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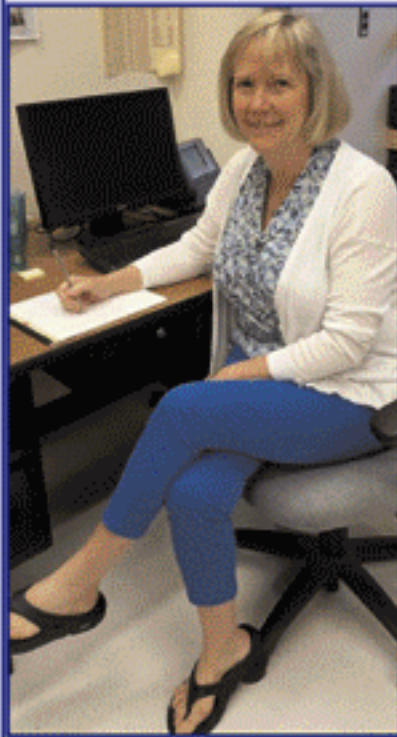
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## Congratulations Jennie Williams!

Jennie is a lifelong Sullivan County resident and a graduate of Monticello CSD. She received her BS from SUNY Cortland, certified to be a teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped. Jennie completed her graduate work at SUNY



New Paltz, obtaining an MS in Communication Disorders (1985) and a C.A.S. in Educational Administration (2001). She holds both a Certificate of Clinical Competence and a New York State Registration Certificate to Practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist. She also worked as a private practitioner during the years she was raising her small children.

Jennie began her career at Tri-Valley in September of 1981 as a Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped. Her colleagues honor her as a "teacher of teachers." Jennie acted as a mentor to many staff members, both new and seasoned. One colleague remembers being a new teacher encouraged by Jennie's welcoming, supportive, and professional leadership. "Jennie had great ideas, that would address the needs of students and was an integral part in getting many of us trained in Orton-Gillingham, as well as many study skills and writing skills workshops. Under Jennie's direction as new teacher mentor, there was a wonderful program in place for new teachers. She was very specific as to what the expectations were of the mentors

and mentees, and she helped guide both sides of it. We had to meet weekly, and even go in and observe the new teachers to make suggestions. Logs were kept, and everything was done in a supportive manner. Jennie was so good about that." (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Time and the Valleys Museum to host historic O&W Railroad talk: "Sullivan County and the O&W Railroad" on Sunday, June 28th

Grahamsville, NY...Continuing their 2015 Program Series, the Time and the

Valleys Museum presents "Sullivan County and the O&W Railroad," a talk by Bob Earle of the O&W Railway Historical Society on Sunday, June 28th at 2 p.m.

Serving Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware Counties until its abandonment in 1957, the NY Oswego Midland and the NY Ontario and Western railroads played a major role in the growth of Sullivan County as a tourist destination during the turn of the century. Earle's presentation will give insight about nearby towns and industries served by the O&W, major construction features and its impact on local tourism.

"Once established, the railroad made it much easier for city dwellers to reach the mountains," explained Time and the Valleys Museum Director Donna Steffens. "The O&W's main purpose in our area was as a tourist carrier and transporter of dairy products to cities downstate."

The program will begin at 2 p.m. and is free of charge and open to the public. Refreshments and admission to the Time and the Valleys Museum is also included. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## Neversink Renaissance Presents 2015 Hanging Baskets

During the past week, volunteers made repeated visits to the Everlasting Springs Garden Center in White Sulphur Springs to pick up and install 190 hanging baskets throughout the town of Neversink. A brand new floral presentation was created this year including pink petunias, blue scaevola, yellow bidens, and silver dichondra.

Neversink Renaissance, with a partial grant from Sullivan Renaissance, has invested in new hanging baskets that include a one



gallon reservoir and wicking system that will help to keep the flowers well hydrated during the hot summer months and reduce the watering demands to every other day. This will take some pressure off our volunteer watering teams.

While on the subject, Renaissance still has some slots open for watering teams in July and August. It is a great family activity that encourages our children to lean the benefits of community service. Individuals or families typically sign up for a one week slot and water 3-4 times for approximately one hour during their week. A watering tank, water supply, and fertilizer are provided. We ask that volunteers have access to a pick up truck or small trailer to complete the task. Volunteers can call Dave Moore at 985-2746 for further information. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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## Neversink Renaissance Hires Summer Intern

Neversink Renaissance is pleased to announce the hiring of Mark Garigliano as a summer intern. Mark came as a highly qualified candidate. He has been a Renaissance Volunteer for the past 12 years. He has watering our hanging baskets for many years and has volunteered at a number of our annual garden clean up days over the years. At the age of five he began helping to maintain our Renaissance gardens



Mark began as a Renaissance Volunteer 12 years ago.

Renaissance and funds from Neversink Renaissance.

Autumn Bender has been hired as his relief intern when Mark is not available.

Mark will be responsible for watering two of our hanging basket routes and will be maintaining the gardens at the Daniel Pierce Library and Time in the Valleys Museum, Bicentennial Park, the Town Hall, and the Denman Mountain Gardens. Our intern position is funded in part through Sullivan



Neversink Renaissance Summer Intern, Mark Garigliano

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** My covenant will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Psalm 89:34

**OBITUARY**



**Vincent L. George, 94,** of Sundown, New York and Brockport, New York died suddenly on November 24, 2014 with his niece Josephine by his side. He worked 40 years for Schenectady-Johnson City General Electric Company.

Mr. George was predeceased by his parents, Herbert L. George and Esther G. George of Sundown, N.Y., his brother Herbert L. George, Jr.,

and his sisters: Evelyn Kane and Ruth Cicchinelli. Survivors include: sisters Linda Greenwald of Cobleskill and Alberta George of N. Eastham, Massachusetts. Survived by Josephine Matela, Brockport, New York, Rosemarie Jurman of Rochester, New York, Martha Cicchinelli and George Cicchinelli of Owego, New York and Anne Marie Huffman of Indiana. Other nieces and nephews are: Dr. Thomas Greenwald, of Kingston, Dr. James Greenwald, of Syracuse, Michael Greenwald of Massachusetts, Wendy Matthews of Vermont, Franklin Kane of New Hampshire, Marianne Kane of Ohio, Douglas Kane and also Sharon Hawks. Of Utah. In addition there are many great nieces and nephews, including two sets of twins.

Mr. George was born April 6, 1920 on Red Hill, Ulster County, New York and attended a one-room school there and one in Sundown later. He graduated from Ellenville High School and Alfred State where he received a degree in electrical engineering and later he studied at Grove City College in Pennsylvania and Wright Junior College in Chicago. Beginning in 1942, he worked at General Electric in Schenectady until he enlisted in the Marines in 1944 and was stationed in Japan after the war ended. Upon honorable completion of duty, he went back to work for GE in Schenectady and eventually they transferred him to Johnson City.

An experienced hiker, backpacker, and all around woodsman, he took members of his family to the Adirondacks where he taught them the skills that he loved so much and became a Boy Scout leader. Mr. George was an expert gardener interested in beekeeping. He gardened organically long before it became popular. He was always interested in aviation and almost always, even in his 90's, went to fly-ins in Oshkosh, Michigan and in Lakeland, Florida. He knew how to fly those small planes and owned two. In his later years, he took up cycling and belonged to a cycling club; when he was 65, he flew out to the west coast and rode his bicycle back across the country. He was also an avid reader of books on subjects like history and liked biographies of famous pilots like Earhart and Lindberg or those about places he knew and loved like the Catskills.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Jayce Daniel Walter has arrived just in time for Father's Day. He is the son of Janna Comando and Daniel Walter of Sundown. Big sister, Brianna and big brothers, Brandon and Robert welcomed their baby brother home on Friday. Jayce's paternal grandparents are Donna and Ray Walter of Loch Sheldrake and maternal grandparents are Linda and Frank Comando of Sundown.

**COLLEGE NEWS:**

**• Brittany Rennison Named to the Dean's List at Louisiana State University** -Brittany Rennison of Grahamsville, NY has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester at LSU (Louisiana State University) where she is majoring in Kinesiology. Brittany is the daughter of James and Melissa Rennison and the granddaughter of Claire Rennison and Bill and Judy Miller.

**• Local Students Named to SUNY New Paltz Spring 2015 Dean's List** - The following students earned Dean's List designation for the spring 2015 semester: Christian Reynolds of Sundown; Asiyah Rahman of Ellenville; Gabriel Berrian of Ellenville; Gavin Decker of Ellenville; Elizabeth Pace of Napanoch; Brandon Harkin of Olivebridge; Melissa Cavrell of Fallsburg; Mikaela Milk of Liberty; Franklin Carcamo of Liberty; Charles Tar of Big Indian; and Zacchariah Apolito of Big Indian.

**• SUNY Potsdam Student Gabrielle Harp of Shandaken, NY Earns Spot on Dean's List**

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named Gabrielle Harp of Shandaken, NY to the SUNY Potsdam Dean's List. Harp's major is Childhood/Early Childhood Education.

