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# [Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Return of the Eagle is a power point presentation by local histori-an Tom Riley held at the Time and the Valleys Museum on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville,

Sullivan County on Sunday, March 4th at 2 p.m. The program traces the history of the American Eagle and other raptors from their near extinction in the 1960s as a result of the devastating effects of DDT and other chemicals, to today when eagles can be found in almost every state.

The program is free for Museum Members and \$3 for non members, and includes admission to the Museum and light refreshments.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September. Current exhibitions:

Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

 Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

Picture Yourself(ie) in the 1930s, a completely hands on and immersive exhibition on life in the 1930s.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

### Catskill Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) - Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Trout Unlimited Meet

- Ed Ostapczuk



Ed Ostapczuk attended the CPAC meeting in Pine Hill, while representing Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed

Trout Unlimited and reports the following: "Mostly representatives from the DEC presented information, the most interesting topic, IMO, dealt with the Blue Hole issue on the Rondout Creek. Bill Rudge did a PowerPoint-"Managing Overuse in the era of social media: The Peekamoose Blue Hole"---on the problem and now this is PUBLIC INFORMATION that can be shared with everyone. "

To sum it up, Ostapczuk said, "Starting THIS YEAR, DEC will REQUIRE a day use permit for the Blue Hole on WEEKENDS and HOLIDAYS from the Ulster County 42 Bridge near Morrell Field/Trailer Field back upstream to the end of the NYS Forest Preserve Lands at the Pack property at Peekamoose Lake. Permits are ONLY available online, via Reserve America, at no cost. They will be required from May 15th through October 15th. There will be a MAXIMUM of 40 permits issued a day, for upwards of 6 people/permit. The DEC does not think all permit seekers will remain at the Blue Hole all day long. And DEC will monitor this to determine if this number is too many, so more stringent changes could come about. People can apply for a weekend permit only one week before it will be used, up to one day before it's used. Thus, as an example, if I understood this correctly, if someone wanted a permit for 7/07/18, the window to apply for it would be 6/30/18 through 7/06/18 only.

"So, I think we're making progress." Ostapczuk concluded, "Also, funding is available from the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program, and Catskill Center (CCCD) to hire 2 stewards for the Blue Hole this summer, for Thursday's through Monday's, so public education will continue.'

A February drive along Peekamoose Road, near the Blue Hole.

## Work Week with Congressman Faso



Working with Local Leaders and Organizations in our Fight **Against Opioids** 

In our Kingston office, I met with representatives of Catholic Charities to learn about their efforts in Ulster and Sullivan counties to help individuals that are battling with opioid addiction. The organization was recently awarded a 2-year, \$4 million grant by the New York Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services as part of the federally funded State Targeted Opioid Response Project. They will be using the grant to assist those in hard-to-reach areas of Sullivan and Ulster Counties who are in need of treatment and recovery support.

Thursday, I hosted a call with nearly two dozen representatives from county health departments and non-profit treatment programs throughout the 19th District. We discussed how federal funding impacts our local response to the opioid epidemic and identified where gaps still exist and need to be addressed. Among the things I learned are the gaps in care which occur for those incarcerated in local jails. I will be continuing to work with these leaders and ensure that they have the resources and support necessary to fulfill their mission. (Contd. Pg. 12)





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ON THE FRONT BURNER: God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. St. John 4:24

### OBITUARIES

Grace-Janet Rae "Skipper" Bowers, of Divine Corners, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at Catskill Regional Medical Center with her family by her side. She was 85.

She was born on June 23, 1932 in Huntington, ng Island to William Rae and Margaret Long Island McMuldroch.

She worked as a teacher for Tri-Valley School District until she started her family and then returned until her retirement. In her free time she enjoyed drawing and being a musician, herselfbeing the former organist for over 25 years at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. She was also an avid reader and spent much of her time outdoors in her garden. During her retirement, her and her husband enjoyed being snow birds traveling to Florida. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she will be deeply missed. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her

husband of 61 years and the love of her life, William E. Bowers; her children Gary (Heidi), Debra (Joseph) and Dian (Dave); and her grandchildren Michael, Krysta, Meghan and Allyson. She is predeceased by her children William R. "Billy" and Leann Bowers; and her sisters Peggy and Jean.

n lieu of flowers, donations in Grace's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Hurleyville United Methodist Church, 263 Main St. Hurleyville, NY 12747.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday. February 27th at Hurleyville United Methodist Church, 263 Main St. Hurleyville, NY 12747. Pastor Jackie Carter officiated. Burial followed at Hurleyville Cemetery.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

Darlene J. Baggatta of Grahamsville, a former nursing assistant at Catskill Regional Medical Center, and a longtime resident of the area, died on Feburay 19, 2018 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 56.

The daughter of the late Raymond Hopper and Dorothy Hoehn Hopper, she was born on February 10, 1962 in Suffern, N.Y.

Survivors include her husband Louis Baggatta at home. Her mother Dorothy Hopper of Woodridge, N.Y. Her children Tara Baggatta of Livingston Manor, N.Y.; Louis Baggatta Jr. (Marylynn) of Glen Spey, N.Y.; Melanie Baggatta of Liberty, N.Y.; Dominick Baggatta (Adrionna) of Grahamsville, N.Y. Her sister Sheila Eckerson (Greg) of Woodridge, N.Y. and her brother Walter Hopper (Barbara) of PA. Her sister-in-law Connie Kimble of Pine Bush, N.Y. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister Karen Jones and her father Raymond Hopper. Visitation hours will be held on Friday February 23, 2018 from 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. at the Ralston-Lippincott-Hasbrouck-Ingrassia Funeral Home, Inc. 72 West Main St. Middletown, N.Y.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday February 24, 2018 at the Funeral Home. Burial followed in St. Joseph Cemetery in Middletown, N.Y.

Arrangements by Ralston-Lippincott-Hasbrouck-Ingrassia Funeral Home, Inc. 343-6023 or www.ocfuneralhomes.com.

### **COLLEGE NEWS:**

### News from Purchase College, SUNY

Purchase College announced the following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester: Michael Freeman of Neversink, NY, who is studying Media, Society and the Arts; Madeline Friedman of Olivebridge, NY, who is studying Graphic Design; Richard Gollen of Ellenville, NY, who is studying Communication; Rianna Schneider of Olivebridge, NY, who is studying Liberal Studies.

## Brendan C. Siegel Named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Western **New England University!**

Brendan Siegel, of Liberty, NY has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England University for the Fall Semester of 2017. Siegel is working toward a degree in Sport Management.

## **Baseball Welcomed Marywood** to Dutchess Stadium for a Saturday Twinbill Newburgh, N.Y. - After its originally scheduled season opening trip to Maryland was cancelled due to weather last

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Robert Worden a Sophomore at Mt. St. Mary's College position on the

Saturday afternoon with a non-conference doubleheader against Marywood. The first pitch at Dutchess Stadium was scheduled for 12:00 p.m.  $\Delta t$  A Glance: The At A Glance: The Knights are coming off a 2017 season that saw them post a 15-28 overall record and a 9-9 mark against Skyline Conference oppo-

weekend, the Mount Saint Mary College Baseball team opened the 2018 season

teâm will be pitcher nents. The Knights advanced through the loser's bracket to the Skyline Conference Championship Round where it was eventually topped by Maritime.

Mount Saint Mary returns 21 players from last season's team and welcomes 13 newcomers to the fold for the 2018 season. The Mount brings back three of its top four hitters from a season ago and needs to replace only two pitchers who made at least nine appearances in 2017. Head Coach Steve Sosler turned to a talented crop of newcomers for innings that includes: Robert Worden, Jr. of Grahamsville, N.Y.

Robert Worden, Jr. a Sophomore at Mt. St. Mary's College position on the team will be pitch-er. Robert is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is currently studying Psychology and Physical Therapy. Way to go Robert!

### **Days of Yore** ... Today's History...

March 1, 1948 - At a special meeting held at the Grahamsville School, the school board of the Tri Valley Union Free School developed plans for the initiation of a building program as it is faced with the problem of an increased enrollment and inadequate educational facilities.

The Townsman, like all other newspapers, has experienced continually rising expenses in the cost of newsprint and ink. Therefore, we have found it necessary to raise the subscription rate to \$2.00 a year.

**1958** - With the proximity of sprint at hand, three faculty committees at Tri-Valley have begun a study of current school problems with the purpose of formulating recommendations for consideration. The committees and their membership are: Schedule - Cecilia Cohen, Edward Condon, Charles Matz, Richard Strangeway, Barbara Wakefield and Arlington Vissher; Activities and Awards - Ruth Ackerly, Madeline Adams, Milfred Berger, Alma Clark, Beverly Pincus and Melvin Washington; Behavior Control - Frank Cerato, William Davis, Pauline Hill, Audrey Kelly, Joe Murray, Mike O'Donnell and Cal Parrow.

Letters from Tom Smith give us what is supposed to be normal in Anchorage, Alaska. He says the weather there is spring-like and snow had to be imported for the annual dog races. Too bad they didn't come here for some! A big event for this area was the return home of

Ralph Adams from the Liberty Loomis Hospital after six weeks there. He is a great deal better.

1968 - The Grahamsville First Aid Squad is sponsoring a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner to be held at the school.

Army PFC James Bowers was wounded in action in Viet Nam and has been transferred to Valley Forge General Hospital and is receiving treatment for his right knee and leg.

**1978-** The Tri Valley Student Council will once again hold a competition night in the school gym. The Sixth Grahamsville Gallop is almost here. Kathi Walker will be leaving for England with the Mansfield State Teachers College Band.

Road crews were just catching their breath after the big snow on February 6th when the area was hit with another added 5 inches on March 3rd.

The question of interest in forming a Tri Valley Lioness Club will be introduced at the next Lion's meeting.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Tom Nash of Neversink is at the Adult Care Center in Liberty to recuperated following surgery. Good wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Tom.

Condolences to the Baggatta Family of Grahamsville on the passing of Darlene J. Baggatta. Darlene passed away on February 19th at the age of 56.

Kudos to Kalic Perry, a Tri-Valley Senior Basketball player who broke a 45-45 point tie with Seward by scoring two points with only 6.4 seconds remaining in the game! Congratulations to Neal VanHoughten, an Air Force Lt. Col, and a 1995 Tri-Valley graduate, who assumed command of 23rd Maintenance Squadron during a ceremony held at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. Neat's Squadron is the second largest unit in Air Command with over 800 personnel in 39 Air Force Specialties. Wow!

