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Volunteers from around the Neversink Renaissance Completes One of Its Major Projects

Volunteers from around the community rallied to complete several beautification projects at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Two main areas were identified by the Neversink Agricultural Society for enhancement including the entranceways to the 4-H Building and Horse Barn. Ben Knight of Blooming Green Landscaping designed both gardens. The landscaping that extends across the front of the Horse Barn features a beautiful 24-foot garden that is edged by a hand laid stonewall. The construction of the stonewall was donated by the skilled workers of Darder Stone Works. The donated fieldstone used in this creation was handpicked by Renaissance volunteers from the farm of Jack and Carol Clark. Additional donations included a truck load of garden mix from Crystal Falls Farm and decorative stone from Woodbourne Lawn and Garden.



Volunteers Collect Fieldstone at Clark Farm

The 4-H Building entrance has a new shade garden that will welcome visitors. The garden design effectively utilizes existing mature shade trees and is edged with granite cobblestone donated by Blooming Green Landscaping. The building is used extensively at large Fairground events such as the Little World's Fair and Giant Pumpkin Party and has also been used as a wedding venue. The Fair Association is considering additional enhancements to this building which will add to its value as a community gathering site. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Lots of Sunshine! Lots of Sales!



Blue skies and sunshine enhanced the colorful Neversink Parks and Recreation Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday at the fairgrounds in Grahamsville.

There were bargains galore and something for everyone – found treasures at the yard sale tables and crafts, books, candy and more at the vendor and craft tables.

Thank you to Jamie Brooks for coordinating this annual fun event.



Rachel (top left) and Joyce (top right) show off their tattoos that were artistically created especially for them at Saturday's Neversink Parks and Recreation Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair!

Rachel is the daughter of Caryn Smith who was a vendor (Usborne Books & More) and Joyce is the daughter of Jamie Brooks, coordinator of the Neversink Parks and Recreation Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair.

The Country Travelers Old Time Country & Blue Grass Music

The Country Traveles, a trio, entertained at this past Saturday's Neversink Farmers' Market with some lively music. The Neversink Farmers' Market is opened every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Each week there will be different entertainment, fresh harvested produce from local farmers, locally raised Black Angus beef for the BBQ, and a variety of craft vendors including wood carvings and wood designs, jewelry, handcrafted herbal products, garden plants, flowering plants, exotic succulents, locally produced maple syrup products and honey products, and baked goods.



A variety of food is available to enjoy at the Farmers' Market while you listen to music, chat with friends or just take a break to sit and relax. Good coffee is always fresh inside the Neversink General Store, too. (Cont.d Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Nehemiah 9:20

COLLEGE NEWS:

Bradley VanAken graduates from Paul Smith's College

Bradley VanAken of Sundown, N.Y., graduated from Paul Smith's College in May 2017. VanAken earned a bachelor of science in forestry from Paul Smith's, which is located in the Adirondack Park in upstate New York.

Allison Ryan of Shandaken to Attend Clarkson University

Allison A Ryan of Shandaken, N.Y., a graduate of Onteora Central Junior-Senior High School, will attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., as a member of the Class of 2021. Ryan, who will be majoring in electrical engineering, will begin studying at Clarkson in the fall.

"We look forward to having Allison join us on campus in August," said Vice President for Enrollment and Student Advancement Brian T. Grant.

Andre Davidson Named to Morrisville State College Dean's List

Morrisville State College recently announced that Andre Davidson, Liberal Arts and Sciences - Humanities and Social Science - AA of Ellenville, NY was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester.

Ian Oglesby graduated from Purchase College

Ian Oglesby, of Ellenville, NY, graduated from Purchase College with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: Legal Studies on May 19. The graduates were joined by thousands of family members, friends, college faculty, and staff members who came together to celebrate their achievements.

Elizabeth Loarca Graduates from University at Albany

University of Albany congratulates Elizabeth Loarca of Hurleyville, NY, 12747 who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology in Spring 2017.

DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

July 10, 1957 - Comptroller Arthur Levitt last week announced that he had approved the application by the town boards of Denning, Ulster County and Neversink, Sullivan County to establish Claryville Fire District in those towns. A volunteer fire company is being formed.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Parrow of Grahamsville, have a son born at Liberty Maimonides Hospital Friday, June 28, 1957 at 3:45 a.m. His name is Jay William and he weighed 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. Mr. Parrow is on the Tri-Valley staff.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Earl Kortright, whose sister, Mrs. Marion LaBagh, passed away last week.

July 19, 1967 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coombe became the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Cheryl, on July 9, 1967 at Ridgewood, N.J. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe are the paternal grandparents.

A daughter, Bridget Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Matthews on July 9th at Liberty Loomis Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 3 1/2 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilson VanWagner of Claryville and paternal grandparent is Mrs. Ruth Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hogan of Big Hollow Road became the parents of a boy, Jeffrey Andrew, on July 11th. Jeffrey weighed 9 lbs.

July 28, 1977 - Ten of the original thirteen

members of the class of 1952 met last weekend in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their graduation from the Tri-Valley School. Class members and their spouses gathered Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krum of Grahamsville before driving to the Cobblestone Inn in Walker Valley for dinner and dancing. On Sunday the group held a family picnic at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds.

July 16, 1987 - About 100 friends and relatives of Mae and Ralph Brackman gathered at the Reformed Church Hall to help them celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 11th. It was given to them by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vernooy of Ulster Heights. Among those attending were their two grandchildren, Keith Ferber of Pennsylvania and Carla Leyden of Claryville, as well as Inez Gridley, Mae's first teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith of Woodbourne are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Susan to Mr. Harry Hyndman of San Antonio, Texas. Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hyndman of Hebron, Indiana, is presently serving with the U.S. Air Force as a Medical Technician at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. Wendy is completing a Master of Arts degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. A December wedding is planned.

NOISES OFF is ON for ONE WEEKEND ONLY

The hilarious comedy, NOISES OFF will be ON for ONE WEEKEND ONLY - July 14, 15, 16! The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is so excited to present its version of "Noises Off". Don't miss this hysterical farce - laughter is so curative.

The cast of "Noises Off" is made up of lots of local talent: Sally Gladden (Woodridge), Melissa McTague (Loch Sheldrake), David Mossey (Middletown), Andrew Nagoda (Forestburgh), Jennifer Nolan (Cragmor), Ellen Pavloff (Kerhonkson), Mekayla Perneszi (Hurleyville), Josh Rosengrant (Loch Sheldrake) and Amber Schmidt (Hurleyville) all under the able direction of Jim Schmidt with Lynne Porter as Producer. Performances of "Noises Off": are on Friday & Saturday, July 14 & 15 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 PM at the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Route 42 (Main Street), South Fallsburg. Tickets are \$18 for Adults, \$14 for Seniors (60+), Students with a valid Student ID and Military/Veterans. Don't miss the Opening Night Special (Friday, July 14) all tickets are \$10. Tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance or you can purchase them online in advance by visiting www.ShowTix4U.com. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto www.SCDW.net

Card Party Deals
Out a Fun Afternoon

On Monday, July 31, from noon to 4:00 pm, Temple Sholom will hold its annual card party at the Blue Horizon Diner in Monticello. Organizers Paula Schroeder and Sue Horowitz invite all community members to gather their friends around a table and enjoy an afternoon of mahjong, bridge, canasta, and socializing. In addition to the table games, attendees will enjoy a full luncheon of soup, salads, coffee, tea, and desserts. Raffles and door prizes will add to the fun.

A donation of \$21.00 per person will benefit Temple Sholom. To reserve a spot or for more information, call Sue at 845-796-3777 or Paula at 845-794-2314.

Temple Sholom's annual card party promises to be as much fun this year as last year, as illustrated by these mahjong buffs: Left to right, Barbara Sklar, Gladys Graff, Barbara Goodman, Sue Horowitz

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Sadie Minarsky, daughter of Jimmer and Sheri Minarsky and granddaughter of Eileen and Jim Minarsky, recently graduated from high school in Montrose, PA. She plans to go to Westchester College in PA to major in history.

The 4th of July was such a beautiful day! I'm sure many of you were able to enjoy picnics or barbecues with family and friends. Our family always gets together on the 4th and in the evening we shoot off some fireworks. Of course, Independence Day is more than fireworks, barbecues and a day off from work. When we celebrate Independence Day we are also celebrating the right of a free nation to govern themselves free from dictatorship.

Have you watched the nightly news on TV lately? It seems all you hear about is drive-by shootings, road rage incidents or muggings. Maybe it's because we live so close to the "Big Apple", but surely there must be some positive things that go on in the City. Of course, it is said that negative news sells more papers. I like to watch the channel 7 news with David Muir at 6:30 each evening. He always ends his half hour of news reporting on a very positive note. It's nice that someone like David comes along once in a while and fluffs us up with words of encouragement and reminds us that there is still a lot of good things going on around us.

Hearing Aids: A salesman was trying to interest a country store owner in a hearing aid. "I get along with something a lot cheaper than that gadget," said the countryman. "Wait here and I'll show you". He vanished for a moment and returned with a tiny wire, without apparent connections, running from his coat pocket to his ear. "This," he announced proudly, "only cost me a few cents." "But how can that wire help you hear?" asked the puzzled salesman. "You'd be surprised," said the store owner. "When folks see this, they talk louder".

