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Drawing to Support Two Families Fighting Cancer

Two coaches from the Tri-Valley Little League and their families are battling cancer. The Little League is sponsoring a drawing to benefit the Krummack and Mullen families. Because the prize money has been donated, all proceeds from ticket sales will be divided equally between the two families.

The winners will be drawn on March 24th at the *Music in Our Schools* concert in the TV auditorium.

Secure your ticket today for a donation of \$20 and a chance to win up to \$1500 at the Grahamsville Deli, Cannie D's, Eureka Cafe, Catskill Hudson Bank, Superior Building Supply, Neversink Transfer Station, from any Little League Board Member, or call Tom Mitchell at 985-7449, Kim Costa, Kerrie Poley, Cathy Russo or Ric Coombe at 985-2189.

Fallsburg Community Meeting Results in Memorable School Assemblies

When the Fallsburg High School Superintendent's Community Advisory Council was organizing a Community Forum on December 6, 2014, the council invited Jennifer Reinhardt, a Program Director from Fallsburg's Dynamite Youth Center (DYC), to attend. She offered to bring some of the young people that are in Dynamite's rehab program.



In the photo left to right are Dynamite Youth Center members Charles Rollo, Colin Hicks, Pitrina Dazzo, Kayleigh Arza, Zoe Mosby, and Nicole Yehezkel.

During the Forum, Ms. Reinhardt and eleven members of DYC met with Assistant Jr/Sr HS Principal Frank Godlewski in a supervised session. These young adults shared some of their addiction issues, life consequences and suggestions for how to overcome some of the obstacles presented by drug abuse. Mr. Godlewski was very moved by the experiences and the maturity of the young people. One suggestion that day was to allow that group to share their stories with the student body.

On February 17 and 18, 2015, Mr. Godlewski and Ms. Reinhardt brought that suggestion to fruition. Six members of the Dynamite Community presented a seminar in separate assemblies to each of the grade levels at the Jr/Sr HS. These young men and women, not much older than the students they were addressing, shared their stories and warned the student body about how it really can happen. They spoke about the dangers of addiction, the consequences of poor choices, their regrets and how important it is to be aware of your surroundings and the negative pressures of the people you hang out with. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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Frost Valley Time Capsule



Eric Blum - former volunteer, staff member, and avid supporter of nearby Frost Valley YMCA - bequeathed, after passing away in June 2013, a significant donation to Frost Valley specifically for the purpose of creating a new space for staff. The building, soon to be known as the Blum House, is nearing completion and will provide an area for Frost Valley employees to relax and bond with one another during their downtime.

In memory of Eric Blum, and to commemorate his gift, Frost Valley CEO Jerry Huncosky joined staff members to place a time capsule within the building's walls on Thursday, March 5. The capsule contains photos and personal mementos donated by Blum's family, articles written by Blum, a copy of a recent Frost Valley donor newsletter, Frost Valley's 2013 Annual Report, a letter from Huncosky, and a few other notions. The capsule is to be opened 25 years from now, in the year 2040. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Beanstalks, Birds, and Friendly Beasts Charm Children at "Take Your Child to the Library Day!"



Saturday, February 7, 2015 was a great day at the Daniel Pierce Library! A few-hundred children with parents and guardians in tow streamed in and out during what was nothing less than a full-scale celebration of childhood, imagination, and exploration!

Children were treated to two special educational performances in celebration of "Take Your Child to the Library Day!" The first performance by the award-winning Spring Valley Puppet Theater featured a delightful retelling of the beloved classic fairy tale, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. The children giggled with delight at the handmade puppets and riveting performance of puppeteer, Mr. Michael Graham. The second event of the day took everyone on an adventure deep into the tropical jungle! (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. Job 20:25

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

March 23, 1955 - Alden Dale Shaut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shaut of Woodbourne, will graduate from the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Thursday, March 24th. Dale is a graduate of Liberty High School.

WEAR WOLVERINES

For shoes your feet appreciate, so comfortable at work or play,

Wear WOLVERINES! Why should you wait, Come in and buy a pair today.

KUM TO KRUM'S

March 17, 1965 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingram of Beaver Dam Rd. take pleasure in announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Janet Rowena, to Mr. Harry R. Heigh, son of Mrs. Minnie Heigh of Seattle, Wash. on March 4th at San Diego, Calif. The bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is currently in the U.S. Navy. Her husband is also in the U.S. Navy and plans on making this his career.

Robert Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Curry of Neversink, is on the Dean's List at Delhi Technical Institute with a 3.14 GPA. Robert is a Tri Valley graduate and is majoring in construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lauria became the parents of a son, Troy Matthew, on Tuesday, March 9th at Liberty Maimonides Hospital. Troy weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

March 26, 1975 - Tom Marshalek, a 1974 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School, is attending Sullivan County Community College in the Hotel Technology division. After studying tourism in Iceland, he was appointed Vice President of the Catskill Jr. Chapter of the Hotel Sales Managers Association and was elected treasurer of the Escoffier Cooking Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek of Woodbourne.

March 21, 1985 - Welcome, please. Kevin James Bertholf, son of James and Cheryl Bertholf of Grahamsville, born February 28, 1985 at Harris Hospital. Kevin weighed 6 lbs. 15 3/4 oz at birth and was 19 1/2 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Jim and Pat Gray, Sundown Rd., Grahamsville. His paternal grandparents are William and Caroline Bertholf of Divine Corners.

Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Funding Applications Offered

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. March 16, 2015 - Funding applications will soon be available from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) for a new program designed to help communities take actions to reduce damage from future floods. The CWC Board of Directors approved the Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation (FHMI) Program in 2014, and on March 3 authorized applications to be released on April 1. Funding proposals for the first annual round of grants must be submitted by June 1, 2015.

Applications can be obtained at www.cwconline.org, where you can also read the program rules. Questions may be directed to Nate Hendricks, 845-586-1400, Ext. 308.

The program, supported with a \$17 million allocation from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the 2014 Filtration Avoidance determination, will assist municipalities, businesses and other property owners in the five-county New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed. It is intended to remedy situations where an imminent and substantial danger to people or property exists; or to improve community-scale flood resilience while providing a water quality benefit.

FHMI is one of several Watershed programs underway or planned that will help communities assess and mitigate conditions that exacerbate flood damage. For more information on these initiatives, visit www.catskillstreams.org.

The focus of the CWC program will be to help pay for projects that will have measurable impacts on flood hazards. Proposed projects, with some significant exceptions, must have been recommended in city-funded Local Flood Analysis (LFA) studies. An LFA is an engineering study that evaluates target areas for flood hazards, and develops mitigation alternatives based on technical feasibility and cost-benefit effectiveness.

Many Watershed municipalities have either completed or are working on LFAs with assistance from the City-funded Stream Management Program

through county Soil & Water Conservation Districts and Cornell Cooperative Extension, or, in the case of hamlets that are being assisted through the New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program, by consultants provided by the State.

When these studies are completed, Village and Town governing boards will decide which, if any, recommendations to pursue.

The following types of projects are eligible for funding under the new FHMI program if they are recommended in a community's LFA or equivalent NY Rising study:

- Property protection measures that would contribute to lowering flood waters or reducing damage downstream (such as adding flood vents or breakaway walls to allow water to flow through a basement or crawl space)
- Elimination of sources of manmade pollution (such as relocating or securing fuel tanks)
- Stream-related construction that reduces flood depths
- Alterations to public infrastructure that would lower flood waters or reduce downstream damage, such as enlarging a bridge, or installing floodplain drain b or larger culverts

The FHMI program can also pay some costs associated with relocating certain properties under specific circumstances.

Municipalities can apply for funds to help relocate a business or a residence where the need for the relocation is identified in the LFA (such as for as flood plain restoration project).

- In communities that have completed an LFA, property owners can apply for funds to help relocate an anchor business outside the floodplain. This would apply to a gas station, grocery store, lumber or hardware store, medical/doctor's office or pharmacy. CWC funds can go towards buying land for relocation within the same town (unless the municipality chooses to waive this requirement). Funds for feasibility or environmental studies, appraisal costs or for providing wastewater treatment at the new site are also available.
- In communities that have completed an LFA, property owners can apply for funds to help relocate critical community facilities (firehouse, school, town hall, water or wastewater treatment system) which if damaged or destroyed would immediately impair the health and/or safety of a community. Funds for buying land outside the flood plain, for conducting feasibility or environmental studies, or for providing wastewater infrastructure are also available.

Individual homeowners and businesses who participate in the NYC DEP Flood Buyout (FBO) Program anywhere in the Watershed (not just within an LFA community) may apply to CWC for relocation assistance. Homeowners are eligible to seek up to \$10,000 towards a wastewater treatment solution for a single family residence at a new location within the same Town. Businesses may apply for funds to help purchase land outside the floodplain, for feasibility and environmental studies, for appraisal costs and for up to \$50,000 for wastewater infrastructure at a new site within the same Town.

The parameters of the City's FBO program are being finalized but are expected to require that applicant properties be at risk of loss or damage by inundation, erosion or slope failure, or are needed for stream or floodplain restoration work.

Municipalities can also apply for up to \$20,000 to pay for planning for a Planned Redevelopment Community to replace residences recommended for relocation in an LFA. Grants up to \$250,000 are also available to help pay for wastewater infrastructure for such planned communities. Under a separate CWC program, municipalities can receive funds to update or develop comprehensive plans to identify areas suitable for relocated residences and businesses.

The CWC's program also offers grants up to \$10,000 per property to municipalities and property owners for emergency stream debris removal after a storm.

Projects ineligible for CWC funding include structural flood control practices such as flood walls, berms and levees; stream dredging or channelization or maintenance projects, the need for which has occurred more than once because of flooding.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. Visit www.cwconline.org for more information.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Bailey of Claryville. Janet passed away at the age of 68 on March 9th.

Congratulations to Zachrey Nilsen and Sara Dertinger, both seniors at Tri-Valley, who were named our local senior scholar athletes.

Senator, John Bonacic sent certificates of merit to Tri-Valley athletes James Tierney, Nathan Bender, Ian Kurzrock, Mohib Kahn and the relay team for their outstanding accomplishments at the indoor track and field championships which were recently held at Sullivan County Community College.

The Boy Scout Blue and Gold Dinner will be held at the Neversink Community Hall at 3:00 on Sunday, March 22nd. The Scouts will receive their well-deserved awards at that time.

