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The Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session



The Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session was held at The Double Tree by Hilton in Binghamton, New York. On Saturday, October 15, 2016, the following were installed as the District Grand Chapter Officers for 2017 for the Delaware-Sullivan District. A Reception for these Officers was held at The Rockland House in Roscoe, New York at a later date. From left to right are: Diane Foster, Grand Musician; Linda Immoor, Associate Grand Warder; Margaret Beirne, District Deputy Grand Matron for the Delaware-Sullivan District; Joseph L. Beirne, District Grand Lecturer for the Delaware-Sullivan District; Ruth Ann Brockner, Grand Ada; Sharon Jersey, Associate Grand Marshall; Beth Schumacher, Grand Representative to Main.

Frost Valley Launches New 2-Week Bear Grylls Survival Academy Summer Camp

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The camp, open to boys and girls ages 11-17, has brought young outdoor enthusiasts into the Catskill wilderness to participate in Bear Grylls-approved survival training. Campers learn techniques such as water purification, knife safety and use, cooking in the wild, and shelter building, while also building confidence and developing a relationship with nature.. (Contd. Pg 6)

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Friday Afternoon Card Club Annual Christmas Party



Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the Annual Christmas Party held on December 16th, at the Friday Afternoon Card Club. Anyone interested in joining the *Friday Afternoon Card Club* won't be disappointed. Good treats, coffee, tea and several games of cards are promised; or you may enjoy a quiet game of dominoes. Hey Guys! Don't be afraid - just bring along some buddies to the Second Floor of the Neversink Town Hall from 12:30 TO 4:30 pm and join the fun. We meet every Friday.

A Night for Celebration at Fallsburg High School Gymnasium



Diamond Weeks, holding the special basketball signed by teammates and coaches, alongside her father Adrian Weeks, assistant basketball coach holding the framed photograph of highlights from Diamond's career to date. If you look closely, you can see Mr. Weeks' chest is a little puffy with fatherly pride.

A week before the Fallsburg High School Girls' Varsity Basketball game on January 19, 2017, the Athletic Department and Head Basketball Coach Daniel Redmond were planning for a special evening. Junior guard Diamond Weeks was closing in on 1000 points in her career. No other girl had reached this milestone in FCSD history. Coach Redmond and Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian wanted to honor this very talented young player for the achievement as soon after she scored her 1000th point. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:
that shall tread down our enemies.

Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is
Psalm 60:12

COLLEGE NEWS:

University of Delaware's Dean's List for the Fall 2016 Semester

Raychelle Osnato from Grahamsville, NY, has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

News from Coastal Carolina University

Paul Maczaj, a freshman majoring in economics, from Ellenville, NY, (12428) was among 2,253 students at Coastal Carolina University who made the Fall 2016 Dean's List.

Genesee Community College Fall 2016 President's List

James Conley, a resident of Hurleyville, NY was among 424 students from Genesee Community College, including all seven campus locations in Batavia, Albion, Arcade, Dansville, Lima, Medina and Warsaw, who were named to the President's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

SUNY Oswego names area students to fall 2016 Deans' List

The following area students have earned a grade point average of 3.3 to 3.79 and appeared on SUNY Oswego's fall 2016 Deans' List: Brian E. Dawson of Roslyn Street in Ellenville, a sophomore adolescence education major and Marin Wenig of Siegel Drive in Ellenville, a junior human resource management major

Local Students Named to SUNY New Paltz Fall 2016 Dean's List

SUNY New Paltz announces its Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester, a recognition for students who excel academically and earn at least a 3.3 grade-point average in a semester with a full-time course load. The College congratulates the following students for making the Dean's List: Gabriel Berrian of Ellenville; Chara Boice of Olivebridge; Melissa Cavrell of Fallsburg; Amanda De Jesus of Parksville; Hailey Gorton of Grahamsville; Sean Harkin of Olivebridge; Khafifa Javed of Woodbourne; Daniella Marine of Ellenville; Mikaela Milk of Liberty; Jeanne Milner-Clinton of Ellenville; Elizabeth Pace of Napanoch; Alexandra Reynolds of Sundown; Thomas Savaglio of Ellenville; Conor Tobin of Ellenville; Zakary Walizadeh of Liberty; David Weddle of Napanoch; and Brittany Williams of Liberty

Local Student named to University of Hartford Dean's List

The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Brooklynn Manning of Napanoch has been named to its Dean's List for Fall 2016.

Area students named to SUNY Oswego's fall 2016 President's List

SUNY Oswego has named high-performing area students to the President's List for fall 2016 for earning grade point averages of 3.80 and above on the 4.00 scale. Abigail Craft of Zane Street in Ellenville, a senior psychology major; Katherine Zenteno of Nappy Lane of Napanoch, a junior broadcasting and mass communication major; and Samantha Scott of Parksville, a senior childhood education major.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

January 30, 1957 - Miss Valerie Zanetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti of South Hill, became the bride of Airman Floyd Currey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Currey, on January 19th. Justice of the Peace Vincent Zanetti, brother of the bride, performed the ceremony. On Sunday the couple left for Vermont where Airman Currey is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zuckerman of Kingsbridge and Lackawack Hill were guests of honor at a dinner party honoring their golden wedding anniversary, January 27th, at the Hotel Windemere in Manhattan. Their sons, Albert, Edward and Rabbi Arthur Zuckerman were the hosts.

January 25, 1967 - For high scholastic standing during the Ithaca College fall semester which ended in December, two Grahamsville residents have been named to the Dean's List. Ranking among the top ten per cent in scholarship in their schools are Elizabeth Spann, a senior in the School of Music, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of the Sundown Rd., and Diane Zanetti, a sophomore in the Division of Physical Therapy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti.

The Grahamsville First Aid Squad is pleased to announce that although there is still much work to be done, they have officially moved to the new first aid building. The members wish to thank all those who have helped to make this possible.

January 27, 1977 - Phil Coombe, Jr. was recently appointed Superintendent of the new Otisville Correctional Facility. After serving in the army, he accepted a position as teacher in the Eastern Correctional Facility in Napanoch. From there he transferred to the Woodbourne Correctional Facility where he became Asst. Superintendent. He is a native of Grahamsville born to Phillip and Ethel Coombe of South Hill Road.

Guy F. Curry of Yagerville died on Tuesday at the Ellenville Community Hospital. He was born July 14, 1899 in East Branch, the son of Sherman and Mattie Sturgis Curry. A retired star route mail carrier, he was a member of the Star Rte. Letter Carriers Assoc. Survivors include his widow, the former Ada B. Coger; four sons: Robert of Sholam, Earl R. of Napanoch, Russell of Ulster Heights and Kenneth of Grahamsville; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Fox of Kerhonkson.

January 29, 1987 - A son, Bruce Michael, was born January 24, 1987 to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fuller, Middlehope, N.Y. at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh. Bruce Michael weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz and is 20 inches long. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jacobs, Swan Lake. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller, Grahamsville, N.Y.



Think
Spring!

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Welcome to Jessica Dymond, who was recently appointed as the new Daniel Pierce Library Director. Jessica is a local gal and resides in Grahamsville with her husband and children.

Congrats to the TV Boys indoor track team on winning the Section IX Division VI Championships! TV's Andrew Coddington placed first in the 3200. Also, Angie Ballard placed first in Division VI's 1500 race walk for the gals. Good job!

It's time to register your little one for the DP Library Spring Children's Programs (Mother Goose, Toddler Time and Story Hour). Give Miss Deirdre a call!

Some dates you might like to mark on your calendar:

2/04 Turtle Dance Music, Bubble & Comedy Show - D.P. Library 10:30 - 11:30 (age 3-7)

2/04 Colorful World of Animals Show (ages 8 & up) D.P. Library 1:00 - 2:00 pm

3/04 All County Music Concert Festival (watch for details)

3/10 Tri-Valley PTO Father/Daughter Dance at Tri-Valley School - 6:00- 8:00 pm

4/11 Neversink Parks & Rec. to Lancaster, PA to see "Jonah" (see Jamie for details)

5/06 Tri-Valley Lions Journey For Sight Walk 8:00 am (Meet at Grah. First Aid Bldg.)

6/07 Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6:00 - 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

6/10 5k Color Run Race hosted by Tri-Valley School Groups (more info shortly)

Have you ever heard the saying, "once in a blue moon"? Because there are always a few days left over in the lunar year, about every six years or so there has to be a thirteenth moon, and therefore two full moons in one month to keep the seasons straight. This brings up the term "blue moon", which has come to denote the second full moon in the same month. Sometimes you may hear someone say, "once in a blue moon", when referring to something that in all likelihood would never happen again at all or would rarely take place. Was there ever a month without a full moon? Yes, according to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, there was no full moon in February of 1866. The *Almanac* says that, according to their records, "this has never occurred before then and will not occur again for 2.5 million years". WOW!

