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Congratulations to the TVCS Class of 2015!



Congratulations Laurie Devore



Laurie grew up in nearby Dairyland, just east of Woodbourne and always willingly sang a few bars of the Dairyland "alma Dairyland, Mater" ("Oh Dairyland").Laurie graduated from SUNY Delhi in the early 70's. She started at Tri-Valley in March of 1986 and has worked here for 29 years! Before coming to Tri-Valley, Laurie worked at Rhulen Insurance Company and then took time off to raise her children. She brought the individualized education program (IEP) process into the computer age but also knows shorthand. used to joke about the Katharine Gibbs School, where at one time a secretarial student might learn to wear white gloves while taking dictation.Laurie started her career here as a part-time special education clerk/typist located in the Elementary Office. She worked with Mark Williams, and started full time soon after her youngest was old enough for school. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Thomas Palmer, TVCS Superintendent addresses the seventy-two graduating seniors of the Class of 2015 at the graduation ceremony on Saturday.



Each with a diplomas in their hands, it was official. Hat's off to the graduates! The ceremony concluded and commencement TVCS began; the graduates processed out of the auditorium to begin the next chapter of their life's journey into the future. Congratulations to all!

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Annual Time and the Valleys Museum Chicken Barbeque & Old Time Fair slated for July 25th

The barbeque will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds during the Old Time Fair. This year's BBQ will include: delicious Miller's Chicken, macaroni salad, three bean salad, corn on the cob and dessert. Dinners are available to eat in or take out for \$11 adults and \$7 children under 8 years old.

The Old Time Fair begins at 10 a.m. and will feature old fashioned fun at old fashioned prices. The day will feature old-fashioned games of skill and chance for kids and adults, the famous pie auction, demonstrations, music, croquet, the popular skillet toss, raffle with great prizes, corn shucking, ice cream making and lots more! Admission is free and the fair is rain or shine. (Contd. Pg. 3)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:1

OBITUARY

John Victor Higgins was born April 24, 1929 in New York City and moved to Neversink with his family at age 7. He was graduated from Liberty High School and attended Brown University in Providence, RI. His graduate study was conducted at SUNY New Paltz, the City University of New York, and SUNY Albany, University of New York, and SUNY Albany culminating in a Ph.D in Economics from latter.

He served as a lieutenant with the NYS Department of Corrections and taught economics at Marist College and Dutchess County Community College. He served as chairman of the Town of Denning Planning Board during the fifty-one years he and his family lived in Sundown.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ann Charity Higgins (maiden name Tilton); his sisters: Agnes Manell and husband Tom, Vera Gordon, Mary Weaver, Patricia Ether and husband, Joe, Frances Higgisn, and Grace O'Neill and husband William; his brother-in-law William Tilton and wife, Thelma; his children: John and companion, Rosemary, Michael and wife, Susan, Ann Johnson and husband, John, David; daughter-in-law, Mary Jane; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Victor Higgins and Catherine Barnwell Higgins and his siblings: Thomas, Joseph, Catherine Higgins Ackerly and Richard.

In lieu of flowers, friends may donate to the

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne on Saturday, June 27th with Father Lynch officiating. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

COLLEGE NEWS:

Jonathan Ramirez of Liberty, NY has earned a bachelor's of science degree in Health Science and Pre-Physical Therapy from Springfield College for studies completed in 2015.

Oswego recently recognized those who completed baccalaureate studies in spring 2015, including several area residents: Zuly Sanchez of Phyllis Drive in Ellenville, bachelor of arts degree in public relations; Andrew Cross of Cross Street in Liberty, bachelor of arts degree July 9, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Edward in public justice.

The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York, today announced that the following area students earned undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates of advanced study as members of the College's Class of 2015: Ryan Taylor of Loch Sheldrake, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree; Jori Figueroa of Ellenville, NY, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; Rebecca Avery of Napanoch, NY, graduated with a Certificate of Advanced Study degree.

Colleen Jones of Neversink, NY was named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the Spring 2015 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for

the Dean's List. Two area residents have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Oswego. To be included on the Deans' List, students must have a semester grade average of 3.30 to 3.79. The following have been named to the Dean's List: Andrew Cross of Cross Street in Liberty, a senior majoring in public justice; Samantha Scott of Hunter Lake Drive in Parksville, a junior majoring in childhood education.

Robert Tumasian from Olivebridge, NY 12461), has been named to SUNY Geneseo's Dean's List for the spring semester 2015. To be on the list, a student must have achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Juan Cruz Reenlists for Continued Service in NY Army National Guard

Major General Patrick A. Murphy, the Adjutant General, announces the recent reenlistment of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their continuing commitment to serve community, state and nation as part of the Army National Guard.

Specialist Juan Cruz of Liberty, NY has reenlisted to continue service with the 442nd Military Police Company.

THANK YOU"

from the Daniel Pierce Library

Thank you from a very grateful Library Board and staff for passing the recent tax levy increase by an 83.6% margin. The increase will enable us to continue to offer excellent programming for all age groups, to provide computer instruction and assistance, to purchase printed and electronic materials, and to maintain a building that is truly a community center. We look forward to implementing new programming, including our Sunday Afternoon Series and STEAM (Science, Technology, English, Art, and Math) activities for our children in order to inspire their dreams and prepare them for the future.

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

July 6, 1955 - Miss Betty Lou Hornbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Larry F. Shaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaver of Turnwood, N.Y on Saturday at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The Rev. Howard P. West officiated. The bride attended Tri Valley School and the groom graduated from Cornell Univ. last year. After a trip to Niagara Falls, the couple will make their home in Turnwood where Mr. Shaver will operate the family farm with his

> Why simmer in the summertime, it's hot but no need to stew. Prepare delicious salad meals, and you'll enjoy the summer too! KUM TO KRUM'S

June 23, 1965 - Philip Coombe Jr. of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, replaces Oland Erath this year as Secretary of the Neversink Agricultural Society, Inc. which sponsors the Grahamsville Fair.

Best anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Keller, 14 years on the 30th; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Nessle, 8 years on the 29th; Mr. and Mrs. Al Visscher, 14 hears on the 30th.

VanDover were guests of honor at their 25th wedding anniversary dinner, held at the home of his mother, Emma Hamilton, on East Mt. Road on July 3rd. Thirty members of the family and friends enjoyed the celebration.

Cheryl McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McNamara of Sundown, was married to Bob Romano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romano of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. on Sunday. The ceremony was performed at the Grahamsville Methodist Church, the Rev. Hunsberger officiating. A reception for the newlyweds was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNamara on Lackawack Hill.

July 11, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Art Dymond announce the engagement of their daughter, Jodie, to Douglas Leight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lepke of Neversink. Miss Dymond is attending Tri-Valley High School. She is employed at Davies General Store, Grahamsville. Her fiance is a graduate of Tri-Valley School and is employed at Highway Culvert, Loch Sheldrake. A June 1986 wedding is planned.

James Bonnell, Sr. of Fort Pierce, Fla., a retired heavy equipment operator and former resident of Bradley, N.Y. for most of his life, died Wednesday, July 3rd at home. He was 71. The son of the late Herman D. and Edna Krum Bonnell, he was born July 7, 1913 in Neversink. Mr. Bonnell was a member of the Operating Engineers in Newark, N.J. Survivors include his wife, Reatha Edwards Bonnell, at home; a son, James Bonnell Jr. of Grahamsville, and two grandchildren.

Have a Happy 4th of July!

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Edward "Eddie" Vallone, Jr., age 64, passed away peacefully in Roscoe on June 19th. Condolences to his family and friends.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Paul D. Sutcliffe who passed away at the age of 71 in North Carolina on June 18th. Paul and his family were residents of Claryville for 18 years.

Condolences to the family of John V. Higgins, a fifty- one year resident of Sundown, who passed away at the age of 86 on June 23rd. John, at one time, served as Chairman of the Town of Denning

Planning Board.

Wow! What a wonderful program was sponsored at the Daniel Pierce Library on Sunday, June 21st. The Karkowski Sisters Duo performed on the piano and the violin and they were amazing! This program was free to the public and, I would guess, there were at least 75 people in attendance. If you went to Lincoln Center to see a quality program such as the Karkowski Sisters, you would have to pay "big bucks". It's wonderful how a small town like Grahamsville can attract such talented musicians. A lovely reception was held following the

The Rhulen Rock Hill 5K Run and Ramble was held on Saturday, June 20th. Close to 900 runners and walkers participated in the run around Lake Louise Marie. Adam and Van Furman placed 1st and 2nd in the 10 and under age-group, Andrew Coddington placed 2nd in the 11-14 age-group, Ian Kurzrock placed 3rd in the 15-19 age-group and Sue Sheeley placed 1st the 55 - 59 age-group.

Tri-Valley students earned money and prizes for their school by collecting and recycling drink pouches used at home and in the lunchroom. The students collected more than 10,000 drink pouches. Thank you to the students and the adults who

helped with this project.

Freda Eisenburg, Sullivan County Planning Commissioner announced that the Sullivan County Legislature has approved and awarded 16 small grants. One grant, in the amount of \$10,000., has been awarded to the Town of Neversink for the Town Park/Little League complex currently being

built on Route 42 in Grahamsville.

Save the Date: On Sunday, August 30th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm there will be a "Big Thank You Reception" for all who helped, in anyway, to build the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library. Whether you are a child who helped to collect pennies for the lamp posts, a contractor who donated his time and resources, or a community member or employee who volunteered time or

donated money Everyone is invited! Without the help of so many wonderful people who

worked together on this enormous project, it wouldn't have gotten done! This reception is being held to thank all who helped to bring our Library to fruition!

Have a happy and a safe 4th of July weekend!

Words of Wisdom: Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

When you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you - you will find the strength

Congratulations Laurie Devore!