Words of Wisdom: A word of encouragement at the right moment may be the turning point for a struggling life.

Oh Lord, Bless the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night. (Caroline Schroeder)

Join the Thrift Ministry Team at Grahamsville United Methodist Church Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are currently being recruited to assist with the Thrift ministry of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. The mission of the Thrift ministry is five-fold:

1. It provides an opportunity for people of our community to recycle their clean, gently used clothing and household items fostering positive stewardship of resources.
2. It makes quality, used clothing and household goods available at affordable prices to those with a thrifty nature and/or limited means.
3. It serves as a gathering place for the community where people can meet, shop and get acquainted.
4. It serves as a clearinghouse for needed items that can be funneled to other community agencies and organizations as appropriate.
5. It provides a source of financial support for the mission and ministry of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

Volunteers are needed in three specific areas:

1. To tote and carry donations from the nearby storage shed to the appropriate Thrift building floor.
2. To sort and display donations within the Thrift building.
3. To staff the Thrift building during Tuesday or Saturday sale days.

The Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Ministry is a valued asset to our community and recruits are needed to maintain this special community outreach. If you are interested in joining the Thrift Ministry team, please call the church (985-2283) for further information.

Sundown Community from Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales

The Sundown Community Memorial Day Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sale was so successful we are inviting all those who live in the Tri-Valley are to join the Sundown Community and celebrate the **Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales!**

We all know the procedure now. If you are interested in participating in the July 29 & 30th **Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles and Miles of Yard Sales** event, just fill out the form on page 13 and mail it to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or send us an email at: tvtownsman@yahoo.com and let us know your location, time of sale, etc. and we will add your listing to the list that will be published in the July 27th issue. You must get your information to us by July 21st. Any questions, send us an email at: tvtownsman@yahoo.com.

The big annual event planned for that weekend is the **Time and the Valleys Museum's Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a **Chicken BBQ**: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Grahamsville Fairgrounds. **FREE** admission and **FREE** parking for the fair.

The **Old Time Fair** is an annual fundraiser and takes place rain or shine. The fair features old fashioned activities such as corn shucking, the very popular skillet toss and games for both children and adults. There are also demonstrations of old time crafts as well as vendor booths of local craftspeople and merchants. There is live music to entertain you throughout the day and the ever popular pie auction will be held before the kick off of Miller's Famous Chicken Barbecue dinner. With fair food galore, plenty of free parking and free admission this event will be a day of fun to be long remembered.

If you plan to visit the **Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** you may want to stop by a few yard sales along the way.

... or, if you are a yard sale lover and are in the area, be sure to stop by the **Old Time Fair**, and the **Farmers' Market in Neversink**. Both events are **free** and there is plenty of **free parking!**

And don't forget the Blue Hill Lodge and Café. They are opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy their **Weekend Specials** or choose from their great menu! If you are planning lunch or dinner, enjoy a glass of wine or a cold beer - they have some great choices including Russian beer.

Campers and visitors to the Blue Hole, this is a great opportunity to get to know the area and all the activities available to enhance your vacation. Remember to gas up at Neversink General Store on Saturday so you only have to take one trip into town and can enjoy some fun along the way including the **Time and the Valleys Museum** in Grahamsville is open through Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. Current exhibitions: **Water and the Valleys**, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactivities such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more; **Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story**, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactivities, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel; and **Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s**, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The **Neversink Renaissance Barn Quilt Tour** is available anytime and the **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** will be held on July 20th. Watch the **Townsman** for different activities and events throughout the summer and be sure to spread the word about all the fun that is available in the Tri-Valley area.

Events and points of interest that will be available every weekend are: **Time and the Valleys Museum**; The **Neversink Renaissance Barn Quilt Tour** (brochures for the tour are available at the Grahamsville Deli, the Neversink General Store, the Blue Hill Lodge and Neversink and Denning Town Hall). Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm get fresh produce and more at the **Neversink Farmer's Market** on Rt. 55 in Neversink (parking lot of Neversink General Store). The **Claryville Art Center** is now showing the creations of artist **John Bradford** and world famous artist **Alex Kaletsky**; The **Claryville Art Center** is right next to the **Blue Hill Lodge** that is opened for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy good food and a refreshing cold beer with your meal or a relaxing glass of wine.

If you are waiting for a parking spot at the **Blue Hole** - don't waste time - have some fun while you wait!

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Summertime and Snails

With the warm humid weather, anyone with a garden is quite aware of the presence of slugs and snails. The difference between a common slug and a snail is the snail has a conspicuous shell allowing the snail to completely retract into for defense.

Freshwater snails that are found in the eastern United States are only one of fifty thousand snails worldwide that live on land and in water.

Snails, both land and water, that live in the Catskills are small with shells measuring an inch or less. Some are spiral shaped, some coiled. All are herbivores; they eat only plants.

Snails travel in stomach-foot muscle and belong to the family Gastropods (gastro - stomach, poda - foot).

Water snails move everywhere in the shallows of lakes, rivers and ponds, climbing up waterweed stems, gliding along the underside of lily pads and swinging through the water on mucous threads.

Land snails crawl over ground leaving a trail of shiny mucus that protects their soft bodies from sharp objects. They get back home by retracing the mucus trail.

Four hundred million years ago some snails left the ocean for tidal rivers and adapted to life in fresh water by breathing air with gills or storing oxygen in special lung sacs.

Snail shells are hardened secretions of calcium-making glands in the body or mantle and spiral around an axis called columella. The final shape, spiral or round coil of the shell opens to the right or left, though most snails are right-handed.

To determine whether a snail is right-handed or left-handed, hold the shell with the opening up and the pointed end away from you. The opening usually faces right. Do the same thing for left-handed snails.

Many water and land snails make a shell door or operculum for protection when resting or when danger threatens. When the snail draws back into its shell, the door comes last, tightly closing the opening.

Water snails have a head with two feelers, each with a tiny black eye at the base. Land snails have four feelers, two long and two short, with eyes on the ends of the long ones.

Snails have several jaws on the roof of their mouth and a flexible tongue (radula) below which is covered by rows of sharp hooks and teeth that scrape algae off waterweeds or chew wee bites of green plants on land. Scientists use the different shapes and arrangements of these tiny teeth to identify snails.

Most snails lay eggs in jelly masses and stick them on rocks or debris in water or on land. You can clearly see babies moving around in their capsules. Other snails bear live young complete with shell that crawl away immediately.

It's fun to set up an aquarium for watching snails. They can be collected quite easily in ponds. To make a small aquarium, put a layer of sand on the bottom of a large glass jar, plant a few waterweeds (from a pond or pet store) and add some green algae scraps. Algae grow on the glass sides and become favorite places for snails to graze. Add your snails and watch and wait. Snails will eventually lay eggs on the glass sides of the vessel. You can watch the babies develop by using a magnifying glass to see them.

Water snails get eaten by frogs, turtles and most fish except trout. Land snails are relished by deer, birds and raccoons. Even people eat snails called escargots in restaurants and find them very tasty.

What Kind of House is This?

It hasn't any windows, it hasn't any doors
Although it has a ceiling, it hasn't any floors
Was built without a builder, a hammer or a nail,
Because you see, this funny house,
Belongs to Mr. Snail.

Household Hints

Skunked????

If your dog or cat should have a run-in with a skunk, vinegar will take care of the smell better than even tomato juice. Using vinegar diluted 50% with water, rub the cat or dog's fur. Rinse with warm water. Repeat as needed.



Crime Song

Mysterious Book Report No. 295

by John Dwaine McKenna

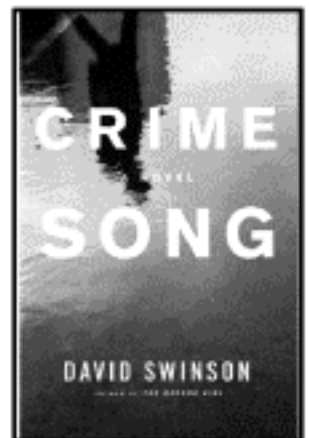
Last winter, in MBR No. 275: *The Second Girl*, we introduced our audience to an ex-Washington D.C. cop turned crime-fiction writer named David Swinson, who's created one of the best anti-heros to come down the pike in, I dunno, like forever. He's a retired D.C. cop turned private investigator named Frank "Frankie" Marrs. The fictional character is a man with a habit, a former Narc, now a narcoholic, always jonesing for a snort or a swig, or a 1 mg Klonopin to even things out. He's a man who's living a lie. He wants to stay on the side of the angels, but he's made a deal with the devil, and Frankie's in league with him. Now, we're happy to report that Frankie's back, in a second installment.