Words of Wisdom: Don't turn goof-ups into give-ups. (M.J. Ryan) If you don't jump, you'll be safe, but you'll never soar. (Steve Harvey) Don't call it a dream, call it a plan! (Devon Gibbons)

Maura Kelly on a Mission Trip to Honduras

Maura Kelly of Neversink, NY will be traveling on a mission trip to Honduras this spring from March 14 to March 21. This will be Maura's second trip to Honduras. She will be traveling with her mom, cousin, and aunt. Her aunt Carol is a member of The Olancho Aid Foundation. Every year members of the team travel to Honduras to assist those living in the city of Juticalpa and the surrounding villages. Maura will be travelling as a member of this organization as well. The Olancho Aid Foundation is a faith-based organization that empowers Honduran youth to transform themselves, their communities and their country through education. This organization began 23 years ago, when Rev. Richard Donahue from Boston was sent to Honduras for 3 years as the pastor of the Cathedral parish in Juticalpa. His 3 year stint turned into 20 plus years and the Olancho Aid Foundation was born. Presently, Olancho Aid Foundation operates four schools: Escuelita Nazareth, a special needs school; Centro

Basico Santa Clara (primary bilingual), Instituto Bilingue Santa Clara (middle), El Instituto Cardenal Rodriguez, a Spanish-language high school. While on the trip, we will assist in medical clinics, visit schools and orphanages.

We are asking that you take this journey with Maura by supporting her with prayers, monetary contributions or the needed supplies. This year the team is focusing on non-gummy children's vitamins, dental supplies (toothbrushes and toothpaste). We are also seeking monetary donations to assist in food distribution to the poorest communities in the Juticalpa area, and Living Waters, which is the Olancho Aid Foundation's clean water project with a goal of improving health and quality of life through community integrated water filtration systems. Checks can be made out to Olancho Aid Foundation. All donations can be sent to P.O. Box 482 Neversink, NY 12765.

If you would like more information about our trip or the organization you can visit www.olanchoaid.org For those interested in more information, contact the team leader Carol Dale at caroljeannedale@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your support.
Maura Kelly
Neversink, New York

Daniel Pierce Library – "Take Your Child to the Library Day!"

This Saturday, February 4 come and visit the library on "Take Your Child to the Library Day." This is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library. There will be performances for the children. Please call the library (985-7233 extension 101) for information on registering your child or children for the presentations.

Turtle Dance Music, Bubble and Comedy Show

Turtle Dance Music is a children's music company dedicated to furthering child development through arts-integration, music, and educational entertainment.

They spark children's curiosity and imaginations through interactive, inclusive musical performances that use a wide range of instruments, stuffed animals, games and music technology.

Their sensory-friendly performances are geared for Pre-K, grades K-2 and students on the autism spectrum. Turtle Dance Music believes that your kids are capable of doing extraordinary things.

They help kids come out of their shells! This is a wonderful experience for children ages 3 to 7 and their families. Please arrive by 10:15 am.

The Wonderful World of Animals

"Reinforcing the values of kindness, tolerance, compassion, personal responsibility and respect for self, others and all living things.

"Animals can have colorful skin, scales, feathers and fur or they can be "colorful characters"! Either way, there is no end to the beauty and fascination within the animal kingdom. Can chameleons really change colors to match whatever they are perched upon? What are "warning colors"?

How do colors help a species to adapt to an environment? Meet both beautifully colored animals and those whose colorful personalities more than make up for their plain physical appearance! This program is recommended for families with children ages 8 and older. Please arrive by 12:45 pm.

While at the Library you will be able to meet the new Director, Ms. Jessica Dymond and this would also be a good time for you to register your child or children with Miss Deirdre for our Spring Children's Programs - Mother Goose, Toddler Time, and Story Hour.

You may also check out our latest books, books on CD and DVDs or even enjoy using our computers or Wi-Fi.

Light refreshments will be served.

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 and Jean Helthaler.

What Will the Wise Old Groundhog Say?

February 2nd marks the midpoint of winter. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will persist for six more weeks.



A biology professor from Pennsylvania State University discovered another reason besides weather forecasting for a male groundhog to wake up in early February. He will shuffle over several acres of his territory and check on burrows containing females. He ducks inside each one to cuddle for the night and leaves the next morning to continue the tour.

He doesn't mate on these getting-to-know-you visits, according to the professor. At the end of his walk-around the male groundhog returns to his own burrow, curls up into a furry ball for another month of hibernation.

Groundhogs or woodchucks wake up for good in late March to mate and then lead solitary lives. In April 2-6 babies are born naked and blind after a month gestation. The litter matures by autumn and lives 4-5 years if it escapes hunters, hawks, foxes and coyotes.

Groundhogs (*Marmota monax*) grow to twelve pounds and two feet long. They're brownish yellow furred animals with black feet and a short tail. Their flat top skulls with eyes and ears that are set low are perfect for not exposing much of their heads to poke above ground. This rodent's incisors never stop growing and can become a fatal danger unless kept worn down with constant chewing. Although groundhogs mostly graze on grass, they can climb trees and swim to forage for greenery.

They feed at sunrise and sunset, keeping out of sight during daylight hours. When alerted to danger a groundhog will race back to its burrow as they sound a shrill alarm whistle that earns them the nickname "whistle pig."

A groundhog digs a burrow 10-15 feet long with a front entrance, spy holes, a toilet chamber and a comfortable nest room for sleeping and a nursery.

The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak, the groundhog" considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

In 1723, the Delaware Indians settled Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and considered groundhogs honorable ancestors. During that same time when the German settlers arrived in Pennsylvania during the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day, which had its origin in the pagan celebration of Imbolc. If the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of Winter. In the past Germans had watched a badger for the shadow, however, once in Pennsylvania, they adapted the new tradition of watching a Groundhog.

According to German Folklore:
For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day,
So far will the snow swirl until May.
For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day,
So far will the sun shine before May.

According to American Folklore
If the sun shines on Groundhog Day;
Half the fuel and half the hay.

What will it be? All eyes will be on the "Weather Capital of the World", Punxsutawney, PA, while waiting for the Prognosticator of Prognosticators, Punxsutawney Phil, to proclaim his final words of weather wisdom?

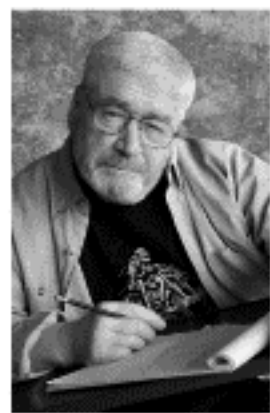
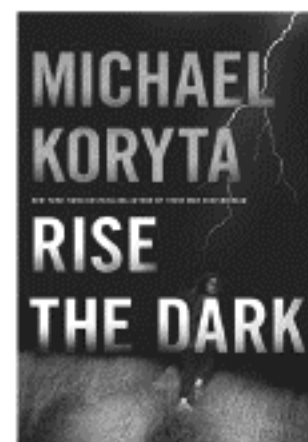
Household Hints

Care for your car's carpets

A good vacuuming will get up the sand and other loose debris from your car's carpeting, but it won't do diddly for stains or ground-in dirt. For that, mix up a solution of equal parts water and white vinegar and sponge it into the carpet. Give the mixture a couple of minutes to settle in; then blot it up with a cloth or paper towel. This technique will also eliminate salt residues left on car carpets during the winter months.

Rise The Dark

Special Mysterious Book Report No. 272
by John Dwaine McKenna



We Americans have lived in peace, prosperity and plenty for so long that we pretty much take certain things for granted. There's exceptions, certainly. And they are unfortunate for a fact. But in the main, we're guaranteed basic human services, rights and privileges that we not only expect, but demand. Take utilities for example. We demand fresh, clean drinking water-remember FLINT, MICHIGAN? – and clean, efficient sewer and sanitation systems. If however, for some unknown reason these systems should break down for a short while, we can get along temporarily, because we have alternatives close at hand and easy to access – although there would be world class griping and whining and complaining for the duration. But one indispensable utility we can't do without for long periods of time is – electricity. Ready Kilowatt to the rescue, 'cuz modern life is totally dependant on you. Without electricity almost nothing works in a modern household. I was reminded of this last week when a big windstorm hit our area and knocked the power out for several hours. No lights, no TV, no computers, no radio, no heat, no hot water and, in my case-no electric hospital bed and no elevator to get upstairs anyway- even if I did get out of bed and into the wheelchair! So I say again – electricity is indispensable to modern life. Without it, *there is no modern life.* And now one of the best thriller writers to ever come along has written an awesome new novel on the subject.

