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Congratulations to Newly Inducted National Junior Honor Society Members'



The Tri-Valley National Junior Honor Society.

On Wednesday, February 28, 2018 the National Junior Honor Society Ronech Chapter at Tri-Valley Central School held its annual induction ceremony. The ceremony was attended by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members.

National Junior Honor Society is made up of upcoming freshmen, current freshmen, and current sophomore students. They must have a 90 average in all classes except honors courses, where the minimum grade requirement is an 85. If they have qualified academically, teachers then rate the students in the areas of character, leadership, citizenship, and service. These ratings are then factored in to decide whether they are or are not inducted. (Contd. Pg. 8)

The Perfect Place for a Wedding

Showcasing Sullivan County's top wedding professionals, Claryville Event Center presented their premier wedding event of the year on Sunday afternoon - the Claryville Event Center 2018 Bridal Showcase. Guests had the opportunity to speak with some of the finest wedding professionals in Sullivan County.



Savannah Mendez welcomes guests to the Claryville Event Center 2018 Bridal Showcase on Sunday afternoon

Listening to music, sampling hors d'oeuvres and sipping signature cocktails, future brides, grooms and families had an opportunity to get professional advice from leading wedding experts while having fun and discovering the best options to make their dream wedding come true! (Contd. Pg. 9)

Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall

Thursday, March 1 was another very special day at Tri-Valley Central School. On this day, Tri-Valley's 8th graders participated in a Mock Town Hall collaboration with 8th graders from Columbia Secondary School out of New York City. The Mock Town Hall went back to the year 1900 to debate the issue of building the local reservoirs in our area.

In preparation for the event, students from both schools learned a great deal about our local history with the reservoirs in their English, social studies, science, and agriculture classes. After learning about the history, all participating students were assigned to argue from the perspective of one of four different stakeholder groups: Catskill residents, New York City residents, New York City government officials, or workers of the reservoirs. They did further research to find evidence to support their arguments for their specific group.

On Thursday morning, Columbia Secondary School came to Tri-Valley. Eighth grade students were mixed in their groups (half from one school, half from the other) and had the first part of the morning to meet in their groups and plan out their arguments. This also gave students time to get to know each other.

During the Town Hall, students debated back and forth about the issues concerning the building of the reservoirs. The New York City residents and government talked about the desperate need for clean water. (Contd. Pg. 8)



Students make their points at the Mock Town Hall.

Second Graders and Parents Celebrate Black History Month at BCES



Student Layla Hermann looking proudly at her dad Jason in the Superman shirt

As February drew to a close, Mrs. Leah Exner's second graders at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School were completing their study of Black History Month. They learned about Abraham Lincoln's thoughts on freedom and equality and their connection to the "I have a Dream" Speech of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: "I (Jesus) have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness."
John 12:46

OBITUARIES:

Mary Helen Lara passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Mary was born in Monticello, New York on April 4, 1939 to the late William and Mary (Trinaca) Winfield. She was married to the love of her life, Donald M. Lara, Sr., who predeceased her on June 9, 2011. December 15, 2018 would have been their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mary was a strong, spiritual and loving woman with a true passion for art, history, reading and cooking. Mary had an exquisite eye for detail and her artwork will truly be her legacy to her family. Mary was born with a green thumb and her flower and vegetable gardens were legendary. Mary loved to share her life's adventures and family stories with anyone who would listen. A beloved Nana to many, she always opened up her heart and home to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her four children, Michael Lara and his wife Jennifer, Donna Walter and her partner Lonnie Nilsen, Richard Lara and his wife Kathleen and Donald Lara, Jr. and his wife Samantha. Nana also leaves 8 grandchildren: Amanda, Shannon, Daniel, Christopher, Matthew, Desirea, Gavin and Sophie and 5 great-grandchildren: Lillian, Angelina, Brenden, Natalie, Jayce and Isaiah. Mary is also survived by her sisters, Dorothy Ingram and Joan (John) Uciechowski together with a host of nieces and nephews and extended family.

The family would like to thank the staff of Park Manor for their excellent loving care of Mary over the past year. Donations in Mary's name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

A graveside service was held on Friday, March 2nd at St. Peter's Cemetery, Monticello, NY.

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

Luigi Gelsomino, of Woodbourne, a retired general contractor, passed away on Tuesday the 6th of March, 2018.

Since retirement, Luigi devoted all of his energy to his beloved grandchildren and had a special bond with each of them. He was always engaged with his grandchildren; from playing silly games with the smallest ones, to finding a way with the older kids to add a motor to their toys, even if they couldn't find a reason why a motor was necessary. He loved to see the kids grow and was very patient with them as he helped them learn to walk, ride bikes, and invent new toys. They knew Nonno was the one to go to for any special attention. He was a great friend to many and he will be dearly missed.

He has joined his parents Giuseppe Gelsomino and Orazia Gervasi in eternal rest. He was born October 29, 1950 in Valledolmo, Sicily.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years Maria Grazia at home, his daughters: Marigrace and James Miller, their children Richie and Olivia; Rosemarie and Adam Honsaker, their children Tommy, Emma, and Lizzie; Debra and Anthony Schifano, their children Brielle, Audrey, Brandon, Catie; Gelardina and Ezequiel Francisco, their children Giuliano, Marco, Antonella, and Luciano; Graziella and David Haffner, their children Lorenzo and Santino; and his son, Giuseppe and Molly Gelsomino, along with their children Maria and Francesco Luigi. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Fedele of Thornwood, NY, Concetta, Antonina, Rosa & Francesco all of Sicily, and his father and mother in law, Antonio and Gerardina Molle of Mamaroneck, NY.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Heart Association, PO Box 417005 Boston, MA 02241-7005, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11am at Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, NY with Father John Lynch officiating with burial following at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

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

Christel Kraft passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018 with her husband by her side. She was born on May 29, 1936, in Loewendorf, Germany to the late Rudolf Gartner and Irmgard Alder. Christel, who was 81 when her angels came for her; she was a longtime resident of Neversink, NY, where she resided for nearly 36 years. She retired six years ago, after a long professional life in Hotel Hospitality.

Christel's journey began from East Germany to West Germany in 1965, then on to Canada, where she entered the United States in 1970 to live in New Jersey. From there her adventures continued to West Nyack, NY in 1973, and her final stop was in 1982, Neversink, NY.

Finding a home among the mountains and Mother Nature's children and the Songs of the Wind. She loved dogs.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 34 years, Karlheinz Kraft; her children: Marion Brauer of Muneseter, Germany, Diana Hill and her husband, Wendell of Spring Valley, NY, Corina Hilchey of Ontario, Canada; her grandchildren: Daniella, Kristinia and Keno of Munester, Germany, Dakota of Ontario, Canada, Mathew of Arizona; her great-grandson, Matthew III of Arizona.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 7th at the funeral home. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Arrangements were entrusted to Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home; for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com

COLLEGE NEWS:

Clarkson University has Announced Recipients of Endowed, Sponsored, and Share Clarkson Scholarships for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

Julie M Helthaler of Woodbourne, N.Y., a Clarkson School Student majoring in aeronautical engineering, received the Gary F. Kelly Endowed Scholarship.

Kiara L Cruickshank of Big Indian, N.Y., a senior majoring in biomolecular science, received the George H. Randall '16 and Paul W. Randall '92 Endowed Scholarship.

Allison A Ryan of Shandaken, N.Y., a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, received the Wallace H. Coulter Endowed Scholarship.

Days of Yore

...Today's History...

March 19, 1948 - Two local residents were the victims of accidents over the past weekend. Robert Schick of South Hill was hit in the face by a bucket when the cable holding it broke and caused it to swing around. He required six stitches on the inside of his mouth and hand no injured teeth. On Sunday evening, Horace Sheeley, while driving on the road between Walden and Newburg came upon a car parked in the road without lights. Because another car was coming, there was no room to pass. He put on his brakes, hit some ice and skidded, throwing his care into a complete somersault. There were no injuries.

The Rod and Gun Club ran their last Bingo for a while. On Thursday, they will hold a dance.

1958 - Winter slapped hard once again at the Tri Valley area last Friday, blanketing the section with 4 1/2 inches in Grahamsville, 25 inches at Winnesook, 14 inches on South Hill and 21 inches in Denning at the Strauss Estate. By Monday all roads were reported open.

Members of the Town Board of Bethel last Friday asked Supervisor Harold Barber to resign "in the best interest of the Township". He replied that he was not guilty of any wrong-doing and would not tender his resignation. District Attorney Ben Newberg said this week that witnesses will be called shortly before the grand jury to decide if a crime was committed in the misappropriation of \$4,000 from Bethel's funds and if so, who is responsible.

Among those tapping maple trees are Ray Erath, Roger Becker, Jack Huntsberger, Harold Smith and Anthony Brooks.

Miss Lena VanWagner of Lake Mohonk is home helping her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank VanWagner who are making maple syrup. Mr. Harold Bush is also helping. They had over 50 gallons of syrup made so far.

1968 - Tri Valley School brought home the championship in minor sports for the sixth time in a row.

The Tri-Valley FFA Chapter Meeting Team traveled to the Concord Hotel where they presented a demonstration for Distributive Education Clubs of New York State at their convention.

Grahamsville's newest resident, Dr. William Brooks, was in town Friday at which time title passed on the Clifford and Dorothy Slater farm. The Brook's have not completed their plans for use of the farm and it will be their second home.

1978 - Zip, a resident of Grahamsville, had the misfortune to slip and fall on the ice. He broke two ribs.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club held their March meeting at Community General Hospital in Harris with a lobster dinner. The entire group broke into five small sections and was given a tour of the hospital

A Round About Tri-Valley

Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Christel Kraft, a 36-year Town of Neversink resident, who passed away on March 3rd at the age of 81.

The 2018 Sullivan County Music Festival, which was scheduled for March 3rd had to be canceled due to the snow storm. I have not heard if or when it will be rescheduled.

It was nice to see that Julie Starner of Grahamsville had her photo of a "Winter Waterfall"

selected as a Times Herald Record best photo of the week. The photo was in the March 3rd edition of the paper.

Several maple syrup producers will welcome visitors to their sap houses during the week-ends of March 17 & 18 and March 24 & 25. You are invited to visit the Catskill Mountain Sugar House in Grahamsville, Frost Valley in Claryville, Justus Asthalter in Parksville or the Muthig Maple Syrup Farm on Aden Road in Parksville. Neversink Parks and Rec. will tour Catskill Mountain Sugar House and Muthig Maple Syrup Farm on the 17th. Muthig's is a small operation using an older type of evaporator while the Catskill Mountain Sugar House is more modern.