Congratulations to the Neversink Fire Department who was a winner at the Hurleyville's Annual Ice Fishing Contest. They won with a combined total of 7.01 Ibs. of fish caught. This was the 30th year that the Hurleyville Fire Department sponsored the fishing contest. The Neversink and Grahamsville Fire Departments will be holding their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 11th, from 7:00 am until noon at the Neversink Firehouse. Take¬outs are available.

There was a nice article about the Tri-Valley FFA in the *Sullivan County Democrat* on February 20th. The Tri-Valley Chapter now has about 130 members in grades six through college and is one of the largest chapters in NYS.

The Sullivan County Music Educators' Association will be presenting the 2018 Music Festival at Monticello Central School on Saturday, March 3rd at 2:30 and 5:00 pm. Tickets for these out-standing student performances can be purchased by contacting the Tri-Valley School Music Department.

I read a touching little article by Krista Lyn Johnson the other day. It said that one year when she was teaching second grade, a new child entered her class mid-year. His name was Daniel, and he brought a special light to her classroom. Daniel came over to her one afternoon at the end of the day. He said, "Ms. Johnson, I have a note for you from my old teacher. It's not on paper though, it's in my head." Daniel leaned over and said, "She wanted me to tell you how lucky you are to have me in your class!"

*Words of Wisdom:* "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." (Albert Einstein)

In memory of Billy Graham 1918 - 2018 A man who taught the truth by living it.

### Tri-Valley FBLA Hosts the District 3N Spring Meeting

By: Aidan Mentnech,

State Vice President-District 3N

On February 6, 2018, the Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America hosted the District 3N Spring Meeting. This Spring District Meeting (SDM) serves as a preliminary round of FBLA's competitive events, where members have an opportunity to compete in the six performance events of public speaking, introduction to public speaking, impromptu speaking, basic decision making, client service, and job interview. Members also had the opportunity to take practice tests in accounting, business calculations, business communications, introduction to FBLA, introduction to financial math, business law, and sports & entertainment management, as well as elimination tests including parliamentary procedures, future business leader, and state officer exam. Members placing in the top three of each performance event will represent District 3N at the State Leadership Conference held in Binghamton, NY in April. Schools in attendance were Arlington HS, Carmel HS, John Jay HS, Liberty HS, Minisink Valley HS, Monroe-Woodbury HS, Roy C. Ketcham HS, and Tri-Valley HS. Results of these events are as follows, members listed in order from first place to fifth place:

**Basic Decision Making:** Alexia Cintula, Bene Farrell, Marissa Lavery, Tiffany Yang, Gavin Racette

**Client Service:** Tanvi Anthavale, Juliet Jacobson, Stella Capparelli, Julianna Nacinovich, Purvi Patel

**Impromptu Speaking**: Amy Zhou, Rahul Atluri, Evan Stouber, Samuel Koyfman, Ezekial Arubuike

Job Interview: Morgan McHugh, Paulo Gaviria, Olivia Salatino, Steven Leal, Janine Gogi Introduction to Public Speaking: Gianna Denivo, Victoria Swett, Joshua Keizer, Spencer Dicembrino Public Speaking: Coscia Forecase, Pain Dani, Pilly

**Public Speaking**: Cascio Fonseca, Raju Dani, Billy Schiele, Jake Alfonzetti, Liana Nhi Lai **Accounting I**: Harith Arra, Anson Lee, Gabriel Viera,

Peter Amicucci, Prachi Shah

Business Calculations: Katherine Obojkovits, Peter Amicucci, Diya Patel, Chris Maresca, Michael Cohen

**Business Communications**: Chelsea Commodore, Dilynn Kessler, Juliet Jacobson, Katherine Obojkovits, Benjamin Ditrocchio

**Business Law**: Catherine Tan, Mahmood Tipu, Vasudha Kilambi, Ruju Dani, Gabriel Viera

**Introduction to Financial Math:** Abby Taormina, Rohan Ganesan, MJ Cadden, Mahmood Tipu, Jeffery Fitzsimmons

Introduction to FBLA: Meghan Dillon, Julia Henning, Ysabel Monzi, Abby Taormina, Carl Demarco

**Sports & Entertainment Management:** Katherine Obojkovits, Luke Marchi, Peter Amicucci, Stevie Walker, Eileen Wang

### **First Friday Book Discussion Group**

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

New members welcome! Refreshments are provided.

This month's book discussion: "A Visit From The Goon Squad", by Jennifer Egan.

### Get Swept Up in the Songs and Stories of the '60s

Hurleyville, NY - Dive into the most iconic decade in American history at the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum, just a few miles from the Woodstock festival site!

"Live Music and History: Songs and Stories of the Sixties" will be presented on March 4 from 2-3 p.m. by the Sullivan County Historical Society and Carol Smith & Aldo Troiani of the local band Little Sparrow. Both the performance and admission to the Cultural Center's exhibits will be free for the entire family (donations, however, are welcome)! Reservations are encouraged by calling 845-434-8044.

Carol and Aldo will not only play and sing but also talk with the audience about the music and culture of the Woodstock era, which redefined a generation and has played a prominent role in Sullivan County ever since. The program will be an intimate acoustic show, held in the Museum's Timeline Gallery.

This will be the first of a series of concerts and talks, scheduled to take place on the first Sunday of each month. Different performers and speakers (to be announced) will be featured.

The Cultural Center is located at 265 Main Street in the revitalized downtown of Hurleyville. For more information, visit www.scnyhistory.org or call 845-434-8044.

### Ready for Some Special End of Winter Fun?

On March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th there will be al **Drop-In Snowshoe Lessons** at Minnewaska: Designed for people who are beginners. A guide will provide instruction on how to wear and adjust snowshoes and work with you until you're ready to head out with confidence. Snowshoes available for rent for this program for \$5 per person. Saturdays at 11 a.m. through March, weather permitting. Sam's Point Area, 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragsmoor. 845-647-7989; parks.ny.gov/parks/193

It Wears the Buckhorns from Across the Way: A Magical Journey into the Sky Realm for Adults: Evan Pritchard (Grandfather Chipmuch) will start with a ceremony then leads us upwards into the mythic realm of the ancestors, those who once lived in rock shelters along the trail to what we call Sam's Point. Hikers learn about geography, trails, place names and more. March 18 -Noon-3 p.m. Call to preregister 845-647-7989. Meet at Sam's Point Visitor's Center, 400 Sam's Point Cragsmoor; parks.ny.gov/parks/193

And this is sure to make a lot of a hit. It's a **Penguin Paddle: Slip** inside your best garbage bag and slide on your belly "penguin style" down the slopes of Belleayre. Everyone over the age of 4 can participate in this fun event on March 24th. Registration: 8 a.m.- 10 a.m. at Guest Services in the Discovery Lodge. Race starts at 10 a.m. Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, 181 Galli Curci Rd, Highmount. Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Return of the Eureka Eagle!

People with cameras have been gathering just about every day to witness the return of the Eureka Eagle to her

nest. Carol Furman mentioned in her column a few weeks ago that it is likely that it won't be long before she will start setting on eggs again.

eggs again. This beautiful bird is a bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), the only eagle unique to North America. They originated from a reintroduction effort that released more than 200 eagles in New York State beginning in 1976. Many



State beginning in 1976. Many found sanctuary in the Catskills and now their increasing population in New York State has grown from one nesting pair to well over 145 pair.

Bald eagles are opportunistic carnivores that flourish here mostly because of the fish, a main part of their diet, that are available to them in our reservoirs and streams. An eagle can swoop down and snatch fish from the water with its talons. When food is abundant, an eagle can gorge itself by storing up to 2.2 pounds of food in a pouch in the throat called a crop. Gorging allows the bird to fast for several days when food becomes scarce.

Because they are near the top of the food chain, eagles have become an irreplaceable indicator for measuring the health of the entire ecological system in which we all live. Bald Eagles are not actually bald. Their name originat-

Bald Eagles are not actually bald. Their name originated from an older meaning of "white headed". The Bald Eagle builds the largest nest of any North

The Bald Eagle builds the largest nest of any North American bird as you may see at the Eureka Eagle Watch. They will choose a tall tree for nesting. They type of tree is not as important as the height of the tree.

Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackishbrown back and breast; a white head, neck, and tail; and yellow feet and beak. A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches. Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of mostly tendon.

Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of mostly tendon. Talons are important tools for hunting and defense. Eagles kill their prey by penetrating its flesh with their talons. They can open and close their talons at will. As Carol stated in her column, "... the strike of the eagles talons is so powerful that its force is twice that of a rifle bullet..."

that its force is twice that of a rifle bullet..." Bald eagles mate for life. Courting usually begins in early April. Eagles lay from 1 to 3 eggs (commonly two) and the eggs usually hatch between late May and early June.

Young eagles are a mixture of brown and white; with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white.

At four months of age, eaglets appear to be larger than their parents because of their longer flight feathers. These feathers serve as nature's training wheels, helping the young birds stabilize during their early flying days. By the end of the summer, the parent eagles begin to suffer from "empty nest syndrome" as their offspring can generally fly and take off to be on their own.

It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

The Bald Eagle remains a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers, are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans as eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans in their cultures.

humans in their cultures. The eagle represents freedom. Living on the tops of the highest trees and the heights of our lofty Catskill Mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, whether with strong pinions sweeping into the valleys below, or upward into the boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom!

boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom! In 1851 Herman Melville wrote, "What is needed more than anything else in the midst of a crisis is a calm, steadying dose of clarity, the kind of omniscient, all-seeing perspective symbolized by an eagle on the wing: And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces."

invisible in the sunny spaces." Melville's Moby Dick, provides a description of the ideal leader, who instead of anger and pain relies on equanimity and judgment, who does their best to remain above the fray, and who even in the darkest of possible moments resists the 'woe that is madness.'

### **Household Hints**

### Soften up your blankets

Add 2 cups white vinegar to your washer's rinse water to remove soap residue from both cotton and wool blankets before drying. This will also leave them feeling fresh and soft as new.