Crime Song, (Mulholland Books/Little Brown and Company, \$26.00, 354 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-26421-1) finds Frankie getting perilously low on cocaine, just as his addiction to it is growing larger. He'll have to score soon, or run out. That's unthinkable. He needs to identify a dealer . . . and rob him. But before he can do it, his Aunt Linda calls with a request for him to check up on his cousin Jeffrey, who's been cutting classes at George Washington University, and now has to attend summer school. Although reluctant to mix family and business, Frankie agrees, because his aunt was his surrogate mother after his own mother died and Jeffrey is like a little brother. Although worried about replacing his rapidly diminishing stash of cocaine, Frankie focuses his attention on the nephew, tracking him to a popular nightclub run by a moonlighting cop named Willie Jasper . . . where Frankie watches his cousin Jeffrey engage in some low-level drug trafficking. Then Frankie's home is burglarized. All of his electronics are stolen, including his collection of vinyl albums that belonged to his deceased mother, but worse than that a .38 caliber pistol is missing from his bedroom and used to murder Jeffrey. His dead body left in a pool of blood on the floor of Frankie's ransacked house. It then becomes a race against time as Frankie tries to prove his innocence, find his cousin's killer, defend his life against some crooked cops who're determined to kill him, redeem himself with his Aunt Linda, girlfriend Leslie and cop buddies . . . while at the same time concealing his addictions and duplicitous double lifestyle. And, oh yeah, somehow, somewhere, some way . . . replacing all that illegal white powdery stuff he's been sticking up his nose like a madman. Frank Marrs is a man without a plan, on a collision course with disaster, unless he can somehow slip out of the ever-tightening figurative noose he's got around his neck. If you like 'em hard-boiled and then some, Frankie's your guy for awesome summer reading!

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Boating Accident on Swinging Bridge Reservoir

On Sunday July 2, 2017 at approximately 10:00 PM, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a boating accident on the Swinging Bridge Reservoir in Monguap Valley, NY.

Witnesses advised that a speed boat collided with a pontoon boat mid channel, in the vicinity of the Starlight Marina. The speed boat quickly sunk after the collision and the two occupants were rescued by the pontoon boat. When the pontoon boat brought the speed boat passengers to shore, the speed boat passengers suddenly jumped off the pontoon boat and fled into the adjacent woods. Sheriff's deputies conducted a search of the area overnight with negative results. The two occupants of the pontoon boat were taken to Catskill Regional Medical Center. One was treated for a fractured shoulder and the other a leg injury.

Early Monday morning a local fisherman located the submerged speed boat in approximately 50 feet of water using side scan sonar. The Sullivan County Dive Team was called to the scene but was unable to enter the water due to an oil and gasoline leak from the submerged vessel. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Ulster Hose #5 and state police Dive Teams were contacted for mutual aid. These units have the proper gear to protect their divers in situations where the water has become polluted.

The sunken speed boat was raised up using air bags and at about 3:00 PM was floated to shore.

Sheriff Mike Schiff thanked all the first responders who came to the scene to assist. "It is a real tribute to our emergency service members when you get so many of them to show up, even though it is a long the Fourth of July Weekend", said the Sheriff. Both boats are being impounded for forensic examination.

The occupants of the speed boat have not been heard from since they fled the scene. Anyone with information regarding this accident is urged to call the Sheriff's Office at 845-794-7100 or the confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158. All calls will be kept confidential.

Sustainability Comes Into Its Own on County Website

Monticello, NY - Want to find out how to save money on energy? Or what Sullivan County is doing to explore and invest in green technologies? It's all to be found within the new Office of Sustainable Energy's (OSE's) pages on the Sullivan County website!

"We're incredibly excited to debut our online offerings, which provide not just valuable information but useful documents and forms, staff biographies and links to other informative sites," says Sustainability Coordinator Heather Brown. "Our goal is to encourage sustainable practices throughout Sullivan County, and our new website makes that easier than ever!"

Visit co.sullivan.ny.us, then select the drop-down menu under "I Want To ... Find a Department." Pick "Office of Sustainable Energy," and then choose what you're seeking from the (appropriately) green Office of Sustainable Energy box on the left:

- "Staff" gives you the experience and credentials of the three key members of OSE: Heather Brown, Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart, each of whom possess a unique set of talents but share a common friendliness and approachability

- "Sustainability Initiatives" provides a rundown of Sullivan County government's energy-efficiency projects and policies

- "Climate Smart Communities Program" shows how far the County has come in being certified as a Climate Smart Community - and explains what that is

- "Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Reimbursement" details this new County incentive program for installing electric vehicle charging stations throughout the region

- "Resources" is just that: a collection of links and information on energy efficiency, electric vehicles and renewable energy, with several resources tailored just for farms and municipalities

- "Funding Opportunities" takes you to a comprehensive list of programs and incentives to cut down on the cost of installing and operating greener technologies

- "Documents and Forms" is a group of policies, forms and applications useful for residents, business owners and town/village leaders

OSE, of course, also welcomes phone calls and emails via 845-807-0578 and heather.brown@co.sullivan.ny.us. Let them help you reduce costs and become a part of a cleaner, greener community!

We've Got Jobs!

Whether you're seeking full- or part-time employment, whether you have a skilled degree or not, Sullivan County has a variety of job openings for those who want to put their talents to work. From management, marketing and nursing positions to summer-only positions, we're constantly looking for folks to help us better serve the taxpayers. So join us! First take a look at our current slate of openings at <http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsNZ/Personnel/JobOpportunities/tabid/3221/Default.aspx>. Then fill out an application online or in person at our Personnel Department, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. Need help applying, creating a resume or finding the job that's right for you? Our Sullivan Works One-Stop Career Center is a free resource, staffed with friendly people who can help you get where you want to be! Visit them at 50 North Street in Monticello, or call 845-794-3340. Find your spot in county government!

Shared Minds

Following NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo's initiative, Sullivan County and its component towns and villages are exploring new ways to share services and personnel.

"We're looking at everything from tax collection and assessing to payroll and purchasing," County Manager Josh Potosek explained.

The law signed into effect in May by Governor Cuomo makes Potosek the chairman of a new Shared Services Panel, a monthly meeting of the 15 town supervisors and 6 village mayors. A tentative plan will be presented to legislators later this year, followed by public hearings.

The next Panel meeting is set for Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Government Center in Monticello. County joins forces with BOCES, college.

SC Back on the Map for Large-scale Hospitality

With the Resorts World Catskills casino and the Veria Lifestyle resort the most prominent examples, Sullivan County is back on the map for large-scale hospitality. And so we're scaling up our preparations accordingly. In conjunction with Sullivan County BOCES, SUNY Sullivan and the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, the County's Center for Workforce Development is spearheading an initiative to train local BOCES and college students in the art and science of hospitality, while ensuring they have reliable, affordable transportation to their workplaces.

Tax Auction Generates Interest

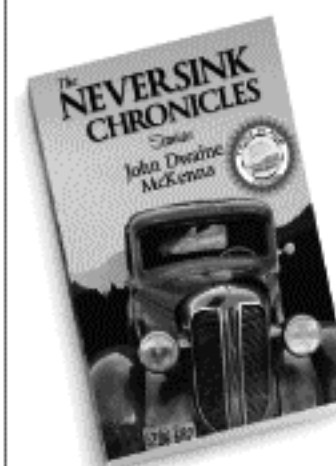
Sullivan County Treasurer Nancy Buck announced that the 2017 Sullivan County Tax Foreclosure Real Estate Auction conducted Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15 by NYSAuctions.com resulted in 260 of 303 parcels tentatively sold, pending necessary legislative approvals and closings.

"We had crowds on both days, with a lot of interest," she stated. "And the bids exceeded the outstanding taxes."

The delinquencies on those 260 properties totaled \$1,540,566.74. The Sullivan County Legislature met Tuesday, June 20 to approve/reject the purchases. (Please note that the sale of properties owned by the villages must be approved by their respective boards, as well.)

Got a question?

Try your legislator first, by calling the Sullivan County Legislature's office at 845-807-0435. They can direct you to your representative, who is elected to serve you. Or look up who you're seeking directly, via the County's website: co.sullivan.ny.us Sullivan County Manager's Office Joshua A. Potosek, MBA 100 North Street Monticello, NY 12701(845) 807-0450