Tri-Valley School celebrated their 100th day of school on February 21st. The celebration included balloons and banners and each student went home with a 100th day of school pencil compliments of the PTO. Thank you the Mrs. Sandy Ehrets for chairing this event.

Congratulations to Dylan Poley, a Tri-Valley seventh grader, who won the School Geography Beet.

The Easter Bunny will be coming to the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 31st at 11:00 am. Local children are invited to come hunt eggs and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. This event is sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Congratulations to Kaylin Klein, who has been selected as this year's Tri-Valley Valedictorian, and to Jaelyn Musa, who has been selected as Salutatorian.

On Friday, April 13th, there will be an "Animal Embassy Presentation" at the Neversink Firehouse sponsored by Neversink Parks and Rec. The children will learn about various creatures and have a hands-on learning experience. The event begins at 5:00 pm with a walking taco dinner and craft session. The event is limited to 110 participants, so get your permissions slips in ASAP.

The month of March certainly did come in like a LION! Let's hope it goes out like a LAMB!

Words of Wisdom: (From "Just Josting") How fast does sound travel? This depends a good deal upon the nature of the noise you are talking about. The sound of a dinner horn, for instance, travels a half mile a second, while an invitation to get up in the morning has been known to take 3 quarters of an hour going up two pairs of stairs, and then not having strength enough left to be heard. (Josh Billings, was the pen name of Henry Wheeler Shaw)

Correction: Tri-Valley Lions January and February News

Please note correction from last week's article.

We will send a \$100 check to the Heart-a-Thon on February 23rd.

Reminder: Our Journey for Sight Walk will be May 5th at the Fairgrounds 9 am with sign-in at 8:15-9 at the First Aid Building.

The Homecoming Committee is hard at work in preparation for the return of District 200 Governor, Ilene Wizwer on June 1st.

We welcome the eyeglasses and hearing aids you no longer use. Boxes are at Catskill Hudson Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Deli, the Post Office, Town Hall and Neversink General Store.

Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club

Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club held its first meeting of the year with a good turnout. The Club voted to increase the amount of money to buy trout for our local streams. The Club is doing well selling knives at different shows and events. The winners of the Club's Big Buck Contest was: For rifle - Al Spence - 1st Place, Gary TerBush - 2nd Place. For Cross-bow was: Gary TerBush - 1st Place and Arnold Buley - 2nd Place.

Always looking for new members. Check out our Face Book page. Search for Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Inc. Hope everyone is enjoying our weather!

Calvary Baptist Church 12th Sportsmen's Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake is having it's 12th Sportsmen's Dinner. This event will be held on Saturday April 7th 2018 4pm-8pm at the Fire Department Located on Rte 52 in Loch Sheldrake NY 12759.

Tickets are \$12 donation for ages 12 years old and up. This includes a game dinner, door prizes and speaker Steve Little shares hunting tips and stories.

Please call 845-985-7410 for tickets and info.

Tri-Valley PTO Father Daughter Dance

Kindergartners - 6th grade and 6th through 8th grade elementary school students are encouraged to bring their father, step-father, uncle, grandfather, or any important male figure, to enjoy an evening of dancing and light refreshments.

We will have face painting, photographer, and ice cream station. Cost is 5\$ per family.

Date to be announced.

Tri-Valley Notes During Nor'Easter Storm

-William Brenner

First and Second. The community gives it's "thanks" and "appreciation" to the Town of Neversink Highway Department for its non-stop snow plowing, broken and fallen trees and phone line removal off the main road and side roads throughout the Town of Neversink area.

At the start of the week, the Nor'Easter storm publicized on radio, television and newspapers as a heavy swirling rainstorm with winds coming up from the southeast mixing with cold coming rapidly from the west. At first, it would hit New Jersey and New York City with heavy rain and about two inches of snow inland and more upstate. We are upstate, but Binghamton would get more.

As the week progressed the weather report got worse predicting the possibility of a real "Nor'Easter" with snow and swirling winds all along the east coast from New Jersey to Maine with more snow upstate - up to 14 inches.

The weather computers were going nuts, measuring atmospheric conditions and barometric pressure in the air and the atmosphere, and rain, moisture and temperature and direction and speed of the rain. And on television, the smiling and befuddled weather forecasters explained everything scientifically by pointing to the cartooning weather map with the swirling arrows shooting across the U.S. from the west. The weather was now crystal clear.

Us old-timers (*old farts*) had it figured out. We had that long freezing spell in January, and now we're in March. Don't worry, we can use the rain.

The Jews have a saying. The Rabbi says it best: "Menchen Tracht un Gott Lacht." It says "Man plans and God laughs".

Schools were closed in Sullivan County on Friday. At 8AM it was a beautiful day with a scattering of clouds. This snow day will take away yet another day of Spring Vacation. Around 8:30AM the clouds arrived with the snow flurries. Between 9AM and 10AM (depending where you were), you couldn't see through the blizzard.

Soon thereafter, Western Sullivan County (West of Route 17) had up to 6 inches of snow while Eastern Sullivan had a bit less. The news reported that the worst of the blizzard in New York was along Route 84 in Orange County and Route 17.

By nightfall, the Town of Neversink had in the hills over 12 inches of snow, and the roads were blocked with fallen trees, big and small. Route 84, Route 17 and even our own Route 42 was closed due to fallen trees and broken power poles. The Neversink Fire Department had a sign in front saying "Warm House, Come In".

Undaunted, the Town of Neversink Highway Department crews repeatedly cleared roads, pushed aside fallen trees, and frequently cut huge trees in sections so they could be pushed off the roads. Where expediency or safety required, the highway workers put up red surveyors tape across the road with "Road Closed" signs - particularly around fallen wires. They will clear this road tomorrow when the snow stopped.

Electricity through most homes went out in the afternoon. With Central Hudson cutting fallen trees to free wires and replacing broken poles, electricity is expected to be restored to most by Wednesday.

Many Grahamsville, Neversink and Claryville firemen stayed by their radio plectrons for emergency calls. The plectron (not the fire siren) went off every few minutes for emergency auto accidents, medical and EMS calls. That Friday evening there was one Grahamsville fire siren. A person's carbon monoxide detector beeped. The firemen replaced the battery. (There was a structure fire on Saturday).

A report said that the electricity even went out at the Resorts Casino in Monticello. Until electricity was restored, gambling continued to be powered by a generator.

By Saturday, roads were mostly clear, and Central Hudson's tree men were busy cutting trees and plowing and shoveling driveways.

Everything is getting back to normal, and getting ready for Spring.

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.

March 2018 REPORT FROM NYS DEC - Eastern Coyote

Scientific Name: *Canis latrans*

Eastern coyotes look similar to German shepherd dogs, yet are half the weight. Coyotes have long, thick fur. Their tails are full and bushy, usually carried pointing down. Ears are large, erect, and pointed. Length: 4 to 5 feet (nose to tail); Weight: 35 to 45 pounds (males usually larger than females.) Color: Variable, from blonde or reddish blonde to dark tan washed with black. Legs, ears and cheeks usually reddish. Many have a white chin and a dark spot just below the base of the tail when observed from behind.



Researchers from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry examined animal carcasses visited by radio-collared coyotes during the winter and summer of 2008-09. During the winter, only 8% of adult deer had been killed conclusively by coyotes. The remaining 92% were scavenged by coyotes after being killed by vehicles and other injuries. The adult deer that were killed by coyotes had severe preexisting injuries and were likely to die from other causes in the absence of coyote predation.

In the summer, about 55% of the carcasses visited by radio-collared coyotes were fawns, 24% were woodchucks, 18% were turkeys, and 4% were goose and cottontail. Not all radio-collared coyotes killed fawns and kill rates of fawns varied widely among individual coyotes. Fawns up to about 20 days old were vulnerable to coyote predation, but predation dropped sharply after mid-June when fawns were about 1-2 months old.

Coyote Activity and Reproduction

Coyotes are not strictly nocturnal. They may be observed moving about during the day, yet are more active after sunset and at night. Seeing a coyote during the day does not necessarily mean it is sick or unhealthy, but caution should be exercised with coyotes as with any wildlife. Coyotes do not migrate. They are year-long residents and typically inhabit an area known as a home range. They are territorial, and will firmly defend portions of their home range. Adult coyotes live in home ranges throughout the year in New York; however, they may shift their activity patterns during the four seasons.

Coyotes are monogamous and mate for life. After mating in January, gestation lasts approximately 62 days after which females give birth in March and April. In spring, female coyotes use dens for raising pups and often stay close to these sites. Male coyotes may travel greater distances to hunt more intensively while seeking additional food to support the female and pups.

Litters are born in ground dens, brush piles, under downed trees or human structures such as sheds and other buildings. Typical litter sizes are approximately 4-6 pups. Coyote pups grow rapidly and are weaned at 5 to 7 weeks of age and abandon den sites around this time.

As pups continue to grow in size they also become more independent of their parents, and are occasionally observed moving together in mid to late summer. Coyotes become more vocal in late summer and early fall when it is common to hear groups of coyotes howling and yipping as a group.

Pups are fully grown at 9 months and eventually disperse after being driven from their parents' home ranges. Dispersal occurs in late October-January, prior to adults beginning the reproductive cycle once again. These young coyotes that disperse often travel 50 to 100 miles in search of a vacant territory, find a mate, and enter adulthood as a breeding pair.

How Did Coyotes Arrive in New York?

There are two hypotheses to explain the presence of Eastern coyotes in New York. The first explanation is that coyotes were here before Europeans settled North America. The clearing of the forest for farms and homes forced coyotes to retreat to unsettled areas of the northeast. The return of forested habitats during the 20th century coincided with the return of the coyote.

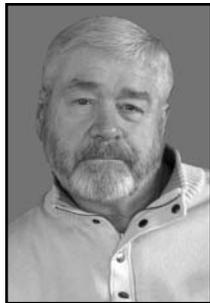
The second and more widely accepted hypothesis is that Eastern coyotes are a relatively new species in New York.

This explanation suggests that coyotes originally inhabited central North America and naturally extended their range throughout the continent in response to human changes to the land. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Household Hints

Beautifully Baked Homemade Bread and Rolls

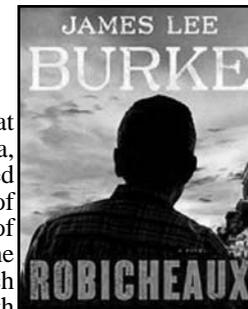
For a shiny crust on homemade bread and rolls: just before they have finished baking, take them out, brush crusts with vinegar, return to oven to finish baking.



