friends. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to someone in need. He had a soft spot in his heart for pets and had his fair share of rescued animals, he would often be found feeding the wildlife near house. He will be truly missed.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Bonnie L. Scriber; his sons, Donald E. Scriber of Livingston Manor, Randy B. Scriber and his wife, Frances of Clintondale; grandson, Jessie Scriber; his siblings, LeRoy Marshall and his wife, Della of Clintondale, Marjorie Wienthrub and her husband, Richard of Clearwater, FL, and Nancy Dixon; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at the funeral home on February 9th with Pastor Paul Ansbro officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations in Blake's name can be made to the Sullivan County Conservation Club, 140 Kortright Rd., Ferndale, NY 12734 or to Main Street Bible Fellowship, 106 Aden Road, Liberty, NY 12754. Arrangements were under the care of Colonial Bryant Funeral Home. For further information please call 845-439-4333 or visit:

www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Amy Elaine and Craig Edward Smith from Holland Patent, NY would like to announce the birth of their baby girl Olivia Louise. Olivia was born at St. Luke's



Memorial Hospital in Utica, NY on Monday January 28th 2019, at 8:33 am; weighing 6lbs 4.5oz and 19inches long. Maternal grandparent are Glenn and Bonnie VanDenberg from Claryville, NY. Parental Grandparents are Melvyn and the late Jody Smith of Remsen, NY. Maternal Great Grandparents are Donald and Maryon VanDenberg of Liberty, NY. Paternal Great

Grandmother is Janet Smith of Remsen, NY. Mommy, daddy, Brother Charlie and baby Oliva are doing well!

LETTER OF THANKS

On behalf of the Nash and Mitchell Families, I would like to extend heartfelt words of "Thanks, Love and Appreciation" to all the wonderful people in our communities. The support shown to Kim and our families with love, friendship, words of encouragement and finally heartfelt words of sympathy during these past weeks, months and even years means more than we can possibly say. I know that Kim will be remembered for her beautiful smile and friendliness, her endless energy and willingness to help others. She loved people, and even more she loved feeding them.

In the words of a dear friend: "Over at a quaint and rustic Deli counter, where the best egg sandwiches were made, a sandwich maker made the BEST subs for us High School Seniors... yaas... we were allowed to walk to the store, have lunch or just chill. A well respected Mom, touching her community in such a loving way, -- she took care of us. Time flies... she made those awesome subs in the next town over --- and her smile still warmed our hearts. I still see her in the deli, the grocery store, or at the checkout counter; her smile warming my heart and making it the best day ever. She was a Mom to most of us and a relative to all... (Thank you Charles Martin!!)

Kim was the last born in the Mitchell family and I am sure she absorbed every ounce of love that was lavished on her -- she stored it inside her heart and then doled it out to everyone she came in contact with. We, her family will miss her, as will her friends and community but we can take comfort in the thought that she will continue to send that love to us all from her new resting home. THANKS AGAIN to everyone. You have helped make her memory that much sweeter.

Loretta Ackerley

COLLEGE NEWS:

SUNY Geneseo Announces Dean's List for Fall 2018 Semester

The State University of New York at Geneseo has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. To be on the list, a student must have achieved at least a 3.5-grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours. Students on the Dean's List include: Morgan Booth of Shandaken and Remington Spoor of Ellenville

Purchase College students who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester

Purchase College announced that the following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester: Rianna Schneider of Olivebridge who is studying Liberal Studies and Benjamin Scholl of Olivebridge who is studying Political Science. (Contd. Pg. 7)

**Days of Yore...
Today's History****February 9, 1949**

Mrs. Jane Bass and her son, Milton Bass, are the first of this place to receive and provide for a family of displaced persons. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ludwick Engel of Czechoslovakia and their two children, Katrine and Adolph, ages 12 and 11. They were flown from Prague to Belgium to Shanon Island then to Newfoundland and then onto New York. They left Prague in the evening and arrived in New York the next afternoon. They were interviewed by the Acting Mayor of New York and photographed on the steps of the City Hall. Their children were entered in the schools of New York and since they came here, in the Grahamsville Tri-Valley School. They expect to remain with the Basses and to assist them in their chicken business. They speak English and a number of other languages.

The R.D. Church will have an evening of entertainment at Memorial Hall Monday evening, February 14th featuring Slim Skillett and his Catskill Mountaineers with their Western songs and floorshow. Another feature will be dancing and refreshments.

February 18, 1959

The New York State Education Department announced on Monday the winners of the competitive Regents Scholarships for 1959. Among the twenty scholarships allotted to Sullivan County - two winners were seniors at Tri-Valley Central School. (Contd. Pg. 3)

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Douglas "Blake" Scriber of Neversink who passed away on February 1st.

Congratulations to Dominick Scanna, a local resident and a teacher in the Fallsburg School District, who sprung into action and saved the life of a choking kindergartner by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association has named Grahamsville's Thunderview Farms as the winner of the 2018 Environmental Stewardship Award. Kudos to the Coombe Family who received this national award in New Orleans at the end of January.

Congrats to Mary Grace Conneely of Grahamsville who had her photo of "ice laden trees in Neversink" published in the Times Herald Record.

Keith Smith of Woodbourne bowled his ninth perfect (300) game at Kiamesha Lanes on January 11th. Way to go, Keith!

On January 27th, several local Boy Scouts went to Bellayre for a Scout ski day. Some skid, some snowboarded and some took lessons for the first time. The boys enjoyed a ride up the mountain in the enclosed gondola.

Several Tri-Valley FFA members traveled to Syracuse to attend a leadership conference on January 25th - 27th. It's important to remember when you buy FFA fruit or attend Boy Scout fish fry dinners, you are helping to provide great opportunities for our local young people. Our local Boy Scouts participated in the annual Klondike Derby in Monticello on February 9th. The boys spent the day outside participating in contests and competing against other Scouts in the district.

The sportsman will be sponsoring an ice fishing contest at Beaver Dam on February 16th. Be sure to register if you plan to attend. There will also be an ice fishing contest, "King of the Ice", at Kauneonga Lake on February 17th.

Tri-Valley Bear Cub Basketball got underway with games beginning on February 10th. While I am on the subject of basketball, I want to wish Morgan McHugh a speedy recovery. Morgan, one of our talented varsity girl's basketball players, broke her wrist during a recent game against S.S. Seward.

The Tri-Valley Jr. Honor Society will soon hold its induction of new members. It is a privilege to be inducted into the Honor Society which requires high academic achievement, good character and community service.

Sullivan County's best Jr./Sr. High school musicians will gather in Liberty on March 2nd for a performance. Selection of students for the performance are based on teacher recommendations and NYSMA scores.

Reminder: Grahamsville United Methodist Church "Ribs and Sundae" dinner - Saturday, February 16th, 4:00-7:00 pm

Find a local Girl Scout and order some Girl Scout cookies! They went on sale the beginning of February.

Everyone loves the Daniel Pierce Library's donuts! You will have two opportunities to purchase some. .. March 5th from 4: 00 - 6:00 pm and June 6th from 9:00 - 5:00 pm. The sap must have started to run! I see the trucks going up and down Glade Hill.

Words of Wisdom: Pray hardest when it's hardest to pray!

Days of Yore...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2) They were John Buswell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baswell and Philip West, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard West. Both winners are residents of Grahamsville. The regents State Scholarship is valued at \$250-\$700, scaled to family income; and is awarded for a four-year curriculum toward the baccalaureate degree at any accredited institution of higher learning in New York State.

A bossy cow
May be content

To always munch on hay
Bet we got tired of the same old thing.

Cooked in the same old way,
For variety in winter meals
Use frozen foods today.

KUM TO KRUMS

Dr. and Mrs. William Payne of Glade Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Terbush of Sundown on Friday. Mrs. TerBush entertained her guests with selections on

her heirloom fiddle, which was handed down to her by her father Horation Groo of Old Mill - the hamlet "old mill" is situated between Sundown and Palentown, where for the first time in this part of the Catskills, the tried and trusted water mill was discarded and the new and faster steam mill set up, to take its place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dion Garigliano on Sunday, with their family and friends, helped their younger son, Michael, celebrate, his second birthday.

Rather remarkable was the appearance of a flock of robins - 30 or so in number. Ten were seen at one time on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams.

Residents along the Sundown-Greenville Road are getting good mail service since the new route has been in operation. Sundown P O, shortly after noon and is left and collected on the one trip through.

February 12, 1958

Airman Gregory Parrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parrow of Sundown has been assigned to 3345 Tech School, Chanute Air Force Base. Staff Sergeant Gerald W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright of Neversink, has been recognized for helping his unit earn the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Sgt. Smith, a radio repairman in the 438th Military Airlift Wing at McGuire AB, N.J., will wear the distinctive service ribbon as a permanent decoration. The sergeant, a graduate of Tri-Valley Central High School, has completed a tour of duty in VietVincent Zanetti, 22 years on the 16th.