Don't forget the "Bread Making by Hand" free workshop to be held at the Time and the Valleys Museum at 2:00 pm on Sunday, March 22nd. Nothing tastes as good as homemade bread and it really isn't that hard to do.

A group of 6th grade parents and teachers recently met to discuss some ways to help raise funds for the grade six three-day trip to Frost Valley, which will happen this spring. With school budgets tightening, it's necessary to do a little fund-raising to help support this program. This trip first happened in 1997 and it is a fabulous opportunity for these 6th grade youngsters and something they really look forward to!

The bluebirds are back! Sapping season is in full-swing! Spring has finally sprung!

In a few weeks, Easter will be here. The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has already advertised their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 4th. The event will be held, rain or shine at 10:30 am at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

Do you know how the date for Easter is determined? Easter is usually the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox - unless that Sunday coincides with the beginning of Passover. The time of the vernal equinox varies somewhat from year to year, from March 20th to March 22nd. March 22nd is the earliest possible date for Easter. We will not celebrate Easter on March 22nd again until the year 2285. The latest date that Easter can fall is April 25th. According to the Almanac, this will not happen again until 2038.

Words of Wisdom: From the Old Farmer's Almanac: He who keeps company with the wolf will learn to howl. OR Lie down with dogs, and get up with fleas. OR You are judged by the company you keep.

NEVERSINK NEWS: - Hulda Vernooy

Get well wishes to Linda Cypert who had hip surgery last week. Hurry and get well and get back on your feet!

Bread Making by Hand Program

The Bread Making by Hand Program being held at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville on Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm is now full.

Because of the overwhelming response for this program, we will hold another session in the future.

We will announce the date as soon as it is available.

The BIG Melt Down

Everyone is anxiously awaiting spring, even the piles of snow. There is a pile in the Library-Museum parking lot that has to be the largest in the Town of Neversink. Not only that, it is having a contest! You can enter by guessing the day and the exact time that the last spot of snow will melt. The Museum and Library are co-sponsoring the MELT DOWN contest and will keep close watch as it shrinks. Tickets are for sale in both places and cost \$1.00. The winner will get 50% of the sales, and the remainder will be divided between the sponsors.

Have some fun during the last days of winter and the upcoming spring. My guess is Earth Day, April 22, at 6:20 AM, what's yours?

DONUT SALE AT THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

Thank you to everyone who purchased donuts at the library's recent Mardi Gras Donut Sale. Because so many of you asked for more donuts, we have scheduled another donut sale for Friday, June 5, which is "National Donut Day."

This year marks the 77th anniversary of "National Donut Day" which was begun by the Salvation Army during the Great Depression in order to raise money and to make the country aware of their social service programs. "National Donut Day" also commemorates the "donut lassies" -- the female volunteers who provided donuts to the soldiers on the front lines during World War I. Because resources were limited, these enterprising ladies sometimes fried the donuts in the soldiers' helmets!

So, mark your calendars for Friday, June 5, when we will be frying donuts in the Lower Level kitchen of the Daniel Pierce Library.

"Hard Evidence" Debuts in the CAS Elevator Gallery

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present the artwork of Frank Shuback in "Hard Evidence," an exhibition in the Elevator Gallery, running April 4 - May 31, 2015 at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY.

"Hard Evidence" is a series of clues to current events, using design and color to draw together elements from around the world. Frank Shuback picks up found objects in wood, metal, plastic, and glass from antique shops and bends them to his own subjective imagination. Curious, unexpected, and often playful, his sculpture and installation will make you wonder and even prod you to laugh.

Frank Shuback lives and works in New Hampton, NY. He received a B.A. degree from Parsons New School of Design in New York and studied at Bard College and Orange County Community College. Since the 1960's, he has shown his work all over the country, including the Rice Gallery and the University Art gallery in Albany, the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton, and many others.

The Elevator Gallery is an experimental exhibition space at the CAS Arts Center that features visual art, installations, short art films, and other curiosities in six shows each year. Curated on a rolling basis, it allows for creative spontaneity and transformation, elevating the profile of alternative artists and styles not frequently seen in the CAS Exhibition Season. To learn more and submit work for exhibition, visit: www.catskillartsociety.org/submissions.

Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursdays - Saturdays from 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

Public Opening Reception

The Catskill Art Society will host a free opening reception for "Hard Evidence," an exhibition of artwork by Frank Shuback, on Saturday, April 4 from 4-6pm.

About the Catskill Art Society

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

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

21st Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering

The 21st Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 2:00-6:00 pm at the Neversink Fire Hall, Route 55, Neversink NY, featuring many talented local musicians. Food by Mark McCarthy will also be featured. A Barbeque will be available for "Take Out" or to enjoy and "Eat In" while listening to the music! Cost for music \$10.00 for adults; \$1.00 for students Children under 5 Free

Cost for food: \$10.00 for either CHICKEN or PULLED PORK plus 2 sides with a drink \$12.00 for RIBS and 2 sides with a drink \$7.00 for a pulled pork sandwich, chips with a drink Lunch take outs will be available at 11:00. BAKED GOODS will also be sold.

For more information please call Paul Lounsbury at 985-2923 or cell 845-649-8963

This is a fundraiser for the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

A Partridge Parked on Peekamoose Road

Last Wednesday we were heading down Peekamoose Road, too far from the Sundown Church,



traffic was stopped both ways as a Partridge a/d/a Ruffed Grouse was parked in the middle of the road! Those that were close up to her, agreed she was a she, as females are smaller, and this was a

small Ruffed Grouse, a/k/a Partridge. She took her time before strutting off to the forest edge alongside the road.

The Partridge or Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) is a chicken-like bird with a two-foot wingspan, rusty-brown or gray brown plumage and pretty brown-barred breast. Both male and female have the same coloration. She still had her winter downy feathers covering her legs and her snowshoes, comb-like spurs on her toes that help support the bird's weight on the snow.

The natural habitat of the Partridge is thick forest with dense undergrowth and scattered clearings. This bird ranges from the tree line in Alaska and Canada south to most of the U.S..

A Partridge spends much time on the ground searching for food. It walks gracefully with firm steps, fanning its beautiful banded tail, head erect and fluffing out its velvety black neck ruffs stopping frequently to poses on one foot while uttering soft clucks before moving on. However, if alarmed it runs rapidly to a hiding place or immediately springs into the air with a loud startling noise and flies safely away.

Partridge eat seeds, wild grapes and berries; their favorites are strawberries and dewberries. Winter fare includes bechnuts, acorns, leaf buds, green honeysuckle leaves and soft needle evergreens.

Next month, April, the male Partridge will begin drumming to attract females. The male will often strut along a log displaying its fan tail and black neck ruffs. When he stops, he will stretch his body like a domestic rooster and beat the air with its wings faster and louder gaining speed until the drumming sounds like a distant thunder.

The muffled booming can be heard two hundred yards away enticing female Grouse to come for mating. Should another male approach, a fierce fight erupts with the males savagely pecking and spurring each other until one is driven away. Male Partridge have several mates but don't help with building nests or parenting.

A female makes a ground nest of twigs lined with soft grass and leaves. She will lay between 6-12 tan eggs, which she sits on for three weeks, perfectly camouflaged by her mottled brown plumage.

The babies follow their mother minutes after hatching to find food and just a week later can fly a few yards. They squat motionless at the first cluck of alarm then resume searching for bugs and berries when Mom gives the 'all clear cluck'.

A female Partridge is very protective of her brood and often diverts danger away by drawing attention to her feigning a broken wing or tumbling helplessly about.

At nightfall she gathers her chicks around her in a tight circle under a sheltering bush or log. When the whole convey can fly better, they roost in trees among the thickest foliage.

Our Catskill forest lands are a most suitable habitat for the Partridge thus we will have the pleasure of hearing the drumming of a Partridge this spring and soon seeing a hen and her chicks scurry across one of our back country roads.

Household Hints

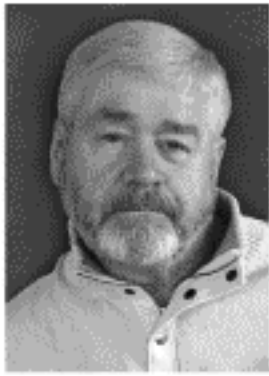
Vinegar as a Fabric softener

Pour 1/4 cup of plain white vinegar in the fabric softener reservoir of your washer and fill it to the top with water. You can buy gallon jugs of vinegar for about \$1.25, which costs about \$.02 per load to use. No, your laundry won't smell like pickles - in fact, vinegar tends to remove other odors so when your clothes are dry they will smell even fresher. (You may notice a vinegary smell in your washer, but it dissipates after the laundry's done as long as you keep the lid raised on your machine between uses

The Final Silence

Mysterious Book Report No. 186

by John Dwaine McKenna



If you think about it, all of us have two faces. The first is the one we show to the world and the second is our private self—the inner person—the person we truly are, where our secret interests lie. Usually they're harmless enough . . . a dedicated coin or stamp collector for instance, maybe an interest in a specific subject, genealogy or the Civil War for example . . . but there's a dark side too, drinking or drug addiction for instance. Maybe something worse. Spousal abuse. Gambling. Self Mutilation. The list is endless and inventive, as unlimited as all of human imagination and as deep as the depths of human depravity.

Now, in a masterly psycho-thriller from one of my favorite Irish writers, comes a neo-noir work of exceptional talent that takes a head-on, close examination of just such a taboo subject.

The Final Silence, (Soho Press, Inc., \$26.95, 340 pages, ISBN 978-1-61695-548-9) by Stuart Neville takes place in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It begins when Rea Carlisle, the daughter of a rising political star named Graham Carlisle, inherits a house with a locked room from an uncle she never knew. After disposing of all the accumulated junk in the rest of the house, she forces open the locked room and discovers that it contains only a desk, a chair and a large scrapbook full of macabre souvenirs—fingernails, locks of hair—and a catalog of victims, all of whom have been murdered. Rea wants to take it to the police, but her father stops her, claiming he'll be hurt by the revelation in the coming election and lose his position. Rea turns to a disgraced police inspector named Jack Lennon for help. But Lennon himself becomes the lead suspect in a murder investigation and the hunt takes several grisly turns, each one leading Lennon deeper into a past that's ever closer to 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland'. The drama, pacing and language all combine to make for a relentless story . . . one you'll not want to stop reading! If you have any interest in modern Irish history or The Troubles, as the sectarian violence of the '70s, '80s, and '90s came to be known, I'd suggest reading this and Neville's other works, especially *The Ghosts of Belfast*, which is about an ex-IRA hitman

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You'll find a great Eco-Tourism Keynote Speaker when you go over the river and through the woods to the 2nd Annual Green Tourism Conference - Frost Valley's YMCA Jerry Huncosky to Be Keynote Speaker at the 2015 Green Tourism Conference

Jerry Huncosky's biggest reward is walking Frost Valley YMCA's 5000 acres and listening to the kids, like the little girl from Newark who'd never seen the stars.