Rise The Dark, (Little, Brown and Company, \$26.00, 385 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-29383-9) by Michael Koryta is his 12th, and perhaps the most exciting, crime thriller he's yet written. It begins with Markus Novak, (the private detective who thinks his wife was murdered by a man named Garland Webb in Koryta's most recent novel, *Last Words*) unemployed, living in Florida and still trying to come to grips with her death. When Webb is released from prison on a technicality, Markus vows to hunt him down, which draws him to the strange little town in Florida where his wife Lauren, was murdered. But Garland Webb is part of something much larger, and more ambitious, involving a charismatic cult leader named Eli – who speaks to, – and receives answers from the planet Earth herself. Eli and his followers are trying to carry out a scheme to save the world by sending most of the country back to the dark ages. The plan draws Markus to Red Lodge, Montana where a woman named Sabrina Baldwin has been abducted by Garland Webb in a blackmail scheme designed to force her husband Jay-a high voltage lineman-to sabotage the electrical grid, shutting the power off for a quarter of the United States of America. It's a plot coming straight from today's news headlines; one that should concern, and frighten, each and every one of us, because it's so potentially real. *Rise The Dark* is a figurative call to arms for the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI and all local jurisdictions of law enforcement as well as power generation utilities all over the nation. It's a wake-up call for all of us, *because it's so damned real.* It's one of the greatest thrillers to come along in several decades. I hope all of you read it. The novel is scary, compelling and an absolute gas!

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WWI Document Preservation Day: Saturday, February 18th at the Time and the Valleys Museum – Local Photos, Documents and Stories Needed for Centennial Year Exhibit

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - July, 2017 is 100th anniversary of the first U.S. forces sent overseas to fight in World War I. The Time and the Valleys Museum will be honoring the men who fought in the war and the women who supported the troops by hosting a weekend of educational programming and exhibit on July 8th and 9th.

The Museum is currently seeking photos, documents, letters, stories, memories and other materials about local individuals from throughout Sullivan

County and the Catskills who participated in WW I to include in this exhibit. The exhibit will focus on the war's impact on local residents and highlight many local residents and their stories. Anyone with WWI materials are strongly encouraged to contact the Museum so that their family member, loved one or friend can be



Group of WWI Soldiers on a Postcard

remembered and honored for his/her WWI service during this centennial year.

Materials to be included in the exhibit can be brought to the **Museum on WWI Document Preservation Day on Saturday, February 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.** Researchers and staff will be on hand to speak further about the exhibit and accept loans, donations and scan and return materials during that time. Materials can be scanned and immediately returned if requested. All materials supplied will be carefully preserved in the Museum's archives for the future.

Materials can also be uploaded to the Museum's website www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org/support/share-with-us/ (2 GB limit per upload), or call 985-7700 or email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to set up an appointment to meet with a researcher.

For further information on the WWI exhibit please call 845 985-7700, email info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. The exhibit and weekend of programs is made possible by the Arts for Sullivan Decentralization Grants Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts and administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and a grant from the former VFW Post #8648 of Grahamsville.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.



Daniel S. Sagendorf
WWI Postcard

A Night for Celebration at Fallsburg High School Gymnasium (From Pg. 1)

When the Fallsburg team defeated Chester High School the previous Friday, Weeks scored 31 points. To break the record on Thursday, January 19, against Burke Catholic she needed 20 points. Prior to the Burke game that evening, Coach Redmond spoke with the referees and the Burke coach to okay it with them to stop the game if Diamond Weeks scored her 1000th point and make a short presentation of a special basketball and other mementoes of the occasion.

When Thursday night arrived, the Fallsburg home bleacher sections filled up quickly with a couple hundred students, families, alumni and community in eager anticipation of the opening tip-off. Everyone knew that history could be made, and every fan seemed to be holding a cell phone, with camera at the ready to capture the moment.

From the outset, it was apparent that Diamond was feeling the pressure. She missed a free throw and was not even close with her first few shots. It was agonizing as the game moved along through more than three quarters, with the record seemingly harder to reach. On a break-away with only a few minutes left, Diamond was racing down court with the ball, and the crowd was standing up watching her move to the basket. She shot and the ball went in, and there was a whistle. She would probably have a free throw for a three point play and get to within a basket of the record. But, the uproar in the stands died down because the whistle was for a traveling call against Weeks. So no basket, no free throw.

In the next minute, Weeks hit a long three pointer to pull within a bucket of the record. But time was winding down. Fallsburg had the ball out of bounds underneath the Burke basket and was about to throw the ball in when Burke's team went into a full court press for the first time that night, even though they were down in the game and had little chance to win with little more than twenty seconds remaining. Coach Redmond called a timeout to set up a play for his star shooting guard. The strategy also allowed Fallsburg to take the ball out at mid-court to negate the other team's pressure and save time to run the play.

With time running out, Weeks got the ball and made a move between defenders towards the hoop. She launched a four foot shot, and the ball dropped gently through the net. Four seconds showed on the clock as pandemonium shook the gymnasium. The game ended with fans screaming in the stands and soon flowing onto the court to join Diamond Weeks and the team in a river of pure joy. That last basket gave Diamond 20 points for the game and 1000 points for her career. Her family joined her at mid-court, her dad presented her with a huge framed photograph showing highlights from her years on the Fallsburg Comet team, and Coach Redmond gave her that special basketball with the names of her teammates and coaches. It was a wonderful night to remember at Fallsburg High School.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Question: "What is the EARTH without ART?"

Answer: "EH."



Since I am on political overload and feeling tenser by the news commentary, I have retreated into the sanctuary of art. To borrow a quote that expresses that feeling of fading into a tranquil realm of painting, I looked to the artists. It was Pablo Picasso who said, “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

At Watercolor art class today I managed to spend three solid hours, which passed like minutes, trying to get the right shade of purple for a rutabaga. The world dissipated as I concentrated on still life that included a yellow pepper. The myriad shades of yellow allowed me to forget walls, executive orders and terrorists. How lovely to be monochromatically blissful in shades of sunlight and not subjects of darkness.

Art doesn't have to be painting. It might be photography or music or simple arranging some fresh flowers in a vase. Just moving the sofa around to a different wall and layering a vintage quilt on the bed might brighten your mood.

Stella Adler concludes, “Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one.” It is time for America to discover its collective soul and begin expressing it on our canvas of daily life. It is time to pick up a paint brush, color with a child, sing along with the radio, compose a poem, improvise on an old recipe, wear an outfit of mixed plaids and paisley, and dance like no one is watching.

Facts, alternate or truthful, can crush us if we let them. Art lets us be who we want to be, or as Dr. Seuss stated, “Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.”

Frost Valley Launches New 2-Week Bear Grylls Survival Academy Summer Camp (From Pg. 1)

But more importantly, they discover camaraderie among new friends by encouraging and supporting one another through the most challenging parts of the journey.

This program has been so influential on all who have participated, that Frost Valley is now offering a 2-week Bear Grylls Teen Survival Camp for returning campers only, from July 16 to 28, 2017. The program will begin with a brief review of the outdoor skills that campers have learned in their prior experiences with Bear Grylls Teen Summer Camp. They will then move on to an overnight survival trek and a dynamic self-rescue experience back to base camp which will include a thrilling rappel down the 40-foot High Falls waterfall. After some time to relax, campers will then start into the more advanced and adventurous activities. Overall, this new 2-week program will include higher climbs, more in-depth challenges, and a three-day extended overnight survival trek. Due to its increased intensity, this new program is exclusive to previous Bear Grylls campers.

“This camp is the first of its kind. This is a great opportunity for teens who love Bear Grylls and other thrill-seekers to take part in a supervised wilderness survival course” says Jeff Williams, Bear Grylls Survival Academy Director.

Both the new 2-week program and the initial 1-week camp give campers a deeper appreciation for nature, while teaching leadership skills, and building strong character by allowing youngsters to overcome challenges within a supportive community. For details and registration, please visit: FrostValley.org/camp/bgsa-teen-summer-programs

Photos and interviews are available upon request. Please contact Director of Marketing and Communications Amanda Hinski at AHinski@FrostValley.org About Frost Valley YMCA

Frost Valley YMCA is a values-driven organization that fosters youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through outdoor educational and recreational programs for all.

Located in the heart of the Catskill Mountains, Frost Valley provides year-round access to nature and fun through programs such as summer camp, adventure trips, farm camp, equestrian programs, group and family retreats, school trips, teambuilding and more. Frost Valley is guided in this pursuit by its core values which serve as pathways for guests as they bond with nature and each other: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

DEC Finalizes Updated Unit Management Plan for Kenneth L. Wilson Campground

Plan Will Guide Future Management of Popular Campground for Next 10 Years The updated Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Kenneth L. Wilson Campground is now finalized, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

The campground, which officially opened in 1979, is located in the eastern Catskills, six miles west of the hamlet of Woodstock on Wittenberg Road in Ulster County. It is completely surrounded by beautiful mountains, includes a seven-acre lake for fishing and boating and a pavilion for picnicking. The Little Beaverkill flows along the campground's day-use area.

As part of the public review process, DEC held an Open House on 7/14/16 to provide information, answer questions, and get comments from the public on the Draft Updated UMP.

“Every year, DEC campgrounds are popular destinations for millions of New Yorkers and visitors from out of state who come to experience a variety of recreational opportunities and unrivaled natural beauty. I would like to thank the members of the community who came to the July 2016 Open House and commented on the draft plan that will guide future management of the popular Kenneth L. Wilson Campground in the Catskills,” said Commissioner Seggos.