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Mysterious Book Report No. 325

by John Dwaine McKenna



Whenever a new book by James Lee Burke is released, I can't wait to get my hands on it and promptly read it cover-to-cover. It's been that way since the early 1990s, when I heard him speak on NPR about a character he'd created; a fictional Cajun detective from New Iberia, Louisiana. He was unique, this fictional detective, because he was an idealist with the quaint notion that he might speak for the neglected members of society, those poorly served by the American justice system because it can be so easily manipulated by unscrupulous people of wealth. That altruism, plus an addiction to alcohol and a tendency to resort to violence when confronted by the enablers and perpetrators of vile, vicious and evil acts against those who are powerless to defend themselves, make him one of the most interesting characters in crime fiction. And it is those very qualities, plus his reflections upon morality, philosophy, death, religion, literature and the essence of evil, which make him the most fascinating character in modern writing. The detective's name is Dave Robicheaux. He's been speaking to all of us through twenty volumes and now, Mr. Burke has graced us, with his thirty-seventh novel overall, and twenty-first in the New Iberia, Louisiana deputy sheriff's series. It's eponymously titled *Robicheaux* (Simon & Schuster, \$27.99, 445 pages, ISBN 978-1-5011-7684-3) by James Lee Burke . . . and it's a masterpiece. The novel opens with Dave ruminating about his affinity for the departed: ". . . to pause and reflect upon my experiences with the dead and the hold they exert on our lives," in Mr. Burke's words, and then we learn that he sees confederate soldiers; ghosts marching in the fog at Spanish Lake; and that his wife Molly has been killed in a traffic accident by a speeder. He describes his home as "cavernous with silence" and "the world I had known being airbrushed out of a painting." He's depressed, lonely and suffering from hallucinations when he gets "back on the dirty-boogie," losing decades of sobriety in the process. He's blackout drunk on the night the man who killed his wife is found beaten to death . . . Dave can't remember anything . . . but his fingerprints are all over the dead mans truck. The event leaves Dave under a cloud of suspicion, and fearful that he's a murderer. And although there's a pall over him, he's not suspended. Robicheaux still has to do his job, because things are heating up all over the parish. An old mob boss and wannabe filmmaker from New Orleans shows up, along with a local politician who has national aspirations and a civil war sword belonging to the family of a prominent writer. He lives a little ways up the teche and owns the story rights to the film the Mafia Don wants to produce. Then, there's Dave's old pal, and human wrecking ball Clete Purcell, daughter Alafair, a new deputy with a suspicious history, a couple of hitters from Miami, a grief-stricken widow and a string of grisly murders taking place that Robicheaux and Sheriff Helen Soileau are racing to solve before the body count reaches awesome proportions in this epic work of southern noir. Read it for yourself and join James Lee Burke's legions of devoted fans!

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Eastern Coyote (From Pg. 3) Evidence indicates that coyotes reached New York and the Northeast in the early 1930s and 1940s, with coyote range expansion first reaching the state by passing north of the Great Lakes and into northern New York. Coyotes then spread rapidly across the state over the next 40-50 years.

Regardless of how they arrived in the state, coyotes have been present in New York since the 1930s, and have been firmly established throughout the state since the 1970s. They are here to stay.

How Many Coyotes Live in New York?

After hearing a family group of coyotes howl, it is easy to get the impression that the woods must be overflowing with coyotes. In reality there were probably five or six animals present (i.e., 2 adults and young of the year). A few coyotes make a tremendous amount of noise when they want to. The Eastern coyote does not form a true 'pack' with multiple adults living together like their relative the wolf. Instead they are organized as a 'family unit'. Each family unit is made up of the adult pair and their pups from the current year. A family unit will defend a territory of 2 to 15 square miles against other coyotes. It is the territorial behavior of coyotes that limits their numbers in any one area.

A recent study conducted by researchers at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry estimated that there are about 14,500 breeding pairs of coyotes in New York during the summer. Coyote density estimates ranged from a low of about 1 breeding pair/10 square miles in the Lake Plains to around 2.5 pairs/10 square miles in the Adirondack Mountains and surrounding St. Lawrence and Mohawk River Valleys.

You can read more about coyotes in the article "Rise of the Eastern Coyote (PDF, 4.2 MB)" in the June 2014 issue of the *Conservationis* or visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9359.html>

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Free Presentation on Holistic Aging:

Mind, Body & Soul

LIBERTY, NY- Holistic aging is a philosophy that looks at all aspects of a person as they age, including their mind, body, and soul.

As people age, they can be fearful of frailty and decline. However, keeping an older adult's mind, body, and social life active can prevent or even reverse frailty. A key to holistic aging is selecting simple activities that older adults find enjoyable. Caregivers are in a unique position to help them figure out what activities will work best.

The public is invited to a web seminar on Holistic Aging: Mind, Body, & Soul Monday, March 19, 2018.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC)'s Caregiver Resource Center offers this free program from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. This web seminar is approved for AoTA contact hours in addition to CEUs approved for all ASA web seminars. Refreshments will be provided.

Participants will be able to:

- Learn the fears older adults have about aging
- Recognize the physical and emotional signs that an older adult's wellbeing might be at risk
- Understand ways to prevent or reverse frailty
- Recommend tips and resources that can help to improve an older adult's body, mind, and soul

Lakelyn Hogan presents this web seminar, part of the Family Caregiver Support Series, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care®.

Lakelyn Hogan is a gerontologist and caregiver advocate for Home Instead Senior Care and a doctoral candidate at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO), studying social gerontology. She has a master of arts in social gerontology and master's in business administration from UNO. Lakelyn has professional experience in the private and public sectors of senior care services.

Holistic Aging: Mind, Body, & Soul is free to the public and requires five pre-registered attendees to hold the class. Registration is required in advance by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivance.org. In the event of special needs, the public should contact the CCESC office.

This co-partnered program between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County is supported by a grant from the NYS Office for the Aging's Caregiver Program.

4-H Regional Horse Judging Clinic at Stone Wall Farms

JEFFERSONVILLE, NY- Judging programs are an instrumental part of the educational process of youth involved in the horse industry. In the competitive judging environment, major emphasis is placed on learning to evaluate horses. However, successful judging programs place equal importance on students learning to organize and defend their reasons of placing the class.

A Regional 4-H Horse Judging Clinic, free to 4-H members and open to the public, will be offered on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension's Hudson Valley Regional 4-H Horse Program offers this clinic at Stone Wall Farms on 136 Callicoon Center Road in Jeffersonville, NY.

Kelsey Keathly, 4-H alumni and experienced equine competitor, will give youth a clear goal by identifying the ideal animal or performance. Participants can make comparisons emphasizing the positive attributes of the individual horse as compared with the idea.

Kelsey Keathly is a 4-H alumni who was the 2011 Champion at the 4-H Eastern National Horse Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, three-time Reserve Champion in Horse Communications, and a Cazenovia College graduate in equine business management. Keathly is actively showing and brings a wealth of information to our region.

This Regional 4-H Horse Judging Clinic is free to 4-H members and \$10 per non-member. Any youth ages 5-18 can apply to enroll in 4-H all year long.

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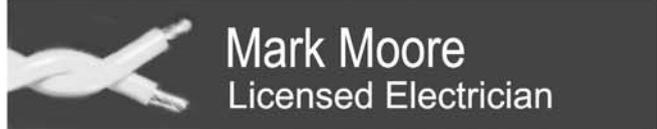
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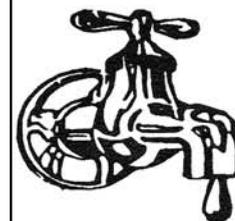
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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda Snowbird

Last week I noticed flocks of geese wending their way north. I guess they did not check the weather channel because they arrived just before the series of nor'easters that are marching across the midwest and then up the east coast. I can just hear them quacking away saying, "I told you it was too early to head home. No, you never listen to me."

Spring Breakers and fed-up, frozen northerners were headed to South Carolina as we were last week. A dear friend rents a condo, on the beach, with two bedrooms. We got an invite just after the first nor'easter that left us without power for a day, and we literally jumped at the opportunity. We got super cheap tickets on a no-frills airline, and our suitcase flew for the same as one round-trip. No frills means just that. You get a random seat and nothing else. The man next to me asked for a water and was told, "Credit card, please. That will be three dollars." I was afraid to visit the plane's restroom without my wallet.

Myrtle Beach becomes the senior citizen capital of the world during the winter months, especially golfers. We were content to sit in the sun and walk the beach. Midweek we started listening to the impending storm Reilly that was approaching faster than the electric company could repair wires from the storm Quinn five days before. I was beginning to feel survivor's guilt as I lathered sunscreen and made reservations at yet another seafood restaurant. Just as they were listing snowfall totals, meteorologists were comparing American and European tracks of the next storm on huge maps swathed in green, blue and purple.

Luckily our return trip was on schedule before the next announced storm. As we headed home my husband growled, "Tell me again. Why do we live up north."

I haven't seen those Canada Geese lately. Perhaps they turned around to warn those robins to wait a bit before heading north.

UC Executive Mike Hein Announces New Fire Safety Program for Seniors *The Program Provides Free Smoke Alarms And Professional Installation For Seniors In Need*



Ulster County Director of Emergency Services Steven Peterson, Ulster County Fire Coordinator Everett Erichsen, and Ulster County Executive Mike Hein.

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that as part of the new Ulster County Smoke Alarm Installation Initiative, seniors in need will be eligible to receive smoke detectors and have them professionally installed at no cost. Ulster County received 250 smoke detectors as part of a grant from the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC) to reduce fire-risk and injury to some of the County's most vulnerable populations. The Ulster County Department of Emergency Management and the Ulster County Office for the Aging are collaborating to distribute the smoke detectors. To date, the Office for the Aging has reserved 70 smoke detectors and 40 have been installed by the Department of Emergency Management. This program is a component of the County Executive's Fire Safety Initiative which also provides and installs specialized smoke alarms for families with hearing impaired children.

Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive

"As County Executive, one of my most important responsibilities is the health and safety of Ulster County residents," said County Executive Hein. "Thanks to the partnership with the New York State Fire Chiefs Association, Ulster County will be able to provide for those in need, a limited supply of free smoke alarms complete with installation. Every life is precious and I am pleased that we can help some of our seniors obtain these potentially life-saving devices."

Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Fire Coordinator

"We want to ensure that the public is receiving the best fire protection and prevention possible and having a working smoke detector is crucial to achieving this," said Everett Erichsen Ulster County Fire Coordinator. "I commend County Executive Mike Hein and the New York State Fire Chiefs Association for helping to make this program available for those in need."