The Special Education office moved several times to different locations over the years, and Laurie went right along with them. Laurie has been with Mark Williams, Barbara Blakey, Donna Flynn-Brown, Linda Widomski, and now Christine Snow. Laurie has been the mainstay in that office. She knows the ins and outs of everything that needs to be done, and she does it in her own "Laurie" way. She hasn't changed a bit in all the years she's worked here, coming in each day with the same attitude and positive energy that we have all loved. She would also greet and treat families with respect, regardless of their socio-economic status, accepting all children and parents for themselves. Laurie is able to make conversation with anyone.Laurie isn't fazed by mistakes -- "that'll happen!" she'd say. She often quoted Oprah by saying "Let it go" or would tell Mark WIlliams, when he was complaining, that "at least you have both arms." Another co-worker stated that "she always told me to read the obituary before you send out the sympathy card, this way you don't send it out to the wrong family member!" Come to the PPS Office and Laurie will make you feel like a Queen/King. She will compliment you whether it is how good your hair looks, how beautiful your outfit is, or how talented you are. If you were down, you left feeling uplifted.Laurie has a tremendous heart. She absolutely loves the kids at Tri-Valley. Truly! She is like the ambassa-

dor for new students, always making sure they didn't have to sit alone at lunch (even if they wanted to!). She is friendly and kind and funny and sweet. BUT, her inner force is a force to be reckoned with! One of the stories a former co-worker likes to tell new co-workers is how she used to advise her children to "do 'em all". She's known for doing a happy dance as each of her three children graduated. She's so proud of her husband, children and grandchildren. Good advice, I suppose. What mother doesn't like to think about that?!

Laurie LOVES the QVC deal of the day! She enjoys stylish hair, clothing and jewelry, a real "fashion plate". She loves to cruise, (even if it is in February at the start of special education annual review season!). So although Laurie will no longer be here to keep us 'afloat,' we know where she will be and we wish her sunny skies and blue seas!

Laurie will be missed and fondly remembered!

Annual Time and the Valleys Museum Chicken Barbeque & Old Time Fair (From Pg. 1) Tickets for the Chicken Barbeque and

raffle are available at the Time and the Valleys Museum, open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., at Neversink Town Hall open during regular business hours, from any Museum Trustee, and by calling the Museum at 845-985-7700.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Time and the Valleys Museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. and from September to November on Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. With three floors of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment) and a Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items.

Admission to the Museum is by suggested donation: \$5 adults, \$2 children, children under 6 are free. For more information call 845 985-7700

or go to the website:

timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or find us on Facebook.

Current Exhibitions:

Tunnels, Toil & Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story o The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys

o Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present

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

Tri-Valley Lions Club May & June 2015 News

We had a very successful Journey for Sight Walk and TAg Day on Saturday, May 2nd. Thank you to all the walakers, workers and all who pledged the walkers or donated in teh buckets.

Our Buny sales were a success too. Thank you to all who purchased the cand and thowe who sold

the candy. You are appreciated.
On Jun 2nd our 2015-16 officers were installed by Zone Chair Ilene Wizwer. Our President is Gene Froehlich; Secretary, Carmne Salvemini; Treasurer, Liza Salvemini; 1st Vice President, Craol Furman; 2nd Vice Pesident, Pauline Vetter Staats; Lion Tamer, Tanya Martin; Tail Twister, Phyllis Moore; Membership Officer, mary Lou Vernoy; Diretors, William Brenner, Carol Clark, William Delanely, Kathleen Denman, Frank Fuller (also Corresponding Secretary), Immediate Past President, Esta Jacob.

Awards were given for perfect attendance and

for service to several members.

A \$1,000 donation was sent to Guiding Eyes for the Blind; \$250 for Juvenile Diabetes; \$100 for prizes for Bingo at the Adult Care Center which some of our members volunteer for..

We vaccinated 75 dogs and 30 cats on June 3rd

at our Rabies Clinic.

Te busy season for our Soda Booth will soon start. August 4th will be clean-up night at 6 pm. Please plan on time to work in the booth at all or at least some of the events. Remember the saying, "Many hands make light work;" plus you get to see people you may not see often.

Thank you to all those who donate your eyeglasses in our boxes or just give to a member.

Hearing aides are also welcome.

Our Community Service Award winners were Dorothy Monforte, Ryan Sanok and Gabriel Surina. Congratulations to all the Tri-Valley Graduates.

A happy and save summer to everyone.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Versatile Elder Berry

Elder berries are in blossom now. An attractive shrub that you might consider cultivating in your backyard. Not only can you eat the tasty Elder Berries when they are ripe, but there are many recipes that call for Elder berry blossoms, too.

You will find the Elder berry growing in moist places, in marshes, along riverbanks, along roadsides, and in moist woods and thickets

Elder berry is a member of the honeyfamily, suckle (Sambucus nigra/canadensis] It is a shrub that grows up to thirteen feet high, with smooth,

gray bark. Elder berry is a deciduous multi-stemmed shrub with brittle branches that easily bend under the weight of its fruit clusters. Suckers from the roots that branch from the base of the main stems force the plant to form dense thickets, thus making this shrub ideal for a living fence.

Corky bumps cover the slender branches have a spongy, white pith inside them. This pith can be easily removed. Young folk, years ago would make whistles from the branches. The ancient Greeks used Elder branches and shoots in a similiar way to make a musical instrument called a sambuke.

The opposite, feather-compound leaves may be over three feet long. This leaf is divided into 5-11 coarsely toothed, pointed, short-stalked elliptical leaflets, each 3-4" long.

In late spring or early summer, the Elder bears tiny, branched, white, lacy flowers in flat-topped to slightly rounded clusters (panicles) that spread over 6" across.

Flowers my be collected by plucking off the stalk at the base of a cluster. If you do collect the flower clusters, take only a small amount of the flowers from each bush, and collect only where they are abundant or the plant won't produce any tasty berries. Where you find one Elder bush, you usually find many more.

The flowers can be made into some very tasty treats such as Elderblow (Elder berry fritters). They can be made by using your favorite tempura or pancake batter. Elder flowers can also be used to make a pleasant tasting

tea, especially with mint.

berries or plant parts.

Once the berries are ripe you will look for the tiny, spherical, juicy, purple-black to black, seedy berries that are hardly more than 1/8" across. They grow in branched clusters, like the flowers, ripening from mid-summer to early fall. Their high quantities commonly weigh down the branches of the shrub.

You should never eat green Elder berries! In fact, some people may not tolerate ripe Elderberries unless they are cooked in pancakes, muffins, pies, jams and jellies or wine. Be sure that you check with someone who can definitely identify a plant before consuming any wild

Certainly a versatile shrub, the Elderberry has a long history among the Native Americans and European folk medicine. Elder berry was especially prone to attracting quite the array of mythology. It was sacred in Saxony. In Norse and Teutonic myth, Elderberry was sacred to the goddess Hulda, and in the later period of the Scalds, to Freya who they believed dwelled within the Elder Tree. In some parts of Asia Elder berry was used to keep the evil spirits away. Often you will see illustrations of fairies perched on an Elder berry cluster.

Whether you enjoy the beauty or the taste of the feathery white blossoms this time of the year, collecting the ripened fruit or just watching the many birds that are attracted to the berries, having an Elder tree in your backyard can be delightful.

Then again, after finishing this week's column, I am compelled to add something. I just learned from a neigh-

bor, the bear love Elder berries, too!

Hm-m-m, maybe that is why there are so many mythical interpretations of this versatile plant!

Household Hints

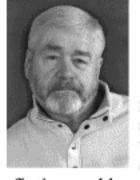
Pamper your skin

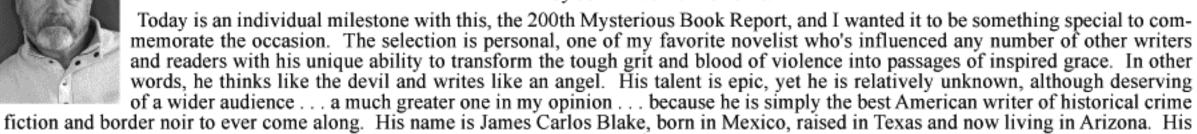
Using vinegar as a skin toner dates back to the time of Helen of Troy. And it's just as effective today. After you wash your face, mix 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar with 2 cups water as a finishing rinse to cleanse and tighten your skin. You can also make your own facial treatment by mixing 1/4 cup cider vinegar with 1/4 cup water. Gently apply the solution to your face and let it dry.

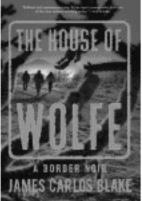
The House of Wolfe

Mysterious Book Report No. 200

by John Dwaine McKenna







thirteenth novel, The House of Wolfe, (Mysterious Press/Grove Atlantic, \$24.00, 248 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2246-9) is a fast-reading, entertaining and well-plotted romp through the slums and mansions of Mexico City in a rescue attempt that will leave you gasping for breath as you race to read the last page. It's a perfect summer book. In it, ten members of a socialite wedding party are kidnapped and held for ransom by an ambitious young gang leader with aspirations of moving up to join a larger, more fearsome organization with an international presence. What he doesn't realize however, is that one of the abducted bridesmaids is an American whose family is deeply involved in the gun running trade-and have been for over 100 years. They're known as The House of Wolfe, of whom one-half live in Texas and one-half in Mexico. They live by their own set of rules, the foundation of which is the right of self-defense. As cousin Rudy Wolfe wryly observes, . . . there are certain natural rights that transcend statue law, and the foremost of them is the right to self-defense. Without the right to defend yourself-and the means to do it-all other supposed rights are so much hot air. He goes on to say that any law denying you the means to defend yourself is unjust, and therefore shouldn't be complied with . . . even though noncompliance makes you by definition, a criminal.

Rudy continues, saying, If you're content to trust the state to protect your law-abiding self in all situations, be our guest and best of luck. But if you want the means to defend your own ass, as is your natural right, then step right up and be our customer. We're a tolerant, liberty-loving bunch, we Wolfes . . .

But woe unto he or she, you or they or them who threaten violence of any sort-real, or imagined or planned-against a member of the Wolfes, American or Mexican. If you're a fan of action, adventure and hard-boiled crime drama you'll love the Wolfes. If this is your introduction to author James Carlos Blake, you're in for a ton of entertainment and enjoyment should you choose to read any of his other twelve novels. I have, and they're all great!

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Crowd Keen on Karkowska Sisters!