The UMP proposes the following management actions:

- o construct Picnic Pavilion;
- o construct a universally accessible rustic playground;
- o rehabilitate bathrooms in camping loops;
- o install volleyball play area;
- o develop a multiple use trail system;
- o create dog walking area; and
- o conduct a feasibility study for re-establishing the beach at the campground.

Many who commented on the plan expressed interest in re-establishing the beach and swimming area at the campground. DEC maintained a beach and swimming area from 1979 to 2003 on Wilson Lake, but during that time, silt accumulated and aquatic vegetation colonized the swimming area, resulting in poor water visibility and unpleasant swimming conditions. In addition, Canada geese took up

residence, which resulted in unsanitary conditions and poor water quality. In 2002/03, DEC temporarily lowered the water level of the lake during the winter in hopes that an extended freeze would kill the undesirable aquatic vegetation, but that proved to be ineffective. DEC closed the beach and swimming area in 2004 due to continued unfavorable conditions.

In response to community interest, DEC will conduct a feasibility study to assess current conditions and explore options to re-establish the beach and swimming area at or near its original location at the south end of the lake. The study will address water quality, lake bottom conditions, waterfront safety, and wildlife concerns. After the study is completed, DEC will evaluate the feasibility of re-opening a swimming beach at the facility. The cost of the feasibility study is estimated at \$50,000.

A copy of the final Kenneth L. Wilson Campground UMP is available on DEC's website.

ERH Announces Gina Piccirilli Appointed to AAPCCA

Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that Gina Piccirilli, CPC, CPMA, Manager, Medical Records, has been appointed to the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) Chapter Association Board of Directors (AAPCCA).

The AAPCCA, the Governing Board for AAPC Local Chapters, is a non-profit association established to create, maintain, and sustain the infrastructure, through approachable and accountable representation, necessary to empower local chapters to function in support of the AAPC "Upholding a Higher Standard". The Board provides policy, rules, regulations, direction, and advice to the AAPC local chapters and is also charged with ensuring that the local chapters function in accordance with the mission of the AAPC.

“I am thrilled to be of service to my fellow coders and everyone else within this network of professionals,” said Piccirilli. “My plan is to remain teachable and give back to those that share the same passion that I have. The opportunity to bring this network to our small community and educate others is a pleasure and I am ready to get started in my new role.”

Gillibrand Urged the Federal Communications Commission To Approve New York State's Request for up to \$170 Million in Federal Funds for Broadband

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced up to \$170 million in federal funding to expand broadband access in Upstate New York. The federal funding was allocated through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America Fund to expand broadband deployment in underserved rural areas.

“Reliable, fast internet access should not be a luxury, it's a necessity in the 21st century economy,” said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. “Lack of affordable broadband service cuts off families and businesses from critical services. These federal funds combined with additional state funds will give our rural communities in Upstate New York greater access to the resources they need to get online and stay competitive in our digital economy, and I was proud to fight for this investment.”

Senator Gillibrand actively called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve the New York State waiver submitted for use of the funding through the Connect America Fund (CAF) in an effort to make high-speed internet service available to all New Yorkers. These funds were made available when Verizon declined to accept the allocation through the last CAF disbursement, denying the rural areas through New York State that are served by Verizon the CAF funds needed to build out improved broadband service. Last May, Gillibrand requested the FCC award these unclaimed funds to New York State.

Last year, Gillibrand introduced the Broadband Connections for Rural Opportunities Program Act, bipartisan legislation that would help close the broadband gap in rural areas to help ensure that all New Yorkers have access to high-speed Internet. The bill would expand resources available for building high-speed broadband infrastructure by creating a new program to combine grants and loans to help finance projects serving rural and tribal areas.

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Energize NY PACE Finance Program Launched in SC

(MONTICELLO) Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek is pleased to announce the launch of the Energize NY PACE Finance program in Sullivan County, New York. The program is designed to help commercial and not for profit building owners reduce their operating costs and increase the value of their buildings through clean energy improvements. Energize NY provides building owners with critical support, tools and low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that cut energy consumption, save money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Potosek said, "My staff and I have worked diligently to ensure businesses in Sullivan County would have access to this valuable program, which provides an opportunity for business owners and not for profits to make crucial investments in their properties and improve their bottom line. Energize NY PACE Financing is an important tool for the County and its business community as it provides access to affordable clean energy projects and represents a sound investment in building a sustainable future."

Energize NY services are immediately available to help building owners in Sullivan County to make clean-energy improvements. Improvements include a range of energy efficiency measures, including lighting, insulation and air sealing, heating and cooling systems, smart controls, energy storage and combined heat and power, as well as renewable energy installations such as solar PV, wind, biomass and

geothermal. Clean energy projects make financial sense for most buildings, including commercial, industrial, retail, mixed use, private schools and colleges, agricultural facilities, houses of worship, multi-family, and even in some cases single family homes. To be eligible for the program, facilities must be owned by a commercial or non-profit entity.

Luis Alvarez, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature, said, "I am excited for Sullivan County to join a growing number of New York counties in offering Energize NY PACE to its business owners and not-for-profits. Economic development is a top priority of the Sullivan County Legislature and this initiative fits well with our agenda. Improving our building stock with clean and efficient energy systems is not only good for business but also good for our environment."

The Energize NY Finance program uses an innovative form of financing called Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing, which has been used in 32 states nationwide. Unlike other loan products, Energize NY financing is repaid through an annual charge on the property's tax bill, which automatically transfers to a new owner if the property is sold. The financing is based on the property's ability to save energy, not on traditional credit measures. All Energize NY financings generate savings to the building owner on day one, with the annual energy savings exceeding the annual cost of the financing.

"We are looking forward to working with Sullivan County as they introduce their commercial and not-for profit building owners to the power of low cost, long term Energize NY PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements," said Mark Thielking, Executive

Director of Energize NY. "PACE financing is the perfect complement to Sullivan County's efforts to revitalize the historic tourism industry and will help the County and its residents realize the many economic, local development, environmental and public health benefits of reducing energy waste and increasing renewable energy."

The Sullivan County Legislature enacted Local Law Number 3 of 2016 to establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program in the County of Sullivan at their monthly board meeting on November 17, 2016. They then authorized an agreement with the Energy Improvement Corporation on December 15, 2016. Sullivan County joins 30 other municipalities in New York State that have signed on with Energize NY as a means to support their economic development and environmental goals.

The local law and the contract were both vetted by the Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee. Catherine Owens, Chairperson of the Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee, said, "The Energize NY Finance program provides a perfect opportunity for our business owners and not for profits to improve their operations and reduce overhead costs while simultaneously taking meaningful actions to protect our environment. Being a community that has historically benefitted greatly from having a beautiful and pristine natural environment, this program is a perfect fit for Sullivan County."

Energize NY is funded in part through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and aligns with Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision (REV) strategy to build a clean, resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers.

For more information about the Energize NY Finance program in Sullivan County, visit www.energizeny.org, or contact Energize NY directly at info@energizeny.org or (914) 302-7300. Local contacts for the program are Joshua Potosek. For further information about this press release contact Joshua Potosek, County Manager, at 845- 807-0450.

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"Mysteries of the Moon" (60 mins.) looks at the role the moon has played in the history of mankind. The moon was once worshiped as a god, used as a timekeeper by farmers, and provided a beacon for sailors at sea. The film also explores how it affects ocean tides and the behavior of animals, as well as the transient lunar phenomenon which has baffled scientists for centuries.


Immediately following the film, the Catskill Astronomy Club will host an outdoor public viewing session (weather permitting) to get a close look at the moon in its first quarter.


The program is suitable for children age 12 and up.


The cost of the dinner & film event is \$8.00 person, \$5.00/children under 16, to cover food cost. Advance registration is required, by calling Morgan Outdoors at (845)439-5507 before 12:00pm Saturday, Feb. 4th. Seating is limited, so first come, first served. Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor. Hours are 10 - 6pm Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat. and 10-4 Sunday. More details at www.morgan-outdoors.com


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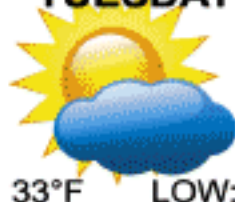
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Ulster Ballet Company's 34th Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE

On Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 34th Annual Festival of Dance, to be held at Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, NY. Since 1984, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night!

The Festival of Dance is an electrifying, explosive, and dynamic coming together of dance companies and dance styles from around the metropolitan area and around the region. There will be newcomers as well as returning favorites including Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company. ESDC is the resident dance company at the Egg in Albany, and will present Tumble, a work which premiered at the companies 25th anniversary performance last April.