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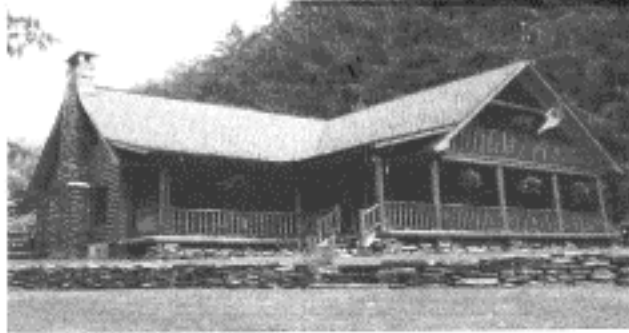
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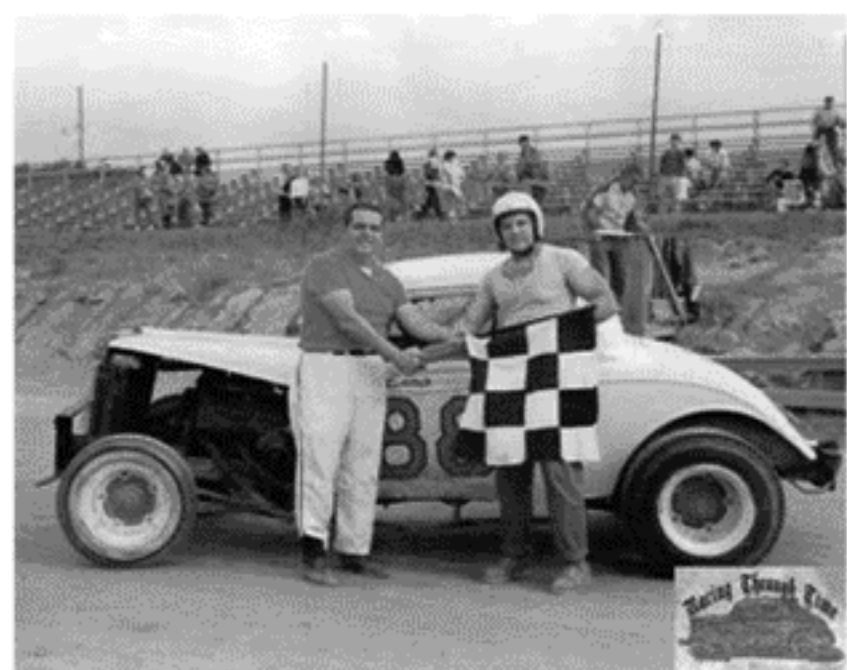
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Saturday, July 15, 2017 - 10 a.m. - Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount 12441 845-254-5600 - **Belleayre Music Festival Presents** Ricky Gordon Sextet with Blues Maneuver July 15, 2017 6:30 p.m.

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rosendalestreetfestival.org

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at Freeport Stadium became my family's regular outing. My father loved the races; my mom got a night out; my brother and sister got to stay up past bedtime and enjoy the popcorn and soda that accompanied the adventure. Me, I spent most of my time people watching and flirting with teenage boys. I do recall, however, the excitement that came with the combination of stadium lights, a dusty dirt track, the roar of engines and the palpable rush as the cars came around the tight turn where my father always chose to sit.

When we came to Boiceville, we took our own boys to the Accord Speedway and watched John Parete and Richie Parete race their mini-sprint. We probably saw Ernie Beesmer's son Phil race there too, but that was before Ernie, Brenda and Phil became our friends.

Ernie Beesmer passed away last fall at age 80 leaving a legacy of racing history behind. His signature stock car was "88" which was owned by his brother Donnie. Ernie won seven victories in the Sportsman division at Orange County Speedway in Middletown, New York. Back then it was known as Victory Speedway.

He won twelve times at Accord between 1964 and 65. He was the 1964 champion at Accord and won twice at Lebanon Valley in the Modified division. He also took top honors at Onteora Raceway (which he helped to build), Grahamsville and White Lake Speedways. In 2014, Ernie was inducted into the Dutchess County Sports Hall of Fame.

Ernie was buried in Tongore Cemetery near the site of the old Onteora Race Track that is now the Town of Olive Soccer Fields. There will be a memorial race in honor of Ernie at Accord Speedway on August 4.

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

SC's Latest Solar Array Now Operational

Now operational, the County's latest solar array covers 10 acres off Sunset Lake Rd. Solar array is live in Liberty What's quiet but always active, ever hungry but never eats, and generates energy without moving a muscle? A solar array, of course, and Sullivan County boasts one of the newest fields of sunshine-seeking panels in New York State! Located on a hill overlooking the Adult Care Center (ACC) and Social Services Complex along Sunset Lake Road in Liberty, our new 10-acre solar array has already generated more than 278,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity since May, providing low-cost, environmentally friendly energy to the ACC, the Shared Health Clinic and a half-dozen other County facilities. The array is one of an increasing number of solar projects in New York,

which has seen rapid growth in the industry in recent years. Through the NY-Sun initiative, the project was built by SolarCity with no upfront capital costs incurred by local taxpayers. While Sullivan County owns the property, SolarCity owns and operates the array itself, and the County purchases electricity from SolarCity for use in its facilities, at an estimated savings of \$75,000 a year. "We are one of the leaders in the turn to green, renewable energy in New York State, and I'm proud of the hard work our Office of Sustainable Energy staff under-takes every day to keep us in that leadership role," affirmed County Manager Josh Potosek. "Sustainability Coordinator Heather Brown and her colleagues Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart understand both the hopes and realities of this burgeoning field like few others, and I'm grateful to have them on our team."

"ShelfShowShelfShowShelfShow" Pop-Up Exhibit at the Narrowsburg Union

"ShelfShowShelfShowShelfShow," a Pop-Up exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, July 14 from 7 to 9 pm at the toddlantzstudio, the Narrowsburg Union, 2nd floor, 7 Erie St, Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be open daily from 12 to 4 pm on July 15, 16, and 22. It will feature 18 pieces of small sculpture by area artists. This DVAA exhibit was organized in conjunction with toddlantzstudios.

"I am always looking to create exhibitions that explore new ideas and concepts, and for new places for DVAA to bring art around Sullivan County," says gallery director Rocky Pinciotti. "ShelfShowShelfShowShelfShow" is just such an exhibition. The tongue twisting title is a reference to the three long shelves that line the hallway outside Todd Lantz's studio at the Narrowsburg Union where the small sculptural objects will be on display."

"Curating this show for the DVAA has been a lot of fun," says Todd Lantz. "It's always nice to be reminded of the talented artists we have in the area. I am familiar with many of the artists such as two of my local favorites, Allan Rubin and Barbara Fiore. There are also some who are new to me, including Mark Larrison and Nada Clyne. Even David Dann from WJFF has submitted a piece. Brendan and Kathy Weiden will be providing refreshments, and I will have my studio open. It's going to be a great time, so come see what's happening at The Union!"

4-H Seeks Support to Start Up Conservation Project
 LIBERTY, NY- Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCEESC)'s 4-H Youth Development Shooting Sports program is bringing its environmental education focus area to the next level by introducing a Trout in the Classroom conservation project for youth, set to begin in the fall of 2017.
 Using an established curriculum, program leaders will work with youth to raise trout fish from eggs provided by the NYS Department of

Volunteers from around the Neversink Renaissance Completes One of Its Major Projects



Crew from Darder Stone Works Lay Wall

(From Pg. 1) In addition to the two new garden areas, volunteers enhanced the Fairgrounds entry kiosk by planting new shrubs and also improved the garden area that adjoins the 4-H Livestock Building. Our thanks again to those businesses who donated materials used in the construction of these beautiful gardens and the following who donated useful equipment in the construction; Sheeley Oil and Excavating, Blooming Green Landscaping, and Michael Garigliano. A special thanks to all the volunteers who labored to gather rock and did a fantastic job planting these beautiful garden areas.

The next major Neversink project slated for July will be at the "Lost Farm" that overlooks the Time and the Valleys Museum. Anyone interested in seeing how they can get involved, please call Dave More at 985-2746.



Renaissance Volunteers Plant 4-H Garden



Completed Horse Barn Garden

Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 5:31 AM SUNSET: 8:31 PM
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SATURDAY HIGH: 79°F LOW: 60°F
SUNDAY HIGH: 83°F LOW: 55°F
MONDAY HIGH: 82°F LOW: 63°F
TUESDAY HIGH: 86°F LOW: 65°F

The Country Travelers Old Time Country & Blue Grass Music

(From Pg. 1) If you are a visitor in the area, plan to gas up at the Neversink General Store on Saturday and stop by the Neversink Farmers' Market and look around. You are certain to find something you will like or need that you won't find anywhere else!



The Neversink Farmers' Market is located on Route 55 in Neversink in the Neversink General Store parking lot. If you haven't been there yet this year, stop by this Saturday between 10 am and 2 pm.

Robert Longo Enters Fallsburg Hall of Fame



Fallsburg Central School District inducted Robert Longo into the Fallsburg Hall of Fame on June 25, 2017 as part of the High School Graduation Ceremonies. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz welcomed Mr. Longo, his family, friends, former colleagues and students. He presented the highlights of Mr. Longo's outstanding service as an art teacher for thirty-five years in the District, to the greater Sullivan County community, and to the country for his service as World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. Board of Education Vice President Joe Collura added details on Longo's military service and his impact on himself and fellow students over the many years of teaching.

Supported by two of his three sons, Mr. Longo thanked Dr. Katz for the award and the honor of joining several of his colleagues previously installed in the Hall of Fame. But the most important thing to him as he spoke to the audience was his gratitude at being able to serve his community and his country in World War II. His words merited a huge ovation filled with gratitude from the young graduates on stage and the families packing the auditorium.


To this very day at age 95, he stays in touch with the few survivors of his squadron and their families. Fallsburg appreciates Mr. Robert Longo very dearly, and the school and community are proud to have his photo and plaque in the Hall of Fame display in the High School Lobby.

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3 Tips for an Engaging Summer at Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp

Children spend the entire school year counting down the days until summer vacation. They look forward to two months of fun, outside of the classroom. Parents look for opportunities to fill those two months with experiences that are both engaging and beneficial for their child. Here are three tips for a positive and engaging summer, according to experts on the topic, Frost Valley YMCA.