Statistics show that the risk of fire-related injury or death is compounded for those over age 65. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) "At age 65, older adults are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. By age 75, that risk increases to three times that of the general population - and to four times by age 85." Having a working smoke detector can cut the risk of fire-related deaths in the home by as much as 50%.

Ulster County residents who are age 65 and older, who qualify as a low or moderate income household, can call the Office for the Aging at 845-340-3456 today.

The Phoenicia Library and Shandaken Community Gardens 3rd Annual Seed Swap

The Phoenicia Library and Shandaken Community Gardens will be holding their third annual seed swap on Saturday March 17, 2018 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The event will be held at the Phoenicia Public Library, 48 Main St. Phoenicia, NY. It is open to the public and all are welcome.

Bring your saved garden seeds to swap with others, along with any excess seeds you may have saved from organic seed companies. There will be table space available for all seed swappers. All seeds must be organically grown flower and vegetable seeds, and seeds saved from backyard gardens are especially welcome. If you do not have seeds to swap, there will be some seeds available in exchange for a small donation. If you have extra seed envelopes or other containers for seed sharing, please bring them along.

This is a really fun community event, so please don't let the fact that you don't have seeds keep you from coming. We want everyone interested in gardening and seed saving to attend. Bring the kids. Hope to see you all there!

DEC Releases New York State Hunting Safety Statistics for 2017

Past Five Years are Safest on Record

DEC Records Tree Stand Incidents for First Time

The 2017 hunting seasons in New York saw the second-lowest number of hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs) on record, 19, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today. Also in 2017, at Commissioner Seggos' direction, DEC started tracking tree stand injuries for the first time. DEC recorded 12 incidents statewide.

"The tradition of hunting is enjoyed by more than 500,000 New Yorkers each year, and the declining number of incidents show that today's generation of hunters may be the most safety conscious," said Commissioner Seggos. "Thanks to the efforts of 2,600 DEC staff and volunteer hunter education program instructors that teach nearly 50,000 students each year, New York's hunting safety statistics continue to improve."

Of the 19 HRSIs that occurred last year, 14 were two-party firearm incidents, five were self-inflicted, and one resulted in a fatality that DEC believes could have been prevented if hunting laws and common sense were followed.

Of the two-party HRSIs, 11 of the victims (79 percent) were not wearing hunter orange. Incidents involving two or more individuals stress the importance of identifying the target and what lies beyond, a major tenet of DEC's hunter safety courses.

In 11 of the 19 incidents (59 percent), a violation of hunting laws or regulations occurred.

"Although we've seen the lowest number of hunting-related incidents on record over the last five years, we continue to urge hunters to follow the laws and basic rules of hunting safety," Commissioner Seggos said. "We encourage hunters to wear hunter orange and be sure, beyond a doubt, of their target."

New York's lowest HRSI rate was in 2016, with just 13 incidents; 2013 experienced 19. In 1991, there were 98 incidents. In 1979, 110. In 1966, there were 166, 13 of which were fatal.

The hunting incident rate (incidents per 100,000 hunters) continues to decline. Since the 1960s, the incident rate has plunged more than 70 percent. The current five-year average is 3.2 incidents per 100,000 hunters, compared to 19 per 100,000 in the 1960s.

Trained volunteer instructors certified by DEC teach safe, responsible, and ethical hunting and trapping practices and the important role of hunters and trappers in wildlife conservation. New York has an extremely safety-conscious generation of hunters and trappers, thanks largely to more than 60 years of dedicated efforts of vol-

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unteer Hunter Education Program instructors. All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must successfully complete a hunter or trapper safety course and pass the final exam before being eligible to purchase a hunting or trapping license. All courses are offered free of charge.

While hunting is safer than ever, DEC encourages hunters to remember that every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable. Many, if not all of these incidents could have been prevented if the people involved had followed the primary rules of hunter safety:

- o Treat every firearm as if it were loaded
- o Control the muzzle, keep it pointed in a safe direction
- o Identify your target and what lies beyond
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
- o Wear hunter orange

In 2017, DEC Commissioner Seggos requested the agency's Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) to track and investigate tree stand injuries for the first time. While figures are from preliminary reports, they may not capture all tree stand incidents that occurred statewide in New York.

Of the 12 incidents reported and investigated, six proved to be fatal, a number commensurate with other states that track these statistics.

"Tree stand incidents are becoming a major cause of hunting-related injuries across the country," Commissioner Seggos said. "In New York, tree stand safety has become a regular part of the hunter education course required of first time hunters and we stress for hunters to follow specific tree stand rules to avoid life-threatening injuries."

Investigations revealed that in 75 percent of the incidents, hunters were not wearing any kind of full-body harness to secure them in their stand. Used correctly, a harness keeps the hunter connected from the time they leave the ground to the moment they get back down.

Many, if not all incidents could be prevented if hunters follow a few basic tips:

- o Use and properly adjust a full-body harness
- o Use a safety belt or lifeline when climbing
- o Check your stand every year and replace any worn parts
- o Have a plan and let others know where you will be hunting
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For more information, including the 2017 Hunting Safety Statistics and the 2017 Tree Stand Safety Statistics, visit the DEC Hunter Education Program page.

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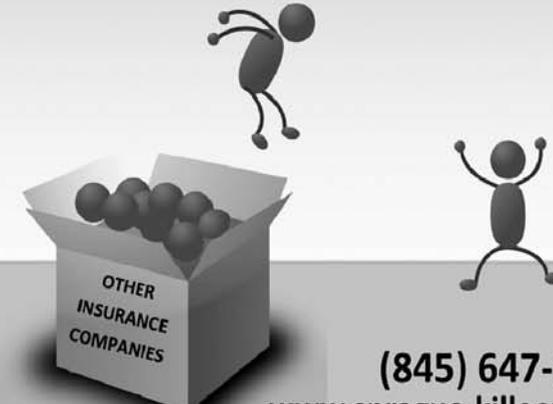


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Make Sustainability Part of Your Winter Sports Activities

March is coming in like a...polar bear?

All this snow provides great opportunities for skiing and snowboarding of course! A trip to the mountains for outdoor fun is a great way to spend a March day. With New York's winters under threat from climate change, leading to warmer temperatures and less snow, New York's winter

tourism industry is at risk. It is important that we all do our part to ensure our adventures are more sustainable. Did you know there are ways to lower the environmental impact of your winter adventures?

Here are some tips to help protect our environment for our future skiing, snowboarding and riding:

- o Use public transportation or take a ski shuttle to get to the mountain, or carpool to the mountain with friends.
- o Drive a fuel-efficient vehicle when possible, given the weather conditions. If it isn't snowing and you don't need all-wheel drive, take a more fuel-efficient vehicle if you have one.
- o Pack a zero-waste lunch that features New York state ingredients.
- o Look for compost and recycling bins at the facility, and be sure to separate your waste properly.
- o Buying a beverage? Skip the straw to reduce plastic waste.

And when you select a beverage made in New York you will help lower emissions since it takes fewer miles to get it to your table.

New York has a rich skiing and riding history, from being the only place on the East Coast to host the winter Olympics not once, but twice, to being home to more ski areas than any other state. Winter sports are part of who we are as New Yorkers, and it is up to all of us to preserve this legacy.

In the Spirit of Sumi-e



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=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=linda+comando



Intro to Pruning Workshop Includes Hands-On Demo

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The public can learn how to "Just Prune It!" on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCESC) offers this hands-on pruning workshop from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at its Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Participants are asked to bring their own pruning shears if possible.

CCESC Master Gardener Volunteers will present pruning basics for beginners, how to achieve one's pruning goals, and a unique hands-on demonstration outdoors on the CCESC grounds.

Cost is \$ 15 per person or \$10 per CCESC enrollee. Anyone can enroll in CCESC for an annual contribution of \$25 and receive a monthly subscription to the Extension Connection magazine.

Registration can be completed by calling CCESC at 845-292-6180, emailing sullivan@cornell.edu, or visiting www.sullivanccesc.org. Payment can be made in advance by check, cash, or credit. Program fees support the cost of instructors, refreshments, materials, and facilities. Additional donations for CCESC programs are appreciated.

Congratulations to Newly Inducted National Junior Honor Society Members”



New inductees.

(From Pg. 1) Fourteen new students were inducted into the National Honor Society: David Allison, Theresa Conway, Alexandra Cossack, Andrew Cox, Robert Denman, Caleb Edwards, V a n y a Khodakovski, Brian Kelly, Samantha Morgan, Melana Quick-Lepke, Myia

Skiff, Benjamin Smith, Keegan Streimer, and Shane Williams. They joined the twenty current members: Reagan Allison, Shauna Bellacicco, Madison Botsford, Lorna Bragg, Alexia Cintula, Rebecca Coombe, Jordan Costa, Juliette Eddings, Emma Edwards, Aidan Guenste, Samantha Houghtaling, Nicholas Jucha, Tia Katz, Rebecca Musa, Emily Schmidt, Jeremiah Steinhilber, Victoria Swett, Diana Ter Bush, Carsen Terwilliger, and Heather Winters.

Following the induction of the new members, Tri-Valley business teacher Brenda Hay served as the guest speaker. Ms. Hay gave an inspirational speech about the importance of all the characteristics needed to get into the National Junior Honor Society. However, she highlighted one characteristic above all: community service. She made the strong point that through community service, we have the ability to make those around us better.

The Tri-Valley National Junior Honor Society is advised by Tri-Valley English teacher Matt Haynes. This is Mr. Haynes's fourth year being adviser of the club. He enjoys the experience and thinks very highly of all the students who have worked hard to become a part of National Junior Honor Society.

Congratulations again to all of the new inductees as well as the current members. National Junior Honor Society is an accomplishment unlike any other. We are all very, very proud of you!

Schools Collaborate to Put on Mock Town Hall

(From Pg. 1) The Catskill residents focused their arguments on the unfairness of it all-how they had to give up their livelihood and not receive adequate compensation in return. The workers talked about their lack of safety on the job and their need for more rights.

All points and arguments were heard by the moderator of the event-Director of Public Affairs for New York City Environment Protection and Bureau of Water Supply, Adam Bosch, as well as a panel of esteemed guests: Clayton Brooks, Neversink resident; Sherri Carattini, Tri-Valley Secondary School Principal; Susan Cox, US Forest Service; Diane Galusha, published author of Liquid Assets and Communications Director/Education Coordinator at Catskill Watershed Corporation; Tina Johnstone, DEP Director of Source Water Operations; Sean McAndrew, DEP Water for the Future Director; Carol Smythe, town historian and Board of Trustee Member of the Time and the Valleys Museum; and Tyler Van Fleet, Forestry Program Watershed Educator. At the conclusion of the Town Hall, the panel gave feedback to the students about their arguments.