### THE TOWNSMAN

## The Cuban Affair **Mysterious Book Report No. 323**

by John Dwaine McKenna

Who doesn't dream of sunny, warm days with an ample supply of cold drinks and an ocean to play in, when we're up to our earmuffs in icy roads, snow and sub-freezing temperatures, day, after day, after day . . . and if we can't actually go there, we can at least escape in literature to the sun-soaked tip of Florida, down to swinging Key West, where *The Cuban Affair*, (Simon & Schuster, \$28.99, 429 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-0172-4) by MBR perennial favorite and master storyteller Nelson DeMille, kicks off at the Green Parrot Bar. That's where a thirty-five year-old wounded Afghanistan war veteran, confirmed bachelor, and deep-sea charter fishing boat captain named Daniel Graham MacCormick-Mac for short-is drinking beer, watching the women, and waiting for a guy named Carlos to come down from Miami. Carlos is a Cuban ex-pat and lawyer who's heavily involved with the anti-Castro movement in Miami. He may want to hire Mac and his boat, The Maine, for a few days. When he shows up, Carlos has in tow an older distinguished-looking



Cuban gentleman named Eduardo, who's treated with all the respect of a Cuban Godfather. The third, and last member of the entourage is an early-thirties hottie named Sara Ortega, another Cuban-American who's involved in the movement to free Cuba from the communists. They want to hire Mac and his boat for a tenday fishing tournament in Cuba, and use it for cover of a covert mission to recover sixty million dollars in cash that was hidden in a remote cave by Sara's banker grandfather on the eve of the communist revolution. Mac refuses . . . until he hears the payoff . . . three million American dollars. For a guy with a quarter-million in bank loans, who's struggling to make ends meet, it's irresistible. He's in. Mac and Sara will fly into Cuba as part of a Yale University tour group, while First Mate Jack Colby skippers The Maine down to the tournament. And so begins one of the most rollicking and timely caper novels to come along since the first Las Vegas casino heist. Written with the sure hand and light touch of an acknowledged master of the genre, reading The Cuban Affair is just about the most fun you can have – and still keep your clothes on during these long cold, and dark days of winter!

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Fallsburg's Lisa McAdoo Selected for **Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame** Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce that Character Education Coordinator and Fallsburg High



School Alumna Ms. Lisa McAdoo has earned induction into the Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame. She will join four others in the Class of 2018 at a ceremony at the Gemmell Center Multi-Purpose Room at Payne Street and Wilson Avenue in Clarion, Pennsylvania on May 4, 2018 at 7 PM. The event is open to the

public. Lisa McAdoo, the Golden Eagles first 1,000 point scorer in women's basketball, was responsible for helping turn around a losing women's basketball program to a championship

team during her days at Clarion from 1985 - 88. New head coach Doris Black recruited McAdoo from Fallsburg (N.Y.) high school after she earned team MVP honors in

1984. McAdoo posted 1,010 career points and 629 rebounds, both #1 in the program when she graduated. She also had 177 career steals.

Following gradua-tion Lisa had a 25 1/2 year work career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and retired in February of 2016. She is currently Character E d u c a t i o n Coordinator in the Fallsburg Central School District and is the founder and operator of More Than Music DJ Institute, LLC -Philadelphia.

Lisa McAdoo is especially beloved by the Fallsburg



girls and boys basketball teams and cheerleaders. She is at games and practices mentoring and hugging the young stu-dents. She is truly someone who gained much from her education at Fallsburg and Clarion, and she is grateful to be able to give back to the young people from the commu-nity of her childhood. Clarion has chosen well to acclaim her a Hall of Famer.

## Living Healthy, Living Well: Take Charge

Managing Your Health WURTSBORO, NY- Individuals living with conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, and asthma can learn to manage their own health with confidence. Living Healthy, Living Well, a free evidence-based pro-

Living Healtiny, Living wen, a nee evidence-based pro-gram from the Self-Management Resource Center, developed by Stanford University, will be held on Thursdays from March 1, 2018 to April 12. In the event of inclement weather, a snowdate will be offered on April 19. The series is held from

2:30 to 5:00 pm each day at Mamakating Public Library on 128 Sullivan Street in Wurtsboro. Refreshments will be provided.

Participants are highly encouraged to attend the series in its entirety. Graduates will receive the book, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," a scienceinformed resource for continued self-management of chronic conditions. Attendees will learn ways to reduce symptoms like

pain and fatigue, get around more easily, and engage in activities they enjoy, for an improved quality of life. Bonnie Lewis, RN of Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) and Shawn Comfort of Action Toward Independence will present day-to-day techniques for self-management of multiple chronic health conditions and medical recommendations as well as complimentary

enhancements to traditional clinical treatments. Can't make it? This program will be offered at CCESC's Extension Education Center in Liberty on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:00 pm May 10 through June 14. Living Healthy, Living Well is free to the public. Registration is requested in advance, by calling CCESC at 845 202 6180. emeiling culling Constitute on the second

845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivance.org. In the event of special needs, the public should contact theCCESC office.

### **DEP Encourages College Students to Apply for Watershed Internships** Paid internships link college students with engineers

and scientists to work on nation's largest

*municipal water supply* The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Thursday encouraged college stu-dents to apply for one of 17 summer internships at its offices in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. These paid internships are in fields related to science and proving These protections into the summer internship engineering. Those accepted into the summer internship program will have the chance to work alongside DEP scientists, engineers, planners and other professionals who operate, maintain and protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States. "Summer internships at DEP can be a springboard to

the start of a rewarding career for young people who are interested in science, engineering and public service," said DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza, who started his career more than 30 years ago as an intern at the department. "Our interns in the watershed will be guided by world-class experts to pursue projects that focus on water quality testing, infrastructure planning, and operating the largest municipal water supply in the United States. We encourage college students from the watershed and surrounding regions to apply for these excellent learning opportunities.

The intern positions available include summer work associated with upstate water quality laboratories, water system modeling and research, natural resources management, wastewater collection and treatment, infrastructure planning, and reservoir operations. The internships are located at DEP's offices in Delaware, Greene, Putnam, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. In addition to the watershed opportunities, DEP also offers many summer internship opportunities at its offices in New York City.

Information about these internships, including online applications, can be found on the DEP website at:http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job\_opportunities/i nternships.shtml.

Prospective interns are encouraged to carefully read the qualifications for each job to determine whether they meet the enrollment, GPA, coursework and other requirements. Candidates must submit applications by April 6.

### Be Our Guest – Sullivan Renaissance Invites You to **Attend a Volunteer Open House**

your skills to show that you love where you live [FERNDALE] Sullivan Renaissance invites you takend a Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, March 7 between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Building, 165 Sullivan Avenue in Ferndale, NY. (Refreshments will be served and each guest will be entered into a door prize drawing).

The public is welcome to learn more about endless opportunities that utilize individual skills to enhance a grassroots effort to beautify Sullivan County. "If you are interested in volunteering, we are here to

help you find a way to get involved," says Anne-Louise Scandariato, Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Outreach Manager. "Each volunteer's efforts directly impacts a project's s County. success in communities throughout Sullivan

Sullivan Renaissance Volunteer Corps and staff will be on hand to speak with attendees towards and share information on youth internships, Sullivan Renaissance initia-tives, gardening workshops, and beautification seminars. Browse past projects to see the difference being made in your community. Share your ideas for beautification proj-ects and what special skills you could lend to the commu-

nity at large. Pre-registration is requested. To register, visit SullivanRenaissance.org or call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. Event details can also be found on the Sullivan Renaissance Facebook and Twitter pages (@sullivanrenaissance).

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Help support our mission to build beautiful, healthy, active communities in Sullivan County. For information, contact 845-295-2445 or www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

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### The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

## The Internet

"The Internet is the global system of interconnected computer networks that use the Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to link devices worldwide. It is a network of networks that

The Internet is the global system of interconnected computer networks that use the Internet protocol suite (ICP/IP) to link devices worldwide. It is a network of networks that consists of private, public, academic, business, and government networks of local to global scope, linked by a broad array of electronic, satellite and wireless devices." This is the short definition given by Wikipedia. The longer explanation contains vocabulary foreign to me and concepts I cannot comprehend.
 My personal definition is that the internet is MAGIC. Out there, in the cloud, is a collection of facts, opinions, photos, information, and numbers floating around in cyberspace that only two women, Alexa and Siri, and my internet provider can access...for a hefty sum, I might add. I imagine little factoids and codes being dispersed by a wizard in a pointed hat with apples on it instead of stars, hanging out behind a curtain just waiting for one of us to ask for data.
 I can almost imagine a network of computers all hooked up and intertwined, but how does the information get there in their gigantic computer modules. How does Amazon know I wear 8 and 1/2 size shoes and that my husband prefers Merrill slip ons?
 I do remember trying to record grades on Mark-Sense punch cards, and I have a history of floppy disks, CDs and DVRs. I remember the transition from electric typewriters to word processors. There my comfort zone ends for the internet hoggles my mind. How can I face time a cousin in Michigan? It is marie.

word processors. There my comfort zone ends, for the internet boggles my mind. How can I face time a cousin in Michigan? It is magic, pure magic. This week I had the misfortunate experience of switching cable tv, phone and internet to try to save money on a sky-rocketing cable bill. In doing so, I realized that all three are obsolescing into a future of cell phones and projection devices. In addition to all those random letters like https and www and such, I know need to learn a new language of streaming: Roku, Sling, Amazon Prime, Fire-stick, Chromecast, Netflix, and Hulu. I find myself longing for the old TV antenna with tin foil hanging off the rabbit ears that had no charge and lacked 999 channels all horrifying news.

### The Catskill Center and Catskill Park Coalition - working hard for the money - for the Catskill Park and its communities

On February 6, 2018, 50 volunteers traveled to Albany and paid visit to 47 legislators and representatives from the Governor's office and state agencies in an annual day of advocacy for the benefit of the Catskill Park and its commu-nities – Catchill Park Dow nities - Catskill Park Day. Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (of the 103rd district)

kicked off the day with a rousing salute to the Catskills and the memory of Maurice D. Hinchey.

