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## The Top Ten Best Things About Tri-Valley

By Jennifer Edwards



They say, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." Last year, our family moved to Atlanta, only to return six months later to be near my ailing father. While I enjoyed Atlanta, living there has allowed me to view the Tri-Valley area through a fresh lens and recognize what is unique about our community. With that in mind, I've compiled a list of what I think are the top ten best things about living in this area: (Contd. Pg. 4)

## "Congratulations to Tri-Valley Teachers and Guidance Counselor!"



Kristin Vetrero



Lu Gilles



Tara James-Lamonica

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association would like to recognize and congratulate Lu Gilles, Meghan Hayes, and Kristin Vetrero for recently receiving tenure as Elementary Education Teachers and Tara James-Lamonica for recently receiving tenure as a Guidance Counselor at Tri-Valley Central School. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Who Murdered the Queen of Hearts?



Saturday evenings performance of "Once Upon A Murder" had the audience laughing and guessing as they tried to solve the mystery; who killed Cora, The Queen of Hearts just before the Reunion of the Class of '95 begins. With each guest having a motive or the means to do Cora in, there was only one who was guilty! (Continued on Pg. 8)

## "Community Members Put On a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Students"

Tuesday, May 19 was another very special day for 7th and 8th grade students at Tri-Valley. Knowing that it was a scheduled half day, the 7th and 8th grade teachers decided to plan something unique for students. The teachers reached out to several local community members about coming into school for the day and their efforts were met with great enthusiasm from the community. Together, a "workshop" day was planned that focused on career exploration, community service, and hobbies. (Contd. Pg. 6)



Officer Roosa and his K-9 dog (with help from Detective Pavese and NYS Trooper Roser) put on a demonstration for students.



Mrs. Poppo and her culinary students get ready to work with students.



Senior Bridget Kackos shows off her horse to interested students.

## Senator Bonacic Honors Exceptional Fallsburg High School Students at his Annual "Excellence in Education" Event



Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) recently honored high school valedictorians, salutatorians and honored students from 23 high schools in the 42nd Senate District at his annual "Excellence in Education" event in Albany. The special occasion honors students who not only have excelled academically, but have also made positive contributions to their community. "These students are some of the best and brightest New York State has to offer," said Senator Bonacic. "Each of these students excel because of their hard work and dedication to their studies, their peers and their community. They're the future of our State and Country and I am proud of each and every one of them and their accomplishments."

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

**TVCS Music Students Recognized**

The "John Phillip Sousa Award" was given to Andrew Raymond. This an award given out by most HS Bands across the nation to a senior who demonstrates superior musicianship, leadership and participation in Band.

The Marine Corp "Semper Fidelis Bandsman Award" was given to Amanda VanSaders. This award is given to a senior who demonstrates excellent musicianship, dedication, and leadership in Band.

The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award was given to sophomore, Evan Edwards. This award is given to a student who shows excellent musicianship, dedication and leadership in the Jazz Band.

Awards for the 5th - 8th grade students were presented on Wednesday evening at their concert.

Band Directors Award were given to two of the top performing 8th grade leaders in Band, Jacob Allison and Aidan Mentnech.

7/8 Band Standing Ovation Award, a new award, is being given to 7th and 8th grade students who showed great dedication and improvement this year. Most band students show improvement during the year, but these students displayed a desire to challenge themselves beyond expectations in Band. Students receiving the award are: Kira Ambrosi, Michael Babcock, Colby Costa, Margaret Dembergh, Emma Edwards, Victoria Epstein, Erin Markle, and Christopher Morgan.

Other awards given to students in the Music Department were John Yonker-Most Dedicated For Chorus, Dorothy Monforte- National school choir award. I will find out the band awards

Brianna Worden received "The Standing Ovation Award" for commitment and dedication to the Tri-Valley Music Program. "The success of our school's music program is a reality because of your loyalty and devotion. Your talents and efforts have not only inspired other musicians to further their study of music, but have been enjoyed by audiences both at Tri-Valley and around Sullivan County. It has been a pleasure to have you as a student of music throughout your school career. May music continue to be a source of inspiration and joy in all aspects of your life."

Congratulations to all the Students of Music!

**TVCS Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Tiffani Fonree who was a grand prize winner in the "I'm Not a Replacement" Poetry Contest that was sponsored by Sullivan county Public Health Services and Tobacco Free Action Communities' Reality Check program.



**COLLEGE NEWS:**

Woodbourne resident, Adam Hurwitz, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the spring 2015 semester. Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Hurwitz is a sophomore whose major is Biology - BS.

Christina Tinti of Olivebridge, NY received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts - Studio.

Mark Davidson of Liberty, NY received a Master of Science degree in Information Management Specialization.

Kathleen Champion of Ellenville, NY received a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Studies.

Matthew Bogorad of Sundown, NY has received a BA degree from Lasell College during commencement exercises May 2015. Bogorad majored in English.

Sarah Coney, a Biology major from Neversink, NY, was a member of the 2015 SUNY Oneonta women's track and field team. The Red Dragons finished 5th indoor and 3rd outdoor at the SUNYAC Championships this year. Sarah was a member of the team and competed in the throws. Indoor: threw PR 11.46 meters in the weight throw at Brockport Golden Eagle Invite; Outdoor: threw PR 9.19 meters in the shot put at Cortland Classic; threw PR 26.54 meters in the discus at Oneonta May Meet; threw PR 39.03 meters in the hammer Oneonta May Meet.

Ryan Ertz was named to the Spring 2015 Dean's List at Lyndon State College. For inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least 12 graded credits with no incomplete or failing grades and a minimum grade-point average of 3.50.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**June 8, 1955** - Mr. and Mrs. Milton Van Keuren of Curry are proud parents of a daughter, born in Maimonides Hospital, Liberty on Sunday. She weighed 4 lbs.

Mr. Pieres D. Moore of Ellenville pass away in Kingston on June 3rd at the age of 86. He was born in Claryville, the son of Leonard and Mary Ann Moore, on January 16, 1869. Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Clark Ryan of Peekamoe Mrs. Archie Moore and Mrs. Kenneth Slater of Ellenville and Mrs. Chauncey Slater of Kerhonkson; and one son, Mr. Earl Moore of Pataukunk.

Miss Anne Eaton was the guest of honor at a shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Krom on Tuesday evening, May 24th. The hostesses were Miss Helen Krom and Mrs. Leo Bertholf. Miss Eaton will be married to Richard Krom in July.

**May 26, 1965** - The organ pipes in the Reformed Dutch Church in Grahamsville have been repainted by Miss Irene Moore. All members and friends of the church wish to thank her for her patience in doing such beautiful work.

The local Central Hudson Kitchen Contest was held on Tuesday, May 4th, in the Home Economics Dept. at TVS. Judges for the contest were Mrs. Dion Garigliano, Miss Audrey Kelly and Mrs. Howard Bernstein. We are pleased to announce the following winners: 1st place, Linda Strangeway, 12th grade; 2nd place, Nancy Everett, 10th grade; 3rd place, Eileen Hoffman, 10th grade.

**June 11, 1975** - Mrs. Dorothy Carroll, wife of the late John Carroll of Syracuse, N.Y., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Nancy, to Staff Sgt. John H. Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe of Neversink. Miss Carroll was graduated from SUNY Potsdam and presently employed as the Project Director of the nutrition program for the elderly in Jefferson County. Her fiance is also a graduate of Potsdam and is currently stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, N.Y. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Brown, Jr. of Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise, to Howard Petro, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Petro of Bradley. Miss Brown is a 1974 graduate of TVCS, Grahamsville and is employed at the Ellenville Medical Group. Her fiance is a 1970 graduate of TVCS and is currently employed by Water Tunnel Contractors, New York, N.Y. Wedding plans are incomplete.

**June 6, 1985** - The following local students have graduated from Sullivan County Community Collete on June 2, 1985: Martha Ahrens, Phillip Davis, Mia J. Low, Paul J. Nyhof and Andrew W. Wakefield. Congratulations to all!

Thomas V. Grace of Hastings Drive, Grahamsville, has been promoted to Full Professor. He has been associated with the SCCC's Social and Behavioral Sciences division since 1967 and is currently chairman of the college's Academic Affairs Committee. He received his B.S. degree from Bloomsburg State College and his M.S. degree from Bucknell University.

**From the collection of Jack Denman**

*During the next few weeks we will present segments of notes that were sent by Jack Denman regarding Civil War Veterans. After reading the article you may concur as others have, that nothing much has changed. Our veterans today, still face similar circumstances. - (Part 3)*

When last at my residence, as I was starting away to leave home, I met at the same moment two young men, each of whom had lost an arm, one in the battle of the Wilderness, and one in the fight at Cedar Mountain, and, passing in a carriage but a few moments after, I noticed the widow and five or six children of a soldier who had gone from, our county a few years before. He had gone to the far west before the breaking out of the war, had purchased a farm, and made his home there, and had enlisted there. He fell before Vicksbitrg, and his family, deprived of his protection, returned to our county. All were needy and in want, and these incidents brought forcibly to my mind the thought that something should be done more than has yet been done to aid those who have been bereaved, and reward those who have received wounds or became disabled in their country's service. It was suggested to me that we should not only in our individual capacity do what we could to give employment and position to these persons who have been wounded or maimed, but that we should throw around them-by laws which could not be disobeyed - some degree of protection, and should give such rewards and honors as are in the gift of the people. (Contd. in Next Week's Issue)

**A Round About Tri-Valley**

-Carol Furman

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Barry Gombert of Neversink who passed away on May 19th at the age of 68 and to the family and friends of Mary Tremper of Grahamsville who died on May 18th at the age of 70.

Congratulation to Heather Neidert and her husband on the recent birth of a son. Mrs. Neidert is a teacher at the Tri-Valley Elementary School.

The Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid is selling cookbooks. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Alice Elberth at 985-2603.

Congratulations to Travis Wolfe and Cecelia Pompeii Wolfe who were married over the Memorial Day weekend.