SPC 4 Thomas Cadoo returned to his army base at Karlstadt, Germany on Saturday, Feb. 8th after a forty-five day furlough spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Phillips of Big Hollow Road. While home SPC Cadoo and his parents visited his brother, Pilot William Cadoo at Montague, NJ.

February 8, 1979

James E. Forbes, a member of the US Fish and Wildlife Service from Albany has been banding black ducks at the western end of the Rondout reservoir in the general vicinity of the Orange-Rockland powerhouse. According to Mr. Forbes, who has so far banded 100 ducks, the Wildlife Service is trying to find out where the ducks that have spent the winter here go to spend the summer. To attract the ducks to traps, the water in and near the traps is seeded with corn. Any other birds that are caught in the traps are released immediately.

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be 100 years old this autumn. Centennial plans are in the making and will be announced at a later date. Presently pictures are needed of the church or of church oriented happenings. If you have any photos, please contact Russ Davis or Pastor McCarty.

Neversink Parks & Rec. Dept. Sponsor Huge Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY- With over 50 families selling their gently used items plus 20 craft vendors there will be something for everyone at the 7th annual community yard sale, craft and vendor fair during the 20th Annual Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap meet. Stop by the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 21 between 10 am and 4 pm to inspect bikes, toys, tools, antiques, home décor and more! With both new and used items everyone finds something!

There will be bargains galore plus antique engines, tractors and farm equipment.

Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Sportsmen Flea Market will be held in the Fair Building that will include items like guns, hunting and fishing supplies, archery, knives, and knife sharpening.

Make Any Model Car Club will host a Cruise In with People's choice Top 5 Trophies being presented at 3pm on Saturday.

We're hosting the entire community in one location for your retail therapy. For all those treasure hunters this is the not to be missed event of the year! \$3 a car load for admission and parking!

The Neversink Parks & Rec Dept is a non-profit organization that offers free and discounted trips and events to the children in the Tri-Valley School throughout the year. This event allows us to continue to reinvest in our program. Please like us on Facebook at Town of Neversink Parks & Rec. Dept where you can find the details for all of our upcoming trips and events!

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

A Splash of Green

A drive through Peekamoose this time of the year is spectacular, if you love the winter scene. For those who are anxiously waiting for the landscape to turn from white to green, if you look hard enough, you can find some green.

Although the leaves are dull and rather a greenish gold this time of the year, and look a bit wonky, the leaves of the Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*,) do hang on through winter. Mountain Laurel is an evergreen shrub native to the Catskills. Mature plants can reach 6.5 to 10 feet tall. Leaves are evergreen, sclerophyllous, leathery,



1 to 4 inches long, and 1 to 2 inches wide. The majority of Mountain Laurel leaves survive for 2 to 3 years. Mountain Laurel leaves begin to die in the late spring during their 2nd growing season while a few persist

into the 3rd; hence, about half of the leaves on any given plant are the current year's production.

Flowers bloom April to June from buds that form during the previous growing season.

The complete flowerhead including stems, stalks, bracts, and flowers will produce a compound flower cluster of showy saucer shaped flowers, 1/2" to 1 inch wide that are generally light pink. Stems are long and narrow with furrows and ridges, often sloughing in narrow strips or flakes. The fruit is a small capsule that bears hundreds of small seeds. Below a basal burl (knotty growth), Mountain Laurel has a thick rootstock that supports numerous other vertical and horizontal roots that may reach up to 30 inches in depth.

Mountain Laurel is monoecious, having both the male and female reproductive organs. Pollination is by insect or self-mediated. Bumblebees are the primary species of insect-mediated pollination. Mountain Laurel anthers are positioned under tension which is suddenly released when a bumblebee or other insect lands on the flower. If the flowers remain unpollinated, the anther will self-release pollen onto the flower's own pistil. Seeds are contained in small fruit-like capsules each containing 300 to 700 seeds. Seedfall begins in the fall and continues through the spring.

Mountain Laurel stem growth occurs during the spring and ceases during summer.

Mountain-laurel's leaves, buds, flowers and fruits are poisonous and may be lethal to livestock and humans. However, white-tailed deer, eastern cotton tails, black bear, and ruffed grouse are known to utilize this species especially as winter forage or during years of food shortages

The wood of mountain-laurel has a long history of uses by native and Euro-Americans. It has been used in the manufacturing of pipes, wreaths, roping, furniture, bowls, utensils, and various other household goods and novelties.

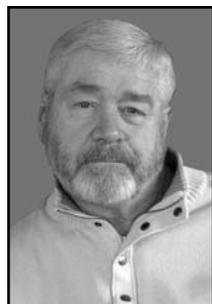
For now we can appreciate the splash of green that the Mountain Laurel offers to the white winter landscape. It won't be long though, and the intricate white and pink flowers of the Mountain Laurel will begin to explode into pastel pink bouquets delicately decorating the hillsides and announcing that warmer weather has returned to the Catskill Mountains.



Household Hints

Keep windows and windshields frost-free

As you probably know, salt greatly decreases the temperature at which ice freezes. You can use this fact to keep the windows in your home frost-free by wiping them with a sponge dipped in salt water, then letting them dry. In the winter, keep a small cloth bag of salt in your car. When the windshield and other windows are wet, rub them with the bag. The next time you go out to your car, the windows won't be covered with ice or snow.



Cherry

Mysterious Book Report No. 362

by John Dwaine McKenna

Every person in America today who pays attention to the news and current events is aware that we're dealing with an unprecedented drug and opioid crisis. The numbers are staggering . . . and the statistics sobering . . . there were more than 70,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. during the year 2017, according to the latest available figures from the CDC, or Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Numbers like those are not only heartbreaking, they're absolute proof that the so-called *War on Drugs*, now fifty-plus years old, is an utter failure. Some are in favor of tougher laws and more enforcement with harsher penalties. Still others favor the legalization and decriminalizing of all illicit substances, including the synthetic ones like spice and Fentanyl . . . known causes of havoc and death.

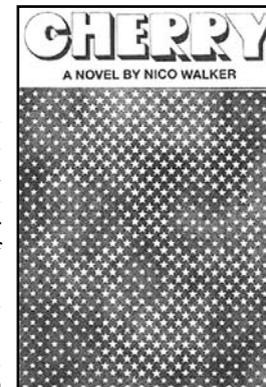
That's one side of the story. But like all stories, there's another side to it, told in an unapologetic, matter-of-fact and gut wrenching way by a young former heroin addict and talented writer who's currently in prison for aggravated armed robbery.

Cherry, (Knopf, \$26.95, 313 pages, ISBN 978-0-525-52013-9) by Nico Walker, is the tale of a confused young man who sets off to college in Cleveland, Ohio, where he meets Emily, and they kinda, sorta, fall in love while fooling around on the periphery of the drug scene . . . much like a lot of young, dumb and confused kids do. But, the drugs and alcohol soon become overwhelming. Emily decides to transfer to a college in Canada, while the unnamed protagonist and narrator flunks out. Adrift and clueless, he joins the Army and trains as a medic, then gets sent to Iraq, where for him, there's no end of drugs, porno movies and death. He comes home to Cleveland with a raging case of PTSD, just in time to reconnect with Emily and meet the opioid pandemic head-on. Before long, they're shooting heroin every day and he's robbing banks to get the money to support their combined habit.

Told in visceral, raw and graphic language, this novel is not for the faint of heart, nor those easily offended by violence and coarse language. But for those who've shed their rose-colored glasses and want to know more of the real world, the opioid disaster and at the same time gain a better understanding of the society we live in today, you need to read this book. It's honest and tough, and it comes straight from Nico Walker's heart, holding nothing back, and making no excuses. It's a fascinating, sobering and heartbreaking testimonial that should be required reading for every member of Congress, the entire Department of Justice, as well as every Judge and Administrator in the country. Then maybe they'd do something about it . . .

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Interview With The Author: Nico Walker

by John Dwaine McKenna



Our interview this week is thanks to the extra effort of Emily Reardon at Penguin Random House in NYC and our own Lora Brown here at *Mysterious Book Report*. Together, they coordinated our questions and corresponded with author Nico Walker, who's currently an inmate at the Ashland Federal Correctional Institution where he's serving an eleven year sentence for bank robbery. His debut novel, *Cherry*, is reviewed in MBR No. 362. He is a gifted writer, a decorated war veteran, a

former heroin addict, armed robber, convict and PTSD sufferer whose personal story is available on Buzzfeed in an article by Scott Johnson entitled, "How a War Hero Became a Serial Bank Robber". Nico Walker is thirty-three years old, with one of the most unique and original voices in American crime fiction. He's scheduled for release in November of 2020. His answers are some of the most insightful we've ever received and, just like his novel, come straight from his heart. With many thanks . . . here's Nico Walker:

Why do you write?

I write because they (Correctional Officers) let me. And I'm grateful to them for that. It's the only way I can win in this life.

Where do you write?

In the housing unit library/card room, H-unit B-side, Ashland FCI. Also in the typing room in the education department, where the typewriters are.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

Some of them.

Who's your favorite author?

Alive - Tom McGuane. Ever - Hemingway.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Usually wing it.