Catskill Center Executive Director, Jeff Senterman spoke about the importance of perseverance, the power of those par-ticipating in Catskill Park Day and the urgent need to encour-age lawmakers to fiscally support the Catskill Park and its communities in the 2018/2019 New York State budget. Catskill Park Day is an annual advocacy event organized

by the Catskill Center and the Catskill Park Coalition (the Coalition), a group of 28 partnering organizations dedicated to improving the Catskill Park and Catskill communities. The Coalition is co-chaired by the Catskill Center and Catskill Mountainkeeper. Each year after much review and consideration, the

Coalition identifies priorities for the upcoming New York

State budget and advocates for those priorities. This year, the Catskill Center and Coalition members pre-sented "the Catskills Package" - a list of the following regional priorities:

· Providing a Catskills Economic Development funding line in the amount of \$500,000 directed towards the Catskill Watershed Corporation for shovel-ready access and stewardship projects across the Catskill Park,
\$10 million in funding to support Catskill Park steward-

ship, education, improvements and infrastructure mainte-nance by the NYSDEC;

· Continuing the Adventure NY Program;

Supporting a stewardship line in the Environmental Protection Fund; Continuing Campground and DEC facility improvements;
Funding Smart Growth Grants for Catskill Park communi-

ties • Continuing the Catskill Conservation Corps, Professional

Trail Crews and Summit/Trail Stewards programs with partners Implementing mountain biking plan at Belleavre

Mountain; and • Feasibility study to connect Empire State Trail to Catskill

Trail networks

• Supporting the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center as the Visitor Center for the Catskill Park and the gateway to the Catskills region with funding for new exhibits and operations by supporting the new language in the Governor's FY 2019 budget request (Governor's Capital Projects Appropriation Bill: Page 147 - 09CC0BER). Continue ing NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)projects (ie., fire tower, cabin, road sign, green infrastructure) on site.

 Increasing the budget and staffing for the NYSDEC's Division of Lands and Forests to better manage the Catskill Park. Holding annual Forest Ranger Academies to maintain and grow Ranger force to maintain public safety and grow (\$1,000,000)

Funding to support the "Save the Hemlocks" initiative led by Cornell University to reduce the impact of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid on hemlock trees by developing effective biocontrols (\$1,500,000)

· Pushing for carbon neutral/green infrastructure in new projects across the Catskill Park including electric vehicle charg-ing stations and solar panel installations at state campgrounds, the Catskill Interpretive Center and at Belleavre Ski Center (\$500,000)

Supporting continued funding of the Belleavre Ski Center Unit Management Plan for projects not related to private resort expansion

• New funding for Catskill Park Scenic Byways to support regional byway coordination and management efforts led the Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway and the Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway organizations (\$250,000)

On January 16, Governor Cuomo presented his pro-posed budget. New York state legislators review and parse budget priorities until early March, when the annual budget is finalized.

As the determination of a final budget looms near, public reinforcement of the importance of keeping these items in the final budget is crucial. Important actions to take now are:

Call the Governor's office at 518-474-8390 and let him know that you support the entire Catskills Package and the priorities of the Catskill Park Coalition.
 Write your Assembly we have a support of the catskill park coalition.

Write your Assembly member and your State Senator and tell them that you support the language in the Governor's budget know that you support the Catskills

Package and the priorities of the Catskill Park Coalition. The Catskill Center will continue working with the Governor's office and the Legislature to ensure that the

Catskills remain represented within the NYS budget. Since Catskill Park Day began in 2012, the Catskill Center and Catskill Park Coalition have achieved the following budgetary triumphs:

The realization of Catskill Interpretive Center

Increased spending on trail crews and trail repair
The development of a comprehensive recreation plan for the Catskill Park A study regarding mountain biking at Belleayre

Mountain Increased access and trail development on Overlook Mountain

Improvements to our state campgrounds across the Catskills

• The Adventure NY program, which provides funding to improve Catskills infrastructure, promotes outdoor activi-ties and the wise usage of natural resources by visitors

 Funding of the Catskill Conservation Corps Work to address overuse issues at Kaaterskill Falls

For more information, please visit catskillcenter.org/catskillparkday or contact Jonathan Mogelever at jmogelever@ catskillcenter.org.

### What's Going on in Ulster County?

March 4 -First Sunday Free Gallery Tour: Guest educator Kevin Cook. 2 p.m. The Dorsky Museum, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

March 1, 15, 24 - Catskill Interpretive Center March Events: Full Moon Ski & Bonfire: Moonlit cross-country ski/snowshoe excursion on the 1.5 miles of trails. Hot chocolate, snacks, bonfire and telescopes at the CIC. Bring own skis/snowshoes. 7 p.m.-9 p.m. "Riverwebs" Film Screening: Award-winning documentary on river ecosystems. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Art on the Trail: Stroll the CIC Sculpture Trail, meet the artists, see live sculpture demos and try your hand at creating your own. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center, 5096 Route 28, Mt. Tremper. 845-688-3369; catskillinterpretivecenter.org

March 10 - Catskill Cabaradio: Interview with Pam Weisberg of the Catskill Mountain Foundation, classical and pop singer Dashiell Hunold, and more with cabaret-style entertainment. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show is 7 p.m.- 8 p.m. Potluck community dinner at 6 p.m. Live radio broadcast on wioxradio.org begins at 7 p.m. Free admission. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill. 845-254-5469; pinehillcommunitycenter.org

March 10-Family Activity: St. Patrick's Day Parade: Join Museum Mates, offered one Saturday a month, providing learning about a historical topic, story time with snacks and a fun interactive activity. Free for HRMM members, \$5 for general public. Create sea monster masks, tricorn hats and a water banner for the parade. Families who participate in the Museum Mates can ride on the float (limited seating) and march in the Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11. 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org

March 10 & 24 – Matinee at The Shadowland: Steamboat Bill Jr., March 10. Meet John Doe, March 24. Adults \$10, children \$7. 2 p.m. Shadowland Stages, 157 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-5511; shadowlandtheatre.org

March 10 & 24 - Kingston Winter Farmers' Market: Occurs every other Saturday, December through April. Eighteen vendors offering locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org

March 10 & 24 - Volunteer Fireman's Hall & Museum: Known locally as "a little gem of a museum." Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com

March 10, 14 and 28 – Gallery Talks at The Dorsky Museum: March 10, 2 p.m. Curator's Gallery Talk: Osi Audu on Abstract Minded: Works by Six Contemporary African Artists. March 14, 2 p.m., Curator's Gallery Talk: Reva Wolf on Andy Warhol with Marking Time student researchers. March 24, 3:30 p.m. Gallery Talk: Marking Time: Andy Warhol's Vision of Celebrations, Commemorations, and Anniversaries with presentations by SUNY New Paltz student exhibition researchers, moderated by exhibition curator Reva Wolf. The Dorsky Museum, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

March 12 - Rosendale Winter Farmers' Market: Many fine vendors, children's activities and live music by local musicians. Évery second and fourth Sunday. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rosendale Recreation Center, 1055 Route 32, Rosendale. 845-658-8348; rosendalefarmersmarketny.com

March 17, 18, 24, 25 - **New York State Maple Weekend at Frost Valley**: Open house at the sugar house from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 17-18 and 24-25. Tours and education on the maple sugaring operation. Free samples will be available and syrup will be available to purchase at the sugarhouse by cash or check only. Part of New York State Maple Weekends. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org

March 18 - Kingston Model Train and Railroad Hobby Show: Largest model train and hobby show in Ulster County. Train layouts, dealer tables, operated toy trains, food, raffles, Thomas the Tank trains and more. Accessible. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission \$7, children 12 and under \$2. Murphy Midtown Center, 467 Broadway, Kingston. 845-481-4198; kingstontrainshow.com

March 24 - 35th Annual Festival of Dance: An exciting celebration of dance, with performances featuring various styles of dance, top-notch dance companies, showcasing choreographers and dancers. Produced by the Ulster Ballet Company. Adults \$25, seniors and members \$22, children 12 and under \$18. 8 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Box office: 845-339-6088; ulsterballet.org; ticketmaster.com

March 24 and 31 - Easter Bunny Express: Shake off that winter chill and celebrate spring with a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt. Climb aboard the vintage trains at the Kingston Plaza station for a ride across the Hurley Flats to Hurley Mountain and return. See website for times and tickets. Westbrook Lane Station, 149 Aaron Court, Kingston. 845-688-7400; catskillmtrailroad.com

25 Dylan Foley Concert: All Ireland Fiddle champion Dylan Foley returns with guest guitarist for (mostly) Irish song, dance and fantastic fiddling. 2 p.m-3 p.m. Doors open 1:45 p.m. Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center St., Ellenville. 845-647-5530; eplm.org



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Creating your own art is a form of meditation and a therapy unique to your own self. In the Spirit of Sumi-e, written and illustrated by Linda G. Comando, is an easily understood explanation including simplified drawings that will lead you on a path of relaxation and will reveal your own potentiality and creativity. Now available on Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\_sb\_noss?url = s e ar ch - alia s % 3D strip b o o k s & field-keywords=linda+comando (Monticello, NY) One in five families has a loved one who's been diagnosed with a psychiatric illness. Like any other chronic illness, these affect not only the person with the diagnosis, but the entire family. NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free, confidential, eleven session course for family, significant others and friends of people living with mental illness. The comprehensive course is taught by trained NAMI members with lived experience and offers education and support, teaching knowledge and skills that help families cope more effectively. A local skills that help families cope more effectively. A local course begins on April 5th and will meet through June 14th on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:30 at 20 Crystal Street on Inursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:50 at 20 Crystal Street in Monticello. The course is sponsored by NAMI Sullivan County, NY - the County's voice on mental illness. Classes fill up quickly and pre-registration is required on or before March 9th. NAMI Family-to-Family is designed to facilitate a bet-ter understanding of mental illness, to increase coping skills

and empower participants to become advocates for their loved ones. Presentations, discussion and interactive exer-cises take place in a group setting to provide mutual support and shared positive impact. You will learn about managing crises, solving problems and communicating effectively. for this Summer's musical, "Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allen Poe." This unique, wildly the-atrical musical combines haunting music and poetic storytelling to chronicle the fascinating life of the iconic American writer. Under the direction of Dawn Perneszi, with Musical Director, Leon Hilfstein, auditions are slated for Sunday, March 4th from 1 -3:30 PM at the Mobilemedic Building, 266 Main Street, Hurleyville and on Friday, March 9th from 6 - 8 PM and Saturday, March 10th from 12 - 3 PM at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville.

Actors Needed (Ages 16-50+) for Lead Roles and Company Roles. Strong singers are needed, including Baritenors, Baritones, Tenors, Sopranos and Altos. Please come with a prepared monologue and song that shows off your range; an accompanist will be provided. We are also seeking musicians for a pit orchestra for this production - in particular, Violin, Cello, Percussion, Guitar, Bass, . Keyboard.

Production dates for "Nevermore" are August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. For additional information or to schedule an alternate audition, please contact Dawn via email at nyx6117@yahoo.com

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### Mid-Winter Pops Concert Has Fallsburg Rocking



Soloist Dafeon Schell performing "Boogie Wonderland" in front of the soprano section of the Chamber Chorus.