Going to camp is often one of the first times children experience independence. "Campers at Frost Valley are given the opportunity to explore and find confidence in themselves, all while under the leadership of highly trained staff," said Katia Martin, Director of Community Programs. Kids commonly find comfort sitting in front of the television or computer screen when they have time off from school. "Physical activity is vital for your child and camp ensures that children are active in a breathtaking, natural setting, through days of adventure and excitement participating in activities including hiking, climbing, swimming, and soaring on the flying squirrel!"

Summer camp offers children a magical world of play. "At Frost Valley, we introduce campers to the roles that creativity and imagination play in sports, education, and of course, play. Each camper has a say in making their own schedule and get to choose their specialty for each session."

Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp offers children in our community various one- or two-week sessions until September 1, and registration is available online at FrostValley.org or by calling 845-985-2291. Contact Frost Valley today to discover how day camp can help your child or teen build confidence and character while having fun and making friends.

Sullivan County Chorus Performs "Summer Stock"

As part of the continuing celebration of its 40th Anniversary, the Sullivan County Community Chorus is pleased to announce a free "Summer Stock" Concert. The program will be performed on Saturday, July 15, 2017, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Center of the Center For Discovery at 103 Mitteer Road in Hurleyville, NY. The Chorus is under the Direction of Kevin Giroux, with accompanist Keira Weyant. Conductor Giroux has entitled the program "How Can I keep From Singing," which will include Jazz, Folk, Gospel, Broadway and Pop selections. The Concert will feature selections from special guests, The Tom Clark Jazz Trio, who will also accompany the Chorus on a choral arrangement of the Bobby Troupe classic, "Route 66."



The "Summer Stock" Chorus includes singers who range in age from their teens to their eighties from Sullivan and surrounding counties. This special "Summer Stock" program has allowed many singers to join who have been unable to participate in regular season rehearsals and performances by the Chorus. This performance is made possible in part by a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature, as well as the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, both administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. No admission will be charged for this performance, although any and all donations will be graciously accepted and appreciated. Further information may be found on the Chorus website: www.sccchorus.org, or on their Facebook page.

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Communities to Vie for \$250K Assemblywoman Gunther Announces Golden Feather Grant Increase

In March, Sullivan Renaissance announced that five municipalities - Fallsburg, Jeffersonville, Mamakating, Monticello and Thompson -- would be participating in this year's Municipal Partnership Grant Program. The competition within the program became more heated this week with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's surprise announcement that the top prize has been increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000.



The golden feather is a state grant that comes from the New York State Dormitory Authority and can only be used for capital projects involving construction or the purchase of fixed assets such as playground equipment.

"What impresses me the most about Sullivan Renaissance is how the program mobilizes the community and produces tangible results" remarked Gunther after making the announcement.

Sullivan Renaissance Chairwoman Sandra Gerry added "We are grateful to Aileen for her support over the years, and are excited about the opportunity to provide a significant amount of funding this year. With an infusion of funds of this magnitude, the winning community can use the grant to do something impactful."

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Communities to Vie for \$250K Assemblywoman Gunther Announces Golden Feather Grant Increase



(From Pg. 9) Each municipality received a \$15,000 grant in March to implement local projects addressing beautification of public spaces, code enforcement and building healthy communities. A panel of judges from outside Sullivan County will check on their progress in early August, and choose one of the five to receive the "Golden Feather" award at Sullivan Renaissance's awards ceremony on August 7th.

Additional prizes in the Municipal Partnership Grant Program include a second-place \$50,000 "Silver Feather" award made possible by a bequest from former Sullivan Renaissance Judge and Liberty native Tim Stoddard, and a third place \$25,000 "Bronze Feather" award from the Gerry Foundation.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation with support from Bold Gold Media Group, Fisher Mears Associates, The River Reporter, The Sullivan County Democrat and Thompson Sanitation. For information, contact 845-295-2445 or SullivanRenaissance.org.

Rock Hill Kicks off 2017 Summer Concert Series!

Join the Rock Hill Business and Community Association for the Rock Hill Summer Concert Series, held every Wednesday evening for the months of July and August from 6:30 pm- 8:30pm at 223 Rock Hill Drive (location for the Rock Hill Farmers' Market).

Join your neighbors, friends and family for live music outside on the grass and under the stars by a different local band each Wednesday evening. The event is free and open to the public. Bring your chairs and/or blankets and a picnic basket.

Check out our facebook page weekly to learn about each Wednesday evening's performance: www.facebook.com/RockHillSummerConcertSeries or visit www.rockhillny.org

This project is made possible with funds from the 2017 Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Thank you to our sponsors Alan Schantz Agency, Brew, CCS Woodworks, Councilman Scott Mace, Danny's Restaurant & Bar, Dutch's Tavern, Emerald Green Homeowners Association, Iroquois Springs, Irwin Siegel Agency, Inc., Joe Henle, Keller Williams Realty, Lee Karasik Photography, Pizza the Rock, Rieber Realty, Rock Hill Pharmacy, Rock Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps., Rosie Decker & Friends, Silk City Machinery, Steve's Music Center and VEO Energy Systems.

2017 Line Up

- July 5 - Joanna Gass and the Search and Rescue Orchestra
- July 12 - Lustre Kings
- July 19 - Lot 14
- July 26 - Mickey Barnett
- Aug 2 - Papa J and Mo' Soul w/Jason Rosen
- Aug 9 - Evolver
- Aug 16 - Jazzmosis
- Aug 23 - Breakneck Annie
- Aug 30 - Slam Allen

27th Annual Riverfest

Celebrate the beauty of the Delaware River and the artistic bounty of our community at Narrowsburg's 27th annual Riverfest, a free event presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance on Sunday, July 23 from 10 am to 4 pm.

This annual gathering is the flagship event for the hamlet of Narrowsburg as well as the Upper Delaware River region, attracting far-flung visitors with a full day of art and activities surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

This year's Riverfest will include over 40 artists booths, seven information booths, a Kids Korner, and a food court. Joyce Prince will offer face painting for the kids. Narrowsburg businesses will be open, and many will feature Riverfest specials. Artists booths include handcrafts in wood, ceramics, textiles, jewelry and stone, and fine art mediums of photography, sculpture, and painting.

Among the exhibiting painters, sculptors and photographers are Gregory Pelly, Jim Kingston, Judith Reeve, Seema Goldstein, Rachel Mruczkewycz, Charlie Hoffman and Eli Rodrigues. Jewelry artists include Stephanie

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Marquette, Louis Marquette, Milton Garland, Darlene Clark, Barbara Raymond, and James Hemmel among others. Returning this year are ceramic artists Kay Schuckhart, Rachel Brown, Bayard DeNoie and Anthony Biancoviso. **The popular chain saw artist Brian Harnett** will be making his chain saw creations throughout the day and woodworkers Chris Weslowski and Hank Schneider will be selling their finely crafted wood creations along side the Catskill Artists Gallery who will have a wide range of artists work all in one booth.

Authors are well represented, too. You can meet local authors selling their autographed books including works by Lindsay Barrett George and Natural Contents selling their new cookbooks.

WJFF Radio, The National Park Service, Catskill Mountainkeeper, and Catskill Regional Medical Center, will all have information booths and the Delaware Highlands Conservancy will have telescopes and binoculars to view eagles on the Delaware River.

The centerpiece of the day is the 12:30 pm. Riverfest poster auction, which has become an unmissable tradition and community favorite. Over five dozen original posters created by local artists in every conceivable medium donate their work to be sold, live, to the highest bidder by auctioneer Tony Staffieri. The posters are on display in the gallery windows of the Delaware Arts Center and can also be previewed online at www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org. Don't miss this exciting event, or the opportunity to bid on a one-of-a-kind treasure.

Riverfest features live, local music throughout the day and a performance by NACL theatre In the morning, enjoy the blues trio Peter Florance and the New Kings from 10:30 am - 12 pm, featuring Peter Florance on guitar, Don Knothe on bass, and Josh Florance on drums. After the art auction, folk/Americana group Little Sparrow will perform from 2:30 - 4 pm, featuring Carol Troiani on guitar and vocals, Aldo Troiani on mandolin and guitar, and Lester Wilson on bass. Both bands will perform on the balcony of the Elaine Giguere Arts Center (DVAA) overlooking Main Street.

Enjoy our food court near the Wayne Bank, offering delicious treats from sesame noodles and hot dogs and hamburgers to and tabbouleh and Italian ice. Main Street's spectacular restaurants will also be open for business throughout the day.

Bring the whole family and check out our Kids' Korner, full of fun games and activities just for children in the paved area between the Delaware Arts Center and the post office.

Environment and energy efficiency information booths will help you wade through the complexities of clean water, clean air, and energy conservation.

Frontier Communications provides free Wi-Fi hot spots throughout Main Street. Visitors and vendors alike can join "FrontierCommunicationsFreeWiFi" network and enjoy free Wi-Fi throughout the day.

Ample free parking can be found at the Fireman's field/ball field on DeMauro Lane. A complimentary shuttle service from the parking area to the Tusten Theatre will be provided again this year with assistance from First Student.