The Karkowska Sisters Duo, an award win-ning, internationally acclaimed ensemble, delighted a room-full of music lovers with their "American Treasures: from Gershwin to Yankee Doodle," performance on Sunday, June 21st, at the Daniel Pierce Library, Anna, violinist, and Kasha, pianist, performed with extraordinary ease, and punctuated their program with stories about American and European composers and their ties to American culture! The performance closed with a question and answer session. Director, Joann Gallagher said, "It is a dream come true to be able to present these musical performances!"

The performance kicked off the first Sunday Afternoon Series, an ongoing performing arts series featuring professional musicians and chamber ensembles. Due to the generosity of our benefactor, the Sunday Afternoon Series events will be open to the general public at no charge. Music lovers of ALL ages are welcome!

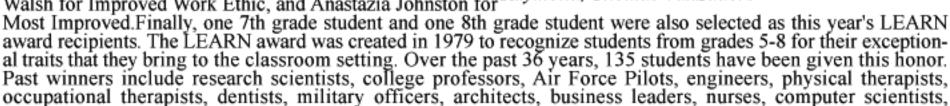
Mark your calendars! The next performance will take place on Sunday, November 1st! Details will be announced as the date draws nearer. For information, contact the Daniel Pierce Library at 985-7233.

Way to Go Tri-Valley 7th and 8th Graders!



(Left to right) Past LEARN winners Gio Lauria, Morgan McHugh, and Margaret Dembergh; this year's 8th grade recipient, Jacob Allison; guidance counselors Eric Marburger and Tara James-LaMonica; this year's 7th grade recipient, Andrea Decker; past LEARN winners Amaya Rupprecht and Victoria Swett

Emily Starner On Friday, June 19, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for perfect attendance and academic achievements in individual classes. Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom in the 4th Quarter. The following awards were given in the 8th grade: Skyler Espinosa-Phillips and Thomas VanSaders for Academic Excellence, Emily Starner for Excellent Work Ethic, Samantha Raymond for Leadership, and Joe Schulte for Most Improved In the 7th grade, awards went to: Teon Hayden and Daniel Rush for Outstanding Work Ethic for the Year, Mary Greene and Gaibrul VanAken for Outstanding Work Ethic, Jessie Raymond, Thomas VanSaders Walsh for Improved Work Ethic, and Anastazia Johnston for

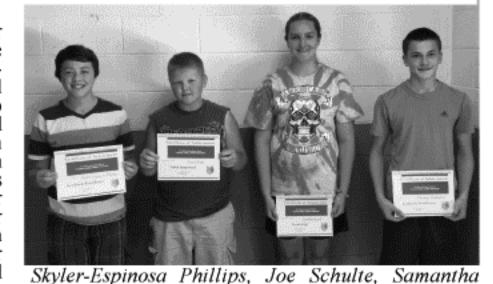


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many educators including one of our Tri-Valley teachers, and even a Broadway costume designer. Specifically "LEARN" recognizes the students' Enthusiasm, Achievement, Leadership, Responsibility, and Noteworthiness. This year, we're proud to announce that Jacob Allison received the LEARN award in the 8th grade and Andrea Decker received the LEARN award in the 7th grade.Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



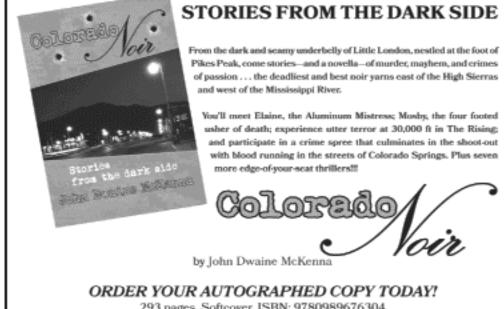
Catskill Conservation Corps - Litter Pick-up along Peekamoose/Sundown Road, Sunday July, 5, 2015

The Catskill Conservation Corps and New York New Jersey Trail Conference will be offering a litter pick up work trip on Sunday July 5th along the Peekamoose/Sundown Road near the Blue Hole, Peekamoose Trailhead and Sundown Primitive Camping area. The work trip will be from 1 to 3pm and volunteers will be removing litter from along the roadside, trails, campsites and vicinity. The work trip will be led by experienced staff and will offer opportunities to learn about trails, hiking and the work that goes into keeping the Catskills trails open every year.

NYC Water in the News

"The Cost of Our Water," a series of reports on the NYC Water system and related watershed issues, aired recently on WNYC public radio in collaboration with CityLimits, an online news source which posted additional articles on the subject. Topics include the DEP's land acquisition program, the leaking Delaware Aqueduct, wastewater treatment issues and more.

Water is the subject of a special issue of National Geographic that includes an article on the NYC and Boston watersheds, "Where public tap water begets wilderness."



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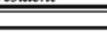
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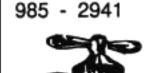


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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Half a Century
Fifty years ago was my wedding day. It was a blistering hot ninety-seven degrees back in the days when houses and churches didn't have AC. The limo did, however. The choir and singer was supposed to begin the wedding march when the limo arrived at the Freeport Methodist Church. They did, but my father and I were not in it. So the wedding party and guests got to hear Mendelssohn's Wedding March over and over again and wonder if the bride was going to show up.

Funny how, fifty years later, I barely remember all the details, so carefully planned by my mom and me, but I clearly remember all the mix-ups. One bridesmaid's pregnancy made her dress too tight and another bridesmaid left her headpiece in Watertown, NY. My sister was scheduled for a tonsillectomy the next morning. In the chaos of the moment, I said "I do." And I meant it.

I should have learned from that day that life is what happens when you are making other plans. Fifty years later I realize that marriage is that sharing of everyday pleasures and heartaches. I still have my wedding dress, size 5, under my bed in a box that says, "Wedding Treasures." I dust the box every decade or so. Maybe my granddaughters will want to get married in a "peau de soir" antique.

In fifty years we have left an environmental footprint of four houses, dozens of cars and trucks, and half

In fifty years we have left an environmental footprint of four houses, dozens of cars and trucks, and half a dozen dogs and cats buried on our yards. We have added two sons who found us two wonderful daughter-in-laws and connected us to families we call our friends. Three grand-children will have memories of

"Grampy," "Nanna and YiYia."

We have grown in our marriage. I certainly have grown out of that size-five white, designer dress into double-digit sized generic jeans. We have cried as we lost parents, siblings, friends and pets. We have laughed and smiled at other weddings, births, graduations, retirements and anniversaries. Little did I know that fifty years ago my new husband would become my very best friend and that our life together could be such an adventure.

ED NOTES: Happy Anniversary Bruce and Carol! May your Golden Years be blessed with love, happiness and good health!

Hunter elementary students and

their teachers examine the creatures

found in a small stream behind the

elementary school during a

Streamwatch session earlier this

month provided by Catskill Center

educator Katy Palm with a 2014

CWC Watershed Education Grant.

CWC among eight area Smart Growth Grantees

The CWC was among recipients of Catskill Smart Growth Implementation grants announced at the Corporation's offices in Margaretville June 2.

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens recognized eight local governments and non-profit organizations in line to receive \$400,000 to promote regional economic development through tourism and recreation. The DEC administers the Catskill Smart Growth Implementation program in

partnership with the NYS Department of State. The CWC will use its \$50,000 grant, matched by another \$50,000 from the Catskill Fund for the Future, to install informational and directional signs to point the way to state, city and other recreational resources on secondary roads throughout the Park.

Competitive Casting Competitions Happen at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

Casting competitions are not flyfishing competitions. They are simply distance and accuracy casting challenges to test one's skills. This is a fine opportunity to take a look at your own ability as a caster. You can have some fun by bringing everyone in your local club or organization to finally find out "just who is the best caster in the bunch"; challenge a friend; set a personal goal; but most of all, have fun. You never know, eventually...every dog has his day. (Casters can com-pete in only one Competition, but can cast for fun in any other or all three). All Casters will have a chance to win as each caster will receive a ticket for a random drawing to win several prizes.

Casting will be held in conjunction of Summerfest 2015- Saturday, August 1 from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and August 2, from 9:30 AM to 12 NOON.

Three Different Casting Opportunities:

The 5th Annual Hardy Cup Bamboo Rod Casting Tournament Casters must provide their own rod, reel and flyline with 7.5' leader. Top three finishers will receive a Hardy Fly Reel. The Winner's name will be engraved on the Hardy Cup that will permanently reside in the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum.

Hardy/Royal Wulff Fly Line Graphite Rod Casting Classic All casters will cast a Hardy rod with Hardy reel lined with a Royal Wulff Triangle Taper flyline that will be provided. Winners will be engraved on the Classic Cup that will permanently reside in the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum.

There will be three divisions:

YOUTH All Casters 16 years of age and younger

WOMEN ONLY All Casters 17 and older

MEN ONLY All Casters 17 and older Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in all three Divisions.

Tycoon Trophy Fiberglass Rod/ '409' Line Casting Challenge All casters will cast a Tycoon Tackle Fiberglass Fly Rod lined with a '409' fly line formulated just for casting fiberglass fly rods. Awards will be presented to top three finishers. The Winner's name will be engraved on the Tycoon Trophy that will reside permanently in the Catskill fly Fishing Museum.

and.....The Triple Crown. Just for the fun of it, we will be challenging the top three finishers of the Hardy Cup Competition to a Cast Off. Casters will be invited to cast in the remaining two competitions for an overall score. The person with the highest total points will be declared Casting King of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center 2015

All Casting Competitors in each contest will be judged on three casts: two for distance and one for accuracy. Each Contestant will have up to six practice casts before completing three competitive casts. All lines will be required to have a 7.5 leader.

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CWC awards Education Grants to 27 Schools and Organizations
MARGARETVILLE -- Twenty-seven education grants totaling more than \$160,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty-four awards are for projects serving students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. Three more grants were approved for projects to extend Watershed lessons to general and adult audiences.

The intent of both programs is to heighten awareness and under-standing of the New York City Water System and its vast Watershed west of the Hudson River. CWC education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

These funds will allow several schools to send students to the Ashokan Center and to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center for direct experience at the source of the water supply for nine million people. A grant to Arm of the Sea Theater will allow the performance troupe to bring "Rejuvenary River Circus," a mask and puppet production about the life of a river, to seven schools as well as to public events sponsored by the Olive and Phoenicia Libraries.