McPherson, Jasmine Johnson, Juan Lemus, Madison Lent, Dawn Ruhren, Dafeon Schell, Guillermo Granados, Ch Barber and Alisson Martinez. Chloe

The excellent program was organized by Band Director Ms. Danna Clear and Choral Director Ms. Colleen Barber, with accompaniment by pianist Leon Hilfstein and student drummer Jake Scanna. Senior Rachel Collura used her



Fallsburg High School's Music Department entertained an appreciative audience in the school auditorium on President's Day 2018. The Senior Band and Chamber Chorus chose their selec-

tions wisely for the cold rainy evening. People were clapping, tap-

The night was a true celebration of instrumentation and harmo-Soloists in each of the Choral selections were Dolce

**Ice Giants of Sundown** 

Ymir in Gylfaginning: "Just as cold arose out of Niflheim,

and all terrible things, so also all that looked toward Múspellheim became hot and glowing; but Ginnungagap was as mild as wind-

less air, and when the breath of heat met the rime, so that it melted and dripped, life was quickened from the drops, by the power of that which

According to Norse mythology, the thirteenth-century Icelander Snorri Sturluson tells of the origin of

Senior Band performing the Fallsburg School Song at the end of the program

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dancing skills to nimbly emcee, introduce all musical numbers and jump up on stage to join the band to play the clarinet when the Senior Band was performing.

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rocks, mountains, wilder-ness and dense forests. The giants lived from the fish in the water, and the animals from the dense forests. When the ice from the north was met by sparks of fire from the south it min-gled in Ginnungagap, and the ice began to thaw – and so it is in Sundown! Sundown has its very

Sundown has its very own beautiful ice giants. This time of the year, if you take a ride along Peekamoose Road you will see many beautifully sculpted ice formations that will soon melt. This melting ice will become the elixir of life for many.

### Frost Valley YMCA Participates in NY State Maple Weekend

The maple trees are finally beginning to thaw here in the Catskills, and at Frost Valley YMCA, that means maple-sugaring season is in full swing! Frost Valley invites guests to two free annual Maple Sugaring Open House Weekends on March 17-18 and March 24-25 to learn about the process of turning sap into delicious syrup. These weekend events are free to attend and are appropriate for all ages - from the young to the young-at-heart.



During these free Maple Sugaring Open House Weekends, which are a part of the New York State Maple Weekend, visitors learn about the entire tap-to-table process, including: identifying and learning about sugar maple trees (only grown in northeast North America), understanding the tap process, seeing the evaporator, touring Frost Valley's Maple Sugar/Sap House, and finally, tasting a sample of some of the freshest maple syrup around!

Maple Weekends take place March 17-18 and March 24-25, each day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Frost Valley's Sap House, one mile east of Frost Valley's main entrance (2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville). If you are interested in stopping by, please go directly to the Sap House between those hours. Advanced registration is only required for guests who intend to stay overnight for the weekend (rates will apply). For more information, please visit www.frostvalley.org

Don't forget! Spring break is just around the corner and now is the time to plan engaging, growth-filled opportunities for your children. Frost Valley is offering two spring break camps, both running from March 26-30, 2018. Registration is open now for both the traditional spring break day camp as well as a new horse day camp. Transportation is included where available. For more information visit www.frostvalley.org or call 845-985- 2291 today.



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### **DEC Accepting Applications for 15th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards**

Annual Award Recognizes New York Businesses, Institutions, Governments, and Organizations for **Outstanding Achievements in Innovation and Sustainability** 

Applications Accepted through April 13, 2018 Instructional Webinar: Tips to Complete Competitive Award Applications Scheduled for March 7, 2018

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for the 2018 Environmental Excellence Awards program, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. This year marks the 15th anniversary of New York's Environmental Excellence Awards that recognize businesses, institutions, governments, and organizations for their outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and economic viability.

To date, New York has honored 86 committed organizations that are leading by example and inspiring others within their industry and community.

Through Governor Andrew Cuomo's leadership, New York State is an international environmental leader, advancing new and exciting programs to reduce energy use, sustain and protect our irreplaceable natural resources, and help communities tackle climate change, said DEC Commissioner Seggos. "DEC's Environmental Excellence Awards showcase the individuals, organizations, and businesses that are key to implementing these priorities and setting the example for others across the state and the country.

Businesses (i.e., small, medium and large businesses, manufacturing, retail, agri-business, renewable energy, hospitality, sports, etc.); not-for-profit organizations; academic, health care and recreational facilities; individual(s) and local, state, federal, and Indian Nation government agencies are all eligible to apply.

DEC is encouraging organizations that are implementing innovative approaches and technologies, advancing sustainable practices, generating economic growth, harnessing the power of creative partnerships, and achieving extraordinary outcomes to apply. Competitive applications will focus on projects or programs resulting in significant environmental benefits by:

0 Reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

Helping adapt to our changing climate; 0

Reducing food waste or encouraging recycling and 0 composting programs;

Developing "green tech" solutions; 0

o Implementing initiatives to "green" businesses, farms, schools, recreational, sports, health care and hospitality facilities;

o Supporting clean energy and green infrastructure projects;

o Developing creative natural resource/habitat protection or restoration efforts;

Improving energy efficiency;

Implementing sustainable education and training pro-0 grams;

Improving manufacturing processes; and

Supporting creative urban forestry or farming practices,

including programs to advance "farm to table" efforts. A DEC Webinar: "Lead by Example! Be A NYS Environmental Excellence Award Winner" on Wednesday March 7, from 10:00 AM to 11:30AM will provide details about the awards program and how to submit a competitive application. Participants will also hear from previous award recipients about the importance and benefits of receiving statewide recognition and leading by example. Those interested in joining the webinar can do so by using this link https://tinyurl.com/EEA2018.

Completed applications for the 2018 awards must be submitted by Friday, April 13, 2018. Award winners will be honored at a 15th anniversary event in November. At that time, winners will have an opportunity to present and display information about their award-winning project or program.

Benefits of receiving an award include visibility as a sector leader and advancing an organization's mission through networking and marketing opportunities.

Since the program began in 2004, award winners have had positive impacts on New York's economy and have contributed to impressive improvements of New York's environment such as:

o reducing or eliminating more than 174,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gas emissions:

producing at least 1.4 million kilowatt hours of electricity from solar installations and saving 214 million kilowatt hours of electricity;

o reducing the use of petroleum products by more than 12

million gallons;

o reducing water consumption by more than 90 million gallons:

capturing at least 46 million gallons of stormwater; 0 diverting nearly 350,000 tons of waste from landfills, including more than two tons of pharmaceutical waste and six tons of batteries annually:

composting nearly 224,000 tons of organic material; 0 preserving thousands of acres of open space, planting thousands of trees, protecting sensitive and critical habitats and improving the health of lakes, ponds and other water resources;

engaging millions of adults and students in sustainable practices at home, work, and school while recreating or attending a sporting event; and

o generating more than \$2.5 million in revenue from transforming waste into opportunities by diverting reusable materials from the landfill.

Information about the award program and the 2018 application materials can be found on DEC's website, or email request to awards@dec.ny.gov, or by writing to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Pollution Prevention Unit, 625 Broadway, 9th Floor, Albany, New York 12233-7253 or by phone to DEC's Pollution Prevention Unit at (518) 402-8706.

Bob Bechtold, President, Harbec, said, "We were honored to receive NYS Environmental Excellence Award because it acknowledged our longstanding commitment to reduce carbon emissions and culminating in our achievement of Carbon Neutrality. We commend NYSDEC's leadership and the Environmental Excellence Award program for continuing to magnify examples of environmental innovation throughout New York. The pursuit of economic growth and sustainable operations go hand in hand. In our experience, businesses that adopt eco-economic decision tools can achieve sustainable economic growth while dramatically reducing their footprint on the environment.

Chris Hicks, Product Manager, Garlock Sealing chnologies, said, "Winning the Environmental Technologies, said, Excellence Award for developing toluene free gaskets has had an impact on how our customers perceive who we are and what we do. Just as important is the lasting impact it has had on our employees. Eliminating toluene from our entire Palmyra campus continues to be a source of pride and a foundation as we continually look for additional ways to implement other 'green' manufacturing options.

Keith Kerman, NYC Chief Fleet Officer, Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), said, "NYC Fleet at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) was proud to have been recognized by New York State DEC for its efforts to clean and green the City's fleet. Since receiving the award in 2015, NYC is working even harder to advance fleet sustainability including working to build the nation's largest electric fleet. We appreciate the partnership of DEC and encourage others to tell their stories and apply to the Environmental Excellence Awards."

Bonnie Webster, Vice President of Monroe Industries, said, "This award has not only helped bring people to our showroom and added to our sales, but it has also opened up doors for additional recognition from our industry. Customers feel better knowing they're working with a company that is environmentally friendly. It's good for our bottom line and good for the environment.

### Teen Research & Writing Lab at Monticello Library

The library is offering a new program for teens. Beginning this month, we will offer Research & Writing Lab hours on the second Monday of each month from 4:00-7:00pm. Stop by the Youth Services office for help with: finding online & print sources, navigating online databases, evaluating sources, eliminating fake news sources, formatting research papers, writing citations, proofreading & editing, and more. If you are working on a specific assignment, please bring a copy of the assignment instructions and anything you have started already.

This program is free but space is limited, so registra-tion is required. For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4660 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the handle @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.



### Local Library to Offer Free Practice SAT Exam

The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello will be offering a free practice SAT exam for teens on Saturday, March 17th at 11am. The test, proctored by leading test prep agency, Princeton Review, will take approximately 4 hours. Space is limited and registration is required. To register please call the library at 845-794-4660 ext. 5. Students are expected to bring their own pencils and calculators. If you do not have pencils or a calculator, contact the youth services librarian and we will do our best to assist.

After the exam, Princeton Review will contact each student with a detailed score report including analysis of strengths and weaknesses and recommended plan for improvement. Space will fill up fast. Call now to reserve your spot. This free practice exam will take place once in the fall and once in the spring of each year. The library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello.

### **Movers & Shakers Dance Party at Monticello Library**

While our story times are on a break this month, you can still have a blast at the library. We are hosting another awesome dance party for infants-preschoolers and their families. There will be glow sticks, disco lights, & bubbles for the kids; coffee & tea for the parents! This event will take place Friday, March 16th at 11am. Registration is not required, but is encouraged.