The 2015 Green Tourism Conference is proud to have Frost Valley CEO, Jerry Huncosky as the keynote speaker at our Farm-to-Table Luncheon.

With over a century of eco-tourism leadership, Frost Valley is not your typical "Y." Last year 38,000 campers, 25,000 of them children, came from the Northeastern US, Asia, Europe and South America. Included were 165 mentally or physically challenged children and campers taking advantage of Frost Valley's pioneering full dialysis program.

Jerry, a University of Wisconsin at Green Bay graduate, has been involved with YMCA Camping since 1984 operating camps in New York, Texas, and Rhode Island.

- o He travels the world creating camping programs in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.
- o Jerry consults YMCA camps in the United States as well and advises the YMCA of the USA.
- o He oversees Frost Valley's general operation, strategic planning and fund development.
- o He led Frost Valley back from Hurricane Irene's flooding (access roads cut off for months) that devastated the camp and local community.
- o He is focusing on increasing sustainability through reduced energy consumption and on-site food production.

Frost Valley YMCA is a world leader in eco-tourism.

o In 2012, Frost Valley received American Camp Association's Eleanor P. Eells Award, the ACA's highest honor of distinction.

o It was the first property to receive HospitalityGreen's Green Concierge Bronze Certification.

o Founded in New Jersey as the nation's first overnight camp for boys in 1885, it moved to Ulster County in 1958.

o Frost Valley's eight core values are the following: Caring, Community, Diversity, Honesty, Inclusiveness, Respect, Responsibility, and Stewardship.

o It is one of the premier outdoor camping, group retreat, and environmental education centers in the world.

For more information on the 2015 Green Tourism Conference (GTC) April 14th & 15th:

o Use our on line form to register - \$199 for two day conference registration, two for one education rate is available

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A short video highlighting the 2014 Green Tourism Conference is available at:

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lic-private sector collaboration of the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and HospitalityGreen LLC, created to increase regional revenue through sustainable tourism initiatives. The Working Group is comprised of tourism associations, economic development organizations, state agencies and local foundations from Delaware, Greene, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties in NY and Wayne, Monroe and Pike Counties in PA

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Fallsburg Community Meeting Results in Memorable School Assemblies (From Pg. 1)

One after another, the DYC members spoke of lost opportunities, undermining the trust of those who loved them the most in their families, and diminishing their sense of self-worth. Finding Dynamite Youth Center has changed their lives dramatically after the failure of previous rehab programs and interventions by well-meaning parents and teachers. DYC takes a holistic approach to the person—members live together in a supportive home environment, get individual and group counseling, and feel a deep sense of belonging and ownership as part of the larger community. One young woman shared that she has realized through hard effort that she is "capable" as a person and does not have to get high with drugs to feel this way about herself.

This experience at Fallsburg High School for the DYC young adults was the first time that they spoke with students as a group or as individuals. They all shared how much they received by talking with the assemblies, seeing the responsive faces in the audience, and meeting the interested students who came up to them and thanked them afterwards. These youngsters, who have struggled with their addictions, knew at the end of the day that they have to "give back" and that relating their experiences can make a difference in the lives of other young people that are coping to make good decisions in their lives. One Fallsburg student junior Vincent Garcia said that the stories he heard got him thinking about what can happen to any young person today. "They were believable," said Garcia. He related that after the assembly, a lively discussion continued in the English class about the meaning of the assembly.

Mr. Godlewski and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz were very impressed with the candor and courage displayed by the DYC young adults. Dr. Katz said, "I suspect the fact that they are getting their lives back together will resonate in the memories of the FCSD students who came to see these important assemblies." He will be meeting on February 23 with Godlewski and the rest of the Advisory Council to continue the discussion on positive actions to keep the community informed and involved in drug awareness and related issues.

The Return of the Book - by Rhyolite Press

It's the sound the page makes as you excitedly flip from one event, to the next; or the smell of the book cover as you accidentally fall asleep in the middle of chapter 5.

This tangible, visceral process of reading (it seems) for quite some time now, has been replaced by the popular screens & "eye-strain friendly" LCDs of e-book readers, nooks, kindles & iPads.

Which begs the question: are there still people out there who miss the simple pleasure of a good old fashioned paperback?

You're damn right there are. One need only to peruse the vintage bank safes, and swirling book stacks of The Last Bookstore in Los Angeles, CA for proof that books are not only back, but also quite "hip."

How is this possible? Well, let's just say taking a nice warm bath, while reading your Kindle might not be the safest idea on earth.

Technical hazards aside, those paperbacks & hardcovers of days prior collect dust, they fill our rooms with history, and provide texture to our memories in the form of physical objects.

It's a bit more satisfying to close a novel at upon it's conclusion, vs. swiping left to power it down don't you think..

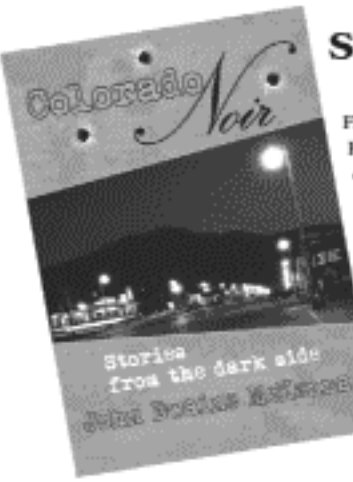
Think about those major metropolitan cities, or for that matter, any semi-hipster up-and-coming suburb in America. Chances are you'll find at least a dozen record stores boasting new & used vinyl (with turntables to match).

Just as the sound of vinyl is unduplicable, the sensory experience of reading a book is undeniable.

Let's face it, with most Americans spending an average of 7.3 hours per day staring at screens (TVs, Laptops, Smart Phones & Tablets) our eyes could honestly use a break.

For March & beyond, let's never forget the importance of enjoying the simple things. To occasionally disconnect from the digital, and re-connect to the tangible world of objects, pages, and stories.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda



Hoppy Quick with one of his famous chainsaw bears.

Fashion pundits are touting the new Lumberjack look in vogue called "Lumber-Sexual."

We, in Olive, have been sporting that style for decades. It is nice that the rest of the world has recognized the "country" look that residents have enjoyed without thought of couture.

My theory is that the cold, brutal winter provided the necessity for the fashion statement. Flannel plaids and mad-bomber fur hats are all the rage. Boots and snow sneakers are utilitarian and expensive...even more expensive now that they moved from LL Bean in Maine to Main Street and Broadway. Beards are in, ushering in new lines of grooming aids such as beard oil and conditioner. Hair for men is worn longer and carefree. Hat hair and that tousled look may be the result of wearing a knit hat for all occasions. I personally, have been known to sleep in one.

Hoppy Quick, well known for his outdoorsy looks, might well be the poster-boy for this Lumberjack rage.

Even women are donning plaids, flannels, and clothing that has more Alaskan than Parisian influence.

My prediction is that the summer fashions will be lighter and flimsier than ever in response to the brutal winter; that is, if summer ever comes. First we will have to deal with the mud season which could stretch right into July. I bet high rubber boots will soon appear in store windows. Flip-flops seem an eternity

Olive Free Library will Hold its First Annual Spring Book Fair

Olive Free Library will hold its first annual spring book fair on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Activities are planned throughout the day to appeal to all age groups, and scores of used books will be on sale at bargain prices. This all-day extravaganza will include a delicious hot lunch, bake sale, and raffle baskets to benefit the library. All activities are free, except early-bird shopping from 9-11 a.m. West Shokan, NY - Get ready to beat cabin fever at the Olive Free Library's spring book fair on Saturday, March 21, 10-4 p.m. The day will be chock-full of activities beginning with an American Girl Doll Tea at 10 a.m. Kids can bring their dolls for tea and will do some craft activities to make some swag for their dolls. At 11 a.m. ultra-popular children's book author and illustrator Iza Trapani will read and sing her latest book, Little Miss Muffet, do an interactive drawing, and will happily sign copies of her books. At noon the Catskill Ukulele Group will play some favorite songs, and will invite folks to sing or strum along. (Ukuleles are available for check-out at the library's circulation desk.) The Catskill Ukulele group meets every Wednesday night at the library to learn new songs together. Delicious hot food and homemade bake sale items will be available throughout the day and there will be raffle baskets and silent auction items to raise funds for the library. At 1:00 folks will be invited to gather around the Steinway piano for The Singing Circle led by musician Julia Haines. The Singing Circle gives people of all ages an opportunity to sing with others in a supportive, fun, group environment. All are welcome to come and listen and join in. No prior experience is necessary. At 2:00 p.m., there will be a Master Gardener lecture sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County on Succession Planting. Learn how to take advantage of the entire growing season, from early peas in the spring, to kale and other hearty greens that you can eat for Thanksgiving. Knowing what to plant when is the key! At 3:00 award-winning children's book illustrator and artist, Melanie Hall will lead people of all ages in an arts and crafts activity and will have copies of her books for sale. 4033 Route 28A, PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494 programs@olivefreelibrary.org www.olivefreelibrary.org All activities are free, although pre-registration is required for the American Girl Doll tea party. Those wishing to have first dibs at the book sale can pay \$5 to enter from 9 - 11 a.m., after that admission is free. For further information, please contact the Olive Free Library at 657-2482, or email director@olivefreelibrary.org. ### The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org

Pine Hill Community Center Calendar

Thursday, March 19, 3-5pm. Story Circle This group invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share. We are interested in traditional tales, but personal narrative is welcome.

Friday, March 20, 7-10 pm. Open Mic. Hosted by Mike Herman. Bring out your sax, your voice, or your axe! Or just come out for some listening pleasure. Enjoy a great night of music and fun. Free admission - refreshments available. Call Mike for more information. 607-588-7129. www.MikeHermansolo.com.