Tickets for Ulster Ballet Company's Festival of Dance are \$25/adults; \$22/seniors and Bardavon/UPAC members; \$18/children 12 and under; and groups of 10 or more. Also, employees of HealthQuest, Health Alliance, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center, Marist, Bard, Vassar colleges, City of Kingston, County of Ulster, members of the YMCA, Kingston and NYC Police and Firefighters receive the group rate of \$18. Just present your employee ID or membership card to the box office when purchasing your tickets. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000. The UPAC box office is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Ulster Ballet Company is a non-profit organization that has been bringing area residents innovative and creative dance entertainment since 1977. For further information, visit www.ulsterballet.org or call 845-246-4316.

Join Local Artists at the NEWS 2017 Annual Member Exhibition



(From Left to Right) Local artists, Kate Hyden, Valerie Taggart and Elise Hornbeck will be among the artists who will have their art on exhibit at the SUNY Orange Community College on March 5

With 58 watercolor artists and 102 paintings, this exhibit begins on February 6 and runs until March 22nd. It is hosted by the Suny Orange Community College at the Orange Gallery and Loft. Gallery Hours are Mon-Thur 9am-8pm, Fri 9am-6pm (for additional hours and info cultural@sunyorange.edu) Orange Gallery is located at 24 Grandview Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940

A Reception on March 5th (with music and refreshments) from 1-4:15 pm will feature a watercolor demonstration by Lana Privitera at 2:30 pm; with awards presentation for the exhibition at the end of the demo.



(From Left to Right) Valerie Taggart, Elise Hornbeck and Ann Higgins discuss the upcoming exhibition while celebrating the birthdays of three of the members at the home of Elise Hornbeck. Kate Hyden, Elise Hornbeck, Valerie Taggart and Ann Higgins serve as Board Members of the North East Watercolor Society and will have their paintings on display at the NEWS 2017 Annual Member Exhibition.

Lana's own special paintings "Windows to the Past, will be presented on the wall of Orange Hall Gallery Fringe (additional info at www.northeastws.com).

Originally from Spain, Lana Privitera graduated in 1983 from the Fine Arts School of Zaragoza, where she majored in Fashion Design and Art History. After working in Advertising for a few years, she moved to the USA in the early 1990s. Lana is known for her luminous and realistic watercolors full of intricate detail. Since she feels a special affinity with History, her current portfolio consists mostly of small town scenes, local historical landmarks, and photo-realistic arrangements of treasured antiques and fruits.

Lana's work has been the recipient of many awards throughout the years. She is proud to be a Signature Member of the American Artist Professional League, the North East Watercolor Society, and a former Elected Member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society.

Lana has been an educator for over 15 years and is currently a Watercolor instructor at the Wallkill River school of Art in Montgomery, NY.

Frost Valley YMCA hosts the Northeast YMCA Camp Conference



On January 23-25, Frost Valley YMCA hosted the Northeast YMCA Camp Conference (NEYCC). The conference included a diverse group of attendees ranging from camp counselors to Executive Directors & CEOs, and included presenters that are experts in the Y Camping field. The NEYCC's conference goal is for participants leave with actionable knowledge - resources and tools that they can put into place at their own camps, instantly.

At the last night of the conference, Frost Valley's Director of Camp Wawayanda, Lindsay Hutchinson, was awarded the Program Innovation Award for the creation of the Core Values in Action program, as well as for Wawafest. Core Values in Action is a program that Frost Valley began in October of 2016, inviting and encouraging their staff, guests and local community to embrace their 8 core values and put them into practice in their daily lives. Throughout the school year, Frost Valley celebrates a different core value every month.

As February approaches, Frost Valley will be celebrating the core value of inclusiveness. If you have a story about putting our core values into action, please email lhutchinson@frostvalley.org. Thank you all for always incorporating the 8 Core Values into your everyday lives and sharing your stories!

Thank You, Quilters!



Members of the Calico Geese Quilting Club and other local quilters have been hard at work creating "fidget quilts" for residents at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center. A "fidget," "fiddle," or "busy" quilt or blanket is a small lap quilt that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless or "fidgety" hands of someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The quilts are colorful and have a variety of textures and features such as zippers and buttons to interest the user. Activities Department staff report positive results from use of the quilts with specific residents, including residents on the Center's Memory Care unit. The staff, residents and families of the Center extend their heartfelt "thanks" to the Calico Geese and the other local quilters for their hard work and thoughtful quilt donations. To learn more about the project, contact Julie at (845) 513-2117.

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Valentine's Cabaret Warms Up the Weekend

(Hurleyville, NY) Chase away the "winter blahs" and warm up your Valentine's Day Weekend as the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop serves up a heaping helping of music and desserts, sure to satisfy. The Valentine's Cabaret is presented in the style of '30s and '40s Jazz Clubs, but the music is from a broad variety of periods and musical styles and each singer brings their own unique flair. Performances are Friday and Saturday, February 10, 11 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 pm at the Sullivan County Museum, Art and Cultural Center at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Admission is \$10 and includes desserts and coffee.

Director, Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville has ably assembled a talented group of singers who are being accompanied by the versatile Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville on piano. Beautiful ballads and bawdy, belting numbers will make for a full evening or afternoon of entertainment. Featured performers are Shawn Bailey of Mileses, Karen Beals of Monroe, Mary Burkart of Ellenville, Renata Daria of Rock Hill, Terri Hall of Rock Hill, Tom Masciopinto of Monticello, Teri Paris of Parksville, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonkson, Mekayla Perneszi of Hurleyville, Amber Schmidt of Hurleyville, Lori Schneider of Hurleyville, Kim Schneeberger of Ellenville, Heather Strauss of Glen Wild and Stephanie Watson of Liberty.

Whether you've got a honey you're celebrating Valentine's Day with, you're flying solo or looking for a fun time out with friends, come in out of the cold for warm music (and delectable desserts!) Tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to curtain for each performance and can also be purchased in advance, online by logging on to www.ShowTix4U.com - it's recommended you plan on arriving early. Limited parking is available behind the museum and there's ample parking along Main Street. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.SCDW.net

Science Fair at TVCS

On Friday, February 3, from 6-8 p.m. (snow date Feb 10 6-8 pm) Tri-Valley School Elementary School Cafeteria will present a Science Fair. This is FREE Fun for all ages! There will be a variety of exhibits by students in grades 3-6!

Come see the Animal Alley Zoo, an interactive traveling zoo with Andrew Simmons, wildlife educator, with his golden eagle and other raptors and animal friends!

Visit the Tri-Valley Planetarium! ... and Mickelson's Famous Bubble Machine!

For additional information, contact Elizabeth at cheffyz@yahoo.com.

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Rocky's Refuge Valentine's Day Pet Pictures

Rocky's Refuge is a 501 c3 non profit animal welfare organization helping the community with low cost spay and neuter options. Valentine's Day Pet Pictures is a Fundraiser benefiting Rocky's Refuge that will be held on Saturday February 4th 11am - 2pm at the Tractor Supply on Route 52 in Liberty NY

Bring your well behaved leashed pets to get a Valentine's Day themed photo taken. You will receive an Emailed copy of your picture that can easily be printed. Suggested donation is between \$5 - \$10.

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Narrowsburg's Act Underground Theatre Company presents "The Savannah Sipping Society at the Cooperage"

On Saturday February 11 at 7:00pm and Sunday February 12 at 3:00pm, The Cooperage Project in Honesdale, PA will welcome ACT Underground Theatre to their stage. They will present The Savannah Sipping Society, a comedy in two acts, by Jesse Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wootan. Directed by the company's Artistic Director Wendy Kaufman, the play features four gifted regional actors, Colette Ballew, Kyoshin Penelope Lohr, Dorothy Hartz and Wendy Kaufman.

In this delightful, laugh-a-minute comedy, four unique women, all needing to escape the sameness of their day-to-day routines, are drawn

together by Fate--and an impromptu happy hour--and decide its high time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, spontaneous misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives. Together they discover lasting friendships and a renewed determination to live in the moment, and most importantly, realize its never too late to make new old friends. So raise your glass to these strong women and their fierce embrace of life and say "Cheers!" to this joyful and surprisingly touching Jones, Hope, Wootan comedy!

Executive Director Kyoshin Lohr and Artistic Director Wendy Kaufman bring their considerable professional theatrical experience with them to spearhead the second season of this new regional theatre, with an on-demand second production of The Savannah Sipping Society, originally produced in the spring of 2016.

This event is BYOB. Suggested donation: \$10 reserved, \$15 at the door. Reservations can be made by emailing info@thecooperageproject.org or call 570.253.2020

Special Recipient for Fall for Art 2017 Announced:

The Kingston Library

Kingston, NY, January 23, 2017: The Kingston Library (www.kingstonlibrary.org) has been selected as the special recipient for the 21st annual Jewish Federation of Ulster County's **Fall for Art** popular art show, sale and cocktail reception fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2017 at The Chateau in Kingston from 5:00-9:00pm. This fundraising event, which in 2016 attracted more than 400 attendees and raised more than \$24,000, supports many local not-for profits, including: the Hudson Valley Food Bank, Family of Woodstock, CASA, People's Place, Angel Food East, Jewish Family Services, and area synagogues, among others.