Story times will begin again on April 9th and take place at 10am on Mondays and 11am on Fridays. Our story times use rhymes, movement, songs, books, crafts, and music to develop early literacy skills that children will need when they begin to read. Story times are appro-priate for ages 2-5. We also offer Baby Brain Time for younger children. For more information on any of our children's programming visit our website at ebcpl.org or follow us on facebook, Instagram or twitter: @ebcplibrary. The library is located at 479 Broadway and all children's programs are free and open to the public.

### Weekend Movie Screenings at **Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library**

Each Saturday at 1pm the library provides family entertainment free of charge. The first Saturday of each month is designated our Teen Movie week, with the movie rating up to PG-13. Every other Saturday is a family movie with ratings up to PG. Movies are recent releases or relevant to holidays, events, and headlines. Bring some friends and your favorite movie snack and settle in for a great film with us. To find out what movie is playing each week, call the library at 845-794-4660 ext. 5

To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow us on social media @ebcplibrary. The library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello and programs are free and open to the public.

## Work Week with Congressman Faso (From Pg 1) Three Upstate Hospitals Benefit in Bipartisan

**Budget Deal** The bipartisan budget deal included an extension of the Low-Volume (LV) Hospital Adjustment program, which ben-efits three hospitals in the 19th district. Aurelia Osborn Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta, Catskill Regional Medical Center in Sullivan County, and Cobleskill Regional Hospital in Schoharie County all qualify for assistance under the LV program.

The LV program assists these hospitals in providing quality care in medically underserved areas. I'm glad the biparti-san budget deal addressed this important issue and I look forward to finding other ways to assist hospitals in delivering high quality care.

### **Responding to the Florida School Shooting**

The tragic school shooting in Florida highlights the need to ensure that those who should not have a firearm, such as the Florida shooter, are not able to purchase one. We know that the FBI and local sheriff's office both received numerous warnings of the shooter's instability and violent behavior. Despite those warnings, nothing was done. The school shooter should have been ineligible to purchase any sort of firearm, including an AR-15.

Congress and state legislatures need to improve systems so that background checks are done correctly and that there is accountability when failures occur. Previously, I have supported and continue to support strengthened background check proposals like the one included in the 'Fix-NICS' legislation originally written by the bipartisan team of Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Chris Murphy (D-CT).

Additionally, fully automatic weapons are subject to highly restrictive regulation and any device that essentially turns a semiautomatic weapon into an automatic weapon should be treated similarly. I agree with President Trump's decision to direct the Department of Justice to ban bump stocks. Finally, we should also seriously consider raising the age

for purchase of semiautomatic firearms to age 21 as well as other measures to better protect schools and other potentially vulnerable locations

### Learning more about Coast Guard Operations in NY

The Coast Guard plays a critical role managing the water-ways in and around New York. I spent Wednesday morning learning more about the Coast Guard operations on the Hudson River on the cutter Penobscot Bay as guest of Rear Admiral Steven Poulin. Coast Guard ice cutting operations are vital during winter months to keep the river open to commercial traffic between Albany and New York City. Admiral Poulin and I also discussed a range of issues regarding the Coast Guard's role in navigation safety and homeland security in the Hudson Valley. **Hudson Valley Duck Producers** I took a tour of Hudson Valley Foie Gras to learn more

about their poultry business. HVFG specializes in a variety of high-end duck and chicken products, and along with fellow Sullivan County producer La Belle Farm, the companies com-bine for \$60 million in annual gross sales. The companies employ hundreds of workers in the area. As part of our discussion, HVFG also raised the ongoing nego-

tiations regarding DACA. The company employs a number of workers who have registered in the DACA program and I reiter-ated my view that Congress needs to enact legislation to provide eligible DACA recipients with permanent US residency Spurring Technological Advancement to Address Climate Change

I joined my colleague Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL) in introducing the bipartisan Challenges and Prizes for Climate Act of 2018 to spur innovation in key areas to combat climate change. The legislation, which utilizies existing federal prize authority, encourages public-private partnerships, pays only for perform-ance, and accelerates technology and market development. Increased efficiency and continued technological innovation

in clean energy will help the U.S. economy grow in the coming decades. We should do all we can to incentivize progress and assist the private sector economy in innovating and inspiring technological changes which will reduce the impact of climate change. This legislation is a step in the right direction in terms of incentivizing real progress through public-private partnerships. I was happy to join Rep. Lipinski in introducing this bi-partisan legislation.

I am pleased to see the Audubon Society expressed their support for this innovative bill and will continue to find ways to spur technological advancement to address our changing climate Tax Filing Season Approaching

Tax filing deadlines are approaching. The Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offer free tax help to those who need assistance.

The IRS website has more information on these services, including a site locator so you can find a convenient location to visit along with phone numbers to utilize.

Improving Rail Safety Last week, I chaired a hearing of the Rail Subcommittee and asked a representative of Amtrak about the difficulty of implementing new technological safety measures. The committee received an update on installation of Positive Train Control (PTC) which all passenger and freight lines are supposed to install by the end of 2018. We heard progress in this regard,

but I remain concerned about passenger rail and the slow progress on PTC in some areas. I will continue to remain focused on this important issue. Upcoming Mobile Office Hours

Are you in need of assistance from a federal agency? Or have you been in contact with a federal agency and need an advocate? My office will be holding mobile office hours at Amenia Town Hall at 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY on February 28th from 11 am - 1 pm.

A member of my staff will able to assist you with veterans benefits claims, social security inquiries, or any other casework issue you may have. You can contact my district office in Kingston at (845) 514-2322 for any questions or concerns.

### **UC Executive Mike Hein Announces SIA** Award for 2017/2018 Travel Guide

KINGSTON, N.Y. (February 20, 2018) - County Executive Mike Hein is proud to announce that Ulster County Tourism has won the Service Industry Advertising (SIA) Design Gold Award for the County's 2017/18 Travel Guide. It is the seventh year in a row that Ulster County Tourism's Travel Guide has been honored with the nationally recognized award.

The 68-page, full-color guide, which has been distributed across the country, highlights Ulster County's many attributes as a trav-el destination. The award recognizes the publication's use of strong graphics, photos and copywriting to showcase the County's rich history, farm-to-table options, numerous events and activities, accommodations, culture and recreational opportunities.

"We are delighted that Ulster County Tourism has again been honored with the SIA Award for our Travel Guide," County Executive Hein said. "Our annual Travel Guide invites visitors from New York State, the Northeast and across the United States to share in Ulster County's natural beauty. The creativity of the Travel Guide helps capture the amazing tapestry of events, places and people that make Ulster County a premier travel destination. Congratulations to everyone involved in developing it."

The SIA Award is the only awards program to recognize adver-The SIA Award is the only awards program to recognize adver-tising and marketing efforts in the service industry, specifically honoring creativity and communication that represents the very best the industry has to offer. There were more than 1,900 total entries in 2017. The awards recognize outstanding communica-tions via print, television, radio, online media and social media. The 2017/18 Ulster County Tourism Travel Guide, which also featured a popular pullout may provide information on the features a popular pullout map, provides information on the recreational, cultural, dining and lodging opportunities across the region. It includes engaging photos, crisp graphics, and an attracregion. If includes engaging photos, crisp graphics, and an attrac-tive layout, which all combine to offer a truly attention-grabbing guide for visitors to Ulster County. The cover features a beauti-ful photo from local photographer Steve Aaron of sunset at the Bear Hill Nature Preserve at Cragsmoor. "Through our Travel Guide and various other marketing efforts, Ulster County Tourism is continuing to bring more people to our region," Ulster County Tourism Director Richard J. Remsnyder said "This in turn helps to strengthen our local economy."

region," Ulster County Tourism Director Richard J. Kennsnyuer said. "This in turn, helps to strengthen our local economy." Located just 90-miles from Manhattan, Ulster County offers a

wide array of recreational options like hiking, biking, swimming, rock climbing, horseback riding, golf and much more. It's also home to a rich arts and cultural scene, including galleries, antique shops, theaters and museums, as well as a number of wineries, breweries and distilleries. To view the 2017/18 Ulster County Tourism Travel Guide

online, visit http://ulstercountyalive.com/ulster-countytourism-guide.



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Did you know happiness is contagious and affects the happiness of others with whom you are connected?

According to recent research by the University of Pennsylvania - making yourself and those around you happy is not only possible, it is also really quite easy. All you have to do, quite literally, is spread the word! The study tracked the circulation of almost 7000 articles from the New York Times over a three-month period and found that positive articles were shared more often than negative articles.

A strange thing happens when you write about something going right. People take notice. They will read it to the end and will confidently divulge it to their friends.

The researchers also found that people who habitually tend to talk to people they are close with about the good things that are happening to them also tend to feel happier and more satisfied with life. The more these people communicated their happiness with someone on a given day, the happier they were. We actually have three times more positive experiences than negative!

Why not start capitalizing on all the good in our lives, rather than make us slaves to the negative?

Researchers have identified two major habits that keep us from experiencing, applying, and expanding our joy negative bias and habituation. Negative bias refers to our mind's inherent tendency to give more weight to the negative. Roy Baumeister has shown that we tend to remember and focus more on negative experiences. Habituation refers to the fact that while we receive boosts of happiness from new positive experiences, in due time, we get used to these experiences and they no longer have the same effect.

How can we prevent this tendency to give greater weight to the negative experiences in our life? Another recent study by Nathaniel Lambert and colleagues at Brigham Young University gives us a clue. Their research shows that discussing positive experiences leads to heightened well-being, increased overall life satisfaction and even more energy. Making daily lists of the things you feel grateful for - which will help draw our attention to the positive experiences in our lives - improves our psychological and physical health and well-being. The researchers found that people who habitually tend to talk to people they are close with about the good things that are happening to them also tend to feel happier and more satisfied with life. At the heart of the matter, sharing our joy increases joy. Telling people about our happiness has far greater benefits than just remembering it or writing it down and keeping it for ourselves. It is a worthwhile goal to pursue not just for oneself but for our community. In turn, we can help support others' joy by encouraging them to share their most positive experiences, and the things they feel grateful for, too. Supporting a friend or acquaintance's well-being in turn may impact not only ourselves but the well-being of all the people connected to that friend.

Albert Schweitzer, a German physician and Nobel Peace Prize winner, was right when he said "Happiness is the only thing that multiplies when you share it."

Our readers, family, friends and neighbors are invited to write their positive experiences down and send them to The Townsman to be shared in our new column - If you See Something Nice - Say It!