New officers for the year 2015 - 2016 were installed at the Tri-Valley Lions meeting, held at Nardi's Restaurant on June 2nd. They are: Gene Froehlich, President; Carol Furman, Vice-president; Liza Salvemini, Treasurer; Carmen Salvemini, Secretary.

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be having a luncheon (11:00 am-1:00 pm) and a thrift sale (9:00 am -1:00 pm) on Tuesday, June 9th.

The Tri-Valley Theatre Club presented "Once Upon A Murder", a reunion of favorite storybook characters caught up in a classic crime, on Saturday, May 30th. Prior to the show, a delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was served. This was a pleasant way to spend a Saturday evening!

Neversink Parks and Rec is sponsoring a trip to the Forestburgh Playhouse for lunch at the Tavern and to see the play "Driving Miss Daisy" on Wednesday, September 2nd. If you would like to enjoy a nice lunch and see a great play, contact Jamie at the Town Hall as soon as possible. There aren't many seats left and the price is right!

*Other Neversink Parks and Rec. activities:* Sip and Paint at the Janice Center on Friday, June 12th, (you must be 21 yrs. old to attend this event) and Camp Fire Fun on Friday, June 19th. There are still some spots available for each of these events - so sign up soon if you would like to take advantage of these opportunities. They sound like lots of fun!

The Daniel Pierce Library budget for this year is \$387,610. The Library is asking the residents of the Tri-Valley District to approve a \$6,047. budget increase. The voting on the proposed budget will take place on Tuesday, June 9th from Noon - 8:00 pm at the Library.

Words of Wisdom: Truths from children: 1) Don't let you mom brush your hair when she's mad at your dad. 2) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. It's always the second person who gets caught!

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**...and an Extra Big Thank You to Carol Furman!**

I did miss a few people last week, and can't believe of all people, I missed Carol! I never miss her column. It is the first thing I read each week and I am often inspired by her "Words of Wisdom." Not only does Carol keep us posted as to what is happening around Tri-Valley, she contributes much time and energy to our community.

Just recently Carol hosted the Memorial Day Flag Raising Ceremony in Grahamsville. She helps to prepare for the ceremony each Memorial Day and Veterans' Day and makes sure these events get proper coverage. And Carol has done a lot more than that too for our Tri-Valley community.

Carol an extra big THANK YOU for all you do, not just for the *Townsmen*, but everything else, too!

Linda Comando  
Editor

**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.

**"Congratulations to Tri-Valley Teachers and Guidance Counselor!"**

(From Pg. 1)

Lu started her teaching career at George L. Cooke Elementary school in Monticello, NY. There, she taught first and second grade. She also spent two years as the school's International Baccalaureate coordinator. She has taught for a total of 11 years and currently teaches fourth grade here at Tri-Valley.

Lu attended The State University at New Paltz and received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Mathematics. She then went on to study at the College of New Rochelle where she received her Master's Degree. She is certified in Kindergarten through twelfth grade in Literacy.

Lu enjoys the teaching profession because she feels that she is learning every day from her students. Not a week goes by that she hasn't had to find information to share with her students. She loves the spark she sees in her students and how that empowers them to continue their learning. Her students continue to grow and Lu loves to be a part of that experience.

Currently Lu is an active member of the Olweus team and the advisor for the Odyssey of the Mind in the elementary school. Lu's passion for teaching can be seen throughout the day. When looking at her students you know they are having fun while they are learning. She challenges all her students to think hard and do their best.

Meghan was hired as a substitute teacher in December of 2011. Soon after she was hired for a long-term leave position in kindergarten and a third and fourth grade multi-age classroom. She was then hired permanently as a second grade teacher for the 2012 school year. She taught second grade for two years before moving to third grade this fall.

Both her undergraduate and graduate degrees are from Edinboro University. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master's in Education focusing on Special Education.

Meghan enjoys the teaching profession because it allows her to go to work each day feeling as if she has the ability to make a positive change in the world. She also said that, "It is a privilege to work in this field and know that my efforts can inspire a new generation of life-long learners."

Currently Meghan is an active member of the Olweus team and recently became involved with the TVTA Cares Committee. Meghan can be seen teaching her students with passion and enthusiasm. She is constantly coming up with fun ways for her students to learn. Her students' work is continuously displayed in the hallway for everyone to see.

Kristin began her teaching career in Florida, where she taught traditional kindergarten and dual language kindergarten. She returned to New York State to complete her Masters of Education at Long Island University. Kristin began teaching in Tri-Valley as a long term substitute in various grades including, first grade, sixth grade, and kindergarten. She has continued this year as a kindergarten teacher.

Kristin's background includes School Counseling and Development. Kristin dedicates her time to creating an enriched learning environment for students and instills an inspiration in becoming lifelong learners. She recognizes young children's capabilities and tailors her teaching to support academic, social, and personal goals in helping children flourish into successful young adults. Kristin looks forward to continuing her teaching career at Tri-Valley and working collaboratively with students, teachers, families, and the community.

Tara started her public teaching experience at Fallsburg Central School and was a counselor there for three years. She then joined us at Tri-Valley, where she has been a guidance counselor for the past two years.

Tara received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Anthropology from SUNY Brockport. She then obtained a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Mercy College and a Master's Degree in School Psychology from Marist College. She went on to further her education by receiving her Doctorate in Educational Psychology from Walden University. Finally, Tara has received her Certificate of Advanced Studies in School Psychology and is scheduled to graduate with her Ph.D. in July.

When asked what she enjoys most about the job, Tara commented that she gets to see the many different sides of kids. She said that "working with the whole student" makes her job very fun and worthwhile.

This year Tara took on the role as the 10th Grade Class Advisor. She also served as an Assistant Coach in Track last year.

Congratulations to Lu, Meghan, Kristin, and Tara! Tri-Valley is lucky to have all of you as professionals at our school!

**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.

**Simply Sophisticated Ox-eye Daisy**



The Ox-eye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) is also known as moon daisy because daisies open at dawn as the day just starts to begin.

Did you know that an Oxeye daisy sleeps at night and wakes in the morning. The Daisy got its name from Old English "Day's Eye," describing how the petals close at night and open at day-break, revealing the yellow center.

This plant is not native to North America; it was introduced long ago from Eurasia.

The Ox-eye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) is a familiar and attractive grassland perennial that has a medium tall un-branched stem topped by a solitary composite flower of white rays (petals) surrounding a yellow disc floret.

Flowerheads are large, and can measure up to 2 inches across. By the middle of May, the familiar yellow centered white flower-heads begin to bloom, and are at their peak until around the end of June. You will continue to see isolated specimens throughout the summer, especially in areas where they are undisturbed by the cutting of the hay or mowing, such as on railway banks, or along roadways where the plant flourishes well. Beneath each flower-head is a ring of green sheathing bracts, the involucre. These not only protect and support the bloom, but prevent insects from trying to bite their way to the honey from below. They, as well as the rest of the plant, are permeated with an acrid juice that is obnoxious to certain insects and the open flower heads of Ox-eye daisy do attract a large range of pollinating insects particularly bees, butterflies and hoverflies.

The plant generally grows from 1 to 2 feet high. The root is perennial and somewhat creeping; the stems are hard and wiry, furrowed and only very slightly branched. The leaves are small and coarsely toothed. Those near the root are somewhat rounder in form than those on the stem, and are on long stalks. Those on the stem are oblong and stalkless.

A Daisy is a perennial whose evergreen leaves form a basal tuft or a rosette. Daisies can be propagated by division in spring or through sowing seeds in spring or late autumn. Oxeye daisy seed is a prime source of food for songbirds in winter.

With daisies blooming everywhere now along roads and in the countryside, why don't you grab a flashlight tonight and check out some sleeping daisies after dark?

**Household Hints**

**Steam-clean your microwave**

To clean your microwave, place a glass bowl filled with a solution of 1/4 cup vinegar in 1 cup water inside, and zap the mixture for five minutes on the highest setting. Once the bowl cools, dip a cloth or sponge into the liquid and use it to wipe away stains and splatters on the interior.

## The Empire of Night

### Mysterious Book Report No. 196

by John Dwaine McKenna



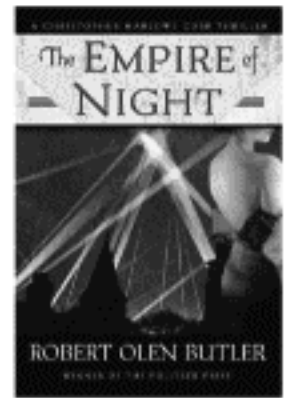
One hundred years ago, all of Europe was in the midst of what was then called the Great War, or World War I as we now know it. It was the first fully mechanized war and the battlefield casualties were so great that they're almost incomprehensible by today's standards, due to the invention of new war machines like the belt-fed water-cooled machine gun; armor plated mobile gun platforms called tanks; gigantic artillery pieces mounted on railroad cars and moved by locomotives, that could hurl twenty-four inch shells for fifteen to twenty miles; submarines that prowled the oceans in groups known as wolf packs, which devastated and terrorized shipping; motorized heavier-than-air machines called aero planes, which battled for supremacy in the sky; and most disturbing of all perhaps, the invention and use of poison gasses based on chlorine and phosgene, capable of killing by the thousands. As all of those developments were happening on the battlefields, another newly-developed weapon was terrorizing the civilian citizens of London. They were giant airships called Zeppelins which came calling in the night without warning, bringing indiscriminate death to men, women and children as they dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs on the helpless and innocent victims in the streets below.

*The Empire of Night*, (Mysterious Press, \$26.00, 401 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2323-7) by Robert Olen Butler is the third installment of his delightful Christopher Marlowe Cobb series of novels which began with *The Hot Country*, which was about German involvement in the Mexican Civil War, circa 1915; then continues with *The Star of Istanbul*, about the sinking of the passenger liner *Lusitania* and German activity in the Middle East during World War I; and now, his newest, *The Empire of Night*, about the bombing of London during the early to middle parts of the war. All feature the intrepid and fearless newspaper reporter and citizen-spy, whom we know simply as Kit.