Sunday, March 22. 1-4 pm. Square/contra dance. Halcott Center Grange. A collaboration between Catskill Folk Connection and The Pine Hill Community Center to

bring monthly square and contra dancing to this area. The Tremperkill Boys with John Jacobson calling. \$10 includes refreshments.

Monday, April 6, 9 am. Senior Services in Place (SSIP) A community action group headed by Rev. Ralph Darnstadt. This group meets monthly on the first Monday to plan on ways to provide services (food delivery, odd jobs, transportation) for seniors who live alone. The goal is to assist seniors in remaining in their own homes as they age. All are welcome to participate. Call Rev. Ralph at 254-4368 for more information.

Friday, April 10, 6-9pm. Catskill Mountains Acoustic Slow Jam. A group of friendly acoustic musicians meets once a month to play Bluegrass, Old Time, Irish, and Catskills fiddle tunes in a low-key, non-competitive atmosphere. You can pick up standard tunes across genres, become more proficient on a 2nd or 3rd instrument, or improve your improvisational skills, all at a slower pace. For advanced beginners to intermediate and professional players. Come play music and have fun with other musicians without the pressure of performing for an audience!

Saturday, April 12, 12-4pm. Native American Gathering. The Big Indian Native American Cultural Center gathering. Drumming, dancing, singing, story telling. Open to All. Bring a dish for a potluck.

Thursday, April 16, 3-5pm. Story Circle. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month and invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share. We are interested in traditional tales, but personal narrative is welcome.

Friday, April 17, 7-9 pm. Open Mic. Hosted by Mike Herman. Bring out your sax, your voice, or your axe! Or just come out for some listening pleasure. Enjoy a great night of music and fun. Free admission - refreshments available. Call Mike for more information. 607-588-7129. www.MikeHermansolo.com.

Monday - Friday April 20-24. Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing School. Singing school is Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for each session, with a pot luck, graduation & community singing held on each Saturday starting at 5 p.m. Cost for the week is \$20. Participants will receive a FREE copy of The Sacred Harp tunebook.

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People who have no musical background are encouraged to attend. If you like to sing (even if it's just in the shower) and have an interest in music, this is the place for you!

Register for singing school - Call 845-254-4884 or register on line at www.sacredheartcatskills.com

Saturday, April 25. 5pm. Sacred Harp Singing School graduation, potluck dinner and community sing. Bring a dish for the table. Free.

Sunday, April 26, 1-4 pm. Square and Contra Dance at the Pine Hill Community Center. A collaboration between Catskill Folk Connection and The Pine Hill Community Center to bring monthly square and contra dancing to this area. The Tremperkill Boys with John Jacobson calling. \$10 includes refreshments.

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SUNY Ulster's Institute for Constitutional Studies will host a lecture on "Finding the Framers: Making Sense of the Constitution after Ratification," featuring Dr. Simon Gilhooley, on March 24, at 7 p.m., in the College Lounge.

Gilhooley, Bard College Assistant Professor of Political Studies, was educated at the University of Edinburgh, the University of London and Cornell University. He has been a member of the Bard College faculty since 2013, teaching courses on contemporary American politics, American political history, American political thought and constitutional practice.

Before joining the Bard faculty, Gilhooley taught at Ithaca College. His research has been supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the Library Company of Philadelphia, and the McNeill Center for Early American Studies.

SUNY Ulster President Don Katt and Dr. Ray Raymond, Associate Professor of Government and History at SUNY Ulster, founded the Institute for Constitutional Studies in 2009 to help college faculty, students, teachers, business people, the legal community and the general public in the Mid-Hudson Valley deepen their understanding of the fundamental principles of the United States and the New York state constitutions, their history and their continuing relevance to current public policy debates.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact (845) 687-5262.

Jazzmosis, with Yasgur At Tusten Theatre

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance celebrates the arrival of spring by kicking off the Spring Concert series with the instrumental group Jazzmosis, playing with Yasgur, at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY on Saturday, March 28.

Sullivan County-based Jazzmosis, founded in 2011, features drummer Mike Cervone, guitarist Steve Schwartz, bassist Tom Volpe, and saxophonist Greg Fiske. The group traces its musical roots to the jazz rock/jazz fusion movement of the 1960s, continuing that tradition during their shows with extended solo and group jams.

"Our music is more like a musical conversation, each member playing off the others to create a constant tension and release. While we are strongest in a rock setting, we have taken a cue from jazz improvisers, and add a touch of Latin, reggae, blues and even country to our musical compositions," the band says in a statement on its website. The group's CD "Skychaser" was released in 2012.

During its final set, Jazzmosis will be joined on stage by Yasgur, a band that formed when a group of friends began jamming in Bethel, NY near the site of the 1969 Woodstock Music Festival, Yasgur's Farm. They are Rich Johansen on vocals and guitar, Mike Moss on vintage percussion, Dan Berger on harp, Tony Penn on guitar and vocals, and Suresh on bass. Yasgur covers tunes by Muddy Waters, Tom Waits, Bruce Springsteen, the Grateful Dead, and Chuck Berry, among others.

The Tusten Spring Concert Series continues on Saturday, April 18 with keyboard virtuoso Bob Malone; followed by a production of "I of the Storm," a one-man theatrical performance by Richard Hoehler on Saturday, May 2; the bluegrass band Cricket Tell the Weather on Saturday, May 16; and Loudon Wainwright III will close the series on Friday, June 19.

Tickets for Jazzmosis are \$15 at the door; \$12 in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show time is at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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Gov Cuomo Announces Availability of Additional Home Heating Assistance- Applications for HEAP accepted through March 27

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that those in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off can now apply for a second emergency benefit through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The additional assistance is being made available in light of the prolonged cold weather and additional federal funding awarded to the state.

"This year's severe winter has left many families struggling to pay their heating bills - but a second round of emergency assistance will help people stay warm and safe through the end of the season," Governor Cuomo said. "This extra funding will be a crucial form of support for families across the state, and I encourage anyone who may need help affording their heating bills to reach out to us today."

Normally, eligible households can receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for a single emergency HEAP benefit if they face an energy emergency situation. Households that have already received a regular benefit and an emergency benefit can now apply for a second emergency benefit if they find themselves in a crisis situation. Applications for regular and emergency HEAP benefits will be accepted through Friday, March 27.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Executive Deputy Commissioner Sharon Devine said, "Another harsh winter has wreaked havoc on household budgets and we've heard from our local partners that senior citizens and the elderly have been particularly hard hit. It's important that households facing an emergency situation know that help is still available but they need to contact their local department of social services to apply."

HEAP is 100-percent federally funded and New York State has received a total of \$377 million in federal HEAP funding for the 2014-15 season, including a late-winter release of \$33.3 million. Emergency ben-

efit amounts vary depending on the emergency, up to a maximum of \$575.

Eligibility varies based on income and household size. For the 2014-15 HEAP season, a household of four can earn up to \$50,629 a year, or \$4,219 a month, and still qualify for assistance.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey said, "No one should be left in the cold. I'm pleased these federal funds are available to families in need, and I will continue to work with the Governor to ensure Lower Hudson Valley households stay warm through harsh winters."

Congressman Eliot Engel said, "This winter has been particularly brutal, and those in danger of running out of heating fuel are in dire straits. I applaud Governor Cuomo for initiating this second emergency benefit through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for eligible households, as it will make a huge difference for the New Yorkers who really need the help."

Congressman Paul Tonko said, "During extreme cold and snow, too many New York families are faced with the impossible decision between paying for heat or paying for other essentials like medicine, food, or clothing. I thank Governor Cuomo for recognizing this urgent need in the Capital Region and across our entire state. The decision to extend this program through the last weeks of winter will make life a little easier for the most vulnerable members of our com-

munity, allowing them to heat their homes without skipping the most basic of needs."

So far this winter, a total of nearly 1.4 million HEAP benefits have been issued, including more than 75,000 emergency HEAP benefits.

For more information about the Home Energy Assistance Program, please call the hotline at 1-800-342-3009, or visit <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>. New Yorkers can find contact information for their county department of social services at <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/HEAP-contacts.pdf>.

ASK Presents a Reading of Author McKenzie Willis' Children's Book Tales of the Rainbow Forest March 11, 2015.

Author McKenzie Willis will read selections from his children's book *Tales of the Rainbow Forest* on Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. at the Arts Society of Kingston. The book tells the story of six-year-old Benny and his three-year-old sister, Ellie, as they chase a butterfly into the forest and meet a variety of characters including a fire-breathing dragon and a dragonfly. The themes of the book explore the importance of nature, sharing with and respecting others.

Tales of the Rainbow Forest is illustrated by Rick Holland. Copies of the book and audio CD will be available for purchase. For children ages four to eight accompanied by an adult. Suggested donation for the reading and performance is \$8.

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is a regional arts center that presents an array of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes and other arts-related programming. It is located at 97 Broadway in Kingston, New York. Visit www.askforarts.org for more information.



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Frost Valley Time Capsule (From Pg. 1)



The Blum House has been designed in Blum's own vision: to provide hardworking counselors, program instructors, and other staff members with the comforts of home during their time off, since these staff members often come from far and wide to work at Frost Valley. Blum wanted to give back to staff who he felt had given him - and countless others - so many invaluable life lessons and cherished memories throughout their lives.

Staff members will soon have a new, designated place to communicate with family back home (which, for some, may be outside of this country) thanks to a specified area to stay in touch with loved ones via video chat and e-mail. This is an exciting new feature, as Internet access is often limited on camp, given Frost Valley's commitment to encouraging guests to disconnect from technology and reconnect with one another and nature.

Staff can also relax indoors when their long shifts are over with a little friendly competition in a game room, snacks in a common area, and entertainment in a comfortable setting.


The building was designed with eco-conscious building practices and has been funded by the charitable contributions of Blum's friends and family.

The Blum House will be complete this spring with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to follow.

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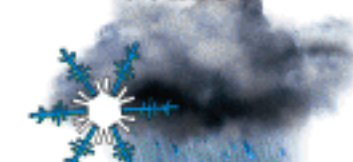
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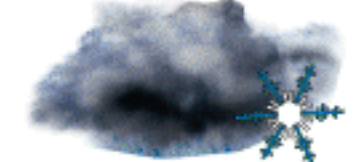
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Beanstalks, Birds, and Friendly Beasts Charm Children at "Take Your Child to the Library Day!" (From Pg. 1)



Animal Embassy featured animals from around the world, and the students enjoyed meeting some friendly Animal Ambassadors, including a chinchilla, python, tortoise, tree frogs a parrot, and a skink! The children learned about jungle habitats, in addition to discovering interesting facts about these beautiful creatures.