Thirty of the area's leading professional artists will be featured at the 2017 juried **Fall for Art** event. The Call for Entries (CFE) application is available at www.fallforart.org. On September 7th, representatives from The Kingston Library will be invited to select art from the show to be permanently exhibited at the Franklin Street facility. Since 1899, the Kingston Library has been dedicated to supporting and enriching the intellectual and creative lives of area residents. The mission of the Kingston Library is to be a vital center in our diverse community that inspires lifelong learning and empowers our citizens by providing free and equal access to information, ideas, books, and technology. Located in the heart of Kingston, the Library is a vibrant city hub where people of all ages and interests come to seek information, gain knowledge, exchange ideas and share experiences. The library strives to be a welcoming place where any interested individual can access a broad spectrum of literature, information and entertainment, experience art, attend workshops and performances, make use of computers and a wireless network, or simply enjoy the camaraderie of coming together in a shared space.

Fall for Art is made possible thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, patrons, ticket buyers and contributors. Sponsorships at various levels are now available and tickets will be on sale during the summer. Additional information about Fall for Art is available at: www.fallforart.org or from the Federation office at 845-338-8131.

Sullivan County Philatelic Society News

At the next meeting of the Sullivan County Philatelic Society we will have a DVD entitled "The Doctoring of Postage Stamps" making it a subject philatelists should become aware of!

The meeting will be held at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY on Saturday, Feb 4th at 1 pm.

We will also have our regular trading session, door prizes and give-aways. This meeting is open to the general public as well as collectors. We are looking to again exhibit stamp material of members and also any historical events held in Sullivan County.

Please contact Art at 794-2586.

Thank you for making our hobby continue.

SC Public Health Services, Grover Hermann Hospital and Drug Prevention Task Force Collects over 221 Pounds of Medication in Callicoon

On Saturday, January 21, residents came from all over the northwestern end of Sullivan County and elsewhere to participate in a drug take back event sponsored in partnership with the Grover Hermann Division of Catskill Regional Medical Center/GHVHCS in Callicoon. Thanks goes to the hospital for providing their security guards and a location.

Over 221 pounds were disposed of at the Dutchess County Recycling Plant. We are grateful to Catholic Charities of Orange and Sullivan Counties and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department for their partnership in the paperwork, transportation and destruction of these potentially harmful medications, many of which were prescribed opioids that were no longer needed by area residents and their families. Sponsoring these events helps residents understand that they can play a role in getting unwanted medications out of their homes and medicine cabinets when they are no longer needed, and also prevent the possibility of youth or others from misusing them.

The next DEA Drug Take Back event will occur in April. If our residents need to dispose of old and/or unwanted medications please call Public Health Services for Drop Box locations that are available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week in Sullivan County. The Sullivan County Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, a subcommittee of the Rural Health Network, meets at Sullivan County Public Health Services to discuss ideas for prevention strategies and outreach events.

For more information please call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845 292-5910 x 2222.

Faso Cosponsors Important Veterans, Conservation Bills

Congressman Faso cosponsors some important bills that will greatly benefit the lives of 19th District residents, including H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017, grants automatic Agent Orange exposure status to U.S. veterans who served on naval ships in waters around Vietnam during the Vietnam War. This legislation ensures that all veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange can receive the appropriate care for medical issues that are directly related to that exposure. I am concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has not done enough to protect these veterans who came into contact with harmful substances while serving our nation. H.R. 299's primary sponsor is Rep. David Valadao (R-CA), and is currently cosponsored by 67 Republicans and 81 Democrats.

H.R. 502, will permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I am proud to support this measure which permanently ensures funding that will be used to protect our forests, wildlife, recreational access and water quality. Protecting New York's most cherished spaces and safeguarding recreational access for our outdoor enthusiasts and sportsmen will remain a top priority for me. H.R. 502's primary sponsor is Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), and is currently cosponsored by 41 Democrats and 9 Republicans.

Both bills will move through the legislative process and hopefully become enacted laws.

Demolition of Route 213 Bridge Over Rondout Creek Part of \$27 million Project to Replace Six Bridges in Ulster County

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the state has surpassed the halfway mark in its \$542 million, Empire Bridge program, a key piece of New York's commitment to rebuilding critical infrastructure. The Empire Bridge program, administered by the New York State Department of Transportation, is replacing 100 aging, vulnerable, and out-of-date structures across the state. The remaining 47 bridges are under construction or are scheduled to begin work shortly.

Governor Cuomo was onsite today for the final demolition of the Route 213 Bridge over the Rondout Creek in the town of Marbletown, one of six state-owned bridges in Ulster County being replaced as part of a \$27 million design-build contract.

"We're taking an important step toward building a stronger future with new, state-of-the-art bridges to replace the aging and vulnerable structures along our network," Governor Cuomo said. "For too long state government was unwilling to take on ambitious projects - opting instead to make repairs which amounted to nothing more than temporary fixes to reoccurring problems. The Empire Bridge program and every infrastructure project we take on shows that New York is getting things done, and building our future for future generations to come."

The new bridges are located across the State. In addition to the 100 new structures included in the Empire Bridge program, eight bridges on Long Island have been retrofitted. Completion of the Empire Bridge program will afford residents of communities across the State stronger and more resilient bridges, and reduce the potential for highway travel delays and detours during heavy rains and floods.

Route 213 Bridge

The previous 275-foot, three-span structure over Route 213 that was demolished is being replaced with a new, single-span 230-foot structural steel bridge with a reinforced concrete deck and abutments founded on piles. The demolition of the old bridge involved the use of explosives placed on the structure to fracture the steel trusses. Work on the new \$12.4 million Route 213 Bridge includes the removal of the existing superstructure and substructure; replacement of the existing structures with new foundations, substructures, superstructure and approach slabs; and other approach work.

Sidewalks will be built to safely accommodate pedestrians traveling from the bridge to view the near-

by waterfall. Work on the bridge and its closure began earlier this month. Prior to today's demolition, the bridge decking was removed, limiting the amount of dust and debris that could fall into the creek. The bridge will remain closed with a detour in place while the bridge undergoes reconstruction. It is expected to be open to traffic by this summer.

The six Ulster County bridge replacements are utilizing Design-Build contracting. Design-Build allows for the combining of design and construction services into single contracts on vital infrastructure projects to save time on project completion and taxpayer money. Design-build provides cost certainty for the state with contractors assuming the risk for project delays and cost overruns.

Over 1,200 Organizations Across New York Receive Grants for Arts Programs - Funding Includes Arts Career Development Fellowships for Underserved Communities

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$41.26 million for cultural and arts organizations throughout the state. The grants were awarded to 1,230 organizations to support the creation of visual, performing, literary, and media arts, as well as arts education, economic development through the arts, and cultural programs for underserved populations.

"These grants reinforce New York's role as a global cultural destination, promote learning for all ages, cultivate creativity, and build community," Governor Cuomo said. "From world-renowned cultural centers like Carnegie Hall to high quality public art programs, in-school arts education, and free performances, New York is a hub of cultural activity and artistic talent, and we must ensure that art is accessible to all New Yorkers."

New York State Council on the Arts grants are awarded in 16 programs in all of New York's 62 counties.

The regional funding for the Mid-Hudson area is \$2,981,566.

Governor Cuomo Announces Approval of Largest Offshore Wind Project in the Nation

90 Megawatt Offshore Wind Farm 30 Miles Off the Coast of Long Island Will Create Jobs and Power 50,000 Long Island Homes with Clean, Resilient and Affordable Energy - Project is Part of Governor Cuomo's Clean Energy Standard to Secure 50 Percent of the State's Electricity Supply from Renewable Sources by 2030

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Power Authority voted to approve the nation's largest offshore wind farm, and the first offshore wind farm in New York. The approval of the South Fork Wind Farm, a 90 megawatt development 30 miles southeast of Montauk, is the first step toward developing an area that can host up to 1,000 megawatts of offshore wind power. The wind farm, which is out of sight from Long Island's beaches, will provide enough electricity to power 50,000 Long Island homes with clean, renewable energy, and will help meet increasing electricity demand on the South Fork of Long Island.

The vote comes two weeks after Governor Cuomo called on LIPA to approve the wind farm project and announced an unprecedented commitment to develop up to 2.4 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030 in his regional State of the State address on Long Island. The 2.4 gigawatt target, which is enough power generation for 1.25 million homes, is the largest commitment to offshore wind energy in U.S. history, helping to bring this valuable resource to New Yorkers at a scale unmatched in the United States.

"New York leads the nation in pioneering clean energy innovation, and this bold action marks the next step in our unprecedented commitment to off-

shore wind, as well as our ambitious long term energy goal of supplying half of all electricity from renewable sources by 2030," Governor Cuomo said. "This project will not only provide a new, reliable source of clean energy, but will also create high-paying jobs, continue our efforts to combat climate change and help preserve our environment for current and future generations of New Yorkers."