Students from both schools enjoy lunch together.

After the event, all students, teachers, and panel members had time to sit down and eat lunch together. The lunch was catered by the Sullivan County BOCES culinary program students under the direction of instructor and local resident Kathy Poppo. The lunch was paid for through a generous grant from the Tri-Valley PTO. The lunch was also a huge success, as it gave everyone more time to get to know each other.

This Mock Town Hall was organized through the collaboration of Meredith Hill, Assistant Principal at Columbia Secondary School, and Matt Haynes, 8th grade ELA teacher at Tri-Valley. This is the third consecutive year the two schools have partnered to participate in the Mock Town Hall.

This hugely successful event allowed students to learn about our local history, meet other students from a different area and school, and practice their public speaking and debate skills. As is the case with many events in our community, it could not have happened without the hard work of everyone involved: students, teachers, staff, community members, administrators, and parents.

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Second Graders and Parents Celebrate Black History Month at BCES



Joe Alvarado watching daughter Addison delicately placing pretzel roof onto graham cracker log cabin

During this month students were learning about various occupations. They focused on architects, designers and construction laborers. Mrs. Exner combined Black History and occupations into a family interactive experience. The students would design and build edible Log Cabins like the one Lincoln grew up in, and parents could help as construction foremen, yet another occupation.

Prior to the February 26 day when the foremen arrived, children learned about the elements of design and building-from surveying the land, to design, and to having a contractor erect



Full group of parents, their children and the teachers

the structure. Their preparation required the children to use math estimation skills to draw up their own blue prints with specs. Construction materials included graham crackers and vanilla frosting for the basic structure; pretzel

"The Lorax" Day at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School



Mrs. Molly Gelsomino's Kindergarten Class taken on February 26, 2018, the first day of Spirit Week at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. The weeklong celebration theme was "Dr. Seuss Read Across America" and focused each day on one of the author's books. Monday, the day of the photo, was "The Lorax" Day, and all students were asked to wear a mustache.

Looking Back at Winter

- Bob Drown



"A few years ago we had a nice day, and I fired up the Plymouth on a January day. Cooper and I went for a ride up past Round Pond Road to get some photos of the ice formations along the road."

Must admit – it is a beautiful site, but it won't be long and hopefully Bob will fire up the Wayback Machine and send some welcome spring pictures!

TOWNSMAN FORECAST

SUNRISE: 7:14 AM SUNSET: 7:00 PM

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HIGH: 36°F LOW: 30°F

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HIGH: 35°F LOW: 33°F

Senator Discusses Music Education with Representatives from the NYS School Music Association



Pictured with Senator Bonacic is (L-R), Shoko Nagami and Lori Orestano-James, Director of Fine and Performing Arts at Wappingers Central School District.

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) met in his Albany office today with students and educators from the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) to discuss music education in our schools and funding requests for this year's budget. NYSSMA is a 5,000-member organization that's advocates on behalf of the 1.8 million school music students in New York State.

**Frost Valley YMCA Announces
Summer Wilderness First Responder Training**

Right now, Frost Valley is hosting a Wilderness First Responder Training for a group of outdoor professionals and enthusiasts. Due to the popularity of the program as well as its vital importance in our area, Frost Valley is also offering another course in the summer on June 4-10, 2018. Included in the course fee are all meals, lodging, and in-depth instruction. Participants who successfully pass the course will leave with a valuable Wilderness First Responder certification, allowing them to work in several professional outdoor guide and rescue arenas. The course takes place at Frost Valley's East Valley Ranch location.

The Wilderness First Responder program is the ideal emergency medical training for leaders in remote areas. Outdoor educators, wilderness guides, members of the military, professional search and rescue teams, field researchers, and individuals involved in disaster relief will gain valuable skills from this comprehensive and practical curriculum. The course includes the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. To register for either the March or the June course, please call (845) 985-2291 ext.240 or email egorman@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.

A Perfect Place for a Wedding



Irina and Frank Nicoletti, Owners of the Claryville Event Center (and Blue Hill Lodge & Cafe) – the Nicoletti's have hosted many events and are well-known for their great hospitality.

(From Pg. 1) Whether you are a local bride or a bride planning a destination wedding in the beautiful Catskill Mountains, Claryville Event Center is a top destination wedding location.

Nestled in the heart of the secluded Catskill Mountain hamlet of Claryville, only 90 miles from New York City, Claryville Event Center provides an extraordinary and romantic setting for a Catskill wedding or special event. Surrounded by mountains, is a unique element of nature that is a decoration in itself that enhances the beautiful new event center.

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For more information call: 845-985-0247 or visit the website: www.bluehillcafelodge.com



Makeup artist, Stephanie Lowitz was among the vendors at the event

Mid-Winter Pops Concert Has Fallsburg Rocking

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 selections wisely for the cold rainy evening.



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

People were clapping, tapping and snapping their fingers as soon as the Band's brass and percussion sections belted out "The Blues Brothers Revue." Images of Jake and Elwood Blues doing handsprings across the stage flashed through this reviewer's mind.

After three rocking songs and rousing applause, the Senior Band left the stage. The Chamber Chorus soon stepped onto the risers in the Orchestra Pit area. In rapid succession, without stopping for major breaks between numbers, these young singers delighted the crowd with four Earth, Wind & Fire hits from the seventies ending with "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang. The rehearsals paid off with smooth transitions from one song to the next. The enthusiasm of the performers was infectious.

The night was a true celebration of instrumentation and harmony. Soloists in each of the Choral selections were Dolce McPherson, Jasmine Johnson, Juan Lemus, Madison Lent, Dawn Ruhren, Dafeon



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

Schell, Guillermo Granados, Chloe Barber and Alisson Martinez.

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 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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What: 2018 Season Opener: Fundraiser

Readers Theatre production of GREATER TUNA

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When: Evenings: Friday April 13 &

Saturday April 14 @ 7:30pm

Where: Delaware Valley Arts Center (Krause Hall)

37 Main Street Narrowsburg NY 12764

This is a fundraiser for Act Underground Theatre, so there is no set ticket price. We appreciate your generosity. Doors open at 7:00 and seating is limited. No reservations.

ACT Underground Theatre's 2018 Season opens "The Season of Suffering Fools" with the Readers Theatre production of Greater Tuna, an hilarious send-up of small-town morals and mores.

Four actors create twenty upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third-smallest town. The long-running Off Broadway hit is a tour de farce of quick change artistry and characterizations faster than a jack rabbit runs from a coyote. Four actors, twenty characters, and a barrel of laughs, y'all.

Greater Tuna opened Off Broadway, ran for over a year, and went on to tour major theaters all over America and spots overseas for the next thirty-some years, becoming one of the most produced plays in American theatre history.

Directed by: Kyoshin Lohr – Production team: Alan Kehoe, Sean Harrington and Sean Harrington With: Laurie Guzda, Heidi Mollenhauer, Peter Walsh, Hudson Williams-Enyon

DEC Announces

2017 Bear Harvest Results

New York State bear hunters took 1,420 black bears during the 2017 hunting seasons, state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today.

"New York has excellent bear habitat and vast, accessible public lands that offer exciting opportunities for bear hunting," said DEC Commissioner Seggos. "With abundant natural food sources this past year, bears were in great condition, and several hunters took bears weighing in excess of 500 pounds."

Hunters took an estimated 1,037 black bears in New York's Southern Zone, nearly the same number as in 2016, but slightly more than the recent five-year average. Bowhunters took 330 bears, on par with the recent average, but less than the 537 bears taken during the regular season. The early season, which DEC initiated in 2014 to reduce bear populations in a handful of management units in the Catskill region, resulted in 150 bears.

In the Northern Zone, hunters took an estimated 383 bears, about 25 percent fewer than 2016 and below the historical average. Bear take in the Northern Zone tends to alternate between strong harvests during the early season one year, followed by strong harvests during the regular season the next year, based primarily on cycles of food availability. This year, the early season accounted for 82 bears, similar to the early seasons of 2011 and 2013. However, hunters fared much better during the regular season, taking 242 bears.

For the second year, junior hunters were allowed to take black bears during the Youth Firearms Big Game Hunt over Columbus Day weekend. That hunt overlapped with the early bear season in most of the Northern Zone, but one junior hunter in the Northern Zone and eight in the Southern Zone took advantage of the opportunity to harvest a bear.

Notable Numbers

- o 1 bear per 4.2 square miles - by DEC Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), the greatest bear harvest density occurred in WMU 3C, which is predominantly in Ulster County but includes slivers of Sullivan and Greene counties. However, the town of Olive in Ulster County (WMUs 3A and 3C) yielded one bear for every 2.4 square miles.

- o 163 - the greatest number of bears reported taken on any one day, Nov. 18, the opening day of the regular firearms season in the Southern Zone.

- o 550 pounds - the heaviest dressed weight bear reported to DEC in 2017, taken in the town of Lexington, Greene County. A 520-pound dressed weight bear was reported taken in Wayland in Steuben County, and seven bears were reported with dressed weights between 400-500 pounds. Scaled weights of dressed bears were submitted for 23 percent of bears taken in 2017.

- o 15 - the number of tagged bears reported in the 2017 harvest. These included three bears originally tagged in Pennsylvania and one from New Jersey. The remainder were originally tagged in New York for a variety of reasons, including research, nuisance response, relocated urban bears, or released rehabilitated bears.

- o 872 - the number of hunter-killed bears from which DEC collected teeth for age analysis in 2017. Hunters who reported their harvest and submitted a tooth for age analysis will receive a 2017 Black Bear Management Cooperator Patch. Results of the age analysis should be available by September 2018.

- o 11 percent - the proportion of bears taken by non-resident hunters. Successful non-resident bear hunters hailed from 13 states, the farthest being Florida, Louisiana, and California.

2017 Bear Take Summary Report

A complete summary of the 2017 bear harvest with results and maps by county, town, and WMU is available on DEC's website.

CWC Board approves block grants for two more wastewater projects

MARGARETVILLE, March 12, 2018: The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors on March 6 approved funding levels for the development of wastewater handling systems for the hamlets of Halcottsville in the Town of Middletown, and Shandaken in the Town of Shandaken.

A block grant of \$8,954,000 was approved for Halcottsville, where a large diameter collection system with pump station is envisioned to carry the wastewater from 53 properties to the New York City-owned and -operated wastewater treatment plant in Margaretville. The collection line would hook into the existing city system on Delaware County Route 38 (the Arkville cut-off road).

A block grant of \$6,770,000 was also approved to develop a multi-pronged solution for 60 properties in Shandaken. Some sites will be included in a septic maintenance district. Other properties will receive improved on-site septic systems. Still others will retain solids in septic tanks with liquid effluent sent to remote leach fields.