*The Empire of Night* is character-driven historical fiction at its best, with all the action, intrigue, treachery, danger and drama of any contemporary spy novel, while also featuring a tender, but ultimately tragic love affair at its core. With the ground campaign stalemated in France and Belgium, the German high command is desperate to find a way to gain the upper hand. Their plan is to turn the Zeppelins into unstoppable killing machines that rain death from the skies . . . unless they can be stopped by Kit Cobb . . . who may lose his life in the process. History comes alive in the hands of Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler, and he's created one of his most memorable and endearing protagonists in contemporary fiction-making him one of my absolute favorites! Do yourself a favor and read this great series and you, like me, will be eagerly looking forward to the next book.

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### The Top Ten Best Things About Tri-Valley (From Pg. 1)

1. **Small-Town Charm** -With Chestnut Creek winding through town, the gazebo tucked across the street from the Town Hall, lovely community gardens, Barn Quilts, and the old-fashioned covered bridge marking the entrance to the fairgrounds, one can't help but be enchanted by Grahamsville's charm. Flanked by two environmentally protected reservoirs, our town's pristine natural beauty provides a veritable haven for children at play and outdoor lovers! Our beloved annual traditions, including the town tree lighting, the Old-Time Fiddlers' Gathering, Old-Time Fair, and Giant Pumpkin Party mark the seasons and are not to be missed!

2. **Super Engaged Teachers and Parents!** Tri-Valley School is the hub of the community, but what really sets the school apart is the level of community involvement. We will do just about anything for the kids! Parents and community members volunteer in classrooms and for special events. The Tri-Valley Teacher's Association sponsors several outreaches, including the Competition Night food drive for the Backpack Snack Program and local food pantry, a school supply drive, and the "Stuff the Bus" campaign. The TVTA also provides holiday meals and gifts for families in need, and has recently developed an emergency fund for students who have experienced catastrophic events. Whatever game, concert, or other student-related event is going on, teachers are always in attendance, and parents are ready to cheer on one another's children. The Parent Teacher Organization is another engaged body of parents, school staff, and volunteers that organizes assemblies, book fairs, free movie nights, and student celebrations. The PTO also fundraises to underwrite scholarships and other educational opportunities.

3. **The Little World's Fair!** Affectionately known by locals as "the Grahamsville Fair," this 136-year-old community celebration is the longest running independent fair in New York State! The Little World's Fair features amusements including horse pulls, 4H displays, craft vendors, games on the fairway, music and children's entertainment, rides, fireworks, and tasty fair food. Trust me, the Firemen's sausage and peppers and Library's strawberry shortcake alone are worth the entry fee.

4. **Frost Valley YMCA!** We are lucky to have a world-renowned camp in our very own backyard! Located on 5,000 acres, the Valley's year-round access to nature, adventure, environmental education, summer camps, and a host of special family-friendly events rival all others in the United States-accessible only 15 minutes from the heart of town!

5. **A library to rival all others!** The Daniel Pierce Library, with its gorgeous original historical 1902 structure and new 23,500 square-foot addition houses a Children's Literacy Center, Reading Room, Community Center, and Computer facilities with free, building-wide WiFi access. People of all ages, greeted by smiling staff and volunteers, regularly utilize the Daniel Pierce Library facilities. The Library sponsors early literacy and enrichment programs, including children's story hours, summer reading initiatives, book discussions, lectures, art, cooking, and knitting classes, music concerts, entertainment, and much more. Not to mention access to thousands of book, DVD,

audio and CD titles. All this available free of charge!

6. **Neversink Parks and Recreation!** Established in 2005, the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department provides fun-filled park, recreation, and public activities for residents and students of Tri-Valley. From summertime swim lessons to bus trips, from game nights to ice cream socials and concerts in the park, Parks and Rec provides affordable, fun-filled, recreation, leisure, and athletic activities that promote positive community values. Don't forget the huge community yard and vendor sale held every July!

7. **Affordable, child-centered athletic activities!** Neversink is proud to be home of several athletic programs facilitated by dedicated community members. The summertime Swim Program has an outstanding reputation, and is free to residents! Tri-Valley Little League, AYSO soccer, Bear Cub Basketball engage children at an early age; The Tri-Valley Youth Football and Cheerleading program is available for Tri-Valley residents going into 2nd through 6th grade (cheerleading 2nd through 8th). All of the volunteers and coaches give generously of their time and talent to make these programs possible. Their mission is to help children embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline, and character development. The annual Grahamsville Gallop is a family-friendly "fun run" going on its 42nd year!

8. **Grass-Roots Arts!** Our community is home to hundreds of young, up-and-coming artists! Each year, the Tri-Valley Music Department sends numerous young musicians to the New York State School Music Association Solo Competition Festival, All-County, and All-State Music festivals, and hosts a "Music in Our School's Month" concert, a Cabaret, in addition to two bi-annual concerts. Theater lovers can participate in school plays or in the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, which hosts summer plays for children and teens. The artwork of our budding artists has been featured in the Sullivan County Art Show, the State-wide Art Exhibit in Albany, as well as the first-ever Industrial Arts Show exhibited recently at the school. Not to leave out the Annual Poetry Slam, featuring live recitations of original works by Tri-Valley middle school students, or the Elementary School Talent Show. Most of these events are open to the public and are not to be missed; you just might witness a star being born!

9. **Convenient to New York's Best Attractions!** We have the luxury of enjoying the best of both worlds. Families can relish the untouched beauty of the Catskill Mountains, and yet the world's finest attractions are within two hours' driving distance! One can easily take a day trip and visit places such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Albany State Museum, the Museum of Natural History, the New York City Science Center, Carnegie Hall and Broadway, and countless other famous sites. Bethel Woods, Farmer's Markets, the Hudson River, Mohonk Mountain Reserve, fruit orchards, and other local attractions are also close by.

10. **Can do attitude!** Last but not least, the one thing I think is most remarkable about our community is how we rally together to support our youth, our families, and those in need. We do whatever it takes to support our community-whether it's hosting bake sales or spaghetti dinners, or selling ad space or raffle tickets. Together, we have built playgrounds, a track, a state-of-the-art library, Little League fields, gardens, and generally speaking have an uncanny ability to "make

magic" out of our undying community spirit! We support our community organizations and are generous with our time, talent, and compassion. This alone is something in which to take pride, and something we cannot afford to ever lose.

I could go on and on, because there are so many wonderful things about our community, many more than can be mentioned in one "top ten" list. There is much for which residents of Tri-Valley can be thankful.

### Leadership Sullivan Class of 2015 - Class Project Rehabs Dillon Park

The Leadership Sullivan Class of 2015 is nearing its graduation ceremony on June 3, 2015 at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center. This year's class consisted of 17 individuals from a variety of backgrounds and industries. Each class is expected to complete a class project that benefits a local non-profit or 'in need' organization. The Class decided to work on a local park - Dillon Park located in the Village of Monticello - that was in need of rehabilitation in an effort to promote outdoor activity. The work done on the park consists of nature sign postings, wild flower garden preparation and general beautification of the park. This was all in an effort to endorse health living for local residence. "We are giving people motivation to get outside, be active and enjoy this beautiful park" said Class President - Brandon Rubik.

The Leadership Sullivan Program is a platform that expands leadership potential of participants through: educational programs designed to broaden individuals knowledge of the County, improve communication skills, and increase organization and problem solving skills. The program provides an opportunity to thrive in a culture that allows for the advancement of yourself, in addition to the well-being and advancement of those around you. Leadership Sullivan offers real benefits for you, and/or employee, and your community - to enhance potential, become better connected, and get smarter.

For more information on the Class of 2015 Project, please contact the class President - Brandon Rubik [crf9902004@yahoo.com](mailto:crf9902004@yahoo.com). For information on how YOU or your employees can take part in this program, contact Susan Diamond at 845.594.4818 or email: [info@leadershipsullivan.org](mailto:info@leadershipsullivan.org).

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

### The Biggest Loser

No, I am not the biggest loser in the weight category. I am the biggest loser in the gambling at a casino category. When we and friends, Nancy and Ron Pape who used to live in Boiceville, each got comp rooms and dinner vouchers and free play money for free, we decided it would be a fine way to reconnect with each couple driving half way to a casino resort. It was a good reunion. Accommodations, drinks and dinners were top shelf. We caught up on another year of back home gossip and shared photos of kids and grandchildren. The slot machines were a different story.

Sitting in front of a slot machine is mesmerizing. Those wizards, goddesses, witches, monkeys and assorted penny slot characters promise bonus rounds, extra reels, scatter wins, and fortunes untold. They lie. With their chimes, buzzes, bells, whistles, grunts and cacophonous sounds at dangerous decibel levels, they lie and suck in yet another fifty dollar bill into their ravenous innards. To urge you onward, the people in surrounding chairs seem to be raking in the dollars while you, sure to win back your losses, dig deeper into your pockets for more cash.

I have already given up on scratch off tickets at the supermarket. The man on television says, "Hey, you never know!" Well, hey, I know. I know the best I ever did was enough to buy another scratch off that, in turn, was a loser.

Every night when the lotto numbers come up, I guess the three or four digits. Never do I even come close. I even don't play slot games on-line any more. Even with free coins, I come up short. My frustration level is sinking from greed and avarice to shame and compunction.

I admit I do not have the luck of the draw or the luck of the one-armed bandit, so I must be lucky in love. My husband and I will celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary this month. When I picked him long ago, it was a sure bet.

### "Community Members Put On a Special Day for 7th and 8th Grade Students"

(From Pg. 1)

Several members of our local police and emergency services held workshops. Detectives Hartman and Pavese came from the Fallsburg Police Department and spoke to students about their job requirements and experiences. Joining them was Officer Roosa-also from the Fallsburg Police Department-who brought his K-9 dog to do a demonstration for the kids. New York State Trooper Liz Roser held her own workshop, where she described her duties and responsibilities.