The LIPA Board approved a contract submitted by Deepwater Wind for the South Fork Wind Farm after a year-long process engaging the private sector for the best available clean energy generation ideas and detailed cost modeling. Other elements of LIPA's South Fork energy portfolio include transmission enhancements and additional clean energy solutions such as battery storage and consumer electricity demand reduction.

The LIPA Board approved a 20-year pay-for-performance Power Purchase Agreement, allowing the utility to only pay for delivered energy without taking construction or operating risk. Advancing technology and innovation reduced the projects all-in wind energy price to be competitive with other renewable energy sources.

In addition to today's approval for the South Fork Wind Farm, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority is continuing to develop an Offshore Wind Master Plan outlining the State's commitment to developing cost-effective offshore wind resources in federal waters off the coast of New York. The Master Plan, to be released in late 2017, will show how additional New York coastal sites may be developed responsibly and will set capacity targets and commercial operation dates for each site. The state will continue to work closely with coastal community members, the fishing and maritime industries, environmental advocates and other stakeholders to identify additional offshore wind energy sites to be included in New York's Offshore Wind Master Plan.

John Rhodes, President and CEO of NYSERDA said: "New York is leading the nation in developing offshore wind to provide clean, renewable energy and I applaud LIPA's approval of the South Fork Wind Farm. Offshore wind has great potential to help us achieve our ambitious clean energy goals under the Clean Energy Standard and Reforming the Energy Vision as well as the Governor's 2.4 gigawatt goal, and this project will reduce our carbon footprint and protect the environment for generations to come."

About Reforming the Energy Vision

Reforming the Energy Vision is Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's strategy to lead on climate change and grow New York's economy. REV is building a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers by stimulating investment in clean technologies like solar, wind, and energy efficiency and generating 50 percent of the state's electricity needs from renewable energy by 2030. Already, REV has driven 730 percent growth in the statewide solar market, enabled over 105,000 low-income households to permanently cut their energy bills with energy efficiency, and created thousands of jobs in manufacturing, engineering, and other clean tech sectors. REV is ensuring New York State reduces statewide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and achieves the internationally-recognized target of reducing emissions 80 percent by 2050. To learn more about REV, including the Governor's \$5 billion investment in clean energy technology and innovation, please visit www.ny.gov/REV4NY and follow us at @Rev4NY.

Assemblymember Cahill Issues Statement on ORDA Funding for Belleayre Mountain

"Belleayre Mountain is the economic engine in their region. Every public official knows that without question. As I have done every year since Belleayre was absorbed by the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), I will continue to fight to assure that Belleayre and the community receive a fair share of the ORDA capital investment. That was the promise made when the Legislature allowed Belleayre to come under the ORDA umbrella. I intend to require ORDA and the Governor to honor that promise," stated Assemblymember Kevin Cahill.

Loch Sheldrake Fire Department

2nd Annual Flea Market

Beat the winter blues and clean out your clutter at the 2nd Annual LSFD Flea Market, Saturday, February 4th, 10am-4pm! The Loch Sheldrake Fire Company, on Route 52, is excited to host this fun event that saw a sold-out vendor list and hundreds of shoppers last year. There will be hunting and sporting items, clothes and crafts, local businesses with great deals and so much more! Enter into the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day raffle, and enjoy some delicious food prepared by the Firemen! Only a few vendor spots left! Call 845 434 2724 to reserve yours today!

First Friday Book Discussion Group

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m. Please join the book club! Refreshments are provided by the members. February 3, 2017 book discussion: "The Auschwitz Escape", a novel by Joel C. Rosenberg

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Join Kiwanis for a Sit & Paint Party

The Woodridge Kiwanis Club will sponsor a Sit & Paint Party on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from Noon to 3:00 P.M. at Nardi's (Frankie & Johnny's) in Hurleyville, NY. No talent or experience is necessary. You will be guided step by step by the party hostess. Participants will leave with a unique piece of art that they created! Fun for the whole family. The cost is \$40.00 per person, which includes all paints, brushes, canvass, and hostess fee. Non-alcoholic beverages and hors d'oeuvres are included at no extra charge. Seating is limited to 40 persons so please make your reservations and payment no later than February 18, 2017. For further info, or to make your reservation, please contact Marie at 434-0767, or Diane at 434-7023. Checks should be made out to: Kiwanis Club of Woodridge, and mailed to: PO Box 722, Woodridge, NY 12789.

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 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
 845-985-7480

LEGALSPUBLIC NOTICE:

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for services to draft concept mountain bike and cross-country ski trail plans in the Shandaken Wild Forest and Belleayre Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area of the Catskill Park. Funding is provided from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Bids must be received by 4pm on February 24, 2017. For bid documents, please contact Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking a Program Specialist for our water quality programs. Must have a 4 year degree and/or construction related experience. Knowledge of Access, Excel, Word and ArcMap. The salary is between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Excellent Benefits. Please send a resume to Mr. Alan L. Rosa, P.O. Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455. EOE

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No Stressing Over This Test

Kingston, NY (January 25, 2017) - Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach is proud to share the results of New York State Comptroller DiNapoli's latest assessment of the financial stability of our local schools. Out of the 59 districts across the State that were designated as "fiscally stressed," none were found within Ulster County.

"It's a testament to the hardworking and fiscally savvy administrators, faculty, and school boards out there who have found ways to deliver a quality education despite tough economic times," said Auerbach. "Credit is due to the New Paltz Central School District in particular, which experienced a major decrease in its fiscal stress score, completely removing it from the Comptroller's list."

Over the past four years, NYS Comptroller DiNapoli has evaluated the economic health of the State's school districts through a monitoring and scoring system, which includes analysis as to year-end fund balances, borrowing practices, and operating deficits. Schools are subsequently designated as being in "significant fiscal stress," in "moderate fiscal stress," "susceptible to fiscal stress," or having "no designation."

"Fiscal stress in many school districts has declined, especially for those in the most severe condition," said DiNapoli. "School officials should be commended for working to keep their districts out of financial harm, but should be careful not to amass excessive levels of fund balance in order to do so."

A copy of the State Comptroller's report may be found at the following link: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscal-monitoring/pdf/fouryearschoools.pdf> A full listing of individual school district fiscal scores and stress designations may be found at the following link: <http://www1.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/fsms.cfm>

Mock Book Awards Held at Sullivan BOCES

LIBERTY - On January 19th, School Library Media Specialists from Sullivan Counties Schools met for the 10th Annual Mock Book Awards. The Mock Book Awards allows area Library Media Specialists the opportunity to come together to discuss and rate newly published school-aged books.

"This is my first time at the Mock Book Awards. It's just one more amazing program that BOCES has put together for us," said Amy Gargiulo, School Library Media Specialist at the Monticello Robert J. Kaiser Middle School. "I am so excited to be here and take this knowl-

TVCS Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and School Community,

The District has received a lot of attention this week by a student who tweeted a comment and a picture.

This action will have a long-lasting impact on both the District and the student. Social Media etiquette is at the utmost forefront of our District. We have a responsibility to teach our students and children about the lasting effects from a tweet, Face booking, YouTube, Google, Instagram, Snapchat, and the list goes on.

We, collectively as parents and a District, have a responsibility to remind our students that what you post on the internet is PERMANENT! If you don't want people to find it when you apply to college, find a job, or run for office, DON'T POST IT!

We take the safety of our students and staff very seriously and will continue our practices for that safety. If students make comments of any type that are derogatory, threatening, and/or interfere with the educational process of our students or staff, it will be dealt with accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support,
Thomas Palmer
Superintendent

edge back to my school and my students. I cherish this opportunity to collaborate with my colleagues, discuss books and bounce ideas off of each other. It is also a great way to hear about different titles to recommend to my students."

The awards are broken down into three categories, Newbery, Caldecott, and Printz. The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children up to age 14. The Caldecott Medal is given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The Printz Award is an award for fiction, nonfiction, poetry or an anthology that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature ages 12 through 18.

The following books were selected by the group as the best books for the 2016-2017 school year.

Newbery Medal:

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson
Honor Books: *What Elephants Know* by Eric Dinerstein
Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Caldecott Medal:
Prairie Dog Song by Cindy Trumbore

Honor Books:

A Piece of Home by Jerri Watts
Freedom over Me by Eleven Slaves
Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life by Ashley Bryan
The Cow Who Climbed a Tree by Gemma Merino
Are we there yet? by Dan Santat

Printz Medal:

The Bitter Side of Sweet by Tara Sullivan

Honor books:

Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry

For information about Sullivan BOCES' School Library System, please at call (845) 295-4090 or visit scooces.org.

News from the Hudson River Estuary Program Tributary Restoration and Resiliency: Request for Applications
Deadline: April 6, 2017 at 3 p.m.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced the availability of the 2017 competitive Hudson River Estuary Grants Program for Tributary Restoration and Resiliency to help communities in the Hudson River estuary watershed improve water quality, increase flood resiliency,

Letter from NYS Senator Bonacic

Dear Friends:

A recent National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) study suggests firefighters are at higher risk of cancers of the digestive, oral, respiratory, and urinary systems when compared to the general population.