Four sites will be able to purchase equipment for raising Trout in the Classroom. Tri-Valley Central School high school students will combine art and science in a stream-based hands-on project.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County received a grant to plan a student summit on the topic of climate change, while their

counterparts at CCE Columbia-Greene will use a grant to organize a public conference on threats to forest health. Two grants will allow expansion of watershed programs at Onteora elementary and inter-

In New York City, the non-profit NYCH20 will offer school field trips to former reservoirs in the five boroughs; the Horticultural Society of New York will provide water training to teachers at sever-al schools in West Harlem; and the Children's Museum of Manhattan will enhance its outdoor water exhibit, "City Splash," with a series of public programs on the NYC water supply anticipated to reach 85,000 people.

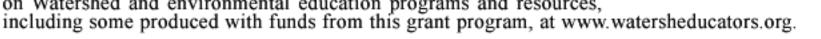
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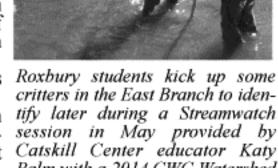
participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation tify later during a Streamwatch responsible for several environmental protection, economic develop- session in May provided by ment and education programs in the New York City Watershed West Catskill Center educator Katy of the Hudson River. www.cwconline.org.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information Education Grant on Watershed and environmental education programs and resources,

Palm with a 2014 CWC Watershed





Create a 'WOW' Garden

Learn about Eye-Catching Gardens at Summer Seminar [FERNDALE] - Some people know just how to make their flower gardens "pop" with color and design

so that passers-by say "wow!" Sullivan Renaissance will share the tips and tricks that make gardens glow at its summer gardening seminar on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The free seminar will offer insights into what Sullivan Renaissance judges look for when they review community gardens around the county. This information will be helpful to every gardener who wants to learn the how-to's of gardening.

"Thousands of annual and perennial flowers, trees and shrubs are being planted to create new gardens throughout Sullivan County," said Diana K. Weiner, Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Coordinator, "This seminar will help you create and tend your garden so that the flowers shine to their best advantage and make a lasting impression."

While offering valuable information for all gardeners, the seminar will be particularly helpful to the 53 community projects that are beautifying the area's gateways, houses of worship, parks, cemeteries, schools and libraries.

These communities are preparing for visits from Sullivan Renaissance judges between August 6 and 9 to evaluate gardens and projects. The teams of judges, including panelists from Canada, will be awarding monetary prizes based on how well the volunteers have performed, including awards for the best "showing of flowers." Prizes range from \$1000 to \$25,000 depending on the program and the size of the project.

Space for the seminar is limited and pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or www.sulli-

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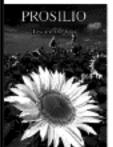


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The Family Memoir, PROSILIO... ... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a

carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook Kindle. Go to amazon.com barnesandnoble.com and type in Prosilio in the search to order your copy of **Prosilio**

NACL's Award-Winning Play, THE WEATHER PROJECT at Liberty 4th of July Parade and Celebration

For the past month NACL Theatre has been teaching stilt walking and theatre classes at Liberty High School and Liberty Elementary School giving students an opportunity to participate and perform in NACL's award-winning play, The Weather Project. The play will be presented on Saturday, July 4th at 1:30 PM as part of the Liberty, NY parade and celebration.

Liberty school teacher, Kathleen Lambert-Johansen organized the classes at Liberty Schools in order to give students an opportunity to work with the teaching artists of NACL theatre, Tannis Kowalchuk (project director), Brett Keyser (stiltwalking teacher) and Janet Burgan (musician.)

Teens form the high school have learned to stilt walk to prepare them walk in the parade with NACL on the 4th. The younger, elementary students have learned a song and dance in preparation for their role as The Solar Munchkins in the play. The youngters will have an opportunity to sing, dance and perform with the large NACL cast when The Weather Project traveling stage rolls into Liberty on

The Weather Project is an outdoor family-friendly play created and performed by a cast of 20 ensemble members comprised mostly of local performers and some first time community members. Incorporating stilt walking, music, and humor, the play addresses the perils of climate change and offers some solutions.

The Weather Project will be presented as part of The 4th of July celebration presented by The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce. NACL has received an Environmental Initiatives grant and a Sullivan County Arts and Heritage grant to support the performance at the upcoming Liberty event, and at last week's Trout Parade in Livingston Manor, NY.





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Senate Acts on End of Session Measure that Provides \$3.1 Billion in New Property Tax Relief and Extends the Tax Cap to 2020 (Middletown, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that the NY State Senate has acted on an end-of-session measure that will bring \$3.1 billion in new tax relief to middle class homeowners, extend the existing property tax cap to deliver additional savings and create new jobs.

STAR-eligible homeowners making under \$275,000 a year will be eligible for \$3.1 billion in new property tax rebates over the next four years, starting in 2016. When the new rebate amounts are combined with the existing tax freeze check planned for next year, a total of \$900 million in property tax relief checks will be sent - an average of approximately \$350 per eligible homeowner statewide. In 2019-2020, this new tax relief will be fully phased in and a total of \$1.3 billion will be issued to taxpayers.

The Senate also succeeded in extending the highly effective property tax cap that has already saved taxpayers \$7.6 billion over the past four years. The cap had been set to expire in 2016-2017 but will now be extended to 2019-2020, bringing certainty to tax-

payers and businesses.

"This legislative package reflects the Senate Republicans commitment to creating a brighter future for communities across New York State," said Bonacic. "The Senate is providing property tax relief to mid-

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Frost Valley's Day Camp includes a variety of programs in addition to the traditional summer camp, such as Farm Day Camp, where kids develop skills in growing and harvesting food and creating farmto-table dishes, while learning how to properly care for animals, and more, on Frost Valley's 515-acre working farm. Horse Day Camp, another specialty, provides the perfect opportunity for boys and girls to learn the fundamentals of riding and horse care. From the beginner rider to the more advanced, children grow leaps and bounds during their sessions, gaining confidence, independence, and leadership skills. Teen Adventures is made up of six unique programs just for teens, that allows campers to focus on an area of

interest, such as rock climbing, boating, swimming, camping, or art.

Each Day Camp program also offers the opportunity to enjoy all the great activities Frost Valley has to offer, such as boating, archery, games and more. Registration is still open for various programs; please visit FrostValley.org for more information or to sign up.

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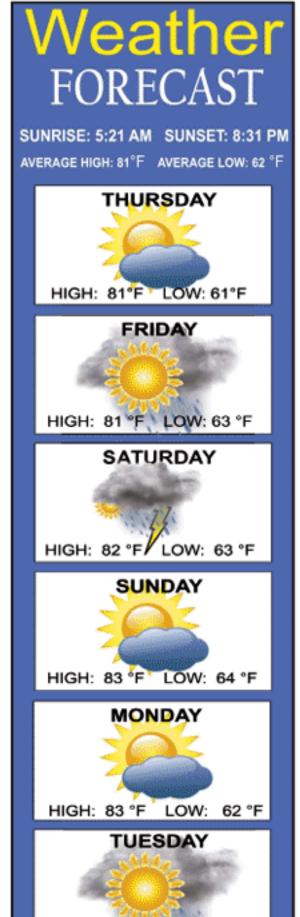
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First Annual "Hats Off to the Ladies"

Honors Three Sullivan County Activists

Bloomingburg, NY - The First Annual "Hats Off to the Ladies" Spring Fling fundraiser sponsored by the Democratic Women of Sullivan County was held at The Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg on

June 14, 2014.

Photo Carol Montana

(Left to right): Kathy Kreiter, Priscilla Bassett, Isabelle Rawich - the honorees at the Democratic Women of Sullivan County's inaugural "Hats Off to the Ladies" Spring Fling fundraiser on June 14, 2015.

The inaugural event paid tribute to Sullivan County activists: Priscilla Bassett, Isabelle Rawich and Kathy Kreiter.

Bassett is a lifelong devotee to the cause of peace and justice, and is a member of Sullivan County Peace and Justice, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and head of Senior Legislative Action Committee, to name just a few of the organizations with which

involved. She was previously honored by the Sullivan County Human Rights Commissionm, and was named Senior of the Year by the Sullivan County Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Rawich is an attorney who has been an advocate for children for the last 40 years, within the Family Court system as a Law Guardian and Attorney for the Child. She is one of a handful of attorneys who did not attend law school, but rather clerked for four years, passed the bar exam, the character committee review and was admitted to the bar in the later 1970s. She now devotes herself to the county's neediest children.

Kreiter was the director of the Sullivan County Dispute Resolution Center for seven years and is now the director of the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless. She has worked, along with her husband John, on the National Night Out in Fallsburg, and the Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom, which is dedicated to the memory of her mother.

The ladies received a small gift, as well as certificates of appreciation, and congratulatory letters from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo.

Keynote speaker at the "Hats Off to the Ladies" event was New York State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

The Democratic Women of Sullivan County is an independent, progressive, grassroots organization devoted to bringing more Sullivan County women into the political process. For additional information, call Secretary Carol Montana at 845-985-7783.

Claryville Art Center



The Claryville Art Center has two floors for art display with an open center area to accommodate any type of event. The Art Center is one of the most beautiful galleries in upstate New York. It houses the permanent collection of world famous Russian born American contemporary artist Alexander Kaletski, and will also display the works of local artists and visiting artists from around the world.

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Lesson Nineteen: Modifying Adjectives With Adverbs

We already know that adverbs modify verbs. Sometimes they can also modify adjectives, such as in "This pie is very good." The word "good" is an adjective describing the pie and the word "very" is an adverb that adds additional meaning to the adjective. How good was the pie? It was very good.

The sentences below each contain an adverb modifying an adjective. Find all of them.

- The night was very dark.
- The fire was extremely bright.
- When she has had a beer or two, she is unusually funny.
- This pizza is exceedingly delicious.
- The band sounded softly mellow.

The answers to this lesson will be in the next installment of The English Language. If you want to see the answers now, go to workadaywriter.com/lessonnineteen and scroll to the bottom of the content.

The answers to Lesson Eighteen: locks up, breaks off, blasted off, closed down, marked up

From the Gnomes at Work!

"We would like to give a great big Thank You to Linda and Frank Comando for all the extra time and work they do each week to get the Townsman out. They go above and beyond their job.