Do you read your reviews?

Yes. Negative reviews help me write. I want to prove them wrong.

Does luck play into success?

In my case, luck was everything. That and I had stories and I knew how to write a sentence. It helps if you take yourself seriously. Always take yourself seriously. If someone insults my writing, and he's a dude, I want to fight him. If a woman insults my writing I get real depressed about it.

What makes a character compelling?

Fallibility.

What makes a character endearing?

Conitration.

What makes a character despicable?

Lack of empathy.

Do any one of the above attributes make a more interesting character than another?

Fallibility is more important than contrition.

How did your book first get published?

Blind luck.

How long did it take?

Four years.

Do you use humor in your work?

I try to. It's good to have it. You can't make them cry if you haven't made them laugh. Because that's life.

What method do you use to keep track of plot details?

I get so into it that I can't forget things.

Where do you get most, some, or any your story ideas from?

Real life. Despair.

Do you belong to a writers group?

No.

Do you use long, detailed and in-depth descriptions of your characters and their environs?

No, I don't. I rely on dialogue and actions to show who they are. (One trick with the dialogue is you can use variations in word order to distinguish one character from another.)

I only use the big descriptions if it helps what I'm doing read well. If it sounds good I'll use it. I don't force anything if it messes the sound up.

Does your style make use of adjectives and adverbs?

I use adverbs sometime, just not to describe verbs if I can help it. I don't like to use tons of adjectives. Two in a row's the limit, I think. Usually that's too much, though. I'll try and use noun phrases, clauses, preposition phrases, whatever I can use to try and get away from the dark, stormy night format of description.

What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

Scenes where I have to know things about what people who aren't failures would do.

Are you more comfortable writing in the first, or third person POV?

First person works better for me. You don't have to know things when you're writing in first. You can be ignorant.

How can we, as writers, promote and encourage more people to read?

Don't be boring. Don't be childish. Don't just say what everyone already thinks. Don't write clichés unless they illustrate ways of speaking that are specific to a type you're trying to show and they aren't generally known. Don't try and be clever all the time. Write honestly about what life's like and what's true.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Pay attention to sound. First, make sure you're not full of shit. Then try to sound good. And don't force things. Don't try to write someone else's book. Do what comes natural to you. That's your voice. Trust it.

Bonus question, and your last chance for brilliance . . .

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

Bonus answer: If you want to be a writer, then stop whatever it is you're doing, and don't do anything else except for what's absolutely necessary until you've written a book. For example: don't hang out with your friends. Your friends don't want you to write a book. Your friends just want you to waste all your time hanging out with them and bullshitting. So screw them. Another thing is don't read. Definitely don't read, unless (maybe) if it's for research (and even then probably you're better off not reading and just making some thing up).

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Procrastinators Anonymous

Those who know me know that I am an-eleventh-hour person. Actually, make that eleven-forty-five. I work under pressure because I am a born-again procrastinator. Mañana is my mantra; prolonging is my creed.

My husband called upstairs to ask what I was doing. "Writing a column on procrastination," I replied, "but I am having a hard time getting started." He laughed at the irony. I was reminded of the meme about Procrastinators Anonymous who always have a meeting planned for tomorrow.

I never have trouble writing because my brain is always afire with thoughts that become essays that become treatises. Perhaps that is the problem. I can always find one more thing to do before I begin a task, and my thoughts are vectors to tangents of related subjects. Placing my bottom on the chair in front of the computer is the hardest step. Once I sit down to write, the words just flow like a case of mental diarrhea. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds me, "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

I am usually on time or just a little late. I can get up at six and be late at ten with nothing to do in between. If I do have a deadline, you can be sure I will commence the effort shortly before the product is due. Knowing I produce under pressure, I sometimes place myself in situations that force me into high gear. I will invite people for dinner and repaint a bathroom just before I make the appetizers.

Part of the problem is my retired life style. I am doing only the things I want to do, and today's agenda can easily be slide into tomorrow's. I have to remind myself what author Janet Dailey said, "Someday is not a day of the week."

If it is really important, it gets done...late and in a hurry, but it gets done because I do remember what this famous artist Pablo Picasso said:

"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." I think of that as I empty the dirty clothes hamper into the washer each night before

There's a great deal going on at the Daniel Pierce Library for Children and Adults

This recent cold spell has us all wishing Spring was already here! Well, that's no different for all of us at the Daniel Pierce Library. We are so excited for Spring because not only does it bring warmer weather and sunshine it also is the start of our spring programs.

The month of April kicks off our **Spring Children's programs** for children ages 1 through pre-kindergarten, and focuses on early childhood literacy. Classes are offered weekly, for eight weeks, and are broken down by age group.

We are excited to announce that **Judy Swarthout** will be back at the library teaching **computer classes**. This season we will be covering **Microsoft Word and Excel**. Classes will be held on March 25th, April 29th, May 20th and June 17th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

There are several other groups that meet on a regular basis here at the library that always encourage new members to join:

_ Weekly on Mondays from 9:30 - 12:00 the **Studio Monday Artists** meet and work on their individual art pieces together. Their artwork is on display and for sale at the library year round.

_ Monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. the **DPL Painters** meet with instructor and artist, Helena Claire Pittman and work with a variety of mediums throughout the year.

_ Monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 1:00 p.m. the **Alchemy club** meets to share their poetry with each other and work on new pieces.

_ Monthly on the first Friday at 1:00 p.m. the **1st Friday Book Club** meets to discuss the current book they are reading. If interested, give us a call and we will order a copy for you.

_ 2nd Tuesday of every month come join us in the Reading Room and **cozy up with a good book by the fire** and enjoy a **cup of hot tea**.

Once again we have partnered with AARP, Cornell Cooperative Extension and RSVP to provide members of our community with **Tax preparation help**. On Wednesday, March 13th we will have trained tax counselors here to help you with your tax filing. Please call the library to schedule an appointment today!

On Friday April 5th we are excited to host the New York State Police PBA President, Thomas Mungeer, author of **The First State Troopers; A History of the New York State Troopers** for an Author talk and book signing. Information on this evening will be announced in the next few weeks.

Whatever it is you are looking for, whether it's a good book, a group of artists to paint with, or a program to enjoy with your child, we have a wide variety for TVCS residents at the Daniel Pierce Library. Please visit our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org to find the right program or class for you.

For additional programs please visit the library's website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org or facebook page at www.facebook.com/danielpiercelibrary.

Monticello Central School District and SC Department of Family Services to open a Community Resource Center

Families of students enrolled in the Monticello Central School District will have greater access to support, thanks to a partnership between the district and the Sullivan County Department of Family Services. Beginning in early February, the district will open a Community Resource Center twice per month at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School where families in need of assistance with food, heating, employment, housing or any other challenge can meet with a caseworker to discuss options and begin the referral process.

"Finding pathways to assistance can be difficult for families who lack transportation, are juggling multiple jobs, or who are unaware of services and supports that they may be eligible for," explained District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Sullivan County Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "The goal of the Community Resource Center is to simplify the process of finding and receiving help with anything from parenting resources to emergency shelter."

"A parent who visits the Community Resource Center would have the opportunity to meet with a caseworker, who would then be able to assess what support or resources may be helpful for that parent," Health & Family Services Commissioner Joe Todora said. "Our caseworkers are very knowledgeable about the many programs available in this area and are able to connect families with resources that they may not even realize exist."

The Community Resource Center will be open by appointment only on the first Monday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Monday of each month from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Families with students currently enrolled in the MCSD may schedule an appointment by calling 845-796-3058, ext. 20119 and leaving a message.

"We are looking forward to the launch of this newest initiative," Executive Director of Special, Summer and After-School Programs Dana Taylor said. "It's a comfortable and safe space with greater access for our most vulnerable families."

The partnership is the latest in a long list of the district's initiatives to address the social and emotional wellness needs of its students. Since the implementation of the district's holistic approach, graduation rates have increased, disciplinary referrals have decreased and the district recently received the "in good standing" designation from the New York State Department of Education.

"We believe that there is no insurmountable wall standing between a student and his or her academic success," Superintendent of Schools Tammy Mangus said. "Hunger, poverty, lack of adequate shelter - these are all barriers to success. Students who are focused on worrying where their next meal is coming from aren't able to focus on academic work. Fortunately, most barriers facing our students are breakable, especially when

you are surrounded by like-minded organizations and agencies. When you remove these barriers, you reveal a pathway towards true, engaged learning. This is our philosophy, and we are relentless in pursuing new ways to address the needs of our students and families."

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Upcoming Events at Ashokan Center
Ashokan's 2nd Annual Hot Chocolate Festival
Sunday, February 17, 10am-4pm

Warm up your winter with indoor and outdoor activities, crafts, lunch and several great flavors of hot chocolate provided by our executive chef Bill Warnes. Other activities include blacksmithing and broom shop demonstrations, guided hikes and sledding on Hoot Hill, weather permitting.