**• Joshua DuBois of Olivebridge Named To President's List at Hudson Valley Community College**- Joshua DuBois of Olivebridge was recently named to the President's List for the Spring 2015 term at Hudson Valley Community College. DuBois is in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance academic program at the Troy, NY college.

**• The following area students were named to the spring 2015 SUNY Oneonta Dean's List:**

Hope Costa of Hurleyville, NY; Ariana Kaminski of Hurleyville, NY; Sara Colavito of Liberty, NY; Will McGuire of Liberty, NY; Sarah Heikkinen of Neversink, NY; and Sarah Coney of Woodbourne, NY.

**• Stephanie Heisler Named to Castleton Dean's List** -Stephanie Heisler of Liberty, NY was recently named to the Castleton College Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**Today's History**

**June 29, 1955** - Miss Jo Anne Goode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Goode of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. William B. Ohnemus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ohnemus of Curry, on June 27th. The ceremony took place at Blue Hill Farms, Curry with the Rev. Henry Hines officiating. After a two week tour of the west, the newlyweds will be at home to their friends at Blue Hill Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cole are the parents of a son, Larry Allen, born June 17th in the Benedictine Hospital, Kingston. He weighed seven lbs. two oz.

Word has been received from Albuquerque, New Mexico of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheeley. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sheeley of Grhamsville are the paternal grandparents.

**June 16, 1965** - A Loch Sheldrake dealer, Russell's Garage, was commended by the Automobile Club of New York on June 10th for its participation in the high school driver education program at Tri Valley Central School. A certificate was presented to Russell Houghtaling, president of the dealership, in a ceremony at the school. The dealer, who has provided a dual-controlled training car used by the school, was commended for making an important contribution to traffic safety and the reduction of accidents on the highways.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krum, 2 years on the 16th; Mr and Mrs. Raymond Krum, 29 years on the 19th; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders, 5 years on the 25th.

**July 2, 1975** - Charlie and Ruth Cross attended the 40th anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prince at the Woodbourne Fire House on Saturday.

Congratulations to another couple celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on July 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanDover. Ed's mother, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, is very happy for them and wishes them lots of luck and many more.

**July 3, 1985** - Clara Jenny Whipple Garofalo, 73, of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville died at home on May 23, 1985. She was born April 16, 1912 in Grahamsville. She was a farmer. She was the daughter of Howard and Edith Slater Whipple. Survivors include a son, George of Grahamsville; a sister, Gladys Brown of Liberty and two grandchildren

The congregation of the United Methodist Church would like to extend a sincere welcome to Rev. Allen Macghee and his wife, Barbara and son, Dean, to the church and to the community. Rev. Macghee and his family are from Walden where he was the spiritual leader of the Walden UMC.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Jennifer and Michael Pisaniello of Claryville on the birth of a son, Vincent Michael, on June 1st.

The Tri-Valley Lions presented three \$300 awards for outstanding community service to three Tri-Valley graduating seniors. Those honored for volunteering numerous hours of community service were: Ryan Sanok, Gabriel Surina and Dorothy Monforte. Thank you for volunteering your time to help others!

The Renaissance flower baskets hanging around the community look beautiful. Thank you to Dave and Phyllis Moore for organizing this project and thanks also to those who purchased the flowering baskets that help make our town look great!

The annual "Grahamsville Gallop" was held on Sunday, June 14\*. Trophies and ribbons were presented to the winners, and all who participated received ice pops. It was a sunny day and a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends. Thanks to all who planned this fun event.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church celebrated "Children's Day" on June 14th. The Sunday School children participated in the service by reading, singing and playing the piano. On Sunday, June 21st, Fred Robertson, long-time church member, was honored for his many years of service to the Church.

Ian Kurzrock, a Tri-Valley student, placed 32nd out of 486 runners at the Classic 10K race held in Middletown on June 7\*. Way to go, Ian!

Soon, the Tri-Valley Class of 2015 will be graduating. This is not the end of their educational journey, but the beginning. Whether they plan to pursue higher education or join the work force, everyone learns from their experiences. Becoming an adult is hard work. The "real world" is waiting, and anything that is worthwhile takes a lot of work and perseverance! Congratulations, Seniors!

Several of our young community gals participated in the "Main Street Dance" recital on Saturday, June 13th at Monticello High School. These youngsters performed on stage to a packed house and did a terrific job!

The Tri-Valley Elementary School Music Assembly, held on June 18\* was very nice. Many parents and friends of those performing attended and enjoyed the program. Thanks to Mr. Calabrese and Miss Hartman for all of their hard work preparing the children for this performance.

The Forestburgh Playhouse kicked-off the Summer 2015 season with "Damn Yankees" on June 16th. I went to see this clever musical comedy on June 24\* and really enjoyed it. "Young Frankenstein", which was a record-breaking Broadway show, begins on June 30\*. Every Thursday and Saturday at 11 am, from June 25th - August 22nd, the Forestburgh Children's Theatre will be presenting "Shrek", the musical.

Most community residents work so hard to keep their properties neat and well-groomed. I believe if you own property, especially along Route 55, whether you live there or not, it is your civic responsibility to keep your grass mowed. I have noticed that there are five or six vacant properties in the Village of Grahamsville that detract from our town's appearance because they are not kept up!

**Words of Wisdom:** From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot in front of the other. But when books are opened you discover that you have wings. (Helen Hayes)

## Congratulations Jennie Williams!

((From Pg. 1) Jennie also spent much of her career at Tri-Valley collaborating with other teachers. According to one colleague, Jennie was always willing and eager to share in a professional manner. "I remember having a group of students," recalls a colleague, "and our administrator at the time just did not understand what we were talking about with regard to the level of our students. Jennie and I invited him in to be a part of the English class we were teaching so that he could see first-hand what we were talking about. It worked: he understood!"

Among Jennie's many fabulous qualities are her love of working with students, her drive to see them succeed, and her love of having fun in the classroom while doing it! "She has been the consummate professional, but at the same time, a ton of fun! Jennie has successfully developed a great rapport with her students as well as their parents," a colleague recalls. "She teaches the whole child--they learn to communicate for every day, not just for educational purposes."

In addition to Jennie's excellence in the classroom, she created programs for county speech therapists, presented at statewide conferences (NYS

Council for Exceptional Children and NYS Association of Community and Residential Agencies), sat on statewide Teacher Center committees, coordinated the Tri-Valley Mentor Program, and was frequently consulted by colleagues for her knowledge of language development and Orton-Gillingham reading instruction. She embraced integration of technology into speech/language curriculum and introduced brain mapping and concept maps for the younger students. While at the Teacher Center, she became a certified Intel instructor and was trained in Thinking Maps curriculum.

Never letting the moss grow under her feet, Jennie will retire from Tri-Valley but not from our professional lives or from learning and making the world a brighter place for others! Jennie's first step in continuing education in retirement is attendance at Google Bootcamp! Jennie will remain in our lives at the Teacher's Center. Jennie is also looking forward to traveling to England in September and trips to visit children and grandchildren Upstate in the snow-belt.

Jennie, thank you for reminding us to live, laugh, and love while we teach and learn!

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Special thanks to Walt Fiedler, Mark Williams, Doug Hamilton, John Story, Russ Scheirer, Phyllis Thomas-Moore, Dave Moore, Mark Garigliano, and John Garigliano for taking the day to transport and place all the plants. With much bigger, heavier plants this year it was a long tiring day but well worth it. Also, thanks to Tom Vernooy and Phil Coombe Jr. for the use of their trucks to help in the transport.

## Time and the Valleys Museum to host historic O&W Railroad Talk

(From Pg. 1) 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. The museum's three floors share the history of the area and includes a permanent exhibit, "The Impact of Water on the Life and Growth of the Valleys," the exhibit "Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story" and the most recent collaborative exhibit entitled "Celebrating Catskill Waters: Past and Present," an exhibition of water recreation in Sullivan County and the Catskills.

Located at 332 Main St. (NYS Rte. 55) in Grahamsville, NY, the museum is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Thursday - Sunday from noon-4 p.m.; September through November, it operates on weekends from noon-4 p.m. The research room is open on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. and Sundays by appointment. Admission is by suggested donation of \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 6-16, and free for children under the age of six. On Thursday, Town of Neversink residents are invited to visit at no charge and the first Saturday of each month, Town of Denning residents are invited to visit at no charge.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is also a Blue Star Museum, one of more than 2,000 throughout the United States that offers free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

To learn more about special events and programs and the latest exhibits, visit the website at [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org) or call 845-985-7700.

## Pool Passes on Sale

2015 Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville will go on sale at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville on June 15, 2015. The cost of a pass is \$10.00 per person ages 3 and up. Children under 3 are no charge. Forms are available in the Lobby. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. The Pool is scheduled to open on July 1st. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307

## 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.

## Milkweed and Monarchs

Last week Kathy dropped off an article from the Times Herald Record, "Create a safe habitat for butterflies" along with a note, "Please share this with the readers. Very important to save milkweed plants. Thank you Kathy."