For example, if you have ever visited SUNY Sullivan, did you notice how clean the bathrooms are? I have been to SUNY Sullivan for meetings, plays, graduations and even as a student over the past 40 or so years and I have always experienced super clean bathrooms! Don't you think it is time I said this and shared it with you?

Another happy experience - for the past several Wednesdays while delivering *The Townsman*, including the week she turned 80 years old, I have run into a beautiful lady named Sylvia. Before Sylvia leaves the house, she must make sure that her make up is on in order to compliment her tasteful, outfits that she creates and sews! I just learned that Sylvia is now busy on a new project - making lap quilts for Veteran's. With a big smile, she said, "It is my way of saying 'thank you'.'

Good things are happening all over! Good things make good stories. We just love good stories and look forward to spreading good news!

Send your story (up to 300 words) to: The Townsman, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740, tvtownsman@yahoo.com or you can drop it off in the Drop Box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building.

THANK YOU ... hope to hear from you soon!

**MARCH 1, 2018** 

### THE TOWNSMAN 8th Annual Rock Hill St. **Claryville Fire Dept. Claryville Fire Dept.** The Grahamsville United Methodist Church Patrick's Day Parade Join the Rock Hill Business and All You Can Eat All You Can Eat **Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper** Community Association and the Rock Community Association and the Rock Hill Fire Department for the 8th Annual Rock Hill St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 10th at 2PM. The day's activities kick off at 1PM with live music on the stage. This year's parade will fea-ture bagpipers, a Pipe and Drum Band, the Walker Valley Marching Band, local fire departments, community marchers, antique cars horses veterans and more! Pancake Breakfast invites you to visit the Beer and Soda Included Thrift Ministry in our recently Sunday, March 25th improved building on the hill! Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes purses, and linens can now be Serving 7:00 until found under one roof. antique cars, horses, veterans and more! 12 Noon "The Boutique" which offers new and gently Saturday, March 17 For more information on marching or to become a Rock Hill Business and Adults: \$9 used items is now located on the first floor of Community Association member visit our Serving 4:00 until 700 PM Adults: \$13 the Thrift Building. Children Ages 5-11: \$5 Facebook page at www.face-book.com/rhbca12775 or contact Gary www.face-**Upcoming Saturday sales from** Under 5 Yrs. Free Children Ages 5-11: \$8 Under 5 Yrs. Free 9:00 am to noon: Budnik at rhbca12775@gmail.comor call Budnik at rhbca12775@gmail.comor call 845-866-3783. 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Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283 March 17th Sundown THIRD SATURDAY United Methodist Daily Mass schedule: e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am **Church Hall THRIFT SALE** 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon **Grahamsville United Methodist Church** Rte. 55, Grahamsville Rte. 55, Grahamsville Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30a.m. Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available! For information contact Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff 845-985-2283 0° Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643. e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com St . Augustine's Chapel Watson Hollow Rd .• West Shokan, NY **Loucks Funeral Home** Sunday Mass - 9:30 am Holy Days 5:30 pm **Geoff and Heather Hazzard** COLONIAL MONUMENTS & Anthony Perito Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month 888-856-8619 845-434-7363 **Rev. George W. 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### PARENTS OF NON-PUBLICSCHOOL STUDENTS

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2018-2019 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2018.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their requests to:

District Clerk Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, New York 12740

By Order of the Board of Education.

Norma Peña District Clerk	
February 19, 2018	3/1; 3/8; 3/15

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2017 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD Joy Monforte, RMC Feb. 20th, 2017 3/1;

### Sullivan County School Boards Association's – A Prospective School Board Member Workshop

Liberty: On March 19th, the Sullivan County School Boards Association is hosting a FREE orientation for community residents interested in becoming a local school board member. The workshop will take place at Sullivan County BOCES' Administration Building in Liberty from 6 to 8 pm, in Conference Room One. The orientation will provide individuals with infor-

The orientation will provide individuals with information regarding what it takes to become a school board member, board responsibilities, time commitments, and the decision making process of the school board.

This workshop is something you don't want to miss. Registration is required by March 16th. To reserve your seat, call (845) 866-6949 or e-mail tdefrank@libertyk12.org.

Make a difference on the future of tomorrow by becoming a school board member today!

### SC Youth Bureau Announces 2018 Grant Opportunities

Monticello, NY - The Sullivan County Youth Bureau is now accepting grant applications from organizations which serve children and youth within Sullivan County.

The Youth Bureau receives monies annually from the County and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund youth development programs within Sullivan County. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities.

"The most successful youth programs in Sullivan County have used Youth Bureau funding to expand their programs and reach," notes District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee, to which the Bureau reports. "The funds we offer can make a key difference in the lives of children County-wide."

Organizations which would like to apply and be considered for funding are requested to contact the Youth Bureau and submit completed applications by Friday, April 6, 2018.

For more information, please call the Youth Bureau at (845) 807-0394.

**Tri-Valley Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration** The Tri-Valley Central School District will hold Pre-Kindergarten Registration for children who will be 4 years old before December 1, 2018. Registration dates and times are: May 1, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and May 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Registration will be held in the Elementary Cafeteria. Please call Kathi Smith at 985-2296, Ext. 5405 for a list of what documents need to be supplied at the time of registration.

If you would like to register a student for Kindergarten who did not attend Tri-Valley Pre-K, please call Kathi Smith. 3/1; 4/12; 4/19

### The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum News

### 2018 CATSKILL LEGENDS NAMED

These are the fly fishing pioneers who discovered and appreciated the richness of the rivers and streams in the Catskills; the champions of these waters who protected every inch that flowed; the authors and historians who shared the romance of the Catskill experience. These are the individuals who have kept the Catskills alive for future generations to enjoy. This year on April 7, the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum will rec-ognize: Kris Lee, Ed Ostapczuk, Jack Yelle. The honorary induction and dinner will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Arnold House on Shandelee Road in Livingston Manor. Reserve your tickets today by calling the Center. Price is \$50 for members, \$60 non members, \$100 patron ticket or \$500 for a table of 8.

### **CFFCM's Winter Hours**

The Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday during February and March. As you plan your visit, please call the office and make sure we are open. We want the safety of our members, guests and staff to come first. The weather in the Catskills changes so quickly and snow and ice storms happen frequently during these next few months (and sometimes even into April!) so be sure to call ahead before coming across the bridge.

### ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS BOOK SALE

In a few short weeks our March Madness Book Sale begins! CFFCM volunteer Nina Daley has been working diligently listing all books to be included during this digital sale with the technical assistance of Nick Mango, who has updated the store collection. Donated books are evaluated for possible inclusion in our archive and member lending libraries, or for resale if not needed in our libraries. Please review the following book donation guidelines to ensure that we can accept your books before you deliver them.

Books must be relevant to fly fishing, stream ecology, or local (Catskill/Hudson area) history. We also accept books about game bird hunting, firearms, river journeys and guides, fish cook books, and local trail guides. Other books that will be considered are those with historical significance in the general realm of environmental conservation, and additional rare books in good condition.

We regret that we cannot accept other books that are unrelated to fly fishing, including books primarily about bait, spin, deep sea or commercial fishing; big game hunting; outdoor pursuits such as hiking and camping; and National Geo-graphic - type books about fish, rivers, ocean life, wildlife, parks, etc.

All donated books must be in good or better condition - no substantial mold, mildew, or other moisture damage; or badly torn, loose, or missing pages.

Donors who want a receipt must make an itemized list by author and title and provide to the office along with the donation otherwise a summary receipt of the number and condition of books will be issued.

Books can be dropped off any time in the month of February to be included in the sale. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the office at 845-438-4810 or send an email to us at office@cffcm.com. Happy Reading!

### **2018 EXHIBITS IN PROGRESS**

Winter at the center means time used wisely to plan out the upcoming season of events. With over 200 programs that occur between the months of April to November at the CFFCM, there is much to plan and organize for exciting times ahead. The property and facilities will soon be teeming with guests, visitors and members from near and far who utilize our beautiful surroundings. This year the museum will be hosting three new exhibits for those who come across the bridge and visit. We are excited for these new additions!

The Masters Fly Collection has been a three decade plus project curated by Tom Zacoi of Venetia, PA. It includes over 2000 flies in nine museum quality wood fly cases. Three cases hold 48 vials of preserved entomological specimens that represent major hatches across North America with flies tied for each life cycle stage of the insect's development. Three additional cases house realistic, salmon, saltwater, bass and caddis flies.

Fish Tales is an interactive exhibit where visitors can record their tales to share with other angling enthusiasts. Wheth-er it is your biggest catch, a special memory or a highlight of the best (or worst) day on the water, this exhibit provides an entertaining scope into angling adventures.

The Neversink River is an exhibit on loan from Time and the Valley Museum down in Grahamsville, NY. This pictorial and historical exhibit focuses on the landscape and people that helped influence the Neversink river area and region. We are grateful to Lori Miesner who helped procure this exhibit to share in our venue for the upcoming season.

### SIGN UP FOR CLASSES AT CFFCM

Students are already registering for spring and summer classes at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. Dates and costs vary, and most classes have minimum and maximum numbers of students. More classes will be added.

To reserve a spot, individuals must prepay the entire amount. This can be done in one payment or special arrange-ments can be made with the office. Cancellations will have money refunded, less 10%. No refund for cancellation 30 days or less before the class. Call CFFCM to register.

SPLIT BAMBOO RODMAKING CLASS - Individual students will make a ferruled blank with grip and reel seat installed, and receive instructions on wrapping the guides and applying the finish in the student's speed and style at home. This year the class will run from Sunday, May 20 to Saturday, May 26 with plans to start early on evening Sunday; student will probably be able to finish on Friday the 25th, but will have the workshop open if needed on the 26th. Each class must have a minimum of three students enrolled by April 1 or it will be cancelled. Classes are usually limited to six students. Cost of the class is \$1400 and CFFCM members get a 10% discount. The price includes all ma-terials and instruction, as well as a light breakfast and sandwich lunch each day (dinner is not included). Class members may stay in a bunkhouse provided they pay the maintenance charge of \$20 for one to three nights, \$50 for four to seven nights.

Instructors David VanBurgel and Kathy Scott live at the edge of the Great North Woods in Maine. They have been teaching this class since 2003. At the Catskill Rodmakers Gathering in 2016, they received the 2016 Bellinger Award for quality and integrity in craftsmanship.