Winter Break Day Camp (Ages 7-12)

Monday, February 18-Friday, February 22, 9am-3pm

A week of environmental education and outdoor exploration! We're offering an exciting day camp program for your children during February Break 2019, including activities in ecology, Colonial history, survival, team-building, wildlife exploration, and much more. Activities will be led by a group of Ashokan's experienced and trained naturalists and instructors, throughout Ashokan's 385 acres of fields, forests, and streams.

Ashokan Winter-Spring Skills Workshops
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Johnny Irion & Seth Bernard in the Pewter Shop
Sunday, March 3 at 7pm

Shake off your late winter blues with two fan favorites from the Summer Hoot! Renowned singer-songwriters and guitar slingers Johnny Irion and Seth Bernard are coming together to bring seasoned songcraft, active imaginations, and the burning spirit of rock and roll to a two man acoustic show in the Pewter Shop.

A St. Pat's Celebration with John Whelan & Low Lily
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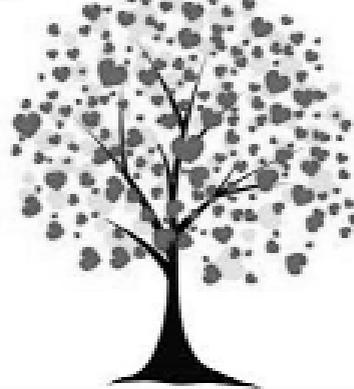


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COLLEGE NEWS: (From Pg. 2)

SUNY New Paltz - Fall 2018 Dean's List

SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester. The Dean's List honors students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average with a full-time course load.

The following students earned Dean's List recognition during the fall '18 semester: Susan Brearley of Napanoch; Nadine Cafaro of Ellenville; Antonio Conklin of Napanoch; Megan Eisenberg of Liberty; Esther Fitzgerald of Liberty; Kaitlyn Franson of Napanoch; Sean Harkin of Olivebridge; Ashley Holloway of Liberty; Julia Leland of Liberty; Matthew McCormick of Olivebridge; Tyler Simpson of Big Indian; Marshon Williams of Liberty; and Mya Zuckrow of Ellenville

SUNY Oswego area students on President's 2018 Fall List f

SUNY Oswego has named high-performing students from the area to the President's List for fall 2018 for earning grade point averages of 3.80 and above on the 4.00 scale. The following have been named to the President's List for fall 2018:

Katherine Zenteno of Ellenville, a senior broadcasting and mass communication major and Jennifer F. Davidson of Liberty, a senior information science major.

SUNY Oswego area students on Deans' List for fall 2018

Student's earning a grade point average of 3.3 to 3.79 appear on SUNY Oswego's fall 2018 Deans' List, included several students from the area. Brian E. Dawson of Ellenville, a junior adolescence education major and Ina G. Oglesby of Ellenville, a junior public justice major; Kaitlyn G. Fassetta of Neversink, a junior marketing major and Evan Madison of Parksville, a sophomore music major

Students Achieve Dean's List at SUNY Delhi

The following students have been cited for academic achievement for the Fall 2018 semester by achieving the Dean's List at SUNY Delhi: Dylan Jones of Woodbourne is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management; Ariana Fassetta of Neversink is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Samantha Duquette of Grahamsville is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nursing; and Cristian Serapio of Liberty is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Construction Management: Design & Building.

Local students named to Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose

Congratulations to the following local students who have been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2018 at The College of Saint Rose: Rit Carroll of Ellenville; Alison DeFrank of Liberty; Kevin Keaveny of Shandaken; Jasmine Robles of Ellenville; and Lana Torrens of Liberty

Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea. Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including a parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent. The Elks Lodge is located on Route 55 in Napanoch. There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

For more information, please visit the 4th of July Committee's facebook page or call 914 388-3665 or 845 797-5228.

FCSD Presents Workshop on Poverty and Volunteers (From Pg. 1)

According to Lewis (2017), the culture of poverty is both an adaptation and a reaction of the poor to their marginal position in a class-stratified, highly individuated, capitalistic society. It represents an effort to cope with feelings of hopelessness and despair which develop from the realization of the improbability of achieving success in terms of the values and goals of the larger society.

Dr. Lymon showed poverty rates for the Town of Fallsburg in multiple categories. Fallsburg does not fare very well in any of the categories-well below the County and even the State. Scientific evidence shows that the condition of poverty affects the brain from early childhood onward. Dr. Lymon's goal, through the VIC Program and other approaches to enlisting volunteer services, is to foster school partnership with the larger community and lessen poverty's impact.

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In November of 2018, RJK launched its "Rachel's Challenge" initiative. Rachel's Challenge is an organization, inspired by the life of Rachel Joy Scott, that seeks to reduce incidents of bullying and violence through sharing the story of the late teen. According to a press release from the organization, Rachel's Challenge awakens individual hope, desire and purpose; which in turn promotes safer, more connected school communities. The program begins with an assembly that tells Rachel's story, followed by a challenge to students and staff to continue to actively seek and execute ways to make their school and community a kinder place.

"It's a really powerful program," RJK School Psychologist Karen Warden, who acts as the coordinator for Rachel's Challenge at RJK said. "So many of our students are just in survival mode and a lot of them put on facades to try to mask the struggles they are facing. This program hits them on an emotional level and helps them to reach that level of empathy that you need if you're truly going to foster change." (Contd. Pg. 11)

**Rachelle's Challenge "Chain Reaction"
at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School**

At 13 years old, Rachel Joy Scott traced the outline of her hands on the back of her dresser and wrote "these hands belong to Rachel Joy Scott and will someday touch millions of people's hearts" within the hand print. Even though four short years later her life was tragically cut short in the Columbine High School Massacre, the prediction that she etched into her dresser has proven true. Nearly 20 years after Rachel's death, her legacy continues to touch the hearts of students throughout the country, including the hearts of students at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School (RJK) in Monticello.



Tylia Hulse and Karen Warden discuss how Rachel's Challenge is transforming the culture of RJK



A group of RJK students who have accepted Rachel's Challenge decorate cards to send to a pediatric cancer patient

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**The Ethelbert B. Crawford
Library Presents
Big Sky Productions'
"Pretty Fire"**

MONTICELLO, NY: On Thursday, February 21 at 6 p.m., the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library in Monticello will host Big Sky Productions for its eighth performance of Charlayne Woodard's magical play "Pretty Fire."



DeLois House

The play will be performed in the Robert D. Norris Community Room of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.

In this entertaining and captivating one-woman show, playwright Charlayne Woodard traces her life from premature birth to 11 years old. With lyrical, lifting words, Woodard weaves stories of two young sisters in Albany, NY, and of three generations of family love, struggle and triumph. The stage is filled with the authentic, mesmerizing experience of contemporary African-American life.

"Pretty Fire" features DeLois House of Ellenville as Charlayne Woodard. Ms. House has been in many shows for Big Sky Productions including "Jake's Women," "An American Daughter," "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First Hundred Years" and "The Exonerated." Her first performance of "Pretty Fire" was at Sullivan County Community College. (Contd. Pg. 11)

**FCSD Athletic Director
Suzanne Lenzian Earns
CAA Recognition**

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is pleased to announce that Suzanne M. Lenzian, Director of Physical Education & Athletics at Fallsburg Central School District, has been recognized by this association as a Certified Athletic Administrator.



To earn this distinction, Suzanne has demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination. Suzanne is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

The NIAAA is a national professional organization consisting of all 50 state athletic administrator associations and more than 10,000 individual members. It is dedicated to promoting the professional growth of high school athletic administrators and preserving the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the secondary school curriculum. (Contd. Pg. 11)



Frost Valley YMCA Announces Free Maple Sugaring Open Houses



Claryville - Have you ever wondered how maple syrup is made? Frost Valley YMCA announces Open Houses for individuals and families to tour its maple sugaring operation and learn all about how pure maple syrup is made. Maple Sugaring Open Houses will take place from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on March 23rd, 24th, 30th, and 31st. Families are encouraged to visit Frost Valley's Maple Sugar House, which sits one mile east of the main entrance during one of the Open Houses. The main entrance, marked by prominent signage, is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road in Claryville. Learn how to identify a sugar maple tree, how sap is collected, and how that sap is turned into maple syrup.

Frost Valley first began maple sugaring in 1978 using buckets to collect the sap from sugar maple trees. At that time, only a few hundred buckets were used. Today, Frost Valley uses tubing and a vacuum pump system to collect the sap and large tanks for storage.

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(Hurleyville, NY) Looking for a warm, romantic, enjoyable way to spend Valentine's Day weekend without breaking the bank? Why not immerse yourself and the one you love in an evening or afternoon of musical entertainment and delicious desserts? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be performing a weekend of Valentine Cabaret "Dessert Theatre" on February 15, 16, 17 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Admission is \$10 and includes the show and a sumptuous assortment of desserts.

Under the able direction of Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville and with piano accompaniment by the talented, Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville, the Cabaret will feature the vocal stylings of Zach Gibson of New Paltz, Serena Gildersleeve of Liberty, Joe Kavanaugh of Monticello, Nicole Lavere of Rock Hill, Teri Paris of Parksville, Lynne Porter of Woodbourne, Melanie Raeven of Glen Wild, Rebecca Salerno of Wurtsboro, Amber Schmidt of Hurleyville, Hannah Veety of Forestburgh and John Wombacher of Liberty.