These selfless men and women volunteer for the fire service because they want to keep our communities safe, without ever imagining the price they may pay years later after being exposed to the toxic substances they sometimes encounter in the line of duty.

I was pleased to recently support a Senate-approved measure to help further protect the health of volunteer firefighters who become sick due to the hazards they encounter from their service to the community.

The legislation would expand the benefits available to volunteer firefighters when they contract certain illnesses and cancers as a result of their dangerous work.

I am proud to have supported this legislation in the Senate on behalf of all our volunteer firefighters, and I hope that the Assembly and Governor will finally join us in providing these volunteers with the support and protections they deserve.

Sincerely,

John J. Bonacic
State Senator

cy, and conserve natural resources.

These grants will help communities remove dams or replace or right-size culverts to improve stream flow and to restore habitat connectivity in tributary streams of the estuary. Removal of these barriers and constrictions also will help with existing and projected impacts of localized flooding.

Tributary Restoration and Resiliency grants will fund three specific project types: construction projects to remove dams; engineering and planning to remove dams; and construction projects to remove/ right-size culverts.

To be eligible, projects must conserve or restore habitat connectivity for American eel or river herring in tributary streams of the Hudson River estuary watershed. Projects also must be designed to pass, at a minimum, a 1% annual chance storm (100-year flood) to promote flood resiliency.

The minimum award amount is \$10,500 and the maximum is \$1,000,000. To view the Tributary Restoration and Resiliency RFA, please visit the NYS Grants Gateway. For more information about this funding opportunity please visit DEC's website.

Merchant Discount Program Local Business

Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce will partner once again with local businesses to present the Merchant Discount Program. This program supports Sullivan Renaissance grant funded community projects throughout Sullivan County.

Sullivan Renaissance offers grants to community groups for beautification, community development, multicultural outreach and healthy community initiatives. Grant amounts range depending on the program and project. Businesses are invited to offer discounts that help grant resources go farther in this effort, while at the same time encouraging local spending. They set the savings amount - typically 10% to 20% or more. Participating merchants are publicized in news releases and on the Sullivan Renaissance website www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

To register for the program, businesses should contact Kathleen Capozzoli at Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452 or kcapozzoli@sullivanrenaissance.org. Businesses do not need to be chamber members to participate.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.



Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 2017 Trips/Events
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312
www.townofneversink.org

- Holiday Mtn Skiing/Snowboarding**
 Sundays Jan 1 to March 5
 Get your discount pass for \$6
- Fri-Feb 10 - Roller Skating Skaters World
 - Fri-Mar 17 Bowling Liberty Bowl
 - Tue-Apr 11 Jonah Sight & Sound
 - May 1 - May 5 Screen Free Week
 - Sat-May 13 Maritime Aquarium/IMAX Movie
 - Sat-June 3 Country Living Fair Rhinebeck Fairgrounds
 - Fri-June 9 Mamma Mia Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
 - Fri-June 16 Transportation to NYC
 - Fri-July 7 Swimming Beach Party Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 - Sat-July 22 New York State Museum
 - Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume
 - Fri-Aug 25 Back to School Fun Night
 - Fri-Oct 6 Annie Get Your Gun Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre
 - Nov 4-5 Wolf Lodge
 - Sat-Dec 2 Transportation to NYC

Stop by the Parks & Rec office on Tuesdays between 3pm and 6 pm to drop off your permission slips and payment. It is never too early to sign up for trips! Secure your seats today!



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.

2017 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle Schedule
 10 am - 2:30 pm

Jan 12	July 13
Feb 16	Aug 10
Mar 16	Sept 14
Apr 13	Oct 12
May 11	Nov 16
June 15	Dec 14

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

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

All Aboard!
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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- 2/1/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 2/2/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 2/4/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/7/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/8/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/14/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 2/15/17 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting 7:30 pm
- 2/18/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 2/20/17 Town of Neversink Holiday - **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- 2/20/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 2/21/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 2/28/17 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 6 pm in Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall

REMINDER: To all Tri-Valley municipalities, churches & community groups if you haven't sent in your 2017 Calendar of events, please send it so that we can continue to post your events and meetings on the calendar each week during the New Year.

Save the Date!

April 22, 2017 - Boy Scout Troop 97 **Fish & Chips/Chicken & Chips Dinner** - 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Neversink Fire House

May 6, 2017 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** 8:30-9:00 am Sign-in Grahamsville First Aid Building

June 7, 2017 **Rabies Clinic** 6-7:30 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds - for pets 3 months or older

Please note that the agenda for the upcoming Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education Meetings can be viewed at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/trivc/Board.nsf/Public>

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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.

TVCS "Little Sweetheart" Father-Daughter Dance

"Little Sweetheart" Father-Daughter Dance will be held on Friday March 10, 2017 from 6-8p.m at the Elementary School Gym. The cost - \$5.00 per Family. Young ladies in grades K-6 are invited to bring their dad, grandfather, uncle, older brother, or other male family member to escort them. Formal dress. (No jeans, please.) Snow Date: Saturday March 11th 6-8pm.

To register, complete the form below and return with payment to Tri-Valley PTO, Tri-Valley Elementary School Office by March Little Sweetheart Dance Registration Form (Complete one form per family.)

Adult's Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Names of children (grades K-6) in family who will attend:
 Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Teacher: _____
 Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Teacher: _____
 Name: _____ Grade: _____
 Teacher: _____
 _____ Payment Enclosed (\$5.00 per family, checks payable to Tri-Valley PTO)
 Food Allergies: _____

Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale Memorial Day Weekend

Residents of Sundown are planning to hold a "Miles and Miles of Yard Sale" event throughout the Memorial Day Weekend.

If you have a lot of 'stuff' that you want to get rid of - save it for that weekend and join the rest of us and have your own yard sale in your own yard. This is a great opportunity for those who live on those back roads to finally get noticed and have a yard sale!

If you want to get together with family, friends or neighbors in Sundown for a yard sale - that's fine, too!

We will be putting a map together of Sundown that will include all the roads in Sundown. The map will be published in *The Townsman* with instructions to 'spot' your location on the map and include times, details, etc. for your yard sale. You will send it back to us so we can prepare a final map with your information. The map will appear in the paper both of the two weeks prior to the Memorial Day Weekend. There is no cost to join the *Miles and Miles of Yard Sale*.

Keep watching *The Townsman* for updates on this event. We will also keep the public informed of what we are doing so they can plan their Memorial Day Weekend and put this Sundown event on their calendars.

Start cleaning that attic, garage and basement and get ready for the **BIG ONE!** - **Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!**

Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE for the Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner to be held at the Neversink Fire House on April 22th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert.
 Adults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00
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Don't want to watch Super Bowl football? Spend some quality time with your children and watch a great film on family love, values, and growth. A spoiled rich boy is lost at sea and rescued by a fishing boat, where hard work and responsibility help him become a man. Directed by Victor Fleming, and starring **Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Melvyn Douglas, Charley Grapewin, John Carradine, Mickey Rooney, Walter Kingsford.** Spoiled rich-boy Bartholomew falls off cruise ship, rescued by Portuguese fisherman Tracy (who won Oscar for role). Boy learns to love seafaring on crusty Barrymore's fishing vessel. Enthusiastic cast in this splendid production of Kipling's story. Scripted by John Lee Mahin, Marc Connelly, and Dale Van Every. Remade as a TV movie in 1977 (with Karl Malden and Ricardo Montalban) and 1996 (with Robert Urich). However, this one, showing now on TCM in our opinion is the best. Also shown in computer-colored version. **See this film on TCM starting at 6:00 PM Sunday evening Febuary 5, 2017, 117 min, B/W, rated TV-G, CC,**



Quiz: 1. Who played Manuel Fidello?
 2. Who played Dan Troop?

If you haven't had enough of classic films stay tuned your in for a real treat. First the best classic film ever made, at 8:00 PM the Oscar winning **Casablanca**, starring **Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Conrad Veidt, Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet, Dooley Wilson**, (Patriotism rises to destroy evil, 1942). At 10:00 PM the film version of the great Tennessee Williams Oscar winning play, **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (Drama, 1958) A family at odds with each other. Starring, **Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Burl Ives, Jack Carson** at 12:15 AM. Hailed as the second best Oscar winning classic film **Citizen Kane**, the unofficial story of William Randolph Hearst starring **Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Dorothy Comingore, Agnes Moorehead** (Drama, 1941). At 2:30 AM Oscar winning film **Coal Miner's Daughter** (Drama, 1980). The amazing true story based on the book by the wonderful country singer **Loretta Lynn**. A Musical autobiography of Loretta Lynn, who fought poverty and pills to become one of the greatest country western stars. Starring **Sissy Spacek, Beverly D'Angelo**, and last but certainly not least **Ulster County's own Levon Helm!** <https://www.levonhelf.com> - official site of **Levon Helm**, drummer for 'The Band' -Home of **Levon Helm Studios** is in Woodstock, NY.

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"Take Your Child to the Library Day" will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library on Feb 4.

Feb 18 - Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am- 1 pm

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