The CWC Board authorized Lamont Engineers, which coordinates projects under the Community Wastewater Management Program, to proceed to the pre-construction phase for both hamlets. The CWC works with Lamont, the NYC DEP and with respective town boards to develop and implement feasible wastewater treatment systems. The program is voluntary -- municipalities may decide not to proceed at any time before dirt is moved.

In other business at its monthly meeting, the CWC Board approved a loan to Fruition Chocolate to allow the acclaimed chocolatier to expand and improve its production and sales facility in Shokan, Town of Olive.

The CWC will provide a low-interest loan of \$260,000 to purchase equipment and renovate an additional 1600 square feet of space at its Route 28 location. Ulster County Economic Development will also support the project. Company owner Bryan Graham was named one of the top ten chocolatiers in North America in 2013. Fruition also has a retail shop in Woodstock.

For more information on this and other environmental, economic development and education programs run by the CWC in the New York City West-of-Hudson Watershed, visit www.cwconline.org, or call 845-586-1400.

CWC Annual Meeting is April 3

MARGARETVILLE, NY, Mar. 12, 2017 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at the Corporation's offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

Results of the election of three representatives to the CWC Board of Directors from Delaware County will be announced. There will be a slide show of CWC's activities over the past year, and the Annual Report for 2017 will be distributed.

The floor will then be open for questions and comments from representatives of 39 member towns and villages, and the general public.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting. Agendas can be found after March 21 at cwconline.org. The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings. Inquiries are welcome at 845-586-1400.

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Monthly Program for Home School Families at E.B. Crawford Public Library

This month, our homeschool program will celebrate National Inventors Day! Students will talk about an invention/inventor of their choice, learn about lots of other inventions and even share ideas for new inventions. This program will take place on March 22nd at 11:30 a.m. This program gives home schooled students a chance to share their work & ideas with their peers and community. All ages are invited to attend and participate at their own level.

This program is free but space is limited and registration 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 www.ebcpl.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

Spring Break Programs at E.B. Crawford Public Library

Come have some fun with us at the library while school is out! Schools are out for the spring break but that doesn't mean you have to sit home. Come join us for some fun & creative programs at the library. Every day March 26th thru 30th we will be hosting a fun program here at the library.

Monday, March 26th we will host a construction club meet up with LEGOs K'nex and other awesome building mediums. 4:30pm (Ages 7+)

Tuesday, March 27th we will host a mini maker space where kids will explore technology, crafts, and sensory play. 11:00am (Ages 2-6)

Wednesday, March 28th will be our marbled art program. We will use a few different methods to create unique marbled artwork. 11:00am (ages 6+)

Thursday, March 29th we will host a movie screening complete with popcorn and movie snacks. 12:00pm (All Ages)

Friday, March 30th will be our upcycled craft program. Come by to make some awesome wall art or superhero cuffs using recycled materials. 11:00am (Ages 5+)

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 @ebcplibrary. The Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is located at 479 Broadway in Monticello. All library programs are free and open to the public.

Work Week with Congressman Faso

Why is it so Expensive to Build Infrastructure in New York?

New York is the most expensive state in the nation to build. This is an alarming problem that will only make it more difficult for New York to upgrade its crumbling infrastructure. One outsized factor to New York's astronomical costs is the insurance liability standard required by the state's 1885 Scaffold Law.

This outdated law has hamstrung our state and needs to change. I introduced legislation to change the liability standard for federally funded projects so taxpayer dollars go further in rebuilding our infrastructure. It's important to note that change the liability standard does not alter any safety-related provisions. New York is long overdue in joining the other 49 states in the country.

Read more in *Governing Magazine* about specific ways we can improve New York's infrastructure through common-sense reforms: <http://www.governing.com/topics/finance/gov-trump-infrastructure-costs-state-regulations.html>

Letter to the editor: John Faso takes stand against fentanyl importation

The Daily Freeman featured a letter to the editor that highlighted efforts in Congress to cut off the stream of synthetic opioids entering the country. Synthetic opioids are being shipped into American communities through the postal service at an alarming rate.

As the availability of Fentanyl increases, deaths from overdoses in New York rise. Fentanyl is more potent than heroin or morphine and looks almost identical, which makes it hard to identify on the street.

International shipments through the USPS are the most direct route for synthetic opioids like fentanyl to reach our local communities. We should do all we can to stop these shipments and my STOP Act is a key part of this effort.

Read the letter featured in the Daily Freeman: <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/opinion/20180306/letter-us-rep-john-faso-takes-stand-against-fentanyl-importation>

Working with the VFW Towards Progress

I met with representatives from the New York VFW to discuss veterans' priorities. Among the things we discussed were improving medical care at the VA, military readiness, and mental health measures. Thank you for taking the time to work on behalf of our nation's veterans.

Targeting Rare Diseases with Robust Research

The National Fragile X Foundation advocates for individuals who have Fragile X syndrome, sometimes referred to as Martin-Bell syndrome. It was a pleasure to meet with three Upstate New Yorkers from Tillson who are involved in the Fragile X Foundation. We discussed research funding at the CDC and National Institutes of Health (NIH). I fully support robust research funding to target rare diseases.

Upstate New Yorkers in D.C. for Gathering of National Federation of Democratic Women

I had the opportunity to meet with Donna Schick of Sullivan Co. and Carol Grippen of Broome Co. who were in Washington D.C. for a gathering of the National Federation of Democratic Women. We had a great discussion of issues important to our district and the nation.



Steadfast Support for Israel

On Monday evening, I was able to attend the AIPAC National Policy Conference. Following the conference, I met with representatives of AIPAC from New York state. We discussed the need for robust security assistance to Israel, opposing the Iranian Regime's aggression and nuclear ambitions, and opposing unproductive boycotts of Israel.

New York State Association of Realtors

The New York State Association of Realtors have first-hand knowledge of the local economy through their work in the housing market. I met with NYSAR this week to discuss the impact of the new tax code and flood insurance measures. I will continue working with them on solutions that will ensure an active and flourishing real estate market that encourages investment and homeownership in our Upstate communities.

Public-Private Partnerships in Manufacturing

I recently met with representatives of New York's regional Manufacturing Extension Partnership centers. This public-private partnership provides assistance to the small-to-medium sized manufacturers that drive our local economies. I am committed to ensuring these expert centers have the resources to work with our dedicated Upstate manufacturers comprehensive solutions and plans for sustained success.

Mobile Office Hours for the Month of March

New York's 19th District covers an area larger than the state of Connecticut. I want to ensure residents throughout the district have an opportunity to easily interact with my office

so that we may assist them in dealing with federal agencies. A large part of our constituent casework involves issues relating to Social Security, the VA, immigration matters and federal grants to municipalities and fire companies.

A member of my staff will be able to assist with these or other issues individuals and families may face when dealing with federal agencies. Interested constituents can contact my district office in Kingston at (845) 514-2322 with any questions or concerns.

March 14th 11 am – 1 pm --- Milan Town Hall Building - 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, NY 12571

March 14th 1 pm – 5 pm --- Sullivan Co. Government Center – 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

March 20th 2 pm – 5 pm --- Town of Canajoharie Government Building – 12 Mitchell Street, Canajoharie, NY 13317

March 21st 11 am – 1 pm --- Pawling Town Hall – 160 Charles Coleman Blvd, Pawling, NY 12564

Helping Family Farms and NY's Agriculture Industry

Dear Townsman Readers:

Every day New York State farmers work tirelessly to grow and produce the fresh foods we eat. That's why it's so important that we do all we can on the state level to support them.

Investing in New York's agriculture industry has long been a priority of mine - and I was pleased to recently unveil a comprehensive package to support our farmers and strengthen the future of agriculture in New York State.

The Senate Republicans "Growing Strong" plan would:

- o Expand markets;
- o Reduce production costs; and
- o Invest in growing New York's leading industry.

This legislative package will help support the hardworking farmers responsible for the continued success of one of New York's leading industries -- as well as provide the agriculture professionals of tomorrow with the resources they need to be successful.

By supporting New York's farmers, we can continue to enjoy fresh, local, quality food and strengthen our economy - while also strengthening the tradition of family farming in our state.

I will continue to keep you posted on my continued efforts.

Sincerely,
John J. Bonacic
State Senator

Senator Bonacic Stands with AirBNB Hosts and Advocates to Urge Passage of his Bill to Reform Home Sharing in NY

Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) stood with hundreds of Airbnb hosts and advocates today to urge passage of legislation that he sponsors which would reform home-sharing in New York. The bill, S.7182, would modernize existing laws to ensure responsible New Yorkers can continue to earn extra income by opening their doors to guests while addressing public safety concerns and providing \$100 million in new tax revenue. Airbnb offers long and short-term rentals and operates all over the world. In New York City alone, there are 40,000 hosts.

Senator Bonacic Supports Comprehensive Package to Improve Security and Keep Students Safe

(Albany, NY)-State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) voted in favor of a package of critical school safety measures yesterday that would strengthen security and help keep students safe. The bills increase the ability of schools to hire qualified security personnel; create new state funding mechanisms for infrastructure investments that improve school safety; increase access to school-based mental health services; expand state actions and intelligence coordination to protect schools against attack, and strengthen penalties for crimes on school grounds.

"As legislators, it is our duty to make sure that our students and teachers are safe when they go to school," said Senator Bonacic. "The Senate has acted decisively today to enhance safety measures, and provide students, parents, teachers and staff peace of mind during the school day."

The legislation passed yesterday includes:

- Create a School Resource Officers Education Aid Program and Grant Availability S7811A and S7810A;
- Police Officers in New York City Schools S6798A;
- Peace Officer Status for School Resource Officers S1144A;
- Adjusting the Earning Limitations for School Resource Officers S7791;
- Security Hardware Aid Program S7790;
- Improve the Smart School Bond Act Allocation Process S7846;

- Guardians for Schools License Plate S7847;
- Create a New Mental Health Services Coordinator Aid Program and Grants S7805;
- "Assess and Improve Mental Health Resources in Schools S7838;
- Define School Shootings as Terrorism and Improve Intelligence to Prevent Attacks S7813A;
- Increase Active Shooter Drills S7845;
- Upgrade School Safety Improvement Teams S7832;
- Protect School Communities From Violent Threats S2521; and
- Prevent School Assaults and Abductions S2881.

Additional safety measures are also expected to be unveiled next week as part of the conference's Security Agenda.

The bills will be sent to the Assembly.