We want them to know how much they are appreciated."

Thanks again - Your gnomes at work!

"You are so welcome" Gnomes at Work and a "Thank You" to the many 'gnomes' out there who help each week to get news, pictures, events for the calendar, etc. to us, not to mention all the help from the Wednesday Townsman Ladies.

We could write volumes about our Townsman adventures and we (including the Wednesday Townsman Ladies) often recall some of the difficult situations we gave been in to meet deadlines and get the Townsman out in time. Somehow those very same things we stress about, turn out to be the things we laugh at a few weeks later.

We enjoy this opportunity to serve our community. Getting to 'gnow' all the gnomes in the 'gneighborhood' is fun!

Thank you Gnomes at Work! Frank & Linda Comando

Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES Recognizes Graduates

LIBERTY: On June 18th, the Sullivan County BOCES held its Recognition Ceremony for 159 graduating Career & Tech students at the Liberty Central School. The night was filled with smiling faces, cheers, and applauds as the graduates made their way across the stage to accept their certificates, awards, and scholarships.

Joseph McDoal (RCS) and Alyssa Vilela (MCS), New Vision Health students, spoke during the ceremony on behalf of their classmates. Both students expressed their gratitude to BOCES for providing them with the opportunity to attend the New Vision Health Program. They also spoke about their Career and Tech experience and how it positively influenced their lives and futures by providing an opportunity to challenge themselves and make them grow.

Joel Reyes (MCS), Health Occupations student and Ariana Fassetta (TVCS) Culinary Arts student, also spoke during the ceremony. Both students talked about their Career and Tech experience and the impact it had on their lives. Ms. Fassetta ended her speech by telling her class-mates, "We now have the tools to be successful and it is up to us to use these tools. It's time the world gets to see how wonderful we are."

BOCES Holds 26th Annual Adult HS

Equivalency Graduation Ceremony
MONTICELLO - The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan County BOCES held its High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at the St John Street Education Center in Monticello. The ceremony was filled with cheers, tears, and smiles as each graduate stood in front of family, friends, and staff members who have supported them through their educa-tional journey. These 21 amazing graduates have overcome many obstacles and roadblocks on their way to reaching this monumental goal. Today, they stand proud, as they are ready to face the world with a credential that will

open up a world of opportunities. Blanca Ramos Carballo and Leonilda Aquino were the student speakers for the night. Each told their story and gave gratitude to all of the people who helped them on their journey to reach this life-altering goal. During the ceremony, Rebecca Holzapfel received special recognition for

scoring over 3000 on the GED exam.

The GED Class of 2015 includes Amanda Alejandro, Leonilda Aquino, Rickenson Beauzile, Cassandra Cleveland, Toby DeGraw, Noemi Donis, Franklin Fuzie, Martha Hernandez Caceres, Helen Hinkley, Rebecca Holzapfel, Naquema James, Nytashia Lambert, Danielle Long, Kyrstal Lopez, Linda Mullins, Jasmine Negron, Dima Perilla, Blanca Ramos Carballo, Ashley Rios, Jessica Travis, and Lezell Ngails.

Sullivan BOCES Holds Rubin Pollack **Education Center Graduation Ceremony**

MONTICELLO - Sullivan County BOCES held its annual commencement ceremony on Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Rubin Pollack Education Center. Nineteen graduates were honored for their educational achievements amongst a crowd of family, friends, and school administrators.

The ceremony was opened with remarks from Dr. Charles Khoury, Interim District Superintendent. Dr. Khoury spoke about how graduation ceremonies are a transition to a new beginning. He quoted one of his favorite quotes from Viola Davis, The two most important dates in your life is the day you are born and the day you discover why you were born." My advice is to continue to be curi-ous and continue to learn. The journey of discovery is life long, so try to make a positive difference to those you come in contact with. Congratulation on this achievement and your accomplishments.

Addison Leites from the Eldred Central School was the class speaker. He started his speech with a reflection of the path that led him to BOCES. BOCES has given me my drive and focus back. I can now see my future because I know what I need to do get the knowledge that I need to get to get where I want to go. To my classmates, nice job Class

of 2015! We are the best and we did it.

In addition to the students' diplomas, the following awards were presented: The American Citizenship Award was presented to Kelly Sennett and Lymene Moses-Westphal; the Liberty Lions Award was presented to Patrick Doscher and Casey Hendrickson; The Career & Technical Education Award was presented to Kip Gerow and Carlos Montijo; the President's Academic Achievement Award presented to Michael Williamson, Tyler Picariello, Kip Gerow, Patrick Kelly, Lymene Moses-Westphal, Melissa Parisi, Charles Sabatino, Mia Conklin, and Patrick Doscher; the President's Academic Excellence Award presented to Addison Leites and Carlos Montijo; the Liberty Elks Award was presented to Jennifer Bubbico and Addison Leites; the BOCES Board Award (recognizing academic improvement) was presented to Tracy Brand; the Gene Smith School to Work Award presented Kelly Sennett, the Peter Scursatone Memorial Award (recognizing citizenship) was presented to Tyler Picariello; the Wellness Award was presented to Charles Sabatino; the Thelma Newman Memorial Award (overall outstanding graduate) was pre-sented to Tyler Picariello and Casey Hendrickson; and the Art Award was presented to Allen Sonn.

Learn to Pickle Fresh Vegetables at Home with CCE

LIBERTY, NY- The public is invited to attend "Let's Get Pickling!", a hands-on, educational workshop on safe home food preservation techniques offered on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) will hold this class from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the new shared-use, Entrepreneurial and Teaching (EaT) Kitchen at its Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

CCESC Master Food Preserver Volunteers will demonstrate to participants how to properly pickle fresh vegetables including beans and cucumbers, through the hot water bath canning method, as recommended by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). No prior knowledge of food preservation is needed. Attendees will receive food samples prepared during the work-

Cost is \$30.00 per person or \$25.00 for CCESC enrollees. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for a \$25.00 donation per household, annually. Enrollees must identify membership status at time of payment to receive discount.

Space is limited and pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Seats are only guaranteed with payment. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivancce.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Kenneth Walter Withdraws from 3rd District Legislative Race to Avoid any Appearance of Conflict with His Ethics Committee and Charter Review Commission Roles

Kenneth Walter, the unofficial watchdog of Sullivan County government turned 3rd district legislative candidate, has withdrawn from the race. Walter cited concerns over the appearance of a conflict between his candidacy and his position on both the Sullivan County Ethics Committee and the Sullivan County Charter Review Commission.

"While I have no doubt of my ability and integrity to conduct the responsibilities of these two positions while conducting a political campaign, there have been those who have expressed concern over the appearance of such activities." Walter stated.

"I consider my work on the county charter and in the area of ethics to be too important to have anyone question my integrity or the integrity of the committee and commission on which I serve.

"As a consequence of advisory rulings from Steve Aquario of the New York State Association of Counties and the Sullivan County Attorney's office, I have decided to continue the work I have started, necessitating my withdrawal from the legislative race."

Walter thanked his supporters in the Democratic Party and the Working Families Party and reassures all that his government watchdog role will continue with even greater commitment to the people of Sullivan County.

GODSPELL: GODSPELL: Presented by The Sullivan County

Dramatic Workshop at The Rivoli Theatre - in S. Fallsburg. Opens FRIDAY, July 10, (8PM) runs July 11, 17 & 18 at 8PM, July 12 & 19, at 2PM. To purchase tickets with all major credit cards visit our web site at www.SCDW.net .

Heading up the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Cast is Shawn Collin Bailey, Sr. as Jesus, Mick Wheaton as John the Baptist/Judas and the rest of the ensemble: Walter Dyer, Sally Gladden, Arianna Klein, Taylor Lamerand, Noam Naiman, Christopher Renninger, Amber Schmidt, Kali Seastrand, Grace Strauss, Jess Watson, & Montrell Williams. The production is directed by Stephanie Watson, lighting and tech by Jim Schmidt with set construction by Harold Tighe and artistic design by Fran Schiff.

Tickets are \$22 for General admission and \$18 for Seniors, Students and Military. Opening night special - Friday, July 10th only - HALF PRICE! Tickets are also available at the door. The Rivoli Theatre is handicap accessible and there is free parking aside of the theater (limited spaces available). For more information call 845-436-5336.

This production is rated G.

Gillibrand: White House Right to Lift Barrier to Marijuana Research, but Obstacles for Medical Care Remain

White House Proposes Step Outlined in Gillibrand's Bipartisan CAR-

ERS Act, Eliminating Costly Bureaucratic Research Requirement
Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement on the White House proposal to eliminate the Public Health Service review, a requirement applied only to nonfederally funded marijuana research. The process has long been considered an obstacle to research and no other substance is subject to similar requirements.

"The White House is right to lift a major barrier to conducting essential medical marijuana research. The onerous requirement took too long and cost too much to complete, discouraging research that would have furthered our understanding of medical marijuana and its potential treatment of illness and disease. The bipartisan legislation I introduced with Senators Rand Paul and Cory Booker also sought to eliminate this bureaucratic step, and the announcement today is

an encouraging sign that policy can move in the direction of science. "However, other barriers remain. With the anticipated boost in research, we'll need an adequate supply of marijuana samples that are only available through one provider. The CARERS Act would increase the number of licenses so that more providers can grow cannabis for research. Most urgently, patients and doctors in states with legal medical marijuana programs are still unable to participate in those programs without fear of federal prosecution. The CARERS Act would also modernize the laws and allow states to determine medical marijuana policy.

"The incremental progress is encouraging, but we need comprehensive reform to ensure that doctors and researchers have the tools they need to care for patients across the country.'

The decision came the same week when the Senate Drug Caucus held a hearing on cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychotropic component of medical marijuana which some families use to treat their children's seizures. Witnesses spoke before the panel on Wednesday, July 24 in Dirksen Senate Office Building.

In this hearing on medical marijuana, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand pushed Congress to pass the bipartisan reform bill that would allow patients to access medical marijuana in states where it is legal without fear of federal prosecution, and would also promote research to understand how the plant can treat illness and disease. The legislation, the Compassionate Access, Research Expansion and Respect States (CARERS) Act was introduced earlier this year with Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Cory Booker (D-NJ). It would allow states to set their own medical marijuana policies and would remove obstacles that have prevented medical marijuana research.