Jon Shamro and Ron Hewlett-coming from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection-informed kids about their job. Local Emergency Medical Technician Rich Jones (and Tri-Valley science teacher) also brought an ambulance on campus to show kids what happens when a medical emergency arises.

Other local community members to put on workshops during the day included Karen Coombe and 7th grade student Becky Coombe, who brought their show rabbits in and discussed their care. Twelfth grade student Bridget Kackos brought her horse to school and discussed horse care. Tara Berescik-Tri-Valley Ag Teacher-held a workshop where kids put together beautiful flower arrangements. Elizabeth Brown, Sullivan County Pageant Coordinator, also came in to discuss local pageantry and community service opportunities.

Joining the day to put on a workshop about martial arts were Liberty's Moo Duk Kwan Academy owner Ian Constable and certified instructor Patrick O'Leary. Chuck Bragg, from North American Energy Services, talked about alternative energy and his duties as manager at the East Delaware Tunnel Outlet hydroelectric facility. Finally, Kathy Poppo-culinary instructor at Sullivan County BOCES-and several of her culinary students talked to Tri-Valley students about their culinary program and even had our Tri-Valley students decorate cupcakes.

As students left school there was a buzz in the hallway and the excitement was evident. The range of careers and opportunities certainly had to be eye-opening for students. The 7th and 8th grade teachers want to give a big thank you to all of the presenters for volunteering their time. We are blessed to live in such a caring and generous community. Thank you for all you do-together, we're making a difference!

(Note: We'll be looking for community members to put on workshops at next year's workshop days. If you may be interested, please contact Tanya Huggler at 845-985-2296 x4159 or tanyahuggler@trivall-eycsd.org)

### Sparkler Sales Start in Ulster County

(Kingston, NY) Backyard 4th of July celebrations in Ulster County became a bit brighter with the sales of sparkler devices beginning June 1st. Vendors are currently getting certified to sell with the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control [<http://www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc/news/sparkling-devices.cfm>] and obtaining proper vendor permits at the local municipal levels.

Thanks to Legislator Richard Gerentine and the support of fellow Ulster County Legislators, Ulster County joined all the surrounding Counties to allow "sparkler devices" to be sold to those over 18 between June 1st through July 5th and December 26th to January 2nd of each calendar year.

"Since our County partners across the region enacted this local law, it is important that Ulster County businesses be provided this new business opportunity," stated Legislator Gerentine, the local law's sponsor.

"Ultimately, sparklers on the 4th of July is as American as apple pie. Bringing the sales tax revenue back into our County, our region, and our State is a win-win for all."

New York State defined "sparkling devices" as ground based or handheld devices that produce a shower of colored sparks and or a colored flame, audible crackling or whistling noise and smoke. The newly enacted State law limited the type, size and construction of sparkling devices and required that these devices be hand held or mounted on a base or spike and be limited in sizes that range from 1 to 500 grams of pyrotechnic composition.

Local Law #7 of 2015 passed the Ulster County Legislature on April 21, 2015 and without objection from the County Executive, was forwarded to the New York State Secretary of State for filing on May 21, 2015. Vendors interested in selling sparklers in Ulster County are encouraged to visit the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control website [<http://www.dhss.ny.gov/ofpc/news/sparkling-devices.cfm>] to complete the certification application and visit the appropriate Town offices for appropriate vending permits.

### The Class of 2015 Stepping Up and Standing Out; 11 UC High School Seniors Challenge the Status Quo

From social justice to saving the world, eleven Ulster County High School Seniors have made their mark on their respective school and community and will be introduced as the Ulster County Comptroller's recipients of the Recognizing Success award at the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

The county-wide program acknowledges area seniors who have been selected by their respective schools and have demonstrated a propensity for innovation, risk and achievement. Each student has launched a creative new approach, venture or enterprise for the public good and has advanced social, environmental or academic change through transformational ingenuity.

Participating in a medical mission to Guatemala, working as a counselor for children of migrant farm workers, teaching third graders how to read using a therapy dog and sitting as an active student member of the local school board are just a few of the achievements demonstrated by this group of students. Among their talents are students who have directed and choreographed a stage production, produced a film festival entry and published a literary magazine.

This year's Recognizing Success program, underwritten by Ryan and Ryan Insurance and Arold Construction, will showcase the following students:

SCHOOL	NAME
Ellenville	Katherine Zenteno
Highland	Danielle Stoner
John A. Coleman	Thomas Netter
Kingston	Yasmine Aziz
Marlboro	Michael Appler
New Paltz	Alejandro Alvarez
Onteora	Laura Price
Rondout Valley	Kanani Schnider
Saugerties	Phoebe Defino
Wallkill	Rachel Simon
Woodstock Day School	Bianca Depietro

"The nominations we received spoke beautifully about these young people," said Comptroller Elliott Auerbach. "It gives us needed hope for the future to know that these students understand the challenges of leadership and are unafraid to practice it."

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In the cast are: Ryan Quinn, Katie Hartke, Wayne Pyle, Michael Irvin Pollard, Naja S. Selby, Emily Sucher and Dan Mian.

The show runs through June 14. Show times are 8 pm on Thursday-Saturday and Sundays at 2 pm.

After the performance on June 4, there will be a "Shadowland Illumination" talk-back with the cast, crew and Artist Director Brendan Burke.

For season subscription, group ticket sales and more information call the box office at 845-647-5511. The Shadowland is located at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. Visit The Shadowland on line at [www.shadowlandtheatre.org](http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org).

### 2015 Lake Superior State Park Season Passes

Sullivan County Legislator and Public Works Chair Kathleen LaBuda is pleased to announce that 2015 Lake Superior State Park Season Passes will become available for sale to Sullivan County

residents and property owners at the Division of Public Works office, 100 North St., Monticello, NY on Tuesday, May 27, 2015. Each pass is \$15.00. To purchase a pass bring proof of residency or property ownership to the DPW office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm. 2014 Season pass holders may download the renewal form from the County Website ([www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us)) and apply for their 2015 season pass by mail.

The Beach at Lake Superior State Park will open to the public on Saturday, May 30, 2015 and will continue to operate on weekends through the end of June, when it will commence its daily operations through Labor Day. The hours of operation are 9am - 7pm, subject to weather conditions.

Admission fees are \$5 per person; children under 3 years old are free. Lake Superior does participate in the Golden Park Program, which grants senior citizens free admission to the park on weekdays only. (No weekends or holidays.) Boat rentals, vending machines, the playground, and the bathhouse will all be available during regular beach operating hours. Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please contact the DPW office at (845) 807-0261 for more information. Lake Superior State Park is operated and maintained by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works through a 20 year license agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

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"Ellenville Regional Hospital has chosen to partner with the Studer Group to achieve, sustain and drive exceptional clinical, operational and financial

outcomes. Our focus is on our patients, and we expect this partnership to help us to create the very best positive patient experience and outcomes," said hospital President and CEO Steven L. Kelley. "We continue to strive to be the best small hospital anywhere for the benefit of our patients, providers, employees and our community.

Studer Group CEO and President, BG Porter, looks forward to this working relationship. "Studer Group works with organizations to help them get better in areas that they are already focused on, such as quality, service, finance, growth, and people," said Porter. "Through our work together, I believe we can make healthcare a better place for employees to work, for physicians to practice medicine and for patients to receive care."

**Local Group Looking for New Members for Paintball**

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**A little reminder- SC Historical Society Presents their new permanent exhibit "A Little On The wild Side"**

The Sullivan County Historical Society Presents their new permanent exhibit "A Little On The wild Side". Featuring mounted birds, mammals and fish native to Sullivan County.

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**38th Annual Spring Concert**



*Standing left to right: Jennifer Edwards, Louis Setren, Elena Knight, Conductor Kevin Giroux, Hope Jennings. Seated: Accompanist Keira Weyannt*

The Sullivan County Community Chorus will perform its 38th Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne. The theme of the concert chosen by Conductor Giroux is "A Forrest of Sound" featuring choral music of Dan Forrest, a modern composer of music with cinematic sound. The concert includes selections with violin solos, four-hand piano accompaniments and a chamber orchestra.

Kevin J. Giroux is in his 17th year as Choral Director at Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, NY. Mr. Giroux's other musical activities include solo adjudicator for NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) and Zone 9 Representative (Greene, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties), Past President and current Treasurer of the Sullivan County Music Educators Association and part-time church organist. A native of Plattsburgh, New York, Mr. Giroux received a Bachelors of Music Education from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and a Masters in Music Education from Ithaca College.

The Sullivan County Community Chorus consists of members ranging in age from 16 to over 80 years. Performances of the Community Chorus are made possible in part with funds from the Sullivan County Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Admission will be \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors and a suggested donation of \$10.00 for students. Immediately following the performance, there will be a reception open to all attending the concert. Visit the Sullivan County Community Chorus on Facebook. For further information contact Diane Foster at (845) 439-4458.

**Who Murdered the Queen of Hearts?** (From Pg. 1) Drizella (Erin Denman) and Anastasia (Kaylin Klein) already had a bad reputation and may have been considered the usual suspects, but it could only have been one of them. Even kind Cinderealla (Emma Pompeii) had a motive like each of the guests at the reunion that included: Alice (Amanda Schwartz); Belle (Jennifer McKenna); Captain Hook (Robert Worden); Gerda (Dorothy Monforte); Goldilocks (Gillian Matthews); Hunchback of Notre Dame (Tim Glinski); Jack (Jack Eddings); Little Bo Peep (Samantha Rodrigues); Little Red Riding Hood (Patrick Farran); Mad Hatter (Aidan McHugh); Peter Pan (Evan Edwards); Pinocchio (Brandon Worden); Prince Henry (Ben Kennedy); Queen of Hearts (Michelle Bilancione); Rapunzel (Anna Hendrickson) and Snow White (Kim Doyle).



During intermission, as the audience ate their dessert, delicious cheesecake, all eyes were on the suspects watching for clues. The suspects also answered questions from the audience who would then have a chance to guess who killed Cora.

Not only did the audience want to know, but so did the innocent guests attending the reunion.