She is so right. As the article mentioned, "the principal host plant for the Monarch is milkweed... Without these plants, the caterpillars won't complete their life cycle. They'll die."

By this time of the year milkweed is easy to identify. The plants flourish in open fields and meadows, along roadsides and at the forest edges, growing in dense colonies that sometimes fill a field with green stalks. The common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*, is one of the best known wild plants in the Catskills.



The leaves grow in opposite pairs along the stalk with short stems. They are elongated ovals, veined and thick. The stalk and undersides of the leaves are covered with fine hairs. The flower bud clusters have begun to appear, looking a bit like bunches of broccoli. Once the sweet-smelling flowers open in early summer, they can range from white to pink or purple. In late summer milkweed plants produce the familiar pointed, okra-like seedpods which are popular in dried flower arrangements. These range from three to five inches long when mature and contain seeds and silk that helps the seeds "fly" to their next destination. All parts of the plant will exude a white, milky latex substance if broken. The "milk" is not the sap of the plant but a special secretion. Extremely bitter, it serves as a protection against most nibbling and grazing animals. For the caterpillar of the monarch butterfly, milkweed leaves are their only food. Fortunately, milkweed is still plentiful in the Catskills but not so in the rest of the nation.

Milkweed and Monarchs began gaining attention in 1991 when over 75% of wintering Monarchs from North America froze to death in Mexico as a result of sub-freezing temperatures. Scientists and researchers report the number of wintering Monarchs in the Mexican mountains has continued to decrease. Should this pattern continue, the migration of the Monarchs could be lost.

Researchers also claim that the nationwide shortage of milkweed coupled with freak weather patterns are destroying more and more of their habitat each year, "We are literally losing ground."

Many groups across America have formed to protect the Monarch Butterflies. They claim natural events are not the only challenges that face the Monarch. Pesticide application and genetically modified (GMO's) crops cover important parts of the Monarch's migratory path. Monarchs pass through millions of acres of toxins and biological agents each year, killing the adult Monarchs and their young. Milkweed plants are also destroyed through these methods.

Monarchs and Milkweed are obvious signs that we need to take action to protect our environment. They show us the fragility and interconnectedness of our world and that the actions of some can have impacts on all of us.

Fortunately, milkweed does and can grow strong and healthy in the Catskills. Plant a seed and inspire others to learn how to do the same. You may be lucky enough to know someone who saved some of those fluffy down seeds from last fall, or you can even purchase them on Ebay - Bright Pink Showy Milkweed 75+ Seeds Monarch Butterfly, *Asclepias speciosa* - \$ .99! There are local groups throughout the Catskills that can provide valuable information on both Monarchs and Milkweed such as the Catskill Native Plant Society.

The next sunny day, think about setting out some time to plant some Milkweed in your backyard. On a rainy day, check out the internet. It provides a wealth of information, too. As Kathy asked us, we will ask you to please promote the sharing of this information with your family and friends.

The butterfly has always been the symbol of power, transformation and rebirth. You have the power to instantly to make a change in the world too. Encourage Milkweed and Monarchs in your backyard!

## Household Hints

### Erase Scorch Marks

Did your iron get too hot under the collar - or perhaps on a sleeve or pant leg? You can often eliminate slight scorch marks by rubbing the spot with a cloth dampened with white vinegar, then blotting it with a clean towel. Repeat if necessary.



**Spark**  
Mysterious Book Report No. 199  
by John Dwaine McKenna



My Oxford Dictionary defines the word dystopia as an *imaginary place where everything is as bad as it can be* . . . which makes it the exact opposite of utopia, and an ideal descriptor for end-of-the-world type literature. Lately, with the popularity of works like *The Hunger Games* and *Gotham*, dystopian novels, movies and TV mini-series are all the rage in the literary arena where I operate; and where everyone-writers, agents and publishers are all looking for clues to the next mega-blockbuster and best-seller. Dystopian literature falls under the broad description of Science-Fiction, which asks us as the readers to suspend our preconceived notions about what is or isn't real and accept that anything is possible. *That also makes it an ideal venue for putting forth notions too radical for*

*the op-ed pages of most news organizations.* (Emphasis is mine.)

*Spark*, (Doubleday, Random House, \$25.95, 301 pages, ISBN 978-0-385-53867-1) BY John Twelve Hawks, (*a nom de plume?*) is just such a book. In it, he postulates a near-future in which all citizens are required to carry RFID, or 'radio frequency identification chips' at all times. Some are inserted as capsules in the back of one's hand, leaving a distinct scar, while others are carried as personal ID cards . . . which are monitored 24/7 by something called the EYE system which collects and stores every move by every citizen everyday which . . . when combined with one's phone calls and all of their computer mouse clicks, allows the governments of the world to predict all human behavior . . . preventing another Day of Rage, in which anarchists coordinated bombings all around the world. In this grim reality we meet a protagonist named Mr. Underwood, an assassin in the employ of DBG-a megalithic international consortium, whose job is simply to kill his assigned clients, who have lost money or otherwise run afoul of the company. Mr. Underwood is the perfect assassin . . . remorseless, logical, soulless, unemotional, uncomplicated, uncaring and uninvolved . . . the best of all the banks contractors, because he believes he's already dead. A motorcycle accident when he was still an ordinary, and brilliant, computer engineer named Jacob Davis, has left him with something called Cotard's Syndrome, where the sufferer thinks that they've died. Mr. Underwood thinks he exists only as a spark, or his consciousness, within a shell, which is what he calls his body. He drinks a protein supplement called ComPlete, his only source of nourishment, not wanting to put "anything dead or that will rot inside of me."

When a woman named Emily Buchanan disappears without a trace from her job at a subsidiary of DBG, it's feared that she's stolen money, and/or company secrets. Mr. Underwood is tasked with tracking her down and eliminating her. He's the perfect candidate for the job: logical, precise, ruthless, and without conscience or guilt. As the assignment draws him across continents and ever deeper into the questionable and murky world he lives in, Mr. Underwood starts to have doubts about himself at the same time that Jacob Davis begins to be reborn . . . setting up a conflict that will keep you in a reading frenzy all the way to the thrilling conclusion, after which, you'll start to wonder, as I am, about the decisions we're making today that will create the world of tomorrow-the one we're leaving for our children and grandchildren.

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**62 Runners Participate in 43rd Annual Grahamsville Gallop**

The 43rd Grahamsville Gallop was held Sunday, June 14 at 2:00pm at the Iatauro Sports Complex at Tri-Valley Central School. Fifty-seven youth ran in the age group races, and five adults participated in the Walk/ Jog Estimated time race. All runners received either a trophy (places 1-3) or a medal. Thank you to Mr. Palmer and the Tri-Valley Board of Education for allowing the Gallop to be held on school grounds. Thank you also, to Mr. Tyler Eckhoff and Kelly Plescia who organized the event, and to all the volunteers who helped run it and the concession stand. The first Grahamsville Gallop was held in 1972, organized by Norton Hyman. It was then run by Joe and Missy Iatauro through 2013.

**Results:**

**Girls Age 3 (80 Meters)**

- 1 Sophia Horton 15.74
- 2 Alexandra Horton 16.05
- 3 Cadence Buckler 17.22
- 4 Addison Dymond 17.55
- 5 Lena Leroux-Ohm 18.45
- 6 Kenzie Krier 32.47
- 7 Aislynn Weyent 46.94

**Boys Age 3 (80 Meters)**

- 1 Liam Weyant 22.16
- 2 Ryan Selbo 26.91
- 3 James 36.69
- 4 William Conjura 54.76
- 4 Anthony Pisaniello 54.76 (tie)
- 5 Jack Darder 1:01.16

**Girls Age 4 (100 Meters)**

- 1 Tess Edwards 31.53
- 2 Brea Sheeley 32.07
- 3 Johanna Clarke 32.50
- 4 Alicia Adams 37.28

**Boys Age 4 (100 Meters)**

None entered

**Girls Age 5 (200 Meters)**

- 1 Juliana Adams 48.44

**Boys Age 5 (200 Meters)**

- 1 John Botsford 41.56
- 2 Vincent Hicks 48.13
- 3 Andrew Kelly 8.98
- 4 Jonathan Conjura 53.94
- 5 Jackson Lowitz 1:08

**Girls Age 6 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Anna Furman 1:42
- 2 Jordan Dymond 1:46
- 3 Grace Darder 2:02
- 4 Emily Poley 2:29

**Boys Age 6 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Kane Poje 1:37
- 2 William Richardson 2:01
- 3 Nicholas Selbo 2:24

**Girls Age 7 (400 Meters)**

None entered

**Boys Age 7 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Jake Edwards 1:29
- 2 Logan Weyant 1:36
- 3 Nicholas Bender 1:42
- 4 Anthony Hicks 1:49