Our community can take great pride in our students, for both performers remarked how wonderfully behaved and respectful the children were! Congratulations for being fantastic audiences, kids!

Stay tuned for upcoming library programming! Spring Children's Program registration is now under way. For information, contact the library at 985-7233 or visit our website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org.

UC Exec Mike Hein Signs Construction Apprenticeship Law- The Law Will Require Construction Contractors To Have An Apprenticeship Program For Certain Bridge Contracts In Excess of \$500,000



County Executive Mike Hein joined by (from left): Mike Ham Business Representative, IUOE Local 825; Matt Stoddard, President - Business Agent, Iron Workers Local 417; James Malcolm, Council Representative, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters; Sam Fratto, Business Manager, IBEW Local 363; Todd Diorio, President of Hudson Valley Construction Trade Council and Business Manager of Laborers Local 17; Michael Gaydos, Business Manager & Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Iron Workers Local 417; Scott Smith, Council Representative, Carpenters Local 279; and Dean Tamburri, Field Representative & Recording Secretary, Laborers Local 17

Kingston, NY - Today, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein signed into law a new policy that requires construction contractors entering into contracts with Ulster County to have apprenticeship agreements for certain bridge contracts in excess of \$500,000. Contractors shall have apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and must be registered with and approved by the New York State Commissioner of Labor.

"This law will help ensure we have a well-trained next generation of high skilled local tradesmen to tackle the monumental task of rebuilding essential infrastructure throughout the Hudson Valley," said County Executive Mike Hein. "There is much work to be done as we focus on delivering safe, high quality roads and bridges for our citizens. My Administration's 'Building a Better Ulster County' initiative is a \$15 million investment in our community, our people and our economy."

"County Executive Hein has always been a great friend of the hardworking men and women of our community. He consistently shows leadership in fighting for high quality jobs for the people of the Hudson Valley," said Todd Diorio, President of Hudson Valley Construction Trade Council and Business Manager of Local 17. "Today's signing will ensure well-trained high quality workers are prepared to meet Ulster County's future infrastructure needs for many years to come."

"We applaud County Executive Hein for his vision in this signing of his support of apprenticeship," said Sam Fratto, Business Manager of IBEW 363. "This action will directly create opportunities and jobs for residents in the local building trades."

The County Executive's 2015 Budget Address called for an aggressive Infrastructure Investment Program to address \$10 million in critical road and bridge improvements in 2015, known as "Building A Better Ulster County."

**Tri-Valley Central School Presents
"Bull in a China Shop"**

Five little old ladies, (Kim Doyle, Megan Porter, Amanda Schwartz, Anna Hendrickson and Jennifer McKenna) all borders in Hildegard Hodge's (Dorothy Monforte) home, discover along with Hildegard that the handsome bachelor living across the street is Detective Dennis O'Finn, (Ben Kennedy) of Homicide. They are faced with the dilemma of how to attract his attention. The answer is simple. Murder!



What better for a lady-like homicide than a cup of tea as the murder weapon. After the second murder, an assertive young woman reporter (Emma Pompeii) begins to suspect the truth, as she too becomes a target.



With the aid of Detective Kramer, (Ian Kurzrock) and Specialist Johnson (Brandon Worden), O'Finn desperately tries to solve the case as he discovers that he himself is the motive and he needs to move quickly before there is only one suspect left!

Of course, there was a Coroner (Tim Glinski) and two stretcher bearers (Evan Edwards and Aidan McHugh) who were called on the scene of each murder.

But the identity of the metaphoric 'bull' remained elusive to the end!

What a great performance! While the make-up artist did a wonderful job to make six teenage girls look old and prim and proper, the students portraying the six little old ladies certainly made the play with their own interpretations of the aging process. Great job!



"Bull in a China Shop" was presented in the Tri-Valley's Bernstein Theatre this past Friday and Saturday evening.

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Home Shows and Farms

The snows are finally melting, mud season is almost fully upon us and local farmers are busy gearing up for growing. At Rusty Plough Farm in Ulster Heights, just over the Sullivan/Ulster county border, Oleh and Nadia are busy starting seeds, cleaning out the greenhouse, looking for summer help and sharing news about their unique local marketplace called Rondout Valley Organics. On Sunday, March 8th, they joined other members of the Pine Bush Chamber of Commerce for their second annual Home Show. About thirty chamber members spent the day sharing their businesses with visitors and meeting each other. There was a steady



stream of folks all day, each of whom received a bingo card to encourage them to visit every table. Cards were stamped by each business and completed ones were entered to win a huge basket of goodies donated by all the businesses. (Contd. Pg. 11)

"A Big Thank You to the Tri-Valley Community!"

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire Tri-Valley community for their generous food donations at this year's Competition Night. With the help of our community, the TVTA was able to collect a whopping 1,175 cans of food! The Senior class collected the most cans, as they donated more than 1000. They were followed by the Junior class, the Freshmen class, and the Sophomore class.

The donated food items will be used to support the TVTA Cares Snackpack program as well as the local community food pantry.

As teachers, we feel lucky to be part of such a caring and generous community. Thank you so much for all you do-together, we're making a difference!



Picture (from left to right): Sophomore Kim Doyle, Junior Emma Pompeii, Senior Andrew Raymond, and Freshman Mikayla Clearwater

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Lesson Five: Identifying Nouns

Nouns are words that name a person, place, or thing.

Examples of nouns are River Winter, desk, snow, sky, car, Sullivan County, or New York, New York.

Written below are groups of words. There are nouns in each word group. Can you identify the nouns?

1. ate pizza, boys ran, birds flew, snow is falling
2. Maureen laughs, music plays, old friends call, lightning strikes
3. fish swim, cows moo, jogging ladies, jumping boys
4. red sky, awesome socks, whining cats, broke brother
5. Singing dads, rolling stones, moss grows

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

Last week's answers are *was flying, is sailing, am rocking, are sitting, was flown, died, is, should have been made, will tell, ate.*

Ulster Ballet To Host its 32nd Annual FESTIVAL OF DANCE

On Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 8 p.m., the Ulster Ballet Company will proudly present The 32nd Annual Festival of Dance, to be held at the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, N.Y. Since 1984, the festival has showcased both aspiring and professional dancers and choreographers, with a diverse range of styles and techniques. Each year, its stunning, original programs captivate dance enthusiasts of all ages. There are very few dance productions in the Hudson Valley where one can experience phenomenal, first-rate dancing of so many different genres, all in one night!

The Festival of Dance is an electrifying, explosive, and dynamic coming together of dance companies and dance styles from around the metropolitan area and around the region, who will be presenting works in keeping with an international theme. Highlighted will be performances by returning favorites: Silver Screen Ballroom, formerly Ballroom Dancing for Tough Guys; Syncopated City Dancers Company; The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company; Solas An Lae American Irish Dance Company; Energy Dance Company, and our own Ulster Ballet Company. Also performing in this grand tour of dance will be newcomers: ZEST COLLECTIVE Contemporary Performance Art, the Dance Conservatory Performance Project, and Vanessa Van Wormer Dance, with Chamber Ballet Brockport.

From the metropolitan area comes Silver Screen Ballroom, partner dancing at its best, in the style of movie greats, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The audience will be inspired by original Argentinian and Viennese pieces: the tango-esque Duo De Amor, and the light and elegant, Sous Le Ciel de Paris. The American Lindy hop, saucy blues, and earthy folk jazz, combined with Fosse-like precision of Syncopated City Dancers Company's, Copper Colored Gal, Redemption Funk, and Yeah Man will delight the audience. From the Albany region comes, The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company presenting provocative contemporary modern dance, in an American piece, Filaments, which can be anything from tightly-wound and electric, to threads that are loose and blown by the breeze.

From the Mid-Hudson Valley, Solas An Lae American Irish Dance Company, offers a lyrical, yet traditional vibrant Irish tap dance, The Irish Suite. Energy Dance Company brings to the stage, Justice, a high energy piece that represents the theme of unification. And the Ulster Ballet, not only will be hosting the event, but will be presenting original dances by resident choreographers, Holly Gross and Sara Miot. Set to traditional Norwegian folk music comes Midnight Sun, Gross' five-part dramatic piece. And Miot will be premiering Light of the Moon, an original work set to music by French composer, Claude Debussy.

New to Festival this year is ZEST COLLECTIVE Contemporary Performance Art, an ensemble of performance artists from New York City, who uses the dancers' bodies to tell stories of contemporary society. Heavily influenced by Spanish literature and African-American culture comes Standards and Paradise of the Blacks.

In addition, Ulster Ballet is excited to host former soloists who are performing with new companies at this year's Festival. Justin Valentine, will be dancing with Nikita Boris, in a French courtship piece, La Fille Mal Gardee, with the Dance Conservatory Performance Project, under the direction of Valentina Kozlova. And Maleda Funk, will be dancing with Vanessa Van Wormer Dance with Chamber Ballet Brockport, in Impulse, a piece that explores the rich cultural heritage of Baroque Italy.

In an effort to reach out to the community, the Ulster Ballet Company is offering a discounted ticket price of \$15 to employees of HealthQuest, Health Alliance; Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center; Marist, Bard and Vassar Colleges; City of Kingston and County of Ulster employees; members of the YMCA, and Kingston and New York City Police and Firefighters. Present an employee/student ID, or membership card to the UPAC box office when purchasing tickets.

Tickets for Ulster Ballet Company's Festival of Dance are \$22 for adults; and \$18 for senior citizens, and UPAC/Bardavon members. For groups of ten or more, and children 12 and under, tickets are \$15. To purchase tickets, call the UPAC box office at 845-339-6088; visit Ticketmaster at ticketmaster.com, or call 800-745-3000. For further information, visit www.ulsterballet.org or call 845-246-4316.

Featured Company: Syncopated City Dancers Company

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a regnant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

Shows and Farms (From Pg. 9)

At the Rondout Valley Organics table, Oleh and Nadia introduced themselves and explained their unique online marketplace. Folks who join RVO can easily purchase farm produce, meats, cheeses, eggs and lots more from a number of local growers. Members have access to a weekly list of available items and can order what they'd like, using their pre-paid account balance. All the products are gathered and packaged into a single bag for member pickup and there are a number of locations to choose from. A membership in Rondout Valley Organics is a great way to bring fresh, local ingredients into your kitchen. It even makes the perfect gift for that special someone who has everything! So... if you're curious for more information, visit them at www.rondoutvalleyorganics.com.



UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Succession Planning & Farm Transfer Program Rescheduled- Succession planning, financing and transferring farmland to be discussed by expert panelists

Stone Ridge, NY- Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that the free "Succession Planning and Farm Transfer Panel Discussion" for farmers and stakeholders in the agricultural community which was canceled due to inclement weather, is to be held at the Marbletown Community Center at 3564 Main Street in Stone Ridge on Tuesday, March 24th at 8:30 AM.

"We have heard from the farming community about the need for information on succession planning and have therefore planned this program," said County Executive Hein. "The issues to be discussed include how to transfer a farm to a family member or members, farmland conservation as a transfer option as well as understanding the legal and financial implications of transfers. It is well understood that proper planning can ensure farms stay within families and these expert panelists are expected to address the concerns of Ulster County's farm families."

Executive Director of the Rondout Valley Growers Association Deborah DeWan said, "Succession planning is essential for the many family-owned farms in the region. Many growers in our area are looking to the future of their family farm even while they deal with the day to day operations of farming. Succession planning for farmers focuses on the future of the farm, and is an integral part of an estate plan. Transition planning creates a path forward for a family farm business that can help ensure that the family's wishes are met."

The panel discussion will be moderated by Jerry Cosgrove, a consultant and attorney. The panelists include: Todd M. Erling, Executive Director, Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation; Charles Hurd, of the Hurds Family Farm in Modena and the Ulster County Farm Bureau; Dan Welch, Business and Succession Planning Coordinator at NY FarmNet; Ryan Hrobuchak, Credit Representative at Farm Credit East; and Bill Martin, Business Consultant at Farm Credit East.

The panel discussion is co-hosted by the Ulster County Office of Economic Development, the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, the Rondout Valley Growers Association and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County with support from the Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation.

For more information about this event, call the Ulster County Office of Economic Development at (845) 340-3556 or send an email to oed@co.ulster.ny.us.

Senator Bonacic Invites Nominees for 2015 "Woman of Distinction" Annual Program Honors Women's Outstanding Contributions to Our Community

(Albany, NY)- State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) today invited local residents from the 42nd Senate District to nominate colleagues, friends, and neighborhood leaders whose exceptional work on the behalf of their communities make them deserving of special recognition as a New York "Woman of Distinction" by the New York State Senate.

"There are incredible women in New York State who devote a great deal of time, energy, and patience into making their communities stronger. The annual Women of Distinction Program provides the opportunity to recognize the success of these valuable women at the local level and celebrate their achievements at the state level. This program also provides a special occasion to thank women for their notable impact on the lives of others," said Senator Bonacic.

Previous honorees have included business leaders, community advocates, educators, everyday heroes, volunteers, innovators, and those who triumphed despite difficult odds. This program is part of Women's History celebration in March and provides a great opportunity to nominate a woman who has made a remarkable contribution.

A ceremony honoring the distinguished woman from each Senate District will be held in Albany on Tuesday May 5th from 5:30-7:30 pm. The honoree from each senate district will have their photograph and biography displayed as part of a special exhibit showcasing the contributions of exemplary New York women.

If you would like to nominate a woman who lives in the 42nd Senate District, please send an email to Senator Bonacic's Office at tdowns@nysenate.gov. The 42nd Senate District includes the following communities: all of Sullivan County; the following Towns in Delaware County: Masonville, Tompkins, Walton, Hamden, Delhi, and Colchester; the following Towns in Orange County: Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Mount Hope, Tuxedo, Wallkill, Warwick, Wawayanda; Cities of Middletown and Port Jervis; and in Ulster County, the Towns of Denning, Gardiner, New Paltz, Rosendale, Shawangunk, and Wawarsing.

Nominations must include a brief biography of approximately 300 words detailing the reason your nominee should be selected as this year's Woman of Distinction. Nominations must include the town or city of residence and phone number of the nominee. Those making nominations should also include their own name and contact information. Nominations must be received by March 27, 2015.

Letter from the Governor:

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

I want to give you an update on Raise the Age, our campaign to improve the way our young people are treated by our criminal justice system.

Even though we just launched this effort on Monday, there's been significant response all across New York by everyone from elected officials, to law enforcement, to young people who will be directly affected.

Here are a few of the highlights:

- o Westchester D.A. Janet DiFiore wrote an Op-Ed outlining the problem, and supporting the proposed changes.

- o A diverse coalition of law enforcement, clergy, young people, and criminal justice reform advocates called on legislators to reform the system.

- o Law enforcement officials, community leaders, and impacted young people from across New York recorded

The simple fact is that under New York's current laws, hundreds of 16- and 17-year-olds are placed in adult prisons at the cost of \$100 million each year. While there, they face potential abuse and limited opportunities to rebuild their lives.

Other states address needs of these youth more effectively and at a reduced cost through robust community based services, many of which are included in this proposal.

It is imperative that we Raise the Age and reform New York's juvenile justice system, not just because it helps at-risk youths build successful futures, but also because it will improve public safety in communities across the state. That is why this reform must pass this year, and I encourage all New Yorkers to join us in making our justice system stronger and fairer for all.

We're already seeing an incredible response and we're only just getting started. Together, we can change how our criminal justice system treats minors and set youth on a path to opportunity.

Sincerely,
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

From the Office of Congressman Chris Gibson

Dear Friend,

Finally, spring is on the horizon! It has been another hard winter for Upstate New York, but we have good reason to be hopeful moving forward. Several recent developments in the House of Representatives have buoyed my spirits.

We had a productive hearing last week with the House Small Business Committee, discussing the state of small businesses and entrepreneurship. I had the opportunity to communicate many of the priorities our small business owners have raised with me personally during meetings across the district: lower taxes, tax and regulatory reform, access to community bank credit, and lower health care and energy costs.

Already this Congress, the House passed the following:

- o H.R. 37, the Promoting Job Creation and Reducing Small Business Burdens Act, a legislative package that includes 11 bipartisan bills aimed at promoting capital formation and job creation.

- o H.R. 50, the Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act, which offers serious reforms to ensure that states, localities, and private-sector job creators are not continually burdened by onerous federal mandates.

- o H.R. 527, the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act, which closes loopholes in the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act to ensure agencies adequately analyze proposed rules for their potential impacts on small businesses.

o H.R. 636, the America's Small Business Tax Relief Act, which includes three separate bills (H.R. 636, H.R. 629 and H.R. 630) and makes permanent expensing limits on certain equipment owned by small businesses.

Also last week, the House passed the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015, which supports critical transportation links across our region and provides for critical safety improvements. H.R. 749, which authorizes appropriations for Amtrak through 2019, also enacts reforms to upgrade rail infrastructure, reduce debt, create greater accountability, and make Amtrak less reliant on federal funds.

These are smart investments that reduce congestion on our aging roads and bridges, saving travelers time and money and making counties in Upstate New York more competitive. I am proud to help build strong, bipartisan consensus on this and other transportation initiatives, and I will extend these efforts in the months ahead to that Congress adopts a badly needed, long-term surface transportation bill.

With the onset of warmer weather, we're also gearing up for Saint Patrick's Day. I'll be participating in parades this weekend and next in Kingston, Hoosick Falls, and Delhi. My parents instilled in me a deep appreciation for our Irish heritage, and I always look forward to these celebrations of the Irish in America.

My calendar also includes a visit with martial arts students in Kingston tomorrow and dinner with volunteer firefighters in Sharon Springs Saturday. Community events like these are excellent opportunities to visit with you and hear what's on your mind. To that end, I anticipate hosting two town hall meetings via telephone in the weeks ahead, so you may receive a call from me on a weekday evening. Please feel free to submit your questions-I will do my best to address your concerns during the call.

I also meet regularly with constituents in my district offices. To schedule a meeting, or to invite me to a gathering near you, please email me at gibsonschduling@mail.house.gov or call me in Washington at 202-225-5614. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

Statement by Assemblymember Cahill on Public Service Commission Hearing

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill, (D-Ulster, Dutchess) would like to remind Ulster and Dutchess county residents that the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) will be holding a public hearing on the Joint Rate Proposal filed by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation. The meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, March 12 at 6:00pm at City Hall in Kingston, New York.

"This public forum is an important opportunity for all Central Hudson customers to weigh in on the rate proposal currently being considered by the Public Service Commission," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Ratepayers and stakeholders should have a say in a plan that will directly increase their utility bills and potentially impact the quality and scope of services offered by Central Hudson."

On February 6, 2015 a Joint Proposal was filed by the Department of Public Service (DPS), Central Hudson, Multiple Intervenors, the Retail Energy Supply Association, the Pace Energy and Climate Center and the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School petitioning the Public Service Commission (PSC) for a new three-year rate plan that would take effect starting July 1, 2015. If approved, the agreement

would increase electricity delivery charges by 8.4 percent and gas delivery charges by 2.7 percent, on average for consumers. Central Hudson claims that the additional revenue collected through these higher rates is necessary to offset costs associated with sales reductions, environmental clean-up projects, exorbitant local property taxes, increased operating overhead caused by inflation and expenses associated with new infrastructure initiatives such as grid modernization and storm hardening. This is in contrast with promises made by Central Hudson and Fortis executives when they were promoting the takeover by the Canadian Conglomerate.

"The PSC's efforts to gather community input is a valuable part in their review of and final decision on the proposal," added Cahill. "Indeed, strong participation and public comment by Dutchess and Ulster residents will, at a minimum, show all involved parties that residents deserve a plan that will meet their specific energy needs while not unfairly overburdening their ability to pay for these services."

Gillibrand, Daines to Help Thousands of "Blue Water" Vietnam Vets Harmed by Agent Orange, but Ignored by Feds Due to Technicality in the Law Current Law Requires VA To Provide Benefits For Service Members Exposed To Agent Orange On Dry Ground, But Ignores Vets Off Shore

Washington, DC - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Steve Daines (R-MT) introduced legislation to ensure thousands of Navy veterans known as "Blue Water" vets from the Vietnam War exposed to the powerful toxin Agent Orange will be eligible to receive disability and health care benefits they have earned for diseases linked to Agent Orange exposure.