As the play concluded and suspects were eliminated it finally narrowed down to one.

No! It couldn't have been, but it was the little wooden-head himself! Pinocchio had cleverly carved the poisoned box with all the 'gifts' for the Queen of Hearts that was delivered just before the reunion began.

Even with the evidence and confession, clever Pinocchio, who couldn't lie, claimed, it was not him who killed Cora, but the wooden box!

Once Upon A Murder was written, directed produced and presented by the Tri-Valley Theatre Club under the guidance of advisors, Miss Berescik and Miss Hartman. Dorothy



Monforte, a senior, directed the play. Bridget Kackos was the female understudy. Not only enjoying a fun evening of entertainment guests enjoyed a wonderful meal cooked by Mrs. James and carved by Mr. Doyle. A big thank you also to Mrs. Thayer for media services and to the monitors and custodial crew who all helped to make this presentation such a successful event.

A special thank you to Regina Hartman and Tara Berescik for all their guidance and contributions that have gone into keeping the Tri-Valley Theatre Club active. The Tri-Valley Secondary School now has its very own International Thespian Society Troupe. Students earn membership in this honor society through school and community theatrical experiences. Membership is open to all students onstage and behind the scenes. Further honors are granted for additional time and commitment. Member Thespians complete roughly 100 hours of quality theatre work. Thank you Regina and Tara!

*Jeanne (not wearing her Jeanne's Weenies hat) was one of many of the winners who guessed 'who dunnit'. Jeanne confessed too. She bought 20 tickets, one for each suspect! But so did quite a few of the guests as they were encouraged to do so as the proceeds went to the Tri-Valley Theatre Club.*



### Frost Valley YMCA Awarded Grant For Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders

Autism Speaks, a national autism advocacy organization, selected Frost Valley YMCA to be a recipient of the Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Program Award.

The Autism Speaks organization was founded in February 2005 and has grown into the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Frost Valley obtained this grant for the benefit of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder whose families would otherwise not be able to attend Day Camp. The funds have been given to families living in Sullivan, Delaware, and Ulster Counties for Summer 2015.

Guided by its mission, Frost Valley believes that all children deserve a camp experience and have historically welcomed children with varying types of physical and developmental disabilities in their summer programs, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Frost Valley offers traditional camp activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, arts & crafts, teambuilding, rock climbing, science-based outdoor experiences, ropes courses and more.

Under the leadership of the Day Camp Inclusion Director, experienced counselors work closely with children with physical and/or developmental disabilities to see that their needs are met. They provide campers with ample opportunities to experience the outdoors, create long-lasting friendships and participate in all activities in a beautiful, natural setting.

### A "BIG" Thank You to Melissa Espisito

On my "Thank You" list last week, I left off a few names I am sure, but one name that I noted immediately when reading that issue of *The Townsman* was Melissa Espisito! Melissa is the person who very methodically sends us pictures and article from Frost Valley YMCA each week.

Melissa lets us know that Frost Valley YMCA doesn't only benefit visitors from outside the Tri-Valley area, Frost Valley considers local community projects and support to be a vital part of its mission, too. For example CEO Jerry Huncosky began the Roadside Clean-Up as a way of supporting the local community and tying that with another part of the Frost Valley mission - environmental stewardship.

Melissa keeps us informed off the many programs offered to local residents and their families as well as programs for out-of-town guests. Bringing visitors from outside our community does benefit us too as it attracts people to our other local businesses, thus generating revenue in our community. People travel the distance to enjoy the many opportunities Frost Valley YMCA has to offer.

A recent quote from Cody from the prestigious Huffington Post, "My camp experience has been meaningful by giving me the opportunity to make a lot of new friends along with making lots of new, fantastic memories that will last a lifetime. My experience has also been meaningful by allowing me to work there as a member of the Supportive Training Employment Program (STEP) as a way for me to give back to the community."

"Cody is one of the many people who have benefited from YAI's Mainstreaming at Camp Program, which offers inclusive, safe and caring summer camp opportunities to children with disabilities in partnership with Frost Valley YMCA. For Cody, summer camp was just as much about building confidence, social skills and self-awareness as it is about swimming, and hiking." -*Huffington Post, Dec. 15, 2014.*

We are fortunate not only to have Frost Valley YMCA in our community, but also to have Melissa bring us up-to-date each week on special activities, events and happenings at Frost Valley YMCA.

A "BIG" thank you to Melissa!

### Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents Loudon Wainwright III At Tusten Theatre

Prolific American folk singer Loudon Wainwright III, who has earned a cult following with his witty, self-mocking style and humorous lyrics, will play the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY, on Friday, June 19 at 8 p.m.

The son of a writer and editor at *Life* magazine, Wainwright began his career in the late '60s, singing humorous and nakedly honest autobiographical songs. Since then he has released 26 studio albums, and in 2010 won the Grammy for Best Traditional Folk Album for "High Wide & Handsome: The Charlie Poole Project." Earlier this year, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the BBC's Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Wainwright III has made many film and television appearances. His most notable role was Captain Calvin Spalding (the "singing surgeon") on three episodes of "M\*A\*S\*H." He also had parts in films like *The Aviator*, *Big Fish*, *Knocked Up* and the TV series "Undeclared."

This concert is sponsored by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Tickets are on sale at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY or by phone at 845-252-7272. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 advance). For more information visit [delawarevalleyartsalliance.org](http://delawarevalleyartsalliance.org) or [www.lw3.com](http://www.lw3.com).

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**Lesson Fifteen:  
Prepositional Phrases as Adverb**

*"Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them."*  
- Albert Einstein

Just like adverbs, a prepositional phrase can give added meaning to a verb. The prepositional phrase used in this way defines "when", "where", "why", or "how" the verb's action takes place. Adverbial prepositional phrases usually follow the verb they modify or are at the beginning of the sentence.

In the sentence, "My wallet needs to be put back into my pocket," the adjective phrase points out how the wallet was "put" and where it was "put."

There are verbs in bold face in the following sentences. Find the the adverbial phrases that modify those verbs.

1. **Crawling** toward the bathroom door, River thought she would sneak in.
2. Maureen, River, and I **walked** through the park.
3. We **worked** while it rained.
4. The ducks **live** around the pond.
5. The spaceship **flew** into the sky.

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

The answers to Lesson Thirteen: *in the corner, on the lake, of many different types, across the street, on the moon*

**Monticello Rotary hosts Youth Exchange Weekend**

Monticello Rotary hosted a weekend for the



District 7210 youth exchange students, May 15-17. There are 7 Rotary Youth Exchange Students, being hosted by 7 different clubs

within District 7210 this school year. The students come from France, Italy, Taiwan, Thailand, Brazil, Belgium and Germany.

The Monticello Rotary Club sponsors the weekend and involves the Rotary Interact students from Monticello and Fallsburg High Schools. The weekend allows for the cultural exchange between the exchange students, the American Interact students and Rotarians. The weekend included a visit to Bethel Woods Museum, a fun afternoon at the Villa Roma resort and a brunch where each of the exchange students shares their experience.

Rotary Youth Exchange provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

**Helen Diehl  
Monticello Rotary Club President  
2 Art Shows Less than 2 Miles Apart**

Two art shows are now opened less than 2 miles apart: A solo show of 11 large works by Richard Corozine at Wired Gallery (11 Mohonk Road, in High Falls) and a group show of works by Wired Gallery Online artists at Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty (3656 Main Street in Stone Ridge).

The Corozine show titled Meetings with the Remarkable, is a series of works that pay homage to people and events that have influenced the artist's life. To find out more, please read the excellent article by John Burdick in the current issue of the Almanac Weekly. We've also scheduled a talk with Rich Corozine to hear him tell the stories behind his autobiographical paintings on Saturday, June 13 at 4:30pm.

The Stone Ridge group show features works by Alix Ankele, Joan Barker, Jane Bloodgood-Abrams, Mary Anne Erickson, Kari Feuer, Lynne Friedman, Robert Hite, Judith Hoyt, Warren Hurley, Kathleen McGuinness, and Marilyn Rowley.

**What do the Royal Shakespeare Company (London) and the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop (S. Fallsburg) have in common?**

Both companies are opening their theatre seasons with the classic, "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller. There is no need to travel to London to see theatre excellence; the play will be presented June 5,6,7,12,13,14, at the Rivoli Theatre, S. Fallsburg home of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop (a nonprofit community theatre). The outstanding cast of our local "Salesman" production is aptly/creatively directed by Sally Gladden (Woodridge) assisted by Stage Manager, Bunny Woloszczak (Hurleyville) and features an outstanding cast: Shawn Bailey (Mileses), Evie Camelia (Ferndale), John Bale (Callicoon Ctr.), Adam Dohrenwend (Woodridge), Peter Pekny (Ferndale), Paul Puerschner (Kenoza Lake), Jessica Watson (Liberty), Serena Gildersleeve (Liberty), Arianna Klein (Grahamsville), Melissa McTague (Loch Sheldrake), Harold Tighe (Swan Lake), Ed Berens (Smallwood) and Rick Schefstein (Rock Hill). Costumes are by Ed Berens; Set Design, Aaron Kaplan; Artistic Design, Fran Schiff; Carpentry, Harold Tighe and Lights/Sound by Jim Schmidt. For more information or to inquire about group rates, call Sally Gladden, 845-434-0209.

**Major Heroin Supply Chain from NYC to Upstate Counties, Long Island Dismantled: Five Arrested, \$5 Million in Heroin, \$115,000 Cash and Two Guns Seized**

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, James J. Hunt, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New York Division, Joseph A. D'Amico, Superintendent of the New York State Police, Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff, New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton and Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New York, announced the arrest of five members of a heroin trafficking network and the seizure of 12 kilograms of heroin (over 26 lbs.) worth at least \$5 million, plus \$115,000 in cash, two guns and drug paraphernalia.

The investigation began in October 2014, following a heroin overdose in Sullivan County, NY and ultimately led to the identification of a wholesale drug organization based in the Bronx and the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. The drug group supplied local dealers in New York City and Upstate New York counties, including Westchester, Orange, Sullivan and Albany, as well as Long Island.