**Girls Age 8 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Sammy Mentnech 1:33
- 2 Abby Mentnech 1:40
- 3 Grace Gozza 1:40.93
- 4 Brynn Poley 1:42
- 5 Cecilia Poje 1:47
- 6 Sarah Palmer 1:53

**Boys Age 8 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Van Furman 1:24
- 2 Theo Hedgemon 1:29
- 3 Tyler Conjura 1:30

**Girls Age 9**

- 1 Kendall McGreger 1:32
- 2 Melanie Drobysch 1:35
- 3 Riley Kelly 1:36.5
- 4 Sydney Palmer 1:36.6

**Boys Age 9 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Connor Weyant 1:23
- 2 Gavin Clarke 1:24
- 3 Craig Costa 1:25

**Boys Age 10 (400 Meters)**

- 1 Adam Furman 1:17
- 2 Bryan Kelly 1:28
- 3 Dominic Plescia 1:33

**Girls Age 11 (800 Meters)**

- 1 Bailey Hedgemon 5:16

**Boys Age 14 (800 Meters)**

- 1 Andrew Coddington 2:21
- 2 Michael DeWitt 2:24
- 3 Brandon Mayor 2:41

**Joggers Estimated Time**

- Joanne Werner 8:35
- Bill Richardson 3:02
- Michael Botsford 3:55

**Brittany Goes to Australia for Down Under Sports**

Brittany Pennell raised enough money to go with her mom and coach, Mr. Eckhoff to represent New York East Conference Cross Country team in Australia we will be leaving June 30.

Brittany, her mom and dad would like to thank all who supported to make her dream come true, family, friends, community, teachers from Tri Valley, AMIC board and staff, Grahamsville Deli, Silver Sneakers, Floyd & Bobo's Bakery, Citgo in Woodbourne, Creative Techniques, NFD Ladies Auxiliary, Panda Parlor, Gofundme, Thunder 102, a big thank you to Cannie D's and all who contributed in any other way by donations or buying t-shirts. No matter how small or big the donation all was greatly appreciated.

Good luck Brittany and have fun.

**Community Mitzvah Award Seasonal Communities Compete in Beautification Contest** [LIBERTY] - Ten seasonal bungalow colonies and summer camps are taking part in a six-week long Community Mitzvah Award contest this summer, sponsored by Sullivan Renaissance. Three top prizes worth \$10,000, \$5000 and \$3000 will be awarded to the participants that best clean up and maintain their grounds and improve the look of their facilities.

The ten seasonal communities in the 2015 Community Mitzvah Award beautification contest are: • American Theological, summer camp in Kiamesha • Camp Bnos Ahavas Israel, summer camp in Liberty • Camp Bais Yaakov, summer camp in Ferndale • Camp Silver Lake, summer camp in Woodridge • Camp Tashbar, summer camp in Liberty • Khal Divrei Chaim, bungalow colony in Kauneonga Lake • Machne Gila, summer camp in Liberty • Satmar Bungalows, bungalow colony in White Lake • Seven Star, bungalow colony in Woodbourne • Yeshiva Zichron Mayir/Lorraine Bung-alows, bungalow colony in Mountindale

The contest begins this month with participants making improvements to their grounds. Each is observed on a weekly basis by a data taker who records what can be seen from the road. The sites will be visited by a team of judges from outside Sullivan County in August and the winner announced at the Awards Ceremony on August 10 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

Participating camps and colonies receive a \$500 seed grant, and those that finish the contest get a completion grant of \$500. Everyone also receives two flowering containers to maintain throughout the contest. Children and/or staff are also required to participate in an educational presentation by Sullivan Renaissance staff - and are then treated to kosher ice cream from an approved vendor.

Last year saw ten summer communities in the contest, which was won by Camp Bnos Ahavas Israel in Liberty. Second place went to Khal Divrei Chaim Bungalow

Colony in Kauneonga Lake; while third place was awarded to American Theological Camp in Kiamesha. Camp Simcha in Glen Spey received a special "Award of Excellence" as a role model for all institutions in Sullivan County. The 2013 contest had five participants and was won by Skolya Bungalows on Route 42 in South Fallsburg. The goal of Sullivan Renaissance is to help guide communities to improve their visual standards. For information about all of Sullivan Renaissance's seasonal programs, contact Allen Frishman at 845-436-8945 or [mtdaleboy@gmail.com](mailto:mtdaleboy@gmail.com)

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### Friendship

Robert Louis Stevenson stated, "We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend."

June, with its non-stop celebrations of weddings, graduations, birthdays, moving-up ceremonies, retirements, and summer solstice, reminds me of the importance of friendship. Our families are chosen for us through some biological happenstance or through a fortunate or unfortunate marriage, but our friends are our own personal choice. Who are our friends? They are the ones with whom we choose to celebrate. They are also the ones we choose to be around in good times and bad.

Your choice of friends says a lot about who you are. A good friend should complement you. That is "complement" with an "E," for a friend should not compliment a friend to flatter. A friend is a mirror, not a photo-shopped image. They should be the "yin" to your "yang." They sometimes need to be the patient listener when you need a sounding board. Other times, they are the one who needs to vent about errant children, inconsiderate husbands or the unfairness of society. The roles of friendship need to be inter-changeable. Sometimes we need to be the sage and advisor, and sometimes we need to lie on the couch pouring out our life's disappointments. We may need someone to laugh with or cry with or, or perhaps, just sit together in silence. Sometimes a friendship does not need words. Sometimes just being there is enough.

As we celebrate all those momentous events of our life, we should celebrate our fellow travelers, our friends who make the journey brighter, lighter and richer. One of my favorite poems simply states:

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Earlier this year NBDC Bank took over operations of six bank locations in Sullivan County, and the NBDC team

used these Open House events as an opportunity to officially introduce themselves to the community.

### Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Hosts 21st Annual Liberty Festival on the Fourth of July Parade and Street Fair

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 Theatre.

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.

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

### Liberty Free Theatre Announces Closing

Parkville - After ten years of plays, poetry, music and fiction presentations, the Liberty Free Theatre will not open for an eleventh season. Paul Austin, Founder and Artistic Director, cited rising costs and the difficulties of sustaining a touring season as the primary reasons for closing the theatre.

Mr. Austin said that the sadness at having to close the doors doesn't diminish the feelings of pleasure and accomplishment that he, the artists, volunteers and devoted audiences feel for what Liberty Free Theatre contributed to the cultural vitality of the community. He noted that friends and neighbors who have supported the Liberty Free Theatre may have opened a new door showing others that "small, rural counties can and should provide quality theatre of modest size and great ambition where 'everyone is welcome, always.'"

He and the Board of Directors of the Liberty Free Theatre offer their deep gratitude and a very large Thank You to the people of Sullivan County for their attendance, support and enthusiasm "these last ten wonderful years."

### "Afternoon of Music"

"Afternoon of Music," a FREE concert will be held Sunday, July 12, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Liberty, N.Y. It will feature a number of well-known and extremely talented local musicians and singers, performing a wide range of works, including classics, spirituals, popular, folk, and modern "mountain", with solos, duets, a quartet, violin, piano, organ, guitar and banjo.

Some of the performers include bass Tom Caltabellotta of the Dead End Café in Parkville, N.Y. and the Bronx Opera, Donna Kushner, of Monroe, who plays professionally and also teaches violin, baritone Kenneth Rodgers, a quartet called "Celebration in Song" consisting of Barbara Konvalin, Dave Coon, Susan Conroy and Ken Rodgers of the Sullivan County Chorus, "Those Guys" (Paul Kean and Jeff Orts) who sing and accompany themselves on guitar and banjo as they perform "modern mountain" tunes.

Music Director for the event is Barry Stickney, who also plays piano and organ.

Admission to this concert is free. Voluntary donations will be accepted to benefit local families in need.

Free light refreshments will be served following the performance.

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**Ulster County Sheriff Report:**  
Detectives from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of a Grahamsville man following an investigation. On June 2nd, 2015, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office received a report that a subject falsified an application for a New York State Pistol Permit. Through an investigation, Ulster County Sheriff's Office Detectives determined that Christopher M. Borozny, 56, of Grahamsville, knowingly provided false information pertaining to his criminal history in an attempt to acquire a New York State Pistol Permit.  
On June 2nd, 2015 Detectives charged Borozny, with the Class E Felony of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree. The investigation is continuing and more charges are possible. Mr. Borozny was released on an appearance ticket returnable to the City of Kingston Court for an arraignment at a later date.

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### “Local Student Excels at Dance”

Julia Leland, a 9th grader at Tri-Valley Central School, is a shining star when it comes to dance. Dancing out of Main Street Dance in Liberty under the direction of Sherma Williams, Julia recently participated in her annual recital held at Monticello High School on June 13, 2015. Watched by her family, friends, and even some teachers, her performance was inspiring and made all in attendance very proud of her.



Julia first started dancing at the young age of four and hasn't looked back since. She is completely dedicated to what she does. Her parents recognize her enthusiasm and drive, thus don't mind taking her to practice two to three nights a week.