Medical marijuana is legal in 23 states and the District of Columbia, and 12 states have passed or will sign into law regulations allowing the use of cannabidiol (CBD) oils, a non-psychotropic component of medical marijuana which some families use to treat their seizures. The hearing before the Senate Drug Caucus focused on barriers to research and the potential medical benefits of CBD.

Senator Gillibrand's opening remarks as prepared for delivery are available below, and copies of the added testimony from witnesses - including Dr. Steven Wolf, Director of Pediatric Epilepsy at Mount Sinai - are available here.

Thank you, Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Feinstein, for holding this important

hearing today, and for inviting me to participate.

"I first came to the issue of medical marijuana when parents of children suffering from seizure disorders began to contact my office for help in accessing a strain of cannabis known

"As we'll hear today, CBD can reduce the number of seizures patients experience. The benefits are dramatic: children's brains and bodies can develop, they can learn, they can play. They can be kids.

"I'll speak more about the families I've met in a moment, and I also want to note that CBD is just one strain of cannabis that has medical benefits for a variety of illnesses affecting our constituents.

"I have submitted added testimony today that, while outside of the scope of today's hearing, is important in our consideration of medical marijuana reform. I appreciate the Caucus' consideration of that testimony.

"Over the last few months, I have met with many families from across New York and the

nation, who desperately need access to medical marijuana.

"These are mothers and fathers whose children are suffering every single day from diseases like Dravet Syndrome and epilepsy.

"These are young boys and girls who have hundreds of seizures a day. Their development is

delayed because they experience so many seizures. But while doctors advise that CBD would alleviate the number of seizures, parents risk violating federal law to administer the medicine prescribed, and can face arrest, and the loss of custody.

"I am a parent. I have two young boys. I know many of you in this caucus are parents.

"I simply cannot imagine the pain and frustration that these families endure when confronted with this choice.

"Earlier this year, we received a letter from a mother named Missy, whose son, Oliver, suffers from a seizure disorder. I want to share with you her experience. She wrote:

'Oliver had a trip planned for a long time to perform at Disney World with his school percussion group! It was supposed to be one of the highlights of his life!

'But as is our life with refractory seizures, he has been seizing and sedated from all the res-

cue meds this whole trip. It is heartbreaking for me to watch this endless torture. The last time we were here at Disney World, Oliver could still walk. He could sit up in rides,

he could enjoy being in the pool. That was 2 years ago. This is what the seizures have taken from him in 2 years. This trip, he can no longer walk, he can't sit unsupported in any ride, he could not tolerate the pool, he seized

through his favorite ride. 'Please remember and represent him and the so many others like him.'

"This mother, and the thousands of other parents just like her are simply asking Congress to do its job - to take care of America's families by letting DOCTORS determine what their patients need.

"State lawmakers across the country have already recognized what the medical community is telling us: that cannabis can treat a variety of illnesses, from MS to cancer, to epilepsy, to seizures. 23 states, plus Washington DC, have already passed laws to legalize medical marijuana.

"But none of that matters because our outdated federal laws preempt any of the state laws. "The recognition that the regulations are behind the science is growing here in Washington. Committees in both the House and the Senate have passed amendments to expand access to medical marijuana.

"And just this week, the White House proposed a new rule to lift a long-standing obstacle to

medical marijuana research.

"But until we change our federal laws, doctors can't prescribe this medicine to children who need it... even in states where it is legal.

"Until we change the federal laws, scientists will still face barriers to researching medical marijuana and the most effective way to use it ... even in states where it is legal.

"Until we change the federal laws, parents like Missy are stuck watching their children suffer through hundreds of seizures a day... even in states where medical marijuana is legal.

"Let's do our jobs. Let's pass a new, modern law on medical marijuana that respects state laws, that respects modern scientific research, and that respects our families. Thank you."

Montreign Resort Casino Awards First Major Bid PackageNYS Certified-WBE Firm Cerrone, Inc. and Sullivan County's Gary Myers Excavation Perform Work

Empire Resorts, Inc.announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Montreign Operating Company, LLC, awarded a mass excava-tion bid package to Cerrone, Inc., a New York State-certified womanowned business enterprise. This is the first major contract award and will jump start work on the project that is scheduled to open two years after a gaming facility license is granted by the New York State Gaming

The mass excavation package involves significant preparation work such as clearing the site, topsoil removal, grading and leveling. This is a precursor to constructing the resort casino's site access roads and building foundations. Cerrone will utilize Gary Myers Excavation Inc., a Sullivan County local business located in Swan Lake, as a subcontractor for the project.

"Montreign Resort Casino is proud to award its first major bid package to a New York State-certified woman-owned business enterprise," said Empire Resort's CEO Joseph D'Amato. "We are looking forward to awarding more bid packages in the near future as this project continues to progress. We have made extensive community outreach efforts to attract minority, woman and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses and local businesses as part of the bidding process.

The Montreign Resort Casino is viewed as a major economic catalyst for Sullivan County and the Mid-Hudson Region, with numerous local contractors, vendors and suppliers expected to be part of the project. Montreign is implementing its plans to ensure that minority, woman and service-disabled veteran-owned and local businesses and workforce take part in the

"Montreign has clear business diversification goals for this project and we are taking steps to ensure that MWVBEs and service-disabled veteran firms are aware of bidding opportunities during construction," said Frank Ciminelli, Senior Executive Vice President for LPCiminelli, the project's construction manager. "The fact that the first major contract award went to a WBE firm should send a strong signal that Montreign is committed to business diversity and ensuring all segments of the business community benefit from this tremendous project."

About Empire Resorts

Empire Resorts, Inc. owns and operates, through its subsidiary Monticello Raceway Management, Inc., the Monticello Casino and Raceway, a harness racing track and casino in Monticello, N.Y., and is 90 miles from midtown Manhattan. For additional information, please visit www.empireresorts.com.

Upon the awarding of a gaming facility license from the New York State Gaming Commission, Empire will begin construction on Montreign - an 18-story casino, hotel and entertainment complex with 61 table games, 2,150 state of the art slot machines and 391 luxury rooms designed to meet 4-star and 4-diamond standards. For additional information, please visit www.montreign.com.

Plans and Progress Small Grant Program

Monticello, N.Y. - The Sullivan County Legislature appropriated \$100,000 in the 2015 Adopted Budget to fund the newly created Plans and Progress Small Grant Program. The Legislature has voted to award contracts in the amount of \$69,075 to applicants during Round 1 of the grant program.

The Plans and Progress Small Grant Program is designed to assist local municipalities, and community and not-for-profit groups, throughout Sullivan County with capital projects related to tourism, economic development, image enhancement, and other county goals. These guidelines are intended to promote use of the program countywide through an initial allocation of funding to all legislative districts, foster projects that have countywide or regional significance, by tying applications to county goals estab-lished in comprehensive or strategic plans, and increase the impact of the grants and accountability of the program through enhanced project tracking.

Interest in the program was strong as there were a total of 26 applications in Round 1. The 16 funded projects will support new parks and trail development, public art, downtown hamlet revitalization, agriculture, his-

toric preservation, tourism, and image enhancement.

"The Plans and Progress Small Grant Program is an initiative that the Legislature takes great pride in reinstituting. This program will help our community and make the resources available that not-for-profit organizations in Sullivan County need in today's economy. I look forward to seeing all of the projects awarded in Round 1 come to fruition. I think this program can be an asset to our Sullivan County community," said Scott Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature

The County is now accepting applications for Round 2 of the Plans and Progress Small Grant Program. Applications from all districts are encouraged as projects in districts where funding has been fully allocated may be eligible for funds remaining in the program. The deadline to apply for

Round 2 is July 31.

"If past success is a prelude of things to come, then I look forward to seeing a more vibrant, aesthetically pleasing and culturally attractive Sullivan County in the near future, thanks, in part to the Plans & Progress program, but more importantly to the volunteers and organizations that have chosen to reinvest in our community," Alan J. Sorensen, Legislator District 9.

Program guidelines are available which contain details on eligibility requirements, how to apply, and the timeline and procedures for reviewing applications, and are available from the Sullivan County Division of Planning & Environmental Management at (845) 807-0527 or by email at planning@co.sullivan.ny.us. The information may also be accessed from the County's website by going to the Planning division page and clicking on the link to Available Funding Opportunities.

"As a member of the review committee, I would like to personally thank Freda Eisenberg Planning Commissioner, Art Hussey Grants Administration Supervisor, Helen Budrock of Sullivan Renaissance, and Heinrich Strauch of Jeff Bank for their time and expertise in reviewing and making recommendations for funding," said Joshua Potosek,

Sullivan County Manager.

21st Annual Liberty Festival on the Fourth of July
Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Hosts 21st Annual Liberty Festival on the Fourth of July Parade and Street Fair, Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 10:30am-4:30pm on Main Street in Liberty The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Village and Town of Liberty will be hosting its 21st Annual Summer Celebration on July 4th, 2015, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event includes closing off North Main Street to vehicle traffic to accommodate the annual 4th of July Parade and Street Fair. Included in the day's festivities are the annual Antique Car and Truck Show, dozens of food, craft and retail vendors, bouncy houses and kids activities by Party Master, and musical guests The Other Band on the Main Street Stage and a live performance of The Weather Project by NaCL Theater.

The days schedule of events include: The Classic Car and Truck Show beginning at 10:30, The car show will be located on Elementary School grounds behind the Liberty Public Library. There will be a special performance of the Star Spangled Banner on the Main Street Stage at noon, the parade kicks off at 12:05. The

Other Band will perform throughout the day on the Main Street Stage beginning at 12:30pm. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, July 5.

In addition to the lineup this year, there will be a special live performance of the Weather Project presented by NACL Theatre of Highland Lake at the Creekside Park, behind the Main Street Stage and 1:30pm. Plus don't miss out on our raffle to win an ATV! Stop by our booth in front of LaPolt Park or visit Kraizy Dai's

The event is sponsored by Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and the following businesses: Achieve Rehab & Nursing, M&M Automotive Group, Spina Chiropractic and Krazy Dai's, LLC (Platinum Sponsors); Catskill Hudson Bank, Dr. Jorge Delgado, Jeff Bank, Liberty Rotary, Ramsay's Funeral Home, Town &

for Too Blue are Jimmy Nackley and

Friends and then local fave Justin

Sutherland. Downtown Barn features their around the world menu

with choices from local Liberty

Learn

restaurants!