Love Where You Live

The Sullivan Renaissance's Spring Market and Annual Conference will highlight love of place and the community that makes it bloom

[FERNDALE] – Sullivan Renaissance has opened registration for its Spring Market and Annual Conference. This year's event will take place the weekend of April 27-28. "Love Where You Live" is a sentiment that has become a tangible representation of the hard work and dedication of hundreds of volunteers throughout the communities in Sullivan County, NY.

On Friday, April 27th, join Sullivan Renaissance in a collaborative effort with Sullivan 180 to welcome Dr. Joel Fuhrman – renowned family physician and author who has appeared on Dr. Oz, Good Morning America, and PBS. Dr. Fuhrman will talk about "Eating Your Way to Better Health – Good Nutrition: A Powerful Tool to Prevent and Reverse Disease". He will provide tips on how making small adjustments to the types of foods you eat can impact you in great ways! In his 25 years of practice, Dr. Fuhrman has shown that it is possible to achieve and maintain weight loss, reverse heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses using smart nutrition. Doors open at 4:30 PM at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Event Gallery. A reception and book signing will follow.

On Saturday, April 28th Sullivan Renaissance welcomes you back to Bethel Woods for the Spring Market and Annual Conference. Celebrate the love of the place we all call home. The day kicks off at 9:00 am in the Event Gallery. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will recognize the county's municipalities and their efforts to shape Sullivan. Renaissance Awards will be presented to individuals who have made a positive and lasting impression on Sullivan County.

Author and development strategist, Peter Kageyama will talk about bottom-up community revitalization and the amazing people who make change happen. Drawing from his book "Love Where You Live", Peter will present on love of place, practical steps to building networks, and finding your community's authentic identity.

Mid-morning breaks up the conference with three informative workshops to choose from. The Center for Active Design will be presenting on "Building Healthy Places", demonstrating how neighborhoods can be designed to ensure that residents have access to vibrant and beautiful public spaces and make the connection between design strategies that promote positive community interactions. Ellen Zachos will explore "Gardening in Deer Country", with a multi-pronged approach to help the gardener triumph over the deer when it comes to who rules the garden. Jill Holland will be presenting on tools and activities for self-care and personal sustainability. "Fill It Up, Please! Supporting Our Communities Begins with Ourselves" will explain how individual mindful practices can support the well-being and effectiveness of the workplace as a whole.

The Spring Market will be open throughout the day from 10:30 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 28th. Enjoy an afternoon of shopping a variety of the best local vendors and nurseries. From baked goods, to homemade soaps and handmade jewelry, florals and more, there will be something for everyone. Walk the grounds, take some yoga and take in the views of Bethel Woods. Free health screenings will also be available all day compliments of Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Sullivan Renaissance looks forward to enjoying two days of health, celebration and shopping with you!

For details about the conference, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445. To register online, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org>.

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



The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
invites you to visit the Thrift Ministry in our recently improved building on the hill!
Clothing for men, women, and children, housewares, toys, shoes, purses, and linens can now be found under one roof.
"The Boutique" which offers new and gently used items is now located on the first floor of the Thrift Building.
Upcoming Saturday sales from 9:00 am to noon:
March 17
April 21
The Grahamsville United Methodist Church
356 State Route 55, Grahamsville
985-2283

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 25th



Serving 7:00 until 12 Noon
Adults: \$9
Children Ages 5-11: \$5
Under 5 Yrs. Free
\$50 from the Breakfast Is Donated to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

Catholic Parish of the Immaculate Conception
6317 RTE 42, Woodbourne, NY
Rev. John J. Lynch, PH.D., Pastor (845) 434-7643

Easter Week Schedule
Monday, March 26 - Reconciliation
Monday - 4:00 - 5:00 pm & 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday, March 29 - Holy Thursday - 8:00 pm
Friday, March 30 - Good Friday services - 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross - 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 31 - Confession 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 1- Easter Sunday - Mass at 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper Beer and Soda Included



Saturday, March 17
Serving 4:00 until 700 PM
Adults: \$13
Children Ages 5-11: \$8
Under 5 Yrs. Free
\$50 from the supper is donated to The Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Church St., Napanoch
YARD and CLOTHING SALE
Every Friday: 10 am-2:00 pm
Comics, dolls, household items, Christmas items, Children's Clothes, Adult Clothing, vintage items, much more.



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 5:00 pm
Music by Fred VanWagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!
5277 State Rt. 42• South Fallsburg
845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

Join the Thrift Ministry Team at Grahamsville United Methodist Church Volunteers Needed!
Please call the church (985-2283) for further information.

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Thursday Prayer 7 pm

Meet the new Pastor, Camille Regolec



P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: Crosswayag@jesusanswers.com

Claryville Reformed Church



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



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY
Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon: 5:45 pm (Holy Rosary at 5:30 pm);
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer) - 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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April 7, 2018
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
March 17th
THIRD SATURDAY
THRIFT SALE
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Augustine's Chapel
Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church
The Church with a friendly welcome
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES:

ATTENTION:

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on or before April 1, of each year with the Town Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

Town of Neversink
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: March 8, 2018

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Joy Monforte, RMC
Denning Town Clerk
March 5th, 2018

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Petitions for Fallsburg Board of Education

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education of the Fallsburg School District will be available in the Central Office on Monday, March 12, 2018 between the hours of 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district. They must be returned to the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM on April 16, 2018.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

- Ms. Jennifer Reinhardt - 3 year term
- Mr. Michael Weiner - 3 year term
- Mr. Shawn Wiles- 3 year term

Each vacancy is a separate office and separate petition is required to nominate a candidate to each separate office.

If you have any questions, please call Sarah Ungerleider, District Clerk at 434-6800, ext. 1215.

New York's Irish Soldiers Bloodied, Battle Tested in Trenches of WWI for St. Patrick's Day 1918

- Story by Col. Richard Goldenberg, New York National Guard.

March 7, 1918 was the day the New York National Guardsmen of the 69th Infantry Regiment, New York City's "Fighting 69th," experienced their first major combat loss.

A German artillery barrage landed directly on a dugout position of the regiment's 2nd Battalion, killing 21 Soldiers

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2018 - 2019:

Full-Time Elementary Teacher, Tenure-Track Position Must have current NYS Childhood Education (1-6) Certification

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:

Mrs. Jennifer Williams, ES Principal
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 ext. 5306

Final date for receiving applications/letters of interest: March 23, 2018

3/8/18, 3/15/18, 3/22/18.

and launching a frantic rescue effort to recover survivors buried 40 feet below ground.

As part of the Army's 42nd Infantry "Rainbow" Division in World War I, the troops, redesignated for wartime service as the 165th Infantry, the regiment's first combat duties in March 1918 marked their first casualties and combat actions for the troops in the Lunneville sector of the Western Front in a woods known as the Rouge Bouquet.

Those first weeks of combat service provided cause for both celebration and sorrow for the regiment's Irish heritage on St. Patrick's Day in 1918.

The Irish regiment, along with other infantry forces of the Rainbow Division, were serving in the line alongside French divisions of the French VII Corps throughout March 1918 in order to gain practical experience before the division would take command of its own sector later in the spring.

The 165th Infantry had been in the trenches of Lunneville since February 28. After more than a week of missions, the regiment's 1st Battalion, led by Maj. William Donovan, rotated to the rear and the 2nd Battalion, commanded by Maj. William Stacom, entered the line March 7.

The initial week had been a tremendous experience for the New York Soldiers, recalled regimental chaplain Father Francis Duffy in his 1919 autobiography "Father Duffy's Story."

"The trenches at last!" he recorded in his diary on March 1, 1918. "We have all read descriptions of them and so had our preconceived notions. The novelty is that we are in a thick woods."

Duffy was referring to the Rouge Bouquet, where the battalions would rotate forces to conduct raids, patrols and master the tactics and techniques of trench warfare on the Western Front.

"Their main sport is going out on patrols by night or day to scout through "No Man's Land," to cut wires, and stir things up generally," Duffy wrote of the tactical operations. "With our artillery throwing over shells from the rear and our impatient infantry prodding the enemy, the sector will not be long a quiet one."

Father Duffy's concern was prescient. German forces provided a violent welcome for the 2nd Battalion once they entered the trenches on March 7.

"At about 3:20 p.m. the enemy launched a barrage of shells in the 2nd Battalion's position for about an hour," wrote Richard Demeter in his 2002 history of "The Fighting 69th." With the majority of troops below ground in hardened dugouts for protection, tragedy struck when a German shell landed on and collapsed the dugout for 1st Lt. John Norman, a regular Army officer and his two dozen Soldiers of 1st Platoon.

The dugout was some 40 feet below ground, with timbers to protect the Soldiers and numerous turns down a stairwell to the entrance.

"Tons of earth and stone cascaded," recalled Pvt. Alf Helmer a native of Norway and one of the few survivors of the barrage, explained in the 2008 Stephen Harris book "Duffy's War." "I remember only the crash. Thoughts ceased. I only know that I found myself in the doorway of the forward entrance, hands extended over my head."

Maj. William Donovan, commander of the regiment's 1st Battalion, was visiting the 2nd Battalion command post after the relief in place when the barrage struck. Allowing Stacom to continue his defensive preparations in case of a German attack, Donovan volunteered to make an assessment and assist in the rescue efforts of the imperiled 1st Platoon.

Initial efforts were able to recover seven Soldiers, two alive and five dead. Donovan and a rescue team could still hear other survivors, including Lt. Norman, from the crater of earth and timber.

Not all of the New York Soldiers perished in the initial blast that collapsed the dugout, Helmer would later recall in the Harris

Book account. Half the platoon had survived, but with little space for air and tons of earth and debris, Helmer expected everyone to die, using his own helmet to scoop away dirt and create space to breathe.

"Choking dust and gas stench filled the suffocating darkness," Helmer's son recalled for an interview for the Harris book. "I gave myself to prayer and making my peace with God, I was no longer afraid."

Under intense German artillery fire, including a gas attack, the frantic efforts to dig into the crater and save their fellow Soldiers continued, assisted by the regiment's engineers of the pioneer platoon. Led by one of the estimated 60-80 Jewish Soldiers serving in the Irish regiment, Sgt. Abram Blaustein continued rescue efforts.

"The pioneers were called out to try to rescue these men," recalled Al Ettinger in his account to his son in the 1992 book "A Doughboy with the Fighting 69th."

"All night long we labored. Two lieutenants have general direction but it was Abe Blaustein who really took charge and led by example. The men worked in relays, but Blaustein always took the most dangerous position," Ettinger said.

For his heroic actions, Sgt. Blaustein received the French Croix de Guerre and the moniker "Blaustein of the Irish."

Donovan also received the Croix de Guerre for his actions in leading rescue efforts under fire.