Her hard work has paid off. This year, Julia is dancing at the Advanced Teen level. Her style of dance is very diverse, as she does a little bit of everything. She is well-versed in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary—the list goes on and on!

When asked what she likes best about dancing, Julia said: “It's a stress-free zone. I let everything out there. Plus, the girls there are like my family.” She connects this passion of dance to her performance in the classroom as well. She is an outstanding student who takes her studies very seriously. She always works hard and is an absolute joy to have in the classroom. This is one of the many reasons why people think so highly of her.

We're all very proud of Julia and excited to watch where her dedication and love for dance will eventually take her. Keep up the great work, Julia!

## Weather FORECAST

SUNRISE: 5:21 AM SUNSET: 8:31 PM  
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### SATURDAY



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### SUNDAY



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### MONDAY



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### TUESDAY



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### A Dinner and Awards for 2015 Fallsburg Student Athletes

After a delicious meal of chicken Florentine and spaghetti and meatballs in the school gymnasium decorated beautifully in the school colors of black and gold, students, staff and family members moved to the auditorium for the presentation of Fallsburg Central School



Left to right are Shane Luczynski, Nyasia Harris, Matthew Jonas, Kassie Foertsch, and Naomi Moody.

District's 2015 "Comet" Varsity Athletic Awards.

Newly installed Athletic Director Suzanne Lenzian welcomed everyone and introduced Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz to say a few words to the athletes and their families. He spoke from his own

experience as a high school and collegiate athlete and told the student athletes that years from now they will be cherishing the times they spent on the playing fields with their teammates. They may not remember wins or losses, but they will always remember the most valuable lesson of working on a common goal with others and striving towards excellence.

Prior to the actual awards, the audience watched a special video assembled by Ms. Winnie Foertsch, the mother of one of the graduating senior athletes. With thunderous applause in appreciation of the video, Ms. Foertsch was called up to the stage to receive the well-deserved Fan of the Year Award for her years of capturing the sports events for the past eight or ten years since her son and daughter and her husband Herb were active in the Fallsburg school sports scene as players and coach.

Each coach from every sport throughout the school year awarded sportsmanship, most improved and most valuable player awards for the teams during the rest of the evening. Culminating the celebration were special overall awards to Nyasia Harris for the Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship; Student Government Association Award for Perseverance to Kassie Foertsch and Matthew Jonas; Fallsburg Comet Booster Award to Naomi Moody and Shane Luczynski; Top Senior Athlete Awards to Nyasia Harris and Shane Luczynski; and 2015 Athletic Appreciation Award to custodian/groundskeeper Mike Gallo.

To view the complete list of all student athlete awards, visit the school web site [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net).

### Springtime for Music and Awards in Fallsburg

May is always a special month at Fallsburg Central School District as a time for



Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarships recipients left to right Maegan Hurwitz, Nyasia Harris, Ms. Christina Serrone (Emcee for the Concert and high school English teacher), Jennifer Barrera, and Kassie Foertsch.

beautiful music and achievement awards. The Senior High School Band combined the two when they presented the annual Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship to deserving graduating seniors at the Spring Concert on May 7, 2015. This year's recipients are Maegan Hurwitz, Nyasia Harris, Jennifer Barrera, and Kassie Foertsch. The awards are named in honor of two outstanding music teachers, Irving Hertz and Joe LaRuffa, known for their involvement with students and bringing pride and prominence to the Fallsburg community.

One of the highlights of the evening's concert was a joint performance of "America the Beautiful" with the Senior Band and Chorus combining their talents. Also the Senior Chorus created a sense of joy with their rousing arrangement of "The Power of One" that featured ten soloists. Throughout the concert, many performers were acknowledged for their achievements and special awards received from the school and the state music association.

Not to be outdone by their older school mates, the musicians of the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School had a chance to shine at the spring concert on May 19. Held on the same night as the School Budget Vote and the Multi-Cultural Dinner of the Class of 2018, the young band members and singers performed beautifully. One really delightful moment was the Chorus performance of "The Looth Tooth Tune" directed by Mrs. Andrea Henderson. She had as much fun directing as the students had in performing and the audience had in listening and watching. Members of the elementary schools bands, choirs, and chorus received special awards for their outstanding musicianship and achievement.

Special thanks go out to Senior Band Director John Lusk, Choral Director Colleen Barber, Elementary School Band Director Lauren Bernard, Elementary Chorus and Choir Director Andrea Henderson, and Leon Hilfstein for piano accompaniment. They literally made the halls come alive with the sound of music.



Fifth-grader and percussionist in the elementary school concert band Jonathan Espinoza.



### Frost Valley YMCA and Town of Denning Team up to Provide Meals to Local Families



Frost Valley YMCA's administration and dining services are preparing to partner with the town of Denning to support local families who require meal assistance. Supervisor David Brooks and Town Clerk Joy Monforte along with Councilmen Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith, and Greg Vurckio published a confidential survey on the town website ([www.denning.us](http://www.denning.us)) to be filled out by any residents interested in receiving meals through this program.

The purpose of the survey is to determine the needs of our community, such as family sizes, number of meals needed per week, freezer capacity, whether individuals have the ability to pick up meals or require delivery, allergies and dietary restrictions as well as willingness/ability to volunteer delivery services.

With plans to begin the program early September, Frost Valley YMCA, a year-round camp in Claryville, will prepare meals in its state-of-the-art kitchen and work with local volunteers who will help distribute the meals to a central location or deliver meals to homes. These details will depend on the needs of our community and the availability of volunteers, all of which will be determined based on the results of the survey.

Anyone interested in participating as a meal recipient OR volunteering for meal delivery should fill out the survey at [www.denning.us](http://www.denning.us). For more information, please email [townhall@denning.us](mailto:townhall@denning.us) or call 985-2411 for more information.

### ERH Foundation Hosted its 4th Annual Healing and Art Event at Wagar Farm



On Saturday, June 13th, the ERH Foundation hosted its 4th annual Healing and Art Event at Wagar Farm in Ellenville. The event paired performance artist Nancy Ostrovsky with the musical talents of Anastasia Solberg and Chris Earley from MISU (the Music Institute of Sullivan and

Ulster Counties). Ostrovsky created 4 original works of art, inspired by the beautiful music being played. These works were auctioned off at the end of the event, with half of the proceeds being donated to the Foundation. Thank you to Nancy, Anastasia, Chris, Phil & Patty Coombe, and all who attended!

### Foraging & Feasting in late June

Livingston Manor, NY Tuesday, June 30th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, herbalist and author Dina Falconi will present a special workshop, Foraging & Feasting the Bounty of late June, hosted by Amy Gillingham at Wild Roots Farm in Livingston Manor, NY.

Participants will explore the wild edibles of the Catskills and learn to identify, harvest, & prepare them. The harvest will be transformed into a delectable feast in the gorgeous setting of Wild Roots Farm. The menu includes (although may vary): herbal beverages, wild salad (purslane, lamb's quarter, violet, dayflower, wood sorrel, etc.), amaranth & dock soup, wild green pesto, flower butter, and delicious bread freshly baked in the wood-fired outdoor oven, among other offerings.



Dina Falconi is a clinical herbalist with a strong focus on food activism and nutritional healing. She has been teaching classes about the use of herbs for food, medicine, and pleasure, including wild-food foraging and cooking, for more than twenty years. She is a founding member of the Northeast Herbal Association, a chapter leader of the Weston A. Price Foundation and on the board of Slow Food-Hudson Valley. An avid gardener and wildcrafter, Dina is passionate about ecological agriculture and has completed the Permaculture Design Certificate Course. She is the author of *Foraging & Feasting: A Field Guide and Wild Food Cookbook* (Botanical Arts Press, 2013).

The program cost of \$45 per person includes the bountiful feast. It is limited to 18 participants. Register through Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. Downloadable registration form at [www.morgan-outdoors.com](http://www.morgan-outdoors.com). For additional info, call Lisa at 845 439 5507.

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**Lesson Eighteen:  
Verb-Preposition Pairs**

The English Language often combines a verb and a preposition into an everyday phrase such as, "Write down your name." This verb-preposition pair, "write down," becomes the verb phrase for the sentence.

The sentences below contain verb-preposition pairs used in common communication. Identify the verb phrase made up of the verb-preposition pair.

1. Maureen locks up the front door.
2. Break off a piece of that bread for me.
3. The spaceship blasted off from Joe's backyard.
4. The store closed down years ago.
5. They marked up the price on the steak.

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/lesseighteen](http://workadaywriter.com/lesseighteen) and scroll to the bottom of the content.

The answers to Lesson Seventeen: *across the street, at the table, of the verb, in the corner and reading the book, in northern Vermont*

**Tri-Valley's Marketing Class Ties for 1st place in NY State Real World Marketing Challenge**

Tri-Valley students in Brenda Hay's Marketing class tied for 1st place in the Real World Marketing Challenge. This year's Real World Marketing Challenge was for high school students to create a social media campaign within their school and community to fight bullying. Sponsored by Genium Group Inc., this challenge was offered to all high schools in New York State.