Follow the signs to Riverfest-we can't wait to see you! Admission is free. For more information call 845-252-7576 or visit:

www.DelawareValleyArtsAlliance.org

800 New York Army National Guard Soldiers head to Australia for three week exercise on July 7

More than 800 New York Army National Guard Soldiers head for Australia on July 7 for a three-week training exercise with the Australian Army.

The bulk of the Soldiers are assigned to the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry which has units in Manhattan, Farmingdale, and Camp Smith Training Site near Peekskill.

Troop C from the 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry, based at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, an engineer platoon from the 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion in Lockport and an intelligence section from the 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion in Syracuse will also be part of the deployment.

The New York National Guard Soldiers are deploying as part of a regularly scheduled Australian/U.S. military exercise known as Talisman Sabre. The exercise is held every other year and involves 30,000 Australian and American military personnel at six different locations conducting field exercises and command and control exercises.

Australia and the United States have been allies since the Second World War.

The bulk of the training in the field, which has focused on amphibious and air assault operations during past exercises, takes place at the Australian's Shoalwater Bay Training Area. The training site is located near Rockhampton in the Australian state of Queensland, along Australia's northeast coastline, north of Brisbane.

The extended annual training this year provides the battalion with an opportunity to conduct much more complex and integrated training for the combat Soldiers. A routine training period would only encompass 15 days.

The New York Army National Guard Soldiers have been preparing for the mission for the past year, according to Lt. Col. Don Makay, the battalion commander. The Soldiers have conducted road marches with full field gear and tactical training exercises at the platoon and company level to get ready.

Unit Soldiers prepared and shipped equipment and 139 vehicles required for the mission to Australia and an advance party from the battalion is already in Australia. A team of Soldiers in Fort Lewis, Washington prepared the vehicles and equipment for shipment across the Pacific.

The Americans have also met with their Australian counterparts to prepare orders and plans that integrate the National Guard into the Australian Army unit they will be training with, Makay said. For the exercise, the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry will be part of an Australian Army brigade.

This mission is a great way for the Citizen Soldiers of the 69th Infantry to demonstrate their ability to mobilize and deploy to anyplace in the world, Makay said.

"An opportunity to work for the Australians is an opportunity to show that the 69th is prepared to lead and follow other allied formations," he said. The unit will return to New York at the end of the month.

View Online:

<http://readme.readmedia.com/800-New-York-Army-National-Guard-Soldiers-head-to-Australia-for-three-week-exercise-on-July-7/14883288>

A U.S. Soldier monitors for movement during Talisman Sabre 15 at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Australia, July 18, 2015. The New York National Guard sends 800 Soldiers for this year's training.

<http://app.readmedia.com/news/attachment/92959/013792-I-UPN19-759.jpg>

Community Conversation on Democracy

Community Conversation on Democracy will be held at 6:30 pm at the Olive Free Library will be hosting a "Community Conversation on Democracy" facilitated by Alicia Curlew from Ontario High School on Wednesday July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan. Refreshments will be served. Preregistration is required for this free event. You can register by emailing programs@olivefreelibrary.org or calling the library at: 845-657-2482.

West Shokan, NY: Community Conversations are designed and sponsored by the non-profit Humanities New York. Community Conversations provide an opportunity for people to come together for thoughtful discussion about our shared values as American - past, present, and future. Focused on central themes in American life such as services, freedom and democracy, Community Conversations allow New Yorkers to join in discussions that offer

an alternative to received wisdom and provide the chance to take part in a shared national dialogue.

The theme of the upcoming Community Conversation is Democracy. To focus the conversation all participants will read a short text (one page) - an excerpt from Creative Democracy by John Dewey, 1939. Through discussion of the text participants will have the opportunity to analyze the role democracy plays in their lives as members of local, national, and global communities.

Copies of the text are available at the library or via email. For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org.

County to Intervene in Compressor Application; Proposed Water, Air, Noise Quality Study Garners Bidders

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Legislature yesterday unanimously agreed to ask the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for intervenor status in the Eastern System Upgrade Project proposed by the Millennium Pipeline Company, which includes a 22,400-horsepower compressor station in the Town of Highland.

Such status, if granted by FERC, means the County will have the right to participate in hearings and other FERC proceedings related to this project. Millennium is asking FERC for permission to build the compressor station off Route 55 north of Eldred, along with other out-of-county upgrades to its existing natural gas transmission pipeline. The company seeks to put the additional infrastructure into operation by September 2018.

The Legislature's action follows more than a year of efforts to secure an environmental health impacts study of the site and surrounding area to address residents' and officials' concerns and provide useful data if the project moves forward. Several requests for proposals elicited either no interest from bidders or proposals which did not meet the needs of the County.

"We had hoped by now to have a study in progress or ready to present to FERC, but with that effort still pending, we agreed as a Legislature that we must ensure we have a voice in the process," District 2 Legislator and Health & Family Services Committee Chair Nadia Rajsiz explained. "This project remains of concern and controversy, and we will continue to monitor it closely."

"As the final authority on whether or not Millennium proceeds with this upgrade, FERC was previously notified that we were undertaking a study and wanted to be kept abreast of developments. This motion to intervene formalizes the Legislature's intent," affirmed District 1 Legislator Scott Samuelson, who co-introduced the resolution with Legislator Rajsiz. "This demonstrates our commitment to the good health and quality of life of our residents and visitors."

In the meantime, County staff are reviewing four proposals received from a June request for an objective, scientific study of air, water and noise quality baseline data of the area surrounding the proposed compressor station site. A decision is expected to be made this month, with the study commencing shortly thereafter.

Certified Dairy Processors Support More than 1,200 Farms Across New York State

Milk, Yogurt and Cheese Products will Carry Certified Seal on Products Starting This Month

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced six additional dairy processors from the Capital Region, Central New York, Mid-Hudson, New York City, North Country and Western New York regions have joined the New York State Grown & Certified program. Consumers will soon be able to find the Certified label on select milk, yogurt and cheese products from Byrne Dairy, Upstate Niagara Cooperative, McCadam Cheese, King Brothers Dairy, Hudson Valley Fresh Dairy, and Beecher's Handmade Cheese. These dairy processors source their milk from more than 1,200 farms across the State, providing significant support to New York's largest agricultural sector.

"Dairy is a major part of our agricultural industry and the New York State Grown & Certified program will help to further grow this critical sector of this state's economy," Governor Cuomo said. "By expanding this program to dairy, we promote even more of New York's finest producers and hard-working farmers, connect consumers to high-quality products and support the growth of local economies."

New York State Grown & Certified is a promotional program that distinguishes agricultural products that are sourced from New York farms and made by producers who meet safe food handling practices and demonstrate environmental stewardship.

Last month, the Governor announced a new partnership with Stewart's Shops to expand New York State Grown & Certified to include Stewart's milk, ice cream, half and half, heavy cream and eggs. Today's announcement further advances the program's goal of growing the State's vital agricultural industry by highlighting New York farms and processors who meet a higher standard.

Mid-Hudson - Hudson Valley Fresh Dairy is a cooperative of ten dairy farmers located in Dutchess, Columbia, and Ulster Counties. It is dedicated to preserving the agricultural heritage of the Hudson River Valley and produces a wide selection of premium-quality dairy products. Its milk, whole-milk, ice cream, half and half, heavy cream, yogurt and sour cream will all carry the Certified label. Consumers can find Hudson Valley Fresh products in nearly 100 locations in the Hudson Valley.

State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "The addition of these incredible dairy processors to the Grown & Certified program not only supports hundreds of family-owned farms in nearly every region of the State, it also gives consumers an opportunity to easily identify New York's world-class agricultural products that are made to a higher standard. Shoppers can feel good knowing the milk, cheese, yogurt and other dairy products made by these companies comes from farms and processing facilities that are committed to food safety and environmental sustainability."

Carl Byrne, Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Byrne Dairy, said, "Byrne Dairy is proud to join the New York State Grown & Certified Program. Having locally sourced, farm-fresh milk for over 84 years, we believe that the Certified label will give our producer partners the recognition they deserve."

Sam Simon, founder of Hudson Valley Fresh Dairy, said, "Hudson Valley Fresh Dairy believes that premium quality milk measured by objective standards is a value-added product and the farmers that produce this milk deserve to receive a sustainable price. Our farmers take great pride in the care of their cows and are true stewards of the land."

Senator Patty Ritchie, Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said, "I know how hard our state's dairy farmers and processors work to ensure agriculture-our state's leading industry-continues to thrive. I would like to thank Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Ball for recognizing that by highlighting dairy products through the New York Grown and Certified Program, we can boost the largest sector of our state's agriculture industry, as well as make it easier for consumers to find fresh, quality and nutritious food and drink produced locally."

Assemblyman Bill Magee, Chair of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, said, "These six processors, already well known for top quality products and business practices, are now carrying the NYS Grown & Certified seal that guarantees locally sourced fresh foods that are produced with environmentally responsible procedures that aim for a higher standard. The seal lets you know that the dairy products you are buying are produced from New York State cows, right here in our own back yard."

About New York State Grown & Certified

Launched by Governor Cuomo in August 2016, New York State Grown & Certified promotes New York's agricultural producers. It assures consumers that the food they are buying is local and produced to a higher standard by requiring participating producers to adopt good agricultural practices and enroll in the Agricultural Environmental Management program.