The arrests and seizures, which occurred yesterday, were the result of a collaborative effort by the DEA's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force (NY OCDESF), Group Z-41, with leadership from the New York State Police, working in partnership with the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Heroin Interdiction Team (HIT) and Investigators Unit, the New York State Police, the New York City Police Department and HSI New York and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. Also assisting in the investigation were the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, the Narcotics Unit of the Nassau County Police Department and the DEA's Long Island District Office. NY OCDESF, Group Z-41, was created specifically to fight the growing heroin epidemic in New York State.

ORLANDO ROSARIO-CONCEPCIO is accused of heading the Bronx and Washington Heights-based drug trafficking organization that supplied local dealers in New York City, Upstate counties and Long Island. The five arrests occurred at approximately

11:15 a.m. yesterday a heroin packaging mill at 238 West 238th St., Apt. 25, in the Bronx, which was fully operational at the time and was being overseen by ROSARIO-CONCEPCIO. Also present was RODOLOFO ABREU-CRISOTOMO, JONATHAN ALMONTE, JEAN CARLOS ROSARIO-ORTIZ and DECKSON HOLGUIN-ROSARIO.

Criminal complaints filed by the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office charge the defendants with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree. Arraignments are expected to take place this afternoon in Manhattan Criminal Court. At the outset of the investigation, members of the NY OCDESF, Group Z-41, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office pursued leads connected to the overdose death. Sullivan County has faced a stark reality for over 24 months, as have communities across much of the state. Heroin overdoses have been on the rise, with burglaries and related crimes becoming the common scourge of small rural hamlets and villages. Rather than put a band aid on the heroin problem by making a few quick arrests in Sullivan County, Sheriff Michael Schiff decided to help tackle the problem at its source, which was the Bronx and Washington Heights.

Working together, NY OCDESF, Group Z-41, the Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Heroin Interdiction Unit (HIT) and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office tracked the heroin supply chain from distributors of glassine bags of heroin Upstate to the group in the Bronx and Washington Heights headed by ROSARIO-CONCEPCION, which was holding \$5 million in heroin yesterday at the time of the drug raids.

Agents and investigators identified active heroin mill locations, including the mill at 238 West 238th St., Apt. 25 in the Bronx, which churned out tens of thousands of individual dose glassine envelopes at a time. The location of the mill is just off Van Cortlandt Park, 13 blocks south of the sight of the record-breaking 70 kilogram heroin seizure on May 12. It is also within blocks of Manhattan College and the Fieldston School.

The investigation also led agents and investigators to multiple stash locations controlled by the organization, including the residence of ABREU-CRISOTOMO at 20 Laurel Hill Terrace, Apt. 3K, in Manhattan.

Yesterday, agents and investigators with NY OCDESF, working in conjunction with Special Narcotics investigators and their law enforcement partners in New York State and New Jersey, conducted seven court authorized search warrants, including five in New York City, one in Long Island and one in Paterson, New Jersey.

Upon entering 238 West 238th St., Apt. 25, in the Bronx, agents and investigators interrupted workers in the act of packaging heroin into individual dose glassine envelopes. ROSARIO-CONCEPCION, ROSARIO-ORTIZ and ALMONTE were in the vicinity of the living room. Thousands of filled glassine envelopes of heroin and quantities of the drug in loose powder form were recovered, along with all of the equipment and paraphernalia necessary to operate the mill, such as empty glassine envelopes, scales and grinders.

Simultaneously, agents and investigators outside the fifth story apartment observed heroin being thrown out of a window. ABREU-CRISOTOMO and HOLGUIN-ROSARIO then climbed out of another window onto a fire escape. HOLGUIN-ROSARIO broke into a neighboring apartment from the fire escape during the unsuccessful attempt at flight. Both were immediately apprehended.

A second court authorized search conducted at ABREU-CRISOTOMO's residence at 20 Laurel Hill Terrace, Apt. 3K, in Manhattan yielded approximately 11 kilograms of heroin (over 24 lbs.) Four kilograms were in uncut brick form and seven kilograms had already been packaged into glassine envelopes. The investigation revealed that ABREU-CRISOTOMO allowed ROSARIO-CONCEPCION to use the apartment as a stash location for shipments of heroin, both before the heroin was transported to the mill for processing and after it was packaged for retail distribution.

Agents and investigators also searched the Paterson, NJ home of ROSARIO-CONCEPCION, located at 140 Belmont Ave., and recovered approximately \$100,000 USC as well as a loaded handgun. The Long Island warrant location at 1423 Chicago Ave., Bayshore, NY yielded approximately \$15,000 cash, 5,000 glassine bags of heroin, and a rifle. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## Major Heroin Supply Chain from NYC to Upstate Counties, Long Island Dismantled (From Pg. 11)

Bridget G. Brennan said, "Sadly, an untimely death from a heroin overdose triggered this investigation, but as a result our collaborative efforts prevented more than a million bags of heroin from hitting the streets. The leadership and expertise of the law enforcement team that handled this case has greatly enhanced our ability to reduce heroin supplies throughout New York State."

"The heroin user population in the U.S. has almost doubled in a six year span, resulting in opioid addiction, heroin overdoses and too many deaths," stated DEA Special Agent in Charge James J. Hunt. "Heroin traffickers are a national threat and a parents' worst nightmare. Law enforcement at all levels are coming together to take back our communities from drug traffickers' grasps by dismantling their distribution organizations, one by one."

New York State Police Superintendent Joseph A. D'Amico said, "Following a nearly year-long investigation, a deadly heroin supply chain to Sullivan County has been cut off and dangerous drug dealers put behind bars. This Bronx supply operation fed heroin to upstate New York and led to overdose deaths. Through collaboration and great police work, law enforcement were able to identify the source of the dangerous drug, shut down a heroin mill and seize more than 12 kilos of heroin, guns and cash. As a result of these seizures and arrests, lives have been saved."

Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff said, "Our preliminary investigation revealed that drug dealers from the Bronx were driving all the way up to the rural areas of Sullivan County to peddle their poison to our children," said the Sheriff. "Once we pinpointed the source, we called for assistance." Sullivan County Coroner Alan Kesten brought the problem to Sheriff Schiff's attention two years ago when he compiled statistics that showed that deaths from heroin overdoses in the county were exploding.

"We are thankful that the necessary resources were available from the DEA and the State, to tackle this problem in a timely manner," said the Sheriff.

Police Commissioner William J. Bratton said, "I want to thank all of our law enforcement partners involved in this investigation for holding these alleged narcotic traffickers responsible for manufacturing and distributing this highly addictive opiate, which continues to be the major contributing factor in overdose deaths throughout our state. These indictments send a clear message that we will not tolerate drug trafficking in the state of New York."

"As heroin use continues to plague our communities, our collaborative efforts as members of the Strike Force is a great way to fight back to stem the tide of this dangerous and deadly epidemic" said Raymond R. Parmer Jr., Special Agent in Charge of HSI New York. "By initiating an investigation from the street user and climbing the ladder to the distributor has proven to be a successful method to taking down heroin mills like the ones operated by this drug trafficking organization."

Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget G. Brennan thanked her office's Heroin Interdiction Team (HIT) and Investigators Unit, the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force (NY OCDEF), Group Z-41, the DEA, the New York State Police, the NYPD, HSI New York, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and the Narcotics Unit of the Nassau County Police Department.

The DEA's New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force is comprised of agents and officers of the DEA, the New York City Police Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the New York State Police, the U. S. Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Marshal Service, New York National Guard, the New York Department of Taxation and Finance, the Rockland County Sheriff's Office, the Clarkstown Police Department, Port Washington Police Department and New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

## NYS Passes Bonacic's Bill to Protect School Children at Bus Stops

(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that the NY Senate has passed Senate Bill S.1634, which he sponsored. The bill would amend the vehicle and traffic law by increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus. Current law provides that an individual convicted two or more times of speeding in a construction zone be subject to sixty days suspension of his or her driver's license. However, passing a stopped school bus two or more times does not carry the same penalty. This legislation would remedy that inconsistency.

"There is no doubt that passing a stopped school bus possesses as much, if not more, risk to life and limb as speeding in a construction zone," said Bonacic. "This legislation would help ensure that those individuals who decide to intentionally drive past a stopped school bus will be held properly accountable for their actions."

## Schneiderman Announces Settlement with Walmart Over Alleged Violations of NYS Water Protection Law: AG Investigation Finds Alleged Violations Of Nutrient Runoff Law In 90% Of Walmart Stores Inspected; Run Off Lawn Fertilizer Containing Phosphorus Causes Algae Blooms That Foul Waterways, Harm Fish, Threaten Public Health -Walmart And Sam's Club Will Take Phosphorus Lawn Fertilizers Off Shelves - Retailers In New York Have Legal Duty To Warn Consumers About Fertilizers That Pollute Our Waters

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced a settlement with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. over alleged violations of a 2010 state law designed to reduce water pollution caused by excess phosphorus that runs off of lawns into New York waters. The Nutrient Runoff Law requires stores to display phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers separately from those that are phosphorus-free, and post signs notifying consumers about the legal restrictions on using phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizer. An investigation by Attorney General Schneiderman's Environmental Protection Bureau found that 90% of Walmart stores - 16 of 18 - inspected in New York displayed phosphorus-containing lawn fertilizers without the separation or signage required by the law.

"Clean and healthy water is a precious resource in our state, and one that my office and the law actively protect," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "In this case, the law requires retailers to help consumers avoid lawn fertilizers that can harm the public and our environment. We will continue to enforce the law and to keep New York safe today - and for future generations."

According to Walmart's company websites, there are over 200 Walmart and Sam's Club stores (which are owned by Walmart) operating in New York. In July and August of 2014, the Attorney General's Office inspected 18 Walmart stores across New York that sell fertilizer. At 16 of these stores, the office found that, in violation of the Nutrient Runoff Law, phosphorus-containing fertilizers were commingled with phosphorus-free fertilizers or displayed without the required signage, or both. Follow-up inspections at four Walmart stores, in September 2014, found additional alleged violations.