FURLED LEADER MAKING CLASS - Register now for the unique experience of constructing high quality furled leaders while receiving personalized, one-on- one instruction with Rick Bobrick in a historical setting along the Willowemoc Creek in Livingston, New York. Ninety minute instructional sessions have a very relaxed pace allowing each participant to make two 6.5' furled leaders ready to fish! Leaders are made using 2 lb. test Maxima Ultra-Green monofilament in a five-step, knotless taper. These leaders do not make use of metal rings, instead students will learn how to create the unique micro-mono tippet loop developed by the instructor. The properties of furled leaders make them an exceptional choice for dry fly fishing. They are strong and supple with near zero memo-ry, re-ducing drag for better presentations. The monofilament construction provides superior turnover and built-in stretch to cushion light tippets and they are also extremely durable, easily lasting for multiple seasons. Students will also receive complimentary paste floatant and learn two new "game changing" knots that will literally help catch more trout! This furled leader making class is expected to fill up quickly due to a very limited capacity; the cost is \$65 and includes all materials and equipment. Classes will take place on Saturdays in March in the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Muse-um Heritage Crafts workshop. Contact: Samantha Mango (smango@cffcm.com or 845-439-4810) to reserve your spot!

### MARCH 1, 2018

### Town of Neversink Parks &

Recreation



Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312 www.townofneversink.org

2018 Updoming Events Jan 7 - Mar 4 Sundays Discounted Passes Skiing & Snowboarding at Holiday Mt.

### 4/13 Free Animal Embassy Presentation 4/30 May 4 Screen Free Week 5/15 Tour of Bethel Woods Museum & Lunch

6/1 Sister Act Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre - SOLD OUT! 6/10 Wine, Food, Music Bounty of the Hudson 7/4 Decorated Bicycle Parade & Albi Concert 7/13 Free Water Fun at Grahamsville Fairgrounds 8/4 NY Renaissance Fair 9/29 Garlic Festival

10/13 Jack O Lantern Blaze

10/27 Look for our Trunk at the PTO Trunk or Treat

11/3-11/4 Indoor Water Park Sleepover

12/1 Transportation to NYC

12/2 Elf Workshop & Tree LIghting

12/15 Disney on Ice



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233. The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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. Immacu-late Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methoaisi C N. Main Street, Liberty odist Church, 170

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.



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### THE TOWNSMAN

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3/3/18	Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
3/4/18	Time and the Valleys Museum <i>Return of the Eagle</i> -2 pm Members Free/Non-members \$3
3/6/18	Town of Denning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
3/7/18	TVTA and TESSA for Read Across America - (See flyer insert for details)
3/8/18	Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
3/8/18	Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
3/15/18	Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm
3/13/18	Town of Denning Board Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall
3/17/18	Third Saturday Thrift Sale - Grahamsville UMC 9 am - 12 Noon
3/17/18	Claryville Fire Department Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner - 4 - 7 pm
3/19/18	Tri-Valley Booster Club- C.A.S.T 6:30 pm TVCS Secondary School Library
3/20/18	Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm Grahamsville Firehouse
3/25/17	Claryville Fire Department All You Can Eat Breakfast - 7 am to Noon
3/26/18	Neversink Chamber of Commerce Meeting. 7 pm Daniel Pierece Library Community Room
4/13/18	Neversink Parks & Rec Free Animal Embassy Presentation (see ad on pg. 8)
4/14/18	Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner
4/18/18	Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm (No March Meeting)

### SAVE THE DATE!

May 25-28, 2018 Sundown Community 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale! Apr 7 - Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following

places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties

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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

<u>**Town of Olive Planning Board**</u> meets the <u>**first and third Tuesdays of each month**</u>. 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.

**Boy Scout Troop 97** Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner **Neversink Fire House** April 7th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm We will be serving fish or chicken and chips, coleslaw, drinks and a dessert. Adults \$13.00 • Children under 12 \$8.00

10:00 am - 2:30 pm			
January 11th	May 10th	September 13th	
February 15th	June 14th	October 11th	
March 15th	July 12th	November 15th	
April 12th	August 16th	December 13th	

Please purchase your single serve meal tickets in advance from: Boy Scout Neversink Troop 97 Neil Terwilliger at (845)-798-3328 or Chris Morgan at (845)-985 9952

Maple Weekend in Ulster County New York State Maple Weekend at Sugar Shack: See firsthand how real maple syrup is made and to get a tour of our maple farm. March 17-18 and 24-25, 10 a.m-4 p.m. Corey's Fall Harvest Farm, Sugar Shack, 105 Hawley's Corners Road, Highland. 845-943-8013; coreys-

farm.com Ashokan Maple Fest: March 18 - Fun,

hands-on activities, music and pancake break-fast all day. Pancake breakfast with Ashokan maple syrup and sweet Jack Wax maple candy. Entry \$5. Additional charge for crafts and pan-cakes. The Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845- 657-8333; ashokancenter.org

### Maple Production Continues to **Grow to Record Numbers**

New Yorkers Encouraged to Participate in Maple Weekends Taking Place at Nearly 180 Locations Across the State March 17-18 and March 24-25

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the New York State Grown & Certified pro-gram is expanding to include the New York maple industry. The program will increase expo-sure for New York's maple producers, who rank second in the nation in syrup production and generate an estimated economic impact of \$141 million each year. Annual Maple Weekends scheduled for March 17-18 and March 24-25 will help spotlight the growing maple industry and boost awareness of producers in the Grown & Certified program.

"Maple production in New York is thriving once again and it continues to be a driving force for this state's agricultural industry," Governor Cuomo said. "Expanding the New York State

Grown & Certified program to include maple means we can promote more of New York's finest producers, connect consumers to highquality products, and support the growth of local communities across the state."

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul participated in the first ceremonial tree-tapping of the season at Smith's Maple Farm in Hamburg, Erie County.

'As someone who has visited countless maple syrup facilities, I've seen the struggles faced by our farm community, particularly when Mother Nature wreaks havoc with the weather, said Lieutenant Governor Hochul. "Maple syrup production in New York ranks second in the nation. This program will continue to build and support the syrup industry and we're proud to celebrate the producers' success with Maple Weekends in March."

Starting next week, maple farms across the starting next week, maple rams across the state will open their doors to the public to offer tours and pancake breakfasts, sell maple prod-ucts, and demonstrate the syrup-making process, which includes the traditional system of hanging buckets on trees or more modern methods of production using vacuum systems to increase the production using vacuum systems to increase the

yield of sap per tree. Maple Weekends will take place March 17-18 and March 24 -25 at 178 maple farms in 45 upstate counties. Over 400,000 visitors are expected to participate in Maple Weekends activities, boosting agri-tourism across the state. New York State Grown & Certified pro-

motes New York's agricultural producers and growers who adhere to food safety and environmental sustainability standards. For maple, the syrup must be sourced from New York maple trees and processed in New York State. To meet the food safety standards, participants must have

successfully completed a maple food safety class, developed in partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Western New York Maple Producers Association, and must follow food safety best practices that are subject to an onsite audit.

In addition, a maple producer must participate in an environmental management program that promotes sustainability and keeps forests healthy and productive, such as the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management program, which is administered through the Soil and Conservation Districts, or the Certified Tree Farmer, administered by the American Tree Farm System.

### **Kingston Celebrates St. Patrick** on March 11

The 30th Annual Shamrock Run : Twonile flat, fast and first-class run seeking to break the record for runners in a kilt. Preceding to break Patrick's Day Parade. This year's run to benefit Kingston Catholic School Children's Program. Register online \$20. Check in 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Run starts 12:50 p.m. sharp. Academy Green, 1 Albany Ave., Kingston. 845-514-4654;

shamrockrunners.org 31st Annual Kingston's St. Patrick's Day Parade: Parade kicks off from Kingston Plaza and proceeds down Broadway to the Rondout Creek waterfront district in Kingston. Numerous bands, floats and community organizations celebrate the "wearing of the green" at this annual fun-filled Irish celebration. **Step off 1 p.m. sharp.** Sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians. 845-338-6622; events@ulster-aoh.com; ulsteraoh.com



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Located near the Neversink Reservoir, we are a small operation using an older type evaporator. We sell maple syrup, cream jelly, candies and granulated sugar. We welcome visitors during boiling season, and sell one-of-a-kind butterfly bat and blue bird houses as well as ornamental ones made from old sap buckets.



We are located at 681 Muthig Road, Parksville, NY In Sullivan County Phone: (845) 292-7838

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### "Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia" On TCM Monday March 5, 2018 Kim



(Adventure, 1951) At 4:00 PM don't miss one of Errol Flynn's best. A Rudyard Kipling's classic tale of an orphaned boy who helps the British Army against Indian rebels. Directed by Victor Saville; Starring Errol Flynn, Dean Stockwell, Paul Lukas, Thomas Gomez, and Cecil Kellaway. Rousing action based feature of the Kipling classic set in 1880s India, with British soldiers combatting rebellious natives. Interesting production, remade for TV in 1984 with Peter O'Toole. *Kim*, starting at 4:00 PM C, 113 min CC TV-PG.

Our second film at 8:00 PM on Monday evening March 5, 2018, B/W- 91 min. TV-PG Widescreen CC is

### The Three Faces of Eve (Drama, 1957)

A psychiatrist tries to help a woman integrate her split personalities. Directed by Nunnally Johnson. Starring Joanne Woodward, David Wayne, Lee J. Cobb, Nancy Kulp, and Vince Edwards. Narrated by Alistair Cooke. Academy Award winner, Joanne Woodward, as young woman with multiple personalities and three separate lives. Cobb is a psychiatrist who tries to cure her. Johnson also produced and wrote the screenplay.

Quiz:

*Ĩ*. In *"Kim,"* Who played Kim [O'Hara]?

2. Who played Mahbub Ali, the Red Beard?

### What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood<sup>tm</sup>

### **SUNDOWN**

March 3 - Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm

Residents of Sundown - when you start your Spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside all those things you want to sell at this year's 2nd Annual Memorial Day Miles and Miles of Yard Sale! Keep watching The Townsman for details.

### **GRAHAMSVILLE**

March 17th is the next Grahamsville United Methodist Church Third Saturday Thrift Sale from 9 am to noon

Neversink Parks and Recreation is now offering Sunday Discounted Passes for Skiing and Snowboarding at Holiday Mountain - Jan 7 thru March 4. - Call for info: (845) 985-2262 extension 312 or visit their website: www.townofneversink.org

### **CLARYVILLE**

March 17 - Claryville Fire Department All you Can Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper Beer and Soda Included 4:00 until 700 PM

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