The trauma of the loss and the determination to act even touched the survivors. Pvt. Helmer, once rescued, moved on to the medical aid station and the battalion command post to report on the tragedy. Then, according to Harris in "Duffy's War," he requested permission to



return to the site to assist with rescue efforts.

"I knew that unless I was the thing through," Helmer said, "I would never again be able to look my comrades in the face."

As rescue efforts the following morning became too dangerous under the German artillery barrage, and no further sounds coming from the dugout, it was decided to halt work and leave the remaining 14 Soldiers and 1st Lt. Norman where they were buried. The regiment placed a marker and moved on.

Sgt. Joyce Kilmer, present at the scene and a famous poet assigned to the regimental Intelligence Section, penned an account of loss for the 21 Soldiers in a poem simply titled "Rouge Bouquet."

"On St. Patrick's Day that year (1918)," Demeter wrote, "The 165th Infantry celebrated as the Old 69th had always done. Father Duffy said mass for each of the three battalions, the afternoon was given over to sport and the evening to music and entertainment."

But mass for the Irish in 1918 was a special observance as Father Duffy read the Kilmer poem to the assembled troops to honor their recently fallen friends.

"Rouge Bouquet" includes this first stanza, written in time to the sound of Taps played in honor of the fallen Soldiers:

In a wood they call the Rouge Bouquet
There is a new-made grave today,
Built by never a spade nor pick
Yet covered with earth ten meters thick.
There lie many fighting men,
Dead in their youthful prime,
Never to laugh nor love again
Nor taste the Summertime.
For death came flying through the air
And stopped his flight at the dugout stair,
Touched his prey and left them there,
Clay to clay. - He hid their bodies stealthily
In the soil of the land they fought to free - And fled away.
Now over the grave abrupt and clear -Three volleys ring:
And perhaps their brave spirits hear -The bugles sing:
"Go to sleep! Go to sleep!

Slumber well where the shell screamed and fell.

Let your rifles rest on the muddy floor,

You will not need them anymore.

Danger's past; Now at last, Go to sleep."

Three days later, March 20, 1918, the Irish launched a surprise attack against the German trenches, with a green banner marked with a golden harp and the Irish motto, "Erin Go Bragh," roughly Ireland Forever, attached to a Soldier's bayonet as he went over the top. It would be further embroidered with the name Rouge Bouquet



and carried into battle for the remainder of the war.

The Irish regiment, like the rest of the 42nd Rainbow Division, had learned its combat lessons and would carry them through their battles ahead, notes New York State

Military History Director Courtney Burns. Soldiers learned the skills to survive and succeed at Lunneville, mourn their losses of the Rouge Bouquet and move forward to their mission.

The entire division would form and take its full place in the line in its own sector in Baccarat, France on April 1 and confront the final German offensive of the war. In the summer of 1918 the Rainbow would go on the offensive, with the 165th Infantry often in the lead.

"Thrown into the trenches in late February 1918, the 165th (Old 69th) successfully held the line at Rouge Bouquet, Baccarat and Champagne against the great German Spring Offensive," Burns said. "In the Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne Allied offensives of the summer and fall, the 165th excelled at small unit tactics and movement, often leading the advance to seize and control German-held territory and positions."



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

2018 Upcoming Events

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

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 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. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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.

- 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 Pierce Library Community Room
- 4/3/18 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 4/7/18 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/12/18 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 4/12/18 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 pm
- 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 5 - **Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight Walk**: Sign-in 8:15-9am First Aid Building - 9am Walk on Fairgrounds
 May 25-28, 2018 **Sundown Community 2nd Annual Miles & Miles of Yard Sale!**
 Apr 7 - **Boy Scout Troop 97 Fish or Chicken and Chips Dinner** 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic June 6 - 5-7:30 pm Animals must be 3 months old. Horsebarn on Fairgrounds
 June 9 TV PTO **Fun Run/Walk for Kindness & Community Day Free** day of fun-filled activities: Jumpy house, obstacle course, dunk tank, batting cage, face painting, corn hole, can jam, touch a truck and many more activities. 9-2pm

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

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 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**. **Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**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

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

**2018 Dept. of Motor Vehicles
 Schedule - Neversink Town Hall**

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

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Easter Bunny Breakfast

"The Kiwanis Club of Woodridge and The Fallsburg Central School Key Club will host a "Easter Bunny Breakfast" on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8 A.M. to Noon at the Woodbourne Firehouse, Rt. 52, Woodbourne, NY. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee or tea. The Easter Bunny will lead an Easter Egg Hunt and will pose for free photos with the children. There will also be raffles and door prizes. Admission is \$8.00 for Adults age 13 - 61; \$7.00 for Seniors age 62 & up; \$5.00 for children age 5 thru 12 ; FREE for Kids thru age 4; FREE for all Veterans.

IFurther info may be obtained by contacting Dawn Kaplan at 436-6453 or Diane Garritt at 434-7023".

**Walker Valley's
 Shawangunk Day 2018**

Walker Valley's Shawangunk Day will take place on August 18, 2018 from 10a.m. for 4p.m. with festivities taking place at several locations along Route 52 and Marl Road, including: the firehouse, the schoolhouse, Charlie's Walker Valley Auto, The Mountain View Church, Walker Valley Vet, and the Cobblestone. For further information or to apply to be a vendor please see our Website at

<https://walkervalleyyny.wixsite.com/walker-valley>
 or email Sue Wiand at dowsersue@hvc.rr.com

**Opening Day in Roscoe
 Opening Day will be begin at 7 am at Junction Pool**

As tradition has it the Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce will be meeting and greeting all anglers on opening day of fishing season on Sunday, April 1, 2018 starting at 7:00 am at Junction Pool right here in Roscoe NY.

Our Trout Season Opening Ceremony will start at 7 am at Junction Pool, with refreshments served by the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce. More to come, stay tuned!

The First Cast will commence at 8 am at Junction Pool.

Mark your calendars for Saturday - April 14th - Two Headed Trout Dinner!

**DEP Releases 2018 Watershed
 Recreation Newsletter**

Annual Newsletter Provides Updates on Hiking, Fishing, Boating and Other Recreational Activities on City Lands in the Watershed

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the release of its annual Watershed Recreation Newsletter, which serves as a yearly source of information for local residents and visitors who enjoy outdoor activities on water-supply lands and reservoirs. The 2018 edition includes a preview of events such as family fishing days, guided hikes and the department's annual Reservoir Cleanup Day. It also includes a step-by-step guide for renting a boat to paddle on four of the City's reservoirs, a guide for using New York City's public transportation systems to

reach the great outdoors, and profiles of two outdoor enthusiasts who recreate in the watershed. Because nearly 13,000 fishing boats are stored on the shores of our reservoirs, boaters will also find a page of helpful updates and reminders.

"Our annual recreation newsletter is a great starting point for outdoor enthusiasts who want to explore the scenic beauty of our watershed and the City's reservoirs," DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza said. "DEP has worked diligently with its partners to expand recreational opportunities and make access easier for anyone who wants to fish, paddle, hike and more. As we move toward spring, we hope this guide will provide new ideas to get outside with you families."

Recreation in the watershed is underscored each year by a number of public events hosted by DEP and its partners. Those events will kick off this year in April with Family Fishing Day at Ashokan Reservoir. Additional details on that event and all others will be posted throughout the year on DEP's watershed Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NYCWatershed. Information about the events will also be included in a bi-monthly digital newsletter that is emailed to those who possess a free DEP Access Permit. If you would like to sign up for the digital newsletter, send an email to watershedevents@dep.nyc.gov.

There are now approximately 135,000 acres of water supply property open for recreation in the watershed. Of that, roughly 71,000 acres of land are in public access areas that are open to recreation without a DEP permit. For those areas that require a permit, the free-of-charge DEP Access Permit can be obtained online by visiting: www.nyc.gov/dep/accesspermit.



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LOST DOG in SUNDOWN

There is a **black dog with a little white** on his/her chest still wandering around Sundown. The dog has garnered a lot of attention from Sundown residents, the DEC and people passing through Sundown on Peekamoose Road. The dog was first sighted near the state campgrounds almost two months ago. Many of us have been feeding it and trying to get close enough to leash it and perhaps if it has a license or collar with information, find its owner. The dog is very skittish and runs when we try to get near him/her. We are all hoping that the owner of this dog is looking for it and will somehow hear that it has been seen daily by different residents on Peekamoose Road. If you are the owner of this dog please reach out to one of us. You may call *The Townsman* -845-985-0501 - and leave a message and we will get back to you.

SUNDOWN COMMUNITY MILES AND MILES OF YARD SALES!

The 2nd Annual Memorial Day Weekend Sundown Community Miles and Miles of Yard Sales will be held May 25, 26, 27 & 28. Keep watching *The Townsman* for details. A map and application form will be published starting next week for those who wish to participate. Like last year, there is no fee - just fun! We will be asking those who participate or anyone else who wishes, to donate a baked good item for the **Sundown Methodist Church's Bake Sale** that will be held on Saturday when they will have their **BIG Annual Yard Sale** at the Church Hall. If you are not planning on a Yard Sale, but have gently used items to donate to the Sundown UMC's Yard Sale - please arrange to bring them to the church hall by Tuesday, May 1st.

If you have a craft item you wish to sell, send a picture of your finished craft along with a description, price, etc and your contact information to:
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"Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia"

King Kong
 (Adventure, 1933)
 A film crew discovers the "eighth wonder of the world," a giant prehistoric ape, and brings him back to New York, where he wreaks havoc. **Directors, Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack. Starring, Fay Wray, Robert Armstrong, Bruce Cabot, Frank Reicher, Sam Hardy, Noble Johnson, James Flavin.** Classic version of beauty-and-beast theme is a movie going must, with **Willis O'Brien's special effects and animation of monster ape Kong still unsurpassed in stop motion animation.** Final sequence atop Empire State Building is now cinema folklore; Max Steiner music score also memorable. Followed immediately by **THE SON OF KONG.** Remade in 1976. Also shown in computer-colored version. King Kong, The 8000 pound gorilla in the room! The 8th wonder of the world. One of the most anticipated DVDs of all time! King Kong is every single one of those things...Starting at 11:45 PM B/W 104 m CC, TV-PG,

Quiz:
 In King Kong.
 1. Who played Carl Denham?
 2. Who played Lumpy?

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SUNDOWN
April 7 - 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. P.S. Just in case you don't want to have a Yard Sale and are cleaning those closets and wonder what to do with all that 'stuff' - Sundown Methodist Church will be receiving gently used articles for their **BIG Annual Yard Sale** on Saturday, May 26. Articles will be received for the sale through now and up to May 1st.

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

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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