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

"Hundreds of Thousands of our veterans are being denied benefits they need and deserve because of a technicality in the law," said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "We owe it to the veterans who bravely served our country and have fallen victim to Agent Orange-related disease to enact this legislation that will provide the disability compensation and healthcare benefits they have earned. Agent Orange is a very difficult chapter in our nation's history and is past due that we correct the errors of the past."

"Our veterans don't deserve sub-par care. It is unacceptable that a technicality in the law and dysfunctional federal bureaucracy has resulted in the prolonged suffering of thousands of our nation's heroes," Daines stated. "This legislation will ensure that victims of Agent Orange-related disease receive the care and compensation they have long deserved. I will fight every day for our veterans, just as they have fought for us."

A May 2011 report by the Institute of Medicine established several "plausible routes" for Agent Orange expo-

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

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

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

Schneiderman: President's Obama Executive Actions Would Give Millions Of Undocumented Immigrants The Opportunity To Come Out Of The Shadows

NEW YORK - Attorney General T. Eric Schneiderman today announced that he has joined a coalition of states in filing an amicus brief in a federal Court of Appeals, asking that the court allow President Obama's recent executive actions on immigration policy to take effect immediately, despite an injunction imposed by a federal district court judge in Texas.

"President's Obama executive actions would give millions of undocumented immigrants the opportunity to come out of the shadows and stop living in fear," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "By giving work authorization to people who are already living here, we can increase the states' tax revenue and reduce demand for social services. And states benefit immeasurably when thousands of their citizens and legal residents are given relief from the threat of seeing a parent deported."

It is estimated that the President's executive actions will impact an estimated five million individuals. One executive action would expand the population eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which gives beneficiaries the right to work, to include all young people who came to this country before turning 16 years old and have been present since January 1, 2010. Another executive action would create a new Deferred Action for Parental Accountability program, which would make eligible for deferred action and work authorization individuals who are parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, who have been in the country since January 1, 2010, and who pass background checks.

The brief was filed in Texas v. United States, a legal challenge by Texas and other states to the President's authority to take executive action on immigration. The Washington State Attorney's General Office authored the brief, which was joined by the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Claryville Fire Dept.
All you can eat



Easter Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 22nd
Serving 7am until 12
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Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner
April 11, 2015 Saturday
4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks
Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

For more information please call: 845 985 7480

We look forward to seeing you!
Thank you for your support,
God Bless you!

CLARYVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28
At 12:30 P.M.

Claryville Fire House
1500 Denning Road Claryville, NY 12725

Open to Claryville Fire District residents only!

Bring Your Own Basket!
Ages 0-12 welcomed!

Followed by pictures with the Easter Bunny!

For more information, e-mail
jmpisan12@gmail.com

The Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Departments
Pancake Breakfast
March 29
7:00 am -12:00 noon
at the Neversink Fire House
Adults \$8.00 Kids 6-12 \$5.00

The GFD Ladies Auxiliary
Presents:
Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday April, 4, 2015
Where: Grahamsville Fairgrounds
Time: Egg Hunt Starts promptly at 10:30 am

Please join us by bringing your little ones to meet and take a picture with the **Easter Bunny** after hunting for some eggs. We will also be raffling an **Easter Dinner Basket** off with all the fixings for a complete dinner. Tickets are \$1.00 ea. or 6 for \$5.00. Please see any Auxiliary member for tickets.

This event will be held Rain, Sleet, Snow or shine!!!
Hope to see you there!!!

How Should the Library Grounds Look?
Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Seeks Help Designing Outdoor Space

MONTICELLO - Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library is looking for input and ideas regarding the layout of the outdoor space at the new library on Broadway, which is currently under construction. A design workshop, which will involve working hands-on in small groups to propose designs for the space, will be held Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Ted Stroebele Community Center on Jefferson Street in Monticello.

Over two dozen local residents and library patrons attended the first design workshop in Monticello in February. "Due to the rising costs associated with the building construction project, much of the proposed landscaping at the new library had to be scaled back considerably," said Library Director Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. "We have a \$10,000 funding commitment from Sullivan Renaissance, and essentially a blank slate to imagine the outdoor space in new ways. There is great potential to use the outdoor space not only for library programming, but as a vehicle to integrate the library into the community." No design experience is necessary and the public is encouraged to attend the March 21st workshop. Support and assistance will be provided by staff from Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Division of Planning. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Mary Paige Lang-Clouse at (845) 794-4660 or langclouse@rcsl.org. More information about the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library can be found at www.ebcrawfordlibrary.org.



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Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

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Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am).
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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

Email:
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www.crosswayag.com

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique
9 am - 1 pm
Mar. 21, 2015

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Quarry Rubble (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Crusher Run (Ton), Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Ton), Stackable Rock (Ton), Slope Rock (Ton), Blacktop Hot Mix Type 6, and Blacktop Hot Mix Type 7.

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material.

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE
BIDS REQUESTED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

**NEW 10 FT. HEAVY DUTY
STAINLESS STEEL
COMBINATION DUMP BODY
AND SPREADER**

Specification for said new 10 ft. heavy duty stainless steel combination dump body and spreader may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, April 6, 2015 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD,
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO,
TOWN CLERK
DATED: MARCH 13, 2015

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**Congressman Gibson
announces State Department
grant for Bard
exchange program**

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced that Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson has received a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

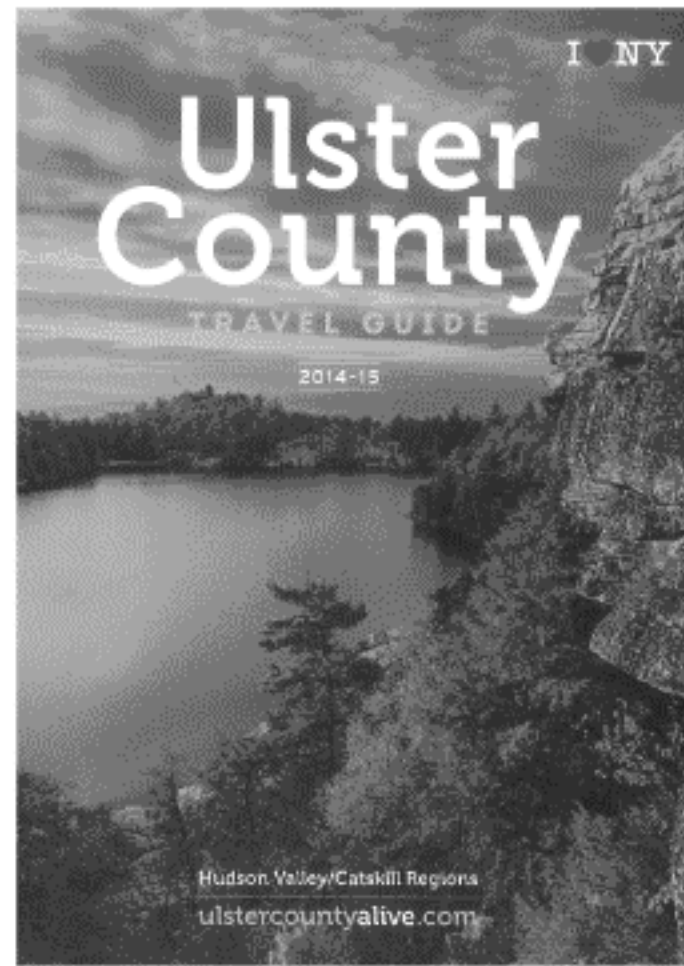
The \$280,000 award will fund Bard's participation in the Study of the U.S. Institute for Scholars on U.S. Foreign Policy.

A group of 18 foreign scholars, educators, and professionals will spend four weeks in an academic residency at Bard followed by a 10-day study tour that concludes in Washington, D.C. The Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy will provide a program that examines the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy.

"Having met with many of these scholars in the past, sharing ideas about our nation's role on the international stage, I am delighted the Department of State has continued its support of this important exchange program," said Congressman Gibson. "Bard College's participation is a great compliment to the traditional campus activities at this important Hudson Valley institution. I am hopeful that these seminars and conversations will also serve to highlight our region's significant contributions to international trade and American foreign policy, including being the home to two U.S. Presidents."

The Department of State provides six-week graduate-level seminars at U.S. academic institutions for foreign university faculty, scholars, and practitioners. Each institute focuses on a theme in U.S. studies with the ultimate goal of improving curricula and the quality of teaching about the U.S. in foreign universities.

**Ulster County Tourism Receives Award 4th Year
In A Row- Ulster
County Executive
Mike Hein
Announces SIA
Award for 2014
Travel Guide**



Kingston, NY - County Executive Mike Hein announces that Ulster County Tourism has won the Service Industry Advertising Design Gold Award (SIA Award) for the County's 2014 Travel Guide. The gold award is the SIA's top award. The 68-page, full-color guide highlights Ulster County's many attributes as a travel destination and has been distributed across the country. The award recognizes the publication's use of strong graphics, photos and copywriting to showcase the County's rich history, farm-to-table options, numerous events and activities, accommodations, culture and recreational opportunities.

"I am pleased that Ulster County Tourism has been honored with the SIA Award for the 2014 Travel Guide," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "Our annual Travel Guide helps promote Ulster County as a tourism and travel destination to visitors from New York State, the Northeast and throughout the United States. To win this honor again illustrates the creativity of the Travel Guide as it includes many beautiful areas of our County. We are fortunate to live in an area that offers so many great places to visit, whether you are looking for recreation, dining, lodging or cultural art and history experiences. Congratulations to everyone involved in developing it."

"This latest Travel Guide did an exceptional job at highlighting the diversity of choices for visitors coming to Ulster County," Ulster County Tourism Director Richard J. Remsnyder said. "Through our Travel Guide and various other marketing efforts, Ulster County Tourism is continuing to bring more people to the region to strengthen the local economy."

It is the fourth year in a row that Ulster County Tourism's Travel Guide has been honored with a nationally recognized Service Industry Advertising Design Award. The SIA Awards recognize outstanding communications via print, television, radio, online media and social media, and is the only awards program to recognize advertising and marketing efforts in the service industry, specifically honoring creativity and communication. There were more than 1,500 total entries from around the country with 276 awards given. This program is also a way for brands to test their marketing campaigns against others nationwide as their efforts are judged by a panel of industry experts for creativity, execution, the application of technology and overall impact.