Downtownbarn.com

Country Antiques and Yeshiva Ahavas Israel (Gold Sponsors); Law Offices of Jeffrey S. Altbach, TLC Childcare (Silver Sponsor); County Petroleum, Charlie Barbuti Furniture Mall

and Liberty Press (Bronze Sponsors).

There is still time to become a vendor or participate in the parade. Please call for more information on this or our other upcoming events, as well as to join, or to volunteer, please contact us at the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone at 845-292-9797 or email info@LibertyNYChamber.com. Find us online at www.LibertyNYChamber.com. Information can also be found on the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Facebook

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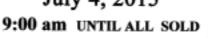
Kick off your celebration on Friday night, July 3 at 7pm at the Downtown Barn with their Red, White and Too Blue Show featuring live performance by Too Blue! Opening

> REFORMED CHURCH BAKE SALE SPONSORED BY THE GRC LADIES AID

STATE RTE. 55 (ACROSS FROM T.V., SCHOOL)



SATURDAY July 4, 2015





FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 845 985-7480



TIME & THE VALLEYS

Saturday & Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through Thanksgiving Three floors of exhibitions, Local History Resource Center and a Museum Shop

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

985-7700 timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday Worship

Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am

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

Sunday School 9:30 am Ismael Berrios Lead Pastor

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

Email:

crosswayaog@aol.com www.crosswayaog.com

Sundown United Methodist Church



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available! For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283

Loucks Funeral Home

e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito

> 79 North Main Street Ellenville, New York (845) 647-4343

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66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700 275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445 Claryville Fire Dept All you can eat Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, July 19 Serving 7:00 until Noon Adults \$7 Children under 12, \$3 Under 5yrs. Free

\$50 from the breakfast is donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry





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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Fred VanWagner Coffee hour follows service 5277 State Rt. 42

All are welcome!

845-436-7539 www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road Claryville, NY 12725 845-985-2041

South Fallsburg



Bible Class 9:00 am Worship Services @ 10:00 am Rev. Paul Nulton John Bult, Organist

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights) 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule: Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

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

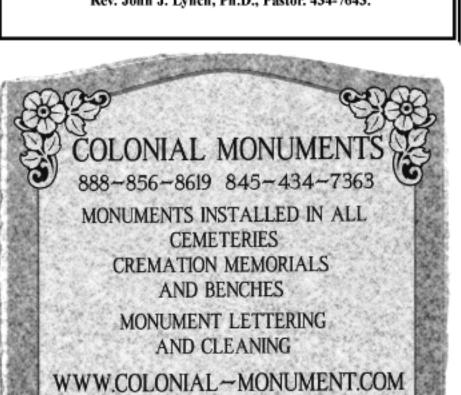
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

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

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

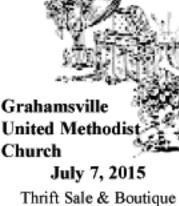
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9 am-1 p.m. Luncheon 11 am p.m

Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique 9 am - 1 pm

July 18 , 2015

St . Augustine's Chapel

Watson Hollow Rd . • West Shokan, NY Sunday Mass - 9:30 am

Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

845-985-7480

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

Notice of Completion of Assessment Roll

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, the Assessor for the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, New York has completed the Assessment Roll for SAID Town, for the year 2015. A certified copy thereof has been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Denning on the 1st day of July, 2015.

Michael B. Sommer Sole Assessor jam June 22, 2015

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE PARKS & REC VACANCY

The Town of Neversink announces a vacancy on the Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department Advisory Board. The vacancy is for the remainder of a term ending on 12/31/2018. (The actual term length is 5 years.)

Please send a letter of interest to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by July 7, 2015. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, notice Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 10th day of June, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2015 entitled "A Local Law to amend Chapter 50 (Zoning) of the Town of Neversink Code to establish a definition for "Dwelling Two Family"; to establish increased penalties for violation of this Chapter; and to amend the Schedule of District Regulations of the H District of the Town of Private Neversink Code -Schools", which local law adds a "Dwelling-Two definition of Family"; increases the penalties for offenses of Chapter 50 and will delete Special Use No. 17 in the H District "public and private schools" and replace the deleted language with the following: "17. Public Schools".

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on June 10, 2015 and said Local Law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on June 16, 2015.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK

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Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk Dated: June 22, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following positions are available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2015-2016:

Substitute Teachers
No Degree - \$70/day
Bachelor's Degree - \$75/day
Certified Teacher - \$80/day
Master's Degree and Certification - \$90/day

Substitute Teacher Aides - \$65/day Substitute Monitors - \$12.00/hour Substitute Cafeteria Workers - \$12.00/hour Substitute Cleaners - \$12.00/hour Substitute Nurses - RN \$150/day Substitute Nurses - LPN \$100/day

Interested parties should submit letter of interest to:

Mr. Thomas Palmer, Superintendent Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845)985-2296 ext. 5101

Cut-Off Date for Accepting Applications/Materials: June 26, 2015 Interviews will be conducted June 29 - July 2, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2015-2016

Social Studies 7-12 Tenure-Track Full-Time Teacher NYS Certification Required

Start Date September 1, 2015

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:
 Mr. Robert Peters,
 Secondary School Principal
 Tri-Valley Central School District
 34 Moore Hill Road
 Grahamsville, New York 12740
 (845)985-2296 ext. 5301

Within the past two months, there have been encounters in Sullivan County between humans and animals that subsequently tested positive for the rabies virus, including a grey fox and a bat. The vast majority of rabies cases reported each year in New York State occur in wild animals such as raccoons, bats, skunks, and foxes. Domestic animals account for less than 10% of the reported rabies cases, with cats, cattle, and dogs most often reported rabid.

Be sure your dogs, cats and ferrets are up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations. Vaccinated pets serve as a buffer between rabid wildlife and man. Protect them, and you protect yourself and family. Vaccines for dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age are effective for a oneyear period. Revaccinations are effective for up to three years. Pets too young to be vaccinated should be kept indoors.

Don't try to separate two fighting animals. Wear gloves if you handle your pet after a fight. Keep family pets indoors at night. Don't leave them outside unattended or let them roam free.

Don't attract wild animals to your home or yard. Keep your property free of stored bird seed, food garbage or other foods that may attract animals. Feed pets indoors. Tightly cap or put away garbage cans. Board up any openings to your attic, basement, porch or garage. Cap your chimney with screens. Don't feed, touch or adopt wild animals, stray dogs or cats.

Encourage children to immediately tell an adult if they are bitten by any animal. Tell children not to touch any animal except their own. If a wild animal is on your property, let it wander away. Bring children and pets indoors and alert neighbors who are outside. You may contact a nuisance wildlife control officer who will remove the animal for a fee. If you are being threatened by a wild animal, go indoors and call the police

Seek treatment for all animal bites and report contact with wild animals to Sullivan County Public Health Services at (845) 292-5910. If you can safely do so, don't let an animal escape that has possibly exposed someone to rabies. Depending on the species, it can be observed or tested for rabies in order to avoid the need for rabies treatment for people or euthanization for exposed unvaccinated pets. This includes bats that have had skin contact or have been found in a room with a sleeping person, unattended child, or someone with mental impairment. Bats have small, sharp teeth and in certain circumstances people can be bitten and not know it.

Bats can be particularly difficult to keep out of buildings because they can get through cracks as small as a pencil. Methods to keep bats out (batproofing) of homes and summer camps should be done during the fall and winter. If bats are already inside (e.g., in an attic or other areas), consult with your local health department about humane ways to remove them

References: CDC (Centers for Disease Control), the New York State Department of Health, and Sullivan County Public Health Services. For more information, call (845) 292-5910, or visit: http://www.health.state.ny.us/diseases/communicable/zoonoses/rabies/g uide.htm or http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/.

For questions about article content please contact Nancy McGraw, LCSW, MBA, Director of Public Health at 845-292-5910

Performance Poet Laura E. J. Moran Presents "Desire Line" at the Laundry King in Livingston Manor, NY



The Catskill Art Society is proud to present regional performance poet Laura E. J. Moran in an encore presentation of "Desire Line" at the Laundry King, 65 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY on Saturday, July 18 at 7pm. The event will culminate an all-day, town-wide festival celebrating local lore and culture.

Laura Moran's "Desire Line" is a book of fragmentary texts—poetic lyric, prose-poem, one-act play, prose essay—that nevertheless assemble a whole way of experiencing the world. As she says, "The shard is the whole—no?" Moran is a mental traveler, a writer in love with the sounds and sense of language, its plasticity and history that take us back to the beginnings of human time. On one level, she recognizes that memory is desire and memory is personal history and therefore memory is home. Her childhood is rich within her, but as a mature writer she knows how to connect past to present, describe the reciprocal arc of desire from then until now: "What you touch touches back." It's a living, momentary process: or as she says in the book's final lines, "I first came to desire now. / Always now." If this were a book only of rich personal history, it would be enough, but Moran also explores the larger desirelines and planes of human and planetary time... recalling our origins in the

stars, in the oceans, in the earth elements, as well as in the watery womb.

Laura E. J. Moran is a performance poet, educator, and author of several collections of poetry: "Improper Joy" (2006, Stockport Flats), "Live Bait" (CD, Great Divide, 2005), and three one-woman poetry shows entitled "Inhibition Exhibition" (2006), "Improper Joy: Live" (2008), and "Eden: The Dark Side of Paradise" (2010). Her full-length play "Last Words," inspired by the last words of the first one-hundred women legally executed in Colonial America, has debuted in part at LouderArts Project in NYC and NACL Theatre in upstate NY. Laura was the curator of First Fridays Contemporary Author's Series in Narrowsburg, NY. In 2014, she co-founded Beautiful Traditions, LLC and created "CONFLUENCE" an oral traditions project which formalizes an on-going relationship with the people, places, and stories belonging to her valley community. She teaches in the English Department at Lackawanna College.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$5. Advance reservations recommended. Call 845-436-4227 or email info@catskillartsociety.org.