As part of the campaign, the students incorporated an online social media action campaign entitled, "I'm with Jake 2015." Before the campaign began, the class wrote a marketing plan that detailed the steps the students would take to build interest in the campaign. After the campaign ended, the students wrote a final report that was submitted to Genium Group Inc. for judging. Tri-Valley tied for first place with Amsterdam High School, last year's winner.

Congratulations to the following Tri-Valley students and their teacher, Ms. Brenda Hay: Zach Nilsen, Sara Dertinger, Jarred James, Michelle Bilancione, John Killian, Danielle DeVito, and Andrew Raymond.

**Livingston Manor Residents Invited to Share Ideas for Proposed River Walk**

The Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce invites local residents and business owners to a community workshop on Wednesday, June 24th from 7 to 9PM at the Livingston Manor Fire House. The focus will be a community project identified as a priority during "visioning" sessions held in 2013; creating a more walkable community including a river walk along the Willowemoc Creek.

Through a cost-sharing arrangement between the Sullivan County Funding Corporation and local businesses, the Livingston Manor Chamber is working with Hart Howerton, a global design and planning firm, to prepare preliminary design concepts for the project and assist in applying for grant funding through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process.

At the workshop, residents and second homeowners will hear more about possible grant sources and preview preliminary design concepts for the river walk, with an opportunity to ask questions, share design ideas, and express concerns. This feedback is an important part of the process and will be useful in securing grant funding.

The workshop, sponsored by the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, with support from the Town of Rockland, will be facilitated by staff from Sullivan Renaissance, the Sullivan County Division of Planning, and Hart Howerton. "We are excited about the opportunity" said Chamber President Lisa Lyons, "but we need feedback and ideas from the community at this early stage."

For more information about the project, contact Lisa Lyons at (845) 439-5507 or [info@morgan-outdoors.com](mailto:info@morgan-outdoors.com).

**The Woodsongs Coffeehouse presents Bluegrass Legends**

The Woodsongs Coffeehouse is extremely pleased to present Joe Walsh, mandolinist and Grant Gordy, guitarist, for a night of acoustic bluegrass music!



Legendary fiddler Darol Anger called Joe Walsh "one of my favorite musicians on earth," and CBC-Newfoundland described him as "one of the best mandolinists of his generation". His mandolin playing has been featured on several IBMA-award winning albums with bluegrass stars the Gibson Brothers. He tours the country and world, most often with Mr Sun, an adventurous string-band featuring Grant Gordy, Darol Anger, and Ethan Jodziewicz, or in a trio with Brittany Haas and Owen Marshall. He is a mandolin instructor at the Berklee College of Music, and is also the associate director of the "Berklee American Roots Weekend: Bluegrass, Blues, and Beyond".

Joe's website is: <http://skinnyelephantmusic.com>  
Joe will be performing with guitarist Grant Gordy. Grant performed for many years with the fabled David Grisman Quintet, a spot previously held by such guitar notables as Tony Rice, Mark O'Connor, Frank Vignola and Mike Marshall.

Gordy is one of the pre-eminent young voices on guitar. Just ask his boss, David Grisman, who says Gordy "belongs to the new elite of American acoustic practitioners who are pushing the ever-expanding envelope of a musical frontier." Check out his website at: <http://www.grantgordy.com>



The Americana band "Little Sparrow" will open the show. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Little-Sparrow/106454596069509>

Admission is \$10 and the concert is made possible in part with funding from a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, funded by the Sullivan County Legislature and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. For directions please call 845 434-8044, or visit the Sullivan County Historical Society website: <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> Coffee and baked goods will be available.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Dear Editor,

As the Tri-Valley Central School year comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity of expressing my heartfelt gratitude to the administration, faculty, staff, and parent volunteers who work with the students on a daily basis. Our four children, ranging in age from Kindergarten to 7th grade, truly enjoy school and look forward to going every day. In my mind, this testifies to the hard work and dedication of the teachers and staff.

I also commend the school district for keeping all of the wonderful accomplishments of our students in the forefront. The articles in the Townsman and on the various Facebook pages, including the Tri-Valley district page, the TVTA page, and the PTO page, demonstrate that our students have great potential for success. It also sends a positive message to our community, which has always graciously supported our district, financially and otherwise. Witnessing the success of our children affirms the fact that our support is not meaningless.

To the Tri-Valley volunteers, staff, teachers, and administration, thank you for all you do to support our children. Enjoy your summer! Looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Edwards  
Neversink, NY

**"Visual Quotations" to Exhibit in Woodbourne**

The gallery at Heart's Home, The International Center for A Culture of Compassion in Woodbourne, will hold its inaugural exhibit on July 3, 2015 with an opening reception for "Visual Quotations" by Helena Clare Pittman from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



"Visual Quotations" will display Pittman's recent paintings – works in which she has quoted from paintings by Da Vinci, Vermeer, Monet and others of the masters whose images have survived as emblems of their work, their greatness and their times.

A graduate of Pratt Institute with a BFA in Painting and Art Education, Pittman lives and paints in Liberty, NY. She holds a Masters degree in Art, Writing and Education from Antioch University. "I like to include the masters who have been my lights in my own paintings. It's a way of getting as close to them as I can. Their company, like warm encouragement, diffuses the austerity of the painter's life."

Pittman has taught at SUNY Farmingdale, The Parsons School of Design, and CUNY - Queens College. She has taught Color Theory, Life Drawing, Design, Book Illustration and Writing. She also teaches adult and children's classes in Sullivan County, at The Daniel Pierce Library Grahamsville, where her 12-panel mural "The Dance of the Books" is on permanent display in the children's room. Pittman also teaches at The Catskill Artists Society in Livingston Manor.

Also on display will be some of Pittman's watercolor paintings. The artist's note cards, reproductions of her painted images will be offered for sale, along with several of her illustrated children's books.

"Visual Quotations" will be on exhibit during the four weekends in July. The artist will be available at the opening, as well as for all weekends of the exhibit for questions and discussion. Heart's Home at The International Center for a Culture of Compassion, is located at 2299 Ulster Heights Road, Woodbourne, NY.

For additional information, call 845-434-5076.  
*Photos by Carol Montana*



## New Yorkers and Visitors Welcome to Explore State's Vast Waterways and Fish without a License - Newly Designated Free Fishing Day Set for Veterans Day, November 11

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York State residents and visitors may fish for free without a fishing license in any of the state's 7,500 lakes and ponds and 50,000 miles of rivers and streams during the weekend of June 27-28. Saltwater anglers may also fish in marine waters for migratory marine fish species without enrolling in the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry.

In addition to the June free fishing weekend, legislation signed by Governor Cuomo now allows for an increase in the number of authorized yearly statewide free fishing days. This year, Veteran's Day, November 11, has also been designated as a free fishing day.

"New York has some of the best fishing in the nation, and we're making it easier than ever for people to come out and see all this state has to offer," Governor Cuomo said. "These free fishing days are the perfect opportunity to cast a line and take in the great outdoors, and I encourage everyone to explore New York's lakes and waterways this summer."

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens said, "There's really no better time to take someone fishing. The weather is warm, the fish are usually cooperative and beginners can give the sport a try while exploring some of our state's great outdoor resources."

Those interested in learning more about the sport of fishing are encouraged to attend one of 40 free fishing events held during throughout the summer. A list of these clinics can be found on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html). The public should check back regularly as the list is updated with new events as they are received.

Anglers are reminded that although the requirement for a license and enrolling in the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry has been waived during free fishing weekend, all other regulations remain in effect.

NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative is an effort to improve recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women and to boost tourism activities throughout the state. This includes streamlining fishing and hunting licenses, reducing license fees, improving access for fishing and increasing hunting opportunities in New York State. In support of this initiative, last year \$10 million in NY Works funding was dedicated to fish hatchery repairs and 50 new land and water access projects such as boat launches, hunting blinds, trails and parking areas.

Under the initiative, the 2015-16 Enacted Budget included an additional \$8 million for state land access projects and an additional \$4 million for the state's hatcheries in NY Works funding. The Budget also creates a new capital account which along with federal Pittman-Robertson funds will be used to manage, protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat, and to improve and develop public access for fish and wildlife-related recreation.

**License Requirements** Anyone 16 years of age and older who desires to fish on dates that are not designated as New York State Free Fishing Days must have a state fishing license. Fishing licenses are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

New York reduced license fees in 2014 for both resident and nonresident anglers, making fishing in New York more affordable than ever. Buying a license has also been made more convenient. Anglers can purchase their license and print it for immediate use on their home computer via the NY License Center (<http://licensecenter.ny.gov/sporting-and-recreational-licenses>). Anglers can also purchase their license by phone by calling 1-866-933-2257, or from the numerous license issuing agents across the state. Those purchasing over the phone will receive a confirmation number allowing them to fish immediately.

Those interested in purchasing a lifetime fishing license should consider a New York State Adventure license, which is incorporated on their NY Driver's License and provides a free fishing themed license plate.