The 18 stores AG investigators visited were in Albany (2), Chautauqua (2), Erie (6), Nassau (3), Niagara (2), Rensselaer (1), Rockland (1), and Westchester (1) counties.

The settlement agreement requires Walmart to comply fully with the Nutrient Runoff Law and pay \$98,000 in penalties to New York State for the alleged violations. The company has decided to comply with the law by halting sales of phosphorus-containing fertilizers intended for use on lawn or non-agricultural turf at Walmart stores and Sam's Club stores in the state. Additionally, Walmart has decided not to sell phosphorus-containing fertilizers intended for use on lawn or agricultural turf over the internet (at Walmart.com) to consumers in New York.

Phosphorus is an element added to fertilizer to promote plant growth. While the soils in New York State typically contain enough phosphorus to support healthy lawns, homeowners and landscapers often apply phosphorus-containing fertilizers to lawns, and the excess phosphorus can then wash into our lakes, rivers, streams, and drinking water reservoirs. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the use of phosphorus-containing fertilizers can double the amount of phosphorus washing off lawns. Once in the water, excess phosphorus causes rapid algae growth - known as algae blooms - which in turn can produce green slime on water bodies, as well as offensive odor and taste. In addition, algae blooms can deplete oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic organisms need to survive. In some cases, these blooms produce toxins harmful to humans. In 2014 alone, DEC documented 92 harmful algae blooms in bodies of water across New York, many of which had toxins at levels high enough to cause serious health impacts including nausea, vomiting, skin, eye, and throat irritation, and allergic reactions or breathing difficulties.

According to DEC, phosphorus levels exceed state water quality standards in approximately 100 waters of the state - including reservoirs in the New York City drinking water watershed, Lake Champlain, Onondaga Lake, Chautauqua Lake, Greenwood Lake, and parts of Lake Ontario. DEC has identified curbing excess phosphorus-containing fertilizer use on lawns as a key element of its plans to improve the health of many of these waters.

New York enacted the Nutrient Runoff Law specifically to reduce phosphorus runoff from non-agricultural sources. Among its provisions, the law applies to retailers who sell fertilizers that contain more than 0.67 percent phosphate, a form of phosphorus (for reasons

involving the measurement of phosphorus in fertilizers, those containing less than 0.67% phosphate are referred to as "phosphorous free"). The law requires retailers that sell phosphorus-containing fertilizers intended for use on lawns and other non-agricultural turfs to:

0. display phosphorous-containing fertilizers separately from those containing 0.67 percent or less available phosphorus; and

0. post a clearly-visible sign in the vicinity of phosphorous-containing fertilizers advising consumers about the harm phosphorus runoff has on water quality and the circumstances, under New York law, that phosphorus-containing fertilizer may be legally applied.

Under New York law, phosphorus-containing fertilizer may only be applied to lawn or non-agricultural turf when:

0. A soil test indicates that additional phosphorus is needed for growth of that lawn or non-agricultural turf; or

0. The fertilizer is used for newly established lawn or non-agricultural turf during the first growing season. A retailer who sells phosphorous-containing fertilizers without complying with these requirements is subject to penalties of up to \$500 for the first violation and up to \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.

The Attorney General's investigation of compliance with the Nutrient Runoff Law by other retailers is ongoing.

A full copy of the settlement can be found here.

This case is being handled by Assistant Attorneys General Brian Lusignan and Michael J. Myers, and Environmental Scientists Jennifer Nalbene and Charles Silver. The Environmental Protection Bureau is led by Lemuel M. Srolovic. Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice is Alvin Bragg.

## Congressman Gibson Recognized for Bipartisan Statesmanship

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) has been recognized for his bipartisan statesmanship in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Gibson ranked first in the new Bipartisan Index released this month by the Lugar Center, a policy organization headed by former Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, and Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.

Senators and Members of Congress were scored based on how often the bills they introduced were co-sponsored by members of the other party and how often they joined bills sponsored from across the aisle. Only 36 Senators and 144 Members of Congress received positive bipartisan scores in the index.

Congressman Gibson said the study validates his interpretation of the Constitution and his approach to representation in Congress.

"The Founders, intending to protect liberty, required consensus before the enactment of policy change," said Congressman Gibson. "This had a dual purpose of preventing the abuse of power by either the Executive or Legislature and requiring these institutions to work together if policy changes were desired. The Founders never intended to homogenize thought. They celebrated the diversity of opinion in the new Republic, but the only way new laws could be enacted was if both houses of Congress and the President forged a consensus on the new direction."

Congressman Gibson has worked with colleagues from both parties to advance reforms and has authored or co-authored several pieces of legislation that have been signed into law, including the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act.

Additionally, bipartisan legislation authored by Congressman Gibson to combat Lyme disease and related illnesses, the Tick-Borne Disease Research Accountability and Transparency Act, was approved in committee last week as part of the 21st Century Cures Act.

Congressman Gibson's bill in support of Navy sailors sickened by Agent Orange during the Vietnam War is also making solid progress this year. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act now has more than 220 bipartisan co-sponsors and a companion bill in the Senate introduced by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

"I believe the status quo is unacceptable and, in an era of divided government, we have to come together to enact change. That's why I've worked hard to develop strong relationships on both sides of the aisle," said Congressman Gibson. "By putting service first and adhering to the Constitution, I'm working hard to advance good government initiatives that improve the lives of constituents, regardless of which party thought of the idea. Towards that end, the results of the Lugar Center study are very gratifying."

**ERH celebrate EMS Week**



Award winners from left: Bob Donaldson, NP-C, Emergency Department Clinical Director, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Physician Assistant of Excellence award; Bette Burke, RN, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence award; Steve Grundt, Chief Paramedic, Ellenville First Aid and Rescue Squad, Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year award; Bob Rue, Interim CFO/Controller, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Citizen of the Year award

**Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner**  
June 13, 2015  
Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Bread, Brownie Sundae & Drinks

Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

For more information please call: 845 985 7480  
Thank you for your support and God Bless You All!

On May 20, 2015, Ellenville Regional Hospital celebrate EMS Week with an EMS Appreciation event. In attendance were the local winners of the Ulster County Emergency Medical Services Council awards and in some cases, the people that they had saved through their heroic efforts. We applaud our winners, and our EMS community - our everyday heroes!

**Reserve "CHRISTMAS" Bus Trip Seat Today**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY, is sponsoring a trip to see "Miracles of Christmas" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, (Lancaster County) PA on Thursday, November 12th, 2015. Tickets are: Adults \$125, Teens (13-18) \$95, Children (12 and under) \$75. Ticket price includes:

- . bus transportation
- . lunch at the Shady Maple Restaurant
- . Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market stop for shopping
- . 2:00 pm theater arrival for 2:45 pm "Miracle of Christmas" show
- . brief (15-20 minute) rest stops enroute to, and return from, theater

The bus will collect passengers and leave St. Francis-Xavier Roman Catholic Church (Narrowsburg) parking lot promptly at 7am Thursday morning, November 12th. It will make a stop at 7:30am at the Route 6 mall parking lot to pick up passengers in the Honesdale, PA, area. On the return, the bus should arrive in Narrowsburg at

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

*Father's Day Breakfast*  
June 20, 2015  
7:30 am - 9:30 am  
at the Sundown Church Hall



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
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Claryville Road  
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John Bult, Organist

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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 Ladies Annual Yard Sale**



June 6, 2015  
9 am - 3 pm  
at the

**Sundown United Methodist Church Hall**

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**Covered Dish Supper**  
June 6  
at 5:30 pm

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June 20, 2015  
7:30-9:30 am

**Sundown Ladies Annual Yard Sale**  
June 6, 2015  
9 am - 3 pm  
at the Sundown UMC Hall



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
June 9, 2015  
Thrift Sale & Boutique  
9 am-1 p.m.  
Luncheon 11 am p.m.  
**Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique**  
9 am - 1 pm  
June 20, 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.  
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Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
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Tuesday Night Youth Home  
Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

**Ismael Berrios**  
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507 Hasbrouck Drive  
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**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)

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING/Daniel Pierce Library Vote,  
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF  
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Daniel Pierce Library at Grahamsville, New York on: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 At 7:00 P.M. (EDST) for the purpose of presenting the Library's budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$393,657 (which sum consists of \$387,610 previously authorized plus an additional \$6,047) for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$393,657 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in the Main Entrance Area of the High School, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 4, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 9, 2015. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 2, 2015) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 8, 2015), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Dated: April 1, 2015  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
Grahamsville, New York  
Norma Peña, District Clerk

4/23; 5/21; 5/28; 6/4/15

**Please Take Notice:**

The Town of Denning Planning Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on June 11th, 2015 set to begin at 7:00 pm to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725 prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Contact the Denning Town Hall at 985-2411 for further information during normal business hours.

The PUBLIC HEARING pertains to a Lot Line Deletion / Merger and then to a the 5-lot Sub Division owned by Mr. Christopher Mooney located from 2550 to 2554 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725 and are for these

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ANY and ALL interested parties will be heard at Said time.

By the Order of the Town of Denning Planning Board,  
Joe Sibiga  
Chair  
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5/28; 6/4

**CCE Vet Science Hands-On Series  
Open to All Youth**

LIBERTY, NY- All youth with an interest in veterinary science, between the ages of 13 and 18, can engage in a hands-on Veterinary Science educational opportunity this summer. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) is offering this three-part 4-H Youth Development program series on Wednesday June 24, July 15, and July 29, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Participants will gain basic knowledge of veterinary medicine techniques from local professionals in the field. The workshops will take place at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. One special class will be held at Catskill Veterinary Services in Wurtsboro, NY. 4-H programs are open to the general public.

June 24 | The first class will cover parasites in animals and basic surgery techniques, including sutures and proper administration of injections. Youth will perform a fecal flotation test to determine the presence of intestinal parasites.