About the Catskill Art Society

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

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor

Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation www.townofneversink.org

Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

<u>Pizza Hut Fundraiser</u> Thursday, June 25. at the Liberty Pizza Hut between 5 pm and 9 pm

<u>3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair</u> Saturday, July 11 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

Family Fun NIGHT Friday, July 17.at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm for a hot dog dinner, and fun! \$7 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$12 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 9.

Defensive Driving Class Saturday, July 18th 9 am-3:30 pm Town of Neversink Town Hall \$35 (Cash/Check) Call 845-468-0125 register/info. Can register with Jamie Brooks at the Town Hall

Splashdown Beach Saturday, Aug. 1. Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am return approximately 7 pm. Please bring money to eat, swimsuits and a change of clothes. SIGN-UP: \$15 Neversink Residents/Tri Valley School Students/\$39 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, June 23.



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. Or occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

V E T E R A N S always Free search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at Sullivan th e County Museum, Main 265 NY Hurleyville, 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 Woodboume Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170

Main Street, Liberty



2015 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm January 15th May 14th September 10th February *None* June 11th October 15th March 12th July 16th November 12th April 16th December 10th August 13th

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7/2/15 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30PM

Town of Neversink Holiday INDEPENDENCE DAY 7/4/15

7/4/15 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale - 9 am until all sold out

7/4/15 NO Covered Dish Supper this month- Sundown Methodist Church

7/7/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm) & Luncheon(11 am - 1:00 pm)

Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall 7/7/15

Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm 7/8/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (Claryville (12725) residents see pg. 14 RE: 7/9/15 Claryville Waste Water Plan)

7/14/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall

7/15/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting

7/16/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm

Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm 7/16/15

7/18/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm)

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7- Noon Claryville Fire House 7/19/15

7/20/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm

Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm 7/21/15

8/5/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm

Save the Date

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 11th Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm Matthew R. Bertholf 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament July 12, 2015 Neversink Firehouse Old Time Fair and Barbecue, July 25, Grahamsville Fair Grounds, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Claryville Heritage Fair, Saturday, August 8 from 10-3

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

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Boiceville IGA . Snyder's Phoenica Gas Station . Phoenicia Pharmacy . Phoenicia Deli . Mama's Boy . Brio's Emerson Resort • Phoenicia Diner • Shokan Citgo

ELLENVILLE JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE MATTHEW'S PHARMACY NAPANOCH APPLIANCES EWCOC • ELLENVILLE CITGO ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL PETER'S MARKET THORTON HARDWARE

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

...VENDORS

The 2015 Old Time Fair, sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, is going to be held Saturday, July 25th. Vendors with home crafted items are needed. Why not reserve your \$15. space early, we promise you a large crowd and a fun filled day. For reservations and information please call Ann-Marie Kremer at 985-2016 or PO Box 161,982 Claryville Rd, Claryville 12725

Vacation Bible School

evenings of Sunday July 12- Thursday July 16 starting etc. Please bring memorabilia, photos, etc., to share. at 5.30 at the Grahamsville Reformed Church half. Dinner will also be served.

This year's theme is G-Force, God's love in action. Through this program, children will discover that they can use God's power in their lives to help them move, act, care, follow and share. (Those are the themes for each day) The overall program is decorated with bikes,

scooters, energy, momentum.

If you would like your child to attend call Julie Furman at 985-7248 or email ehretsj@yahoo.com. The program is free but we are asking participants to bring items for Christmas in July. These items will be used for the Operation Christmas Child in December.

American Red Cross and ERH join Together for a Community Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and Ellenville Regional Hospital will join together for a community blood drive on Wednesday July 8, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Ellenville Regional Hospital at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. The Red Cross blood drive will take place in a traveling donor center outside of the hospital in their parking lot.

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy volunteer blood donor, like you.

Local blood donors are needed all year round to ensure the blood supply stays strong. Approximately every two seconds a patient in the United States needs blood. That's why your blood donation through the Red Cross is so important. Your blood donation can help save the life of a real person in our community. It truly is the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

Walk-ins are always welcome, but donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), 845 647-6400 ext. 226 or by visiting redcrossblood.org.

Book Club Meeting

The first Friday of the month book discussion group meets in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

Refreshments are provided by the members. New mem-

This month's book discussion: "Half Broke Horses", a true-life novel by Jeannette Walls

SC Historical Society New Exhibit

The Sullivan County Historical Society presents a New Exhibit The Concord Remembered 1935 - 1998. Preview weekend will be held July 4 and 5th.
On Sunday afternoon July 5, 1:00 at 4:00pm there will

Vacation Bible School will take place on the be a reunion of former employees, suppliers, contractors,

Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street -Hurleyville, NY. Admission is Free - Donations Appreciated. Additional programs to be announced. For information (845) 434-8044 or www.scnyhistory.org

Daughters of the American Revolution

(DAR)Monticello, N.Y. - The Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] has provided a patriotic display in anticipation of Constitution Week September 17-23. Located in the Veterans display case in the lobby of the Government Center is a copy of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and other documents relating to the founding of the Nation. DAR is a women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Shady UM Church Fair - Yard Sale - Barbecue

The Shady United Methodist Church Fair - Yard Sale -Barbecue will be held on Saturday, July 11. The Fair is 9AM - 2PM and Barbecue: 3PM - 5PM catered by Stone Pony At the Fair you will find a Bake Table, Craft Table, Plants, Yard Sale, Childrens' games, Make Your Own Coffee Can Ice Cream, and Great Food! The Barbecue will include your choice of 1/2 chicken - \$13 or Ribs - \$15. All dinners include: potato salad, cole slaw, roll w/butter and homemade brownie.

Tickets for Barbecue-call 679-2982 or 657-7066. Please leave a message. The Fair and BBQ will be held at Shady United Methodist Church, Church Road, Shady, 5 miles West of Woodstock on Rt. 212

Road Closure

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of County Road 73, Lt. J.G. Brender Highway, in the Town of Bethel, to repair County Bridge 252. County Bridge 252 is located approximately 0.2 miles west of the intersection of County Road 73and Town Highway 53 (Kortright Rd.). This section of County Road 73, is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 14th and will remain closed for approximately four (4) weeks.



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tance to proposed Little League Baseball Field. Near 47,000 plus NYS Lands for hunting, fishing, and hiking & Rondout Reservoir close by. Short drive to the excitement... of Monticello Gaming Raceway & The Bethel Woods Live Concert Center & Museum -the original Woodstock Concert Site. THIS PROPERTY IS FUN IN THE CATSKILLS. Just 2 HOURS FROM NYC; ONLY 90 miles- less than a tank of gas away

6 Acres off Red Hill Knolls Rd. Great Price!

RENTALS

GRAHAMSVILLE AREA - 3 Bedroom Trailer for rent; Secluded, wooded location; Front & back decks, private back yard; Washer/Dryer/Dishwasher; No pets-No Smoking; Electric Included. \$750 per month. Security required. Available mid-June 22015. Call (845) 985-7786 or (845) 985-2238 evenings

Apartment for Rent: 2 Bedroom with unique layout. Available after July 1. \$750/ month plus utilities. GOOD TENANTS ONLY! 845-985-2731 Theresa

HELP WANTED

Mc Cline's Professional Cleaners is seeking a reliable responsible candidate for per diem work in the Grahamsville area. Must have reliable transportation & valid Driver's License 845-313-3316

Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe • Help Wanted Kitchen help; Waitstaff; Cook; Full time and part time positions available Contact Willy or Savannah at 985-0247

YARD SALES

YARD SALE 3rd, 4th, and 5th of JULY!! 9 Hastings Dr. • Grahamsville from 10am to 4pm, no early birds! Lots of items! Some furniture too!

FOR SALE

Available --schoolroom furniture Wall size chalkboard (green) & corkboard/bulletin board. Student chairs elementary & middle school Teacher table, some desks. Modest price. Only lightly used as photo props By appointment 845-985-9922

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Gifts & Flowers for that Special Occasion! Free Local Delivery (Neversink • Grahamsville • Sundown • Claryville) • Out-of-town delivery available

Beautiful Gifts, Handmade & Custom Designed Craft Items Greeting Cards, Silk Flower arrangements and much, much more! Bedding plants will be available from May 20-June 15

Call Louise at The Dragontly Gitts & Flowers

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GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

Yankee Doodle Dandy

(Musical, 1942)

This movie teaches patriotism at its best. A little Spirited musical biography of the song-and-dance man who kept America humming through two world wars. Directed by Michael Curtiz, and starring James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston,

Leslie, Walter Huston, Irene Manning, Rosemary DeCamp, Richard Whorf, Jeanne Cagney, S. Z. Sakall, Walter Catlett, Frances Langford, Eddie Foy, Jr., George Tobias. Cagney wraps up film in neat little package all his own with dynamic recreation of George M. Cohan's life and times; he deservedly won Oscar for rare song- and-dance performance, as did music directors Ray Heindorf and Heinz Roemheld. Two computer-colored versions exist-one of which is edited down for ored versions exist--one of which is edited down for TV! See these film's early Saturday, July 4, 2015 starting @ 8:00 PM, 126 min, B/W, TV-G

Quiz

I. Who plays Josie Cohan? 2. Who plays Eddie Foy?

> What's Going On In The Gnome Gneighborhood^{lm}?

<u>GRAHAMSVILLE</u>

The next Thrift Sale/Boutique and Luncheon at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be held on July 7th. Mark your calendar for July 18 the Third Saturday Thrift Sale and The Boutique will be open.

Grahamsville Reformed Church 4th of July the Ladies Aid will hold a Bake Sale - 9 am until all sold out

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 11th Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to

SUNDOWN

REMINDER: There will be NO Covered Dish Supper in July. The next Covered Dish Supper will be August 1, 2015.

On July 5 the Conservation Corps will have a Litter Pick-up along Peekamoose/Sundown Road. (See Pg. 4 for details)

NEVERSINK

The Matthew R. Bertholf 4th Annual Horseshoe Tournament will be held on July 12, 2015 at the Neversink Firehouse. Watch the Town6sman for further details.

CLARYVILLE

Mark your calendars for August 8th Claryville Heritage Fair, Saturday, August 8 from 10-3

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