Where to Fish Anglers searching for places to fish should visit the Department of Environmental Conservation's fishing page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/fishing.html>. An interactive map of public fishing locations can also be found on the website.

## Counties Applaud NYS Senate for DMV Bills, Urge Assembly Action- Set of bills will improve public safety and provide better customer service

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) applauds the New York State Senate for passing two bills that are priorities for counties and county clerks throughout the state. NYSAC urges the Assembly to follow suit and pass the bills, which improve public safety and customer service, and fix revenue disparities between the state and county DMV offices.

The first bill, S.4964 (Ritchie)/A.8201 (Brindisi), addresses a disparity in revenue-sharing on DMV services provided by county clerks. Currently, counties only receive 12.7% of the revenue obtained for DMV services that they fully provide, while sending 87.3% to the State. This bill provides more equity to the entity providing the service by doubling the county share of local DMV fees from 12.7% to 25%, more adequately compensating the county for the vital programs and services we provide, with no impact on the cost to DMV customers.

The second bill, S.5571 (Ritchie)/A.7362 (Galef), is a public safety measure that requires driver license holders to have a new photo taken every eight years. (Currently, there is only one other state that does not require license photos to be updated.) There are no fees attached to this requirement, and it ensures that the photo on a driver license is representative of the individual's current appearance.

Wayne County Clerk Michael Jankowski said, "On behalf of the NYS County Clerks' Association, thank you to Senator Ritchie and her colleagues in the Senate for championing the main legislative priorities of the County Clerks. By overwhelmingly passing these bills, the New York State Senate is leading the way to improving public safety in our communities and providing much-needed support to counties. They have done this without imposing any new costs on our residents. We encourage the Assembly to pass these important bills as well."

"New York remains one of the last states in the nation to require an updated photograph on a driver license. It's a public safety issue and county leaders applaud Senator Ritchie for sponsoring and passing these bills," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario.

NYSAC President Anthony Picente added, "NYSAC and the County Clerks Association is calling on the NYS Assembly to take quick action and pass these bills. Local DMV service is one of the many state services that counties deliver to our local residents. County clerks oversee delivery of this service, and it's common sense that counties should receive a fair share of the transactional revenue, and it will not cost customers or taxpayers a penny."

## Gillibrand Statement on VA Decision to Cover Agent Orange Claims for Air Force Veterans

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today released the following statement regarding the new regulation published by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that expands disability benefits to Air Force Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange through regular contact with C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam:

"I am pleased the VA has finally ended the wait and will now provide disability benefits for the Air Force veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange. However, there are still hundreds of thousands of Blue Water Navy Veterans who are being denied benefits they need and deserve because of a technicality in the law. Congress owes it to the Blue Water Navy Veterans who bravely served our country and have fallen victim to Agent Orange-related diseases to finish the job by passing legislation that would finally solve this problem and provide access to the benefits they deserve."

On March 9, 2015, Senator Gillibrand and Senator Steve Daines (R-MT) introduced the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2015, which would clarify existing law so that Blue Water veterans would be fully covered by the VA if they served within the "territorial seas," or approximately 12 miles offshore of Vietnam. The bill would make it easier for VA to process Vietnam War veterans' claims for service-connected conditions and alleviate a portion of the VA's backlog by extending presumptive coverage of Agent Orange benefits to these veterans.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. military sprayed approximately 20 million gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam to remove jungle foliage. This toxic chemical had devastating effects for millions serving in Vietnam. In 1991, Congress passed a law requiring the VA to provide presumptive coverage to Vietnam veterans with illnesses that the Institute of Medicine has directly linked to Agent Orange exposure. However, in 2002 the VA determined that it would only cover Veterans who could prove that they had orders for "boots on the

ground" during the Vietnam War. This exclusion affects thousands of sailors who may have still received significant Agent Orange exposure from receiving VA benefits.

A May 2011 report by the Institute of Medicine established several "plausible routes" for Agent Orange exposure through the water distillation process aboard Navy ships and through the air. In 2010, a study by the Institute of Medicine cited exposure to Agent Orange resulted in an increased chance of developing serious heart problems and Parkinson's disease. A 1990 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed Vietnam veterans had a rate of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma 50 percent higher than the general population. Agent Orange is linked to a range of other diseases, including several blood and respiratory cancers, type II diabetes, prostate cancer and more.

In 2005, the VA's former Director of Environmental Agents Service Dr. Mark Brown publicly acknowledged that there was no scientific basis for the exclusion of Blue Water Vietnam veterans, but the VA has continued to refuse these veterans presumptive benefits Congress initially intended. In his article in the *Journal of Law and Policy*, Dr. Brown wrote, "Science does not back up the VA's policy on the Navy."

## Senate Passes Education Reform Legislation Empowering Students and Teachers

(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that legislation which he supported, making key education reforms aimed at empowering students and teachers in New York, has passed the Senate. As part of the FY 2015-2016 State Budget, education spending increased by more than 6%. Senate Republicans fought to further eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), successfully reducing these devastating cuts by more than 85% overall. Senate Republicans also stood up to the Governor when he decided to include controversial education proposals in the Budget, and link the enactment of the controversial measures to the distribution of state school aid, which caused great consternation on the part of school districts and parents.

The legislation passed yesterday by the Senate, S5954 would build upon the important education reforms achieved by Senate Republicans in the Budget by:

- o Directing the State Education Department (SED) to release test questions and the corresponding correct answers to teachers by June 1st of the same school year. Doing so will encourage greater transparency and accountability, and ensure that the standardized tests are a learning tool, not just a data collection device. The bill appropriates \$8.4 million to SED specifically for this purpose;
- o Helping students by enacting measures to ensure that state exams in grades 3-8 are grade-appropriate and time-appropriate;
- o Requiring an additional 45-day public comment period following the release of the new draft regulations now being put together by the State Education Department - allowing students, teachers, parents, grandparents and others to make their voices heard on this important statewide education issue;
- o Helping schools by extending - from November 15, 2015 to February 15, 2016-the date by which school districts can submit plans to SED for approval;
- o Directing SED to implement rules and regulations allowing for hardship extension all the way to September of 2016 for districts that are having trouble meeting the Feb 15, 2016 deadline;
- o Requiring SED to consider student characteristics, such as English language learners, students with disabilities, students in poverty and a student's prior academic history, as factors in the calculation of a teacher's student growth scores, and;
- o Requiring a comprehensive SED review - with education stakeholders - of the effectiveness and appropriateness of Common Core standards.

"My colleagues and I have listened and received the concerns of parents, students, teachers and administrators regarding this process and I believe this legislation makes positive reforms," said Senator Bonacic. "This bill goes along way in allaying any fears that students and teachers may have had when Governor Cuomo unveiled his initial education proposals."

**LEARN ABOUT GARDENS -Two Free Gardening Events in Monticello and Roscoe**

Individuals who would like to learn various gardening skills are invited to two very different free workshops sponsored by Sullivan Renaissance.

- "Water, Water, Everywhere!" on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Monticello, 445 Broadway, Monticello. Learn about best practices for watering and get tips about watering tools and resources, including rain gauges, rain barrels and mulching. Bring questions. This class will be led by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

- "Celebrating Sullivan Spaces - Walk and Learn" event in Roscoe on Saturday, June 27 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the clock on Stewart Avenue, Roscoe. Individuals who would like to learn more about gardening, including companion planting and dividing perennials, are invited. The class will be taught by Sullivan Renaissance Horticulture Coordinator Diana K. Weiner, using the plantings and gardens cared for by the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce, the hamlet's volunteer beautification group. The event will also include the unveiling of a plaque honoring the volunteers who maintain these public gardens. This is the second event of the 2015 "Celebrating Sullivan Spaces" campaign, which promotes education and community engagement in Sullivan County's public spaces. All events take place in parks and gardens that are cared for by volunteers.

**Save These Dates:**

- The Wow Factor - Creating and Tending Eye Catching Gardens: Wednesday, July 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the CVI Center, 165 Sullivan Avenue, Ferndale.

- Caring for Containers: Thursday, July 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Swan Lake.

- Dealing with Invasives: Sunday, July 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Callicoon Creek Park, Callicoon.

- Celebrating Sullivan Spaces: Gardening with Kids: Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Circle Park, 1054 Proctor Road, Glen Spey.

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

Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, FisherMears Associates, Kristt Company, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter, Thompson Sanitation, and WSUL/WVOS.

For more information about these and other educational opportunities, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit [www.SullivanRenaissance.org](http://www.SullivanRenaissance.org).

**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

**Free Rabies Clinic**

Wednesday, June 24th at Morningside Park in the Town of Fallsburg from 6-7:30pm.

**REFORMED CHURCH  
BAKE SALE  
SPONSORED BY THE  
GRC LADIES AID**

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

**SATURDAY  
July 4, 2015**

9:00 am UNTIL ALL SOLD

FOR INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL 845-985-7480

OTHER GOODIES

**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  
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42  
South Fallsburg  
845-438-7539

[www.standrewsepiscopalmiission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmiission.org)

**TIME & THE VALLEYS  
MUSEUM**  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

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 *Townsmen* printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.