July 15 | The second class will focus on the major structures of the animal eye and youth will explore how they work to produce images. Participants will have the opportunity to dissect a vertebrate's organ.

July 29 | The third workshop will be held at Catskill Veterinary Services in Wurtsboro where Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, DVM and his veterinary technicians will give an exclusive tour of the practice.

The series is free to youth members enrolled in 4-H. Cost to non-members is \$10 for the entire series. 4-H membership is free to all youth, ages 5 to 19, and must completed prior to participation. Pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Only payment reserves a seat and can be made by cash, check, or credit at the office or online. Registration and more information can be obtained by contacting CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing [sullivan@cornell.edu](mailto:sullivan@cornell.edu), or visiting [www.sullivanvance.org](http://www.sullivanvance.org).

The 4-H veterinary science series is made possible in-part by generous contributions from the family and friends of George E. Hahn, DVM. This program is dedicated in memory of George for his devotion to the community and continued support of 4-H Youth Development in Sullivan County.

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

**\$1000 First Prize for Winning Video that Shows a Renaissance Story**

[FERNDALE] - Filmmakers are invited to submit a one-to-three minute video that shows a Sullivan Renaissance story as part of a video contest with a first prize of \$1000. Both experienced and first-time filmmakers are welcome. There is no submission fee.

As part of its 15th year celebration, the contest will tell the stories of how Sullivan Renaissance has impacted people, organizations and communities. The winning video will receive \$1000, with additional prizes for the runners up.

The contest is open to anyone age 14 and older with an interest in video making. Individuals do not need to have a prior relationship with Sullivan Renaissance. To learn more about the program and see a list of 2015 projects, many of which have inspiring stories, go to [SullivanRenaissance.org](http://SullivanRenaissance.org).

Not sure how to make a video? Sullivan Renaissance has compiled a variety of tips and tools, including a list of local organizations to which budding filmmakers can bring questions and receive hands-on assistance. For information on how to edit, see the YouTube video by

Zac Stuart-Pontier, Narrowsburg native and editor of The Jinx, at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjWdw2\\_ApQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjWdw2_ApQ).

To participate, individuals should register with their name, mailing address, phone and email. Entries must be received by Wednesday, July 15 by emailing the following information to [info@SullivanRenaissance.org](mailto:info@SullivanRenaissance.org): name, contact information, title of video, featured community, and YouTube or Vimeo link to video.

The judging criteria includes: length, message clarity, creativity, audience appeal and technical aspects. Participants will be notified of the judges' decisions by August 3. The winning submission will be shown at the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 10 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

For more information call 845-295-2445. 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.

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

**Camp Fire Fun** Friday, June 19, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm SIGN-UP: \$4 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$13 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, May 5.

**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.

**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

**What's Happening at the Museum**  
 Sullivan County Tourism & the O&W Railroad Sunday, June 28 2 p.m. FREE. The O&W Historical Society will present a program on the O&W Railroad and its effect on tourism in Sullivan County, focusing on hotels and boarding houses. Refreshments and Museum admission are included.

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- 6/3/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 6/4/15 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30PM
- 6/6/15 Sundown Ladies Annual Yard Sale - 9 am-3 pm at the Sundown Church Hall
- 6/6/15 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 6/9/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm) & Luncheon(11 am - 1:00 pm)
- 6/9/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 6/11/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm
- 6/10/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 6/13/15 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner 4 pm to 7 pm
- 6/15/15 Grahamsville Fire District - 7 pm
- 6/18/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm
- 6/21/15 Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7- Noon Claryville Fire House
- 6/16/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 6/16/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/17/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 6/20/15 Father's Day Breakfast Sundown Church Hall 7:30 - 9:30 am
- 6/20/15 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique (9:00 am-1 pm)
- 6/28/15 Time & the Valleys Museum presents Sullivan County Tourism & the O&W Railroad 2 p.m. FREE
- 7/7/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall

**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

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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

**WANTED: New Bookclub Members!**

The book discussion group meets on the first Friday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Upper Level Conference Room of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. Refreshments are provided by the members.  
 This month's book discussion: "Gone for Good" by Harlan Coben

**TVAYSO Spring Registration Now Open**

Parents and volunteers... Online soccer registration for the fall season is now open through June 20th. Boys and girls ages 4 1/2 to 19 are eligible to play. Sign up today at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org)! Print two copies of each form, sign, and drop off payment at one of our registration events. New Players must present a birth certificate at the time of registration (no photocopy is necessary). The registration fee is \$50 / player. Early registration discount is \$45.00 which must be paid by June 1st to receive the discount! New uniforms are \$40.00 which includes shirts, shorts, and socks. Fall season practices start in August. Games are played on Sundays from September through the end of October. Further information regarding this league contact Bill Richardson at 985-2137; ([trivalleyAYSORC@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleyAYSORC@gmail.com)); or Rachel Countryman at 985-0360; ([KPCountrykid@yahoo.com](mailto:KPCountrykid@yahoo.com)); or Find us on Facebook at Tri-Valley AYSO.

**Spring Registration Dates:**

**Friday, June 5th @ Daniel Pierce Library 3 pm - 7 pm**  
**Saturday, June 20th @ TVCS Secondary School Library 9 am - 1 pm**

**2015 Lake Superior State Park Season Passes**

Sullivan County Legislator and Public Works Chair Kathleen LaBuda is pleased to announce that 2015 Lake Superior State Park Season Passes will become available for sale to Sullivan County residents and property owners at the Division of Public Works office, 100 North St., Monticello, NY on Tuesday, May 27, 2015. Each pass is \$15.00. To purchase a pass bring proof of residency or property ownership to the DPW office Monday through Friday between the hours of

8:30am and 4:00pm. 2014 Season pass holders may download the renewal form from the County Website ([www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us)) and apply for their 2015 season pass by mail.

The Beach at Lake Superior State Park will open to the public on Saturday, May 30, 2015 and will continue to operate on weekends through the end of June, when it will commence its daily operations through Labor Day. The hours of operation are 9am - 7pm, subject to weather conditions.

Admission fees are \$5 per person; children under 3 years old are free. Lake Superior does participate in the Golden Park Program, which grants senior citizens free admission to the park on weekdays only. (No weekends or holidays.) Boat rentals, vending machines, the playground, and the bathhouse will all be available during regular beach operating hours. Several picnic pavilions are available for rent; please contact the DPW office at (845) 807-0261 for more information. Lake Superior State Park is operated and maintained by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works through a 20 year license agreement with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission.

**SUNY Ulster Continuing & Professional Education Offers Summer Adult Tennis**

SUNY Ulster Continuing & Professional Education will offer adult beginner/intermediate and cardio tennis classes this summer as part of its Tennis Academy designed for fun, exercise and to improve player's games. In addition, prior to and during the July 2015 program USTA workshops and clinics will be held and open to all the community.

**Adult Cardio Tennis**

For any adult player, this five-class program is especially popular with the middle age and senior players. Focusing on constant movement coupled with a variety of drills to improve the basic strokes, this session is specifically designed to combine accelerated and resting heart rates. It is offered from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Stone Ridge campus these sessions: July 6 - 10, July 13 - 7 and July 20 - 24. Cost is \$99.

**Adult Beginner/Intermediate**

This five-class program is open to players with little or no experience. It concentrates on building the foundation of basic technique by focusing on different strokes, proper footwork and the rules of the game for singles and doubles. The class is offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Stone Ridge: July 6 - 10, July 13 - 17 and July 20 - 24. Cost is \$149.

Instructors are Rich Kaufman, a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Certified Teaching Professional and Men's Professional Tennis Tour Official with nearly 40 years of experience; and Scott Taylor, tennis coach at New Paltz High School who has directed tennis camps and clinics at SUNY New Paltz and Wiltwyck Golf Club.

For information and to register online, visit [www.sunyulster.edu/ce](http://www.sunyulster.edu/ce) or call 845-339-2025.



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**Frost Valley YMCA** is looking for a **summer Multimedia Specialist**, with a background in photography (film and/or graphic design experience a bonus)! This position will end late August, with potential for a longer commitment if appropriate. Work with a team of creative, highly motivated, hardworking professionals. 21+ years of age, with a clean U.S. driver's license (of 3 years or more). To apply, send cover letter, resume, and digital samples to Linda Campbell, Director of HR, hr@frostvalley.org, contact 845-985-2291 Ext. 254. EOE

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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

Answers:  
 1. Ward Bond  
 2. Alexis Smith

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia GENTLEMAN JIM (Comedy, 1942)**

Fanciful biography of 19th-century boxing champion Jim Corbett. Directed by, Raoul Walsh and starring, Errol Flynn, Alexis Smith, Jack Carson, Alan Hale, John Loder, William Frawley, Minor Watson, Ward Bond, Arthur Shields. Sassy biography of polished boxer Jim Corbett in fight game's early days. Flynn is dynamic in title role (reportedly his favorite), supported by colorful cast—especially Bond in larger-than-life role as legendary champ John L. Sullivan. Scripted by Vincent Lawrence and Horace McCoy. Also shown in computer-colored version.

See this film Monday June 08, 2015 @ 10:45 AM, 104 min, B/W, TV-PG

**Quiz:**

1. Who plays John L. Sullivan?
2. Who plays Victoria Ware?

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE**

The next **Thrift Sale/Boutique and Luncheon** at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be held on June 9th and on June 20th the Third Saturday Thrift Sale will take place and The Boutique will be open.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner** will be held on June 13, 2015 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

**SUNDOWN**

Mark your calendar for the **Father's Day Breakfast** on Saturday, June 20 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. at the Sundown Church Hall. Take Dad out to breakfast!

Get ready for the **Annual Yard Sale** that will be held on **June 6th** at the UMC Hall. Watch the *Townsman* for the time and more information.

**ELLENVILLE**

Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary is planning a fundraising trip to see "Kinky Boots" on June 10th. For more information call Helene Morris at 845-434-2665. Reserve your seat and tickets soon as this event sells out quickly!

**NEVERSINK**

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

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