With a mix of songs including ballads and standards and a few unconventional love songs as well, there'll be something for everyone to L-O-V-E! So plan on coming out to the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville on Friday or Saturday, February 15th or 16th at 8:00 pm or Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 pm - for the Valentine's Cabaret Dessert Theatre. All tickets are \$10 and include desserts and coffee. No advance reservations are needed, but plan on arriving early for best parking behind the museum, or park along Main Street. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or visit us online at www.scdw.net

Sullivan County Democratic Committee Celebrates Peace, Love & Progress at the 101st Jeffersonian Dinner on February 23, 2019

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY (February 10, 2019) - "Peace, Love & Progress" is the theme, Saturday, February 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. is the date and time, and the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg is the place.

Come celebrate the Democratic victories of 2018, the anniversary of the 1969 Woodstock Festival, and join us in honoring three very special people at the 101st Jeffersonian Dinner, hosted by the Sullivan County Democratic Committee (SCDC).



Mikhail Horowitz and Gilles Malkine will be the featured entertainers at the 101st Jeffersonian Dinner on Saturday, February 23 in Bloomingburg.

The cocktail hour begins at 4 p.m. at the Eagle's Nest, located at 58 Eagles Nest Rd. in Bloomingburg. Following will be the verbal acrobatics, thought-provoking parodies and incisive political comedy of Mikhail Horowitz and Gilles Malkine.

A buffet dinner will follow, during which the Democratic Committee will honor NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, philanthropist Gary Silver, and longtime citizen advocate Kenneth Walter.

New York State Senator Jen Metzger will be a special guest, joining several other officials and dignitaries. During the celebration, the SCDC will present an eJournal - a PowerPoint presentation of sponsors. To be a sponsor, or take an ad, please call 845-866-0837.

Tickets for the 101st Jeffersonian Dinner are \$65 per person and can be reserved by calling 845-239-0837. (Snow date is Sunday, February 24 from 2 to 6 p.m.)

Rachelle's Challenge "Chain Reaction" at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School (From Pg. 8)

After the initial assembly, the school was supposed to select just a few students to be ambassadors for the program. More than 100 students signed up.

With so many students touched by the message, an outpouring of creative ideas to spread kindness has sprung up at RJK, including:

- New Kids Club: a group of students who help new RJK students get acclimated to their new surroundings and incorporate them into their lunch group.
- Chains of Kindness Committee: a group of students who encourage others to write acts of kindness that they either performed or witnessed on strips of construction paper that are then linked together to form a visual "chain" of kind acts.
- Mural Committee: a group that is working to help beautify the school's hallways through arts.
- Rachel's Pantry and Rachel's Closet: a group that facilitates donations of food and clothing for RJK students.
- Weekly Challenge Group: a group that brainstorms weekly random acts of kindness challenges for their classmates to participate in.

TyLia Huise is one of Rachel's Challenge's most fervent ambassadors. The eighth-grade student was inspired by the presentation to make significant positive changes in her own life and also helps to encourage her classmates to do the same.

"I used to get involved in lots of drama," TyLia said. "But once I saw the assembly, I realized that some students really do get hurt by words and actions and I decided that it was time to grow up and stop having kid features."

Since then, TyLia has dramatically elevated her GPA, and is active in several of the Rachel's Challenge groups.

"She has grown up and matured so much," Ms. Warden said. "She's a good leader in her building and I know she is strong enough to carry the message forward when she enters the high school next year."

On March 5, RJK students will participate in Rachel's Challenge "Chain Reaction" during the school day - an interactive, day-long event that aims to help students and staff develop even deeper connections with one another.

After the school day is over on March 5, the school will host a community event from 6-7 p.m. in the Monticello High School Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium. During this event, parents and families will have the opportunity to learn more about Rachel's story, and have the opportunity to look for little ways to make Monticello, and the world, a kinder place.

FCSD Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian Earns CAA Recognition

(From Pg. 8) For more information on this award, you may contact Mike Blackburn at mblackburn@niaaa.org or 317-587-1450.

The FCSD Administration congratulates Ms. Lenzian for achieving this recognition from her peers in the NIAAA. Her dedication to her work in the District and to her profession is admirable.

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Library Presents Big Sky Productions' "Pretty Fire"

(From Pg. 8) She has since performed the play at the Bloomingburgh Restoration Foundation, the Grand Montgomery Chamber Series, and the Newburgh, New City, Gardiner and Mamakating libraries.

In "Pretty Fire," Ms. House portrays an astounding 25 characters. The play is directed by Carol Montana of Grahamsville. Her directing credits, which number over 50, include "On Golden Pond," "Driving Miss Daisy," "Having Our Say," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "The Sunshine Boys," and "The Exonerated."

Due to certain subject matter, "Pretty Fire" is recommended for 12 years of age and above. Parental guidance is suggested. Please call the Crawford Library for more information.

Barry Plaxen, publisher of the D&H Canvas said "Pretty Fire" is "A brilliant tour de force ... highly dramatic and very moving ... well-constructed, well-written ... Real theatre drama, much humor. A universal story really, full of love." The New York Times said, "Pretty Fire" is "Exhilarating and unflaggingly entertaining ... One of the most positive pictures of the Black-American experience I've ever seen on stage ..." Newsday called it "Inspiring, illuminating and engrossing," and the L.A. Times called it "A remarkable feat of writing and performing - a rare autobiographical tour de force so lustrous it seems to reinvent the whole solo-acting genre."

"Pretty Fire" is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service.

Admission is free. For additional information, call the Ethelbert B. Crawford Library at 845-794-4660.

Oscar Nominee 'Green Book' (PG-13) at Callicoon Theater

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and The Callicoon Theater will screen acclaimed film "Green Book," nominated for five Oscars, as part of the 2019 winter film series CineArt from February 15 - 21.



This acclaimed film focuses a world-class African-American pianist (Mahershala Ali) who is about to embark on a concert tour in the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver and protection, he recruits a tough-talking bouncer from the Bronx (Viggo Mortensen). Despite their differences, the two men soon develop an unexpected bond while confronting racism and danger in an era of segregation.

"Green Book," rated PG-13, is nominated for five Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Best Screenplay.

"Green Book" will screen Friday, February 15 through Thursday, February 21 nightly at 7:30 pm, with matinees at 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday (closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays).

The Callicoon Theater is located at 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$11 (\$9 admission on Mondays and matinees) and \$8 for children under 12 at all shows.

"The CineArt Series supports both DVAA and The Callicoon Theater, and is a wonderful activity for these long winter months. All eight films have a fresh and unique perspective; tackling themes of race, gender, art, politics, and creative genius," says the new owner of The Callicoon Theater, Krissy Smith.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or www.thecallicoontheater.com

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300 NY Army National Guard Soldiers return to New York from Middle East mission - Soldiers of the 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion supported fight against Islamic State and other missions during Kuwait deployment

Three hundred members of the New York Army National Guard's 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion which is headquartered in Yonkers and has elements in Peekskill and Orangeburg, are returning home to New York following a nine-month deployment in the Middle East.

The Soldiers returned to Fort Hood, Texas from Kuwait on Jan. 25, 2019 and began returning home on January 30 after out-processing at Fort Hood.

The unit left the Hudson Valley from Stewart Air National Guard Base on March 17. They trained for 45-days before deploying.

The Soldiers are returning to New York in small groups at airports closest to their homes. They will go on leave for about a month before leaving federal active duty status.

The 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion provides communications support to military units across large distances using satellite communications technology.

The 101st served nine months in support of Operation Inherent Resolve - military operations in Syria against the Islamic State --and Operation Spartan Shield-building the militaries of Middle Eastern nations. The 101st Soldiers also supported Operation Freedom's Sentinel; the ongoing mission in Afghanistan against Al-Qaeda.

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UC Executive Michael P. Hein Appointed as Acting Commissioner of NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Acting County Executive Adele B. Reiter To Assume Leadership of County Operations

KINGSTON, N.Y. - "It has been an extraordinary honor to serve the great people of Ulster County," said County Executive Michael P. Hein. "For over a decade, as our first County Executive, I have had the privilege of overseeing some of the most sweeping positive changes in our community's history, profound governmental reforms, and a complete upward realignment of the trajectory of Ulster County's future. In the process, I have had the opportunity to work with incredible people who share my passion for true public service. We now have the lowest County property taxes in a decade, the lowest unemployment rate in twenty years, and the strongest environmental reputation in New York State. Working together we have accomplished what many thought impossible: ensuring access to more services than ever before without increasing taxes. Our Veterans are receiving the level of respect they so justly deserve; we are making an impact on critical challenges like generational poverty, community empowerment, and criminal justice reform; and we have regained public confidence by completing nearly \$100 million in infrastructure projects - on-time and under budget. Collectively, we have truly changed our corner of the world for the better."