985-7700  
[timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

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

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

Service Times  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service  
Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Tuesday Night Youth Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

**Ismael Berrios  
Lead Pastor**

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

Email:  
[crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com)

**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.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown  
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - after worship (9:40 a.m.)  
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff  
845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Sundownumc@gmail.com](mailto:Sundownumc@gmail.com)

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Rte. 55, Grahamsville  
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!  
For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283  
e-mail: [Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com)

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
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

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**NO  
Covered Dish  
Supper  
for of July**

The next  
**Covered Dish  
Supper**  
will be  
**August 1, 2015**  
at 5:30 pm at the  
Sundown United  
Methodist Church Hall

**Grahamsville  
United Methodist  
Church**

**July 7, 2015**  
Thrift Sale & Boutique  
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.  
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
845-985-7480

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for repairs to a kiosk located on State Route 55 on the western side of the Neversink Reservoir Dam in the Town of Neversink. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, July 6, 2015. For bid documents please contact Diane Galusha or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400. EOE

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**Town of Denning  
(12725) Residents  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Catskill Watershed Corp. known as the CWC will send representative; Nate Hendricks regarding the Claryville Waste Water Plan to the Denning Town Board Meeting to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 on July 7th, 2015 scheduled to begin at 7pm.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Monforte, Town Clerk

6/25

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of The Neversink Spa and Resort for the purpose of review of an application for a Special Use Permit located at 7491 State Route 55, Neversink NY 12765. (SBL#'s 30.-1-4, 30.-1- 5.3, 30.-1-39.1, 30.-1-39.2, 30.-1-44, 30.-1- 45 & 30.-1-60.1)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF  
THE PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

6/25

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2015, entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 27-6 of the Code of the Town of Neversink to Adopt the Updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study of the National Flood Insurance Program".

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on July 8, 2015, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: June 10, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk 6/25

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink in the County of Sullivan and State of New York, Introductory Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2015, entitled "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 50 (Zoning) of the Town of Neversink Code to Establish Increased Penalties for Violation of this Chapter.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to §20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held on the aforesaid local law before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink, at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, on July 8, 2015, at which time all interested persons will be heard. A copy of the said local law is on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink, New York, where the same may be examined.

Dated: June 15, 2015  
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk 6/25

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application  
Date: 06/03/2015

Applicant: TOWN OF DENNING  
1444 DENNING RD  
CLARYVILLE, NY 12725

Facility: NEW HILL ROAD  
APPROX 200 FT EAST OF DENNING RD  
DENNING, NY

Application ID: 3-5120-00075/00002

Permit(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance  
1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification  
Project is located: in DENNING in ULSTER COUNTY

**Project Description:**

The applicant is proposing to construct a stacked rock wall on the East Branch Neversink Creek, Waters Index Number D-1-82, Class C(T), upstream from the intersection of New Road Hill and Denning Road. The stabilization will be approximately 150 linear feet. The work area will be isolated from streamflow.

**Availability of Application Documents:**

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

**State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination**

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

**State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination**

Cultural resource lists and map have been checked. No registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified at the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

**Availability For Public Comment**

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 06/25/2015 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person  
TRACEY L O'MALLEY  
NYSDEC  
21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD  
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-1620  
(845) 256-3054

**CC List for Complete Notice**

Chief Executive Officer  
ENB  
6/18; 6/25

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning is seeking Sealed Bids for a Prevailing Wage Project. The Project to be known as the Town Hall Parking Lot Paving Project. All bids must include:  
- The excavation work to be done at the site.  
- Installing of Rain Garden ("Bio-Filter").  
- Moving of Town signage.  
- Paving of Said parking Lot.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked as bid and must include approximate dates of work and Non Collusion Bidding Certification and Certificate of Insurance.

Please Note: All PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS are subject to Prevailing Wage as required under NYS Labor Law § 220.

Bids will be accepted until the 7:00 pm start of the regularly scheduled meeting on July 7th, 2015 to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, PO Box 277, Claryville, NY 12725, at which time all will be publicly opened and read.

Bids to be reviewed and awarded at the Town of Denning Business Meeting to be held on July 14th, 2015 at the Denning Town Hall.

Please call 985-2411 the Town of Denning Supervisor for further information, job site can be inspected Monday thru Friday 6 am to 2 pm. Plans are available at the Town Hall or by contacting Ward Engineering at 845-439-5583.

THE DENNING TOWN BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS FOR ANY REASON.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Monforte  
Town Clerk  
June 15, 2015 6/25

**Swimming Lessons Signup**

Swimming Lessons Registration has begun and is ongoing at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Documents section of the Town of Neversink's website or picked up at the Neversink Town Hall located in Grahamsville from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or the Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. Lessons will begin on July 6th. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307. [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser Thursday, June 25.** at the Liberty Pizza Hut between 5 pm and 9 pm

**3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair** 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 to 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. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

**All Aboard!**

**Join the Fun!**

**Play Mexican Train**

FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED:** People for card games

**2015 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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| January 15th  | May 14th    | September 10th |
| February None | June 11th   | October 15th   |
| March 12th    | July 16th   | November 12th  |
| April 16th    | August 13th | December 10th  |

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6/28/15 **Time & the Valleys Museum** presents Sullivan County Tourism & the O&W Railroad 2 p.m. FREE

7/1/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm

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

7/4/15 Town of Neversink Holiday **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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

7/4/15 **NQ 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)

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

7/8/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm

7/9/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm (Claryville (12725) residents see pg. 14 RE: **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

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

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

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

7/20/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm

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

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

**TRI-VALLEY AREA**  
 SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP  
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI  
 EUREKA MARKET & CAFE  
 CANNIE D'S  
 BLUE HILL LODGE  
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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.

**WANTED ... 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

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**ZLiving/Veria Nature Cure & Ayurvedic Wellness Center Groundbreaking Ceremony**

On June 21, 2015 (the first ever International Day of Yoga) a groundbreaking ceremony in celebration of the development of the ZLiving/Veria Nature Cure & Ayurvedic Wellness Center was held on the banks of Bailey Lake on Anawana Lake Road, Monticello (10 Bailey Lake Rd, Monticello, NY 12701)  
 The ZLiving/Veria Nature Cure & Ayurvedic Wellness Center will be a modern and unique exclusive wellness center (alternative healthcare) with guest rooms and support spaces totaling over 260,000 square feet. The 68,000-

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2014  
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square-foot wellness center will include hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, physical therapy, yoga center and fitness center, private, and couple treatment rooms and a swimming pool with nature garden. A full-service restaurant with teaching and observation kitchen, nutrition center, and several juice bars dispersed throughout the facility will complete the food and beverage services. In addition, there is programmed space for a museum, gift shops, essential shops, salon, and theater.

The Wellness Center will be situated on an undisturbed, maturely vegetated, and sloping site in the Town of Thompson along the westerly bank of Baileys Lake. These physical site features will provide all guests a beautiful, natural, quiet and serene setting for Yoga, exercise, meditation, and reflection.

Veria has invested \$18 million in Sullivan County to date, and has plans to spend another \$50+ million. The project is expected to create 200 construction and 200+ operational jobs.

**Fallsburg Hall of Fame Brunch**  
**on Sunday, June 28,**  
**has been moved to 10 AM**  
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**HELP WANTED**

**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

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**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!!**  
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ANSWERS:  
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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**PHILADELPHIA STORY**

(Comedy, 1940)

Cary and Kate at their Comedy best as Tabloid reporters who crash a society marriage. Directed by, George Cukor. Starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, James Stewart, Ruth Hussey, John Howard, Roland Young, John Halliday, Virginia Weidler, Mary Nash, Henry Daniell, Hillary Brooke. Talky but brilliant adaptation of Philip Barry's hit Broadway comedy about society girl who yearns for down-to-earth romance; Grant is her ex-husband, Stewart a fast-talking (!) reporter who falls in love with her. Entire cast is excellent, but Stewart really shines in his offbeat, Academy Award winning role. Donald Ogden Stewart's script also earned an Oscar. Later musicalized as HIGH SOCIETY. *See these film's early Wednesday, June 31, 2015 @ starting @ 1:00 AM, 112 min, B/W, TV-G*

**Quiz:**

1. Who plays Uncle Willie?
2. Who plays Elizabeth Imbrey?

**What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood?**

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

Summer is finally here! While driving through town you can't help but notice the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers. Bi-centennial Park is a picture perfect scene that holds many of memories for a lot of our young folks who will be graduating this weekend. What a great place to take some graduation pictures for that photo album or for Facebook! Perhaps Sunday would be a good time to do that just before a visit to the Time and the Valleys Museum that will host an historic O&W Railroad talk: "Sullivan County and the O&W Railroad" on Sunday, June 28th at 2 pm.

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 3 pm

**SUNDOWN**

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

**NEVERSINK**

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

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