New York State Grown & Certified's marketing campaign includes on-product labels and promotional materials, such as a website, video and sales materials, to encourage program participation among producers and to educate retail, wholesale and institutional buyers on the value of the program.

There are currently 57 fruit and vegetable producers representing 33,000 acres of farmland in the State, and seven dairy processors representing more than 1,200 New York farms participating in the New York State Grown & Certified program. Follow New York State Grown & Certified on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Sundown Community from Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales
 If you are a Tri-Valley resident and wish to add the location of your yard sale to the "Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales" listing that will be published in the July 26th issue of *The Townsman* - send us the exact location including street address and zip code where you are having your yard sale. **Fill out this form and return it to:** *The Townsman*, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740; drop it in *The Townsman* "Drop Box" on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building, or send us an email: vtownsman@yahoo.com We must receive your information by **Friday, July 21, 2017** in order to be included in the listing.

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Please indicate date(s) of your sale: Saturday, July 29; and/or Sunday, July 30

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P.S. The next Sundown Community Miles & Miles of Yard Sales will be held over Labor Day Weekend.

Farmers Market Coupons for Senior Citizens
 Farmers market coupons for senior citizens can be picked up the Office of Aging office any day 9-5 (M-F). There is a coupon dispensing scheduled at Liberty nutrition site on Wednesday July 12 at noon. Any questions call our office at 807-0241.

Sullivan County WIC Program Exceeds NYS Rates For Women Still Breastfeeding Infants by 6 Months of Age

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County is proud to announce its WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program has exceeded the New York State rate for mothers who are exclusively breastfeeding their babies at 6 months of age.

The 2016 rate for Sullivan County mothers enrolled in WIC who were exclusively breastfeeding their infants at 6 months of age was 18.2% compared to the state rate of 10.5%.

In addition, breastfeeding initiation among women in the Sullivan County's Nutrition Program for WIC increased from 66.5% in 2011 to 80.1% in 2016, which is close to achieving the overall NYS rate of 83.4% announced by the NYS Health Commissioner earlier this month. This improvement represents a 33% increase in breastfeeding over five years for Sullivan County mothers enrolled in WIC.

"I am thrilled with the success in improving the number of women who are interested and successful in breastfeeding and am proud of Sullivan County Public Health's WIC program," stated Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "We attribute this to the ongoing collaborative efforts of our WIC staff, breastfeeding peer counselors, public health nurses, bilingual outreach worker, and Healthy Families staff who all collaborate as a team to promote and support breastfeeding awareness."

"Also, as a partner of the Sullivan County Breastfeeding Coalition, we know that the collaborative efforts between Sullivan County Public Health Services' WIC and Healthy Families Programs, the Rural Health Network, Maternal-Infant Services Network, Catskill Regional Medical Center, and other local non-profit agencies and individuals is paying off, as more women are choosing to breastfeed and are being supported with policies and programs to help them in the community," she said.

Research shows that breast milk provides unique nutrients and antibodies that help protect babies from diseases such as ear infections, lower respiratory infections and diarrhea, and decrease the risk for asthma, diabetes and obesity later in life. For women, breastfeeding lowers their risk for breast and ovarian cancer, as well as diabetes.

Exclusive breastfeeding is a public health priority and a goal of the New York State Prevention Agenda, the blueprint for state and local action to improve the health of all New Yorkers.


Anyone with questions about area support groups for breastfeeding mothers or the WIC Program is welcome to call Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910 and press option 5 for the WIC Program.


Claryville Fire Dept.
All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
 Sunday, July 16
 Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
 Adults: \$9
 Children Ages 5-11: \$5
 Under 5 Yrs. Free
 \$50 from the breakfast is donated to The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry


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 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
 Thursday Prayer 7 pm
 P. O. Box 480
 507 Hasbrouck Drive
 Woodbourne, NY 12788
 845-434-8263
 Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

Claryville Reformed Church

 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041
 Bible Class 9:00 am
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
 John Bult, Organist


Sundown United Methodist Church
 Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
 Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
 845-985-2283
 e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Rte. 55, Grahamsville
 Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.
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 For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283
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 (Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
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 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
 Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am
 Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.


 August 5, 2017
 5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall


Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 July 25, 2017
Thrift Sale
 9am-12:30 pm
Luncheon
 11 am- 1pm
Third Saturday Thrift Sale
 9 - Noon
July 15th

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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:**Tri-Valley Central School District Seeks Candidates for Appointment to School Board Vacancy**

The Tri-Valley Central School District Board of Education is seeking applicants to fill a Board seat left vacant by the resignation of Ms. Lori Schmitz effective June 30, 2017. The individual appointed by the Board will serve until the next annual election, which is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest explaining why they wish to temporarily fill the open seat, noting relevant qualifications as appropriate. The Board will accept letters of interest to fill the Board position until 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2017. Your letter of interest and accompanying information should be mailed or returned to: Tri-Valley Central School District, Attn: District Clerk, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740.

The Board will review the applicants and make a recommendation to the full Board of Education for approval to fill the vacancy at a meeting in August. Pursuant to State Law, to be eligible to serve you must be: 1) a citizen of the United States; 2) 18 years of age or older; 3) a legal resident of the school district for one year prior to appointment, and 4) able to read and write.

Applicants cannot be a current employee of the Tri-Valley Central School District, may not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, and cannot have a member of the same household currently serving on the Tri-Valley Central School District School Board.

Thank you for your interest.

Keith Edwards, President
Tri-Valley Central School District
Board of Education

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Tri-Valley Central School District
Board of Education

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“When Cauliflower Was King”

The rise and fall of the cauliflower industry in the Catskills will be the topic Saturday, July 15, 2017 when Diane Galusha, author of *When Cauliflower Was King*, speaks at the Olive Free Library, 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan. The 11 a.m. talk is free.

For a good part of the 20th century, the Catskills, in particular Delaware County, grew what was widely considered the best cauliflower anywhere. Mineral-rich soil, and a moderate climate with warm days and cool nights that usually allowed slow and solid head development, made this region famous for its premium quality cauliflower.

Almost every farm in the region planted some “white gold” to supplement their income. From the 1920s through the 1940s, local cauliflower was shipped in huge quantities via rail and highway to ready markets in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, making the Catskills synonymous with fine quality produce.

Marketing cooperatives worked together to increase efficiency and maximize profit. They created distinctive crate labels, distributed cauliflower cookbooks and engaged in other marketing efforts to get home cooks and restaurants to use cauliflower.

In the 1950s, a disease called brown rot, and competition from large scale growers in California and Long Island spelled the end of the cauliflower growing era for most family farms in the Catskills.

Diane Galusha is president of the Historical Society of the Town of Middletown which mounts exhibits in the History Tent at the annual Margaretville Cauliflower Festival, to be held September 23 in the Margaretville Village Park. She is also the author of several books of local and regional history, including *Liquid Assets: A History of New York City's Water System*, which was released in expanded format in 2016, and *Another Day, Another Dollar*, the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Catskills.

For more information please call the Olive Free Library at 845-657-2482, or email programs@olivefreelibrary.org.

The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org

Groups Join Forces to Build Police-Community Relations

Monticello, NY - The Human Rights Commission (HRC) of Sullivan County, in its long-standing relationship with the community and law enforcement, has announced a joint project partnering with local & state police and community leaders with a goal to strengthen police-community relations.

The Human Rights Commission and police are joining forces at three major summer events in Sullivan County, beginning with Liberty's July 4th Festival at Lapolt Park, followed by Fallsburg's National Night Out on August 1 and Monticello's Bagel Fest on August 13. Activities scheduled at each event include “The Convincer” (a texting and driving simulator) provided by the New York State Police, Monticello's K-9 Unit and a dunking booth provided by Party Master.

Partners committed to this endeavor include Catholic Charities, Fallsburg PD, Latino Alliance, Liberty PD, Monticello PD, NAACP, New York State Police, Sullivan County District Attorney's Office, Sullivan County Legal Aid, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, and the United Methodist Church of Monticello.

The Commission believes that policing plus human rights equals justice. Visit the Human Rights Commission's booths for more information.

For additional information on the partnership or if you feel your rights have been violated, please contact Lorraine Lopez-Janove, Executive Director of the HRC, at 845-807-0189

FCS Alumni

If you have good memories of your high school days and if you would like to help current Fallsburg Central School Seniors, get involved with the Fallsburg Alumni Association. The FAA has one all-class reunion each year. This year, on Saturday, July 29th, at the Woodridge Municipal Hall, the FAA will present its Thirteenth Annual Reunion and Luncheon. At the reunion, four FCS graduates will receive FAA financial awards. They are David Fuller, Roberto Matamoros Mejia, Alexandria Porter and Sam Zheng. The Robynne Anderman-Pacheco Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Alexandria Porter and there will be two recipients of the Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship: Mekayla Perneszi and Grace Strauss.

In addition, the FAA recognizes two very special people: an alumnus who has made a difference in the Fallsburg Community; this year's honoree is Harold Gold, and a retired staff member who has continued to give back to the local community; Nancy Catalano is the recipient of this honor.