The 2014 Ulster County Tourism Travel Guide provides information on the recreational, cultural, dining and lodging opportunities across the region. It includes color-coding for location, crisp graphics, an attractive layout and engaging photos, which all combine to offer a truly attention-grabbing guide for visitors to Ulster County. The cover features a beautiful shot of Lake Minnewaska on a fall day.

Located just 90 miles from Manhattan, Ulster County offers a wide array of recreational options like hiking, biking, swimming, rock climbing, horseback riding, golf and much more. It's also home to a rich arts and cultural scene, including galleries, antique shops, theaters and museums, as well as a number of wineries, breweries and distilleries.

Ulster County Tourism developed the guide in partnership with Luminary Publishing, a Kingston company that specializes in creative works that highlight the Hudson Valley.

For a copy of the 2014 Ulster County Tourism Travel Guide please visit the Ulster County Tourism office at 20 Broadway, Kingston, New York or view online at <http://ulstercountyalive.com/ulster-tourism-guide>.

FREE GARDENING TRAINING

Learn the Basics of Gardening in Three Easy Classes

[LIBERTY] - The first of three free hands-on instructional trainings to teach the public about gardening will be held on Wednesday, April 1 at the Gerald Skoda Extension Education Center in Liberty. The trainings are meant to assist individuals who want to volunteer but aren't sure how to help with community gardens in their hometowns. However, anyone who just wants to learn how to garden is welcome. "Soil, Water & Sun!" is on April 1; "Weeds, Shoots & Flowers!" on May 6; and "Designing, Digging & Delegating!" on June 3. Individuals may attend one or all of the sessions.

All classes will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County in both the classroom and the teaching garden located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road.

Attendees will learn the basics of caring for a garden from start to finish - and be able to roll up their sleeves to work in their own gardens and to help at nearby community projects. Those who successfully complete all three classes will receive a completion certificate and a special gift from Sullivan Renaissance.

The classes will be taught by Diana K. Weiner, Horticulture Coordinator for Sullivan Renaissance, and Sullivan County Master Gardener Volunteers, led by Susan Dollard, the Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

Sullivan Renaissance will announce funding for gardening projects in communities throughout Sullivan County at the Spring Forum on Saturday, April 25. Each of the organizations receiving a grant will rely entirely on volunteer support to meet its goals. All of them can use additional help.

Training space is limited and pre-registration is requested for each class. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or www.sullivanrenaissance.org. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation

www.townofneversink.org

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

Westside Story Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre Thursday, April 30. Leave 9:45 am to Elmsford, NY, returns approximately 5:30 pm.

\$40 Neversink Residents and TV School Students/ \$70 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, January 27 this includes the show, lunch, dessert and transportation.

Liberty Science Center Saturday, May 30. Leave 8 am to Liberty Science Center in New Jersey, return approximately 5:30 pm. Please bring money to eat with and to make purchases. Includes exhibits and IMAX movie admission. SIGN-UP: \$20 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$28 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 10.

Camp Fire Fun, Friday, June 19. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm SIGN-UP: \$4 Neversink Residents and Tri Valley School Students/\$13 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 5.

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

3rd Annual Community Yard Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 11. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 10 am to 3 pm SIGN-UP: \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 9.



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

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

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

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

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

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

All Aboard!
Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1-4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall
 Also **WANTED:** People for card games

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- 3/19/15 Neversink Fire District Commissioners Meeting 7 pm -Public Meeting 7:30 pm
- 3/21/15 **Third Saturday Thrift Sale & Boutique** Grahamsville UMC- 9 am-1 pm 3/22/15
- 3/22/15 **Claryville FD All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 3/29/15 **Neversink/Grahamsville Pancake Breakfast** 7am-Noon Neversink Fire House
- 3/31/15 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7 pm - Parks & Rec Office at Town Hall
- 4/1/15 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 4/2/15 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 6:30PM
- 4/4/15 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church - 5:30 pm
- 4/7/15 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale & Boutique** (9:00 am-1 pm) & **Luncheon**(11 am - 1:00 pm)
- 4/7/15 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - 7 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/8/15 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting - 7 :30 pm
- 4/9/15 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 6 pm
- 4/11/15 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4 - 7 pm
- 4/14/15 Town of Denning Town Board Business Meeting -7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/15/15 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting
- 4/16/15 Town of Neversink Motor Vehicle 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 4/20/15 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting 7 pm
- 4/21/15 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk and Tag Day • Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Memory of Lions Joyce Lockhart, Eugene Fuller and Fred Ahrens

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

- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • SC COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE • SUNY SULLIVAN LIBRARY
- LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**
- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Snyder's
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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.

SUNY Ulster Offers High School Equivalency Classes Starting in March

SUNY Ulster will offer a course to help prepare students for the Test Assessing Secondary Competency (TASC) needed to earn the High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate, starting on March 18.

The TASC has replaced the General Education Diploma or GED® in New York State. Designed for students who did not graduate from high school but want a certificate equivalent to the traditional high school diploma, the program provides instruction in language arts, writing, reading, math, science and social studies.

The course also will focus on preparing students for college and assist those seeking enrollment in a SUNY Ulster degree or certificate program. Passing the TASC exam provides an opportunity for adults to continue their education. SUNY Ulster accepts GED/TASC graduates who meet its qualifications for admission.

The class will meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from March 18 through May 6. The session runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and meets at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston. Course fee is \$20.

For additional information, call Continuing and Professional Education at (845) 339-2025. Registration online is available at www.sunyulster.edu/ce

Fallsburg Central School District Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year

Registration for Kindergarten will take place April 13-April 24. Registration for Pre-K will take place April 27-May 8. Kindergarten students must be 5 on or before December 1, 2015. Pre-K students must be 4 on or before December 1, 2015

At the time of registration the following documents must be presented:

- o Birth Certificate
- o Immunization Records (from Dr.)
- o Proof of Residency: A current rent agreement, tax bill, utility bill that shows the actual location of your residence -a post office box is not acceptable
- o Photo ID of the parent or legal guardian who is registering the student
- o Custody papers (if applicable)

For an appointment please call Sarah Ungerleider at 845-434-6800 x 1222

Registration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Registration forms are available for printout at www.fallsburgcsd.net/registration.

Registration will be held at the High School in the office of Pupil Personnel Services. Please allow 1 hour for your appointment. Children do not need to attend. All children who are registered for Kindergarten or Pre-K by May 31, 2014 will be invited to a screening in June.

Districto Central de las Escuelas de Fallsburg Pre-K y Kindergarten Matriculas. Matricula para Kindergarten se llevara a efecto el 13 de Abril- de 24 de Abril Matricula para los Pre-K se llevara a efecto el 27 de Abril -8 de Mayo

21st Annual Old Time Fiddler's Gathering

Sunday, April 19, 2015
 2:00-6:00 pm

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 Lunch take outs will be available at 11:00.

BAKED GOODS will also be sold.

For more information please call Paul Lounsbury at 985-2923 or cell 845-649-8963

Fundraiser for the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center

Los estudiantes de Kindergarten deben cumplir los 5 años en o antes del 1ro de Diciembre del 2015. Los estudiantes de Pre-K deben cumplir los 4 años en o antes del 1ro de Diciembre del 2015

Al momento de matricular se debe presentar los siguientes documentos:

- o Certificado de Nacimiento
- o Certificado de vacunas (del Dr.)
- o Prueba de residencia: Un contrato de arriendo actual, pago de impuestos, cuenta de gastos comunes que muestre la dirección actual de su residencia - No se acepta un casillero postal.
- o Una identificación con foto de los padres o del apoderado/guardian legal que matricule al estudiante.
- o Documentos de la custodia (si es aplicable)

Para una cita por favor llame a Sarah Ungerleider @ 845-434-6800 x 1222

La matricula debe ser realizada por los padres o por un apoderado/guardian legal. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles para la impresión en www.fallsburgcsd.net/registration. Las matriculas se llevaran a efecto en el Servicios Personales al Púpilo en la Escuela Secundaria. Por favor disponga de una hora para la cita. Los niños no necesitan asistir.

Todos los estudiantes matriculados en kindergarten o pre- k antes del 31 de mayo del 2014 serán llamados para una evaluación en junio.



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Position Title: **School Business Official**
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Location: 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740
Position Description: Oversees the preparation of school district budgets, payroll, purchase orders, and financial and statistical reports. Develops policies and procedures to conform to District policies. Advises school district on financial matters.
Qualifications: School District Business Leader certification or Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business Administration (Competitive Civil Service). Five years of experience with a minimum of four years in the administration, management, or supervision of support staff performing school district finance functions.
Salary Range: \$95,000 - \$115,000
Position Available: July 1, 2015
Application Deadline: April 10, 2015
Contact Information: Thomas W. Palmer, Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School District, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740. tompalmer@trivalleycsd.org thru 4/9

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
1. Dean Martin
2. Shirley MacLaine

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"
SOME CAME RUNNING (DRAMA, 1958)
A veteran returns home to deal with family secrets and small-town scandals. Director: Vincente Minnelli. cast, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, Martha Hyer, Arthur Kennedy, Nancy Gates. Slick adaptation of James Jones' novel about disillusionment in a small midwestern town in the late 1940s; more character study than narrative. MacLaine is especially good as luckless floozy who's stuck on Sinatra; Elmer Bernstein's music score also a standout. CinemaScope.

See this film on TCM Sunday 12 noon, March 22, 2015 starting at 12:00 PM. Color - 136 min. TV-G

- Quiz**
1. Which actor played Bama Dillert?
 2. Who played Ginny Moorhead?

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week?

GRAHAMSVILLE

Anyone who likes to get a bargain can find all kinds of things at the Grahamsville United Methodist Thrift Sales! There will be a Saturday Thrift Sale and Boutique this Saturday, **March 21st from 9 am- 1 pm** and the first **Thrift Sale and Luncheon** of the season with the new **Boutique** will be on **Tuesday, April 7th!**

The GFD Ladies Auxiliary will hold their **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday April, 4, 2015 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The Easter Bunny will be passing through and join the fun! The Egg Hunt starts promptly at 10:30 am.

NEVERSINK

The Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Departments **Pancake Breakfast** will be held on March 29 from 7:00-12:00 at the Neversink Fire House. Adults \$8.00 Kids 6-12 \$5.00

CLARYVILLE

Claryville Fire Department **Easter Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 22 Serving 7:00 until Noon. And watch for the **Easter Bunny!** He will be stopping by the Claryville Firehouse on Saturday, March 28 at 12:30 pm. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for Claryville Fire District residents.

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