"Governor Cuomo, who has proven himself to be the most effective and progressive voice in government, has now provided me with the truly humbling opportunity to serve the great people of New York State as the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, where I look forward to continuing my efforts to help those among us most in need," continued County Executive Hein. "It is a responsibility that is very important to me personally, and I am looking forward to this momentous challenge. As a result, it is with the deepest respect for the 180,000 residents of Ulster County that I must now pass the torch and end my tenure as County Executive, effective Sunday, February 10th. I am thrilled to depart with no regrets, as I have truly felt blessed every day to serve as the Ulster County Executive, and to work with some of the finest people ever to work in government service."

"As we look forward," continued County Executive Hein, "I am confident that we have created a strong new foundation for my successors to build upon, and - thanks to our taxpayer protection funds - that we have virtually guaranteed continued property tax reductions for the families and businesses of Ulster County for the foreseeable future. I want to thank everyone who provided such incredible support over the years to myself and my family, as well as to my amazing colleagues who continue every day in their never-ending effort to reinvent County government to best serve its people. Thank you for the true honor you have provided me - I will hold it in my heart forever."

"As I take on my new role in Governor Cuomo's administration, I am thrilled that the reins of County government will now be taken up by my Chief of Staff Adele B. Reiter, whom I have designated to serve as Acting County Executive. Throughout my ten years in office, her deep knowledge of county government and her unwavering commitment to excellence have helped guide and shape the accomplishments that have distinguished this administration. I am confident that she and our team of dedicated public servants will continue to work day-in and day-out to serve the people of Ulster County with great distinction," County Executive Hein concluded.

On Monday, February 11th Deputy County Executive Adele B. Reiter will take the oath of office in a private ceremony and assume the official duties of Acting County Executive.

Local Municipalities Share Millions While Local Businesses Benefit

Ulster County - If you ever financed a home purchase or participated in a closing then you are very familiar with the "sticker-shock" faced by the buyer when 2-5% of additional monies are needed to cover a myriad of expenses, such as legal fees, bank fees, property taxes, insurance and filing fees. One of those charges, and likely one of the more expensive items on the list, is for the "privilege" of recording the mortgage - more commonly known as the "mortgage recording tax."

In Ulster County - home to one of the lowest mortgage recording tax rates in New York State - that fee is .75% of the loan amount. All proceeds are returned to the municipalities where the properties are located though a portion of which reimburses the County for administrative services related to the tax.

Vigorous housing sales have contributed to a rise in the tax, as overall County-wide distributions have reached a three-year high of over \$4 million. Most localities are doing well too, with the City of Kingston gaining over \$1 million in revenue and the Towns of Ulster and Saugerties each realizing over \$900,000 from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018.

"The dynamic real estate market has created an economic vitality that has benefitted local government. The secondary impact of a healthy housing market can be felt by hardware and appliance stores, landscapers, home furnishing stores and construction companies," stated Comptroller Elliott Auerbach. "Naturally the market has its ebbs and flows determined by geographic location, inventory and price, but it has been holding fairly strong - especially considering the majority of municipalities that have seen mortgage tax revenue growth over the past three years."

The full report can be found on the Comptroller's website: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/mortgage-recording-tax-report>

Sullivan County Clerk Announces Retirement

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Clerk Daniel Briggs confirmed today he will retire at the end of his term on December 31, 2019.

"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Sullivan County as their County Clerk these past 11+ years," he said. "I will be leaving with deep pride in the team which comprises my office. I've worked with many dedicated and talented people, and whatever success I have enjoyed has been a direct result of their efforts and commitment."



Briggs' staff encompasses the County Clerk's Office, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and Records Management. Under his leadership, they have instituted electronic land records, including public access to files via the Internet, and have guided thousands of residents through the oft-complicated worlds of pistol permits, driver's licenses (including the newly offered Real ID) and deed filings, to name just a few.

"I was particularly gratified to initiate the Return the F.A.V.O.R. Program (Find and Assist Veterans of Record), which issues identification cards to honorably discharged veterans, entitling them to discounts or services from participating local merchants and shops," he stated. "It's this County's way of saying 'thank you' to everyone who selflessly served in our armed forces."

Raised in Monticello, Briggs has served his fellow citizens in a variety of other public roles, as well: nearly 18 years as County Treasurer, 5 years as County Manager and one year as Assistant Commissioner of the NYS Office of Housing and Community Renewal, plus terms as a Thompson Town Councilman and Acting Village of Monticello Justice.

"Throughout my public service tenure," he remarked, "I have always maintained a primary goal: to be a credit to the County I serve."

He will continue to serve Sullivan County, as he remains a member of the Monticello Fire Department, the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee, the SullivanArc Human Rights Committee and the local Eagle Scout Review Board.

Briggs is retiring to spend more time with his family, including fiancée Anna, mom Corinne, sister Nancy, brothers Jeff and Peter, his children and his granddaughter. He will continue to reside full-time in Fremont Center.

"This is, and always will be, home," he affirmed.

SC at Impasse with Teamsters Union

Monticello, NY - Despite two years of good-faith efforts, Sullivan County and the union which represents nearly half its workforce, Teamsters Local 445, have been unable to come to an agreement on a labor contract. As a result, the NYS Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) has begun the fact-finding process, whereby an independent analysis of the situation is being conducted, with recommendations to be made to the County and the union.

County Manager Josh Potosek today sent a letter to all 516 Teamsters employees, outlining the most recent offer that was rejected by Teamsters negotiators.

"It's critical for the County's workforce to be aware of the significant offer legislators authorized my office to make," Potosek

explained. "It's also important for them to understand how hard we worked to make this deal happen, and that I share their frustration at the lack of an agreement to date."

The offer, made in December and supported by all nine legislators, would have given every Teamsters member at least a \$3,000 increase to their base pay, if not more, and 122 positions would have received a 5% raise on top of that. Adding in a number of concessions, the County's offer would have required the appropriation of \$1.6 million more in the County budget.

In return, the County asked for one concession: that Teamsters members hired by the County after January 1, 2019 enroll in the New York State Health Insurance Program's (NYSHIP's) Excelsior Plan and contribute 20% toward the annual premium. (Such an arrangement already exists for a number of other County employees.)

Even before this offer, the Legislature had passed several resolutions to address union concerns - including the concern that some County employees are not making a living wage. In 2017, notwithstanding the contract in force at the time, legislators agreed to increase salaries of positions in Planning, Addiction Services, and Nursing, along with raising the minimum wage of all County employees to \$15 an hour by the end of 2019 (well above the \$12.50 target the State has set for upstate New York).

In 2018, legislators modified rules for Caseworkers, allowing new hires to bypass the two-year employment requirement before earning their full salaries. Instead of starting at \$38,123 and waiting two years to make \$40,129, Caseworkers now reach that full salary in six months.

The sum of these initiatives means the average Teamsters member's annual salary in County government is \$37,000. The latest offer would increase the average salary to just over \$40,000.

The Teamsters contract expired on December 31, 2017, but negotiations began in April of 2017. The County and union negotiators have conferred repeatedly to reach agreement, yet even with outside mediation, consensus has not been forthcoming.

"We are awaiting the fact-finder's report and recommendations, after which the Legislature will be empowered to determine how to proceed," Potosek explained. "I'm hoping the negotiating teams can come to terms before that becomes necessary, but the County has gone as far as it can whilst remaining fiscally prudent and responsible to the taxpayers. Any higher offer will force us to raise taxes beyond the 2% State-mandated cap. It's up to the Teamsters representatives to give their members what they deserve: a fair contract."

Senator Jen Metzger Applauds Funding for Health Care in the District - Recipients Include Access: Supports for Living, Cornerstone Family Healthcare, Refuah Health Center, and The Center for Discovery

(Albany, NY) Today, the recipients of the second round of the Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program were announced. This program funds projects that improve patient care through the development of high-quality medical facilities and programs serving the inpatient, primary care, mental health, substance use disorder, and long-term care needs of communities throughout the State.

Recipients include four organizations in the 42nd district:

- Access: Supports for Living Inc. has been granted \$1,070,441 to renovate their Middletown facility in order to expand their capacity to provide primary and behavioral health care.
- Cornerstone Family Healthcare has been awarded \$5,000,000 to renovate their Middletown site in order to increase efficiency and improve care quality.
- Refuah Health Center, Inc. will receive \$ 775,000 to purchase and refurbish mobile medical units to provide better access to primary, dental and mental health care in rural communities
- The Center for Discovery, Inc. has been give \$ 2,070,015 to construct a new diagnostic and treatment center located within a planned specialty hospital to serve developmentally disabled residents of the hospital and the general public

"These investments in patient care in our district are so critical to improving health outcomes in our small cities and rural communities," says Senator Jen Metzger who represents the 42nd district, the most rural district in the Democratic Conference. "Mobile medical units, specialty treatment centers, and expanding capacity will go a long way to improving rural health and providing innovative models of health care delivery that increase access, keep people well, and ultimately save money."