Come one, come all. Celebrate FCS's best by attending the Fallsburg Alumni Association's 13th Annual All-Class Reunion and Luncheon. A light luncheon will be served. Donation is \$13 for one and \$25 for two. The Reunion and Luncheon take place at the Woodridge Municipal Hall from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 29th. RSVP suggested or for more information, call (845) 866-0232, or RSVP by email to reginal@hvc.rr.com, or send donations to Fallsburg Alumni Association, Fallsburg Central Schools, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733.

State, County Recognize August 6 as 'Patriots Day'

Monticello, NY - Continuing a tradition which began last year, the County of Sullivan and State of New York acknowledge August 6, 2017 as Patriots Day in Sullivan County.



Pictured is Monster Run organizer Les Kristt, center, delivering Assemblywoman Gunther's proclamation to Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, left, and Sullivan County Veterans Coalition Chairman Howard Goldsmith.

The day honors local veterans of all ages and service branches, whether having served in wartime or peacetime. As noted in a proclamation from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, the day will be marked by the Monticello Rotary's Monster 5K/10K Run and Walk in Monticello. Funds raised will benefit veterans in need through the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Orshii Boldiis at 845-239-2107 or oboldiis@hotmail.com.



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

Sat., July 8 - Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair

- Sat-July 22 New York State Museum
- Sat-Aug 5 Zoom Flume
- Fri-Aug 26 Animal Embassy Presentation
- 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

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 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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- 7/13/17 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 7/15/17 Grahamsville UMC **Third Saturday Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 noon
- 7/16/17 Claryville Fire Dept Father's Day **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon
- 7/17/17 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
- 7/18/17 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 7/19/17 Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 7/20/17 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm - Public Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 7/25/17 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** (9am -12:30pm) and **Luncheon** (11 am-1 pm)
- 7/29/27 **Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ**
- 8/1/17 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 8/2/17 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 8/3/17 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm Budget Preparation
- 8/5/17 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 8/8/17 Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 8/9/17 Town of Neversink Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

- Neversink Farmers' Market - Open Every Saturday** - 10 am - 2 pm at the Neversink General Store
- Sat., July 8 - Town of Neversink Parks & Rec **Community Yard Sale Craft & Vendor Fair**
- Sunday, July 9, 2017 **6th Annual Matty Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament**
- Saturday, July 29 - **Time & the Valleys Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ**
- Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft and Vendor Fair-** Sat., August 26th 2017 (vendors wanted)
- Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 Daniel Pierce Library **Giant Pumpkin Parade and Party**

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>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

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- NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
- BLUE HILL LODGE
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LOCH SHELDRAKE - VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY

FALLSBURG - FALLSBURG TOWN HALL

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- THORTON HARDWARE
- SHOPRITE

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.

Nesin Brunch - Save the Date!

(Monticello) Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) requests the pleasure of your company at the Eugene D. Nesin Memorial Scholarship Brunch on Sunday, October 15, 2017, from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Forestburgh Playhouse Tavern, 39 Forestburgh Road, Forestburgh, New York. The cost is \$45 per person, children under 12 are \$13.50 and



This year's scholarship recipient is Alexis Costa, who will study Theater Arts at SUNY New Paltz. Presenting the scholarship is Nesin Founding Board Member Lori Orestano-James.

children under 4 are free. The gourmet buffet style brunch includes coffee, tea, juice, soda and a Mimosa. Mingle at the silent auction with a cash bar and enjoy live music provided by local musicians as well as NCA students.

This is NCA's major fundraising event for the Nesin Scholarship. The scholarship was established to honor the memory of Eugene Nesin, a one-of-a-kind humanitarian, who was a member of the Monticello Central School District Board of Education for 33 years until his passing in 2009. Funds raised from this event are awarded to local students. It provides much needed financial support for music lessons in the Aspiring Young Musicians Program and our Children's Community Chorus in addition to other programs offered by NCA. To date, NCA has awarded 16 scholarships to graduating seniors from Monticello High School who are pursuing studies in the arts and currently serves well over 400 students in grades K - 12 in its programs all year. For more information contact

Ellen Nesin at (845) 794-6013, or e-mail her at ellen@nesinculturalarts.org. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a tax deductible donation to the scholarship fund, please mail your check payable to iNesin Cultural Arts. Write iNesin Scholarship in the memo and mail it to Nesin Cultural Arts, PO Box 249, Monticello, New York 12701.

Read more about the scholarship at www.nesinculturalarts.org.

TROUT TOWN PROUD Craft Fair and Duck Race

TROUT TOWN PROUD Craft Fair and Duck Race will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 10:00 - 2:00 pm Niforatos Field (By the light in town)

VENDORS WANTED for the Roscoe Chambers Annual Trout Town Proud Craft Fair and Roscoe Free Library Duck Race.

Craft Fair will run from 10:00 - 2:00 at Niforatos Field (next to the light in town) Duck Race will take place at 3:00 pm in Riverside Park. Race benefits the Roscoe Free Library.

Vendors can contact chairperson Debbie Hendrickson at 607-498-5329 or

mystic1992@aol.com

Anyone interested in purchasing ducks or/and making a donation please contact Marge Zanger at 607-498-5464 or mzanger@hvc.rr.com

2Ducks can be purchased at the Roscoe Free Library on Highlands Avenue in Roscoe or at the Farmers Market on Sundays at Niforatos Field in Roscoe: \$3.00 each/2 for \$5.00/5 for \$10.00.....First, Second, third and last place winners!!

Lots of fun for the entire family!

Please come join us.

Red Apple Rest

On Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 6:30 pm at Temple Shalom, 5 East Dillon Ave, Monticello there will be a lecture - The Story of the Red Apple Rest. Meet author Elaine Freed Lindenblatt and hear about how Reuben Freed's roadside eatery became the famous Red Apple Rest. Sponsored by Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah. Open to all Admission \$5.00. For information: Debbie Glatt 845-794-2974.



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 - 5 Bedroom lakefront home w/fpl. Livingston Manor. \$649,000
 - **SOLD** Elegant 3BR stone house w/pool, gardens, patios, nr great trout fishing. Livingston Manor. \$799,000
 - 3BR arts & crafts w/2 barns, North Branch. \$309,000
 - Beaverkill cottage, 4br/2.5 ba 90% complete, w/pond. \$580,000
 - **UNDER CONTRACT** Darling 3BR/2 bath cottage on 1 ac w/fenced garden. \$239,000
 - Architect designed 4 bed/3.5 bath house on 131 private wooded acres. \$724,000
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YARD SALES/BARN SALES

If you are a Tri-Valley resident and wish to add the location of **your yard sale** to the **"Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales"** listing that will be published in the July 26th issue of *The Townsman* - see page 3 & page 13 for information and the listing form.

The **"Sundown Community Blue Hole to Blue Hill Weekend Miles & Miles of Yard Sales"** will be held July 29 & July 30

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2. Peter Lawford
 1. Donna Reed
Answers:

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

Classic Films on TCM

TCM Suspense and Horror

Movie of the Week - A man remains young and handsome while his portrait shows the ravages of age and sin in *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, (drama, 1945)
Tuesday July 18th
 6:00 AM *Vampyr* (horror, 1932);
 7:15 AM, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (silent, 1920);
 8:30 AM *The Wasp Woman*, (horror, 1960);

9:45 AM *The Wolf Man*, (horror, 1941);
 11:00 AM *The Reptile*, (horror, 1966); 1
 2:45 PM *The Green Slime*, (horror, 1969);
 2:30 PM *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, (drama, 1945)
 4:30 PM *From Beyond the Grave* (horror, 1973)
 6:15 PM *Stephen King's, Cat's Eye* (horror, 1985);
 8:00 PM *The Drowning Pool*, (suspense, 1975);
 10:00 PM *Ode to Billy Joe* (drama, 1976);

Wednesday, July 19th
 12:00 AM *Deliverance* (adventure, 1972)
 2:00 AM *The Great Santini*, (drama, 1979);
 4:15 AM *Wise Blood* (drama, 1979);
Starting at 6:00 AM Tuesday morning, July 18, 2017 CC, Rated TV-PG, Color and B/W
Quiz: In The Picture of Dorian Gray -
 1. Who played Gladys Hallward?
 2. Who played David Stone?

**What's Going on in
 The Gnome Neighborhood™**

SUNDOWN

August -Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

GRAHAMSVILLE

Sat., July 8 **Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Community Yard Sale** 10 am to 3 pm at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville.

July 25 -Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale (9am - 12:30pm) and Luncheon (11 am-1 pm)

July 15 -Grahamsville UMC Third Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am - 12 noon

NEVERSVINK

Neversink Farmers' Market every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Route 55, Neversink, NY (Neversink General Store parking lot)

CLARYVILLE

John Bradford American Tales Exhibition at the Claryville Art Center, 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. The exhibit will be on view through August 14th.

July 16 - **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** at Claryville Firehouse - 7 am to Noon

Claryville Open House, Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair All Vendors are wanted! Saturday August 26th 2017 Rain or Shine 10 AM - 4 PM For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer 845-985-2943; email at impisan12@gmail.com or Jean 845-985-7479. Payments and registration need to be submitted by August 4st.

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