The program, first funded in the 2018 Budget, is administered by the Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and helps support the Delivery System Reform Incentive Program and it's goal of reducing avoidable hospital visits by 25 percent by 2020.

300 NY Army National Guard Soldiers return to New York from Middle East mission – (From Pg. 11)

The unit provided communications support at seven locations and manned a dozen communications hubs across U.S. Central Command's area.

101st Soldiers took part in three major exercises in Egypt and Qatar and also managed tactical communications for the Army Theater Wide Air Defense Artillery Brigade's Patriot mission sites in the Persian Gulf region.

Finally, the New York National Guard Soldiers provided secure computer communications to military units operating in southern Afghanistan.

The 101st turned the communications mission over to the Army Reserve's 98th Expeditionary Signal Battalion during a Jan. 18 ceremony at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

The 101st Signal Battalion traces its lineage back to December 1886 as the Provisional Signal Corps of the 1st and 2nd Brigades. The unit's predecessors fought in World War II and in the Korean War.

In 2012, the 101st served in Afghanistan where it provided critical signal support to strategic and ground forces during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:00 - 7:00

Eat In or Take Out

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

Menu

BBQ Baby Back Ribs or Pulled Pork

Hand Cut French Fries

Homestyle Coleslaw • Green Beans • Dinner Roll

Hot Fudge Brownie Sundae

Adults \$14.00 • Children 5 and Under \$8.00

For more information call 985-7675 or 985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

**Mar. 2, 2019
5:30 pm
Covered
Dish Supper**

*Sundown
United Methodist
Church Hall*

**Grahamsville
United
Methodist
Church**

The red shed will not be open as we are not accepting donations to the thrift ministry during our Winter Break – the months of December, January and February.

Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry can call 985-2283 or email us at grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

**Sunday, 8 am Service of
Holy Communion, except:
Second Saturday of each month,
12:00 noon**

Music by Fred VanWagner
Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!
For information contact Rev. Seung Jin Hong. 845-985-2283
e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

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Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018-2019:

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Worker
Salary Range: \$33,400 - \$35,400
Full Civil Service job description available online @ Trivalleycsd.org/Our District/Employment

Minimum Qualifications: One year of experience in a position requiring the use of standard hand tools in a mechanical or construction trade or in grounds maintenance.

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:

Mr. Jesse Bell, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
Email: jessebell@trivalleycsd.org

Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest: February 15, 2019

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Gary Muthig for the purpose of a Variance in relation to relief from the Mobile Home Standards Zoning Law Section 50-21 (9)(b)(1) at 25 Huson Rd. Parksville NY (SBL# 34.-1-13.4).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
BRENT GOTSCH, CHAIRMAN

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Free Energy Efficiency Tips Can Keep You Warmer This Winter

MONTICELLO/LIBERTY, NY- As the recent winter weather has reminded us, preparation is everything in winter. Whether it's keeping an eye on the latest weather reports for the Hudson Valley, investing in snow tires to keep your car on the road, or weatherizing your home, a little foresight goes a long way to keeping you warm and safe through the winter months. Looking into your home's energy use now can save you dollars, headaches, and the need to ration your heat in the coldest weeks of the year.

Due to the laws of thermodynamics, warm air that you've paid to heat your home will eventually rise through the dwelling. If your home or apartment isn't air tight or well-insulated, you could be paying to heat your upstairs neighbor's place or sending that warm air straight out of your home, doing more harm than good. In fact, if you tend to see big icicles forming from your roof, that could be a sign that your roof is under-insulated, meaning you might be paying more for heat than you have to and potentially at risk for water damage.

The good news is the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and your local Community Energy Advisors at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) can help. Residents all over New York and the Hudson Valley are discovering programs and incentives to help renters and homeowners take a whole-house approach to reducing their energy burden. Most New Yorkers are eligible for a FREE home energy assessment. Seriously! Just contact a Community Energy Advisor to learn how by calling 845-677-8223.

CCE Sullivan County has scheduled two FREE workshops for homeowners and businesses about Resources for Clean Energy Projects, with an opportunity for questions.

The first class will take place Wednesday, February 20,

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018 - 2019:

LAN TECHNICIAN

Minimum Qualifications:

a) Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with an Associate's Degree in data programming, data processing, computer sciences, or a related field and three (3) years of experience in the operation of a computer using a mini mainframe, mainframe, or personal computer, operating in a network environment; or

b) Five (5) years of experience as indicated in a) above.

Salary Range: \$44,000 - \$46,000

Full Civil Service job description available online at:
Trivalleycsd.org/Our District/Employment
(must be reachable on current Civil Service List)

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to:

Mr. Aaron Butler
Tri-Valley Secondary School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
Email: aaronbutler@trivalleycsd.org

Deadline for receiving letters of interest:
February 15, 2019

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2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Robert D. Norris Community Room of the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library on 479 Broadway in Monticello.

The second identical class will take place Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Sean Welsh, CCE Sullivan energy resource educator, presents the basics:

- Improving energy efficiency of your home or business
- Upgrading systems in your building
- Utilizing loans and other financing options
- Home energy assessments

Registration is requested in advance by visiting www.sullivancee.org, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or calling CCE Sullivan at 845-292-6180. In the event of special accommodations, the public can contact the CCE Sullivan office.

Income-eligible residents can also receive cost-share to

make your home more energy efficient to start saving money now. A family of four making less than \$53,484 might be eligible to receive energy efficiency retrofits like air sealing, insulation, weatherizing, and even a new refrigerator/freezer at no cost!

Don't wait until the next polar vortex, Nor'easter, or huge utility bill to do something about your home's energy efficiency. Talk to a NYSERDA Community Energy Advisor about what programs, services, and products are right for you. Call 845-677-8223.

About New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA): NYSERDA offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. A public benefit corporation, NYSERDA has been advancing energy solutions and working to protect the environment since 1975. (<https://www.nysesda.ny.gov/About>).

News from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program: (From Pg. 11)**Augmented Reality Becomes Reality At Sullivan BOCES**

Sullivan BOCES has produced an Augmented Reality (AR) Sandbox Watershed Model. Samuel Rogers, instructor of Natural Resources and Ecology, led thirty-four 11th and 12th grade students in the

construction of this ambitious project. The AR Watershed Model projects color-coded topographic lines onto a sandbox. The contour lines instantly adjust as the user shapes the sand into new landscapes. The user is able to "create" rainfall by hovering a single hand over the landscape (see image). Rogers intends to incorporate the AR Watershed Model into future lesson plans. Students will utilize the model's interactive capabilities to improve their understanding of topographic mapping, and further their awareness of local flood hazards. We are excited to see the future applications of this technology unfold.

Thank You From the 2018 Anglers Symposium

Over 50 friends of our projects enjoyed this year's symposium back in November. If you missed Diane Galusha's talk on Edward R. Hewitt, check out this video at <http://www.rondout-neversink.org/the-watershed-project/>. We've made the full program with Shaun McAdams of TU and Carri Marschner of NYS Hemlock Initiative available as podcast at <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/podcasts/>

Neversink Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 7th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair

Dear Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Supporter,

The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting the 7th Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 21 & Sunday, September 22nd in conjunction with the 20th Annual Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap meet. Any Make Any Model Car Club will host a Cruise In with People's choice Top 5 Trophies being presented at 3pm on Saturday. Inside the Fair building the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsmen Flea Market will take place with guns, archery, hunting & fishing supplies for sale. - there will be something for everyone!

The event will run from 9 AM to 4 PM (with set up beginning at 7 AM and clean up completed by 5 PM). Spots will be assigned.

This is a great opportunity to clean out the attic and garage. There will be bargains galore as we average over 70 vendors. We actively promote this event in the *Sullivan County Democrat*, *Ellenville Shawangunk Journal*, the Town website (townofneversink.org) and through various Facebook pages. We ask you to set aside this day and spend it with your friends and family at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

There will be hot dogs, sausage and peppers and hamburgers for sale by the Grahamsville Fire Dept and the Grahamsville Lions will have a variety of drinks.

Reserve your spot today by filling out the enclosed form and make your check for one day \$15 or 2 days \$30 payable to the Town of Neversink and mail back to Neversink Parks & Rec Dept PO BOX 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Jamie Brooks at the Town Hall 845-985-2262 ext. 312 or email her at racerj12d@aol.com

Jamie Dymond Brooks

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Director

Cell: 845-866-3659 Office: There Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm 845-985-2262 ext.312 Mailing:PO BOX 307, Grahamsville NY12740



**Town of Neversink
Parks & Recreation**
273 Main Street PO BOX 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740
Call for info: (845) 985-2262
extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

2019 Upcoming Events

Nine Sundays - Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding @ Holiday Mtn

Feb. 8 - Paint two wine glasses @ Neversink Town Hall
Feb. 22 - Free Roller Skating at 209 Skate Time
Mar. 22 Free Family Game Night & Pizza @ Daniel Pierce Library
Mar. 23 SWING DANCE LESSON & SAINTS OF SWING BAND. Got2Lindy Dance Studios at 6 to 7 pm and live music from 7 to 9 pm by Saints of Swing. Grahamsville Fire House 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY
March 29 - Free Urban Air Adventure Park
Check out flyers on table outside Parks & Rec office



Daniel Pierce Library

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

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

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.

**2019 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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

DMV IS LOCATED IN THE MAIN FLOOR
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All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm
in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 2/13/19 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/16/19 **Something Sweet for Your Sweetie** Valentine's BBQ & Sundae Dinner 4-7 Grahamsville UMC Hall
- 2/17/19 Claryville Fire Dept. All You **Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 - 12 Noon
- 2/18/18 Tri-Valley Booster Club- **C.A.S.T.** 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
- 2/18/19 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/19/19 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/21/19 Neversink Fire District Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/26/19 Town of Neversink Parks and Rec Advisory Board Meeting 6 pm
- 3/2/19 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 3/5/19 Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 6 pm
- 3/5/19 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/6/19 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting -7 pm

Save the Date

May 18, 2019 -9 am -3 pm (**Armed Forces Day**) - **4th Annual Wings & Wheels for Warriors** at Joseph Y. Resnick Airport, 199 Airport Rd., Ellenville, NY 12428 (Rain Date: May 19th)
May 25-27 - **3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales**
Sept 21 & 22 - **Neversink Parks & Rec Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Sale**

TRI-VALLEY AREA
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EWCO
ELLENVILLE CITGO
ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
PETER'S MARKET
SHOPRITE
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

**Met Opera: Live in HED
at SUNY Sullivan**

(Loch Sheldrake, NY) The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD. Ticket pricing: \$20.00 (Adults); \$10.00 (Children 13 & Under); \$10.00 (Students with valid ID). Patrons can purchase tickets at Seelig Theater the day of the performance. For more information, contact 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

SCHEDULE OF MET OPERA:

LIVE IN HD PERFORMANCES AT THE SEELIG THEATER

LA FILLE DU RÉGIMENT (Donizetti) Saturday, March 2, 2019 Start:12:55 pm ~ Run time: 2 hours 25 minutes/1 intermission

DIE WALKÜRE (Wagner) Saturday, March 30, 2019 Start:12 noon ~ Run time: 4 hours 55 minutes/2 intermissions

DIALOGUES DES CARMÉLITES (Poulenc) Saturday, May 11, 201 Start: 12 noon ~ Run time: 3 hours 9 minutes/1 intermission.

Mohegan Sun (Pocono Downs, Wilkes-Barre, PA) Casino Trip

Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Sponsored by Monticello Kiwanis Club
Bus leaves front of Parking Lot of Town of Thompson Town Hall (located at Monticello Shop Rite Mall) at **8:30 AM** sharp and returns by **5:30 PM.**

\$35 per person - includes \$25.00 Free Play plus \$5.00 Food Coupon. Must be 21 years or older and bring Photo ID. Deadline is March 8th.

For reservations and info -call Lori at 845-794-2888.

SPRING BREAKFAST BUFFET

Sunday, March 10, 2019 • Serving 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Suggested Donation: Adults \$12.00; Children under 12 \$6.00; Children age 2 and under free.
Location: Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor hall, 37 Greenkill Avenue, Kingston (near Broadway Overpass)
Reservations appreciated.
CONTACT: Alina at 845-339-5969, Hildegard at 845-757-5135 or the Club at 845-338-3763.
MENU: Buckwheat pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, herring, home fried potatoes, fresh fruit salad, rolls, bagels, cream cheese, jellies, coffee cake, juice, coffee and tea.

**Tri-Valley Elementary School
WANTED:
Local establishments to display student
KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

**4th of July Committee
2019**

Spaghetti Dinner

5-7pm

Sat., Feb. 23

To Benefit our July 4th Celebration

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Part-time Help needed for Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center. Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

Pizza Chef at Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe. For interview call 845-985-0247 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted -
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Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.

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 Story's Neversink Plant Co. (845) 985-5071
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 Claryville Pottery (845) 985 2016.
 Thunderview Farms - thunderviewfarms.com
 Ann's Booty - (845) 741-5467
 Balloons by Art - (845) 701-2931
 Neversink Chronicles by John D. McKenna at the Neversink General Store - 985-2076
 Grahamsville Deli - 985-0107
 Blue Hill Lodge and Café - 985-0247
 Dollar General - 985-2414

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 8280 State Rt 55,
 Grahamsville, NY 12740
 \$8 Per Car Entrance Fee

Sat Sept 21 9am - 5 pm
 Sun Sept 22 9am - 4 pm

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Tractor Show & Swap Meet
 *Antique Engines * Tractors & Farm Equipment* Classic Garden Tractors*
 Food by Grahamsville Fire Dept*Drinks*
 by Tri Valley Lions Club* Music *
 Family Fun *

ANY MAKE ANY MODEL CAR CLUB CRUISE IN Meet at TVCS to cruise to fairgrounds 9:30 am. Show vehicles admitted free! Classic, Hotrod, Low Rider, Muscle, Tuner all welcome! People's Choice Top 5 Trophies presented Saturday at 3 pm

Neversink Parks & Rec Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Over 70 Vendors, gently used items, antiques, tools, toys, home décor, new & used items
 Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Sportsmen Flea Market located in the Fair Building
 Guns, Hunting & Fishing supplies, Archery, Knives, Knife Sharpening

3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales!
 When you start your Spring Cleaning and want to get rid of all those things you haven't used in the past five years, maybe you want to keep them just a few more months. Think ahead! **The 3rd Annual Sundown Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales** is just 14 weeks away! Whether you have your own yard sale, or donate items to the **Sundown Methodist Church Ladies for their sale** - either way, you won't have to cart that 'stuff' very far and you can join the fun! Mark your calendar now so you won't forget - **May 25-27 3rd Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales!**

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:

Gnome Home
 131 Peekamoose Road
 Sundown, NY 12740

...along with \$1 for each item that you wish to have displayed on-line for one month in your own shop at the **Gnome Home virtual community on-line mall**

... a virtual on-line mall
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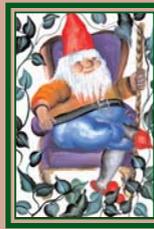
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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"
MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2019
STARTING AT 7:30 AM

QUO VADIS (epic 1951) C - 174 m TV-PG. A Roman commander falls for a Christian slave girl as Nero intensifies persecution of the new religion. **Dir: Mervyn LeRoy - Cast: Robert Taylor, Deborah Kerr, Leo Genn.** 10:45 AM **KHARTOUM** (epic 1966) C - 136 m TV-G Widescreen, Closed Captions. Epic story of the British general who fell to the Arabs in 1885. **Dir: Basil Dearden - Cast: Charlton Heston, Laurence Olivier, Richard Johnson.** 1:15 PM **55 DAYS AT PEKING** (epic 1963) C - 154 m TV-PG, Widescreen Closed Captions. An American major leads the defense against Chinese revolutionaries in 1900 Peking. **Dir: Nicholas Ray - Cast: Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, David Niven.** 4:00 PM **BEN-HUR** (epic 1959) C - 222 min, TV-PG, Widescreen, Closed Captions. While seeking revenge, a rebellious Israelite prince crosses paths with Jesus Christ. **Dir: William Wyler - Cast: Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Haya Harareet.** 8:00 PM **HIGH NOON** (western 1952) B/W - 85 m TV-PG Closed Captions. A retired Marshal must defend his town from a revengeful villain. **Dir: Fred Zinnemann - Cast: Gary Cooper, Thomas Mitchell, Lloyd Bridges.** 9:45 PM **THE QUIET MAN** (comedy, 1952) C - 129 m, TV-PG, Closed Captions. An Irish ex-boxer retires to Ireland and searches for the proper wife. **Dir: John Ford - Cast: John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald.** 4:00 AM, **I REMEMBER MAMA** (drama 1948) B/W - 134 m, TV-G, Closed Captions. Norwegian immigrants face the trials of family life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco. **Dir: George Stevens - Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oscar Homolka;**
Quiz: In the film "I REMEMBER MAMA"
 1. Who played Katrin Hanson?
 2. Who played Uncle Chris [Halvorsen]?

What's Going on in The Gnome Neighborhood™

SUNDOWN
 Mar. 2, 2019 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

CLARYVILLE
 February 17, 2019 - Claryville Fire Dept. All you Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 - 12 Noon

GRAHAMSVILLE
 Feb. 16 - 4 -7 pm Valentine's BBQ & Sundae Dinner "Something Sweet for Your Sweetie" Eat In or Take Out - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Hall

Saturday, March 23 SWING DANCE LESSON & SAINTS OF SWING BAND. Basic lesson with Linda & Chester from Got2Lindy Dance Studios at 6 to 7 pm and live music from 7 to 9 pm by Saints of Swing. No partner or experience needed to attend. \$15 per participant must be paid by Tuesday, March 12. Grahamsville Fire Dept., 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY.

HURLEYVILLE
 Feb 15, 16 & 17 The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Valentine Cabaret "Dessert Theatre" at the SC Museum in Hurleyville. Admission is \$10 and includes the show and a sumptuous assortment of desserts.

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